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constructive participation in the SCO CHG meeting,

Prime Minister Shehbaz

stressed that as brotherly

countries and regional part-

ners, Tajikistan and Pakistan

shared enduring bonds of

friendship and cooperation.

He fondly recalled his productive visit to Dushanbe in

July, earlier this year, and

expressed satisfaction over

the positive trajectory of

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felicitations on organizing

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of Pakistan for allowing

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his Tajik counterpart and said that both the countries were de-

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together to advance mutually

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Pak bolsters regional ties with Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan

PM emphasizes enhanced trade, investment between Pakistan, Kazakhstan; Meets Tajik counterpart; calls for cementing bilateral cooperation in trade, connectivity; Underlines need to increase Pak-Turkmen high-level exchanges: Calls for sustained Pak-Belarus exchanges to enhance cooperation in investment, joint tractors production

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif engaged in multiple high-level bilateral meetings with regional counterparts during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit held in Islamabad on Tuesday. The discussions aimed at strengthening cooperation in trade, investment, and regional connectivity between Pakistan and its Central Asian

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday emphasized upon the need to increase high-level exchanges between Pakistan and Turkmenistan.

He stressed the importance of both sides continuing to work closely to realize the full potential of bilateral cooperation, particularly in the domains of trade, energy and connec-

On the sidelines of the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting, being held from 15-16

ISLAMABAD (APP): October in Islamabad, minister posted on X, Deputy Chairman of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov called on the Media Wing said in a press

> Welcoming ing as a 'Special Guest', the prime minister reaffirmed Minister historic and brotherly ties with Turkmenistan.

He also conveyed his best wishes and warm re- Tuesday held a bilateral gards to the Turkmen lead- meeting with his Tajik

ership.

Meredov congratulated Pakistan for successful organization of the SCO Turkmen leadership to the prime minister.

Turkmenistan's unwaver- Council of Heads of Goving commitment to building ernment (CHG) meeting stronger and closer Paki- here, the prime minister stan-Turkmenistan ties.

"Pleased to meet H.E. Mr. Cabinet of Ministers and Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of Cabinet of Ministers & Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan on prime minister, PM Office the sidelines of the 23rd SCO CHG in Islamabad today. Conveyed my best wishes to the Turkmen Turkmenistan's participation in the SCO CHG Meetforward to working with Turkmenistan to build stronger bilateral ties and the significance of enhance regional coopera-TURKMENISTAN: Pakistan's longstanding, tion particularly in trade, energy, and connectivity."
TAJIKISTAN: Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on counterpart Rasulzoda wherein he emphasized close bilateral collaboration to further cement CHG Meeting and con- mutually advantageous coveyed best wishes of the operation across all spheres of shared interest.

In the meeting, held on reaffirmed the sidelines of the SCO called for promotion of bi-Separately, the prime lateral ties in the areas of



Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif welcoming foreign dignitaries to the dinner for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) first day.

Chinese PM assures continued support for Pakistan's sovereignty, prosperity

Pakistan, China resolve to deepen strategic cooperation; President Zardari in a meeting with Li Qiang announces plans to visit China in November to further strengthen ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- importance of exploring discussions to further kistan and China on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen strategic cooperation across key areas, including the economy, investment, and regional connectivity.

Both sides also emphasized the need to expedite the implementation of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. This was discussed during a meeting between the visiting Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Li Qiang, and President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Welcoming the delegation, the president emphasized that Pakistan's friendship with its all-weather partner remained a cornerstone of the country's foreign policy. He stressed the

new avenues for cooperation as there was more space to expand bilateral relations. He also underscored the need to enhance connectivity through all-weather road networks to strengthen trade and people-to-people linkages. He said that Chinese companies should benefit from the investment opportunities in Pakistan by investing in the Pakistan

The president stated that the time was ripe to fully leverage China's economic growth, particularly through the opportunities presented by CPEC and the Gwadar Port.

Stock Exchange.

would be visiting China in attempting to disrupt November and looked for- CPEC projects, adding that ward to reconnecting with such malicious efforts

strengthen bilateral ties. Reflecting on his previous visits to China during his earlier tenure, he noted that Pakistan has

consistently enjoyed China's unwavering support on key issues of mutual importance. President Zardari exressed his heartfelt condo-

lences over the tragic loss of two Chinese nationals in a terrorist attack, stating that the heart-breaking incident deeply grieved the entire nation. He emphasized that the enemies of the Pakistan-China friendship were trying to undermine bilateral relations by target-He shared that he ing Chinese nationals and old friends and engaging in would not succeed.



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to the prime minister, he the need to enhance trade

concurred that there was and investment, while also

ISLAMABAD: Indian Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar being received by DG South Asia Ilyas Nizami at Nur Khan Airbase.

Opposition to judicial reforms based on personal likes, dislikes: Bilawal

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari stated on Tuesday that opposition to judicial reforms, including the establishment of federal constitutional courts, is driven by personal likes and dis-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- X (formerly Twitter), kistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal referred to the opposition, said, "Their opposition today is based on personal likes and dislikes or partisan positions on the politics of the moment."

He further said that the PPP's stance on judicial reforms has been consistent In a message posted on for nearly two decades.

COAS expresses desire to further strengthen Pak-Belarus military ties

Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, Roman Golovchenko on Tuesday met with Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir here.

During the meeting, discussions were held on regional dynamics and enhancement of bilateral security and defence cooperation between the two nations, an Inter Services Public Relations news release

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's appreciation for Belarus's contributions to global and regional affairs and expressed the desire to further strengthen the military partnership between both countries.

Prime Golovchenko commended the Pakistan Armed Forces for their pivotal role in promoting regional peace and stability, and acknowledged their professionalism and sacrifices in the fight against terrorism.



COAS expresses desire to further cement Pak-Belarus military partnership.

Home Minister inaugurates upgraded CPLC Call **Center 1102**

KARACHI: Sindh Home Minister Zia Ul Hassan Lanjar inaugurated the upgraded CPLC Call Center 1102 during his visit to CPLC and appreciated the role of CPLC in combating crime. CPLC Chief Zubair Habib, during the briefing, informed that CPLC handles data on prison in-mates, Zainab Alert, identification of dead bodies, and crimes like kidnapping for ransom. He highlighted the efforts and steps taken by CPLC to make these processes successful and effective. On this occasion,

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the CPLC Chief also presented key recommendations regarding the institution, to which the Sindh Home Minister assured full cooperation and support.

The Sindh Home Minister emphasized that further upgrading of CPLC is essential for better and more effective results, and in this regard, the Government of Sindh is ready to provide all possible support and assistance. He directed the IG Sindh to submit comprehensive recommendations regarding the installation of cameras in procession routes.

State Council of the People's Republic of China, Li Qiang, at Aiwan-e-Sadr. CM reviews city infrastructure, orders encroachment removal

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with the Premier of the

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presiding over a high-level meeting and expressed concern over the deteriorating state of Karachi's infrastructure, identifying ongoing development projects, damaged roads, drainage issues, illegal parking and rampant encroachments as major contributors to the city's severe traffic congestion.

The CM, in a decisive move, set a deadline for clearing encroachments from 10 to 15 key roads in the city for which he constituted a task force under Minister Local Government Saeed Ghani and ordered immediate efforts to uplift the affected areas.

role of drug addicts in damaging public infrastructure,

pointing out that they steal steel rods, streetlight pipes, and other materials, causing further degradation of public spaces.

tration to relocate all drug toring. users currently living under bridges and in slum areas. Their theft of steel rods bridges and streetlights not only defaces the city but also undermines our development efforts," Shah stressed, directing civic agencies to strengthen vigilance to prevent such thefts.

