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Malaysian PM given guard

of honour at PM House

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister of Malaysia Anwar Ibrahim on Thursday was given the

guard of honor here as he

arrived at the Prime Minister House to meet his coun-

terpart Shehbaz Sharif and

hold the delegation-level

venue of the formal wel-

come ceremony, Prime

Minister Shehbaz warmly

welcomed the foreign dig-

nitary who arrived here on

a three-day state visit to Pa-

kistan on Wednesday. The

national anthems of Pakistan

and Malaysia were played

as the foreign dignitary

stood at the salute dias.

As he arrived at the

# Pakistan, Malaysia agree to deepen trade, investment cooperation; reiterate stance on Gaza, Kashmir

Shahbaz, Anwar Ibrahim reaffirm commitment to strengthen mutually beneficial partnership

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- tonnes of Basmati Rice to import of Pakistan's rice into kistan and Malaysia on Thursday agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation in multiple areas including trade, investment, defence, and agriculture, besides reiterating apparel, textiles, chemical their strong positions on regional issues including Gaza and Kashmir.

In a joint press stakeout following their one-on-one meeting and delegation-level talks, both prime ministers told the media that their discussions focused on strengthening the bilateral collaboration in multiple areas of mutual interest as well as regional and international issues including Palestine and

As part of the efforts to boost bilateral trade, both leaders agreed that Pakistan would export Halal meat worth \$200 million per annum and 100,000 metric Malaysia.

Total trade between Malaysia and Pakistan stood at USD 1.4 billion with the derful' meeting to discuss the trade goods included palmoil, and chemical-based products, and electrics and electronic products. Among South Asian countries, Pakistan is Malaysia's third-largest trading partner.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Shehbaz told the media that besides discussing the export of Pakistan's Basmati Rice, two sides also discussed the possibilities of exporting Halal meat from Pakistan to Malaysia worth \$200 million per annum, and assured that his country would make no compromise on the quality.

dress the discrepancies in the

the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim, during a special

had been a source of inspi-

Ibrahim has been a promi-

nent advocate of humanitar

ian causes and Islamic val-

ues throughout his politi-

cal career. His leadership is

marked by a profound

commitment to promoting

social justice and address-

ing global issues affecting

for the causes of self-deter-

mination movements and

has particularly stood

against oppression across

the world. He continues to

work tirelessly to counter

Islamophobia striving to

create interfaith harmony

by fostering understanding

and respect between differ-

He has also been a voice

the Islamic world.

investiture ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President Asif Ali Zardari

on Thursday conferred the

award of Nishan-e-Pakistan

upon Malaysian Prime

Minister Dato' Seri Anwar

Ibrahim in recognition of his

support for Islamic causes

and for being a great friend

was conferred at a special

investiture ceremony held

at the Aiwan-e-Sadr and at-

tended by Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif, federal ministers,

services chiefs, diplomats,

and senior government of-

ficials. During the cer-

emony, it was highlighted

that the Malaysian prime

minister was an avid reader

of Allama Iqbal and ac-

The top civilian award

President Zardari confers

Nishan-e-Pakistan

award on Malaysian PM

knowledged that his work ent cultures and religions.

Fazal warns against

horse-trading following

SC review on Article 63-A

ISLAMABAD (INP): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI

F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that the Supreme

He was addressing a press conference in Islamabad

JUI-F chief said that there shouldn't be any match-

He also warned against the buying and selling of MPs

The Supreme Court on Thursday accepted the re-

A five-member larger bench, headed by Chief Justice

fixing following the apex court's verdict on Article 63-A

view petitions against the decision on Article 63-A, an-

nulling the ruling that dissident members' votes should

Qazi Faez Isa, heard the review appeal on Article 63-A

The bench announced the short order after hearing argu-

ments of the parties. Also Read: SC accepts review on

Article 63-A, gives immunity to dissident votes The court

"unanimously" declared that the vote of dissenting mem-

bers would be counted [in case of no-confidence motion]

ment, Fazl said that the government wanted to pass the

on the 18th amendment for nine months. Now, the gov-

ernment wants to pass the amendment in just 24 hours,'

Talking about the proposed constitutional amend-

'The political parties continued their deliberations

in the aftermath of SC's verdict.

amendment in haste.

said the veteran politician.

Court's review on Article 63-A shouldn't be misused.

his country.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that they had a 'wonenhancement of trade and investment, besides exploring avenues of further cooperation in defence, tourism, agriculture, green energy, skilled labour and youth empowerment

He said both sides were unanimous in believing that the two countries would collectively find new heights in trade and investment cooperation for a bright future for two nations.

Assuring his cooperation to further enhance Pakistan-Malaysia defence and security cooperation, he said that thousands of Pakistani students were currently He said the Malaysian studying in Malaysia to help PM had also assured to ad- strengthen the people-topeople contacts



Seri Anwar Ibrahim address a joint press stakeout.

# SC nullifies decision in the case of article 63-A, accepts review appeals

kistan on Thursday accepted the review petition and terminated the previous judgment pertaining to Article 63A of the Constitution. The court ruled that the defecting lawmakers' votes should indeed be counted and said that the detailed judgment would be issued later on.

A five-member bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Amin ud Din Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Mazhar Alam and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, announced the short order.

The chief justice said that the review petition of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) was accepted unanimously, adding that the detailed verdict would be issued later on.

Minister for Interior

Mohsin Naqvi on Thurs-

day warned Pakistan

Tehree-e-Insaf (PTI), of

stern action against protest-

ors if anyone disrupts law

and order at the visit of

Minister's visit to Pakistan.

The government will ensure fool proof security

arrangements at the time

of visit Malaysian Prime

Minister, said the minister.

law, specific place has al-

ready been allocated for

public and political gath-

erings with the permission

of concerned authorities.

Naqvi said that the

According to the new

Prime

Malaysian

he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): ceedings, Pakistan Tehreek tion was not against any The Supreme Court of Pa- e Insaf (PTI)'s lawyer Barpersonality, and instead it rister Ali Zafar took the stance that his meeting with PTI's founder was not held independently. The lawyer said that the PTI founder had requested that he wanted to give arguments himself before the bench

through video link.

On this point, the CJP said that you were making unreasonable request. He said what secret things did you have to discuss with PTI founder? You were only supposed to discuss a constitutional issue, he remarked. Ali Zafar said that the PTI founders had objection on formation of bench and stated that they will not be a part of proceedings. The court on the occasion appointed Barrister Ali Zafar as amicus curiae and asked

him to assist the bench. Ali Zafar, as amicus questioned.

of foreign dignitaries.

onstration during the visit of foreign guest, PTI's call

to storm Islamabad is an

even a minor security lapse

during the visit of a foreign

must review their decision,

otherwise the government

will not tolerate anyone

and an indiscriminate ac-

tion will be taken against

Pakistan can not afford

The PTI leadership

enemy agenda.

dignitary

was on the formation of

He said that the original petition was related to the vote in the no-confidence motion but the top court linked the presidential reference with the constitutional petitions. The court disposed of the constitutional petitions by declaring that

it had given an opinion on the reference, and the review petition's scope was limited, he said.

The Chief Justice of Pakistan said that one may be unhappy with the Constitution or the death penalty, but everyone was bound to implement it. "Can a judge take an oath and saying that he is not happy with this provision of the Constitution," he

head of the party had the posed the option and said authority to give or not to give a declaration of defectitions had also been dealt tion to someone. The members of the assembly or matter of dealing with the political parties were subordinate to their leader, not the judges, he said.

