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Govt accepts Maulana Fazal proposals on matter of constitutional amendments

Zardari, Nawaz Sharif assure Maulana Fazlur Rehman to take him along with them

ISLAMABAD (Online): Government has accepted proposals of Maulana Fazlur Rehman on the matter of constitutional amendments.

According to parliamentary sources decision has been taken to summon session of both of the houses of parliament after SCO summit conference.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman will hand over his draft on constitutional amendments to government team within two or three days.

Legal team of PPP and PML-N will share their draft with JUI-F.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman has shown his conditional willingness on the establishment of constitutional court. Amendments on the procedure of ap-

pointment of judges and other matters will be brought later.

In the first phase amendment will be brought regarding formation of constitutional court and appointment and powers of its judges.

Meanwhile President Asif Ali Zardari and former Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharif have assured Maulana Fazlur Rehman to take him along with them.

It has also been decided that joint draft of proposed constitutional amendment will be given priority.

The inside story of big meetings of stalwarts at Aiwan-e-Sadr has come to light.

President Asif Ali Zardari, Nawaz Sharif, Maulana Fazlur Rehman, prime minister Shehbaz

Sharif, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Ishaq Dar were present in the meeting in Aiwan-e-Sadr.

According to sources consultation was made on constitutional amendment, overall political situation of the country and SCO conference during the meeting.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman said central organization of JUI-F is not present now. Only I and Ghafoor Haidri hold the posts. I alone cannot take decision without organization.

As per sources Maulana Fazlur Rehman told JUI-F has worked out 80 percent draft in connection with proposed amendments. This draft will soon be handed over to negotiating team.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a Federal Cabinet Meeting.

Gory tale of 2014-like sit-in not to be allowed to repeat at any cost: PM

Says nobody will be allowed to sabotage country's economic gains; Pakistan to sign agreements worth \$2 billion with Saudi Arabia; Federal cabinet approves setting up of PM Relief Fund for Palestine, Lebanon

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday, calling the recent protest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf a replica of the 2014 sit-in by the party, vowed that "gory tale" would not be allowed to repeat at any cost.

"Such incidents are a replica of 2014-15 incidents when a sit-in was staged for months and was not called off despite the announcement of the Chinese president's visit to Pakistan without bothering about its impact on the country's image and national economy... We will not allow it to be repeated. We will not tolerate it at any rate, at any cost. This is my promise. I will not let it happen," the prime minister in his opening remarks at the meeting of the federal cabinet chaired by him.

The prime minister drew cabinet members' attention to an attack that took place near Karachi airport killing two Chinese engineers and injuring another, despite the government's all-

out efforts to ensure their security. He apprised the meeting of his telephonic conversation with the Chinese ambassador in Islamabad and also a condolatory visit to the Chinese embassy where he reiterated his government's assurance to leave no stone unturned to make the security of Chinese national "unreachable."

Referring to the PTI protest, the prime minister said that the allegations were hurled against the government and attempts were made to create chaos at a time when the Chinese Premier was about to pay a bilateral visit and a Saudi delegation was also scheduled to visit Pakistan and MoUs and agreements worth \$2 billion are expected to be signed.

The cabinet meeting offered Fateha for the security personnel martyred in different terrorist incidents.

The prime minister thanked China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE for their support in obtaining

the IMF loan facility and also mentioned last week's "successful" visit of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim when two sides agreed that Pakistan would export Halal meat and rice to Malaysia.

He said consequent to the "finest level" of teamwork, the IMF program had been approved, inflation was reduced from 32% to 6.9%, exports, remittances and IT exports were on surge and the stock exchange was skyrocketing. He said sabotaging all these efforts would be the biggest conspiracy to the country, he remarked.

Highlighting his government's reform agenda, he mentioned the doubled number of tax return filers, broadening tax base and the digitisation of FBR.

He said oil prices had been reduced for the fifth time, and a Rs50 billion relief package was announced for the power consumers of the protected category, apart from the Punjab

government's Rs55 billion package on top of that.

He said on one side, the government was making efforts to stabilize the economy and kick-start its home-grown economic program, while on the other, KP chief minister was leading the saboteur gathering consisting of Afghan nationals and also using government officials. The protestors also carried out aerial firing and an official of Islamabad Police was martyred during the protest, he added.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that the peaceful and secure atmosphere was inevitable to attract investment.

