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Karachi

PPP delegation praises Government's economic policies during meeting with PM Shehbaz

PPP supported govt's every step aimed at bringing economic stability in country: Shahbaz

ISLAMABAD (INP): Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider, MNA Syed Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday et al. Murtaza Wahab Islamatan Sharif on Sunday et al. Murtaza Wahab Islamat delegation of the Pakistan People's Party led by its Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Cardari the country.

The Country the country.

The PPP delegation lauded the government's prudent economic prudent

The country's overall political situation came under discussion during the meeting, a press release issued by the PM House said. Former Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf,

were included in the PPP's delegation. Representing

the country.

The PPP delegation Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar and senior leader Rana Sana Ullah also

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that helped stabilize the country's economy.

The PPP delegation

attended the meeting. expressed full confidence in PM Shehbaz Sharif acknowledged that PPP was expressed full confidence in the government's policies and initiatives, which the an important ally of the government. He said the Paki-



KARACHI: On instructions of Prime Minister, Pak NDMA Dispatched 14th Consignment of 17 tons for people of Lebanon from Jinnah International Airport to Beirut, Lebanon.

New Yellow Line BRT Project:

Sharjeel Inam Memon unveils Yellow Line BRT project with World Bank support

Says Karachi's 100 billion rupee Yellow Line BRT project kicks off amid political controversy; Raises concerns over Imran Khan's alleged foreign ties

Independent Report KARACHI: Senior Provincial Minister for Information, Transport, Mass Transit, Excise and Taxation Sharjeel Inam Memon has said that the yellow line BRT project worth 100 billion rupees has been started for the citizens of Karachi with the support of the World Bank, which will be completed in 18

He said this while talking to the media after reviewing the development work of yellow line BRT. He said that he would try and talk to the World Bank that EV buses should be run on this route as well, the

months. Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the track of yellow line will be 21 kilometers, a new bridge is being built with Jam Sadiq

Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the Sindh government will run double-decker buses, eco-friendly buses in Pakistan are also being started by the PPP Sindh

government. In response to a question, he said that the Israeli lobby is active all over the world in support of Imran Khan, the Goldsmith Group is active all over the world. We are against the

contractor assured to com- fact that someone's mother, plete the project in 18 sister, daughter-in-law should be arrested, the fabric seems that Imran Khan getting relief.

Sharjeel Inam Memon said that Imran Khan's exwife and brother-in-law Goldsmith is behind all

He said that Dr Israr Khan's words are proving true that Imran Khan was imposed on us by Israel. Sharjeel Inam Memon said that Maulana Fazlur Rehman's quality is that he never closes the door of dialogue, Dr. Israr, Hakim Saeed had told years ago that Imran Khan is a Jew-



KARACHI: PPP leader Sharmila Farooqui along with other participants of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference participate in rally and chant slogans against Indian atrocities in IIOJK on Kashmir Black Day.

Security forces kill Five Khawarij in two separate operations

President, PM pay tribute to security forces for successful operations against terrorists

Four Khwarij were killed by the security forces in two separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to ISPR, the operations were conducted between yesterday and today.

The first intelligencebased operation was conducted in North Waziristan District and after intense exchange of fire, two Khwarij, including Khwarji Insaf Ullah, were sent to hell. In another encounter

in Khyber District, own troops effectively engaged the Khwarij location and the country.

resultantly two Khwarij were killed, while three got injured. Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed Khwarij, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against the law enforcement agencies as well as the innocent

Sanitization of the area is being carried out to eliminate any other Khwarji found in the area as security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from

Cylinder blast claims two lives in Karachi

CARACHI (INP): Two ersons were burnt alive during a cylinder blast that occurred in a liquid petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder shop located in Sagheer Centre Federal B Area, Karachi. Police sources said that the blast occurred due to leakage of gas from a cylnder. Eyewitnesses said hat the shop was established six months ago.

Residents of the area filed many petitions against the owners of this cylinder

PMD forecasts day of hot weather in Karachi

KARACHI Karachiites are bracing for another day of intense heat, with the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) forecasting temperatures to reach a scorching 39°C.

According to the PMD, the weather will remain hot and dry throughout the day. The current temperature is 27°C, but the maximum is expected to climb to 39°C, while the minimum temperature recorded was 25°C. Humidity levels are currently at 7%, and sea breezes re-

main completely absent. A north-easterly wind is blowing at a speed of 6 kilometers per hour.



day in history of South Asia: Tessori

nor of Sindh Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori on Sunday said that October 27, 1947, was one of the darkest days in the history of South Asia.

In his message on Ocupied Kashmir's Black Day, he said that India entered her forces into Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on this day in 1947.

Tessori said that India's brutal tactics had not weakened the resolve of IIOJK people to date.

The Kashmiri people had been patiently fighting the oppression of the Indian forces for decades, the Governor of Sindh said adding that thousands of sacrifices were strengthening their resolve for freedom. He said that Indian oppres-

INP add: Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori has said that October 27, 1947, was one of the darkest days in the history of South Asia.

Kamran Khan Tessori in his message on Kashmir's Black Day, today, said that India entered its forces into Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on this day in

He said that India's brutal tactics had not weakened the resolve of IIOJK people to date. The Kashmiri people had been patiently fighting the oppression of the Indian forces for decades, he said, adding that thousands of sacrifices were strengthening their resolve for freedom. He said that Indian oppression had failed to stop the sion had failed to stop the struggle for self-determina- struggle for self-determi-

He said that the United Nations and the international community ternational community should take immediate no- should take immediate notice of the serious violations tice of the serious violations



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon talking to media persons after review the progress of the Yellow Line BRT Project, in Karachi.

Manzoor Wasan says Imran Khan to spend winter in jail

KHAIRPUR (INP): Se- Manzoor Hussain Wasan nior Vice President of Pa- said. kistan People's Party (PPP) Sindh and former provincial home minister Manzoor Hussain Wasan

Imran Khan is in big trouble, and it seems that after spending the summer in jail he will also spend

the winter in jail. Talking to the media during the visit of the newly constructed Pakistan Law College in Khairpur, Manzoor Wasan said the provisions of the 18th constitutional amendment are also included in the 26th consti-

Manzoor Hussain Wasan said the 26th constitutional amendment does not harm anyone, including the judiciary and the people.

tutional amendment.

The accusation of being with the establishment and literary city since anis wrong,

PPP is a pro-demo-

cratic party, and we are with the people and will remain with the people, Manzoor Hussain Wasan

He said the Sindh government is active in maintaining peace and order in the province.

We do not support the construction of six new canals from the Indus River in the areas of Punjab, Manzoor Hussain Wasan said.

Manzoor Wasan said by establishing new educational institutions, education will flourish, and education-loving people should pay attention to opening educational institutions. He said the history of the past tells us that Khairpur has been a masterpiece of a scientific



KARACHI: Activists of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) hold a protest for release of their party's chairman and 26 constitutional amendment outside Karachi Press Club.

tribute to security forces for successful operations against terrorists

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday paid tribute to security forces for launching two successful operations against terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The president, in a statement, com-mended the bravery of security forces for conducting successful operations against Khawarij terrorists.

He expressed re solve to continue operations against ter-rorists until the complete elimination of Fitna al-Khawarij. "The entire nation stands with its security forces in the fight against terrorism' the president said.

PPP fails to deliver despite being in power for over 15 years: Miftah

HYDERABAD (INP) Awam Pakistan Party (APP) Secretary General Miftah Ismail has said the Pakistan Peoples Party has not resolved the basic issues of the people of Sindh despite being in power for many

The PPP's only focus, he said, is how to get votes from the province. Addressing a presser

in Hyderabad, he said the PPP had been running the province since 2008 but the condition of the masses had not im-

Miftah added that the basic problems of electricity, gas and infra-structure had not been resolved. "Except Karachi, there is not one properly maintained park in the whole of Sindh," he said.