On the query of the bench, Farooq H. Naek said that party elections were held under the Election Act, in which the decision of the party chief was taken. Chief Justice Qazi Faez

Isa said that the decision of Article 63 A was a majority decision by the margin of one judge. He questioned that if the opinion of one judge was heavy on the parliament.

He asked that whether the court should send the matter to the President to decide which opinion he agreed with.

General Aamir Rehman op-

that the constitutional pewith the reference. The constitutional petitions could not be sent to the President, he added.

The chief justice said that if Article 63A was clear, then what was the need for its interpretation. Appeals of disaffected members also have to come to the Supreme Court, and if the court decision leads to disqualification, the appeal will be ineffective, he re-

The Additional Attorney General said that the decision on Article 63A was full of contradictions. He said that on the one hand it said that vote was a fundamental right but at the same time this right was abol-Additional Attorney ished on the direction of the



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking with media persons along with Chief of Jamaat-e-Islami Hafiz Naeem Ur Rehman after a meeting at Zardari House, in the Federal Capital.

# PPP to participate in JI's March for Palestine: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD (APP): was violating them with Pakistan Peoples Party impunity, he added. (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Thursday said that party workers would participate in the March for Palestine being organised by the Jamaate-Islami (JI).

A JI delegation led by its Ameer Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman formally invited Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to take part in the march during a meeting here at the Zardari House.

The two leaders discussed the war imposed on the Middle East by Israel and the current situation in the region.

Talking to the media, Bilawal said that the world community remained indifferent to the ongoing brutal killings of women and children in Palestine. The top Palesleader martyred in Iran.

for human rights, rather it meeting.

The PPP chairman said that the war imposed by Israel in Palestine and

Lebanon was inching towards Iran. "Israel is, in fact, on a drive to forcefully occupy the Palestinian lands for completing its agenda of a 'greater Israel'. "The PPP stands firm

with the Muslims all over the world," he added.

The JI delegation consisted of vice presidents Liaquat Baloch and Mian Aslam, Secretory General Ameer-ul-Azeem and Ameer JI Islamabad Chapter Engr Nasarullah Randhawa.

PPP Vice President Senator Sherry Rehman, Secretory Nayyer Hussain Bukhari, Naveed Qamar and PPP Chairman's Spokesperson Murtaza Wahab Israel had no regard were also present in the



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Egypt Dr.Ihab Mohamed Abdelhamid Hassan called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parlia-

# President Asif Ali Zardari conferring the award of Nishan-e-Pakistan upon

petition against CEC's appointment ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court

**IHC dismisses** 

(IHC) on Thursday dismissed a petition challenging the appointment of Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja declaring it non-maintain-

IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq, who heard the case filed by filed by PTI leader Akram Khan Bari, observed that Mr Raja had retired from government service before his appointment as

The petitioner claimed that Sikandar Sultan Raja was a serving bureaucrat when he was appointed against the key post.

Citing judicial verdicts, he pleaded that a serving bureaucrat could not be appointed against the instant

### Four employees including missing Dy supdt Adiala jail sacked

RAWALPINDI (Online) Home department Punjab has sacked 4 employees including missing deputy superintendent Adiala jail besides forfeiting service of one assistant superintendent and one warder.

The other officers and personnel who have been dismissed are assistant superintendent (incharge nafsiaty ward) and two warders. Secretary home department Punjab Noor ul Amin Mengal issued written order in this regard.

The sacked employees are Assistant Superintendent Executive Muhammad Akram, officer incharge (nafsiyati ward) assistant superintendent Riaz Khan. warder barrack inchrge Nasir Mehmood and warder Aamii Abbas, Warder Saglain Jala has been pardoned.

It is pertinent to mention here missing deputy su-perintendent Muhammad Akram who has been dismissed from service is facing the charges of providing mobile phone, illegal facilitation to PTI founder Imran Khan in jail. He is missing from Adiala jail since August 14 mysteriously

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf inaugurating Bahria University College of Medicine.

# **Naval Chief inaugurates Bahria University**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf on Thursday inaugurated Bahria University College of Medicine (BUCM) in

the Federal Capital. Speaking on the occasion, Admiral Naveed Ashraf appreciated the Bahria University's services and achievements in providing quality education in various fields, a Pakistan

Navy news release said. He underscored that while there were many opportunities and challenges ahead, BUCM would evolve into a premier institution for providing topquality medical education. The Naval Staff em-

phasized that the profes-

sionalism, commitment and

bers were crucial to establish the campus as one of the leading medical institutes in the country.

Bahria University Health Sciences Islamabad presented details of the project and highlighted the facilities available for stu-

dedication of faculty mem-

Earlier, during his welcome address, Rector Bahria University Vice Admiral ® Asif Khaliq acknowledged the support provided by Pakistan Navy in developing the The Project Director

The Naval Chief also visited various facilities at the campus and appreciated state of the art infra-

### summit taking place in Islamabad. Egyptian envoy calls on NA speaker; discuss bilateral relations, regional, int'l issues

Naqvi said adding that the

government, paramilitary

forces, Rangers, FC and

capital police is fully pre-pared to deal with pro-

He said that the gov-ernment has also called

Pakistan army to ensure

security arrangements for

Shanghai Cooperation

Organization (SCO)

testors

ISLAMABAD (APP) National Assembly (NA) Speaker, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday said Pakistan valued high its cordial ties with Egypt and intended to further expand the existing relations through enhanced parliamentary and economic cooperation. He expressed these views in a meeting with Ambassador of Egypt Dr. Ihab AbdelHamid Hassan who called on him at the Parliament House.

Ayaz Sadiq said the relation between the two brotherly countries was based on common religion, culture, history, mutual respect and brotherhood. He expressed grave concern over the current situation in the Middle East and condemned Israeli aggression in Palestine and Lebanon. He urged upon the international community to play its role in ending Israeli occupation and aggression so that durable peace can prevail in the region

Highlighting the importance of parliamentary diplomacy, the speaker said parliamentary diplomacy could play a vital role in strengthening the bilateral

# College of Medicine

# Daily soice of Masse Independent

# **Judicial infighting**

The ongoing spat within the Supreme Court has raised serious concerns about the integrity of the country's highest judicial forum at a time of unprecedented crises.

Instead of articulating their differences through formal judgments, which judges are expected to do, senior justices have taken to airing their grievances in public. Their sparring has eroded the court's power and left it vulnerable. The chief justice has been made the target of much criticism in recent days — owing, perhaps, to his seemingly contradictory positions before and af-

ter taking office. However, to blame any individual would be unfair. Other senior judges equally share the responsibility for the ongoing turmoil. For example, the recent note addressed by the senior puisne judge to the chief justice questioning the exclusion of a third judge from the Supreme Court's apex committee should perhaps not have ended up in the public domain. Nor should, for that matter, the response to it. Indeed, it would have been much better for the issue to have been addressed internally through consultation and debate. Alas, the bitter exchanges have added fuel to the fire. The episode has only solidified the perception that the judges have chosen to take sides against each other and do not wish to work towards a resolution, thus further damaging the judiciary's prestige and weakening public confidence in its ability to function impartially. As other state institutions grow more assertive, continued failure to present a united front will increasingly endanger the apex court's authority. It is also painful to note how the current schism is turning into a rather disturbing reflection of a past crisis. One cannot help but recall former chief justice Sajjad Ali Shah's troubled tenure, which culminated in his downfall because of persistent discord within his court. While that comparison seems crude at this point — and one sincerely hopes that the situation never comes to pass — the present judiciary should guard against the path leading to it.