Thanking the IMF chief for her support in approving the IMF facility for Pakistan, the prime minister said that she was also appreciative of the reforms introduced by the incumbent and the caretaker governments.

He mentioned the martyrdom of a lieutenant colonel and other security personnel, and said the govern-

ment knew where the terrorists were being funded from.

Meanwhile the federal cabinet on Tuesday approved the establishment of Prime Minister Relief Fund for Palestine and Lebanon to extend assistance to the people of both countries suffering the barbarism of Israeli occupation forces.

The meeting of the federal cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, instructed the State Bank of Pakistan to open a bank account for the purpose.

Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal has been tasked to oversee the relief activities, according to a PM Office press release.

The federal cabinet was briefed about the status of the implementation of E-office in the federal ministries and departments. It was told that due to the implementation of the e-governance, Pakistan's ranking in the UN's E-governance Index has improved by 14 points.

Islamabad hosts two-day int'l non-proliferation conference



ISLAMABAD (APP): The Strategic Vision Institute (SVI), Islamabad, hosted Islamabad Non-Proliferation Conference 2024, a two-day international event bringing together a distinguished group of scholars and experts from around the world.

The conference aimed at fostering constructive dialogue on global strategic issues and share Pakistan's policy perspectives, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza was the Chief Guest. The conference featured keynote addresses delivered by distinguished policymakers and practitioners from Pakistan including Former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Zubair Mehmood Hayat, Advisor National Command Authority (NCA), Lt. Gen. Khalid Ahmed Kidwai and Advisor, NCA, Lt. Gen. Sarfraz Sattar.

The participants included prominent international scholars from Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO RAS), Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS), Russia, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), China, Carnegie

Endowment for International Peace, US, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), UK, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO-University), Saint Petersburg State University, Shanghai University, Peking University, University at Albany, State University of New York and University of Birmingham.

This high-level conference not only reinforced Pakistan's commitment to global non-proliferation efforts but also emphasized the importance of strategic dialogue in maintaining regional and international security.

AJK PM emphasizes to devise effective response strategy for minimizing loss of lives



MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister, Chudhary Anwar ul Haq Tuesday said that there was a dire need to adopt effective disaster response and rehabilitation strategies for

minimizing loss of lives and damage to infrastructure during the natural calamities.

He said this while addressing a prayer congregation hosted in the State metropolis to pay homage

to the victims of the 2005 deadly earthquake that claimed at least 80 thousands of people's lives in AJK, mostly in the state's capital town in the history's most tragic natural catastrophe.

The prime minister said that the terrible earthquake turned a large part of the state into a pile of rubble besides consuming thousands of precious lives.

"On the other hand, the earthquake destroyed the infrastructure the state had built over decades", Anwar ul Haq said, adding that effects of this tragedy would be felt for a long time.

Saudi Arabia's aid to Pakistan reaches \$12.75 b, supporting 247 dev. projects: Al-Baiz

ISLAMABAD (APP): The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief) on Tuesday reaffirmed its commitment to humanitarian support in Pakistan with the signing of joint cooperation programmes and implementation contracts for various educational, health, recovery, and rehabilitation projects.

During the signing ceremony, Assistant Supervisor General of Operations at KSRelief, Engineer Ahmed Ali Al-Baiz, conveyed the greetings of

KSRelief General Supervisor, Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Rabeah, who could not attend the event due to urgent commitments.

He expressed gratitude on behalf of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the strong humanitarian efforts led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Al-Baiz highlighted

KSRelief's significant global contributions, noting that since its establishment in 2015, the organization has implemented 3,068 projects in over 102 countries, with financial aid exceeding \$7 billion. He said KSRelief has also partnered with 450 organizations worldwide, positioning Saudi Arabia as a major force in global humanitarian, relief, and development assistance.

Al-Baiz announced the launch of new projects in Pakistan worth \$14.2 million.

PTI should learn from ban on PTM: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday said the ban on the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) was imposed on the basis of evidence that showed its close contacts with the terrorist organizations and its involvement in a campaign against the country.

