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Pakistan, China reaffirm support to each other on core issues

Islamabad, Beijing express satisfaction over Pak-China strategic partnership; Ink 13 accords to strengthen bilateral cooperation in different areas

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and China on Monday reiterated their support to each other on all core issues and pledged to develop China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) phase-II at the highest standards. Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz China praises counter-terrorism efforts of Pakistan Army

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who is in Pakistan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit, held a significant meeting with Pakistani military officials.

During the meeting, Premier Li Qiang met with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and the service chiefs.

The discussions reaffirmed the commitment to further strengthen and expand the long-standing relations between Pakistan and China.

Key topics included defense cooperation and issues related to terrorism between the two countries. The Chinese Premier praised the role of Pakistan's armed forces in the fight against terror-

Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang led the delegation-level talks at the Prime Minister's House.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed all aspects of bilateral relations and discussed regional and global issues of mutual interest, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction that the Pakistan-China Strategic Cooperative Partnership which was based on mutual trust and shared principles was being further strengthened with the pas-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier, Li Qiang unveiling **Continued on page 2** a plaque to mark the completion of New Gwadar International Airport.

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Premier Li Qiang holding a significant meeting with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Service Chiefs.

Two-day SCO CHG summit kicks off today as delegates start arriving

ISLAMABAD (APP): orful lights and Pakistani SCO member states attend-The twenty-third meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the member states of the timelines. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is set to begin on Tuesday, bringing

Premier of the State Golovchenko, Prime Minster of Kazakhstan Olzhas Bektenov, Russian Prime together regional leaders to egation, has already landed Minister discuss enhancing collabo- in the federal capital to atration with a focus on trade, economy, and cultural link-

The delegates from the countries participating in the annual gathering of SCO leaders have already started landing in the federal capital which has got a facelift with colorful lights, floral decorations, SCO countries' flags and banners to welcome the dig-

The LED display screens have been installed on the main intersections also beautifully painted with lights and murals. The landmarks across the city have been adorned with col-

flags, also creating a rare ing the summit include photo-op for the citizens and fodder for social media

tend the moot and hold meetings with Pakistan's Uzbek Prime Minister civil and military leader-

ship.
The two-day meeting of SCO CHG, the second highest forum within the SCO, will be chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as the current chair of the Council

Pakistan had assumed participating in the summit the rotating chair of the SCO CHG for 2023-24 at as an Observer State being represented by Prime Minthe previous meeting held in Bishkek on October 26. 2023 where the country was represented by that time Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani.

The leaders from the

Pakistan, Chinese PMs virtually inaugurate **New Gwadar Int'l Airport**

PM terms Gwadar Int'l airport a gift from China; to serve as catalyst for economic prosperity, regional connectivity

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the completion of Gwadar Airport Chinese International showed leadership's commitment and dedication to support Pakistan's economic agenda

and develop its backward

Addressing a ceremony of virtual inauguration of the newly completed Gwadar International Airport here, the prime minister said that the landmark achievement was all about time-tested friendship between the two countries.

He expressed the hope that the completion of this international airport would Gwadar's transform economy in particular and the economy of Pakistan in

Minister

Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang were at hands to unveil the plaque of Gwadar International Airport. The ceremony was attended by members of the both delegations, ministers, military leadership and senior officials.

The prime minister said that today, both sides had witnessed the signing and exchange of MoUs between the two countries in various fields of industry. commerce and agriculture.
"No doubt these

MoUs will shape into agreements very soon through joint efforts of both countries. Once again, I thank you for your visit to Pakistan out of your busy schedule which is a reflection of your commitment to promoting friendship be-

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Governor Balochistan praises role of lawyers for rule of law and justice Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan

Mandokhail has stated we held the lawyers community in high esteem and appreciate their endeavours for promotion of the rule of law and justice.

He said that the lawyers community plays important role in promoting culture of rights and responsibili-



ties as well as maintaining the rule of law and creating balance among the individual rights and social duties.

The Governor was speaking to a delegation of lawyers who called on him under leadership of the provincial president of Pakistan Muslim League-N's lawyers wing, Anwar Nasim Kasi who called on him here at the Governor House on Monday.

The Governor emphasized on the importance of legal struggle in formation of a society based on the justice. He expressed his resolve for support of the lawyers community and assured his every possible cooperation to the delegation for protection of their rights and interests.

KARACHI (INP): Paki-

stan Peoples Party (PPP)

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-

Zardari has asserted that iu-

dicial reforms will be imple-

mented without any com-

promise

Media persons of Balochistan playing constructive role despite unfavourable circumstances, financial hardships: CM

Mir Sarfraz Bugti issues directives to concerned authorities to resolve issues being faced by jouranlists; orders to transfer land of Journalists Housing Society to Journalists Cooperative Society from Information Department; increases seed money of Journalists Welfare Fund from Rs. 230 million to Rs. 500 million immediately

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that media persons of the province playing their constructive role well despite the unfavourable circumstances and financial hardships.

He said that the media persons of province are infixed with the beautiful values and traditions of the

He said that we welcome positive criticism and it is his aim to free the media persons from the government aid for healthy criticism as such every possible effort would be made

The Chief Minister was speaking to a delegation of senior media persons who called on him under leadership of President of Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ), Khalil Ahmed, here on Monday.

to resolve their issues.

Also present in the meeting were the former President of PFUJ, Salim Shahid, president of Quetta Press Club, Abdul Khaliq Rind and General Secretary

of BUJ, Abdul Shakoor.

During the meeting, the members of delegation apprised the Chief Minister about the issues of media persons including the delay in project of Journalists Housing Society.

The Chief Minister directed to the concerned authorities to take immediate steps for resolving the is-

He also directed to transfer the the proposed project of Journalists Hous-

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QUETTA: Office bearers of Quetta Press Club and Balochistan Union of Journalists meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Safaraz Ahmed

Dar once again urges PTI to postpone protest in national interest

ISLAMABAD (INP): Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has said that holding protests during a nationally important event does not send a positive message, urging those wishing to protest to wait until after the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit

Talking to media in Islamabad, Ďar highlighted Pakistan was fully prepared to welcome participants of the SCO summit, including leaders and delegates form member and

He called

transitioning farmers to so-

lar power for irrigation and

ensuring they receive qual-

ity seeds. "We face the dual

challenge of combating cli-

mate change while support-ing farmers," he added.

In his political remarks, the PPP chairman recalled

that the late Benazir Bhutto

had promised to implement

the Charter of Democracy.

nation to fulfil those com-

mitments and asked the

public if they were satis-

fied with the current judi-

He insisted that if the

public is not content, the

solutions provided by

Benazir should be pursued,

including equal representa-

tion for all provinces in the

iudiciary. Bilawal rejected

calls for him to back down.

committed to Benazir's vi-

cial system.

He expressed determi-

Pakistan emerges as important player in region: Tarar

Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Monday that Pakistan which faced isolation on cent past. foreign policy affairs in the

to end diplomatic isolation of the country and now high level delegations from many countries have been visiting Pakistan in the re-

We are a very active past, had now emerged as a player in the region, and we



Talking to the media after the inauguration of the Media Facilitation Center at Pak-China Friendship Center, he said the present

have to play an active role in the region", he remarked. He said recently Malaysian Prime Minister

Four policemen martyred, five terrorists killed in

asserting that he remains

Anwar Ibrahim concluded Continued on page 2

Bannu police line attack

four policemen were martyred and five terrorists killed when the latter attacked Bannu police lines here on Monday, police said. The terrorists wearing

'Burqa' (veil) stormed the police line and started indiscriminate firing on policemen deployed at its main gate.

During the exchange of firing, which continued for about an hour. The gunshots rocked the police station, as a result,

four police personnel embraced Shahadat while all the five attackers were

The KP Chief Minister has sought a report

> the incident. He directed the Chief Secretary and IGP KP to reach Bannu. The security forces cordoned of the police line and started search operation

from police high ups of the

The KP Governor and Chief Minister have strongly condemned the attack, emphasizing that terrorists will not undermine the police force's determination. They commended the bravery of the police for successfully thwarting the attack

Qatari Royal family member calls on CM Balochistan: Large number of youths of Balochistan being provided opportunities of livelihood abroad, says CM

Sheikh Talal Khalifa Al Thani says youth of Balochistan to be provided opportunities of livelihood in Qatar



Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has reiterated his government's plan to send 30,000 youth of the province to Qatar and other countries after imparting them the necessary training under the CM Youth Skills Development Programme.

