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Government won't allow anyone to destabilise economy, says PM

Shehbaz Sharif lauds police, security forces for preventing 'attack' on capital

LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has stated that Pakistan's economic policies are being recognised globally, but political opponents are unable to accept the country's economic progress and are attempting to hinder its development.

During a meeting with Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday, he said that the government would not allow anyone to destabilise economy. He praised the Islamabad administration, Islamabad and Punjab police, Pakistan Army, and Rangers for their role in maintaining peace in the capital. He lauded the Islamabad police for their exemplary role in thwarting an assault on the city, highlighting the collective efforts of the security

forces in ensuring law and order.

The prime minister paid tribute to Constable Hameed Shah, who sacrificed his life in the line of duty while protecting the public. "May Allah elevate the martyr's ranks. The nation will always remember this sacrifice," said the PM, expressing solidarity with the constable's family and directing that they be fully cared for.

Shehbaz Sharif assured the public that the situation in Islamabad was rapidly returning to normal, and reaffirmed that economic development and national prosperity remain the government's top priorities. He said the upcoming international events in Pakistan would proceed as planned, with the best security arrangements in

place.

Earlier, Interior Minister Naqvi briefed the prime minister on the reopening of main roads for traffic and the overall improvement in the situation, confirming that the situation was swiftly normalising.

The interior minister also informed the PM about the return of 56 Pakistani prisoners from Sri Lanka, who were expected to arrive home soon. Naqvi noted that Federal Minister for Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan had volunteered to bear all expenses for repatriation of the prisoners.

The PM commended both the interior minister and the minister for privatization for their efforts in facilitating the prisoners' return from Sri Lanka.



LAHORE: Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Day of Resistance to be observed against Israel all over Balochistan today: JI, other political leaders

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QUETTA: The Day of Resistance is scheduled to be observed against Israel all over the Balochistan province today (Monday).

We want to give message to the world that we are united against the Israeli brutalities and barbarism against the innocent Palestinians and people of Gaza.

These views were expressed by the leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Provincial Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, the leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Advisor to Chief Minister for Environment, Nasimur Rehman Musakhail, Provincial Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Abdul Haq

Hashmi and other leaders while addressing a joint press conference here at the Quetta Press Club on Sunday.

Addressing the press conference, Bakht Muhammad Kakar said that we are going to observe the Day of Resistance on October 7 (today).

He said that the genocide of Palestinians is being made by Israel. He said that Israel has unleashed cruelties against the innocent Palestinians including children by attacking even the mosques and hospitals.

He said that the silence of World forces on the Israeli aggression is just unacceptable.

The Provincial Ameer of JI said that the JI has decided to observe the Day of Resistance today expressing

solidarity with the Palestinians. He said a whole year has been passed but the Israeli aggression is continued in Gaza.

He said that protest would be lodged against Israel setting aside the political differences.

The Advisor to CM Nasimur Rehman also expressed solidarity with the Palestinians against the Israeli aggression.

To a question regarding Chashma Achozai incident, the Provincial Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar said that report of the incident is being prepared.

He said that action would be taken against responsible if there was found injustice and high handedness with the people.

President expresses condolence with Shaheed Lt. Col. Ali's family

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday arrived at the residence of martyred Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Ali in Faisalabad to express condolence with the bereaved family.

The president offered Fateha for the departed soul, expressed sympathy with the martyr's family and also prayed for their patience, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

Lt. Col. Muhammad Ali embraced Shahadat while fighting with terrorists in North Waziristan, the other day.

On behalf of the nation, the president paid tribute to the services and valour of Shaheed Lt. Col. Muhammad Ali.

The president appreciated the affection and passion of sacrifice of late Lt. Col. Muhammad Ali Shaheed and his family for the country.

The entire nation valued the sacrifices of the martyrs and their families, he said, adding that the nation would not forget its martyrs and their sacrifices.

Faces legal heat: Imran Khan booked for D-Chowk protest planning

ISLAMABAD (INP): A case has been registered against PTI founder Imran Khan for allegedly planning the D-Chowk protest.

The charges against him included kidnapping, robbery, attempted murder, interference with government operations, and violations under the Anti-Terrorism Act, among 13 sections in total.

The case was filed by Sub-Inspector Qaiser Mehmood and named Imran Khan along with 14 local leaders.

The complaint stated that, contrary to prison manual, Imran Khan was granted extraordinary illegal facilities while incarcerated.

It alleged that he incited his political workers to violence against the state and institutions during visits and communications from jail.

CM Gandapur resurfaces in KP Assembly after day-long disappearance

Says IG Islamabad will have to tender apology at KP Assembly floor

ISLAMABAD on October 5, was reportedly near China Chowk when he disappeared.

Upon his return to the K-P Assembly, Gandapur delivered a fiery speech, accusing the federal government of undermining the will of the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "A historic chapter has been written, and now they are trying to erase it," he declared, referring to the PTI's political achievements. He also criticised the treatment of PTI members, stating, "Our party symbol has been taken from us, our members have been kidnapped, and we were not allowed to run an election campaign." Gandapur highlighted the party's electoral success, questioning how the opposition secured votes: "PTI received over 4.5 million votes. Where did the opposition get their votes from?"

Gandapur, who had been last seen leading a convoy of PTI protestors into



FAISALABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari offering Fateha over the martyrdom of Lt. Col. Muhammad Ali Shaheed at his family residence.

Objective of PTI protest to derail economy, spread anarchy: Atta ullah Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Sunday that the objective of the so-called "Tehreek-e-Intishar" was to derail the country's economy and spread chaos and anarchy.

Talking to Media here, the minister said he wondered what were the objectives of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf protest movement?

He said he was deeply saddened by the martyrdom of Islamabad Police Constable Abdul Hameed Shah.

"Abdul Hameed Shah had left home to perform security duties and was martyred by the anarchist group," he added.

The anarchist movement cannot feel the grief of the family members on the martyrdom of Abdul Hameed Shah, he said.

The people of the PTI



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar addressing the meeting of the UC Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of constituency NA-127 at Model Town.

Four killed, nine injured as anti-encroachment drive turns deadly in Quetta

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QUETTA: A violent confrontation erupted between law enforcement and armed individuals during an operation to reclaim land from land mafia in the Baleli area of Quetta. According to police reports, the clash resulted in the deaths of four individuals and injuries to twelve others. Armed assailants opened fire, leading to widespread unrest in the area. Protesters blocked Baleli Road in response, engaging in stone-pelting and halting all traffic.

The gunfire incident occurred while police were executing a court order to



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Advisor Naseem ur Rehman Mulakhail, Amir JI Balochistan Maulana Abdul Haq Hashmi, Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman, Allama Maqsood Ali Domki, Abdul Majeed Badini and other addressing a Press conference

GoB released grant of Rs. 5 bn for public sector university, says Provincial Minister Education

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Education, Ms. Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani has stated that the provincial government has released the grant of Rs. 5 billion for the public sector universities of the province.

The Minister Education said that the financial grant has been released for the universities for current financial year 2024-25. With this, the teachers and employees of the universities would get their salaries in couple of days.

The Minister Education was speaking to media here the other day.

Ms. Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani mentioned

that the issue of salaries of the public sector universities is being faced for long. However, it is unfair to set up a hunger strike camp by the teachers and employees of the Balochistan University, she said.