The judges must recognise that their squabbling has proven to be a godsend for those who have long wished to weaken the court and capture the state. The government's refusal to implement the court's decision in the reserved seats case is example enough of how other institutions will take advantage of the situation.

The responsibility for restoring the court's writ lies with the senior-most judges of the Supreme Court. They must prioritise their institution over their personal differences and make a sincere, concerted effort to resolve their problems. There is time still for them to come together and settle all disputes amicably. The judiciary has survived many challenges in the past, and it can do so again. For that, its leaders must let bygones be bygones and act with wisdom and restraint.

# Modern facsimiles

### F.S. Aijazuddin

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was born in Turkey, in 1881. Since then, facsimiles have been spawned Indonesia, Lt-Col Rawlings in Ghana, Col Nasser in Egypt, Field Marshal Avub Khan et alia in Pakistan. Each wore the ored for him, as he believed, by destiny.

Patrick Kinross' definitive Atatürk: The Rebirth of a Nation (1964) is a mustread for anyone (in jail or out of it), with time on his hands and thwarted patriotism smouldering in his heart

Atatürk's political ideas assumed a 'coherent shape' early in his life, while he was still a lieutenant at the military training school at Montasir. "He began to devour history as he had previously devoured mathematics and poetry. He read all he could about the career of Napoleon who became (with qualifications) one

of his heroes. Napoleon, Like Atatürk suffered from the highest form of narcissism. "In so far as Atatürk was capable of love," time, Atatürk would have a loyal mistress Fikriye whom he later discarded for a wife, Latife. Fikriye later committed suicide.

When Latife became too demanding and possessive, he divorced her. Childless, Atatürk adopted eight children. Turkey though remained the enduring love of his life. That, and the people

of Turkey. Two incidents in Kinross's biography present little known facets of Atatürk's innate egalitarianism. One day in Sofia, Atatürk notices a peasant being denied serchides the waiter: "As long as the peasant is not master of the country,

progress in the country." sastrous failure at From this was born his Gallipoli in 1915-16. slogan: 'The peasant is master of this country.

In another, at a dinner given by the Soviets many times: Soekarno in in their embassy, he tweaked his communist hosts: "I don't see among us any of the men who prepared this feast." Within minutes, the cook uniform of a patriot, tai- and other servants were called to the "classless

> Daringly for his time, biography Atatürk advocated gender equality. In a national meeting of teachers, he taunted the organisers: "Why did you make them sit apart from the men? Don't you trust yourselves, or have you no faith in the virtue of these

> > Regarding religion, Kinross tells us that Atatürk was not for the eradication of Islam. What he sought was "to disengage it from the condition of being a political instrument, which it had been for centuries of habit".

Kinross describes Atatürk's tortuous efforts to reform the Turkish alphabet. Atatürk spent hours poring over old and new dictionaries in search of "pure Turkish words". His aim was to purify the Kinross explains, "he language of Arabic and loved his country." In Persian infusions. Eventually, he compromised by 'naturalising' words that had no Turkish equivalent. Atatürk's achievement was to give his countrymen a language and alphabet comprehensible to anyone who had learned the new ABC, thereby re-

Muslims in India saw in Atatürk's Turkey the possibility of a viable Muslim state. The Indian khilafat committee evidenced its support through an Indian fund. Its contributions were used for the construction of a new parliament building in 'Angora' and the vice in a tea house. He foundation of Turkey's first nationalist bank.

inforcing 'Turkishness'.

Western historians have written much about sary into today's Tur-

Kinross provides a corrective account from a Turkish perspective. He highlights Atatürk's military success there as a military commander, despite being heavily outnumbered.

Even in defeat, though, Churchill admitted that "loaded with follies, stained with crimes, rotted with misgovernment, shattered by battle, worn down by long disastrous wars, his Empire falling to pieces aro-und him, the Turk was still alive". Many Pakistanis will recognise Churchill's words the present condition of our

beleag-uered homeland.

Kinross analyses traits found in many of our own Atatürk facsimiles: "Kemal was not born for cooperation, except in so far as necessity demanded it. He was born to dominate. Aware of this, [his closest supporters] while following him loyally, had watched him warily. They accepted his leadership but remained on guard against the personal ambition that conditioned his patriotism."

In one paragraph, Kinross comes uncomfortably close to our present political situation. Gen J.G. Harbord, an envoy of US president Woodrow Wilson, meets Atatürk. He asks him how he proposes to reconstruct Turkey: "Kemal as he talked had been playing with a string of prayer beads [.] He pulled the string apart, and the beads were scattered all over the floor. Picking them up one by one, he remarked that here was the answer to the general's questions. He meant to draw the pieces of his country

together. It took Atatürk only 15 years (three times a Pakistani prime minister's ordained term) to restring his rothere can be no real Winston Churchill's di- key. -- Courtesy Dawn

# **Bringing them home**

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's visit to Pakistan is a crucial opportunity to address an important humanitarian and diplomatic issue — the signing of a long-

awaited prisoner transfer allow our nationals imtheir sentences in Pakistan, close to their families and communities. This is a matter of protecting the fundamental rights and dignity of our citizens, many of whom are vulnerable and facing harsh conditions abroad.

in Malaysia have skyrocketed to 463 as of September 2024, a staggering 55 per cent surge in just seven months from February's count of 299. More disturbingly, it marks a massive 142pc increase since Septembers don't just represent statistics; they reflect disrupted lives and separated families, underscoring an urgent need for action and diplomatic intervention

These Pakistanis face a range of charges, from immigration violations and petty offences to more serious crimes. often under harsh laws inadequate legal representation, language barmust act by securing a PTA with Malaysia, following the example set by neighbouring countries such as Iran.

A growing prisoner count highlights the need for systemic solutions. With international labour migration key to Pakistan's economy, protecting citizens abroad is vital. Over 85,000 Pakistanis in Malaysia contributed \$71 million in re-

workers often find themselves at a disadvantage as foreign nationals in Malaysia's strict immi-

harsh sentences. A PTA would allow our nationals to serve agreement. A PTA would their sentences in a familiar environment where prisoned in Malaysia to they can access support Human Rights Instituserve the remainder of networks, family visits, and culturally sensitive legal assistance. Without a PTA, these individuals remain isolated, facing allows access to crucial legal challenges and the information that might emotional toll of separation from their families.

In recent years, Pa-

gration system, leading

to prolonged detentions

kistan and Malaysia have strengthened com-Pakistani prisoners mercial ties through in- which has been instrucreased trade and migra- mental in sharing data tion. As this relationship and providing support continues to grow, it is imperative that both nations ensure adequate protections for their citizens. The high rate of Pakistani migration to situation and strength-Malaysia means that ens diplomatic ties beber 2022. These num- more Pakistanis will inevitably face legal issues abroad. The absence of a PTA would mean continued detentions under are protected, and their foreign systems. Prime Minister

Anwar Ibrahim's empathy for human rights is well-known, making this visit a timely opportunity to bring the issue to the talks. His recent leaderlike the Dangerous ship in signing a PTA Drugs Act. Many face with Iran in 2024 serves harsh penalties due to as an example that Pakican follow. Malaysia's consistent riers, and limited consu- engagement with Iran lar support. Pakistan and other countries demonstrates a growing international recognition of the importance of these agreements. Since 2020, Malaysia has signed PTAs with Ukraine, Brunei, and NCHR is ready to sup-Iran facilitating not only the transfer of prisoners but also strengthening diplomatic and consular relations. With Pakistan High Com-Pakistan's rapidly in- mission to uphold Pacreasing population in kistani nationals Malaysia, it must aim to rights abroad. -- Courmittances in 2024 alone. be the next country to tesy Dawn

Rabiya Javeri Agha However, these migrant formalise such an

In light of this pressing issue, the National Commission for Human Rights of Pakistan is taking proactive steps to address the situation. We are collaborating closely with SUHAKAM Malaysia's National tion, to gather comprehensive data on Pakistani prisoners in Malaysia. This partnership otherwise be difficult to obtain. We are also working in tandem with the Pakistan igh Commission in Malaysia,

for our efforts.