He said that it is for the first time in history of the province that the youngsters are being provided opportunities of livelihood abroad in large number. These youngsters would not only earn respectable livelihood for them and their families, but would also send foreign exchange back to Pakistan.

These views were expressed by the Chief Minister while speaking to the member of Royal family of Qatar, Sheikh Talal Khalifa Al Thani, who called on him along with other mem-

bers of the family here at the CM's secretariat on Monday.

During the course of meeting, they discussed the matters of mutual interest and cooperation

The Chief Minister apprised the member of Qatar Royal family about the CM's Youth Skills Development Programme and share details about it.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the Youth Skills Development would bring economic stability in the country and province bringing down the poverty.

The member of Qatar Royal family, Sheikh Talal Khalifa Al Thani hailed the CM Balochistan Youth Development Programme and termed it welcoming.

He assured that youth of the province would be provided the opportunities of livelihood in Qatar.

Naqvi did not assure Gohar of arranging his meeting with PTI founder ISLAMABAD (Online):

China's Premier of the State

Council Li Qiang, Prime

Minister of Belarus Roman

ister of Kazakhstan Olzhas

Mishustin, Tajik Prime

Minister Kohir Rasulzoda

Abdulla Aripov, Kyrgyzstan's

Chairman of Ministers

Akylbek, Iran's First Vice President Mohammad

Reza Aref, and Indian Ex-

ternal Affairs Minister

Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

Turkmenistan as Special

Guest represented by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers

Luvsannamsrai

Rashid Meredov.

Besides, Mongolia is

Oyun-Erdene

Cabinet

Mikhail

Zhaparov

Interior ministry has said no assurance has been given by interior minister Mohsin Naqvi for arranging meeting between barrister Gohar Ali with PTI founder Imran Khan.

According to statement issued by interior ministry spokesperson Barrister Gohar Ali Khan wrote a letter to interior minister Mohsin Naqvi whereby request was made for arranging his meeting with PTI founder.

Interior minister talked to barrister Gohar Ali by telephone. Interior minister held out assurance for reviewing the application. However no assurance was given about permission for meeting with PTI founder.

New Polio case reports from Quetta

QUETTA (APP): Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad has confirmed the detection of wild poliovirus type-1 case from Quetta District of Balochistan.

The index case had onset of paralysis on 22 August 2024.

This is the third polio case from district Quetta and the 33rd from Pakistan at large this year.

during President Asif Ali Speaking at the launch Zardari's first term, noting of the Hari Card in Karachi that the government was on Monday, he emphasised forced to import food. He underscored the need to the party's commitment to

No compromise on judicial

reforms, says Bilawal

Mazdoor Card, highlighting

the PPP's focus on small

farmers and the working

agricultural losses suffered

Bilawal referred to the

the promises made in the Charter of Democracy.

their produce. He stated that the launch of the Hari Card follows the Benazir Income Support Programme and the

support farmers by buying

Addressing the need for agricultural deregulation, he urged that the sector should be regulated instead

AJK govt plans to promote tourism in Poonch division

Prime Minister, Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq Monday said that the government's broad-based plan to promote tourism in picturesque Poonch division, would lead to change the region's destiny.

Addressing a ceremony hosted by District Bar Association in Rawlakot, he said the sense of deprivation the PM said the people of Indian Occupied Jammu and amongst the people could be eliminated by raising the living standard of the people.

He said that organising a tourism festival could be dignity and honor was also at stake. instrumental in the region.

The prime minister said the state government was about to launch a mega tourism project that would trans-

form the area into a tourism corridor. Terming Toli Peer Road as a game changer, he said that work was continuing on the project.

He said that it was totally unwarranted and unwise to engage in activities which adversely affect not only tourism but also the lives of the common people of the

He said that holding peaceful protest was every citizen's right, however, the red lines should not be crossed under the garb of public rights.

Expressing his satisfaction over the existing infrastructure in the region, he said that the AJK government was trying to improve it further. Public welfare was his sole mission, he added.

The present government, he said, had improved gov-

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu an Kashmir, (AJK) ernance in the region by establishing rule of law and supremacy of merit and did not believe in racism, regionalism or tribalism

Tuesday October 15, 2024

He observed that people in AJK enjoyed better facilities as compared to other regions. Referring to the atmosphere of fear and oppression,

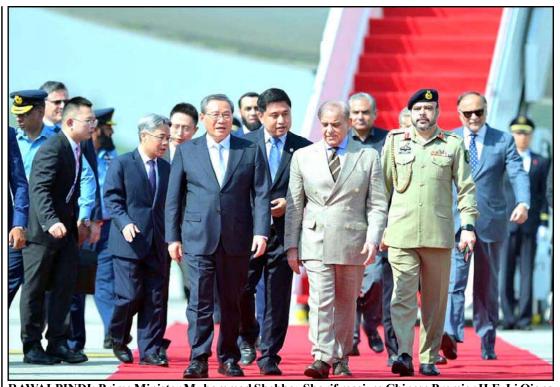
Kashmir (IIOJK) were forced to live in and added that along with the lives and property of the people, their

"No one is allowed to hoist the flag of the state there". he said, adding that people in the liberated territory had been living a dignified life in a peaceful manner.

The PM, on the occasion, announced a grant of Rs 3,000,000 for District Bar Association, Rawalkot.

The ceremony was attended by Senior Minister Colonel (R), Waqar Noor, Information Minister Pir Muhammad Mazhar Shah Saeed, Malik Zafar Iqbal, and others. Whereas President District Bar Association Rawalkot Sardar Asim Irshad Advocate, members of the Bar and a large number of lawyers were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile addressing a reception ceremony hosted in his honour by former Chairman Pearl Development Authority Sardar Arshad Khan Niazi on Monday, the AJK PM said that the government would not allow anyone whosoever to weaken the Pakistan ideology in the



RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif receives Chinese Premier H.E. Li Qiang upon his arrival in Pakistan.

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presenting traditional stick made in Dera Bugti to Member of Royal family of Qatar, Sheikh Talal Khalifa Al Thani meeting with

Pakistan emerges as important....

Continued from page 1 a highly successful visit to Pakistan and both countries signed arrangements to en-

hance bilateral cooperation

in various sectors. Tarar said after his visit a high-level Saudi delegation led by a Minister arrived and inked many MoUs for Saudi investment worth 2.2

billion dollars in Pakistan. He said that all economic indicators of Pakistan were positive with inflation decreasing to record 6.9 as compared to 32 per

He said that foreign exchange reserves and IT exports had witnessed a surge and remittances during the first quarter of the current fiscal year had touched \$

8.8 billion mark. International financial institutions like International Monetary Fund and World Bank praised Pakistan's economy and renowned financial journals like Bloomberg had termed Pakistan stock exchange as the most emerging market

in the region, he remarked. He said that the Chinese Prime Minister had come to Pakistan after 11

years which was an honour. The minister said China had always extended the hand of friendship to Pakistan, and after the recent visit of the Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif to China, the second phase of China Pakistan Économic Corridor was launched

During this phase, he said business to business cooperation will be increased. Tarar said that during the tenure of Nawaz Sharif as Prime Minister, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Phase-I was started under which a network of motorways was built, Gwadar Port made functional, many industrial and special economic zones were established and the energy sector was restructured to overcome load shedding. He urged the Chinese investors to set up industrial units in Pakistan as cost of production was low here. He assured that Pakistan will provide all

possible facilities to Chinese investors. The minister said that the SCO Summit being hosted by Pakistan was the first big event being held after 27 years. Terming it a big honour

for Pakistan to hold the SCO meeting, he said Islamabad was beautifully decorated on the occasion of the summit. He said that people of Pakistan were very hospitable and resilient people who will give a warm welcome to all guests.

Attaullah Tarar appre-

Bid Security

ciated the entire team of the

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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in

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procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority

Registration is required The bidder must have completed :

Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 43,990,000

PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial

capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering council

(PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)In Relevant Category And

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completed at least 1 similiar nature of project amounting to 40 Million

or above with in past 2 Years Financial Statements (Registered

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required Bid Security in case Bid Security is not found as required

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Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a

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be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance

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October, 2024during office hours on working days Last Date of bid

submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 31 October,

2024till 12:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on

same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM Address:

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1 RENOVATION OF 06 SUITES, WALKWAYS &

CORRIDORS IN BALOCHISTAN HOUSE

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting led by

Secretary Information

Ambreen Jan for providing

state of the art facilities at

the Media Facilitation The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was the eyes and ears of the government, which had the responsibility to defend the ideological frontiers of the

country, he maintained. He also appreciated the role of Principal Information Officer Mubasher Hasan for making best arements for foreign jou nalists covering

the mega event Replying to questions of the media, he said hosting the SCO summit in Pakistan has restored the image of Pakistan at the global level. He said efforts were being made to highlight the diverse and unique culture and heritage of Pastan on this occasion.