Talking to media, the minister brushed aside speculations about ban on PTM which has been declared a proscribed organization by the Federal Cabinet the other day.

He pointed out the PTM's past practices including burning of the flag of Pakistan, attack on Pakistani Embassies and their involvement in promoting a narrative against the country under the garb of protecting the Pashtuns.

Tarar said during the investigation into the attack on a Pakistani Embassy, it was found that not only PTM workers were involved in this heinous crime, but also some citizens of Afghanistan. The PTM has not only been in contact with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Afghanistan, but also the proscribed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (Fitna al-Khawarij), he added. He minister said there is no restriction on anybody to protest or criti-

cize, but nobody would be allowed to burn national flag, attack embassies and keep contacts with terrorist organizations.

"If an ideology is promoted among the youth on the basis of falsehoods that undermine the state's efforts and damage the ideology of Pakistan, such actions will not be tolerated," he said, adding any political party found engaging with the PTM—whether through funding, opening joint accounts, or transferring money—would face the music. The minister, while acknowledging the significant contribution of the Pashtuns in Pakistan movement and establishment of an independent homeland, regretted some elements using the name of Pashtoons to malign Pakistan's security, integrity and sovereignty.

"Pakistan comes first as I reiterated time and again," he said, adding the ban on PTM was a lesson for the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) which believed that "there is no Pakistan without Khan". Tarar regretted the campaign run by the PTI about disappearance of Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur, who later claimed that he went into hiding by himself and crossed 12 districts to reach Peshawar.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chairing a meeting regarding preparations of SCO Summit at CDA Headquarters.

Aurangzeb says: Single-day strike may cause Rs190 b loss to national economy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chaired an important meeting at the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to review preparations and arrangements for the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit.

The meeting also focused on the beautification efforts underway in Islamabad and other development projects.

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He directed that attractive landscaping be implemented along major roads and instructed that the entire city be adorned with vibrant flowers and decorative lights in preparation for the international event.

Minister Naqvi highlighted the importance of

completing renovation work on the Jinnah Convention Center, assigning the task of finishing the project promptly.

He stressed the significance of hosting the SCO Summit, noting it as a reflection of the government's successful foreign policy efforts.

"Special attention must be given to the beautification and cleanliness of Islamabad, with a focus on VIP routes and the Red Zone," said Naqvi.

He added that these measures were vital to enhancing the city's appearance ahead of the summit.

Security arrangements for the SCO Summit were also reviewed during the meeting.

The Interior Minister gave clear directives to take firm action against illegal housing societies, stressing the importance of keeping Islamabad free from unauthorized constructions and encroachments.

Naqvi reviews SCO summit preparations and beautification of Islamabad

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Another petition filed in SC against proposed constitutional amendments

ISLAMABAD (Online): Another petition has been filed in Supreme Court (SC) against proposed constitutional amendments.

With the filing of this petition total number of petitions submitted against the proposed constitutional amendments have come to 5 in apex court.

New petition has been filed by advocate Saim Chaudhry making federal government, speaker National Assembly (NA) and chairman Senate respondents.

The petitioner has taken the plea that federal government cannot make amendments in conflict with the constitution.



KARACHI: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief, Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Mufti Taqi Usmani, Mufti Muneeb Rehman, Siraj-ul-Haq and others joints hands to express solidarity on stage during the National Palestine Conference on the completion of one year of Israeli brutality organized by Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith Pakistan, held at Shahrah-e-Quaideen road in Karachi.

President, PM call for focusing on climate change mitigation

ISLAMABAD (Online): National Resilience Day was observed across the country on Tuesday to express solidarity with the victims of 2005 earthquake.

In their separate messages on the occasion, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have called for focusing on mitigating the impacts of climate change through effective coordination and construction of climate resilient infrastructure.

In his message, the President stressed the need

to educate the people about disaster risk management, and mitigation, and actively engage the communities to promote a culture of disaster preparedness.

He said amid the catastrophe of 2005 earthquake our nation displayed an unparalleled spirit of resilience and unity and generously helped the affected people.

In his message on the occasion, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the day is a motivation for us to embrace the best practices and implement policies and

strategies in various sectors aimed at fortifying our nation's resilience.

He said Pakistan is facing an immense impact of climate change despite not being responsible for it.