NCHR SUHAKAM's collaboration facilitates better understanding of the tween our two nations. By working together, we can ensure that Pakistani prisoners' rights cases are handled with care and consideration. Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's state visit presents a unique opportunity to address this critical issue. His forefront of diplomatic human rights commitment makes him an ideal partner for Pakistan. The SUHAKAM collaboration sets a strong foundation for PTA discussions, showing both countries' commitment to this humanitarian concern. It is time for Pakistan and Malaysia to sign a PTA. This is a diplomatic necessity and moral obligation. port the Pakistani government, using our collaboration SUHAKAM and the

# Commerce News

# **Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited** launches high-performance, fuel-efficient NH-850 tractor

**Independent Report** LAHORE: Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited launched its latest product the New Holland NH-850. The 85horsepower engine tractor is designed to set new standards in modern farming.

The exclusive launch event, hosted at Pearl Continental, Lahore, was graced by the chief guest, Director General Strategic Project of Green Initiatives

high in demand in coming days and months because of that a lot of land will be developed. I congratulate the team, for producing this machine with a lot of innovation, Al-Ghazi Tractors will continue the journey of bringing more machines of this kind into the field so that we can serve our farmer community."

The event was well attended by government



(Pvt) Limited, Maj General Shahid Nazir. Congratulating Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited, Maj General Nazir said, "I congratulate Al-Ghazi Tractors for introducing this new variant of 85hp tractors and I can assure you this will become were also present.

officials, corporate clients dealers, vendors, and Al-Ghazi personnel alike. Among the prominent participants, the CEO Al-Ghazi, Sakib Eltaff, and the Chairman of the Board at Al-Ghazi, Robert McAllister

# Aamir declares proposed merger between Telenor Pak & PTCL as significant

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jazz CEO Aamir İbrahim stressed the importance of healthy competition and market repair to drive innovation and benefit customers. Commenting on the proposed merger between Telenor Pakistan and PTCL, Aamir acknowledged it as a significant development for the telecom sector. "While we support initiatives that create synergies and efficiencies, we must also recognize the need for market repair," he stated, referring to the ongoing decline in industrywide penetration and profitability. "Without addressing these fundamental

of Digital Pakistan becomes increasingly difficult." According to company news release Aamir emphasized that the merger should lead to a healthier, more competitive landscape, which in turn benefits consumers. "Jazz has always supported efforts that push the industry forward, but it's vital that any consolidation ensures a level playing field, fair competition, and customer-centric innovation, he added. He also highlighted the critical need for regulatory fairness, particularly in terms of spectrum allocation



Tengku Zafrul Aziz discuss strengthening trade, focusing on rice, halal meat exports, and business

# Pak-Malaysia agree for fostering deeper economic, trade cooperation

Pakistan and Malaysia on Thursday agreed to take significant steps towards fostering deeper economic cooperation and exploring new business opportuni-ties that benefit both na-Federal Minister for

Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan held a meeting with Datuk Seri Utama Tengku Zafrul Bin Tengku Abdul Aziz, the Malaysian Minister for Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI). This meeting under-

scored the brotherly relations both countries cherish in all fields, according to a release issued.

The Minister for Commerce welcomed Minister Tengku Zafrul Aziz to Pakistan and highlighted

**PSX continues** 

with bullish

trend, gains

754 more points

SLAMABAD (APP)

The 100-Index of the Pa-

kistan Stock Exchange

(PSX) continued with

bullish trend on Thurs-

day, gaining 754.76 more

points, a positive change

of 0.92 percent, closing at

82,721.77 points against 81,967.01 points on the

last working day. A total

of 319,879,266 3 shares

were traded during the day

compared

360,987,426 shares the

previous trading day.

there is huge potential to grow bilateral trade between the two sides.

ship between the two na-

The Minister urged for enhanced business engagements to transform this potential into reality. Moreover, Mr Jam Kamal Khan stressed that

there is a potential for growth in almost all the ctors of Pakistan He mentioned that Pakistan is exporting high-

quality rice and mangoes all over the world. He apprised the visiting Minister that recently Government of Pakistan had removed the Mini-

mum Export Price (MEP)

for rice which will allow

The export of various ser-

vices witnessed 0.13 per-

cent increase during the first

two month (July-August)

of the current fiscal year as

compared to the corre-

sponding months of last

year, Pakistan Bureau of

Statistics (PBS) reported.

est PBS data, Pakistan

earned \$1.252 billion from

the export of services dur-

ing July-August 2024 as

compared to services' ex-

port of \$1.250 billion in

According to the lat-

Services' trade up by

0.13% in July-August

gust 2023.

ISLAMABAD (APP): July-August 2023.

SLAMABAD (APP): the longstanding friend- Pakistani exporters to negotiate competitive prices. He encouraged Ma-Jam emphasized that laysia may engage more with Pakistan to import

> A significant focus of the dialogue was on the potential for exporting halal meat from Pakistan to Malaysia. The Minister reiter-

> ated Pakistan's commitment to maintaining high halal standards, which are essential for expanding access to the Malaysian mar-

He called for facilitation in the accreditation process for Pakistani meat and gelatin exporting companies, emphasizing that cooperation in this sector could greatly enhance trade

knowledged the difficulties faced by Pakistan businessmen in the procedural processes of JAKIM for exporting meat to Malaysia and reassured their commitment to ease these procedures for Pakistani

Moreover, Malaysian Minister for Trade invited Pakistan to participate in the activities of the ASEAN as Malaysia is taking the chair of ASEAN

In closing, the Minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to creating a conducive environment for foreign investment, expressing optimism for the future of bilateral relations between Pakistan and Ma-

### Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Three ships, Maersk Cabo Verde. On the other hand, the Al-Areesh and Centurion services' imports wit-Signifer carrying Container, LNG and Coal, berthed at nessed a decline of 0.45 percent during the months Qasim International Conunder review and were retainer Terminal, Port Gas corded at \$1.724 billion as Terminal and Pakistan Incompared to the import of ternational Bulk Terminal \$1.732 billion in July-Aurespectively on Wednesday. Meanwhile another bulk cargo carrier 'World Virtue' is also arrived at Based on the figures, the services' trade deficit shrank by 1.95 percent outer anchorage port on during the months under same day. Nine ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out review as compared to the corresponding months of of them two ships.

### Carbon Markets into project Over 50 federal and provincial planning officials have been trained on integrating carbon markets into

Over 50 federal, provincial

officials trained on integrating

government project approvals in an effort to support Pakistan to combat climate change and meet its international obligations.

SPAR6C, in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination and the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, organized a two-day Carbon Market Training Workshop for Federal and Provincial planning and development officials, a news release said.

The two-day workshop brought together officials responsible for appraising public investment projects. The event aimed

to enhance their under-

veraged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, align with global climate goals and secure vital international financing.
Funded by the Ger-

man Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, the SPAR6C programme supports developing countries, including Pakistan, in navigating carbon markets. This initiative is part

of the Supporting Preparedness for Article 6 Cooperation (SPAR6C) programme, aimed at boosting Pakistan's participation in international carbon markets, which could generate between \$2 billion and \$5 billion by 2030. Pakistan has set a bold target of cutting projected emissions by 50%



Association Abdul Majid Khan addressing a press conference at PPC.