He said no province should suffer from the shortage of water and the government should take practical steps to help improve the water mechanisms across the province.

He said the people of the country should know in detail about the

'Civilized nations must show seriousness on IIOJK issue'; says CM Murad

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Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that the civilized nations must show their seriousness on the issue of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

On the occasion of Kashmir Black Day, he said that 77 years of atrocities of Indian occupation and aggression had gone by. The CM said, "We

stand with the Kashmiri people and will continue to support the Kashmiri people against Indian atrocities."

He was of the view

IIOJK was a beautiful

KARACHI (APP): The it with blood, he said adding that India, through conspiracy, established her oppressive control over IIOJK and massacred Muslims.

Murad said, "Today is the darkest day in the history of the world.'

The decision of IIOJK based on the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council was the only solution to the problems of the Kashmiri people.

Indian aggression had shed the blood of many innocent Kashmiris, he

The CM further said that India was omitting that India declared herself atrocities on the people of as a secular state but shy away from recognizing the IIOJK people's right to



KARACHI: The former President and Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Mohammed Yaqoob Khan with other participants viewing pictorial exhibition on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day at Arts Council of Pakistan.

Pictorial exhibition on Indian barbarism in IIOJK held

Black Day was held at the Arts Council of Pakistan -

Karachi on Sunday. The former President and Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Mohammed Yaqoob Khan and Convener of All Parties Hurriyat Conference Ghulam Mohammed Safi as well MQM-Pakistan MNA Aminul Haq visited the pictorial exhibition and viewed different pictures put on display showing barbarism and atrocities in IIOJK being

committed by Indian forces. Later, talking to media persons, AJK's former President and Prime Min-Yaqoob Khan said that the but their morale was high.

KARACHI (APP): A pic- He said that it did not mattorial exhibition regarding the ter what political party Indian barbarism in Indian they represented to but Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) in IIOJK they all came on the

Yaqoob said that the people of IIOJK and AJK were thankful to the people of Pakistan, who had arranged this exhibition giving a message to the whole world.

He remarked that the entire Pakistan including Punjab, Sindh, KPK, Balochistan, and Gilgit-Baltistan were raising voices for innocent people of IIOJK.

He said that the people of Pakistan and their government were standing shoulder to shoulder with IIOJK people. MQM-Pa-kistan MNA Aminul Haq ister Sardar Mohammed while paying tribute for organizing the exhibition, he Modi-led government was committing crimes in IIOJK how Indian forces were



HYDERABAD: Awam Pakistan Party (APP) Secretary General, Miftah Ismail addresses to media persons during press conference, at Hyderabad press club.

Walk in Solidarity with Kashmiris on Black Day" at Mazar-e-Quadi Karachi

KARACHI (INP): To "Kashmir is our pride, and mark October 27 as Black it is our responsibility to Day in solidarity with the support our Kashmiri Kashmiri people, a walk was organized at Mazar-e-Quaid in Karachi.

Deputy Commis-sioner Shahzad Fazal Abbasi, Assistant Commissioner Dr Esa Khan, and Aurangzaib, a legendary figure in sports, joined with notable leaders from the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) – General Secretary Advocate Parviaz Ahmed, Senior Leader Syed Ajaz Ahmed, and Shaikh Abdul Majid – to express unwavering support for the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Shahzad Fazal Abbasi emphasized that support the Kashmiri

brothers and sisters at every level." His remarks underscored Pakistan's longstanding commitment to the Kashmir cause, reaffirming that the struggle of the Kashmiri people resonates deeply with the people of Pakistan.

Assistant Commissioner Dr Esa Khan also spoke on this occasion, highlighting that the right to self-determination is a universally recognized principle. "The international community must raise its voice for the fundamental rights of Kashmiris," Dr. Khan stated, urging global leaders to acknowledge and

people's legitimate aspirations for freedom.
All Parties Hurriyat

Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter General Secretary Advocate Parviaz Ahmed expressed profound gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, and all participants for their solidarity with Kashmir. He remarked, "India has deployed all means to suppress the spirit of the Kashmiri people, yet Kashmiris have demonstrated an unbreakable resolve for their rightful cause. Their uncountable sacrifices will not be in vain, and they will not yield until they achieve independence from India and unite with Pakistan

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Region on edge

The latest exchange between Israel and Iran — a shadow war that came into the open after the Oct 7 events last year — came early on Saturday, when Tel Aviv's forces hit Iranian military facilities in Tehran, as well as the provinces of Ilam and Khuzestan, which border Iraq.

Iran has downplayed Israel's aggression, saying it caused "limited damage", with reportedly four Iranian troops killed. It appears that the warmongers in Tel Aviv have listened to American calls to avoid hitting Iranian oil and nuclear facilities; an attack on such installations would have had horrific consequences for the entire region.

Yet this does not take away from the fact that Israel indulged in a highly condemnable act of violating another country's sovereignty — sadly, it has been displaying such behaviour for decades. The attack, unlike previous ones, has been acknowledged by Israel, and was meant as retribution for Iran's missile barrage targeting the Zionist state on Oct 2. That Iranian action had been triggered by the killings of Ismail Haniyeh and Hassan Nasrallah, as well as the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The Israeli aggression has been followed by global calls for de-escalation. The US and UK have sanctimoniously lectured Iran not to target Israel further. Iran's Arab neighbours have condemned the attacks, as has Pakistan, with the Foreign Office saying "Israel bears full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation". The Pentagon has also reaffirmed America's "ironclad" commitment to Israel's security

Yet Iran feels that it cannot leave its allies in the 'Axis of Resistance' alone at a time when they are confronting Israel. Moreover, it should be remembered that Israel has been killing Iranian generals and scientists long before the Hamas operations last year. And the Iranian missile strikes targeting Israel in mid-April — the first time Tehran directly hit Israel — were prompted by the devastating bombing of an Iranian diplomatic facility in Damascus, widely believed to be the handiwork of Israel.

The next phase of this geopolitical tussle will depend on the Iranian reaction to the Israeli provocation. Tehran's foreign ministry has issued an ambiguous statement, observing that while the Islamic Republic wanted "regional peace", the country was "entitled ... to defend itself". Israel's Western friends, primarily the US and UK, have justified their ally's atrocities by saying that Israel has a right to self-defence. By that logic, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen also have a right to defend themselves from Israeli aggression. Most importantly, the Palestinian people have a right not to be slaughtered by

If the global community is serious about de-escalation in the region, it must call for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire in Gaza, and an end to Israel's aggression in Lebanon. Without this, the regional war underway will only intensify.

Loaded questions

Muna Khan

Mine was one of the innumerable jaws that dropped watching that CBS interview of Ta-Nehisi Coates promoting his book, The Message a few weeks ago. It happened when anchor Tony Dokoupil, who edged his two co-hosts out of the conversation, told Coates: "I have to say, when I read the book, I imagine if I took your name out of it, took away the awards, the acclaim, took the cover off the book, publishing YouTube-verse have house goes away, the content of that section would not be out of place in the backpack of an extremist." Coates listened and before he could answer, Dokoupil asked: "Is it because you just don't believe that Israel in any condition has right to exist?'