She pointed out that Rs. 10 billion are required for the salaries of public sector universities besides the grant of Higher Education Commission.

He said that the provincial government has increased the grant of public sector universities from Rs. 2.5 billion to Rs. 5 billion during the current financial year. The formula of distribution of grant among the universities has also been devised, she added.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Education Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani distributing certificate among participants of a conference organized by University of Balochistan

Achakzai announces expansion of peaceful protests to Balochistan

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QUETTA: Mahmood Khan Achakzai, Chairman of Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party and leader of the Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ain Pakistan (Movement for the Protection of Pakistan's Constitution), has announced the expansion of peaceful protests to Balochistan. In a statement, Achakzai condemned the government's violent response to peaceful protests in Islamabad, warning of alarming consequences if this continues.

Achakzai stated that despite repeated warnings to the government to release the PTI founder on bail, the advice was ignored.

He expressed concerns over the current political scenario, stating that the situation is taking a dangerous turn, and the public is now charting their own path.

To intensify the movement, a large protest rally is scheduled for October 7 in Qila Saifullah, Balochistan. Leaders of all political parties associated with the Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ain Pakistan will attend the event. Achakzai emphasized that this rally will inform the people of Balochistan about the ongoing political situation in Islamabad, and a future plan of action will be outlined following the event.

Federal government imposes ban on PTM

ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal government on Sunday has imposed a ban on the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), citing threats to national peace and security.

According to a notification issued by the Interior Ministry, the PTM is declared "unlawful" under Section 11B of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997. The announcement from the Interior Ministry stated that the PTM poses a "significant danger" to public order and safety in the country.

Naqvi announces Shaheed package for martyred cop's family

ISLAMABAD (APP): Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi on Sunday ruled out any possibility of talks with the protestors of a political party and announced the Shaheed package for the assistance of the bereaved family of Shaheed Islamabad Capital Territory Police Constable Abdul Hameed Shah to be delivered within upcoming days.

In a media talk after the funeral of the constable who was martyred during the PTI protest here, the Interior Minister said that those involved in the killing of the martyr would face law and vowed to bring the culprits to justice. He expressed his condolences to the police and the victim's family.



ISLAMABAD: Army is standing in reverse to control PTI's protest and situation at Zero point.

Controlling Maternal Mortality, a daunting task for provincial authorities

QUETTA (APP): Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in Balochistan is deemed to be much more than reported since many maternal deaths remain unrecorded due to occurrence in far flung areas and absence of vital statistics system.

Due to fragmented healthcare systems, especially in remote regions, data collection often remains incomplete and inconsistent. Surveys are time-consuming and expensive, with many maternal and child deaths going unrecorded, particularly in rural areas where infrastructure and reporting systems are weak.

According to health department data, the estimates of current maternal mortality ratio in Balochistan indicate around 298 deaths per 100,000 live births, although specific provincial data might vary. Similarly, infant mortality rate is approximately 60-70 deaths per 1,000 live births.

As the officials of population welfare and health departments acknowledge unreported deaths of women and infants, they also mention to absence of vital statistics system at district and union council level and validity of such data.

"Implementing a vital statistics systems at district and even union council levels is indispensable to ensure accurate data recording for effective implemen-

tation of policies about family planning and reproductive health services," stated Abdullah Khan, Secretary Balochistan Population Welfare Department.

"Limited healthcare services, shortage of medical practitioners including gynecologists, medical officers, lady health workers, cultural and social barriers, inadequate family planning services, low literacy, mal-nutrition and poor infrastructure are the major causes of the high MMR in Balochistan," he said.

There are common complaints by residents about insufficient facilities at health centers especially in remote areas resulting in frequent deaths.

Aminullah, 34, a resident of union council Malikyar in Pishin district is one of instances whose wife died on way to District Headquarters Hospital as no doctor was available at BHU and DHQ was on an hour travelling distance from his area.

"I could not save her life and lost my wife and child," he said and mentioned that one lady health worker used to work in BHU Malikyar sometime back and after her retirement, no LHV was appointed.

Umar Khan Nasar, 33, resident of Kili Nasarabad in Loralai district depicted same story of healthcare for women

in his district as Loralai Teaching Hospital is the sole facility for a population of 272,432 people also with skeletal staff.

"On account of insufficient Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care Facility, the serious patients are referred to Quetta on emergency basis," Umar said, mentioning that 265 kilometer travelling between Loralai and provincial capital result in many deaths.

This is the picture of a district comparatively somehow equipped with EONC facilities from where one can easily gauge the situation in far-flung and remote districts when it comes to better healthcare facilities for pregnant women. Situation is also not encouraging in other districts like Kohlu, Awaran, Dera Bugti, Musakhail, Kharan and Barkhan etc.

According to Health Department out of 35 districts in Balochistan, 15 have comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EMONC) services at Teaching and DHQ hospitals. As a whole, there are 1500 health facilities with nine teaching hospitals, two divisional, 28 district and five tahsil headquarter hospitals, 108 rural health centers, 784 BHUs and 91 mother and infant centers across the province.



KARACHI: Jamal-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addresses to his supporters during a protest rally against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and expressing unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Shahrah-e-Faisal in Karachi.

All set in AJK to solemnize the 19th anniversary of Oct 8, 2005 earthquake

MIRPUR (APP): In Azad Jammu Kashmir, all is almost set to commemorate the 19th anniversary of history's worst killer earthquake of October 8, 2005, across Azad Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday, Oct. 8, with due serious feelings, respect, and determination as the National Disaster Awareness Day, with the glorious tributes to be paid to the martyrs and other victims of history's most-worst deadly catastrophe of high magnitude in the region.

A grand ceremony to be hosted by the Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust (KORT) and Educational Complex at Akhterabad in Mirpur, dwelling at least 452 orphan and shelterless children, mostly those who had fallen orphan and homeless in the deadly earthquake of October 8, 2005 in Azad Jammu Kashmir, will be the hallmark of the 19th anniversary of history's worst catastrophe to be commemorated in this lake district simultaneously with the rest of AJK.

When contacted, Sardar Sajid Dilawar, Country Director of the KORT, told APP here on Sunday that a major grand ceremony will be held at 6.00 in the evening on Tuesday at the mega KORT complex at Akhterabad, in the outskirts of this lake city. AJK Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Chaudhry will be the Chief Guest on this occasion, also to be attended by the dweller children of the KORT besides the dignitaries and the representatives of all classes of the civil society.

Ch. Akhter Kashmir Waala, the founder of the

KORT, the largest shelter home in South Asia, housing over 452 orphan and shelterless children—mostly those who were rendered homeless and orphan following the killer earthquake of October 2005 in Muzaffarabad and various adjoining parts of AJK and KPK—told APP here Sunday that the ceremony to pay rich tributes to the victims of history's worst catastrophe will be attended among others by the AJK PM, the dignitaries—besides social workers, volunteers, and heads of various nation-building institutions—to observe the anniversary with due respect and prayers for the victims of the devastating calamity.