The Director General of the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), Rasheed Solangi, informed that they have begun issu-Shah pointed out the ing QR codes for all approvals, as per the CM's

informed that out of 425 buildings currently under construction, 201 have been issued permits with QR codes, which will enable "I want the adminisbetter regulation and moni-

Scanning the QR code will reveal the date of approval, NOC for advertisement, date of starting and completion, number of floors, name of the builder, architect, and contractor, and cost of a flat/shop based on its location/floor.

To another question, the Chief Minister was informed that the Sindh **Building Control Authority** (SBCA) in District South had identified 25 commerthe Chief Minister (CM) cial buildings with approved reserved car parking spaces, but the owners had illegally converted instructions. The CM was these areas into godowns.

Governor pays tributes to women on Int'l rural women's day

KARACHI (APP): The Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori in his message on International Rural Women's Day paid tributes to the rural women. He said, Today is the day to recognize the great services of rural women.'Governor Tessori said that rural women have an unforgettable role in agriculture and rural development. Rural women have a key role in promoting environmental protection, he said adding that gender equality and women empowerment are

constitutional amendments sans PT1 top priorities. marks come amid strenuous efforts by the incumbent

ISLAMABAD (INP): Amid the prevailing ambiguity surrounding the narrative of the prospective constitutional amendments being pushed by the ruling coalition, the Jamiat Ulemae-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) has ruled out any tweaks to the Constitution without the Pakistan Tehkree-e-Insaf

KARACHI: Maulana Fazlur Rehman, head of Jamiat

Ulema-e-Islam, reached Bilawal House to meet Paki-

stan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

JUI-F rules out

Speaking to a private TV channel, JUI-F's Senator Kamran Murtaza said that they cannot ignore the PTI and that the Constitution cannot be called a consensus-oriented one if the Imran Khan-founded party is not on board.

government to woo the JUI-F in its bid to secure relevant numbers in the parliament to successfully pass the constitutional package provisioning a three-year fixed tenure for the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) as well as the establishment of a constitutional court. A day earlier, JUI-F

chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman hinted at closing in on a consensus with the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

"It is our responsibility to create a balance The lawmaker's re- among all the institutions.

Bomb thrown at Nisar Khuhro's house in Larkana

LARKANA(INP): A hand grenade attack targeted the home of Nisar Khuhro, the Chairman of the Sindh Public Accounts Committee and President of the Sindh chapter of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), in Larkana.

It reported in media that the incident caused no casualties or property damage. Two individuals on a motorcycle allegedly attempted to throw a hand grenade into Khuhro's resi-

Rubina Khalid discusses BISP expansion plans with Sindh legislators KARACHI (APP): Chair- families and now we are BISP programs and regis-

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a meet

ing on various issues in the city, held at CM House in Karachi.

person Benazir Income Support Program Senator Rubina Khalid on Tuesday, held key meetings with Sindh ministers and provincial legislators to discuss matters related to expansion of BISP program and its outreach as well as addressing the challenges faced by beneficiaries.

Senator Rubina Khalid along with other senior officials of BISP held a meeting with Chairman Public Accounts Committee of Sindh Assembly Nisar Ahmad Khuhro at Sindh Assembly building. General Secretary PPP Sindh Waqar Mehdi, provincial President PPP Ladies wing Sindh Shagufta Jumani, women MPAs and other office bearers of PPP women wing attended the meeting.

During the discussion, the Chairperson said that BISP was providing finanfocusing on skill development of young members of registered families to ensure their self-reliance.

She said that BISP was the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto that was realized by President Asif Ali Zardari. The unique social security program not only provided financial assistance to women folk but also secured their identity in the

national database, she added. It was clear directives of President Asif Ali Zardari that BISP beneficiaries should get the entire amount of quarterly stipend without any deduction and they must be dealt with respect by the BISP officials at all the centers across the country, she said adding that strict actions had been taken on such complaints against the involved persons.

She emphasized the need of imparting awareness

tration criteria to dispel the misconceptions and said that efforts were underway to enhance outreach of BISP

through training programs. She said that BISP data integrated with NADRA and FBR database while steps were being taken to link it with data of provincial Excise departments. She said that biometric verification was made mandatory to ensure that only registered beneficiary could get the stipend amount. BISP was reviewing the possibilities of ensuring direct disbursement of quarterly financial assistance into bank accounts of beneficiaries and meetings had been held in the regard with State Bank of Pakistan and other stakeholders, she informed adding that there were 17,000 bank branches across the country and it would facilitate



Rubina Khalid chairing a meeting with Leaders of Peoples Party (PPP) Nisar Ahmed Khuhro and other Parliamentarians, at Sindh Assembly in Karachi.

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Conciliatory approach

While visiting survivors of last week's heinous attack on coalminers in Duki, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti said on Saturday that a military operation was not on the cards in the troubled province. He added that intelligence-based operations were "ongoing" to uncover the facts behind the

Though a variety of militant groups are active in Balochistan, till date no one has claimed responsibility for the Duki massacre. While there is surely a need to neutralise violent elements that present a danger to public safety in the province, the fact is that militarised responses to terrorism and insurgency have been tried in Balochistan for decades, but have failed to bring permanent peace to this tortured land.

Therefore, there is a need to investigate the intelligence lapses that led to the Duki terrorist attack and earlier violent episodes, while kinetic responses can only work if there are complementary political and economic efforts to address the deprivation that fuels separatist sentiment.

However, it appears the state is determined to continue using the same old playbook against voices peacefully demanding their rights in Balochistan. In this respect, a terrorism and sedition case has been filed against rights activist Dr Mahrang Baloch for her alleged "anti-state campaign". Perplexingly, the case has been filed by a businessman from Karachi's Landhi area.

Unfortunately, these tactics are not new. Whenever elements within the state want to tar someone with the 'anti-national' brush, cases are filed by random individuals in far-flung cities with no connection to the activists or their cause. In some instances, the activism has 'hurt' the feelings of the random aggrieved parties, and they have dutifully filed cases based on extremely serious charges. Dr Baloch has termed the case "fabricated" and has vowed to "fight this in a court of law"

The sad truth is that when the powers that be marginalise and defame peaceful voices calling for change and rights, then disaffected populations are pushed towards radicalisation and confrontation with the state. The recently concluded jirga in Jamrud, organised by the proscribed PTM, raised many of the same points that Baloch activists have been highlighting for years. It includes the problem of enforced disappearances and the extraction of KP's resources, with few benefits reaching the common people from this natural wealth.

In order to stem the tide of disaffection, efforts to maintain law and order have to be supported by political initiatives that allow deprived segments of the population to freely air their grievances, with appropriate responses from the state. Pakistan can only move forward when disillusioned segments of society — particularly in Balochistan and KP — are brought into the mainstream, and are given their constitutional rights. In the long term, this can be amongst the most effective counterterrorism measures.

Whose supremacy?