"Our vision is to highlight our culture, progressive approach and peaceful thinking and remove misconceptions about Pakistan by portraying capabilities, resilience and brilliance of our people", he

To a question about a protest call of a political party on October 15, he said egoism on one side and patriotism on the other. He made it clear that no political leader or party was bigger than Pakistan He termed Tehreek-e-Insaf's call was a show of irresponsibility and non seriousness as they had differences and many senior leaders had opposed it.

contractors of the following goods:-

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We have reached close to consensus on constitutional amendment: Maulana Fazal

TANDO ALLAH YAR ment had brought. The ju-(Online): JUI-F chief diciary would have been Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said we have reached close to consensus on constitutional amendment.

"Harmony has developed with government on the matter of constitutional amendment. we have rejected government draft on constitutional amendment. I appeal to PTI to postpone protest till Shanghai Cooperation Organization conference, he said this while talking to media men in Tundo Allah Yar here Monday.

What things we have rejected in constitutional amendments have been returned. We had rejected the draft of constitutional amendment what governdiciary would have been weakened and human rights ruined due to this draft. However much harmony has developed on the draft. We are not in the assem-

bly to pass the bills against the interest of people. I will meet Bilawal Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif and PTI leadership. We had spent 9 months in 18th amendment. What is prob-

lem today that amendment

has been imposed on us hastily. We have reached close to consensus.

He appealed to PTI to postpone protest till the SCO conference. The results of earlier demonstrations had not come good,

Pakistan, Chinese PMs virtually... Continued from page 1 ers and also thanked the Pakistani society for their

tween the two countries," PM Shehbaz told the Chie premier. He further said that ear-

lier today, the two sides held comprehensive discus-The prime minister also thanked President Xi, the Chinese premier and

the people of China for

their generous gift in shape He said "This gift is another feather in CPEC's cap" and assured his Chinese counterpart to work closely with him to complete the second phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the

peace and security of the

people of Pakistan and Prime Minister Sharif further said that the completion of project reflected the untiring efforts of the Chinese and Pakistani engineers and workers who made it possible

as world class airport. "It will be remembered as another gift by China,' he added.

Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiqang, in his remarks, congratulated the Pakistani nation and the government on behalf of the Chinese government and his people on the completion of Gwadar airport which was a manifestation of the commitment of the Chinese and Pakistani engineers and work-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

critical step for realizing the vision of regional connectivity and whatever

He said that it was a they had achieved in the last many years, demonstrated the strength of Pak-China friendship, adding the inauguration would significantly capitalize to promote shipping and port activities and enhance regional connectivity in the entire region.

Premier Li further said that as a symbol of deepening cooperation, 'CPEC played a positive role in Pakistan's economic and social development and regional integration' He said that it was all

possible owing to the consistent efforts of both

The Chinese prime minister assured that China would continue to work closely with the intimate Pakistani friends in building and benefiting together by pursuing the goals of high standards, sustainability and high quality of Belt and road ini-

Li Qiang, referring to the Pak-China ties, termed them as of 'special relationship and friendship' and said that this all-weather strategic partnership was further deepening.

sage of time. nese investment in Paki-

The two sides also

Prime and projects in Pakistan.

The two sides agreed to continue the high-level contacts, including strengthening of all areas of bilateral cooperation.

In the meeting, discussions were held regarding the relocation of Chinese

Media persons of... Continued from page 1

otherwise were delayed

Moreover, taking his-

Speaking on the occasion, he mentioned that provincial government is mobilizing all available resources for welfare of all segments including media persons.

Pakistan, China reaffirm support...

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stressed the need for timely completion of all the ongoing projects including industry, modernization of agriculture, information technology, science and technology for the mutual benefits and for the socioeconomic development of

The two leaders also expressed satisfaction that cooperation under CPEC had entered into a new

Shehbaz Sharif assured Pakistan's unwavering commitment to ensure the safety of Chinese nationals

ing Society in name of the Journalists Cooperative Society from the Information Department immediately. He also asked the concerned high ups to expedite development works of the proposed project of the housing society which

toric step for the welfare of media persons, Chief Minister directed to increase the seed money of Journalists Welfare Fund from Rs. 230 million to Rs. 500 million. He also directed to provide the seed money of Rs. 200 million and Rs. 10 million respectively for the Ouetta Press Club and Journalists Academy.

In addition to this, the Chief Minister also approved the project of so larization of Quetta Press Club.

He said that the basic reason behind increase in the seed money of Quetta Press Club and Academy is to provide conducive environment to journalists for independent journalism.

industry to Pakistan and egation-level talks. strategies to increase Chi-

It was reiterated in the meeting that Pakistan and China would continue close consultations on issues of

regional and global importance and at the multilateral Pakistan and China on Monday agreed to further enhance bilateral cooperation in multiple sectors including security, education, agriculture, human re-

sources development and science and technology. In this regard, two sides exchanged documents of 13 accords at a

ceremony held at PM House also witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang. The documents were exchanged after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

and Chinese Premier Li Qiang held the delegationlevel talks wherein they discussed all aspects of Pakistan-China relations including economic and trade ties and cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

Earlier, as Premier Li arrived at PM House, Prime Minister Shehbaz warmly received him at the formal welcome ceremony where he was given a guard of honor before proceedings for the meeting and del- Agency.

The two prime ministers, accompanied by their respective delegations witnessed the ceremony. Pakistan and China ex-

changed the documents of a Handing over certificate of Smart Classrooms Project inked by Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Khan Cheema, and Chinese Commerce Minister Wang

Pakistan and China exchanged the minutes of 13th meeting of the CPEC Joint Coordination Committee and 7th Joint Working Group on Gwadar under CPEĈ.

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal and Lou Zhaohui, Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Promoting Cooperation on Livelihood Working Group

Both sides reached an understanding strengthen cooperation in the fields of "Information and Communication", 'Water Conservancy Facilities, Flood Control and Calamity Reduction", and "Security." The MoUs in this regard were exchanged by Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Khan Cheema and Luo Zhaohui, Chairman of China International Development Cooperation



KARACHI: Pakistani fishermen released from Indian jail are hugging their relatives after reaching the Edhi Center in the Provincial Capital.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Executive Engineer, Urban Planning & Development

Construction of Footsal Ground at Sardar Kot

Department .Kalat Division invites sealed tenders based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2023, Government of Balochistan amended up-to-date from interested Contractors / Firm who have the renewal for the year 2024-25, for the following works: Name of Works. E/cost

24,752,807/-

Khaligbad District Kalat (PSDP No.6603) TSE-242510572803 Construction of Foot Sale Stadium at Noghe 49,524,247/-Khuzdar (PSDP No.6628) TSE-242510572823

The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014 amended up to date. BASIC ELIGIBITY: The Firm/ Contractors must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council who also has deposited case for renewal (2024-25) in relevant Category Firms (Single Entity) having valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in the Category C-6 & 5 or above and the relevant Specialized code. The firm must be register in Balochistan Revenue Authority and presence in active tax payer list (ATL) Valid Registration with Income Tax & Presence in Active Tax Payer List in FBR (ATL) Turnover at least of last three years. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Other Mandatory conditions and Detail Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents. Sequential page numbering of Bid Proposal. Signing and stamping of bid proposal wherever indicated as well as initial/ signature and seal on all other pages of proposals. The Proposal is bound as hard book to deny addition/ removal of pages' METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage-Two Envelope Procedure. ISSUANCE: The firms/contractors can also download the bidding documents from the BPPRA website at www.bppra.org.pk. The tender processing fee of Rs. 2,000/- each tender fee must be deposited in the government treasury under the head of account C-03870 through the Green Challan Form at the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP). Deadline of Submission: The bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before on 30/10/2024 at 11:00 am. Opening: The bids will be opened on 30/10/2024 at 12:00 pm, before the procurement committee in the presence of firm// contractors or their authorized representatives/agents. Place of issuance and submission will be: - Address: Office of the Executive Engineer Urban Planning & Dev: Department, Kalat Division. Telephone No. 0848413467 Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days. Email: eeupddsibi4201@gmail.com.