He commended the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for its response towards such natural calamities.

Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Engineer Amir Muqam has said the government will continue to take more effective measures for making Pakistan a disaster-free

country.

In his message on the occasion of National Resilience Day, he expressed solidarity with the victims of devastating earthquake of October, 2005.

The Minister lauded the exemplary role played by the institutions engaged in the national reconstruction following the earthquake.

Engineer Amir Muqam also appreciated the cooperation extended by the international community following the deadly earthquake.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Pakistan Peoples Party calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi addressing investiture ceremony the students Council Beaconhouse College Program, Margala Campus.

Chairman CDA directs to resolve electricity issues in Park Enclave-II,III

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Tuesday directed the department concerned to resolve the issue of electricity supply in Park Enclave II and III to relieve the allottees.

Chairing a meeting the CDA chairman asked to expedite decisions on the cancellation of allotments for defaulters in Park Enclave.

The Chairman also instructed the Estate Wing to address the issues related to Built-Up Properties (BUP) in Park Enclave and the E-12/1 and E-12/4 Phases of Islamabad.

During the meeting, the Finance Wing provided a comprehensive briefing on the fiscal status of the CDA, with a focus on revenue generation. It was briefed that CDA is consistently pursuing its financial tar-

gets set for the fiscal year. Apart from auction receipts, recurring resources of revenue are generating considerable revenue.

The Member Finance also presented a comparative analysis of revenue generation among the various directorates, including the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) and the Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA).

Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa emphasized the need for consistent oversight by the Finance Wing to ensure progress.

He directed that the Finance Wing take a leading role in tracking and managing the efforts for revenue generation regularly and achieving the set targets for the ongoing fiscal year.

The key issues were discussed during the meeting regarding Estate Management and II.

PPP delegation calls on PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on Tuesday called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and discussed important national and political issues.

The delegation included Syed Naveed Qamar, a Member of the National Assembly, Sindh Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attallah Tarar, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

During the meeting, President Asif Ali Zardari's role in the All Parties Conference (APC) and strengthening of democracy in the country was appreciated.

The meeting also discussed in detail the joint working group for Pakistan's assistance to the Palestinians.

Modern education essential to tackle challenges: Kundi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Tuesday emphasized the need for collaborative efforts for the broader interests of Pakistan, highlighting that quality and modern education is essential to tackle the challenges faced by the nation.

He made these remarks as the guest of honor at the Students' Council ceremony at Beaconhouse College Program, Margalla Campus, Islamabad.

During the event, the Governor distributed awards to the Students' Council members and shields to the faculty.

The ceremony also featured speeches from the Regional Director of Beaconhouse College Program, Khawaja Haider Latif, Principal Ayesha Ansar, and Senior Headmistress Ayesha Hafeez, who expressed gratitude to the Governor for his visit and participation.

Governor Kundi stressed that education is the fundamental guarantee for societal development and prosperity.

He said that education equips individuals with knowledge, skills, and experiences, enabling them to improve their lives.

He said that educated individuals are better positioned to make informed decisions, adopt healthy lifestyles, and contribute positively to the economy.

He further mentioned that quality education plays a vital role in addressing social issues, fostering critical thinking, analytical abilities, and a spirit of collaboration among individuals.

To advance the journey toward societal prosperity, he urged the importance of ensuring the provision of quality education.

The Governor also commended the performance of the Beaconhouse College Program administration during his address.

Ahsan lauds govt entities for bringing down inflation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday lauded the efforts of various government entities in bringing down the rate of inflation.

The inflation remained continuously on decline during the current fiscal year and stood at 44-months lowest level of 6.9% in September 2024 as compared to 31.4% in September 2023, according to press release issued by planning division.

Chairing the meeting of National Price Monitoring Committee, the minister said, a remarkable deceleration in food inflation was observed, showing decrease in urban food infla-

tion to 1.7% from 33.9% over the year, whereas rural food inflation flowed in negative (-0.9%) as compared to 35.4% in the same month last year. He said, the prices of wheat flour and petrol (super) decreased significantly by 37.1% and 20% over the corresponding month of last year.

Earlier, representatives of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) gave a detailed presentation on inflation situation in Pakistan and also highlighted a significant disparity between the prices of various food items and those in the open market.