Dr Niaz Murtaza

A debate is on about the right mix between parliamentary supremacy and judicial freedom. Regime circles say the former is democracy's core but our courts now act su- not maximised by racv actually means supremacy of people's will right mix between the first two is one that maximises public wel-

People in democracies delegate governance to elected agents. However, agents often clients hire third parties to monitor big agents. Parliaments monitor executives, but both come from the same political parties and a political process rife with compromises. So, democracies globally make free However, executive inthe courts' members imbibe the high principles of justice and lack political links. What if judges cheat? Democracies don't keep another formal monitor but use law ensures parity in free media and civil society to informally influence all state pillars to pursue people's welfare. This system of checks adopting the system and balances is imper-that the UK and India fect but works better than absolute systems.

punish Courts elected violators of the civil society and law but, globally, also review laws that undermine basic human rights or democratic norms as well as the ability of courts, media and civil society to monitor to chief justices in all elected agents. These powers cut parliamentary supremacy but ensure that bad laws don't harm the public welfare. Can courts nix constitutional laws passed by mandate amending the democratic snail march super majorities? As Constitution opaquely, by decades and inpeople's supremacy hastily, and with pos- crease political illegiti-

even a 100 per cent malong. The worst specific jority to protect the issue is the prime minispeople, but not laws in ter alone naming the technical or administra- first head of the constitive areas where judges lack the needed exper-

So, public welfare is preme. In fact, democ- maximising parliament's supremacy but by balancing it with judicial and welfare, and the freedom. Democracies first two are just flounder without such democracy's tools to en- balance. Judicial freesure these two. So, the dom requires powerful executives to have no formal role in judges' hiring and accountability and court rules and work, as that may undercut their ability to monitor executives freely. This is more true for cheat clients. So, many weak democracies, where executives use even informal powers to coerce the courts, which

must be curbed.

It is better to have

parliament, the judiciary

itself, civil society and

academia do these tasks.

courts their monitors as fluence must be avoided while involving parliament by having committees with parity among ruling and opposition legislators, but no executive members. Our committees while it involves executive members in judicial hiring. There is a case for now have, where only judges do this, but by adding legal aces from academia to cut insularity. Our law rightly lets only judges hold judges accountable given the legalities involved, but

court matters. The new constitutional bill and other laws must be viewed via this the executive but the lens. The key bad is a establishment even House with a rigged more. It will reverse our trumps parliament's, sible horse-trading to macy, instability, concourts must nix such alter the balance bebad laws passed by tween state pillars for Courtesy Dawn

gives too much leeway

tutional court, which means not parliamentary but executive sway over it. Even the basic case for such a court is

Separate constitutional courts were set up mainly in civil law states where regular courts lack the powers to review laws. Our courts already review laws, thus nixing the most critical logic in favour of a constitutional court. Nor will it cut pendency much, which ex---ists mainly in the lower courts. Ace legal minds point to the huge pitfalls involved in dividing our legal system. Few common law states like ours have done so. Involving politicians in judges hiring and accountability and court rules means conflict of interest and legal expertise issues.

The recent change in the Supreme Court procedures committee rules has also led to executive sway over the courts, as it was done via presidential assent to a cabinet decision and has re-established the chief justice's monopoly, cut by an earlier

So, the bill reflects not principles but a naked power grab to tame judges. It may boost parliamentary supremacy but will reduce public welfare. Our courts have often harmed public welfare like other state pillars. But the common factor undermining all state pillars is the establishment's sway over civilian structures. The bill will empower

'Here, take this'

gesture, 'lanat', can be traced back to ancient Greece. moutza or faskeloma, a condemnation, should survive many millennia and still be used in our part of the world is of our circumstances Democracy and the to tainly not among them. Muddy and unpaved streets are the resemblances that survive, along with the lanat. In the olden times,

demned prisoners were paraded in the streets in shackles and handcuffs. The passersby, usually similar misfits, would dip their hands in the abundant muddy slush on the street and, rub it down the prisoner's face to record disgust over the actual or suspected misdeeds of the victim. Yet others, repulsed by these they are inviting their wretches, avoided physical contact and imitated the hand gesture from a distance. anyone and everything Lest their insult goes to waste, they would also yell 'na,' meaning 'here, take this!' Precisely what it means in Sindhi - ie 'he vath,' a necessary accompaniment of the clergy's pressure to 'bujo' or 'bhundo', as lanat is called.

Every region and society adapts cultural norms, civil and vulgar, tify the treatment being according to its temperament.

Punjab and Sindh have added the suffix 'lakh' to 'lanat' for added effect. The Seraiki-belt has taken the insult to another level by exclaiming

Shahzad Sharjeel and the insult is uncom- this category. Yes, mon, though not en-The provenance of the tirely unheard of in their cultures.

Having That the lished the antecedents and gravity of the word, gesture of disgust and let us discuss its latest usage and the currency it is given through a viral video. By way of a full public disclosure, I unsurprising, as some have issues with the resorting to violence, chief justice. I also hark back to that era. favour the public right discuss, even flourishing of philoso- criticise, observations phy and arts are cer- made and verdicts passed by courts on ju-

dicial merits. The incumbent chief justice ensure and his family have been persecuted in courts of law and subundertrials and con-His tormentors are on record as acknowledgfiled against him in the Supreme Judicial Council was ill-advised. The same party's supporters are piling all kinds of goes around, comes around'?

Does the PTI leadopponents to get equal by showing disrespect not just to them but to may be seen as bristling in his courtroom, scolding attorneys pleading their clients' cases, coming under dilute earlier decisions, engaging in verbal jousts with journalists. But that does not jusmeted out to him and

his family. He may not be the best this exalted office demands or deserves, but he is not the worst.

Our history is replete with prime ministers, presidents, and 'gaharore kay' (rotating service chiefs seeking and grinding) while safe havens abroad communicating it. The when they leave office longer lend an ear to Baloch and Pakhtun do or are shunted out; we their master's voice and not seem to have an inseem hell-bent on addare snapping at his digenous word for it, ing chief justices to heels. -- Courtesy Dawn

judges need to earn the public's respect and goodwill through their rulings while in office, but if they have committed any wrongs, how do we make them right by forcing them to leave the country? Shunning someone socially is an individual choice, but physical or otherwise. begets violence.

Prime ministers, judges, or generals, serving or retired, cannot be above the law. We, the people, must that ins-titutions and those

who serve and, especially, head them, act jected to media trials. according to the Constitution while in office. Those who do not ing that the reference abide by the law of the land shou--ld face it regardless of whether they are in or out of of-

One hopes that with all five digits apart, abuse on him. Have truth shall prevail in evthey not heard 'what ery instance, muckraking and sullying the reputations of the upright stops, and those ership not realise that hurting the rights of the citizens are punished according to law and not given a safe passage to foreign lands. The wrongfully acdear to them? A judge cused and defamed should take heart; Faiz Sahib, too, was taken through the streets in handcuffs, albeit in a

That we remember his famous verse, 'aaj bazar mein pa ba jaulan (swagger through the bazaar in shackles today), is a testament to the abiding resilience of good repute and truth. Bhutto and Faiz have acquired iconic status.

Urfi, the Persian poet, famously said, Barking of dogs doesn't impact the beggars' sustenance." War dogs, for their part, no

Commerce News

Pakistan Night highlights chances for IT sector growth

DUBAI (APP): A special Innovation Dubai Silicon networking event, 'Pakistan Night' held at Pakistan Association the event. Dubai as part of the GITEX Global 2024 activities on Tuesday, highlighted opportunities for information technology

sector growth. This event was organized to foster connections among tech through GITEX.

The Ambassador will be a supplied to the connection of the conne professionals and business leaders, which attracted executives from various nationalities, providing a collaboration and exchange

of ideas. Sheikh Mana Bin Muhammad bin Rashid Al emphasized the importance (PASHA), and the Special Maktoum graced the of leveraging international Investment Facilitation occasion as a chief guest.

Senior Entrepreneurship and global footprint.

Oasis, and other Emirati dignitaries also attended

Pakistan's Sharif, and Mi Ambassador to the UAE, State for Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Telecommunicat expressed his gratitude to Fatima

"With events like highlighted exports and showcase unique platform for potential on the global stated.