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TSE-242510572213, TSE-242510572233 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Executive Engineer Buildings CW.PP&HD District Jaffarabad invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023. Tender Fee Rs. 2000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work Name of Work/s

REHABILITATION OF EXAMINATION HALLAT 9.596,815 GOVT: BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DERAALLAH YAR DISTRICT JAFFARABAD PSDP NO. 6326

[Z.2024.2505] REHABILITATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT 9,900,941 EDUCATION OFFICER [M] OFFICE DERA ALLAH YAR DISTRICT JAFFARABAD

PSDP NO. 6343 [Z2024.2504] Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 6.717.770 PKR. 6.930.658 PKR Amount in 1 subsequent previous year showing financial capacity of the firm Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 2,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 30 October, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 30 October, 2024 till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under- signed at 12:00 PM Address: Office of the Executive Engineer Buildings CW, PP&H Department District Jaffarabad Phone no: 03318472491 Email: bostankhan71@gmail.com

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Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is

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has invites the electronics tender from the interested firms/

BID SECURITY / Earnest Money 2%

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BASIC ELIGIBITY: The Firms must have valid registration with Income Tax and General Sales Tax, including similar nature work experiences & Bank Statement (Turnover). Valid Registration with Income Tax & GST with active tax payer list. Other Mandatory conditions and Detail Marking Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage-Two Envelope procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee & Call Deposit of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk. Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk. The tender processing fee of Rs. 2,000/- for the above mentioned tender must be deposited in the government treasury under the head of account (C-02841 (Health & other receipt) through the Green Challan Form at the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP). Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 5th November, 2024 till 10:15 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 11:15 AM on EPPS System. Address: office of the Project Director (Civil Works) Medical College Loralai.

Phone: 0824400142, 0333-7811701 Email address: pd.off.mcl.gov.bal@gmail.com Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days. Office Address: Commissioner Colony near Medical College

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Chairman CDA says:

Islamabad fully prepared for SCO summit with enhanced security, beautification

Chairman Capital Development Authority Muhammad Ali Randhawa Monday confirmed that Islamabad was fully prepared to welcome esteemed international guests for the SCO summit, with the city's beautification and security measures significantly enhanced to ensure a pleasant and secure expe-

In an exclusive talk with a private news chan-Muhammad Ali Randhawa confirmed, "Islamabad is fully prepared under the strict instructions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's where CDA, in collaboration with other security departments including Army officials has implemented stringent security measures to ensure a secure experience for international

Ali Randhawa ex-

pressed pride and honor that Islamabad had been graded and beautified under chosen to host esteemed international guests for the Sharif's vision. SCO Summit

welcome distinguished guests to our city," landhawa said.

"Islamabad's roads and bridges have been transformed with illuminating decorations, creating a warm and welcoming ambiance ahead of the summit," he added.

He said, "This vibrant reflects Islamabad's commitment to showcasing its beauty and hospitality to the world."

'The city's enhanced infrastructure and beautification efforts demonstrate its readiness to host highprofile international events like the SCO summit," he

Chairman CDA also Islamabad's roads and and development.

ISLMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah

Tarar cutting the ribbon during inauguration ceremony of Media Facilitation

Centre at Pak-China Friendship Center ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2024, in the Federal Capital.

they are poised to do it

reckless and selfish, priori-

tizing political gain over

reputation is at stake an

such antics will only

harm the country's inter-

Responding a query he emphasized, "Even if a

PTI leader is imprisoned.

the party can still function

effectively, just like PML-

N and PPP did during simi-

"In fact, history shows that PML-N and

PPP continued to operate

smoothly despite having

their senior leaders jailed,

Nawaz Sharif's imprison

ment, PML-N remained a

strong opposition force, and

similarly, PPP continued its

political activities when

Asif Ali Zardari was jailed,

For instance, during

lar circumstances.'

he mentioned.

he highlighted.

"Their actions are

Siddiqui criticizes

PTI for undermining

national dignity

dignity and warned that choosing the SCO summit adding, "It is crucial to

day for their actions would remember that Pakistan's

kistan Muslim League-N

Senator Irfan Siddiqui

Monday slammed PTI for

consistently obstructing

Pakistan's progress, urging them to prioritize national

ave severe repercussions.

view with a private news

channel, he said, "PTI is

habitual for disruption of

the country's advancement,

emphasizing the need for

patriotism over political

that despite senior leaders

from PML-N and PPP be-

ing jailed, the country's

matters were not derailed

by similar blackmailing tac-

tics, adding, the current dis-

ruptions were being driven

by political agendas rather

than genuine concerns for

history of causing trouble

whenever important events

are on the horizon, adding, in the past, they disrupted

He said, "PTI has a

the nation's well-being.

He further criticized

point-scoring.

In an exclusive Inter-

graded and beautified under Prime Minister Shehbaz

'This initiative aims "We are thrilled to to provide a warm welcome to esteemed international guests attending the SCO ımmit," he added.

"As part of this effort, the city's infrastructure is being enhanced with digital and eco-friendly streamers, creating a visually stunning and environ mentally conscious experience for residents and visitors alike." Randhawa also ex-

pressed his gratitude to key stakeholders for their invaluable support in maintaining a peaceful environment in Islamabad, particularly in the lead-up to the SCO summit.

The Business Community also received praise for their contributions to proudly announced that the city's economic growth



Premier, Li Qiang introducing their respective delegations during the later's

New era of cooperation begins with Premier Li Qiang's Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese Premier Li Qiang s arrival in Islamabad on Monday for the SCO summit has generated enthusiasm among analysts, praising strengthening China-Pakistan ties as historic visit will solidify relations, fostering a secure business environment for global investments in Pakistan.

Analysts Agha Iqrar Haroon speaking to PTV news channel believe this visit marks the beginning of a new era of cooperation between the two nations, adding, China visit to Pakistan is expected to focus on enhancing cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, infrastructure development, and CPEC phase also shatter the notion of

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Parliamentary Secretary for

Information and Broadcast-

ing, Daniyal Chaudhary,

stated on Monday that the

Shanghai Cooperation Or-

ganization (SCO) summit is

a major step forward for Pa-

kistan in both economic

private news channel, he ex-

plained that the summit

will help member countries

work together to address

key regional issues and will

also boost Pakistan's glo-

bal standing as a leader.

In an interview with a

and diplomatic areas.

Agha Haroon Iqrar highlights the potential for economic growth, adding, Pakistan has faced various economic challenges in the past, but with the right policies and investments, it can capitalize on its strategic location, young population, and natural resources to drive growth. Director China Pakistan Study Centre at The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad Dr. Talat Shabbir believes the Chi-

He said this visit will not only provide Pakistan with economic benefits but

When asked about a

constitutional amendment,

he mentioned that allies and

other parties were con-

sulted, as the government

believes that "justice de-layed is justice denied."

30,000 cases have been de-

layed due to the focus on

high-profile political cases.

He fürther explained that

the constitutional amend-

ment would assist the judi-

ciary in speeding up the

log more quickly.

He added that over

SCO summit a major

diplomatic breakthrough

for Pakistan: Daniyal

nese Premier's visit holds

great symbolic significance

diplomatic isolation.

The visit is expected to breathe new life into the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a gamechanging project that has been gaining momentum since its inception, he

Dr. Talat Shabbir is also optimistic that the Chinese Premier's visit will bring a comprehensive agenda, building on the momentum of CPEC Phase 2.

He credits the current government and the Chinese government for reviving hopes and commitments, especially after the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee meeting, where five new corridors for Phase 2 of CPEC were identified.

7th death anniversary of Nusrat Ara,

ISLAMABAD (APP) The 7th death anniversary of renowned stage star and TV artist Nusrat Ara, famously known as Bil Batori, was observed on Monday. According to a private news channel, she was born in Karachi back in 1964 and later moved to Lahore to pursue acting. The star rose to fame in the 90s with the hit TV drama Ainak Wala Jin, which saw

'Bil Batori,'

observed



ISLAMABAD: A view of media facilitation center prepared for International and national media persons at Pak-China Friendship Center ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2024 in the Federal Capital.