# **Standing committee** on livestock holds introductory meeting

PESHAWAR (APP): The Iftikharullah, secretary liveintroductory meeting of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Standing Committee on Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives was held Thursday wherein members were briefed by officials concerned about working and ambit of the department.

The meeting was chaired by chairman of the committee, Sher Ali Afridi and attended by members Shafi Jan, Ubaid-ur-Rehman, Tariq Saeed, economy.

stock and concerned offi-

Secretary Livestock briefed the committee about ambit, performance and future plans of the de-

Later, briefing the media about the meeting, Sher Ali Afridi said the government was committed to increase output of livestock department owing to importance to strengthen provincial

# **AJK President still** remembers bleak memory of earthquake

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): earthquake being observed Azad Jammu and Kashmir on October 8 . (AJK) President, Barrister Mahmood Chaudhry has said that thousands of people, inpainful memories 19 years cluding men, women and ago of the tragic October children dead, while many 8, 2005 deadly earthquake cities, towns and villages that shook Azad Jammu Kashmir and other areas of Pakistan still haunt its inhabitants.

" Those who witnessed the ravages of the earthquake was not posnatural calamity with their own eyes will hardly ever tried its best to rehabilitate forget it", he said in a message on 19th Anniversary of construct the damaged inhistory's worst killer frastructure.

stan People's Party (PPP)

Central Punjab General

Secretary Syed Hassan

Murtaza said on Thurs-

day that party Chairman

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

was dedicated to realising

the unfinished mission of

his mother, Shaheed

Benazir Bhutto, with the

supremacy of parliament being at the heart of her

were completely destroyed.

man lives caused by the dom, European countries sible, but the government the victims, rebuild and re-

those who manipulated

their government now

claim to be its defend-

family's contributions to

Pakistan's constitutional

history, stating, "Bilawal's grandfather,

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, gave

the nation a consensus

Constitution, Bilawal's

He said the Bhutto

the Constitution during

**Bilawal fulfilling** 

Benazir's unfinished

agenda, says Hassan

LAHORE (APP): Paki- day, he said, "How can

In a sharp rebuke to
Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
(PTI) leader Shah
Mehmood Qureshi's re
Constitution, Brawar s
father, Asif Ali Zardari,
restored it, and now
Bilawal is striving for a
new consensus constitu-

ers?

The president said that the memories of all Sultan added that the those who lost their lives cataclysmic tremors left on 8 October 2005 were still fresh and alive in our

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He thanked the international community, especially Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Arab He said that compensation for the loss of huand the People's Republic of China, for providing relief and rescue to the people of AJK in the difficult time.

The president said

# **ANF** recovers 58 kg drugs in eight operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting raids in different areas managed to recover 58 kg drugs worth Rs 6.5 kg and arrested 11 accused, said an Headquarters spokesman here on Thurs-

He informed that 82 intoxicated tablets, 70 grams ice and 168 grams hashish were recovered from an accused arrested near a college in Lahore.

105 grams opium and 90 grams hashish were recovered from an accused rounded up near a university in Lahore.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Khawaja Salman Rafique presides over the high level meeting regarding Chief Minister Children Heart Surgery Program at Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department. rector General of tation of youth. Can dis- for collaboration between light on the causes of drug ciety.



SARGODHA: Provincial Minister for Higher Education Department Rana Sikandar Hayyat addresses the 'Future Innovator contest-2024's eminar held at University of Sargodha.

# Price hike, shortage of essential medicines will not be tolerated: Khawaja

LAHORE (APP): Punjab tributing to the shortages will be halted at all costs, Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Nazir has declared that price-hike and shortage of life-saving and essential medicines can never be tolerated.

He made these rean emergency meeting on Thursday on drug shortages and price hikes, convened on the directives of chief minister Punjab.

During the meeting, a detailed review was conducted on the factors con-

and rising prices of essential medicines. Director General Drug Control Muhammad Sohail provided an in-depth briefing on the current situation.

Addressing the meeting, Khawaja Imran Nazir marks while presiding over highlighted that the Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif is deeply concerned about the extraordinary price hikes affecting critical medicines. "The increase in prices of old stock medicines is unacceptable and Chief Minister's orders.

he said, emphasizing the government's commitment to ensuring that the public has access to affordable and quality healthcare.

He assured that every possible measure would be taken to strengthen the pharmaceutical industry and enhance the transparency of the system. He also revealed that surveillance has already been initiated in markets across the province to monitor shortages and price hikes, as per the

# Minister reviews education department's performance

SARGODHA (APP): A mentarians and administraperformance review meet- tive officers. ing of the Department of the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Education Department Rana Sikandar Hayat, at the Commissioner's Office, here on Thursday.

The meeting was at-Task Force on Education Mazhar Mahmood, Advisor and Member of the Chief Minister's Advisory Committee Shakeel Bhatti, Chairman of the Punjab Education Foundation Malik Shoaib Awan, Commissioner Jahanzeb Awan and Deputy Commissioner Waseem, along with parlia- the board level.

Director of Colleges

Education was held under Sarfraz Gujjar and Chief Executive Officer Education Sardar Akhtar Abbas Baloch provided detailed briefings on their respective institutions.

The minister announced that all 596 vacant tended by Chairman of the teaching positions in government colleges of Sargodha division would be filled with College Teaching Interns (CTIs).

He said that the education-friendly initiative had led to record enrollments in public educational institutions this year, with students Captain (retd) Muhammad achieving top positions at



BAJAUR: Deputy Commissioner Shahid Ali along with other officials inaugurating Child Protection Unit in collaboration with UNICEF.

# Awareness seminar calls for effective efforts to fight drug abuse

speakers at an awareness seminar on Thursday called for collective and effective measures to curb use of drug among youth and serious social issues arising out of it.

The one-day seminar was organized by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Center of Excellence on Countering Violent Extremism (KPCECVE) on prevention of increasing drug use among youth and elimination of crime.

The aim of the seminar was to create awareness and awareness regarding the increasing use of drugs among the youth and the serious social and security issues arising out of it.

Dr Qasim Khan, Di-

PESHAWAR (APP): The KPCECVE in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of community involvement and collective efforts in the fight against drug abuse.

He said that drug addiction among the youth increases tendency to engage in criminal activities, adding that it was an alarming issue that not only threatens the health and future of the youth but also the wider security concerns in the region.

He said that the aim of KPCECVE was to promote dialogue for lasting solutions to these problems and to provide a platform for all partners where they can come up with better strategies for protection, guidance and rehabili-

cuss effective measures. Chief Coordination Officer of KPCECVE Dr Ayaz Khan, while address-

ing the seminar, said that early knowledge about the hazards of drug use was very important. He said it was responsibility of healthcare professionals, educationists and policy makers to play their imperative role in pro-

viding a support system

for the recovery of affected individuals. He said that the launch of programs to prevent drug abuse among youth under the auspices of educational institutions like Khyber Medical University was the need of the

Dr Ayaz Khan called

use and the harms and dangovernment agencies, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations to develop a comprehensive strategy for drug prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Professor Dr Abdul Rahman, head of the Islamic Center University of Peshawar, while speaking about the use of drugs in Islam, emphasized that Islam strictly prohibits the use of narcotic substances, and also advocates compassion and rehabilitation for those suffering from the addiction so that they could quit drugs and become useful citizens of the society. In the seminar, re-

gers arising from it, and the role of family and educational institutions in preventing drug use.
Vice Chancellor,
Khyber Medical Univer-

sity Peshawar Dr Ziaul Haque highlighted the responsibility of educational institutions in creating awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and guiding students towards a healthy and useful life.