Не Ghanim Al Falasi, Pakistan's growing teen industry and expand its Pakistan's growing tech working

On behalf of the Government of Pakistan, Prime Muhammad Shehbaz s Sharif, and Minister of IΤ & Telecommunication, Shaza Khawaja, his Highness Sheikh Ambassador Tirmizi Mohammed bin Rashid Al thanked GITEX Global for

these, we can substantially collaborative efforts of the hundreds of tech increase our IT-related Ministry of Information Technology Pakistan's technological Telecommunications Pakistan stage," the ambassador Software Export Board

(MoITT), (PSEB), Pakistan Software platforms to promote Council (SIFC) for jointly strengthening Pakistan's IT industry.

disconnected another 121 illegal gas

121 illegal gas connections across Punjab, Khyber

resulting in fines exceeding 600,000 PKR.



PESHAWAR: Ex Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali addressing to the meeting of **Mohmand Chamber of Commerce.**

SCCI calls for joint initiatives to improve **Pak-Iran trade**

PESHAWAR and Industry, Fazal Iran, said a release issued and others. here Tuesday.

Chamber House.

The meeting was attended by SCCI vice neighboring countries.

president (APP): Shehryar Sarhad Khan, members of the Chamber of Commerce executive committee Aftab Iqbal, Muhammad Moqeem Khan called for Ashfaq and Nadeem cementing bilateral trade Rauf, Secretary General and economic relations Muqtasid Ahsan, between Pakistan and Secretary Sohail Anjum

He was talking to Ali who was accompanied Banafshekhah, Iranian by commercial attaché Consul General in Hossein Mailki, said Iran Peshawar during a wants to improve trade meeting held here at the and economic relations with Pakistan and all

Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Islamabad, imposing fines totaling over 3.5 million PKR. According to a spokesman for the department, in Multan and Sahiwal, 26 connections were severed for illegal gas usage, while Lahore and Faisalabad saw 19 more connections cut,

Additionally, in Sheikhupura, Gujranwala, and Sargodha, eight illegal Ali Banafshekhah connections were removed, incurring fines of 1.1 million PKR. Bahawalpur and Gujrat faced the disconnection of 13 connections, with penalties amounting to 20,000 PKR.

KARACHI: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program Rubina Khalid observing the facilities at textile and design center of Hunar Foundation Korangi.

PTCL Group reports 15.3% YoY revenue growth

Company Limited (PTCL), the leading telecom and ICT services provider in the country, has reported a 15.3% year-onyear (YoY) revenue growth, reaching Rs. 160.6 billion.

This growth was primarily driven by the strong performance of the consumer segment, led by fixed broadband, mobile data, and wholesale & business solutions. Announcing

financial results for the 30, 2024, following a solutions segments.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Board of Directors P a k i s t a n meeting, the company Telecommunication disclosed an operating profit of Rs. 1.6 billion. However, it also reported a net loss of Rs.15.3 billion.

In 2024, PTCL Group upheld its momentum strengthened its position as a major telecom service provider in Pakistan. PTCL achieved revenue of Rs 79.5 billion during the first nine months of 2024, which is 11.1% higher than the same period of last year, mainly driven by growth in fixed line, quarter ending September wholesale & business

SBP to Celebrate Women **Entrepreneurship Day on** November 19, 2024

contributions of women entrepreneurial landscape.

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) will celebrate Women Entrepreneurship inaugurated by Governor banks SBP Jameel Ahmad at the consiste SBP. The event is expected to bring together top officials from banks and non-bank institutions and working women

ISLAMABAD (Online): entrepreneurs in the

economy. Besides activities, the event will Day (WED) on November also include recognition 19,2024. The event will be awards to high-performing that consistently extended loans to female borrowers. Additionally, awards will be presented to women-led businesses across various categories, acknowledging to recognize their remarkable significant achievements in the associations to recognize

SCCI visits **Thalassemia Blood Center**

SARGODHA (APP): A delegation from the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) led by newlyelected President Khawaja Yasir Qayyum visited the Hilal-e-Ahmer Thalassemia Hemophilia Blood Center on Sillanwali Road on Tuesday. The delegation included executive members Rubina Mukhtar, Usman Atiq and others.
President SCCI

Khawaja Yasir Qayyum, along with other members spent time with children suffering from Thalassemia besides distributing gifts among them.

PSX turns around to bullish trend, gains 578 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend on Tuesday, gaining 578.96 points, a positive change of 0.68 percent, closing at 85,840.34 points against 85,261.39 points on the last trading day. A total of 422,107,359 shares were traded during the day as compared to 477,642,675 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 24.467 billion against Rs. 23.474 billion on the last trading day.

Rizwan Sheikh begins visit to Texas in effort to expand economic ties WASHINGTON (APP): between Pakistan and Pakistan's Ambassador to Texas in diverse fields,

Pak envoy to US

the United States, Rizwan community, and Pakistani diaspora in Dallas and Houston in his efforts to further strengthen Islamabad-Washington relationship, according to a Pakistani embassy press

including IT, agriculture, Saeed Sheikh, met with the leadership of U.S. state of ambassador said as he business began a 3-day visit to Texas on Monday with that

"Our diaspora in the United States can play a pivotal role in strengthening economic ties with the U.S. while also helping "There are immense counterparts capitalize on opportunities to forge a economic opportunities in



ISLAMABAD: A view of closed Petrol Pump due to Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, in Islamabad.

IMF says global public debt to top \$100 trillion, growth may accelerate

this year for the first time, political sentiment favors higher spending and slow growth amplifies borrowing needs and costs, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Tuesday.

The IMF's latest "Fiscal policy Fiscal Monitor report uncertainty has increased. showed global public debt will reach 93 per cent of global gross domestic product by the end of 2024 and approach 100pc by 2030. That would exceed pandemic exploded mounting.

NEW YORK (INP): The world's total public debt is set to exceed \$100 trillion government spending.

Released a week before the IMF and World Bank hold annual meetings and may grow more in Washington, the Fiscal quickly than forecast as Monitor said there are good reasons to believe future debt levels could be well higher than currently projected, including a desire to spend more in the US, the world's largest economy

> and political red lines on taxation have become more entrenched," the IMF said in the report.

'Spending pressures its 99pc peak during transitions, population COVID-19. It would also aging, security concerns be up 10 percentage points and long-standing from 2019, before the development challenges are

KP CM directs For implementation of minimum monthly wages

PESHAWAR (APP): KP Chief Minister Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur has ruled out compromise on the rights of the labourers and directed the concerned implementation minimum monthly wages in any circumstances.

directives while presiding over a meeting of the Labour Department here on Wednesday. Besides, the Provincial Minister for Labour, Fazal Shakoor, the Secretary Labour and Advocate General and other concerned authorities also attended neeting. prevention of injustice in this regard. the meeting.

various steps and decisions for the welfare of labourers further directed for fixation compile data of 1the and workers of the of a job quota for

LAHORE

Provincial

Government Minister

Zeeshan Rafiq has said that

in line with the vision of

Chief Minister Maryam

Nawaz Sharif regarding

Suthra Punjab, the bidding

process has been completed in 64 tehsils of

the province and the pre-

qualification process will

tehsils during October.

be completed in the rest of

LAHORE: Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider

Khan alongwith delegation of Down Syndrome

Association Pakistan led by Member Provincial

Salma Hashmi offering Dua after sapling tree at

Suthra Punjab outsourcing

bidding completed in 64

tehsils: Minister

Local

been

He was chairing a outsourcing momeeting at the Civil reviewed in detail.

minister directed the implementation. authorities for the opening of the bank accounts of labourers and workers of authorities for the the industrial sector to cruelty and excesses and transfer their salaries to He issued these to sit with the owners of circumstances and directed industries and framed a comprehensive policy for the protection of the rights of labourers. He further directed for provision of protection to the employment of the workers of the industrial sector and

industrial units and employment of the local brickkilns. The chief labourers and its strict

He on this occasion said that workers of brickkilns are met out said that they will not them. The chief minister allow the exploitation of also directed the authorities those workers in any for special focus on the prevention of excesses with workers of brickkilns. The chief minister

said that the provision of justice and protection to the rights of such oppressed class of the a platform for the redressal society is the of the complaints and responsibility of the government and directed the concerned authorities The chief minister to register brickkilns and abourers working in them.