The anniversary will be observed as the national day of awareness about safety from the national disasters to mark the 19th anniversary of the calamity as a 'day of firmness and determination for reconstruction—in memory of earthquake martyrs, coupled with special prayers for the rest of the departed souls of the quake victims in eternal peace and to express sympathies and solidarity with the survivors of history's worst natural catastrophe. It will be a gazetted holiday throughout AJK State.

Another major ceremony to mark the day will be held at the capital city of Muzaffarabad, with the sign of deep-rooted love and affection by the government and the people of Pakistan, as well as the national and international NGO's and brotherly foreign countries that had contributed their exceptional share of generous assistance.

India beat Pakistan by six wickets in ICC Women's T20 World Cup-2024

DUBAI (APP): India women beat Pakistan women by six wickets in the seventh fixture of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium (DICS) on Sunday afternoon. This was Pakistan's first defeat in the ongoing mega event, while India claimed their first win.

Chasing a modest 106 to win, India achieved the target for the loss of four wickets in the 19th over. India's captain Harmanpreet Kaur played a responsible innings and scored 29 off 24 balls including a four. Opening batter Shafali Verma top-scored with a 35-ball 32, hitting three fours. Jemimah Rodrigues was other notable run-getter for the winning team with a 28-ball 23.

Captain Fatima Sana was the most successful bowler for Pakistan, bagging two wickets for 23 runs in her four overs, while Omaima Sohail and Sadia Iqbal snapped a wicket each.

Earlier, after opting to bat first, Pakistan managed to score 105 for eight in their allotted 20 overs. Former captain Nida Dar top-scored for the side with 28 off 34 balls including a four. That Pakistan were able to get past the 100-run mark was due to a 28-run partnership between Nida and Syeda Aroob Shah (14 not out, 17b, 1x4) for the eighth wicket.

Wicketkeeper-batter Muneeba Ali (17, 26b, 2x4s) and Fatima (13, 8b, 2x4s) were the other batters to reach double figures.



KARACHI: Players of Pakistan Army Team are lifting trophy after wins National Women Gymnastics Championship 2024 held in Karachi.

PM condemns cop's killing by PTI protesters

LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif here Sunday expressed profound sorrow and grief over the martyrdom of Islamabad police official, Abdul Hameed, due to stone pelting by the PTI protesters.

The Prime Minister strongly condemned the incident and directed the authorities concerned to bring all the people involved in the incident to justice.

He prayed for the elevation of martyred police official and paid condolence to the bereaved family.

He said that PTI always followed the path of violence under the guise of protest, citing that the same political party had attacked the PTV building and broken the gate of Parliament House in the past.



Vice Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami alongwith prize winners of 10th CNS Amateur Net Shield Golf Tournament

PTI failed to unleash violence, bloodshed in capital despite massive attempt: Muqam

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for State and Frontier Region, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs, Engineer Amir Muqam on Sunday in his response to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protest said it had failed to unleash violence and bloodshed in the federal capital despite massive attempts.

The Minister appreciated the positive role of security forces and police for showing patience, a press statement said.

Muqam said Ali Amin Gandapur's role has been that of a film actor from day one and that too of a villain. "Thankfully, the 'Imrani agenda' has not been completed. However, despite the Article 144 in Islamabad, deployment of Army and many hurdles, PTI's purpose of bringing the innocent Pashtuns to create bloodshed could not be done. These anti-state

elements were expecting severe reaction and bloodshed but their aim was not fulfilled," he said.

Engineer Amir Muqam while appreciating the role of the security and law enforcement agencies said that the security agencies worked in the best interest of the country and worked patiently.

"However, the martyrdom of one constable and the injuries of many are deeply regretted," he added.

The way in which the resources, machinery and manpower of a poor province were used recklessly would have to be accounted for, he said.

Engineer Amir Muqam warned and said that he would also ask the government officials of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa not to be part of the work against the country's interest, otherwise they too would be held accountable.

Pakistan determined to end their 10-match winless streak

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan is determined to end their 10-match winless streak at home when they face England in the first Test at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Monday.

Their last Test victory on home soil came against South Africa in Rawalpindi in February 2021. Since then, Pakistan has endured a dry spell, losing six matches and drawing four — their longest winless run since earning Test status in 1952.

Since that 2021 victory, Pakistan has played 23 Tests overall, securing just eight wins — two each against Zimbabwe and Bangladesh, three against Sri Lanka, and one against the West Indies. They've suffered 11 defeats, including four to Australia, one each to Sri Lanka and the West Indies, three to England and two to Bangladesh. The remaining four Tests, all drawn, were against Australia and New Zealand.

Captain Shan Masood arrived in Multan with a troubling record of five consecutive losses as skipper. Similarly, red-ball coach Jason Gillespie has yet to taste success in his two-year tenure, with Bangladesh claiming 10-wicket and six-wicket wins in their recent encounters, ending Pakistan's chances of reaching the ICC World Test Championship final at Lord's in June 2025.

However, the Pakistan team is now focused on putting the past behind them, determined to show resilience and pride, not just

for themselves but for their passionate fans and stakeholders.

Following the Bangladesh series, Pakistan players, like the England side that played an eight-match white-ball series against Australia, participated in the Champions One-Day Cup in Faisalabad, gaining valuable match practice. The squad then gathered in Multan on 1 October for a five-day camp to acclimatize to local conditions.

When these two sides last met at the Multan Cricket Stadium, England secured a hard-fought 26-run victory. But Pakistan can take positives from that game — England will be without key pacers James Anderson (retired), Ollie Robinson (not selected), and Mark Wood (injured), while captain Ben Stokes is still recovering from a hamstring injury.

Abrar Ahmed had a standout performance in that match, claiming 11 wickets, while Babar Azam and Saud Shakeel impressed with the bat.

Captain Shan Masood and coach Jason Gillespie have been candid about the

need to leave poor results behind and begin Pakistan's resurgence as a top cricketing nation.

"We have a huge opportunity to turn things around against England, and we're looking to make a strong start in Multan," Masood said earlier in the week. "The team is excited, and we're hoping for memorable results."

"I assure you, everyone is eager for a comeback and to take Pakistan cricket in the right direction. Pressure is a privilege — leading your country is an honor,



MULTAN: England cricket team captain Ollie Pope and his Pakistani counterpart Shan Masood pose with the Test series trophy on as first Test cricket match will be played from October 7-11 at the Multan Cricket Stadium.

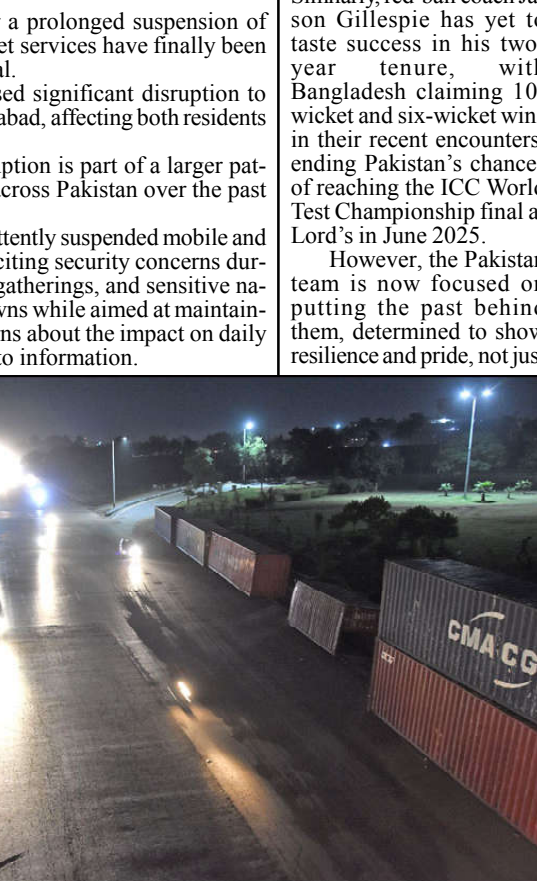
Mobile and Internet services restored in Islamabad after 51-hour shutdown

ISLAMABAD (INP): After a prolonged suspension of 51 hours, mobile and internet services have finally been restored in the federal capital.

