

19 years after devastating earthquake, Balakot survivors still deprived of basic facilities

BALAKOT (APP): As the 19th anniversary of the devastating earthquake was observed, the victims in Balakot and the surrounding areas of Hazara division remain deprived of basic facilities...

The earthquake struck on October 8, 2005, at 08:52 AM, measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale, resulting in the loss of approximately 80,000 lives and widespread destruction across Azad Kashmir and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

On this anniversary, survivors continue to wait for the reconstruction of schools and health centers. The delays in the development of New Bakriyal City, where those affected by the 2005 earthquake were to be accommodated, have prompted protests from the residents of Balakot.



QUETTA: Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani and Chairman Taleem Foundation Dr. Zafar Qadir meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti



QUETTA: Acting Vice Chancellor Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Dr. Naheed Haque and Registrar Raheela Manzoor meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

PTI should learn from...

Continued from page 1 He pointed out the PTM's past practices including burning of the flag of Pakistan, attack on Pakistani Embassies and their involvement in promoting a narrative against the country under the garb of protecting the Pashtuns.

The minister, while acknowledging the significant contribution of the Pashtuns in Pakistan movement and establishment of an independent homeland, regretted some elements using the name of Pashtoons to malign Pakistan's security, integrity and sovereignty.

about disappearance of Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur, who later claimed that he went into hiding by himself and crossed 12 districts to reach Peshawar.

All political parties participated in a conference on Palestine yesterday and pledged to raise their voices in support of Palestinians at international forums, he said, regretting that only one party, "Tehreek-e-Intehar", chose not to stay away.

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

Saudi Arabia's aid...

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

Al-Baiz highlighted KSRRelief's significant global contributions, noting that since its establishment in 2015, the organization has implemented 3,068 projects in over 102 countries, with financial aid exceeding \$7 billion.

In response to the devastating 2022 floods, Al-Baiz said KSRRelief will fund the reconstruction and rehabilitation of 1,000 housing units in flood-affected areas. The center is also preparing to establish a disaster management warehouse to enhance Pakistan's emergency and disaster preparedness capabilities, he added.

Al-Baiz underscored that Saudi Arabia's total contribution to humanitarian and development aid for Pakistan has reached \$12.75 billion, covering 247 projects. He expressed hope that the newly launched initiatives would ease the suffering of the Pakistani people.

Notification of new CJP will come before retirement of Qazi Faez Isa: Farooq

ISLAMABAD (Online): Senior lawyer and vice chairman Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) Farooq H Naik has said notification of new chief justice will come ahead of retirement of Qazi Faez Isa.

Naik said he did not attend Lawyers convention as vice chairman PBC, Holding convention is right of the lawyers. We have our stance about constitutional court that it should be formed. Constitutional court is beneficial and not harmful to country.

Gory tale of 2014-like sit-in...

Continued from page 1 leave no stone unturned to make the security of Chinese national "unreachable."

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

The prime minister thanked China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE for their support in obtaining the IMF loan facility and also mentioned last week's "successful" visit of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim when two sides agreed that Pakistan would export Halal meat and rice to Malaysia.

He said consequent to the "finest level" of teamwork, the IMF program had been approved, inflation was reduced from 32% to 6.9%, exports, remittances and IT exports were on surge and the stock exchange was skyrocketing.

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

He said oil prices had been reduced for the fifth time, and a Rs50 billion relief package was announced for the power consumers of the protected category, apart from the Punjab government's Rs55 billion package on top of that.

TENDER NOTICE

Tender notice for Green Pakistan Initiative (GPI) Agro-Markets Dev. in 20 Districts. Includes details on bid submission, eligibility, and contact information for the Project Director.

CM KP's disappearance story tantamount of filmy jokes: PPP Parliamentary leader

PESHAWAR (APP): Parliamentary leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, Ahmed Karim Kundi here Tuesday termed the Chief Minister's disappearance story after D Chowk protest was like a filmy jokes that was being laugh by the people.

Speaking on a point of order at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, Ahmad Kundi said that CM KP's disappearance story was being mocked by the children in streets as no one took it seriously.

with CM KP today if he was arrested while raising voice for rights of the province.

He suggested in-camera briefing of the House on the law and order situation developed at KP

House after the CM's claims. Earlier, the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur has accused the Islamabad police for conducted what he said an uncalled for raid at KP House during his stay, he added.

He paid tributes to the party workers for their commitment with party during protest demonstrations. The CM KP has again narrated the dispetance story in the house and criticized the treatment of Islamabad police towards him at KP House, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal and Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal in the event of Innovation Lab on Achieving \$100 Billion Exports Target organized by MoPDSI.

Women's socio-economic...