'Maryam Ke Dastak' now covers 22 districts

AHORE (APP): The Maryam ke Dastak' initiative, launched by Chief Minister of the Punjab (CM) Maryam Nawaz and executed by the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), has expanded to 22 districts across Punjab to enhance public service delivery. The itizens of Kasur, Jhang, Attock, Bhakkar, Khanewal, Muzaffargarh,

Bahawalnagar, Sialkot, Jehlum, Mianwali and Sheikhupura can also now avail over 60 government services from the comfort of their homes. Previously these services were available in 11 districts: Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan, Gujranwala, Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Sargodha, Sahewal, Okara and Pakpatan. Since its launch on June 4, 2024, the program has rapidly expanded from offering 10

essential public services in

the Lahore district to over

60 services across 22

districts within a mere

three months

work on the underconstruction building of Liaqat Memorial Women and Children Hospital Kohat will be resumed soon for which the PDWP has already approved revised estimate of more than Rs.2.44 Billion. This he said while talking to the local people with modern medical

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PESHAWAR: Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Minister for

Law and Parliamentary

Affairs Aftab Alam Afridi

Advocate has said that

on the occasion of his visit

will resume soon Sheikh Allah Dad the other day. He on this occasion also condoled the sad demise of the members of Tableeghi Jamaat who were died in a road accident recently and prayed for the eternal peace of the deceased. The minister said that a Tender of Rs.1 Billion has already been done for the said hospital in April this year, out of which Rs.20 Million have been released. He added that Liaqat Memorial Hospital will be equipped

KARACHI: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Chairperson, Sena-

KP Law Minister says:

Work on under-construction

building of LMH Kohat

to the Union Council Ziarat equipment and facilities. Federal Ombudsman intervenes to waive fine for widow, restore ID card

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Federal Ombudsman, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi Tuesday successfully intervened to waive a fine imposed by NADRA and restore the ID card of a

widow from Havelian. The woman had filed a complaint at the Abbottabad regional office, reporting a fine of 10,000 rupees for the issuance of a duplicate ID card, which had led to the suspension of her

complaint, the Federal waived the fine.

Ombudsman Secretariat's Regional Office promptly issued notices to NADRA officials and requested a comprehensive report on

Following thorough investigation and hearing, Ombudsman Qureshi ruled in favor of the complainant, ordering NADRA to immediately waive the fine and restore ID card. In compliance with these directives, Abbottabad has reinstated Upon receiving the the widow's ID card and

tor Rubina Khalid visiting the Hunar Foundation in Karachi. CM forms committee to probe rape case

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif constituted a 7-member high-powered committee to investigate the private college alleged rape case, and directed it to submit a detailed investigative report within

48 hours. The CM directed the investigation committee to record evidence of the abuse case, besides statements of the parties concerned. She also directed them to examine police action and response the college administration to the case.

The CM appointed the Chief Secretary convener of the convener committee. Other members of the committee include Secretaries Home.

Health adviser visits UNICEF Office Peshawar

PESHAWAR (APP) Advisor to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Health Ihtisham Ali and Health Secretary Adeel Shah visited UNICEF Peshawar office and express gratitude for support and assistance being provided to authorities.

They were received by UNICEF Health Team Lead Dr Inamullah, Program Manager Wisam Hazem

Taking care of special children is nothing less than a virtue: Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation of Syndrome Association Pakistan led by Member Provincial Salma Hashmi called on

Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at

Governor House Lahore. Speaking on this occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that taking care of special children and equipping them with education is nothing less than a virtue. Governor Punjab appreciated the efforts of Dawn Syndrome Association to educate and train the children with Down Syndrome in an inclusive environment. Governor Punjab said that

serving humanity should be encouraged in every way. Governor Punjab assured the delegation of all possible support for Down Association. Member Provincial Assembly Salma Hashmi informed the Punjab Governor about the efforts of Down Syndrome Association to provide inclusive education to children with Down syndrome like the developed countries and make them active members

of the society. On this

occasion, Punjab Governor

Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

such institutions which are



KARACHI: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Chairperson, Senator Rubina Khalid exchanging views with Saeed Ghani, Sindh Minister for Local Government during meeting held in Karachi.

PDWP approves five development schemes **worth Rs 8.471b**

LAHORE (APP): Experience (cinema and Provincial Development moving theatre) in Punjab Working Party (PDWP) in at a cost of Rs 1765 its 37 meeting of fiscal year 2024-25 here Tuesday En approved

development schemes worth of Rs 8.471 billion. Chaired by Acting Chairman of P&D Board, Dr Asif Tufail, the meeting approved the following schemes: Establishment of a State-of-the-Art Wildlife Hospital at Safari Zoo, Lahore, at a cost of Rs 2482 Lahore, at a cost of Rs 2482 (PTEGP) - World Bankmillion. Chief Minister assisted scheme is Wildlife Rescue Force at a recommended for CDWP

cost of Rs 2363 million.

Immersive Wildlife billion.

Environmental Monitoring of Industrial Units (DLI 1-3, PGDP World Bank) at a cost of

at a cost of Rs 12.472

Rs 861 million. Replacement of Old/ Condemned Equipment of PFSA at a cost of Rs 1,000 million. Additionally, the Punjab Tourism for **Economic Growth Project**

International News

21 killed in Israeli strike on Lebanon's Christian village

Secretariat here on Tuesday

Government Department

Shakeel Ahmed Mian,

Additional Secretary Maria

Tariq, CEO of LWMC Babar

Sahib Din were also present

while CEOs of other waste

management companies

participated through video

link. On this occasion, the

progress on Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's

Suthra Punjab program and

outsourcing model was

Secretary

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Lebanon's health ministry said at least 21 people died in a rare Israeli strike on a northern Christian-majority village, far from Hezbollah strongholds, with DNA tests being conducted to identify body

A Lebanese security official said the building 'housed families displaced from Lebanon's south, and was targeted shortly after a man had arrived in a car".