He said that KMU was not only educational centers but also useful platforms for creating awareness and promoting positive values among students. He said that the fight

nowned psychologists, against drug abuse requires health experts and KPCECVE officials shed the joint effort of teachers, parents and the wider so-

# International News

# 65 killed in Israeli strikes on Gaza orphanage, school

**Monitoring Desk** CAIRO/DOHĂ: Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip killed at least 65 Palestinians overnight, including in a school sheltering displaced families, medics said, as Israeli tanks advanced in areas of Khan Younis in the south of the

Meanwhile, in a joint press conference with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani expressed a resolve to continue mediation efforts to end the war in Gaza amid a heightening of regional tensions.

Qatar has been one of ics said. the mediators working on a ceasefire deal in Gaza, although talks have stalled in

The health ministry in

**Monitoring Desk** 

ROME: Italian Prime Min-

ister Giorgia Meloni will

host a call of Group of

Seven (G7) leaders later on

Wednesday to discuss the crisis in the Middle East,

strive for a diplomatic so-

lution, including in its ca-

pacity as chair of the G7. I

have convened a leaders

level meeting for this after-

noon," Meloni was quoted

ing presidency of the G7 -

the club of major Western

democracies, which com-

prises the United States,

Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

isters that there was "deep

concern" about latest devel-

opments, including Iran's

missile attack on Israel on

Meloni told her min-

Tuesday and the instabil- the recent border violence.

Italy holds the rotat-

as telling her cabinet.

'Italy will continue to

her office said.

have been killed by Israeli aggression in nearly a year. Israeli tanks carried

treating, leaving at least 40 people killed and dozens sponse' wounded

school sheltering displaced families in Gaza City killed 17 people, while another hit the Al-Amal Orphan Society, which also houses displaced persons, killing at least five others, the med-

Later on Wednesday, where displaced Palestinian families were sheltering, Gaza said on Wednesday killed three that at least 41,689 people wounded 15. killed three people and

ity in Lebanon, her office

stabilisation of the Israeli-

Lebanese border through

the full implementation of

Resolution 1701," she was

quoted as saying, referring

to the UN resolution which

halted the 2006 Israel

Hezbollah war in south

Italy has called on the UN

Security Council to con-

sider strengthening the

mandate of the UNIFIL

mission in order to ensure

the security of the Israel-

Lebanon border," she said.

tributor to the United Na-

tions peacekeeping force in

Lebanon (UNÎFIL). Italian

media reported on Wednes-

day that her government

was considering pulling its

forces out of the area given

Italy is a major con-

"In this framework,

Italy to host G7

leaders' call on

Middle East crisis

after Iran launched a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel out raids on several areas in on Tuesday in retaliation eastern and central Khan for Israel's campaign Younis before partially reagainst Lebanon, and Israel vowed a "painful re-

Palestinians in the Meanwhile in Gaza
City, at least 22 Palestinians were killed in two
Gaza Strip, locked in nearly a year of war with Israel, celebrated as they watched dozens of rockets en route One Israeli strike on a to Israel. Some of those rockets fell in the Palestinian enclave after being intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome missile defences, but caused no human losses witnesses said.

Starting his first trip to Qatar as president, Pezeshkian said his counan Israeli strike on the Nuseirat Girls School, peace", but Israel had triggered an escalation by assassinating Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in

# **Smugglers** force migrants to jump into sea; 100 missing in **Djibouti**

**Monitoring Desk** NAIROBI: Rescuers are

100 migrants off the coast of Djibouti after smugglers forced them to jump into the sea, the UN migration agency said on Wednesday. At least 45 bodies have been recovered from

the deadliest year on record for sea crossings on the migration route between East Africa and Yemen, the International Organisation for Migration said. Another 154 people have been rescued from the two boats, which left Yemen for Djibouti with a total of 310 passengers, IOM said in a statement. Ongoing search and rescue operations are underway by the Djiboutian

searching for more than

Tuesday's incident, a death toll that makes 2024

# Palestinian rescuers and locals search the debris of a collapsed building in Khan Yunis after an Israeli air strike

# **New NATO chief Rutte** reaffirms support for Ukraine on Kyiv trip

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: NATO chief Mark Rutte told Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy "Your security matters for ours" on Thursday during his first visit to Kyiv since becoming the alliance's secretary-general.

Rutte also reiterated NATO's pledge that Ukraine would one day be a NATO member, but Zelenskiy said he wanted the Western allies urgently to provide the kind of active military support that NATO membership."

some of them have given to Israel in its battle with Iran. "Your security mat-

ters for ours, and your fight for freedom reflects our core principles and values," Rutte told a joint news conference, stressing that his first foreign trip as NATO chief demonstrated the alliance's staunch support for Kyiv.
"Ukraine is closer to

NATO than ever before, and it will continue along this path until it secures

# Six migrants killed South Korea to by Mexican soldiers during highway chase

Monitoring Desk CHIHUAHUA: Soldiers chasing suspicious vehicles on a highway in Mexico opened fire and

killed six migrants, the defence ministry said on Wednesday. The patrol found 33 migrants from countries including Egypt, Nepal, Cuba, India and Pakistan.

it said, without specifying the nationalities of those killed in the incident late on Tuesday in southern Chiapas state.

The killing happened on the same day that

Claudia Sheinbaum took office as Mexico's new president with a vow to respect human rights and avoid repression by secu-

rity forces. The two soldiers who opened fire have been removed from their duties pending an investigation, according to a statement.

It said the patrol saw a vehicle — followed by two flatbed trucks like those used by criminals - travelling at high speed and apparently attempt-

# **CIA launches** drive to recruit informants in China, Iran, North Korea

**Monitoring Desk** 

WASHINGTON: The US CIA on Wednesday launched a new drive to recruit informants in China, Iran and North Korea, adding to what it says has been a successful effort to enlist Russians. The premier US spy agency posted instructions in Mandarin, Farsi and Korean on its accounts on X, Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, LinkedIn and the Dark Web on how to contact it securely.

## send military aircraft to evacuate citizens from Middle East **Monitoring Desk**

SEOUL: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol ordered on Wednesday military aircraft to be deployed immediately to evacuate its citizens from Israel and other parts of the Middle East amid escalating tension, his office said. Yoon met with his national security and economic advisers over the Middle East conflict and called for a swift but measured response to any impact on the country's energy supply, trade and supply chains, his office said.

# **UN secretary-general** warns against further escalation in Lebanon

**Monitoring Desk** United Nations chief is appealing for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon, warning that escalation to an allout war between Israel and Hezbollah militants must be avoided "at all costs."

U.N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric, who delivered the message from Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, stressed that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon must be respected.

Guterres spoke earlier Tuesday to Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati and told him the U.N. system is mobilized to assist those in need, Dujarric said. He also ap-

pealed to the international community to urgently support a \$426 million humanitarian appeal to help the people of Lebanon. Meanwhile, The State

Department has ordered all U.S. diplomats and their families based in Israel and the West Bank to shelter in place until further notice as the security situation becomes increasingly uncertain with Israel's ground incursion in Lebanon and potential threats of an Iranian missile attack.

"As a result of the current security situation, the U.S. Embassy has directed all U.S. government employees and their family members to shelter in place until further notice.'