Coates — who has established himself as one of America's leading intellectual thinkers on race and has turned that moral clarity to Israel's treatment of Palestine in his new book — responded calmly: the US media was dominated by viewpoint, whereas he wanted to Palestinians. Dokoupil, a Jew, later asked why Coates was offended by the existence of a Jewish state. Coates replied: "I'm offended by the idea of a state built on ethnocracy, no matter

where they are." This exchange generated a lot of buzz and I was surprised to hear the network's bosses ordered an internal review, saying Dokoupil had 'violated the network's editorial standards" when he compared the it denies Palestinians book to "extremist" writings "and challenged Israeli perspective in his terestingly, the head of the network's parent New York Times, but incompany

porter of Israel, criticised CBS' decision to ...err... didn't want to ask these criticise Dokoupil, say- kind of questions being she supported the cause I assume he supjournalist asking tough questions. Then the par-ent company's co-CEO spoke up, saying he stood by CBS' news 'why leadership decision and how the episode must

ment". What a mess. Since then, various thought pieces on the subject in the media and tackled whether Dokoupil was simply doing this job by asking

lead to "substantive dia-

logue about perceptions

of inconsistent treat-

tough questions, which, we were reminded, is the role of journalism. I don't think asking if Israel has a right to exist is a tough question; it is the typical strategy of Western media which veers from tough questions when it comes to Israel. The slightest of criticism is met with 'why are you against Israel' or accusations of antisemitism or. in the case of this book, questioning Coates' qualifications on 'complex' foreign policy matters. By saying Coates did not include this or speak for those who that Israeli point of view don't have a voice, the distracts from what the writer was reporting on: Israel's segregation of Palestinians and how it deprives Palestinians of

rights and lands). Dokoupil did not challenge what Coates wrote. He did not ask Coates what he witnessed in the West Bank in 2023, ie, Israel's gruesome, xenophobic, inhumane treatment of Palestinians. He did not ask why Coates called Israel an apartheid state, why water, or has ghettoised them, or why he's calling Coates for excluding the for more Palestinian Americans in newsbook" reported CNN. In- rooms including the Jerusalem bureau of the Shari stead deflected to why Dawn

their humanity (forget

Redstone, a vocal sup- Coates doesn't want Isdidn't want to ask these ports Israel's genocide of Palestinians and it's hard to come on TV and say that outright or ask humanising Palestinians', which is essentially what Coates has done in his formidable

"The Palestine I saw bore so little likeness to the stories I read, and so much resemblance to the systems I've kno-wn. writes Coates, as he unpacks the many ways Israeli narrative has dominated the media, especially in the US.

Coates has established his credentials: as a successful writer and journalist, a National Book Award recipient and a MacArthur Fellow. He can't be "cancelled" for his indictment on Israel and his country's policies towards the Zionist state, though attempts have been made to reduce him to an antisemitic terrorist sympathiser. This is not about tough questions, it is about erasure and an attempt is being made to discredit Coates as not the right man to take on

Unfortunately, and to prove Coates' point, Palestinian voices don't make it to the mainstream press. In fact, the Committee to Protect Journalists says that more journalists have been killed in the first year of Israel's war on Gaza than in any recent conflict. There is nothing complicated about who is killing them and why. Despite the attempts to silence Coates, he did not get derailed in this, or other, interviews. He has actually simplified the issue as he told CBS: "Either apartheid is right or it's wrong. It really is that simple. Either what I saw was right or wrong." -- Courtesy

Climate investment

Ajaz Ahmed

The increasing frequency and intensity of business case for investextreme weather events ment in climate adaptasuch as heavy rainfall, droughts, heatwaves, result in loss of livelihood, human can help avoid losses

lives, and economic out- and damages amounting put. Furthermore, extreme weather events seriously undermine efforts to eliminate poverty and improve living standards, offsetting gains from economic development and resulting in the wastage of scarce resources. Thus, enabling adaptation to climate change and developing the resilience of key social and economic systems has become a top priority of governments worldwide. Resource-scarce

countries like Pakistan have no option, but to invest in climate change adaptation, developing climate resilience of vulnerable communities, and cushioning social and economic systems from climate-related stresses. Investment in climate resilience in the Pakistani context can protect the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable communities and shield social and economic systems, safeguarding the country's economic progress. For example, saving jobs and household incomes and avoiding and mitigating displacements can help maintain economic activity, facilitating local economies to rebound faster. Furthermore, investments in climate adaptation and resilience can increase the resource base, improve of evidence of gainful inhealth and well-being, and reduce pollution, enabling a transition to a low-carbon economy.

every dollar invested in ticipatory approaches, inclimate adaptation and volvement of the private Dawn

range from \$2 to \$10, demonstrating a clear tion. The study revealed that investment in early warning systems alone value of the investment. The returns, however, depend on several social, economic, political, and institutional factors, which create conducive on such investments.

estimates of the 2024 Climate Resiliency Report show that for every \$1 invested in climate resilience, \$6 is saved in terms of avoided losses and damages and \$7 is saved in terms of averted loss to the local economy, making the return on investments in climate change adaptation and resilience \$13. This means that billions of dollars could be saved by investing in climate change ad-

aptation and resilience. While the Climate Resiliency Report estimates are from the US, there are successful examples of investing in climate resilience from lowincome countries as well. For example, investment in water availability and increased water food security in Kenya, typhoon-resilient housing in Vietnam, urban flood risk management and averted losses Mozambique, and urban heat management and reduced heat-related mortality and morbidity in India are some of the pieces vestment in climate adaptation and resilience in Global South.

This evidence also There is much evi- offers key insights into dence of gains in invest- successful climate interment in climate adapta- ventions. Examples of tion and resilience. A such interventions in-World Resources Insti- clude the use of data and tute study claims that for climate information, par-

resilience, the returns sector, strong coordination, decision-centred planning, political support, and long-term preparation. Notably, these strategies are included in key policy documents in the Pakistani context; however, their successful impleto at least 10 times the mentation, scaling up, and dissemination remained hurdles.

Developing climate resilience of key economic and social systems also involves cliconditions for climate in- mate-informed investterventions and returns ment decisions to develop critical infrastruc-However, the latest ture, and prevent it from extreme weather events, mi--tigating the losses and damages and thus wastage of limited resources. How-ever. among other things, limited climate change knowledge and institutional capacity and the absence of ap--propriate data and information impede climate-informed decisions to support adaptation and resilience

> Importantly, investment in climate resilience is profitable even if there are no extreme weather events. For example, investment in agriculture resilience can improve crops and thus the food security and performance of the agriculture sector. Similarly, better infrastructure can improve population access to basic services such as clean drinkable water, transport, and health, resulting in improving human capital, employment and economic opportunities, social equity, and economic uplift of marginalised segments. Pakistan is not only in desperate need of developing climate resilience, but it also urgently needs to improve its human capital. Both aims can be achieved by aligning climate and development policies and interventions and integrating climate action in development programmes and projects. -- Courtesy

Commerce News

Aurangzeb appreciates diaspora for bolstering Pak-US economic ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): The minister, during sidelines of the Annual credit guarantee of AIIB. Federal Minister for an interaction with Finance and Revenue, Pakistani-American tech underlined the importance engaging AIIB as an anchor Finance and Revenue, Pakistani-American tech Aurangzeb appreciated IT as one of the burgeoning reforms. Pakistani community on their informed that Pakistan with the President of AIIB, valuable contributions in ranked among top 5 bolstering economic, business and investment ties between Pakistan and the United States.