Continued from page 1 directly improve women's access to education, work, and leadership opportunities, we not only promote women's empowerment but also foster healthier, more equitable communities," she stressed.

The initiative launched in Balochistan in support by the Chinese government aims to improve health and quality of the life of the province's young women with a focus on health, hygiene, and education. It reflects the ongoing collaboration between Pakistan and China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, aiming to improve socio-economic conditions in the region.

month with distribution of hygiene kits among school-girls of government schools in Hub and Uthal towns of the province.

The hygiene kits' distribution marked the beginning of the distribution of 20,000 kits across four districts of the province including Lasbela, Hub and Gwadar. Distribution of these kits, which contain essential hygiene products including sanitary pads, soap, hand sanitizers, educational materials on hygiene practices, aimed at promoting better health practices among young girls in the province.

aiming to improve socio-economic conditions in the region. The PM's Coordinator on Climate Change Romina Khurshid hoped that the landmark initiative would help reduce school dropout ratio among schoolgirls, enhance their school performance and their overall health by ensuring that they can manage their menstrual health with dignity.

"Local health workers and community leaders are also being engaged in promoting this initiative, ensuring that the messages resonate within cultural contexts. This grassroots approach will hopefully help overcome barriers related to stigma and misinformation surrounding menstrual health", Ms Alam said.



QUETTA: MPA Haji Muhammad Khan Toor Utmarkhail meeting with Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetrani

Advertisement for the Balochistan Public Procurement System (BPPRA) with details on tender notices, eligibility, and contact information.

Tender notice for the Section Officer (B&A) Services And General Administration Department (S&GAD) for supply of following objects. Includes details on bid security, submission, and contact information.

Tender notice for the Executive Engineer (Building) Communication Works, PP&H Department District Awaran. Includes a table of tender items with details on work, estimated cost, tender fee, and turn over.

President, PM call for focusing on climate change mitigation

ISLAMABAD (Online): National Resilience Day was observed across the country on Tuesday to express solidarity with the victims of 2005 earthquake. In their separate messages on the occasion, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have called for focusing on mitigating the impacts of climate change through effective coordination and construction of climate resilient infrastructure. In his message, the President stressed the need

to educate the people about disaster risk management, and mitigation, and actively engage the communities to promote a culture of disaster preparedness. He said amid the catastrophe of 2005 earthquake our nation displayed an unparalleled spirit of resilience and unity and generously helped the affected people. In his message on the occasion, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the day is a motivation for us to embrace the best practices and implement policies and

strategies in various sectors aimed at fortifying our nation's resilience. He said Pakistan is facing an immense impact of climate change despite not being responsible for it. He commended the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for its response towards such natural calamities. Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Engineer Amir Muqam said the government will continue to take more effective measures for making Pakistan a disaster-free

country. In his message on the occasion of National Resilience Day, he expressed solidarity with the victims of devastating earthquake of October, 2005. The Minister lauded the exemplary role played by the institutions engaged in the national reconstruction following the earthquake. Engineer Amir Muqam also appreciated the cooperation extended by the international community following the deadly earthquake.



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



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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Tuesday directed the department concerned to resolve the issue of electricity supply in Park Enclave II and III to relieve the allottees. Chairing a meeting the CDA chairman asked to expedite decisions on the cancellation of allotments for defaulters in Park Enclave. The Chairman also instructed the Estate Wing to address the issues related to Built-Up Properties (BUP) in Park Enclave and the E-12/1 and E-12/4 Phases of Islamabad. During the meeting, the Finance Wing provided a comprehensive briefing on the fiscal status of the CDA, with a focus on revenue generation. It was briefed that CDA is consistently pursuing its financial tar-

Sherry briefs PILDAT chief on proposed FCC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Sherry Rehman, Vice President of the People's Party, met with Ahmed Bilal Mehbub, head of the Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency, (PILDAT) and briefed him on her party's stance on establishing a Federal Constitutional Court (FCC). According to a press release, Sherry Rehman stated that the meeting aimed to build consensus among all stakeholders on the establishment of a Federal Constitutional Court. She stated that PPP is engaging all political parties, lawyers' organizations, civil society, and relevant private institutions, following Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's directive, to build a broader consensus on establishing the Federal Constitutional Court.