SCO media center launched to facilitate int'l, local media during regional moot

ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal government on Monday launched the 'Media Facilitation Center' equipped with most modern facilities to assist international and local media during the regional Shang-Cooperation

Organisation (SCO) summit 2024 being hosted by Pakistan for the first time on October 15-16.

The SCO media facilitation center was launched here at Pak-China Friendship Center by the Minister for Information and Broadcasting flanked by senior officers of the Min-

The center has been decorated with thematic pictorials, banners and decorative material, fountains, highlighting the national landmarks of the members states participating in the two-day regional

would be participated by nine full member countries being represented by the prime ministers of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan along-with the vice president of Iran and the external affairs minister of India. It is to mention here that the organisation was

established in 2001 by China and Russia to discuss security concerns in Central Asia and the wider region. The media center has SMDs projecting banners of different SCO members, whereas a dedicated multimedia showcasing eye catching landscapes and cultural heritage of Pakistan has been installed. The Ministry has also set up a display center providing literature regarding notable literary figures, cultural heritage, archeological sites.



ISLAMABAD: Security officials are on high alert as security beefed up in the Federal Capital for the 23rd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

SCO Summit: City streets shine with lights and

decorations ISLAMABAD (APP) The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration has finalized all administrative arrangements, with final touches in place, and the city is ready to welcome the delegates of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

Meanwhile, streets, buildings, and pub-lic spaces have been carefully prepared for the international event.

According to the spokesman of ICT administration, in preparation for the SCO meeting, the city has been fully decorated. Before the guests arrive. streets have been adorned with lights and decorations, giving the city a fresh look Major highways now feature green spaces and crescents, adding a touch of nature to the urban landscape.

As part of a beautification drive, various statues have been installed at key intersections. Government offices, private business centers, and buildings have also been revamped ready to greet the visiting dignitaries. Private businesses, in-

cluding plazas, petrol stations, and restaurants, are prepared to accommodate the needs of international guests during the summit. At night, the city offers an even more impressive view with lights illuminating the skyline and key areas across the city.

'Pakistan's ties with SCO countries to foster economic growth': Tahira Aurangzeb

Aurangzeb Monday lauded the China-Pakistan friendship as a shining example of international cooperation and expressed heartfelt gratitude to SCO countries for placing their trust in Pakistan, which will significantly boost economic growth and regional stabil-

In an Interview with PTV news channel, she praise for the China-Pakistan friendship highlights the strong bonds between the two nations, fostered through years of cooperation and mutual understand-

This exemplary rela-

peaceful coexistence and highlighted.

By strengthening ties with SCO member states, Pakistan will further solidify its position as a key player in regional affairs, ie added.

Aurangzeb emphasized the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in strengthening Pakistan's regional integration and con-

She noted that Pakistan's participation in SCO forums, such as the Council of Heads of State and the Council of Heads of Government, has enhanced its cooperation with tionship serves as a model member states in areas like for other countries, demon- trade, investment, energy, strating the potential for and counter-terrorism.

IG Islamabad review security arrangements for SCO Summit

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to details, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir

ing the security arrange-

at the residences and venues of foreign heads of state and delegations. On this occasion, DIG Security Jawad Tariq and other se-Rizvi is personally review- nior police officers were



ments for the ongoing "Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit 2024" in capital,

the federal Islamabad. In this regard, he visited Safe City Islamabad, the Control Room at the SSP Security Office, and

the Red Zone to review the

IG Islamabad said that the Islamabad Police have deployed more than 9,000 officers and officials for security duties to ensure foolproof security for the SCO Summit 2024. In addition, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, District Administration, Pakistan security measures deployed Army, Rangers, FC.

PCP chairman visits APP, felicitates newly elected union body

Pakistan (PCP) Arshad Jadoon on Monday visited APP Office here and congratulated the newly elected union body, while expressing best wishes. The distinguished guests were extended a warm welcome.

Noted APP journalist Taimoor Jadoon and Famous Tiktoker Yasir Shami included the delegation.

President APP Employees Union Rana Abdul Rehman, General Secretary Ali Asghar, Dr Saeed Ahmad Ali extended a warm welcome to the guests. The Union body accompanied the delegation and also visited various sections of Radio Pakistan.

In an exclusive intro-

ISLAMABAD (APP): duction, Rana Abdul Rehman said that APP re mains committed to excellent journalistic traditions by covering objective and accurate reporting, observing code of ethics with regard to responsible journalism. Expressing his views during APP visit, the Chairman PCP said that APP is the unsung hero of the media industry. It is is providing a vital service. He said it provides companionship to many in our community and worldwide, adding, APP provides crucial emergency information during disasters and in any challenging time. Famous Tiktoker Yasir Shami on this occasion appreciated various APP services and shared personal experiences.



ISLMABAD: Girls are looking a Pakistani culture painting at Pak-China center after inauguration ceremony of Media Facilitation Centre at Pak-China Friendship Center ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2024.

PTI's protest call slammed as attack on national integrity during SCO Summit: Uzma ISLAMABAD (APP): A protests after the confer-

prominent leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Uzma Kardar Monday strongly condemned PTI's protest call during the SCO Summit, labeling it an attack on national integrity and instead emphasized the summit's historic significance as a unique opportunity for Pakistan to shine

on the global stage.
Talking to PTV news channel, she highlighted the significance of the SCO Summit and the potential consequences of disrupting it. Uzma Kardar emphasized the importance of national unity and criticized Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) decision to hold protests during the SCO Summit. She said, "PTI can hold

ence or within Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, but this time, the SCO Summit takes precedence. Kardar urged PTI to

consider the national interest and postponed their protests until after the summit. Responding a query, she mentioned, "SCO is a key regional platform which will enhances Pakistan's global influence and diplomatic reach." She expressed feared that disrupting the summit would undermine Pakistan's reputation and relationships with key regional players. "By hosting successful SCO Summit, Pakistan can showcase its capabilities, strengthen diplomatic ties and unlock economic opportunities, making it a crucial event for the country.

Sherry takes MQM into confidence on constitutional amendment during meeting ISLAMABAD (Online): reference to establishment Vice president PPP Senator of constitutional courts.

ISLMABAD: A view of deserted view of 7th Avenue

due to three day holiday ahead of Shanghai Coop-

eration Organisation (SCO) Summit 2024, in the

Sherry Rehman and Dr Asim Hussain have met MQM delegation in Sindh

Federal Capital.

Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori, Dr Farooq Sattar and Amin ul Haq were included in MQM delegation. During the meeting

both the sides agreed on

moving ahead on matter of constitutional amendment with consensus and transparency. They also agreed on

continuing such contacts in the meeting. Later Sherry Rehman said while talking to jour-nalists we are taking all stake holders into confi-

dence on our constitutional

amendment draft under the

directives of chairman PPP

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. We have today informed MQM leaders with

hensive meeting was held with MQM leaders. Constructive talks were held.

ticians. We should do poli-

During the meeting both the sides presented their priorities. A compre-MQM leader Farooq

Sattar said basic view point of all parties is stability of the court without which neither government can perform nor can it de-

He said that a day before PML-N delegation had come. Two days before we had met Prime Minister. Today PPP delegation has come. I think it is good omen. These contacts should be established this way. Dead lock is being sorted out. There will be deadlock if there is no politics after meetings. There will be politics. We are poli-

Inder the supervision of Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Muhammad Sarfraz Virk, the Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) will lay the routes on Monday according to the traffic plan for the Shanghai Cooperation

Routes

established for

SCO Summit

under ITP's

supervision

SLAMABAD (APP)

According to ITP statement, traffic on the Expressway will be halted from morning until noon.

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While Srinagar High way will be halted from afternoon to late evening, he

He said Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) have issued a comprehensive traffic plan aimed at ensuring smooth traffic flow during this important international event.

In this regard 1100 of-ficers from the ITP have been deployed to ensure smooth traffic flow and guide citizens to alternative

Citizens are advised to avoid unnecessary travel and are encouraged to use alternative routes to avoid inconvenience, CTO said.