During an interaction to press release issued by finance ministry here

Muhammad entrepreneurs, identified diaspora sectors of the economy and freelancing.

the rising exports of the devastating floods of 2022. with diaspora leaders, the country and informed that minister briefed them on digital ecosystem was being socio-economic enabled through a broad developments in Pakistan range of legislative, policy, and shared details of his regulatory and operational

of staying the course on

The minister also met support to Pakistan, roadshow He highlighted the particularly in dealing with

He recalled his where he interacted with the management of Peoples Bank of China (PBOC). He week-long engagements in initiatives. He expressed indicated that government side, he invited AIIB to Washington DC, according satisfaction over the wanted to diversify its invest in N-5 (GT Road) outcome of his financing base and explore engagements with different the possibility of issuing a his financing base and explore reconstruction project and stakeholders on the panda bond with partial

He added that engaging AIIB as an anchor to support the process would send out a strong

signal to the market. The option of a noranked among top 5 Jin Liqun and deal roadshow first countries in terms of acknowledged the Bank's followed by a deal deal roadshow first was also discussed. He expressed contribution of IT sector to the aftermath of the satisfaction over the progress of portfolio of AIIB projects in Pakistan previous visit to China and further efforts to improve the disbursement

of ongoing projects. On the infrastructure also provide support in terms of program loan.



Khilji, leading entrepreneur of Pakistan Business Community along with others addressing a Press conference, at Ariya Hospital in Quetta.

QUETTA: Warm clothes are being selling at a roadside stall as the demand of warm clothes increased in city on the arrival of winter season, at a weekly

Parliamentary secretary highlights Sargodha local industries' potential

SARGODHA (APP): N (PML-N) Zufiqar Ali businesses such as fruit and Having a long history of Bhatti, while talking to vegetable processing, pink salt, citrus, stonecrushing, handicraft and agricultural production, the Sargodha region could be agriculture to handicrafts turned into treasure trove and the cottage industry, on Sargodha region's rich of opportunities for the region was teeming businesses, especially with potential for post-harvest losses that small industries, with its development and offers an diverse sectors ready to array of business avenues boost the region's economic growth.

This was stated by communities Parliamentary Secretary contribute to country's for Trade & Chamber of Commerce & Industry and National Pakistan Muslim League-

region here on Saturday.

He said that from for value addition that could uplift and

economic progress. said adding that agro-based

industrialists of Sargodha citrus research institute and spice grinding mills are particularly viable. These industries could capitalise produce and help reduce currently affect farmers due to lack of processing facilities. "Huge quantities of vegetables and fruits perish due to their short shelf life.

Their At the heart of the preservation and value opportunity is the region's addition can help earn Assembly (MNA) from agricultural strength, he substantial revenue," said Zufigar Bhatti

Business forum demands reduction in interest rate to 5pc KARACHI (INP): Captain ment statistics clearly indi-

Abdul Rashid Abro, central leader of the Pakistan Business Forum and former Vice President of FPCCI, has urged the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan to lower interest rates to at least 5% in the monetary policy meeting scheduled for November 4.

He stated that this reduction is essential for promoting trade activities in the country, enabling exporters and industrialists to operate without fear or risk. Captain Abdul Rashid Abro highcate that inflation was 6.9% in September and is projected to decrease further to 6.3% in October. Under these circumstances, he emphasized the urgent need to reduce interest rates from 17.5% to 5% and to further decrease them to single digits by December.

He pointed out that economic and financial experts are also indicating that, given the decline in inflation, a corresponding reduction in interest rates is necessary to keep the inlighted that current govern- dustrial wheel turning.

ISLAMABAD (APP): limits the nation's potential. further states, "The rapid Experts have warned that the digital divide is endangering economic growth and youth empowerment. millions lacking access to access to the internet and communities. It's essential technology, they stress the need for urgent action to bridge this gap; otherwise, A., 2021). Muhammad Saad, an

add water to stretch the to the arrest of 20

we risk leaving an entire generation behind. In Pakistan, where digital technology plays a crucial role in driving economic few queries by APP growth and providing access to essential services, the this widening digital divide digital divide presents a is the country's most

Coined by Larry Irving in the 1990s, the term "digital divide" refers to the gap With between those who have digital technologies—and the skills to leverage them—and those who do not (Hadi, S.

Digital divide could hinder

economic growth, youth

empowerment, Experts warn

IT expert based in Islamabad, in response to emphasizes that bridging significant challenge that pressing challenge. He from this vital resource.

advancement of technology is leaving many behind particularly in rural areas and lower-income that we invest in infrastructure and education to ensure equal access to digital tools for everyone.

The recently released UNDP's inaugural Digital Development Index (DDI) report reveals that over half of the population lacks internet access, with 54.3 percent of people cut off

A family of a laborer,

Rising prices, other violations in ICT stir public outcry

ISLAMABAD (APP): The islooites are suffering arbitrary rates and also compromised on quality of daily use adibles by the hoarders mafia in the Federal Capital.

A citizen namely Sail Hussain resident of the Bari Imam area, while talking to APP complained that in our area every shop keeper have their own rates of daily use edibles like vegetables, fruits, milk and meat. "In our area, every shop has its own rates," he

said. "A shopkeeper selling milk at Rs 250 per liter claims it's pure, while others sell at Rs 200, which they say includes water or other substances." This confusion around "pure" and "impure" goods leaves consumers at the mercy of

In Aabpara Market, one meat seller defended higher prices by explaining that rents in Aabpara are higher. "We sell fresh meat," he said, "while others sell older meat or

weight." Such statements add to public concerns that some sellers exploit customers by marking up prices with claims of superior quality. To address these

the administration has been active in enforcing price control. In a recent operation, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Pothohar Aneeq Anwar conducted raids in a local vegetable market, leading

shopkeepers for charging prices above the official rate list. The district administration, led by Deputy Commissioner of following these rates. "Pay the set prices for urban food items," he stated, adding that an official rate list is released daily. Some citizens, caught in the crossfire of these operations, have faced unintended consequences.

Muhammad Sharafat, reported that he was detained while sitting near a shop during one of these raids. Talking to APP, his (DC) Irfan Memon, has family said he has been in emphasized the importance custody for two days, causing them both financial and emotional distress. As the family's sole breadwinner, his absence has left them struggling. This ongoing situation highlights both the public's demand for fair pricing and the challenges in enforcing it.

Condemn HR violations in IIOJK KPAssembly passes joint resolution expressing complete solidarity with Kashmiris

PESHAWAR (APP): The strongly condemned mass of over 900,000 Indian Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly passed a joint resolution unanimously on Sunday by expressing complete solidarity with the people of Kashmir and condemned human rights violations at IIOJK.

The house through the resolution highlighted ongoing human rights violations by Indian occupied forces at IIOJK.

The resolution was presented by Law Minister Aftab Alam Afridi, Mushtaq Ghani, along with members Ahmed Kundi of PPP, Abdul Salam Afridi PTI, and others.

The assembly

LAHORE: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal

Karim Kundi addressing 7th International

Kashmir Black Day

observed in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP):

The Kashmir Black Day

was observed in Faisalabad

here on Sunday to strongly

condemn the Indian atrocities in Illegally Indian

Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK).

protest rally was held here

administration. Additional

Deputy Commissioner

Revenue (ADCR) Usman

Ali led the rally which

started from Zila Council

Commissioner (AC) City

In this connection, a

district

Assistant

Ateeq Ullah, AC Saddar Katchery Bazaar Chowk.

killing in occupied Kashmir, saying that over the past 75 years, more imposition than 100,000 Kashmiris black laws. were killed by Indian occupied forces at IIOJK.

widows, and millions of

India had illegally occupied Kashmir, the that no political process or election can serve as a substitute for the right to self-determination.

The assembly also denounced the deployment Council resolutions.

ernational Conference

n World Religions

Aurangzaib Goraya and

other officers of local

administration were also

present in the rally in

addition to a large number

of representatives of civil

The participants were holding banners and placard inscribed with the

slogans against Indian

aggression, tyranny and

barbarism in the Occupied

The participants marched on various city

roads and the rally was

culminated after reaching at

Kashmir valley.