# Study reveals long-term death toll as cyclones batter the world

**Monitoring Desk** 

PARIS: As a typhoon battered Taiwan and rescuers searched for hurricane survivors in the United States on Wednesday, a study estimated that the long-term death toll of such tropical cyclones is around 300 times greater than official

Hurricane Helene has killed at least 155 people in the southeastern US, Hurricane John killed at least 16 in Mexico last week and two people have died in Taiwan even before Typhoon Krathon makes landfall, expected on Thursday

However the immediate deaths recorded during tropical cyclones — also called hurricanes or typhoons, depending on where they hit — represent just a fraction of the real toll they take on lives in the years after the storm clears, according to new research. And with humandriven climate change expected to help make tropical cyclones more intense, the US researchers called for people in the affected regions to receive more support.

The research pub-

lished in the journal Nature is the first to use statistical modelling to estimate how cyclones affect the overall number of deaths in a region over a long time frame, lead study author Rachel Young said. The researchers looked at 501 tropical cyclones that hit the continental US between 1930 and 2015, analysing the number of excess deaths from all causes recorded in the 15 years that followed. The average number of deaths officially reported during individual storms was 24. But if indirect deaths in the years after the storm were counted, the average toll for each was between 7,000 and 11,000,

study estimated. This would mean to between three and five

around 300 times higher

than government figures, the

that cyclones contributed per cent of all deaths recorded in the affected areas on the US Atlantic coast over those 85 years, the study said.

NA body seeks complete

# To boost bilateral trade PM Sharif pledges optimal support for Pak-Malaysian business communities

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday pledged to offer the best possible facilities to the Pakistani and Malaysian business communities to boost their commercial activities

Speaking at the Pakistan-Malaysia High Level Business Dialogue, he emphasized the strong bilateral relations between the two countries and highlighted the significance of collaboration between their business sectors for mutual prosperity.

Referring to his dis-cussions with visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim, he stated that their meetings were highly productive, wherein they discussed issues being faced by the two countries.

He said the Malaysian prime minister had assured of his complete support for



He said that PM Anwar Ibrahim's visit would further enhance relations between the two countries.

He said that Pakistan was fully geared up to grab the opportunity of exporting high-quality Halal meat to Malaysia as the agreement to the effect, besides many others, would be finalized during his forthcoming visit to the brotherly country.

Malaysian Anwar Ibrahim on the occasion emphasized the importance of close contacts between the business communities of two countries to foster economic coop-



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan presents "Exploring Pakistan" tourism guide to Malaysian Minister Tengku Zafrul.

# ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato

Seri Anwar Ibrahim in a group photo at Malaysia -Pakistan High Level Business Dialogue.

# Toshakhana-2 case **Bushra Bibi files** bail after arrest plea in IHC ISLAMABAD (Online):

Bushra Bibi wife of PTI founder Imran Khan has resorted to Islamabad High Court (IHC) in connection with her bail after arrest plea in Toshakhana-2 case.

Bushra Bibi has filed bail after arrest plea in IHC through Khalid Yousuf Chaudhry. The petition said the petitioner is house wife and she wears veil The allegations are false and these were got leveled by blackmailing the witnesses. FIA has violated law while case and investigation are based on ill intent.

The petition said the prosecution has raised the case for keeping the peti-tioner in jail. Case was challenged already in high court before its registration. Running a case repeatedly

he said has bagged huge ac-

claim from the donors who

have demanded a frame-

continue their operations in

line with the national docu-

The Policy has been aligned with the National

Climate Change Policy,

National Adaptation Plan.

Protection Plan IV, Disas-

**Sherry Rehman** 

felicitates newly

elected EJF

executive body

SLAMABAD (APP)

Chairperson Senate Stand-

ing Committee on Climate

Change and Environmental

Coordination, Senator

Sherry Rehman on Thurs-

day felicitated the newly

elected members of the En-

vironment Journalists Fo-

rum (EJF).

the offing, he added.

# Gilani highlights literature's role in capturing history and inspiring change

Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, on Thursday emphasized the essential role of literature in capturing history, reflecting cultural diversity, and inspiring meaningful

Speaking at the launch of Testament of Love, a captivating collection of short stories by Dr. Nasir Hussain Bukhari, he said, "Testament of Love beautifully encapsulates the essence of the human experience, shedding light on the struggles faced by ordinary individuals in our society.

The event celebrated

markable literary achievement but also the profound impact storytelling has on society.

Gilani praised Dr. Bukhari for his exceptional talent and his unwavering commitment to education, democracy, and He commended Dr.

Bukhari's ability to create authentic characters whose stories resonate deeply with readers, fostering empathy and understanding across societal

nized the invaluable contributions of the Founda-

preneurship, and Literature (FEEL), led by Engr. Dr. Zakaullah Khan and Dr. Salahuddin Darwesh, for their dedicated efforts in promoting literature and addressing pressing social issues.

He further acknowledged the collaboration of the Shaheed Bhutto Foundation and the Pakistan Academy of Letters in organizing the significant

Chairman Senate reaffirmed his commitment to advocating for authors' rights and underscored the importance of nurturing literary creativity.



chairing a meeting on green Islamabad programme in the Federal Capital.

# Not marking Imran video link attendance ATC issues show cause notice, seeks reply from Jail authorities

ISLAMABAD (Online): (ATC) Islamabad has issued show cause notice to jail authorities and sought reply from them for not marking attendance of PTI

founder Imran Khan via video link. Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra of ATC took up for hearing case registered against PTI leaders with reference to Azadi March Thursday. The counsels for former Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan appeared in the court.

Nawaz, Khurram Aamir Mehmood Kiyani and Jamshed Mughal too appeared in the court.

The counsel Tanvir Hussain filed exemption from attendance plea in respect of Ali Nawaz Awan.

Asad Umar.

The counsel told the

court Asad Umar has been charged from this case. The ATC judge remarked medical certificate of Tanvir Hussain be attached with the application

Attendance report in respect of Imran Khan has come wherein it is stated that internet is not available. Online attendance cannot be marked. Such report had come on previous day. Show cause notice was issued. Today I am issuing notice too. I will write if net is not available then Imran Khan be presented in person.

The court while issuing show cause notice to jail authorities for not marking attendance of Imran Khan

Judge Tahir Abbas via video link adjourned the tober 21.

On the other side the court has maintained arrest warrants of KP Chief Minister (C M) Ali Amin Gandapur and Wasiq Qayyum in the case registered against them in police station I-9 Islamabad. The exemption from attendance plea of Rashid Hafeez was

cepted. Exemption from attendance plea was pre sented on behalf of Shibli Faraz in protest and vandalism case while Murad Saeed, Daniyal Ahmad Hammad Azhar, Hassai Niazi, Ali Nawaz and Shibli Faraz did not appear.

The court adjourned hearing of further cases till October 21.

### **IRSA** releases 171,000 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Thursday released 171,000 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 121,700 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River ISLAMABAD: President Islamabad High Court Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1536.62 feet and was 138.62 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 72,600 cusecs and 85,000 cusecs respectively.

# **Arrangements** finalized for moon sighting

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee and its Zonal and District Committees will convene on the evening of Friday to observe the moon of Rabi-ul-Sani 1446 AH at their respective headquarters across the country

In Islamabad, Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Chairman, Maulana Syed Azad, will preside over the session at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony. Other Committee will join their respective Provincial or District Ruet-e-Hilal Committee meetings.