The shutdown had caused significant disruption to communication across Islamabad, affecting both residents and businesses.

The recent service disruption is part of a larger pattern of internet shutdowns across Pakistan over the past year.

Authorities have intermittently suspended mobile and internet services, primarily citing security concerns during political protests, large gatherings, and sensitive national events. These shutdowns while aimed at maintaining order have raised concerns about the impact on daily life, businesses, and access to information.



ISLAMABAD: Motorists on their way at Islamabad Highway after open roads, in the Federal Capital.

Politicians slam PTI agitation politics at Islamabad

PESHAWAR (APP): The politicians of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa here Sunday slammed the agitation of Pakistan Tahrir e Insaf at Islamabad and termed it illogical.

"From recent protest demonstrations and agitation, it is seemed that PTI leadership has not been interested in the economic recovery of the country rather trying to get relief for their founder, who was in jailed in serious corruption cases," said Ikhtair Wali Khan, Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Information Secretary and former MPA while talking to APP.

Declaring the uncalled for protest agitation of PTI leadership as unjustified, Ikhtair Wali Khan said PTI leadership did not learn lesson from their past mistakes and flopped Dharna at D Chowk in the past and was again repeating the same blunder despite losing KP and Punjab Govts due to premature dissolution of assemblies in these provinces.

Terming politics of hooliganism as detrimental for democracy, he said that Pakistan Tahrir e Insaf's agitation first at Lahore

and later in Rawalpindi and Islamabad have totally negated the spirit of democratic principles and political tolerance.

"The clashes of PTI workers with Punjab Police have exposed the tall claims of the former called themselves as champion of democracy and rule of law," he said, adding "PTI workers' scuffling with law enforcers were also tantamount to take law into hands and create anarchy in society".

"PTI workers have not only violated the 144CrPc but also tarnished their own image before the entire nation due to uncalled for political hooliganism," he said, alleging that pelting of stones on police's vehicles and breaking citizens' cars has no service to the nation.

The PMLN leader said that no government could allow holding of such agitation rallies and demonstrations at red zone especially at Islamabad, claiming that the PTI has been repeatedly requested to postpone its rally for security reasons that were not reciprocated well.

"The flopped rallies exposed the PTI leadership's deep frustra-

tion and anxiety after people of Punjab kept their distance from it," he said.

Ikhtair Wali reiterated the CM KP was known for raising merely empty tall slogans and advised him to stage rallies and walks at DI Khan and other southern districts where the law and order situation was deteriorating due to lackluster policies of PTI.

"When a three-time elected Prime Minister Muammar Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz could face court cases and imprisonment in the politically motivated cases without any protest in their favor then why not PTI founder," he said.

Former KP Minister Wajid Ali Khan said there was no need of taking out protest rallies in Islamabad as media is free and politicians' voices could easily be reached to every corner of the country through media.

He said bringing hordes of protesters from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Islamabad and Lahore was tantamount to putting extraordinary pressure on Govt and state institutions in a bid to get relief for the PTI founder.

UoB hosts successful international conference on linguistics and literature

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QUETTA: The University of Balochistan organized a two-day international conference in collaboration with Linguistics Association of Pakistan (LAP), on October 3-4, 2024. The mixed mode of the conference brought together renowned linguistic experts from national and international levels. One hundred research presenters who belonged to different universities of Pa-

their promotion. The notable guests who attended the inauguration ceremony includes, Hafiz Tahir, Secretary Colleges, Higher and Technical Education, Pro: Dr. Naheed Haq, VC, SBK Women's University, Dr. Shabir Ahmed Lehri, VC Bolan University.

Keynotes on English language teaching in diverse contextual settings, Fostering Multilingual awareness,



kistan presented their research work. Fifty five researchers presented their work in-person and forty five researchers presented their research work virtually.

The conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Faiz Muhammad Kakar, former Health Minister of Balochistan, and Pro: Dr. Zahoar Ahmed Bazi, Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan, Dr. Muntazir Mehdi, President (LAP), Dr. Naseebullah Seemab, Dean, Faculty of Literature and Languages, highlighted the significance of such conferences in inculcating the culture of research, particularly in the field of literature and linguistics. Moreover, they also highlighted raising awareness about the importance of indigenous languages and

Documenting indigenous Languages, and Words Shaping Creative Meaning Book Launch: Brahui Texts: Glossed and Translated Short Stories and Folktales

By Dr. Liaquat Ali Sani Panel discussion on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage: Promotion of Indigenous Languages in Pakistan

One hundred Research presentations on linguistics, applied linguistics, and literature

Closing Ceremony and Resolution

Honorable Provincial Minister of Education, Ms. Rahila Durrani, graced the closing ceremony of the conference and distributed the shields and certificates among the participants. The participants of the ICLAP highlighted the absence of a comprehensive language policy.

NDRMF supporting National Climate Finance Strategy to be launched at COP29: Bilal Anwar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), Bilal Anwar on Sunday said the Fund is assisting the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination in formulation of the National Climate Finance Strategy that would be launched at the COP29.

The NDRMF is supporting the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination by extending financial and technical assistance in establishing the COP pavilion, pre-COP events and writing position papers on different agenda items like Article 13, Article 6 and

others under the Paris Accord, the CEO NDRMF said in an exclusive interview with APP while showcasing the efforts and accomplishments of the Fund. The Fund is also assisting in formulation of the National Climate Finance Strategy that would be launched at the COP29, he said. Denouncing the criticism on COP Pavilions, Bilal Anwar said the criticism on the COP pavilions established by the country at previous conferences was unfair.

"Pakistan's pavilion has enhanced its utility in the previous two to three COPs as during the COP27 due to 2022 floods it has garnered much attention

whereas during the COP28, some 29 events were organised throughout the moot at the pavilion. Pakistan this time has a wonderful story to tell at COP29," Bilal said.

The Fund, he said have launched its first Business Policy 2024 that helped in repurposing and redefining it over a course of 18-month to change the donors' mindset for well-informed disaster resilience interventions.

The document is a 10-year long-term policy intervention being implemented after extensive consultations with all stakeholders, he added.

"Resilience building is a long-term process and its

challenging amid growing climate catastrophes as every intervention has its impacts but a long-term strategy is necessary and the NDRMF Business Policy is addressing it. There have been repeated discussions with relevant bodies, provinces, fund implementing partners (FIPs), researchers, practitioners and experts related to the subject which resulted into culmination of our efforts in the form of the strategy," Bilal Anwar said. The Business Policy, he said has bagged huge acclaim from the donors who have demanded a framework under the Policy to continue their operations in line with the national document.