Kashmir imposition of oppressive

In a tribute to the martyrs of Kashmir, the resolution assembly pointed out that around respect for their sacrifice 25,000 women were made and called upon the international community children have been to take notice of these HR violations and atrocities.

It urged India to revoke its illegal actions resolution said, asserting taken on August 5, 2019 and reaffirmed the need for the Kashmiris to be allowed to determine their future in accordance with United Nations Security

Governor offers Fateha for ex-MNA **Humair Rokri**

AHORE Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi visited the Kundi House in Lahore to offer Fateha at the chehlum ceremony of former MNA Humair Ĥayat Khan Rokri.

During his visit, he met Adil Abdullah Khan Rokri, former Member of the Provincial Assembly from Conference on World Religious at Minhaj Mianwali district. They paid tribute to the deceased for his contributions, recalling his role in local governance and his efforts to uplift the region.

CM seeks report on kite-string injury

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif sought a report from Inspector General of Police (IGP) while expressing her indignation over injury to a motorcyclist with a kite string at Muslim Town Mor. She directed the authorities concerned to take strict legal action against those responsible for the incident.



pate in rally and chant slogans against Indian atrocities in IIOJK on

KP governor calls for peace, unity, harmony

LAHORE (APP): Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi declared that there is no place for emphasising the importance of peace and harmony at the seventh two-day International World Religions Conference held at Minhaj-ul-Quran

University, here on Sunday.
As the chief guest, Governor Kundi commended the role of the university for guiding the youth in a direction aligned with Islamic values of

Independent Report

MIRPŪR MATHĒLO:

On the occasion of World

Polio Day, a rally was held

from DHO office to Bhatai

Chowk under the leader-

ship of Deputy Commis-

sioner Ghotki Dr. Syed

Muhammad Ali, in which

Assistant Commissioner

Mirpur Mathelo Babar Ali, DHO Dr. Rao Aftab,

N-Stop Officer Dr. Zaheer

Domki, Dr. Niaz of WHO,

Dr. Rahim Gadani of

UNICEF and a large num-

Highlighting strategic significance of KP, which shares a border with Afghanistan, he noted that while two global powers have attempted to control the region, neither succeeded. He acknowledged the province's ongoing struggle against extremism and terrorism and expressed his desire to organize a similar conference in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to engage the local community promoting peace.

In a media briefing later, Kundi underscored the critical role of the

pated. On this occasion,

the Deputy Commissioner said that the pur-

pose of the rally is to raise

awareness about polio in

the public so that people

should give polio drops to

their children. He said

that the polio virus is no

less than a problem, the

affected children not only

become disabled for life

but their parents also

continue to face severe

problems, so the parents

and the civil society are

that an improved justice system could address many societal issues — an objective in line with the Pakistan People's Party's vision. He reiterated the government's commitment to overcoming political differences to ensure peace and progress in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He also pledged support for initiatives aimed at providing employment for the youth and endorsed any efforts that promote positive development in the region.

Father, son killed by unknown motorcyclist encourages vaccination for children PESHAWAR (APP): A

father and son were brutally killed by unknown persons riding on a bike near Angaar village in Rajar Tehsil. The victims have been identified as Azaan Sajid and his son Ukasha. Emergency services

Rescue 1122, shifted the

bodies to Charsadda District Headquarters Hospital. The aftackers managed to escape from the crime spot after committing the crime. Rajar Police reached the spot, collected evidence and initiated an investigation into the incident killing.

Environmental squads demolish four industrial units

Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Sunday that following Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's directives. Environment Protection Department's squads have demolished four industrial units in Lahore for contributing to pollution.

These factories had repeatedly ignored notices to install emission control svstems

Additionally, 941 vehicles were inspected, with fines issued to 234 smoke-emitting vehicles, 72

LAHORE (APP): Senior vehicles impounded, and total fines amounting to 503,000 rupees. In other actions, six kilns in Layyah, one in Sheikhupura, and four in Rawalpindi were shut down for failing to convert to zigzag technology.

Marriyum Aurangzeb stated that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif had directed the Environment Protection Department to act against smog without any compromise. She urged Lahore's residents to actively support the antismog action plan and avoid contributing to pollution.



KARACHI: Members of religious organization are holding rally to express solidarity with Kashmiri people and condemn brutality of Indian Army in Kashmir on the occasion of Black Day of Kashmir, at Karachi press club.

Javed Hashmi calls for fresh General elections

MULTAN (INP): Senior politician Javed Hashmi and stated, "There is no has voiced concerns about way to end the crisis the ongoing political crisis in Pakistan, asserting that the only solution is the holding of general elections.

In a recent appearance in a private TV Channel, Hashmi indicated that the current government's tenure is limited to another one and a half to two months, suggesting that even Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's position could be uncertain in the near future.

Hashmi highlighted the challenges facing Imran Khan, who may remain incarcerated for an additional month and a half. He emphasized the significant pressure

on Khan's leadership except through general elections." Addressing the implications of the 26th constitutional amendment, Hashmi criticized its impact on Pakistan's iudicial system, claiming it has stripped away more

than it has contributed. He noted that the Supreme Court appears divided, describing it as both having constitutional and an unconstitutional faction. complicating the judicial landscape. Reflecting on the current political dynamics. Hashmi remarked that the power dynamics within Parliament are not new and

that previous amendments.

ber of lady health work-ers and citizens partici-ber 28. International News

World Polio day rally in Mirpur

Mathelo raises awareness and

Israeli strikes on Gaza kill 22, officials say, while truck ramming near Tel Aviv hurts dozens

RAMAT HASHARON: Israeli strikes on northern Gaza have killed at least 22 people, mostly women and children, Palestinian officials said, as the Israeli offensive in the hard-hit and isolated north entered a third week and aid groups described a humanitarian catastrophe. Israel said it targeted militants.

In a separate development, a truck rammed into a bus stop near the Israeli city of Tel Aviv, wounding 35 people, according to first responders. Israeli police described it as an attack and said the assailant was an Arab citizen of Israel. The ramming occurred near the headquarters of Israel's Mossad spy agency.

Iran's supreme leader. meanwhile, said Israeli strikes on the country over the weekend "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed," while stopping short of calling for re- wounded. An explosive

Monitoring Desk

LONDON: Some British

Labour lawmakers on Sun-

day accused Prime Minis-

ter Keir Starmer of having a

'colonial mindset" and try-

ing to silence nations push-

ing for discussions on repa-

rations for transatlantic sla-

very at this month's Com-

monwealth summit in Sa-

jected calls for reparations

but some campaigners

hoped Starmer's new

Labour government would

However, ahead of the

"very long, endless discus- cussed"

Britain has so far re-

carefully weighing its response to the attack

On Saturday, Israeli warplanes attacked military targets in Iran in response to an Iranian ballistic missile attack earlier this

The exchange of fire has raised fears of an allout regional war pitting Israel and the United States against Iran and its militant proxies, which include Hamas and the Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon, where Israel launched a ground invasion earlier this month after nearly a year of lower-level conflict.

The Israeli military said Sunday that four soldiers, including a military rabbi, were killed in fighting in southern Lebanon, without providing details about the circum-

It said five other per-

sions about reparations on

"(It) is very insulting (to) tell people of African

descent to forget and move

forward," said Labour law-

maker Bell Ribeiro-Addy at

a cross-party reparations

summit, leaders of the 56-

nation club headed by

Britain's King Charles

agreed to include in their

final communique that the

time had come for a dis-

"I'm very proud those nations refused to be silenced," Ribeiro-Addy

maker, Clive Lewis, said it

was surprising Starmer

thought he could take a "co-

lonial mindset" to the sum-

mit and "dictate what could

Another Labour law-

cussion on reparations.

At the end the Samoa

conference in London.