For the latest updates on traffic conditions, the public is advised to tune in to Islamabad Police Radio FM 92.4 or contact 15, he

05 outlaws netted, weapons seized

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Police have apprehended five outlaws involved in different anti social activities, including possessing illegal weapons during last 24 hours. A public relations of-

ficer talking to APP on

said that Islamabad Police Kohsar, Sumbal, Khanna and Bani Gala police station teams took legal action against anti social elements who were allegedly possessing illegal weapons. During the crackdown in different raids the police teams arrested five accused involved in possessing illegal weapons and recovered five pistols with ammunition from their possession. The Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Islamabad, Syed Ali Raza said that the Islamabad Police are actively working to ensure the safety of citizens' lives and property in the federal capital, emphasizing that no elements will be allowed to disrupt citizens' peace. The citizens are urged to report any suspicious activities to the relevant police station, emergency helpline "Pukar-15," or the 'ICT-15' app to help make

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SCO summit

It is a matter of prestige that Pakistan is hosting the SCO Heads of Government summit from tomorrow. The multilateral event in the capital is all the more important as Pakistan tries to chart an economic recovery; besides, by hosting the summit, the country appears to have thwarted attempts by certain quarters to isolate it internationally. However, the state bears great responsibility to ensure that the event passes off smoothly, especially as Pakistan confronts a wave of terrorism, and malevolent actors trying to exploit security loopholes.

Clearly, this is why the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi have been placed under virtual lockdown until the summit concludes. Ten thousand police and paramilitary personnel will protect the diplomatic mega event, while the military will also offer assistance. True, the security protocols appear excessively stringent, but the administration knows that it can take no remains largely unchanged chances as foreign dignitaries gather in the capital. In this regard, all quarters, including political parties, must ensure laborators/fifth columnists that no hurdles are placed in the way of the SCO summit.

Beyond the security lens, the summit offers Pakistan an opportunity to engage with other states in the neighbourhood. The SCO, a Beijing-led initiative, brings together China, Russia, the Central Asian states, Iran and others, to foster a Eurasian community that in and out depending on focuses on socioeconomic co- the communists/ socialists ones, believe, there may be harmonising remain a figurent of the discounterterrorism and law-enforcement policies, and reinforcing cultural bonds. Regional policymakers and thinkers movement, and there is no reason ethnic movements malignant central rule, and integration — within South Asia, with Central Asia and the Middle East — is imperative if Pakistan is to embark on a successful path towards economic prosperity. While some may see "You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave." Those fathe SCO as an 'anti-West' collective — along with the Moscow-led BRICS — this is a limited view. Partnerships between regional states and the lem. How it will broach this problem is larger neighbourhood create unsurprisingly of interest constituencies of peace and to Pakistan's establishment But rather than common efforts to encourage commerce and economic activity. No one, therefore, should feel threatened by the fact that Eurasian states are coming together to pursue shared goals. Forums like the SCO also offer mated that women are states such as Pakistan and India, which do not have cordial relations, platforms to improve ties under a multilateral umbrella. In this regard, the arrival of the Indian external affairs minister in Islamabad for the summit will be watched closely, though a bilateral is creeping back into America's line of sight, and breakthrough is not expected. Together with the SCO, Pakistan should also endeavour for full BRICS membership — for which it has applied — and engage other regional blocs to expand its trade horizons and through online IS propaimprove foreign relations. At one time, Pakistan was a major voice in the comity of developing nations and the Muslim world. Due to our own internal weaknesses, specifically economic meltdowns, our international stature has been severely reduced. A successful holding of the SCO summit would signal

on the world stage.

Kashmir's no to BJP

Maleeha Lodhi The resounding message from occupied Jammu and Kashmir's recent legislative elections is rejection of India's Aug 2019 action that robbed the state of even

The verdict handed a decisive victory to the National Conference (NC) and was a setback for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim of securing endorsement for his post-2019

the nominal autonomy it

previously had

policy.
On Aug 5, 2019, his government had abrogated Article 370 of the Indian constitution which gave the state special status. The state's bifurcation and absorption into the Indian union was in violation of N Security Council resolutions and denounced across the occupied territory. This opened another bleak chapter in the disputed state's tortured history, which involved intensified repression, incarceration of Kashmiri leaders. grave violation of human rights and crackdown on the

Many in the Indian media read the outcome of the J&K election as a blow

to the BJP and repudiation of its post-2019 actions. Harish Khare wrote in The Wire, "This is a strategic setback, whichever way the Modi apologists may want to slice it." Another writer called it "an electoral and moral defeat" for BJP. The New York Times acknowledged that "Modi's heavy manoeuvring to assert BJP ascendance was foiled".

NC leader Farooq Abdullah said, "The results were a 'verdict' against Modi's government ... [they] prove the steps taken on Aug 5 are not acceptable to the people." Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, leader of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) declared: "By the vote people have rejected the unilateral changes imposed in August 2019, which led to their systematic disempowerment."

Before assessing the electoral outcome, it is important to consider the backdrop in which the elections took place — after a decade. They occurred in the coercive presence of half a million Indian troops deployed across J&K, with additional forces inducted for the election that patrolled the streets and set APHC leaders continued to languish in jail or house detention. Curbs remained on the media with foreign journalists prevented from trav-

elling to the region. A series of steps were taken by the BJP government after August 2019, including gerrymandering, aimed at manipulating and shaping the environment for the election. The electoral map was redrawn by carving out new constituencies to disempower the Muslim population. Jammu's representation was increased to 43 seats leaving Kashmir with 47, despite the fact that the Valley's population far exceeds Jammu's. Demographic changes involved issuing domicile certificates to non-Kashmiri outsiders who became eligible to vote after abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A of the constitution. Temporary residents were also given voting rights. These measures were roundly denounced in J&K including by pro-India Kashmiri politicians and only deepened the resentment and alienation of the Kashmiri people. Little surprise then that issues of other measures that disenfranchised Kashmiris, dominated the election campaign. The final blow came

weeks before the election when the BJP government substantially increased the powers of the lieutenantgovernor, nominated by New Delhi, to sharply limit the authority of the elected government. The LG, an instrument of direct rule by New Delhi since 2018, was given sweeping administrative and security powers and authority to nominate five members to the 90member legislative assembly. This was condemned across Kashmir with political leaders describing it as an effort to reduce J&K to a municipality while NC leader Omar Abdullah said the chief minister's office had been downgraded to "a powerless rubber stamp' The Congress party called it the "murder of democracy". The election result was a reaction to these moves and above all to the state's truncation and disempowerment. Significantly, there were no boycott calls. This reflected the public's eagerness to use the ballot box to vent their statehood, abrogation of protest against New Delhi Article 370 and New Delhi's as an act of resistance, es-

pecially as the election was seen as a referendum on the BJP government's policies. The National Conference that won 42 seats out of 90 secured an absolute majority with its ally Congress, which won six seats. The Congress party's ambiguous stance on Article 370 exacted a political price and eroded its support. All regional parties campaigned on promises to reverse the

post-2019 changes. The much speculated wave' in favour of independent candidates — a record number contested the election — failed to materialise with only two seats won by them in the Kashmir Valley. The People's Democratic Party was decimated, winning only three seats with voters punishing it for its opportunistic alliance with the BJP in the past. The BJP failed to win a single seat from the 19 it contested in the Valley but secured 29, all from Jammu's Hindumajority districts. This underlined a more pronounced Hindu-Muslim divide in the

The National Conference was able to tap into popular anger with New Delhi by its unambiguous stand on statehood and au-

manifesto the party pledged to fight for the restoration of Article 370, repeal all post-2019 laws that eroded Kashmir's autonomy and work for India-Pakistan dialogue. Omar Abdullah, who will be the next chief minister, said after the election that his first order of business would be for the cabinet to adopt a resolution calling for restoration of statehood. He promised to keep "the conversation about Article 370 alive" but acknowledged that its restoration would be impossible under a BJP government. Nevertheless, his party's victory was clear indication of Kashmiri rejection of New Delhi's decisions as indeed the BJP's narrative of bringing 'development' to J&K. Omar Abdullah will head a coalition government with Congress that will have very limited powers but face daunting challenges including a likely tussle with the LG. What is apparent is that BJP's hopes that the election would end the debate over J&K's status and enable Modi to 'legitimise' his 2019 action have been dashed. -- Courtesy Dawn

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Restless natives

Umair Javed

In the national security perspective on Pakistan, the country is besieged by hostile forces seeking to undermine the security apparatus and/or alter its geographic

integrity altogether.
On this list, the identity of external hostile forces since 1947, though the Americans tend to drop in and out depending on regional considerations. The list of internal col-

sees a bit more churn. At various times, it has featured communists, socialists, mainstream political parties questioning military rule, mainstream political parties demanding federalism, mainstream political parties seeking constitutional rule, a few shades of Sharia-demanding Islamists, and, of course, ethnonationalists striving for political and cultural au-

While most others go political circumstances, and tant past, ethnonationalists truth in it. Hard-liners and occupy a great deal of head and policy space for na- any social and political

(the latter term used here would be different. very broadly).