"The Israeli enemy strike on the village of Aito... killed in a preliminary toll 21 people and injured eight. DNA tests are being conducted to determine the identity of body parts recovered at the strike site," the ministry said, referring to a village in the Christian-majority Zgharta district. The official National News Agency said Israel targeted a "residential apartment" in the vil-

A photographer at the site of the strike said it had levelled a residential building at the entrance to the village. Body parts were scattered in the rubble, with Red Cross volunteers searching for survivors in

Monitoring Desk

UNITED NATIONS: The

U.N. Security Council ex-

pressed "strong concern"

Monday as Israel has fired

on and wounded U.N.

peacekeepers in southern

Lebanon during intensified

fighting, reiterating its sup-

port for their role in sup-

porting security in the re-

gion. It's the first statement

by the U.N.'s most power-

ful body since Israel's at-

tacks on the positions of

the peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL began

last week, drawing interna-

chief Jean-Pierre Lacroix

told reporters that Secre-

U.N. peacekeeping

tional condemnation.

the wreckage while ambulances evacuated the don in the area, where the

Israel kills at least 40 in Gaza, tanks deepen

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Israeli military strikes killed at least 40 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip as Israeli forces tightened their squeeze around Jabalia in the north of the enclave on Tuesday, amid fierce battles with

Palestinian health ofpeople were killed by Israeli fire near Al-Falouja in Gaza's eight historic refuwere killed in Bani Suhaila in eastern Khan Younis in the south when an Israeli

UN Security Council voices

'strong concern' for UN

peacekeepers after Israeli attacks

nded. strike also sparked a fire, The Lebanese army he said.

raid in the north

Hamas-led fighters.

missile struck a house. Earlier on Tuesday,

an Israeli airstrike destroyed three houses in the Sabra suburb of Gaza City, and the local civil emergency service said they recovered two bodies from the site, while the

Guterres confirmed Mon-

day that peacekeepers will

remain in all their positions

even as Israel has urged the

peacekeepers to move 5 ki-

lometers (3 miles) north

during its ground invasion

ing its campaign against

Hezbollah in Lebanon

across a U.N.-drawn

boundary between the two

Israel has been escalat-

in Lebanon

search continued for 12 other people who were believed to have been in the houses at the time of the strike. Five others were killed when a house was struck in the Nuseirat camp in central Gaza.

Jabalia has been the focus of an Israeli offensive for more than 10 days, with ficials said at least 11 troops returning to areas of the north that came under heavy bombardment in the Jabalia, the largest of early months of the yearlong war. The operation has gee camps, while 10 others raised concerns among Palestinians and UN agencies that Israel wants to clear residents from the north of the crowded enclave, a charge it has denied.

The United Nations human rights office said on Tuesday the Israeli military appeared to be "cutting off North Gaza completely from the rest of the Gaza Strip.

Iran summons Hungarian ambassador, condemns EU and UK sanctions

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: Iran's foreign ministry summoned

Hungary's ambassador on Tuesday to protest against new European Union sanctions on Tehran and denied Western allegations that it has transferred ballistic missiles to Russia, Iranian state media re-

The EU agreed on The sides have been Monday to impose sancclashing since the Iraniantions on seven people and backed militant group seven organisations, includstarted firing rockets a year ing airline Iran Air, for alago in solidarity with its leged links to Iranian transally Hamas in Gaza. Hamas' fers of ballistic missiles to deadly attacks in southern Russia. Britain, which is Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 not in the EU, also imposed tary-General António launched the war. new sanctions



Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, with Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly, and Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs Dominic LeBlanc, takes part in a press conference about the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's investigation into "violent criminal activity in Canada with connections to India", on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

North Korea blows up roads connecting it to the South

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: North Korea blew

up sections of the deeply symbolic roads connecting it to the South on Tuesday, Seoul's military said, adding it had conducted a "counter-fire" operation in

Pyongyang's military last week vowed to permanently seal its southern border after spending months laying mines and building anti-tank barriers in the wake of leader Kim Jong Un declaring the South his country's "principal en-

The North also accused Seoul of using drones to drop anti-regime propaganda leaflets on the capital Pyongyang, with Kim convening a security meeting to direct a plan of "immediate military action" in response, state media reported on Tuesday.

"North Korea has detonated parts of the Gyeongui and Donghae roads north of the Military Demarcation Line.

Canada's Trudeau slams India as tensions soar over Sikh separatist's murder

Monitoring Desk OTTAWA: Canada's

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused India on Monday of making a "fundamental error", as an escalating row over the killing of a Sikh separatist on Canadian soil last year saw both countries expel each other's ambassadors.

A grave Trudeau branded New Delhi's actions as "unacceptable" during a press conference in Ottawa on the diplomatic expulsions, which saw tensions reach a new height after the 2023 murder of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Trudeau has previ-

ously said there were "credible allegations" linking Indian intelligence services to the killing. Both countries have traded barbs since then, culminating with the expulsions Monday of each other's ambassadors and five other top diplomats in both countries. "The government of India made a fundamental error in thinking that they could engage in supporting criminal activity against Canadians here on Canadian soil.

India to buy 31 armed drones from US **Monitoring Desk**

Department on Tuesday to buy 31 armed MQ-9B SkyGuardian SeaGuardian High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) drones, the South Asian nation's defence ministry said. The deal follows talks that began in 2018. It is expected to significantly increase India's surveillance and intelligence capabili ties and is in line with US efforts to coax India away from buying Russian military equipment and counter China's growing dominance. India's apex defence body approved the procurement last year just before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Washington.

Saudi crown prince visits Cairo

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Saudi Arabian Crown Mohammed bin Salman is visiting Cairo on Tuesday to discuss trade and investment as well as the crises in Lebanon and Gaza with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi Egyptian diplomatic sources said. The visit comes amid speculation about potential Saudi investments in Egypt.

US, Philippines launch war games a day after China's Taiwan drills exercises come amid a se-**Monitoring Desk**

US and Filipino marines launched 10 days of joint exercises in the northern and western Philippines on Tuesday, a day after China held huge drills around Taiwan. The annual Kamandag, or Venom, exercises are focussed on defending the north coast of the Philippines' main island of Luzon, which lies about 800 kilometres from selfruled Taiwan.

Beijing considers Taiwan part of its territory and has vowed it will never rule out using force to take it, calling Monday's drills a "stern warning" to "separatist" forces on the island. The joint US-Filipino

ries of escalating confrontations between China and the Philippines over reefs and waters in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims almost in its en-

tirety.
Philippine Marine Corps commandant Major-General Arturo Rojas stressed at Tuesday's opening ceremony in Manila that Kamandag was long planned and had "nothing to do with whatever is happening in the region".

The drills' primary focus will be live-fire exercises along Luzon's north coast, while other activities will be conducted on tiny Philippine islands between Luzon and Taiwan.

Sending a THAAD air defense system to Israel adds to strain on US Army forces

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The deployment of a U.S. Ter-

minal High Altitude Area Defense battery to Israel and roughly 100 soldiers to operate it will add to already difficult strains on the Army's air defense forces and potential delays in modernizing its missile defense systems, Army leaders said Monday. The service's top two leaders declined to provide details on the deployment ordered by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin over the weekend. But they spoke broadly about their concerns as the demand for THAAD and Patriot missile batteries grows because of the war in Ukraine and the escalating conflict between Israel and Iranbacked Hezbollah and Hamas militants.

"The air defense, artillery community is the most stressed. They have the highest 'optempo' really of any part of the Army," Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said, using a phrase meaning the pace of operations. "We're Ukraine.

just constantly trying to be as disciplined as we can, and give Secretary Austin the information he needs to accurately assess the strain on the force when he's considering future operational deployments." Wormuth said the Army has to be careful about "what we take on. But of course, in a world this volatile, you know, sometimes we have to do what we have to do." The Pentagon announced the THAAD deployment Sunday, saying it was authorized at the direction of President Joe Biden. U.S. officials said the system will be moved from a location in the continental United States to Israel and that it will take a number of days for it and the soldiers to arrive. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of troop move-

The move adds to what have been growing tensions within the Defense Department about what weapons the U.S. can afford to send to

Pakistan calls India's occupation of Kashmir 'worst manifestation' of

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Describing India's occupation of Jammu and Kashmir as the "worst manifestation of modernday colonialism," Pakistan has underscored the need for the resolution of the decades-old dispute over the Himalayan state to achieve durable peace in South Asia.