British lawmakers accuse

Starmer of 'colonial mindset'

in slavery reparations debate

taliation, suggesting Iran is drone and a projectile fired from Lebanon wounded five people in Israel on Sunday,

> Netanyahu strikes on Iran achieved Israel's goals

authorites said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that the strikes "severely harmed" Iran and achieved all of Israel's goals.

"The air force struck throughout Iran. We severely harmed Iran's defense capabilities and its ability to produce missiles that are aimed toward us,' Netanyahu said in his first public comments on the strikes.

Satellite images showed damage to two secretive Iranian military bases, one linked to work on nuclear weapons that Western intelligence agencies and nuclear inspectors say was discontinued in 2003 and another sonnel were severely linked to Iran's ballistic missile program.

Israeli army

blows up

houses in

Lebanon's

border village

Monitoring Desk

BEIRUT: Lebanese state

media said the Israeli army

dynamited houses in Leba-

nese border villages on Sat-

urday, as Israel said it used

400 tonnes of explosives to

destroy a Hezbollah tunnel,

more than a month into an

all-out war. The official Na-

tional News Agency said

"the army of the Israeli en-

emy has since dawn blown

up and destroyed houses"

in the border village of

ported "large explosions"

in the border village of

Kfar Kila, saying the blasts

were heard across the

south as columns of

smoke rose above the area.

Israeli military spokes-

man Avichay Adraee said

400 tonnes of explosives

were used to blow up.

The NNA also re-

Adaisseh.

Palestinian civil defence members rescue a child, following Israeli bombardment on a house in Gaza City.

Putin says Moscow will respond if West helps Ukraine to strike deep into Russia

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday that Russia's defence ministry was working on different ways to respond if the United States and its NATO allies help Ukraine to strike deep into Russia with long-range Western

The 2-1/2-year-old Ukraine war has triggered the biggest confrontation between Russia and the a major escalation.

West since the depths of the Cold War, and Russian officials say the war is now entering its most dangerous

Russia has been signalling to the United States and its allies for weeks that if they give permission to Ukraine to strike deep into Russian territory with Westernsupplied missiles, then Moscow will consider it

Death toll in Philippine storm rises to 100

Monitoring Desk

MANILA: Rescuers in the Philippines were diving into a lake and scouring isolated villages on Sunday to locate dozens of missing people as the death toll from Tropical Storm Trami Trami, which rammed

into the Philippines on October 24, was among the deadliest storms to hit the Southeast Asian country

According to the national disaster agency, it forced more than half a million people to flee their homes and at least 36 people remain miss-

Police in the hardest-

hit Bicol region have recorded 38 deaths, most due to drowning.

'We are still receiving many calls and we are trying to save as many people as we can," Bicol regional police director Andre Dizon told AFP. "Hopefully, there will

be no more deaths.

Dizon added that "many residents" in the region's Camarines Sur province are still trapped on roofs and the upper floors of their homes. The death toll in Batangas, south of Manila,

has risen to 55, provincial police chief Jacinto Malinao told AFP.

10 cops killed in 'terror attack' in Iran's southeast **Monitoring Desk**

TEHRAN: At least 10 police officers were killed in a "terrorist attack" in an area of southeastern Iran long plagued by unrest, local media reported on Saturday.

They were killed during an attack on "police vehicles" in Sistan-Baluchis-tan province's Taftan county, the Mehr and Tasnim news agencies reported, without saying how it was carried out. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred some 1,200 kilometres southeast of the capital Tehran.

Bolivia's Morales says vehicle fired upon amid rising political tension **Monitoring Desk**

LA PAZ: Bolivian ex-president Evo Morales said on Sunday his vehicle was fired upon amid rising political tensions in the South American country between a faction around the iconic former leader and the government of his former ally, President Luis Arce. Morales posted a video on his Facebook account taken inside a moving car, showing him sitting in the front passenger seat and at least two bullet holes in the wind shield. The driver appeared to have been injured

situation in Gaza 'catastrophic' **Monitoring Desk** GENEVA: The World

WHO chief says

Health Organisation chief Adhanom Tedros Ghebreyesus has termed the situation in northern Gaza 'catastrophic' with "intensive military operations unfolding around and within healthcare facilities". 'The situation in

northern Gaza is catastrophic," Tedros wrote on X, warning that "a critical shortage of medical supplies, compounded by severely limited access, are depriving people of life saving care' His statement came a

and detained hundreds of ceasefire."

staff, patients and displaced people during the raid, while the death toll in the territory rose to 42,924 most of them women and

Tedros lamented that the whole health system in Gaza has been under attack for over a year. "WHO cannot stress loudly enough that hospitals must be shielded from conflict at all times," he said, stressing that "any attack of healthcare facilities is a violation of international humanitarian law".

"The only path to safeguarding what remains day after Israeli forces of Gaza's collapsing health raided the last functioning care system is an immedihospital in northern Gaza ate and unconditional

Satellite images show damage from Israeli attack at 2 secretive Iranian military bases

Monitoring Desk on Iran damaged facilities at a secretive military

base southeast of the Iranian capital that experts in the past have linked to Tehran's onetime nuclear weapons program and at another base tied to its ballistic missile program, satellite photos analyzed Sunday by The Associated Press show. Some of the build-

ings damaged sat in Iran's Parchin military base, where the International Atomic Energy Agency suspects Iran in the past conducted tests of high explosives that could trigger a nuclear weapon. Iran long has insisted its nuclear program is peaceful, though the IAEA, Western intelligence agencies and others say Tehran had an active weapons program up until 2003.

The other damage could be seen at the nearby Khojir military base, which analysts believe hides an underground tunnel system and missile production Iran's military.

DUBAI: An Israeli attack not acknowledged damage at either Khojir or Parchin from Israel's attack early Saturday, though it has said the assault killed four Iranian soldiers working in the country's air defense systems. Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Israeli military declined to comment.

However, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday told an audience that the Israeli attack "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed," while stopping short of calling for an immediate retaliatory strike. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu separately said Sunday that Israel's strikes "severely harmed" Iran and that the

barrage "achieved all its goals." It remains unclear how many sites in total were targeted in the Israeli attack. There have been no images of damage so far released by

Commonwealth heads of government summit in Samoa, where Caribbean and African nations wished to discuss the topic, Starmer said the issue was not on the agenda and that he would like to "look forward" rather than have and could not be dis-

be more open to it.

DPM Dar says:

Lasting peace in S. Asia hinges upon just, peaceful resolution of Kashmir issue

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said that Pakistan remained committed to promoting peace in South Asia and sought constructive relations with all neighbors, however, lasting peace in the region could not be realized without a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in line with the UNSC resolutions and the aspirations of Kashmiri

people.

"Pakistan stands in unwavering solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their struggle and will continue to provide its full political, moral and diplomatic support to the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination," the deputy prime minister/foreign minister said on the

He said October 27 marked a somber turning point in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. On this day, seventy-seven years ago, the Indian forces landed in Srinagar, marking the beginning of a prolonged and painful chapter for the region.

Over the past seven decades, India has employed various strategies to strengthen its control over Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), he added.

However, since August 5, 2019, they had witnessed an accelerated effort to undermine the internationally recognized disputed status of IIOJK and to marginalize the rights and voices of the Kashmiri

"The actions taken by



Ghulam Mustafa Phul administrate a polio drops to a child during the launching ceremony of Polio Eradication Campaign at Children Hospital in Larkana.

Commissioner Larkana inaugurate anti-polio drive in Children Hospital

LARKANA (APP): Com- to monitor the polio cammissioner Larkana range Ghulam Mustafa Phul has said that the public should fully cooperate with the polio teams and protect their children from this deadly disease by giving them polio protection

views on Sunday while inaugurating the polio campaign starting from 28th October to 3rd November in Hospital

health department officials happily.

paign and polio teams to go door to door to give polio vaccines to every child up to 05 years of age so that no child is left behind during this campaign. He has also directed

the Deputy Commissioners drops.