The PBS highlighted large gaps in the wholesale and retail prices of some essential commodities in

each province and at national level. It was also observed that the decrease in PSL prices has not been effectively translated to transport services, which the minister said was matter of concern.

He directed provincial governments to take immediate steps to reduce transport, wholesale, and retail prices and emphasized that the government was taking strong measures to provide maximum relief to the common man.

According to press release, Federal Minister for Petroleum Mussadiq Malik also presided over a session of the meeting and emphasized that the government was committed to provide maximum relief to the people.



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal chairing a meeting of National Price Monitoring Committee on here in Islamabad on Tuesday. The Minister for Petroleum Mussadiq Malik also attended the committee meeting

Gen Inam says: Pakistan embraced National Vision for Proactive Disaster Management post-October 2005 earthquake

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik on Tuesday emphasized Pakistan's National Vision for Proactive Disaster Management, highlighting the transformative shift from a reactive to a proactive disaster management approach.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) marked National Resilience Day with a full-day event at the National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), NDMA Headquarters. This annual observance reflects Pakistan's solidarity with

the victims of the 2005 earthquake and all those affected by past disasters, while reaffirming the nation's unwavering commitment to advancing disaster preparedness and building resilience against future crises, a news release said.

Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik highlighted the establishment of most modern National Emergencies Operation Center, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on October 5, 2023, which is equipped with cutting-edge satellite feeds, advanced software, and AI tools. He apprised that the NEOC developed a futur-

istic National Common Operating Picture (NCOPI), which enhances digital risk assessments, early warning systems, and preparedness strategies to safeguard Pakistan's future.

The event also featured messages by NDMA's global partners addressing critical issues for Pakistan's resilience, climate change and opportunities for Pakistan to explore COP29 avenue in November 2024.

They also emphasized the importance of gender equality and microfinance in empowering vulnerable communities and enhancing their ability to recover from disasters.



Prime Minister's Advisor on Inter-Provincial Coordination and Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah chairs meeting to review Inter-Faith Harmony policy at Minister of Religious Affairs Islamabad. Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar and Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter Faith Harmony Chaudhary Salik Hussain are also present.

Dr. Mukhtar highlights urgent need for resilient health systems amid global challenges

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath Tuesday highlighted the urgent need for resilient health systems amid global health security challenges and climate change.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of one-day International Conference on Sustainable Health Systems and Resilience: Challenges and Opportunities held at COMSTECH.

The conference was organized by the Manhattan Strategy Group, a prominent US-Pakistani social and human development organization, in collaboration with partner organizations.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Bharath com-

mended the organizers for their dedication and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in strengthening Pakistan's health systems.

Dr. Bharath addressed the significant impacts of the 2022 floods, which displaced millions and highlighted gaps in healthcare delivery.

He advocated for enhanced primary healthcare access, innovative financing models like health insurance schemes, and a collaborative One Health approach to integrate human, animal, and environmental health sectors.

He concluded by emphasizing the need for evidence-based policymaking and strengthening partnerships to effectively tackle health challenges.

The conference underscored the essential contributions of public health workers in Pakistan.

Govt plans to integrate MoHR helpline for coord b/w police, media & victims

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government is planning to integrate the HRD Ministry's helpline 1099 to strengthen coordination between the police, media, and victims at the grassroots level.

Talking to APP, Director General Ministry of Human Rights Dr. Jahanzeb Khan said that there is a dire need to create awareness about the helpline quarterly year. He said that the integration of helplines would help the people and 15 different officials' helplines integrate each other's and SOP would be completed that would facilitate the people.

ICT police intensify crackdown against vehicles with tinted glasses

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police on Tuesday launched a city-wide crackdown against vehicles with tinted glasses and black paper, following the directives of Inspector General (IG) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi. According to a police statement, special squads have been formed to take action against violators across the city. Islamabad Police aim to enforce a zero-tolerance policy as it is a moral responsibility to spread awareness.

Amir Muqam says: Govt to take all possible measures to protect country from disasters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan and SAFRON Engineer Amir Muqam on Tuesday said that the incumbent government would take all possible measures to protect the country from disasters.