A common narration from their perspective is that ethnonationalist movements — principally the Pakhtun nationalists in KP and the Baloch nationalists in Balochistan (Bengalis in the past, and occasionally. Sindhis and Mohajirs too) never accepted Pakistani statehood. In line with aspirations of self-determination, these groups sought independence or merger with neighbouring states

from day one. This was their default position at the time of statehood, which the Pakistani state — like any other territory-protecting entity had no option but to deal with as a security threat. In other words, according to this perspective, the state's relationship with these political groups didn't turn sour because of the actions of the state: instead, one side was committed to rejecting the state from the outset

Like most ideas that states, especially insecure maximalists are present in

But where the NatSec lot gets its analysis wrong is in its reading of history. Hard-liners did not necessarily have the upper hand in movements from day one. Instead, the turn towards usuallv secessionism emerged because of the chain of events featuring the state's national security apparatus and various identity

groups.

The clearest example of this phenomenon is in the case of Bangla nationalism between 1947 and 1971. The Muslim League won its heaviest mandate in the 1946 elections in East Bengal on an explicit platform for an autonomous state for Indian Muslims. The same region saw considerable mobilisation for the Muslim nationalist cause in the years leading up to statehood and Bengali Leaguers formed a central part of the party leadership

soured post-1947 because created at a whim, election of denial of linguistic rights results are manipulated or and the forced centralisation of provincial government functions. The rout of the Muslim League at the hands of the United Front coalition in the 1954 election was, in fact, a symptom of

not necessarily a reflection of repressed secessionism. Instead of accommoda-

tion through the democratic process, the security state doubled down centralisation through the One Unit scheme, inequitable distribution of resources, and continued repression of provincial politicians. The final straw was a denial of the Awami League's popular mandate after the 1970 election.

In its current iteration, the Baloch insurgency appears to unfold broadly along the same pattern. Its origins lie in the heavy-handedness of a military regime against a popular politician, leading to the latter's killing. Barring occasional efforts by elected central governments to forge a representative arrangement, the province's governance is outsourced to the security establishment.

In frequent displays of relationship viceregal power, parties are repressed, assembly compoare disappeared, and nonrights — whether in Gwadar or the BYC — are policed, harassed, and criminalised.

If there was a guidebook for to coerce its supporters, hostile to it.

how to empower hard-liners, it would likely include all of these steps.

The same pattern is now visible in KP. The case here is even more exasperating, since Pakhtun nationalism was largely accommodated within federal politics by the late 1990s. If anything, the rise of the PTI a party with countrywide appeal paying homage to Pakistaniat — and its entrenched popularity in the province showed the region's politics evolving towards a different, more centripetal, direction.

What changed? Militarised rule of the province's peripheries, regional dynamics created by the imperial excursion in Afghanistan, and the absence of any transparency or accountability of security policies helped provide conditions for ethnic rightsbased mobilisation through

Whatever its critics may say, there is no denying PTM's organic appeal. repressed, assembly compositions are curated, citizens marginalised reality of large goals as well. Not the Pakiswathes of the population; violent social movements for a marginalisation, which the state has enabled, if not outright created. And like clock- tion after the other. And then

subjugate its leaders, and declare it to be a proscribed organisation.

The final, and frankly surreal, straw is the chain of events leading to PTI becoming accommodating of ethnic nationalist undertones in its politics, with parts of its leadership and its support base finding common cause with the PTM. In a truly remarkable feat of own-goalism, the biggest civilian proponent of both Pakistani nationalism and centralised state power is now a sceptic. This is the grand total of what denial of an electoral mandate, harassment and coercion, and pitting province against province will likely achieve Adopting a national security perspective makes a state see the world in terms of threats and conspiracies. But there is a reason why most successful states, ie. those with stable. productive relations with their citizens, only draw on this perspective as one among several Most will prioritise development enhancement of human capability, and cultural fulfilment as valuable stani state though Blinkers on, it stumbles into one conflict with its own popula-

Back in the news

Huma Yusuf

mous lyrics are going to haunt American officials after next month's US presidential elections as Washington again considers its Afghanistan probproblem ment. But rather than endure a case of déjà vu, could our leaders pitch a

new approach? Just under 24 million Afghans require humanitarian assistance, 48 per cent of them live below the poverty line, and Afghan women's rights are so decinow prohibited from even speaking in public. Over the past three years, these factors have not been sufficient to draw global attention to Afghanistan. The world remains focused on the conflict in the Middle East, Russia's posturing, and US-China rivalry.

Ånd yet, Afghanistan the recent arrest of an Afghan national in Oklahoma for allegedly planning Election Day attacks in the name of IS will put the issue into centre focus. The man was apprehended while trying to stockpile weapons after trawling ganda. His detention is a reminder that the US is not secure against terrorism while militant safe havens

persist Even earlier, Afghanistan was back in US headlines, because it has become a useful punching bag in the context of domestic politics. America's chaotic departure from Afghanistan — based on a deal with the Afghan Taliban brokered by the that Pakistan is very much back

Trump administration, followed by an exit plan executed by the Biden ad-

ministration — has featured repeatedly on the campaign trail, with Republicans and Democrats blaming each other for all that went wrong.

The Republican Party timed its publication last month of a report that sharply criticises the Biden administration for failing to plan for the return to power of the Taliban, and taking steps to safely evacuate Americans and their Afghan allies beforehand. It aims to defend the Republicans' record following last year's After Action Review, an internal US government probe into both sides' failings during the withdrawal, particularly the failure to anticipate and plan for worst-case scenarios. Having stirred the Afghan pot to win domestic political points, the next US government will have to contend with what

it has brewed. Reprioritisation of Afghanistan will also be driven by the fact that Russia is seeking to emerge as a regional leader on the topic. The Moscow Format meeting involving regional governments earlier this month focused on Afghanistan, and stressed how regional security hinges on the Taliban's ability to clamp down on militant groups operating from its soil. This is not a conversation Washington can easily ignore.

In this context, Pakistan is preparing for a throwback to the days when Washington worried about global terrorism threats emanating from Afghanistan, and sought to tackle them by scattering counterterrorism funding in Islamabad's direction. Increased CT cooperation was the focus of bilateral meetings between the US and Pakistan in May, and the government's decision to reinvigorate' its national CT strategy in June apstrategically

No doubt, Pakistan faces a grave and material security threat from groups such as the TTP that carry out cross-border attacks from Afghanistan. The rapid rise in militant attacks is alarming: August's death toll of 254 people killed in militant attacks — the highest over the past six years was an unambiguous warning sign. Pakistan should absolutely do whatever it takes to eliminate this security threat, including cooperating regional governm-ents similarly af--fected, as well as global players with their own vested interests such as

the US. But what the state should not do is cynically use CT considerations as a blunt instrument against public dissent. Nor should it assume that rekindled US interest in regional security offers it carte blanche to clamp down in the name of national security. The PTM ban on tenuous security grounds, the conflation of Pakhtun identity with terrorism and anti-state positioning, the focus on Afghan flags at the PTM jirga — these are missteps that distract from the real threat and

damage state credibility. Perhaps this time around the government can take advantage of the presence of a large, local constituency that is opposed to extremist violence, and instead, privileges peaceful protest, rule of law and democratic rights. Throughout our erstwhile 'war on terror' we sought effective CT narratives. These now exist in the form of grassroots movements across the country. A changing geopolitical context should not embolden their suppression — it should empower them as strong alternatives to future cycles of violence.

- Courtesy Dawn

Arshad Saeed Khan While basic education is a constitutional right of every child in Pakistan, millions of children and youth remain deprived of this fundamental means of living a quality life. The recently launched District Education Performance Index (DEPI) by the Ministry of Planning and Development represents a significant step towards comparing the state of education across 134 districts in Pakistan.