ISLAMABAD: Army and Rangers are standing in reverse to control PTI's protest and situation at D Chowk.



ISLAMABAD: Commandant Frontier Constabulary (FC), Muhammad Riaz Nazir Gara visiting the troops at D Chowk on Sunday to boost their motivation and enthusiasm.

Education, tolerance in society crucial in preventing radicalization: Analyst suggests

ISLAMABAD (APP): A prominent research analyst Syed Imran Sardar at the Institute of Regional Studies on Sunday advocated for robust laws to counter extremist narratives that threaten the well-being of Pakistan's youth due to unchecked social media.

Talking to the PTV news channel he made a pressing appeal to policymakers for controlling the social media's harmful influence and proposed societal tolerance as an antidote to extremism.

Syed Imran Sardar fur-

ther emphasized that promoting tolerance within society is crucial to countering extremism.

"We need to foster an environment where diverse perspectives are respected and encouraged," he said.

"This can be achieved through education, community engagement and inclusive dialogue," he added.

By promoting tolerance, "we can create a society where our youth are resilient to radical ideologies," he noted.

The analyst underscored the need for collec-

tive responsibility in promoting tolerance, adding that it is not just the government's duty; every citizen, community leader and institution must play a role in fostering inclusivity and respect.

Sardar cautioned that societal polarization and intolerance provide fertile ground for extremist ideologies to flourish.

"We must bridge the gaps between communities and promote mutual understanding to prevent the spread of hatred," he urged.

Siddiqui says: PTI introduced ominous tradition of provincial onslaught on federation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in the Senate, Senator Irfan Siddiqui on Sunday lambasted the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for instigating provincial resources against the federation and accused the PTI for introducing an ominous tradition of provincial onslaught on the federation.

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and the Pakistan People's Party was in some parts of the federation and provinces. Despite the mutual tension, it has never happened that any of the federating unit has attacked the federation under the leadership of the Chief Minister." He regretted that this tradition was introduced by PTI in 2016 when then Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pervez Khattak launched the first attack on Islamabad. In 2022, the PTI founder attacked the federal capital with the help of then Chief Minister.

PDMA issues fresh rain alert, departments ready to respond: Director

ISLAMABAD (APP): Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Director-General Irfan Ali Kathia Sunday assured that all concerned departments of Punjab are on high alert, following Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's instructions as the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) had issued a fresh rain alert.

In his message on a private news channel, he

said we are fully prepared to tackle any emergency-like situation, citing the rain prediction till October 8.

"Our control rooms are monitoring the situation 24/7 and rescue personnel with machinery are on standby," he added.

Kathia confirmed that water flow in all rivers and canals is normal. Measures have been taken for water drainage in low-lying areas.

Those involved in the killing of police constable Hameed will not be spared: IGP Rizvi

Says Islamabad Police fully alert to protect citizens' lives, properties

ISLAMABAD (Online): Inspector General of Islamabad Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi has said strict action will be taken against orchestrators, abettors and perpetrators of violent attacks on police, law enforcement agencies and public property.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad this afternoon, he said those involved in the killing of police constable Abdul Hameed Shah will not be spared. He said a strict First Information Report, as per the law, will be lodged against these elements. He added that Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur was leading this onslaught.

The Inspector General said so far ten FIRs have been registered against violent protestors. He said 878 miscreants, including 120 Afghan nationals, have been arrested. He added 144 safe-city cameras worth 154 million rupees, 10 police vehicles, 31 motorcycles of police personnel, and three private cars were badly damaged by the violent protestors.

Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi said resources of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government were used in this onslaught on the Federal Capital. He said eight Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police officers were arrested, while slingshots, live teargas shells, government and private weapons were recovered from the violent protestors.

The Inspector General, however, said the Islamabad Police is fully alert and committed to protect the citizens' lives, property and honour. He said no one will be allowed to disturb peace and tranquility in the Federal Capital. He said now the police force is going after miscreants' hide-

outs in every nook and corner of the Islamabad Capital Territory.

Answering a question, the Inspector General said Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is neither in the custody of police nor other law enforcement agencies.



ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Islamabad Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi is seen during a news conference.

NAVTC hosts international delegates to boost vocational training

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTC) on Sunday organized a meeting with international delegates to explore collaboration in technical and vocational education in Pakistan.

According to a NAVTC statement, the participants including Lord Paul Boateng, Dr. Tony Degazon, and Prof. Wendy Thomson highlighted the importance of partnerships in addressing skill development challenges and enhancing job opportunities for Pakistani youth.

Lord Boateng said, "Fostering strong international partnerships is vital to advancing Pakistan's TVET sector and equipping the youth with necessary skills."

Dr. Degazon emphasized the commitment to work closely with

NAVTC to improve vocational training and enhance employability. Prof. Thomson added, "Together, we can create meaningful opportunities for the young workforce in Pakistan."

NAVTC Chairperson, Ms. Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, highlighted the significance of these discussions, calling it a pivotal moment for Pakistan's vocational training. She said, "We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead."

Mr. Muhammad Aamir Jan, Executive Director NAVTC, said the commission is committed to enhancing the technical and vocational education landscape in Pakistan and looks forward to fruitful collaborations that will create meaningful employment opportunities for the skilled workforce.



ISLAMABAD: An elderly person on the way carrying bundle of dry branches of tree for domestic use in Federal Capital.

Chairman CDA reviews completion of renovation work at Convention Centre

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, conducted a thorough visit of the renovation work at the Jinnah Convention Centre (JCC) on Sunday.

The Member Engineering and other relevant officers of CDA accompanied him during the visit.

During the visit, Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa was briefed on the upgrades and renovation being made to the JCC.

Expressing satisfaction with the overall

progress, he directed to swiftly complete any minor remaining tasks and stressed to facilitate the timely handover of the Jinnah Convention Centre to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).

The Chairman also closely examined the installation of state-of-the-art equipment and furniture including SMDs, modern conferencing systems, advanced lighting, high-speed internet, and sound systems, ensuring that the facility is fully prepared for upcoming the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit.

IRSA releases 151,400 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Sunday released 151,400 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 121,600 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1536.90 feet and was 138.90 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. The water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 71,400 cusecs and 68,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1209.90 feet, which was 159.90 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet.



ISLAMABAD: Visitors taking keen interest in different handmade items displayed by artisans during two day "Daachi Arts & Craft Exhibition" at Pak China Friendship Centre in the Federal Capital.

Capital's residents enjoying eco-friendly rides in electric buses

ISLAMABAD (APP): The residents of federal capital were enjoying and feeling comfortable by commuting in electric buses, providing cheap and environmental friendly travel and access to various sectors of the metropolis.

Talking to APP, Waqar Ali, a resident of G-11, lauded the standards of the e-buses and said that with the commencement of mass transit public transport system in Islamabad the swarms of automobiles would reduce and enable a

modern commute facility in a modernized fashion for the citizens.