He expressed these

or use distribution to say.

the polio teams themselves
to make the polio campaign of the districts to supervise to make the polio campaign successful.

He said that in this regard, any kind of shortcoming will be intolerable, so everyone should carry out He instructed the the given responsibilities

DC leads rally to mark Kashmir Black day

HYDERABAD (APP): Like other parts of the country, a massive rally led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Zain ul Aabdin Memon was taken out in Hyderabad to mark Kashmir's Black Day.

The rally was taken from the Shahbaz Building to the Post Master General

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad said that Kashmiris have been suffering oppression by India for 77 years. The people of Pakistan are with Kashmiris against the violation of human rights so that the entire world can be shown the insidious face of

people of Pakistan will stand with Kashmiris on every forum till the independence of Kashmir and that is what Pakistan is de-

According to the United Nations resolution, Kashmiris should be given the right to self-determina-

said that Kashmir is the jugular vein of Pakistan and we have been fighting a long battle for the rights of the Kashmiri people.



HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, Zain-ul-Abedin Memon administrates a polio drops to a child during the launching ceremony of Polio Eradication Campaign, at Government Dispensary

Writers, Intelletuals pays tribute to Shah Ubaid

SANGHAR (APP): Esteemed writers, intellectuals, and scholars gathered to pay tribute to the late Shah Ubaid, a celebrated educator and cultural contributor, at a special memorial event. Recognizing Shah

Ubaid's lifelong dedication to Sindh, attendees praised his contributions as invaluable assets to the region's history and culture. His work particularly in literature and art, is considered a beacon for future genera-

The event was attended by key figures, in-cluding PPP Municipal Ghulam Chairman Murtaza Junejo, PPP Tando Adam City President Taj Muhammad Waryah, senior journalist Wafa Raza Chandio, Syed

Hameedullah Shah, Func tional League's leader N's Anwar Ali Khan Mari SGA Tando Adam President Ghulam Qadii Bhacho, Engineer Najeeb Mehran, SAS Tando Adam General Mansoor Bijoro, GSTA' Fazlullah Umrani, PTA

leader Lakha Dino Khaskheli, former SAS Secretary Gul Hassan Lakho, Sagar Dahraj, Dodo Panhwar, Ahmed Bilal Ghori, PPP leader Qalandar Bakhsh Dero, Sarwari Jamaat's Akhlaq Waryah, Nadir Ali Shaikh, social activist Anwar Chakarani, Khalid Khaskheli, Riaz Hussain Sanjrani, Aashiq Hussain Sand and many other prominent social and

political figures.

observance of Kashmir Indian authorities, including attempts to alter the demographic and political landscape of the territory, stand in direct violation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the Fourth Geneva Convention. Despite these measures, the resolve of the Kashmiri people remains unde-terred," a press release quoted the deputy prime minister as saying.

Today, Dar said the region was witnessing an intensification of repression. Thousands of political leaders and activists remained behind bars, with 14 political parties effectively

Draconian emergency and counter terrorism laws granted Indian forces sweeping powers, enabling them to arrest or eliminate any individual and destroy property at will, he added.

Pak-South Africa Joint Exercise Iqbal-I concludes in Cherat

RAWALPINDI: Closing ceremony of Pakistan-South Africa Joint Exercise Igbal-I in Counter Terrorism domain was conducted between the armies of Pakistan and Republic of South Africa at Cherat.

Two weeks long exercise commenced on 15th of this month. The Combat Teams from Special Services Group, Pakistan Army and Republic of South Africa Special Forces participated in the Exercise. Commandant Special

Operation School, attended the closing ceremony as Chief Guest. Chief of Staff Republic of South Africa Special Forces, Colonel SS Lechoenvo also witnessed the Closing Ceremony.

The troop displayed highest standards of professional excellence during the conduct.

The exercise was aimed at refining the drills, procedures and techniques involved in Counter Terrorism operations through joint training, besides harnessing the historic military to military relations among the friendly countries.

Speaker of Russian **Federation** Council arrives in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Ms. Valentina Matviyenko, arrived in Pakistan on Sunday at the special invitation of Senate Chairman Syed Yousat Raza Gillani. Ms. Valentina Matviyenko is leading a high-level Russian delegation, including Federation Council of the Federal As-

sembly members. The delegation was warmly welcomed at Noor Khan Airbase by Senate Deputy Chairman Syedaal Khan Nasar and Senator Bushra Anjum Butt. During the visit, she and her delegation are scheduled to meet with ey Pakistani leaders, including the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of the National Assembly and Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani.

Two abducted children and police constable recovered safely Independent Report

SHIKARPUR: In a daring rescue operation, police recovered two abducted minor children, Waleed Memon (4) and Aboo Bakar Bakhrani (2.5), along with Police Constable Ismail Shar, from kidnappers on Sunday night in Shikarpur. Authorities apprehended two suspects in con-nection with the abduction. The rescue comes after Waleed Memon was kidnapped from his nursery school in Lakhi-Gate police station jurisdiction on September 23, 2024. Similarly, Nasir Bakhrani (3), Aboo Bakar Bakhrani's son, was abducted from his home in New Faujdari police station jurisdiction on

September 13, 2024. This successful operation brings relief to the families of the victims and demonstrates the effectiveness of law enforcement in Shikarpur.



KARACHI: Members of Fixit Organization are holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and expressing unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Karachi press club.

No compromise on Kashmir cause: Amir

Maqam also leads rally on Kashmir Black Day, urges UN to fulfill promise

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions, Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Engr Amir Mugam, reaffirmed on Sunday that there would be no compromise on the Kash-

Speaking to a private news channel, he said that every Pakistani was feeling deep connection with the people of Kashmir and the idea of compromising on He reiterated the added

Pakistan's unwavering support for the Kashmiris in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), stressing that the entire Pakistani nation would stand united with their Kashmiri brethren in their rightful struggle for freedom.

"India's hope to bury this issue is a false dream. The struggle for freedom will continue until Kashmiris are granted their Kashmir was unthinkable. rightful autonomy," he

20 British MPs seek UK govt's intervention in securing Imran's release

LONDON (INP): As many as 20 British parliamentarians from cross-party have urged UK's Foreign Secretary David Lammy MP to call for Imran Khan's release from Adiala Jail and engage with the Pakistan govern-

The letter has been written by Kim Johnson, MP for Liverpool Riverside, on Imran Khan's adviser on International Affairs Zulfi Bukhari's request and signed by members of both the Commons and the Lords, from all parties. The signatories are:

Kim Johnson MP, Paula Barker MP, Apsana Begum MP, Liam Byrne MP, Rosie Duffield MP, Gill Furniss MP, Paulette MP, Andy McDonald MP, Abtisam Mohamed MP, Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, Zarah Sultana MP, Steve Witherden MP, Nadia Whittome MP, Baroness Joan Bakewell, Baroness Christine Blower, Lord Peter Hain, Lord John Hendy and Lord Todoanfel.

It says: "We are writing with grave concern about the continued detention of former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan. As you will know, Mr Khan was imprisoned in 2023 in a move which the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention found: had no legal basis and appears to have been intended to disqualify him from running for po-



LARKANA: Political Secretary to PPP Chairman, MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro is addressing during the oath taking ceremony of Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) held at Local hotel in Larkana.

Solidarity with Kashmiris on black day of Kashmir in Larkana

LARKANA (APP): Like the whole country, on 27 October (Black Day) was celebrated in solidarity with Kashmiris against the oppression, excesses and brutality of Kashmiris in Larkana on Sunday.