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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath Tuesday highlighted the urgent need for resilient health systems amid global health security challenges and climate change. He was speaking at the inaugural session of one-day International Conference on Sustainable Health Systems and Resilience: Challenges and Opportunities held at COMSTECH. The conference was organized by the Manhattan Strategy Group, a prominent US-Pakistani social and human development organisation, in collaboration with partner organizations. In his opening remarks, Dr. Bharath com-

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government is planning to integrate the HRD Ministry's helpline 1099 to strengthen coordination between the police, media, and victims at the grassroots level. Talking to APP, Director General Ministry of Human Rights Dr. Jahanzeb Khan said that there is a dire need to create awareness about the helpline quarterly year. He said that the integration of helplines would help the people and 15 different officials' helplines integrate each other's and SOP would be completed that would facilitate the people. **ICT police intensify crackdown against vehicles with tinted glasses**

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

Modern education essential to tackle challenges: Kundi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Tuesday emphasized the need for collaborative efforts for the broader interests of Pakistan, highlighting that quality and modern education is essential to tackle the challenges faced by the nation. He said that education equips individuals with knowledge, skills, and experiences, enabling them to improve their lives. He said that educated individuals are better positioned to make informed decisions, adopt healthy lifestyles, and contribute positively to the economy. He further mentioned that quality education plays a vital role in addressing social issues, fostering critical thinking, analytical abilities, and a spirit of collaboration among individuals. To advance the journey toward societal prosperity, he urged the importance of ensuring the provision of quality education. The Governor also commended the performance of the Beaconhouse College Program administration during his address.

October 8's grief still fresh, says Mushaal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior Kashmiri leader and wife of Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front Yasin Malik, Mushaal Hussein Mullick, on Tuesday said that the haunting scenes of destruction caused by the October 8, 2005 earthquake are still vivid in her memory, even after 19 years. In her message on the 19th anniversary of the catastrophic earthquake, she reflected on the immense devastation that unfolded that day, private news channel reported. "It's been 19 years since the tragic earthquake, yet the horrifying images of entire towns and villages being wiped off the map in mere moments are still fresh in my mind. It is heart-breaking to remember how entire communities were erased in



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

AIOU launches "English Access Scholarship" program to empower students

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prioritizing women's education is top priority for the Government, as women are a vital part of this society, and the education and training of women is the mission of the Higher Education Commission. These thoughts were expressed by the Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, while addressing an Opening Ceremony of the English Access Scholarship Program at Allama Iqbal Open University. He further mentioned that the enrolment ratio of female students in Pakistan's universities is 52%, and we are continuing our efforts to increase this number. During this occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, stated that education is the only path for the development and prosperity; without education, no nation has a future. He encouraged students to pay special atten-

Naqvi to review SCO summit preparations and beautification of Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chaired an important meeting at the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to review preparations and arrangements for the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit. He directed that attractive landscaping be implemented along major roads and instructed that the entire city be adorned with vibrant flowers and decorative lights in preparation for the international event. Minister Naqvi highlighted the importance of completing renovation work on the Jinnah Convention Center, assigning the task of finishing the project promptly. He stressed the significance of hosting the SCO Summit, noting it as a reflection of the government's successful foreign policy efforts. The meeting also focused on the beautification efforts underway in Islamabad and other development projects. During the session, Minister Naqvi emphasized the need for extensive beautification of key areas, particularly the Red Zone and VIP routes. "Special attention must be given to the beautification and cleanliness of Islamabad, with a focus on VIP routes and the Red Zone," said Naqvi. He added that these measures were vital to enhancing the city's appearance ahead of the summit. Security arrangements for the SCO Summit were also reviewed during the meeting. The Interior Minister gave clear directives to take firm action against illegal housing societies, stressing the importance of keeping Islamabad free from unauthorized constructions and encroachments.



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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik on Tuesday emphasized Pakistan's National Vision for Proactive Disaster Management, highlighting the transformative shift from a reactive to a proactive disaster management approach. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) marked National Resilience Day with a full-day event at the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC), NDMA Headquarters. This annual observance reflects Pakistan's solidarity with the victims of the 2005 earthquake and all those affected by past disasters, while reaffirming the nation's unwavering commitment to advancing disaster preparedness and building resilience against future crises, a news release said. Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik highlighted the establishment of most modern National Emergency Operation Center, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on October 5, 2023, which is equipped with cutting-edge satellite feeds, advanced software, and AI tools. He apprised that the NEOC developed a futur-

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan and SAFRON Engineer Amir Muqam on Tuesday said that the incumbent government would take all possible measures to protect the country from disasters. The minister said in his statement, he said that today we are observing the 19th National Resilience Day in memory of the devastating earthquake of October 8, 2005, which caused hundreds of thousands of precious lives. Expressing heartfelt sympathy to the families affected by the earthquake, Amir Muqam paid rich tributes to the people of Pakistan who showed courage during the devastating earthquake. Thousands of people lost their lives in the devastating earthquake whose grief cannot be forgotten till today, he added. In the earthquake, the national institutions, responsible for reconstruction have played an exemplary role, Engineer Amir Muqam appreciated the cooperation of the international community during the October 8, 2005 earthquake.



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



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