He said that he was travelling regularly to these electric buses and feeling relaxed till the destination, as the buses were established on international standards with spacious seats, built-in air conditioning system as compared to poor public transport vehicles with untidy seats, tightly packed occupancy and pathetic services of the transporters. He further appreciated the landmark initia-

tive of the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, who directed the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to launch the electric buses in various sectors of the city that were not covered under the erstwhile Metro Bus Service. Huma Rafique, a student reside of G-8 Markaz, said that being a student, she was commuting on the public e-transport which she considered as cheaper and eco-friendly as compared to others.



ISLAMABAD: An elderly person on the way carrying bundle of dry branches of tree for domestic use in Federal Capital.

Improved transport facilities: A boon for Capital commuters

ISLAMABAD (APP): In recent years, Islamabad has witnessed a transformative upgrade to its public transportation system enhancing the commuting experience for its citizens, especially women.

Spearheaded by the Capital Development Authority (CDA), these changes have introduced a new era of inclusivity, safety and convenience, addressing long-standing mobility and accessibility challenges faced by female commuters.

In a city dominated by private cars, those reliant on public transport—mainly women, students and low-income groups—found themselves disproportionately affected.

Therefore, the introduction of modern bus services, including the Metro Bus and the Green and Blue Line networks, have proved

to be game changers. Equipped with air-conditioned buses, fixed schedules and dedicated lanes, these services have alleviated many of the burdens previously experienced by commuters.

The Metro Bus, in particular, with its strategically placed stops, has become a lifeline for women, allowing them to travel for work, education and other duties without the hassle of long waits or overcrowding.

What makes these services different from previously run private transport between twin cities are the seats reserved for women and families, creating a more comfortable and respectful travel environment.

Enhanced safety measures at bus stations, including proper lighting, CCTV surveillance and security personnel, have fur-

ther bolstered female travelers' confidence in using public transport throughout the day. Maryam Sultan, a high school teacher commuting from Rawalpindi to Islamabad, shared her enthusiasm for the upgraded transport system.

"As a working woman, the new bus services have been a game changer for me. Before the Metro, it was exhausting and sometimes intimidating to rely on the old vans. Now, I feel much safer traveling to and from work, especially during the evening hours." She noted that the reserved seating for women makes a big difference and said that now many of her female colleagues were using public transport regularly. "It has surely made it easier for us to travel safely, respectfully and reach our destination well on time."

The impacts of this progress in the public transport system extend beyond mere transportation for bringing significant social and economic changes in their lives.

With reliable and affordable transport options now available, this newfound mobility has reduced economic barriers, enabling women to travel independently rather than relying on costly alternatives such as ride-hailing services. "The recent launch of 'Pink Bus Service' is an appreciable addition to Capital's transportation system and mode of easy travelling for both male and female commuters," remarked Sadia Khan, a university student.

"This also speaks loud of the government's commitment to facilitate women's mobility, with 10 routes designated specifically for female students, teachers and other female travelers from rural to urban areas," she stated.

With operations running from early morning to late afternoon, this service, she said enables women to have safe and accessible transport tailored to their needs.

The Capital Development Authority is also adding electric buses to the city's fleet with 30 such buses are already operational on routes connecting major healthcare and educational institutions, with a flat fare of Rs50.

The arrival of an additional fleet of buses, along with ongoing discussions about technology transfer for electric vehicle manufacturing in Pakistan, signals a commitment to creating a sustainable and eco-friendly public transport system.



ISLAMABAD: Labourers busy in fixing cemented blocks along Club Road in Federal Capital.

Sindh Governor announces gym, IT courses for NPC

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori on Sunday announced to build a gym and start IT courses under Governor's Initiative in National Press Club Islamabad (NPC).

He made this announcement in a meeting with a 17-member NPC delegation on the request of NPC President Azhar Jatoui and Secretary Nayyar Ali at Governor House here.

Governor Tessori said that the services of journalists could not be forgotten. He said that journalist community had a key role in the establishment and continuity of democracy.

The Governor also discussed matters of mutual interest including the role of journalism in democracy. There was a detailed discussion on the promotion of higher education, service creation

and stability of the economy in the province.

Tessori said that in this era of inflation, he started distributing ration to the deserving persons so far more than 7 lakh ration bags had been distributed and this process was still going on.

The Governor of Sindh said that there was more than 60 percent population of the youth in the country.

He said that currently 50 thousand young people were receiving free IT training in the Governor House.

On the occasion, NPC Secretary Nayyar Ali informed the Governor that the number of members of National Press Club was 3200 and the Camp office of the club was in Rawalpindi, while the number of women members in the club was 300.



KARACHI: 18-member delegation led by President National Press Club Islamabad Azhar Jatoui meeting with Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori.

Measures will be taken to increase business-to-business interaction between Pak- Argentina: Maryam

LAHORE (INP): Ambassador of Argentina to Pakistan Sebastian Sayus met with Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

In the meeting, discussions were held on the promotion of cooperation in livestock, agriculture, information technology and other industrial sectors.

In the meeting, it was agreed to launch a pilot project of silos in Okara.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said that

bilateral relations between Pakistan and Argentina are improving. She said that measures will be taken to increase business-to-business interaction between the two countries.

She said that we want to use Argentina's meat processing technology and there is a need to further promote trade with Argentina in the fields of livestock, sports equipment and surgical equipment.

Maryam Nawaz said the government is ensuring the provision of all

facilities, including security, to foreign investors in Pakistan.

In Punjab, the immense investment opportunities in various sectors can be taken advantage of, Maryam Nawaz said.

Speaking on the occasion, Argentina's Ambassador said that cooperation in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, information technology, and industrial sectors will be further promoted.

"We want to work with Punjab in the field of

livestock and biotechnology and will play a role in improving government-to-government and business-to-business coordination to promote trade and will also provide technical assistance to Punjab in the field of food security," Argentina's Ambassador said.

Argentina's Deputy Head of Mission Erica Lucero, Senator Pervez Rashid and Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman were also present at the meeting.



HYDERABAD: Sindh Government Spokesperson, Sadia Javed addresses to media persons during press conference, at Hyderabad press club.

PPP says PTI's agenda of disruption exposed, calls for immediate action

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Central Punjab General Secretary Syed Hassan Murtaza has declared that the agenda of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has been exposed, stating that the decision regarding the disruptive elements within the party will no longer be made in parliament but on the ground. He stressed that the current focus should be on saving the state rather than engaging in political maneuvering, reaffirming that the PPP is committed to both its manifesto and the coalition government.

He made these remarks during a joint press conference alongside party leaders Usman Malik, Rana Jawad, Mian Ayub, and Chaudhry Akhtar, following a Punjab

organizational meeting at the residence of CEC member Chaudhry Aslam Gill on Sunday.

He paid tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Ali Shaokat Shaheed and other soldiers martyred in North Waziristan, stating that they had sacrificed their today for the future of the nation. Murtaza also called for the immediate arrest of political workers involved in the attack on Senator Sherry Rehman and the killers of Constable Hameed. He criticized the PTI for inviting the foreign minister of an enemy nation to speak at their rally, accusing them of aligning with the Mukti Bahini movement. He warned that every child in Pakistan is ready to sacrifice for the country.

According to the data 1307 motorbikes, 82 autorickshaws, 122 motorcars, 34 vans, 10 passenger buses, 22 truck and 117 other types of vehicles and carts were involved in these road traffic accidents.