# details of contracts made with IPPs

Standing Committee on Power Division on Thursday sought complete detail of contracts made with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in the next meeting. The committee which met with Muhammad Idress in the Chair appreciated the constitution of Special Task Force to review the contracts made by the successive governments with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to lessen the overburden on consumers in terms of electricity bills. The Committee however, directed that M/o Energy (Power Division) may take stringent measures to prevent the consumers

ISLAMABAD (APP): ent heads of electricity bills The National Assembly and unnecessary load-shedding in different areas of the country and report back to the Committee in its next

The Committee expressed concern over the poor performance of K-Electric and decided to convene its next meeting in Karachi to witness the performance of K-Electric so that complaints against K-Electric could be addressed properly.

Earlier, the Secretary Energy (Power Division) briefly apprised about the efforts made by them to overcome the problems of overbilling and other issues related to electricity and problems faced by them in from overcharging in differthis regards.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim offering dua after tree plantation by the Malaysian Prime Minister.

# **Dastgir challenges** Gandapur to replicate Punjab's dev. success

ISLAMABAD (APP): A economic growth in Khyber senior leader of the Pakistan Muslim League- tioned. Nawaz (PML-N) Khurram Dastgir Thursday chal-

Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur to shift focus from criticizing and prioritize development in his province, drawing inspiration from Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's progress.

In an exclusive interview with a private news channel, Dastgir highlighted the stark contrast between the leadership styles of the two provinces, praising Maryam Nawaz Sharif's historic public welfare initiatives and significant strides in Punjab.

By prioritizing development and learning from development and infrastruc-Punjab's

Pakhtunkhwa, he men-

Dastgir criticized Ali Amin Gandapur's politics, specifically his tenure as Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, adding, Gandapur's is just only focused on personal goals, rather than the well-being of his people.

As a leader, it is essential to prioritize the needs of the people, particularly in areas like education, healthcare, and infrastructure, he added.

In contrast, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's initiatives demonstrate a commitment to progress and development, he mentioned. Her focus on education, skills successes, ture projects sets a positive Gandapur can improve the lives of citizens and drive example for other leaders to follow, he appreciated.



ISLAMABAD: Special Envoy & Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia Mr. Jemal Beker Abdula called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House.

# Hurriyat leaders reiterate call for self-determination, slam India's Intransigence

tion of the Kashmir dispute, Hurriyat leaders Thursday reaffirmed the need for selfdetermination, emphasizing that lasting peace in South Asia hinges on settling the Kashmir dispute in its historical context.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the leaders in their statements issued in Srinagar contended that India's obstinacy jeopardizes peace in South Asia and globally. They also Minister Modi's August 5, Kashmiris' aspirations.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a renewed push for resoluand Kashmir.

They said, for decades. Kashmiris have awaited fulfillment of their fundamental right to self-determination in the light of the UN's January 5 resolution roadmap as solution to the Kashmir dispute, but always impeded its implementation. The leaders urged the world community to urgently intervene to implement the UN resolutions to resolve the Kashcriticized Indian Prime mir dispute according to

# IHC halts closure of Tandoori Junction, seeks responses from involved parties

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Hìgh Ćourt (IHC) on Thursday adourned the hearing of a petition challenging the closure of Tandoori Junction, a private hotel in F-7 Markaz, and ordered all involved parties to respond to the court

Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court (IHC) Justice Aamer Farooq heard the core Farooq heard the case.

Advocate Qaiser Imam represented the petitioner Javed Asif, while Director General of Building Control Authority Faisal Naeem, Directorate of Municipal Administrabine the tion (MDA) and Municirequest.

pal Corporation Islamabad (MCI) lawyer Yaqoob Mastoi, Deputy Director of CDA Raheel Junejo, CDA's Shehryar Tariq, and Advocate Zaheer ud Din Babar appeared

ud Din Babar requested that all related cases be heard together. Chief Justice Aamer Farooq remarked that the other cases were unrelated but agreed to combine them at Babar's

### **NDRMF Business Policy 2024** envisages paradigm shift in disaster, humanitarian sector: Bilal Anwar ISLAMABAD (APP): said in an exclusive interour efforts in the form of

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), Bilal Anwar on Thursday said the Fund have launched its first Business Policy 2024 that helped in repurposing and redefining it over a course of 18-month to change the donors' mindset for wellinformed disaster resilience

The document is a intervention being implemented after extensive consultations with all (FIPs), ecutive Officer (CEO),

view with APP while the strategy," Bilal Anwar showcasing the efforts and accomplishments of

"Resilience building is a long-term process and its challenging amid growing work under the Policy to climate catastrophes as every intervention has its impacts but a long-term strategy is necessary and the NDRMF Business Policy

is addressing it.

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10-year long-term policy peated discussions with National Disaster Managerelevant bodies, provinces, ment Plan, National Flood fund implementing partners researchers, ter Risk Financing Strateg stakeholders, Chief Ex- pratitioners and experts re- and National Climate Filated to the subject which nance strategy which is in NDRMF, Bilal Anwar resulted into culmination of



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Health Dr. Mukhtar Bharath visited NIRM Hospital to review the medical facilities.

# **IHC** issues notice to secretary aviation, CAA on complaint from handicapped woman

ISLAMABAD (Online): treatment by private airline Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notices to secretary aviation and Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on the petition filed against discriminatory treatment meted out by private airline company to an handicapped woman. The court has ordered respondents to file reply within 10 days.

Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq took up the case for hearing Thursday. Lady Zohra Sami, resident of Karachi filed petition in IHC stating that the petitioner lady is disabled person and she uses wheel chair for movement. She booked ticket of private airline company from Lahore to Karachi. She had to face extremely discriminatory

petition that no information in this regard were available on website of private airline company. She had to miss flight. On the other hand private airlines company did not even bother

company constitutes violation of basic rights enshrined in article 9, 14 and 15 of the constitution.

right to handicapped person to decide about presence of servant with

She further said in the

company. The company forbade her to board on plane in absence of servant.

The petition said this attitude of private airline

In a statement here, she said, "Congratulations to the successful candidates for election to the Executive Body of the Environment Journalists Forum. My felicitations to Ali Jabir for being elected as President and Asghar Hayat as General Secretary of of EJF. She also congratulated Rozina Ali, Ayesha

Forum's executive body and also to Saqib Rathore. Amna Janjua and Aftab Jahan for being elected as members of the governing

Rule No 81 of civil aviation authority gives

Naz, Saadullah Saeed, Fauzia Ali, Sohail Butt. and Muhammad Mukhtar for being elected to the

to give any clarification.

body.
"It is hoped that Environment Journalists Forum will play an important role in the development of environmental journalism and the forum will pave the way for improving the quality of reporting on complex and critical issues like climate change," Sherry Rehman said.



# Bar Association Riasat Ali Azad addresses a press conference at IHC Bar. Lawyers back constitutional amendment and creation of constitutional court

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prominent lawyers on Thursday expressed strong support for the constitutional amendment aimed at establishing a Federal Constitutional Court, emphasizing that such a reform is essential for judicial efficiency and modernization of the legal system.

Advocate Asif Irfan, Islamabad Bar Association, highlighted the urgent need for judicial reforms to address the deficiencies of the outdated judicial system.

called for collective efforts

to modernize the judiciary,

stating that the proposed

changes would enhance the

speed and quality of jus-

tice in the country.

Welcoming the establishment of a Federal Constitutional Court, Advocate Mazhar Javed, another former Secretary of the Islamabad Bar Association, noted that the new court would be dedicated to cases of a constitutional and political This, he said, would

former Secretary of the allow the Supreme Court of Pakistan to focus on general cases, ultimately speeding up the dispensation of justice for the people. Advocate Supreme

Talking to APP, he Court, Javed Iqbal Banday, echoed this sentiment, pointing out that the creation of the Constitutional Court would significantly reduce the workload on the Supreme Court.

Muhammad Abdul Khabir members of the Central

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