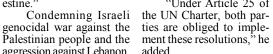
and all its Member States are bound by the UN Charter to promote a peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people," Ambassador Munir Akram, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the General Assembly's Special Decolonization (Fourth) Committee on Monday.

Noting that since 1946, 80 former colonies have gained independence, he said, "There are still peoples who are denied the right to self-determination, among them the people of occupied Kashmir and Pal-

aggression against Lebanon, the Pakistani envoy said, "Israel's massacres and brutalities will not extinguish the struggle for freedom and self-determination of the people of Palestine". In this context, he advocated a two-state solution

termination of the Kashmiri people, Ambassador Akram said, was explicitly recognized in UNSC resolution 47 (1948) and several subsequent resolutions, which be decided by its people through a free and fair plebiscite held under UN

These resolutions



On Kashmir, the Pakistani envoy said, "For 75 years, through force and fraud, India has avoided the implementation of UN resolutions, and since 1989, it's 'brutal' campaign of repression killed 100,000

Since August 5, 2019. "Similarly, India's oc- he said, "India has taker 'Unilateral and illegal steps' to annex occupied Kashmir in what its leaders have termed as a 'Final Solu-

"Resolution 122 (1957) of the Security Council provides that unilateral measures 'to determine the future shape and affiliation of the entire state prescribed that the final dis- or any part thereof, would position of the State of not constitute a disposition Jammu & Kashmir should of the state", Ambassador Akram said.

"Consequently, all unilateral actions taken by India on and after August 5, 2019 are not only illegal, were accepted by both In- but, ipso facto, null and void," he added.

> is best time for Pakistan's Chance to Shine globally. Senator Rehman emphasized the importance of Pakistan leveraging its momentum to

opportunity to leverage

momentum and achieve its

connectivity goals, particu-

larly with numerous digni-

taries from various states

view, Senator Sherry

Rehman highlights connec-

In an exclusive inter-

participating.

tivity potential and said it

nior leader of the Pakistan initiatives like the China-People's Party & former Pakistan Economic Corri-Ambassador Senator Sherry dor (CPEC) and Gawadar. Rehman Tuesday stressed Pakistanis are known that Pakistan has a historic

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with Prime

Minister of Kazakhstan H.E. Olzhas Bektenov on the sidelines of Shanghai

Governor assents

to anti-narcotics

force bill

KARACHI (APP): The

Governor of Sindh Kamran

Khan Tessori has signed

the Anti-Narcotics Force

aimed at establishing spe-

cial anti-narcotics courts.

Force will play a more ac-

tive role to bring criminals

to justice, he said adding

that drug dealers are mak-

ing the youth of the soci-

tablishment of special courts will help in drug pre-

Technical reasons

persist as more

flights cancelled

at Karachi Airport

ISLAMABAD (ÎNP):

Several international and

domestic flights departing

from Karachi Airport have

been suspended due to tech-

nical and operational rea-

schedule, Karachi to Islamabad AirBlue flight

PA-200 have been cancelled while flight QR-611 from

Karachi to Doha Qatar has also been called off.

Moreover, SereneAir flight ER-524 from Karachi

to Lahore has been can-

celled while SereneAir flight

ER-504 from Karachi to

Islamabad has also been

of AirSial from Karachi to

Lahore has been cancelled

and AirSial flight PF-125

has also been called off.
Likewise, PIA flight

PK-306 from Karachi to

Lahore was cancelled PIA flight PK-536 from Karachi

to Sukkur was also can-

International

blind day

observes in

Larkana

LARKANA (APP): Paki

stan Association of the

Blind celebrated the Inter-national Blind Day at

Begum Nusrat Bhutto Hall

Jinnah Bagh, Larkana here

on Tuesday.
On this occasion,

Mayor Larkana Advocate

Anwar Ali Luhar partici-

pated as a special guest and

on the occasion of Interna-

tional Day of the Blind,

Mayor Larkana paid trib-

ute and encouraged to them.

sion, Mayor Larkana said

that these special people are

a part of our society and

we always stand with them

alone. He said that accord-

ing to the manifesto of Pakistan People's Party, we

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blind people senior citizens and School children's par-

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The Governor said

He said that the es-

Bill here on Tuesday.

Cooperation Organisation Head of Government Meeting.

Sherry urges Pakistan to

harness momentum for

regional connectivity, growth

for their genuine warmth and welcoming nature, which is deeply ingrained in the country's cultural fabric, she added. This remarkable hos-

pitality has the power to convey a strong message to the world, showcasing Pakistan's soft image and its people's kindness, she added. By leveraging its hospitality, Pakistan can improve its international image, promote intercultural harmony and create employment opportunities

strengthen regional connec- for future, she mentioned. Saeed Ghani chairs 1197th meeting of KDA's Governing Body

Independent Report KARACHI: The 1197th

governing body meeting of the Karachi Development Authority (KDA) was held on Tuesday with Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani in the chair. Saeed Ghani chaired the meeting in his capacity as the chairman of the KDA's governing body. The meeting was attended by the Additional Chief Secretary of Sindh, Syed Khalid Haider Shah, governing body members including Sindh Assembly member Ali Ahmed Jan, Yousuf Baloch, Additional Commissioner SG Mehdi, DG KDA Shujaat Hussain, Kashif Khan, Administraber Tariq Rafique, among

others.

During the meeting, while approving the minutes of the previous governing body, the Sindh Local Government Minister remarked that since the members of the last meeting had signed the minutes and none of them were present at that time, it is thus approved considering that the then members had signed it. Amendments were made to the KDA rules that were established in 1963. The meeting included detailed discussions on the budget for the financial year 2024-25. A comprehensive report was requested regarding employees' salaries pensions, and other mattion Member Shakeel ters, and this was post-Siddiqui, Technical Memponed until October 21.

Industries playing a key role in employment in Sindh, says Shahid Thahim

CPEC phase 2 to boost industrial growth and employment opportunities, says Minister for Labour

Independent Report KARACHI: Sindh's industries are providing largescale employment and are performing better compared to Punjab, said Provincial Minister for Labour and ter). Speaking at the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) conference, he highlighted the need for a "One Window Operation" to simplify interactions between various government depart-



Abdul Salam Thahim. He emphasized that under the manifesto of Pakistan People's Party, industries are playing a crucial role in fulfilling the promise of 'Roti, Kapra, and Makan"

tax collection. Thahim announced

that this matter would be raised in a meeting with the Chief Minister of Sindh to

SCO holds strategic value for Pakistan's foreign policy: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, emphasized on Thursday that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit holds significant strategic value, presenting a crucial opportunity to open new economic and diplomatic avenues for the country.

Talking to a private news channel, he said that the SCO offers a vital platform for multilateral engagements, enabling member states to collaborate on a broad spectrum of issues.

He stated that the successful hosting of the SCO will significantly boost regional cooperation and strengthen Pakistan's global standing.

In response to a query about bilateral talks with India, he clarified that, according to SCO regulations, bilateral issues cannot be addressed or discussed through this forum.

Through the successful hosting of the SCO summit in Pakistan, we can hope that bilateral talks with neighboring countries will take place through other platforms.



ARMELLIN, along with Rear Admiral Stefano BARBIERI, Capability Director of the Italian Defence General Staff, called on Commander Pakistan Fleet, Rear Admiral Abdul Munib.

PPP's manifesto includes implementation of welfare projects for farmers: MNA

MIRPURKHAS (APP): having less than 25 acres of Member National Assembly (MNA) Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani has said that the implementation of welfare projects for farmers was included in the manifesto of Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

This, he said while addressing the opening cer-emony of Benazir Hari card distribution ceremony held

The MNA further said that the distribution of Benazir Hari Card reflected the great love of Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for the poor farmers.