RAWALPINDI: People are arriving at Faizabad bus station for traveling their home towns as bus station open after three days in the city, due to roads closed during PTI protest in twin cities.

AJK observes World Teachers Day with due respect and honor

MIRPUR (APP): Like other parts of the country, the World Teachers' Day was also observed across Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

Parents and students conveyed good wishes to the teachers coupled with the prayer for long lives of the teachers to keep the children intact with the blessing of this relation to commemorate the 'Salam Teachers Day'.

Special meetings and rallies of both teachers and students were hosted under the auspices of various places in various parts of

AJK, including Mirpur, to mark the Day.

Addressing an impressive ceremony hosted at the local campus of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) School here on Friday, Director Atique ul Amin Khan, Principal Mrs. Ayesha Imran Mirza, Vice Principal Maria Atique and other seasoned academicians and students highlighted the superiority and importance of the relation between student and teacher as also confided and determined in the teachings of Islam.

08 dead, 1504 injured in 1411 RTCs in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Eight persons were killed and 1504 injured in 1411 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours.

Out of these, 708 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 796 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of hospitals.

Furthermore, the analysis showed those 810 drivers, 54 underage drivers, 158 pedestrians, and 544 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 290 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 297 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by Faisalabad 119 in with 121 victims and at third Gujranwala with 84 RTCs and 87 victims.

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One super education board to be set up: HEC

LAHORE (APP): The government has agreed to abolish all nine education boards across Punjab and establish one super board to fulfill their responsibilities.

Sources in Higher Education Department (HED) and Higher Education Commission (HEC) told APP that working plan in that regard is being prepared. Instructions to prepare a schedule and characteristics of the plan had already been issued. The decision would also be presented in the Punjab Assembly's cabinet for legislation.

All nine education boards in the province include Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Bahawalpur, DG Khan and Sahiwal. In this connection, all policy work has been done. The super board secretary would be appointed from Higher Education Commission.



LAHORE: Ambassador of Argentina to Pakistan Sebastian Sayus called on Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

UK delegation meets Speaker SA, discuss education, teachers' training

KARACHI (APP): A delegation from the United Kingdom called on the Speaker Sindh Assembly Syed Awaiz Qadir Shah and Sindh Education Minister Syed Sardar Shah at Sindh Assembly here Sunday.

Secretary Universities and Boards Abbas Baloch, Secretary Sindh Assembly Ghulam Muhammad Farooq and other officers were also present on the occasion.

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EPA confiscates over 1500kg plastic bags in drive against pollution

MULTAN (APP): The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) raided and confiscated 1500 kilogramme substandard polythene bags after a ban by Punjab government on single-use plastic and shopping bags with a thickness of less than 75 microns.

Assistant Director Environment Hameed Akhtar told APP here on Sunday that departmental teams were engaged and made inspections of 1203 shops from June 5 to 30. He further said that a Rs10,000 fine was also imposed on shopkeepers over violation. The teams

are making inspection on a daily basis to enforce the provincial government orders as plastic also contributes to environmental pollution. The initiative was taken for the health and life of the public and shopping bags less than 75 microns thick and single-use plastics are banned across the province, he added. The official said that factories have started manufacturing shopping bags above 75 microns. Since June 6, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Multan has been actively enforcing the ban on polythene bags below 75 microns.

Punjab government intensifies efforts to reduce severity of smog

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab government is striving for adoption of a holistic approach to address the issue of air pollution and smog across the province and to avoid the situation this year, it has intensified working on an anti-smog plan since April.

On the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, the Punjab government took several measures to combat smog from April to September, focusing on agriculture, transport, environment, industry, energy, education and health sectors. To reduce the intensity of smog, the government has accelerated its actions, as the severity of smog has made life haram for the

citizens from October to February for many years.

According to official statistics, 12,540 industrial units were checked in 6 months from April to September, while issuing notices to 4,403 industrial setups, while 117 units were demolished. Likewise, 594 units were sealed and cases were registered against 361, fines of Rs.70 million were separately imposed.

In addition, during the checking of 75,881 vehicles, challans of 18069 vehicles and routes of 24 vehicles were canceled, while 13678 vehicles, emitting smoke were closed and fined 32 million rupees.

Similarly, 8810 construction work

inspections were made in 6 months. The sites were checked, 26 were sealed and 376 were given notices. According to the statistics, 38,528 kilns were visited, notices were issued to 9,617 and 240 were demolished, 1012 kilns were closed and cases were registered against 217 and a fine of Rs89 million was also imposed.

Similarly, in the anti-plastic campaign, 59,389 inspections were conducted, 191 complaints were registered with the Environmental Magistrate, 19 lakh rupees were fined, in the plantation campaign 3 crore 60 lakh trees were planted in Punjab and 48 lakh saplings were planted in Lahore alone.

Special committees

Opposition Leader criticizes absence of KP Chief Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): Dr. Ibadullah, the Leader of the Opposition in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, on Sunday raised concerns over Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur's recent absence, saying that this is not the first time he has gone missing.

Speaking to journalists in the Chamber of the Opposition Leader, Dr. Ibadullah emphasized that the Chief Minister has not been arrested, raising serious questions about his disappearance, which he termed a "drama for political point-scoring."

He accused Gandapur of abandoning his party workers to enjoy pastries at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House instead of fulfilling his

responsibilities.

Dr. Ibadullah also highlighted that the assembly session has been postponed until October 7, questioning the rationale behind suddenly calling a meeting on a public holiday today. "What issues are being addressed here? Are they solely concerned with the interests of the PTI, rather than public concerns?" he asked.

Furthermore, he criticized the Chief Minister's rhetoric, questioning whether it is appropriate for a leader to respond to violence with violence.

"What message are we sending to the world when international delegations visit and protests erupt in D-Chowk?" he concluded.

He said that currently 50 thousand young people were receiving free IT training in the Governor House.



KARACHI: Activists of Shikapur Civil Society demonstrate in favour of their demands outside the Karachi Press Club.

Criminal involved in May 9 violence responsible for cop's martyrdom: Senior Minister

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb announced that constable Abdul Hameed, injured by PTI activists, had succumbed to his injuries at PIMS hospital. She held the criminal responsible for the events of May 9, labeling him a shameless narcissist and fascist.

She condemned his mindset of "If I'm not there, destroy everything," "If I'm not there, drop an atom bomb on Pakistan," and "Set the country on fire, kill everyone, burn everything down," saying such thinking is not representative of the Pakistani people. The senior minister stated that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin

Gandapur was armed with weapons, tear gas shells, and glass slingshots by Imran Khan, aimed at attacking Islamabad, shedding blood, and creating chaos. She said attacks were carried out on the police and Rangers, with heads and eyes being targeted, and that yesterday was essentially another May 9. Marriyum Aurangzeb added that the target on May 9 was national security institutions, with the aim of seizing control of their leadership. Yesterday, democratic institutions were the target, and the goal was to postpone the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit and gain control over the judiciary.

Another incident akin to May-9 thwarted: Azma

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari has said that another incident akin to the May-9 incident by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf has been thwarted.

Those who claimed to bring about a revolution fled away, leaving their shoes behind, she said and saluted the people of Punjab for completely rejecting the movement of chaos.