The minister said in his statement, he said that today we are observing the 19th National Resilience Day in memory of the devastating earthquake of October 8, 2005, which caused hundreds of thousands of precious lives.

Expressing heartfelt sympathy to the families affected by the

earthquake, Amir Muqam paid rich tributes to the people of Pakistan who showed courage during the devastating earthquake. Thousands of people lost their lives in the devastating earthquake whose grief cannot be forgotten till today, he added.

In the earthquake, the national institutions, responsible for reconstruction have played an exemplary role, Engineer Amir Muqam added. The minister also appreciated the cooperation of the international community during the October 8, 2005 earthquake.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik addressing on ceremony to mark National Resilience Day with a full-day event at the National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), NDMA Headquarters.

AIOU launches "English Access Scholarship" program to empower students

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prioritizing women's education is top priority for the Government, as women are a vital part of this society, and the education and training of women is the mission of the Higher Education Commission.

These thoughts were expressed by the Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, while addressing an Opening Ceremony of the English Access Scholarship Program at Allama Iqbal Open University. He further mentioned that the enrollment ratio of female students in Pakistan's universities is 52%, and we are continuing our efforts to increase this number. During this occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, stated that education is the only path for the development and prosperity; without education, no nation has a future.

He encouraged students to pay special atten-

tion to their education to secure a wonderful future.

Dr. Nasir thanked the US Embassy and the English Department, AIOU for their support in teaching English to Pakistani children.

He added that learning English will bring many benefits, giving students opportunities for higher education and job prospects in various countries.

The Regional English Language Officer at the US Embassy, Gerald Frank, said that Pakistan is the only country among 80 nations where 27,000 students have received this scholarship.

He noted that due to the efforts of Allama Iqbal Open University, 250 new students have been enrolled from three districts of Pakistan (Mianwali, Bhakkar, and Attock).

He mentioned that under this program, students will not only gain proficiency in English but also can develop critical thinking, digital literacy.

October 8's grief still fresh, says Mushaah

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior Kashmiri leader and wife of Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front Yasin Malik, Mushaah Hussein Mullick, on Tuesday said that the haunting scenes of destruction caused by the October 8, 2005 earthquake are still vivid in her memory, even after 19 years.

In her message on the 19th anniversary of the catastrophic earthquake, she reflected on the immense devastation that unfolded that day, private news channel reported.

"It's been 19 years since the tragic earthquake, yet the horrifying images of entire towns and villages being wiped off the map in mere moments are still fresh in my mind. It is heart-breaking to remember how entire communities were erased in a matter of seconds," she expressed.

She recalled the widespread destruction of roads and buildings, noting that nearly 90,000 lives were lost, including around 19,000 children.

"Today, I pay tribute to the thousands of martyrs who lost their lives in this disaster," she said. Mushaah Mullick also prayed for the departed souls, asking Allah to elevate their status in the hereafter.

Foolproof security plans finalized for SCO Summit: IGP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Inspector General of Islamabad Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi on Tuesday presided over a high-level meeting to discuss security arrangements for the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit.

According to a public relations officer, the meeting was attended by DIG Islamabad Syed Ali Raza, DIG Headquarters Dr. Syed Mustafa Tanveer, DIG Security Jawad Tariq, and other senior police officials. During the meeting, the IGP was briefed by senior officers, and new responsibilities were also assigned.

The IG emphasized the need to strengthen the security of the delegations by effectively utilizing the

advanced systems of Safe City Islamabad, he added.

"Well-prepared police teams will be deployed at all entry and exit points of the high-security zone," IGP Rizvi said, adding that search and combing operations will continue in residential areas surrounding the Red Zone.

Rizvi further stated that during the delegation's movement, major roads will be completely closed, and alternative routes will be provided at various intersections to ensure public convenience.

The IGP assured that the Islamabad Police will use all available resources to provide foolproof security to all delegations, making every possible effort to uphold the dignity and honor of the country.



ISLAMABAD: A view of Faizabad interchange decorated with a banner, national flags of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia due to Saudi Arabia's Investment Minister Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih will visit Pakistan with a high-level delegation from Oct. 9-11, in the Federal Capital.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Japan in Pakistan Mitsuhiro Wada giving corticate to participant during exhibition titled MOKU-HANGA at PNCA.