Earlier MPA, Hari Ram Kishori Lal said that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had fulfilled his promise for distributing Benazir Hari Card to the people which he made during his election campaign

and said that the farmers

agricultural land would be get the cards in the first The farmers having

more than 25 acres would achieve the facility after consultation with the party high leadership, he added. Earlier, Commissioner Mirpirkhas, Faisal

Ahmed Uqeli said that the agriculture sector was the backbone of the country's economy and the efforts of the Sindh Agriculture Minister, Muhammad Bakhsh Mahar for improving the agriculture sector were commendable.

He said that the farmers were striving for the improvement of agriculture sector keeping in view the modern principles and said that the Sindh government had introduced a banking system to maintain transparency in the distribution of Benazir Hari Cards.

Cadets of Pakistan Naval Academy shine at Int'l Sailing Regatta in Brazil

KARACHI (APP): The the PNA team captain dedicates of Pakistan Naval cated the victory to the qual-Academy (PNA) Sailing team achieved a historic feat by securing Silver medal and overall second position in 79th International Naval Academy Sailing Competition held in Rio de Janeiro,

Brazil. A total of nine teams competed from around the world in J24 Boat category, a Pakistan Navy news re-

lease said. The participating teams included Cadets from Naval Academies of Pakistan, Brazil, China, Italy, Portugal, Argentina, Colombia, Peru and India.

Speaking on the occasion,

ity training of Pakistan Naval Academy. After securing first

position during International Sailing Championship in Sri Lanka earlier in August this year, this is consecutive second extraordinary performance at international level during last three months by cadets of

The Chief of the Naval Staff congratulated the victorious team of PNA. He also lauded the efforts of PNA faculty and instructors for their back to back performances at international stage



KARACHI: View of site after fire broke out incident at chemicals warehouse building as fire brigade officials are busy in extinguishing fire and rescue operation, located on Moach Goth area in Karachi.

Safety & security of citizens top priority: SSP Amjad Shaikh

SUKKUR (APP): Senior against them. Superintendent of Police (SSP), Sukkur, Amjad Ahmed Shaikh on Tuesday said that no laxity would be tolerated in the safety and security of the

He was chairing a meeting to review the crime situation in the district. All SDPOs and SHOs of all the police stations attended the meetng. The meeting reviewed the overall crime situation in the Khairpur district.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Soomro warned the officers that no laxity towards safety and security of the citizens would be tolerated and strict disciplinary action would be initiated

He said that we are servants of the people and their safety is our prime priority, he added. He further directed all officers to arrest the offenders involved in heinous crimes especially dacoits, snatching, Robbery and murder cases adding that the ratio of challan of the cases and recoveries should be increased

He asked police officials to accomplish all their responsibilities in a professional manner. He also directed the officials concerned to submit challans in the cases that had been pending for years and also submitted a report in this regard to his office within

colonialism; urges peaceful settlement

"The United Nations to usher in lasting peace in Kashmiris. the Middle East.

cupation of Jammu & Kashmir is another worst manifestation of modern-day colonialism,"he added. The right of self-de-

dia and Pakistan, he said.



KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister, Saeed Ghani presides over the meeting of 1197th governing body of Karachi Development Authority

BISP Chairperson underscores need of promoting skill development for poverty alleviation

KARACHI (APP): The could be able to earn decent formed Chairperson, Benazir In- livelihood for their families come Support Program, and contribute in economic Senator Rubina Khalid underscoring the need of proing for ensuring employment opportunities to

While chairing a meeting during visit of Hunar Foundation in Korangi area of Karachi, she said that our focus is on provision of the vocational training to young members of families registered with BISP in accordance with international standards and global mar-

that BISP was trying to meet the gap in expenditure and income of the deserving households through fi-

than 10 million after ket demand so that they istration process, she in-

stability of the country. Senator Rubina Khalid

nancial assistance. Currently around 9.3

million registered families were getting financial assistance through quarterly stipends and the number was expected to enhance more completion of dynamic reg-

Youth comprise a large portion of national population and we have to engage the young people moting skill development highlighting the BISP's key and utilize their energies for for poverty alleviation, role in social protection and development and economic Tuesday, said that BISP is providing financial assis- stability of the country, she determined to equip the tance to the deserving fami-said and vowed that BISP youth with vocational train- lies across the country said was gearing up for providing technical and skill training to enable individuals to secure employment both

> thereby improving their economic conditions. She added that skill development will help bringing people out of poverty and achievement of poverty graduation targets will create space for registration of new families in the BISP.

locally and internationally.

IT large-scale investment expected in Sindh in next few years: Dharejo

Independent Report KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Jam Ikramullah

Manufacturers and Exporters Association in his office. Secretary Industries and Commerce



to the initiatives of the Sindh government, it is hoped that there will be large-scale investment in Sindh in the next few years, which will help in the elimination of unemployment. Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Jam Ikramullah Dharejo said this in a meeting with office bearers of Pakistan
Readymade Garments
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Shar, Chairman of Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association Aamii Cothani and other office bearers were also present on the occasion. The office bearers of the association apprised the provincial minister about the problems faced by the garment manufacturers

KU conference highlights geopolitical importance of central Asia for economic sustainability

Department of History of the University of Karachi and the Institute of Central and West Asian Studies (ICWAS) organized an international conference on 'Central Asia in the Changing World' at the KU's Jinnah Auditorium of the Dr. A.O. Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering on Tuesday. A renowned historian Professor Dr Syed Jaffar Ahmed said Tajikistan,

Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan,

Kazakhstan have acquired a renewed importance in regional and international politics in the last three and half decades after the liquidation of the former Soviet Union, these states, along with certain others, acquired independence, and renegotiated their affairs among themselves and with the rest of the world. Secretary of Pakistan Institute of International Affairs Professor Dr Tanveer Khalid shared that central Asia is viewed as a credible.

One killed, several injured near Bahria Town traffic

accident KARACHI (APP): One person was killed and several others sustained injuries in a traffic accident that occurred near Bahria Town Karachi, tv channels quoting rescue sources reported

on Tuesday. According to details one person lost his life in a traffic mishap that reported near Bahria Town located in Karachi area. Several other persons including women and children were

also injured in the incident. Rescue team rushed to the site and shifted the dead and injured to nearby hospital. Further investigations are underway.

International white cane safety day observed in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (APP): Visually impaired people deserve our special attention and the responsibility of their better education and training is mandatory for

Hyderabad Good Hope Lions Club, Lion Shamsher Ali Sheikh while addressing a ceremony organized by Hyderabad welfare association of the Blind in connection with International white cane safety day at Hyderabad Press club

HWAB General Secretary AD Pirzada, Nusrat Memon, Mohiuddin, Jay Prakash, Kamran Cheni wala, Haji Mohammad Aslam Nirban. Abdul Ghani Ansari. Mohsen Salim.

and they will never be left ments and industrialists reare always ready to help garding documentation and these special people so-

World Food Day 2024 celebrated in Karachi

Independent Report KARACHI: The Sindh Food Authority celebrated World Food Day 2024 in collabora-

tion with university students, representatives from the food business, NGOs, government institutions, and the farming community. The theme for this year's celebration was "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future," emphasizing the importance of



ensuring access to adequate, nutritious, and safe food for all. Speaking on the occasion, Director General Sindh Food Authority, Muzamil Hussain Halepoto, said that ensuring food security and combating hunger is essential for improving the quality of life and fostering sustainable development.