She said that the effective strategy of the federal and Punjab governments successfully countered the rioters.

A senior police officer was martyred and dozens

were injured due to stone-pelting by miscreants. She remarked that how come these rioters can claim that their protest was peaceful.

The assault on the federation was carried out using the resources and employees of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, the information minister said, adding that participation of the KP police and Afghan nationals in the protest was concerning and warrants investigation.

Furthermore, she expressed regrets for the parents who were sacrificing their children in this political turmoil.



PESHAWAR: Activists of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) are holding protest demonstration for release of PTI Founder Imran Khan, outside KPK Assembly in Peshawar.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Khawaja Salman Rafique and Deputy Commissioner preside over the meeting regarding anti-dengue campaign.

NCCA agrees roadmap for prioritising climate actions in close coordination with provinces

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The National Climate Change Authority (NCCA) in a high level meeting on Sunday agreed to roll out a roadmap for prioritising climate actions to take forward country's climate resilience...

The NCCA meeting was held to review the implementation of the various measures proposed in the national climate change policy for climate change resilience of various socio-economic sectors...



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui chairing a meeting with the NAVTTC counterpart colleagues from United Kingdom.

Windar dam to be completed by 2025; expected to irrigate 10,000 acres of agri. land

Independent Report QUETTA: The Windar dam project is due to be completed by end of year 2025.

According to an official hand out issued here the other day, the work on Windar project had been started in 2021. The important project of dam has already been reflected in the federal public sector development programme (PSDP).

The command area would also be increased for the growers with completion of federal government-funded dam project, which has four distributaries. It is believed that the new era of development and prosperity would also begin with completion of the dam project on one hand, while on the other hand, new job opportuni-



QUETTA: Head of Mazloom Olsi Tehreek Pakistan Mashar Haji Sadiq Khan Achakzai addressing the newly joined workers of tehreek.

PTI wants to disrupt SCO summit in Islamabad: Kundi

ISLAMABAD (INP): Levelling serious allegations on PTI, KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has said the party transport terrorists in Punjab and other cities in the guise of protests and sit-ins.

"The PTI wants to disrupt Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit by inviting Indian FM to address their protest rally."

"They are treading course of collision. They have nothing to do with the prosperity of the country. They just know how to commit corruption and dance," the KP governor said.



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar being briefed by DG Health Dr. Amin Mandokhail regarding betterment of health department



QUETTA: Participants of Gaza Conference express solidarity with the people of who are facing the Israeli aggression.

Dr. Khalid Maqbool says: Action must be taken against those making scene in Islamabad

KARACHI (APP): The Federal Minister for Education and Vocational Training Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui on Sunday said that action must be taken against those, who were becoming cause of the situation on the roads of Islamabad.

While talking to media persons after a special reception in honour of a delegation from the United Kingdom hosted by NAVTTC at a local hotel here, he said that the world was approaching towards Pakistan but some elements wanted to make her solitude at diplomatic level. He said that the attitude being

Irfan lambasts PTI for instigating provincial resources against federation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in the Senate, Senator Irfan Siddiqui on Sunday lambasted the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for instigating provincial resources against the federation and accused the PTI for introducing an ominous tradition of provincial onslaught on the federation.

In a post on his official X-handle, the Senator wrote, "It happened many times in the past that the government of the PML-N and the Pakistan People's Party was in some parts of the federation and provinces. Despite the mutual tension, it has never happened that any of the federating unit has attacked the



QUETTA: PTI workers stage a protest in favor of their demands outside OPC.

Miftah Ismail links foreign investment to political stability

KARACHI (INP) - A peaceful protest is the right of every individual. But politics is not given preference over national interests. Foreign investment does not pour in where there is political instability in the country, Awaam Pakistan Party leader Miftah Ismail said while speaking at an event.

"PTI must think that Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit is going to be held in Islamabad on October 15. This is not the proper time for protest in the capital. Using KP state

Mirwaiz urges India, Pak to engage in constructive dialogue at SCO meet

ISLAMABAD (APP): All Parties Hurriyat Conference senior leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has said India and Pakistan have a real opportunity at the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit to break the ice and engage constructively.

According to Kashmir Media Service, India on Friday announced that External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will travel to Pakistan to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in mid-October.



ISLAMABAD: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar being briefed by DG Health Dr. Amin Mandokhail regarding betterment of health department

Funeral prayer of Shaheed Constable Hameed Shah offered at Express Chowk

ISLAMABAD (APP): The funeral prayer of the valiant martyr, Constable Abdul Hameed Shah of Islamabad Police, was held on Sunday at Express Chowk, with utmost respect and honor.

According to police statement the ceremony was attended by Federal Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Faisal Karim Kundi, Interior Secretary Captain Muhammad Khuram Agha, Chief Commissioner Islamabad Muhammad Ali Randhawa, IGP Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, IGP Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar, senior officers from Islamabad, Punjab police and Frontier Constabulary,



LASBELLA: Parliamentary Secretary Tourism Nawabzada Mir Zareen Khan Magasi visiting Jam Mir Muhammad Yousaf Library. Deputy Commissioner Lasbella Humera Baloch is also present

Protests erupt in Jammu over blasphemous remarks by Hindu priest

JAMMU (INP): Protests erupted in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir against the blasphemous remarks made by a Hindu priest, Yati Narsinghanand.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the protests, comprising various Islamic organizations, demanded immediate arrest and execution of Narsinghanand.

In Rajouri, protesters took to the streets, raising slogans against Narsinghanand and demanding his arrest. The protesters marched through the main streets, calling for accountability and condemning the blasphemous comments.

Similarly, protests were held in Jammu's Gujjar Nagar area, where protesters gathered outside the local mosque and raised slogans and demanded action against Narsinghanand. The Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Personal Law Board and other organizations have condemned Narsinghanand's remarks, terming them "highly provocative and blasphemous."

Governor Kundi attends funeral of slain policeman

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday attended the funeral prayer of police officer Hamid Shah, who was tragically killed during recent protests.

The officer lost his life while fulfilling his duty to maintain public order. Governor Kundi expressed his condolence to the slain officer's son, brother, and fellow officers, emphasizing that their sacrifice will always be remembered.

He commended the courage of law enforcement personnel, saying that their services are vital for the country's security and public safety. Kundi said that the sacrifice of the slain officer symbolizes the commitment to maintaining peace and stability in the country.



QUETTA: Chairmen National Commission Interfaith Harmony Balochistan Jahangir Khan Khatori addressing a convention organized by PNL-N.

'Lawyers to defend judiciary from threats'

LAHORE (INP): Senior lawyer Hamid Khan has claimed that the ruling coalition is trying to amend the Constitution in a bid to weaken the judiciary, an attempt which the lawyers' community will resist with full force.

Talking to the media with reference to the proposed 26th Constitutional Amendment, Khan said lawyers are a shield against every conspiracy targeting the judiciary.

"We will not allow anyone to strike at the judiciary. Lawyers will protect the judiciary at all costs. We will neither allow the formation of a separate Federal Constitutional Court nor let it operate. Two hundred thousand lawyers across the country will not let any such attempt succeed," he added. The proposed constitutional amendment package includes some major changes in the country's legal system including formation of a separate constitutional court as well as extension in the tenure of the chief justice of Pakistan.