In this regard, a main event was held at the Government Pilot Higher Secondary School in Larkana where the national flag was hoisted and the national anthem was also presented.

A rally was also organized on this occasion which was led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Larkana Fahad Ali Jagirani, Assistant Commissioner Larkana Raja Khan Qureshi, large number of teachers, students, officials of various institutions, representatives of civil society and ordinary citizens participated in the rally. Rally will be held from different roads of the city and will end at Sir

Shahnawaz Bhutto Memorial Library in Larkana. During the rally, the slogans of Pakistan

Zindabad, Pakistan Army, and the struggle of Kashmiris were also raised. Speaking on this occa-

sion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Larkana Fahad Ali Jagirani said that, October 27, we are celebrating Black Day because Kashmiris were oppressed on this day and India occupied Kashmiris angrily and since that day. Until now, Kashmiri people are raising the voice of truth and struggling for their freedom and one day will surely come when the people of Kashmir will get the fruits of their struggle and liberate Kashmir.

Assistant Commissioner Larkana Raja Khan Qureshi said that on this day the freedom of Kashmiris was crushed and India illegally occupied Kashmir 77 years ago.



HYDERABAD: Members of Hari Committee are holding protest demonstration against building new canals to draw additional water from the Indus River, anti-people policies decisions and amending the Irsa Act, at Hyderabad press club.

CJPYahya summons Full Court session today

ISLAMABAD (INP) Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Yahya Afridi has summoned a full court meeting on October 28 (Monday-tomorrow). The CJP will also pre-

side over a session of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) on November 08. The chief justice of Pa-

kistan has summoned a meeting of the administrative judges of the anti-terrorism courts on November 07. Moreover, the Su-preme Court's Practice

and Procedure Committee was reconstituted earlier on Saturday. The committee headed by CJP Yahya Afridi, was confirmed in a notification released by the

Registrar Supreme Court

Justice Munib Akhtar re-

turned as the member of the

committee.

Only Jihad can bring freedom to Kashmir, Naeem

LAHORE (ÎNP): Emir Jamaat-e-Islami Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Sunday reiterated that Kashmir could only be freed by

Naeem said that people consumed their whole lives in the freedom movements of Kashmir and Palestine.

'The martyrdom of Yahya Sinwar gives us the lesson of sacrifice, he stayed in jail for 23 years and came out as the emblem of independence," said JI

He declared the Oct 27 day occupied Jammu and Kashmir illegally by military forces.

While criticising the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi he said Modi nullified the legal status of Kashmir and had been keeping the Kashmiris locked down for decades.

Ch. Shujaat decides to revive PML-Q politically

AHORE (APP): Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PM-Q) Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has decided to revive the

party politically. He appointed Dr. Muhammad Amjad as party chief organiser and a notification has also been issued in this regard.

In a statement issued here, the PML-Q president directed Dr. Amjad to reconstitute the party by persuading disgruntled members, re-activating the wings and restructuring the party abroad.

Shujaat further instructed that communication would be made with political parties for political stability, stressing the need for strong connection among political parties. He stressed that political dialogue was the path towards resolution c national issues.

Eight dacoits killed in Kacha operation

LAHORE (INP): Eight notorious dacoits were killed in an ongoing joint opera-tion by Punjab Police and Rangers in the Kacha area of Shikarpur. The Special Superin-

tendent of Police (SSP) said that head-money was also announced for two dacoits who were killed during this operation

He said that police used the latest drone technology for shelling these dacoits during the operation. Police also arrested 11 facilitators of dacoits and shifted all of them to an unknown location.

The police spokesman said that two notorious dacoits were later identified as Badla Manglani and Qasim Chachar.

Munir Akram says:

Pakistan stands with Kashmiri people in their just struggle for freedom UNITED NATIONS occupation that has denied

APP): The United Nations Kashmiris their fundamenhas a duty to uphold its tal right to self-determination, a right enshrined in the own resolutions on the decades-old Kashmir dispute UN Charter and affirmed and promote a just and through Security Counci resolutions, he added. peaceful resolution in line with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people, Pakistan's UN Ambassador Munir Akram said in a message on the occasion of the Kashmir Black Day on Sun-

On this solemn day, he said, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to standing by the Kashmiri people, advocating for their human rights, and striving for a future of peace, freedom, and dignity for them.

Today, Ambassador Akram said, as we observe Kashmir Black Day, we remember the grave injustices faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The events of October 27, 1947.

Tragically, this denial of rights has only intensified, especially following the unilateral and unlawful actions of August 5, 2019. Since that fateful day he said that the people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir had been subjected to an unprecedented lockdown, systematic human rights violations and severe restrictions on their

freedom and dignity. "Countless reports by international human rights organizations and independent observers have documented instances of excessive use of force, extra-judicial killing enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions and col-



LAHORE: Chairman PPP Bilal Bhutto Zardari presenting the trophy to the successful team of polo match at Polo Ground.

Agro forestry urgently needed to mitigate climate change harms: Altaf Shakoor

KARACHI (INP): To fight the climate change in our country we need to aggressively promote agro forestry culture, said Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday.

He said agro forestry is a land use management system that integrates trees with crops or pasture. It combines agricultural and forestry technologies. He said historically agro forestry is the part of our culture but the recent trend of tree hacking has diminished our tree cover and created new climate issues.

ment should make agro forestry mandatory and set a minimum limit to tree per acre of farmland in each and to fight the climate change every part of the country. He successfully.

said trees are our lifeline and without increasing our forest cover we can't fight the harmful effects of climate change including storms, floods and heat waves.

He said in cities like Karachi it needs urban forestry. He said we should grow mangrove forests along with our coastline, while the dry riverbeds of the Malir and Lyari rivers are ideal sites for the urban forestry. He said urban forestry and rainwater harvesting could make our arid megacity of Karachi lush green, but it needs government focus and patronage.

government to promote agro forestry in rural areas and urban forestry in cities

Sindh govt awaits judicial commission meeting before forming constitutional benches

KARACHI (INP): The ing. Experts have advised Sindh government has decided to wait for the Judicial Commission's meeting before forming the constitutional benches.

According to sources, a resolution must be approved by the provincial assembly to form constitutional benches in the prov-

The resolution will be presented in the Sindh Assembly after convening the

Judicial Commission meet-

that if the resolution is passed first, issues may arise regarding the admission of constitutional peti-The Pakistan People's Party has instructed its as-

sembly members to remain

in Karachi in the light of the situation. Meanwhile, the Sindh Assembly session is scheduled for Monday afternoon, with 51 percent support

required for the resolution



KARACHI: Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Leader, Alamgir Khan being arrested by police during the protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and expressing unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Karachi press club.

Solidarity with Kashmir: Black day rallies held in Mirpur Mathelo and surrounding areas

Independent Report MIRPUR MATHELO: Black Day was celebrated as solidarity with Kashmir, hold-

ing rallies in different cities. According to the details, a black day was observed against the illegal occupation and oppression of Kashmir in Mirpur Mathelo, Daharki, Ubauro and Khangarah in different cities of the district on this occasion to express solidarity with Kashmiris. Joint rallies were taken out in which a large number of citizens including Government officers and employees participated, the partici-

pants of the rallies were displaying pennaflakes and placards of Black Kashmir Day. On this occasion, the participants condemned the atrocities on Kashmiris and demanded that Kashmiris should be freed from the illegal occupation of India and the right to live in freedom should be provided to the Kashmiris. In which the citizens participated, Arally was held in Mirpur Mathelo under the leadership of Assistant Commissioner Mirpur Mathelo Babar Ali in which citizens participated and raised slo-

gans in favor of Kashmiris