The findings of the report reveal severe disparities in both access to and quality of education, with a staggering 77 districts categorised as 'low' performers. Most of these districts are concentrated in Balochistan and Sindh, revealing deep-rooted interprovincial inequities. Despite its pioneering effort, the DEPI report raises important questions about the robustness of its design, methodology, and A stark contrast

emerges when comparing Islamabad and Rajanpur, two districts with nearly identical populations of 2.3 million. According to the DEPI, Islamabad ranks at the top of the 134 districts, while Rajanpur languishes far behind in 80th place. Despite both districts being part of the same country, their educational realities could not be more different. In Islamabad, 84 per cent of individuals (aged 10-plus) are literate, reflecting its privileged educational infrastructure. Meanwhile, in Rajanpur, the literacy rate is a mere 37pc, underscoring the region's severe educational depri-

The disparities become even more striking when examining school attendance. In Islamabad, as computer labs. How only 40,477 residents —

Educational divide

roughly 2pc of the population — have 'never' atjudged in areas outside tended school. In its control? Rajanpur, however, a shocking 1.2m people (52pc) have been denied

even this basic right. In Islamabad, fewer than 90,000 children (15pc) are out of school, whereas in Rajanpur, a staggering 442,819 children (56pc) remain outside the education system. Who bears responsibility for Rajanpur's dismal educational performance? It is unfair to hold Rajanpur accountable for the neglect and deprivation faced by its children. The real difference

lies in the systemic advantages Islamabad enjoys. As the seat of power, home to decisionmakers, parliamentarians, custodians of state funds, and a myriad of educated employees, Islamabad benefits from a concentration of resources and attention that is unavailable to districts like Rajanpur. Meanwhile, Rajanpur's underperformance is symptomatic of a broader structural discrimination. Its remoteness from the corridors of power, especially and compulsory educafrom the provincial capital of Lahore (often referred to as Takht-i-Lahore), leaves it marginalised underserved.

Of the 34 indicators used by the DEPI to assess district performance in education, 18 — over 53pc — are beyond the authority of the districts and fall under the jurisdiction of provincial governments. Districts depend entirely on the discretion of officials and political leaders in provincial capitals for development budgets, teacher appointments, new school construction, and essential facilities such can a district's perfor-

judged in areas outside The disconnect be-

tween certain DEPI indicators and ground realities is clear in one notable example: the average tenure of a provincial secretary of education is used as an indicator of district performance under the domain of 'governance and management'. How can districts influence the tenure of a provincial secretary when decisions, including premature transfers, are made by the chief minister or chief secret-a--ry? District offi-cers have no co--ntrol over these mat-This flaw in the

DEPI framework high-

lights the need for significant revisi-o--ns. True performance can only be gauged when districts have the power and the means to meet their goals, which they clearly do not. Districts remain mere spectators, wholly dependent on provincial decisions. So, what the DEPI really shows is not 'performance' but the current state of educational deprivation and neglect. The right to free tion (Article 25-A) is a constitutional duty shared by federal, provincial, and local governments, and none can shirk this responsibility. Shockingly, over 25m children aged five to 16 are currently out of school in Pakistan, while the illiterate population has swelled from 50m in 1998 to 60m in 2017 and 67m in the 2023 census. We must move beyond superficial rankings and enact meaningful reforms that empower districts and ensure equitable resource distribution. Only then can we build a society where every child has the chance to access quality education and thrive. -- Courtesy Dawn

242 decisions of KP Cabinet implemented

Independent Report PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cabinet has held a total of 15 meetings so far, in which 319 important decisions were made, out of total 242 decisions have been implemented completely, and whereas remaining 77 decisions are in the process of implementation.

The decisions made during cabinet meetings include76 important decisions related to the Finance Department, 51 related to the Law Department, and 26 related to the Local Government Department, 19 decisions related to the Planning Department, 34 to the Home Department, 27 to the Education Department, and 28 to the Health Department.

Some of the key decisions of the provincial cabinet include; the approval of important legal funds for development projects, and other public welfare initiatives, in addition to approval Memorandums

and important policies of amendments to the relevant

the government.

A review meeting held here on Monday with the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Khan Gandapur in the chair, took stock of the Hydro Power Project. The progress made on the royalty share for oil and gas decisions of the cabinet

were informed that a total been approved in the cabinet meetings. Moreover, Rs 8.5 billion 1356 new vacancies have Million have been released for the purchase of armored vehicles for the

It was also told that 698 new vacancies have has been released under the Shuhada Package for the heirs of police martyrs

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan expressing his

views while meeting the office bearers, ticket holders and workers belonging

Council Fida Mir, ADLG

Chaudhry

standard of living of the

common man by starting a

cleaning program in

villages at the cost of

billions of rupees and the

focus of her politics is

resolving the problems of

poor people, which is

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Card and Suthra Punjab

Suthra Punjab program,

sentry workers, loader

rickshaws and heavy

He said that under the

programmes.

to District Sheikhupura here at Governor House Lahore.

CM Punjab lauded for

uniform sanitation system

for urban, rural areas

SIALKOT (APP): Punjab (DDLG) Department

has said that Chief Muhammad Jameel Gul

Minister Maryam Nawaz besides UC Secretary,

Sharif has made a uniform members of UC sanitation system a reality Committees and local

in rural and urban areas of dignitaries were also

the province and the entire present in a large number.

Land Record Authority

Chaudhry Tariq Subhani

has

eople after inspecting the

bulk waste lifting and

dumping process and the

cleaning of the drains and

streets under Suthra Punjab

Program at Bhal of Uion

Council (UC) Syedan-Wali,

garbage collection from

villages will be started in

the next two weeks and in

addition to cleaning and

sanitation services, garbage

will be lifted and dumped

in accordance with hygienic

principles, he added.

Now door-to-door

He was talking to

system

outsourced.

here today.

Authority Umer Amjad Baig, Chief Chairman Officer (CO) District

act for ASI recruitment

Similarly, Rs 1.10 billion has been released for the purchase of 327 kanals of land for the 88 MW Ghabral Kalam producing districts has been increased from 10% participants to 15%. 479 new posts have been created in the of 2564 new vacancies have primary and secondary education sector.

In addition, grants-inaid amounting to Rs 470 has been released for the million approxmitaley have deserving households been provided for three under the Ramadan cadet colleges in package. Additionally, merged districts. been provided for three Grants-in-aid of over approved to Rs 17.5 crore have strengthen police in the province, and Rs. 600 for eight model schools in merged districts. Similarly Rs 24 crore has been released for the "ILM TOLO DA PARA" program in merged districts, whereas Rs. 1.5 been approved for Traffic billion has been released as Police. Some Rs 20 million grant-in-aid for public sector universities.

It was further told that Rs. 5 billion was whereas the quota for released in March for the of children of martyrs has Sehat Card program, understanding, agreements been increased through followed by release of Rs. 3 billion on monthly basis



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi inaugurates NADRA registration Center at Provincial Assembly.

Governor Punjab says: SCO summit's testament of world's faith in Pakistan

Independent Report Governor

Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan has said that the holding of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Pakistan is a testament of world's faith in Pakistan as an important partner. "Presence of twenty

heads of countries is a matter of pride for the country. The SCO summit is a positive development that augurs well for the economic development of Governor Punjab said while talking to

the office-bearers, ticket holders and workers belonging to District Governor's House, here on

Provincial Minister for

Public Health Engineering, Paktoon Yar Khan has said

that an attack occurred at

Bannu Police Lines shortly

after the funeral of a

Giving details of the incident, he said that

Bannu Police are actively

confronting anti-state

elements. He said that five

terrorists have infiltrated

martyred officer.

Police confronting

anti-state elements

in Bannu: Paktoon

(APP):

horizons for development, adding that the economy added that PTI's call for members, secretariat staff, has started to improve in Pakistan and foreign investment is increasing. He said that the arrival of twenty leaders in

Pakistan is proof that Pakistan's image has improved at the global He said that the

federal government and all institutions deserve kudos for hosting the SCO summit in Pakistan. The Governor Punjab said that the SCO

conference is the key to the economic development of Pakistan, after which new Sheikhupura at the avenues of development will open in the country.
He said that PTI's

the police lines, and an

exchange of fire is ongoing, involving both small and

sealed off the surrounding

areas, with concerns about

potential casualties and

form is unacceptable.

Authorities have

large weapons.

He said the the CSO ummit will open new protest on the occasion of SCO meeting is against the

protest on this occasion is like stopping the country's development. He said the masses have rejected PTI's call for protest.

The Governor further said that everyone including the opposition has to play a positive role for the betterment of the nation. Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the doors of the Governor House are open for the representatives of all political parties, adding that all problems faced by the party workers will be solved on a priority basis.

On this occasion, the delegation of PPP Sheikhupura invited the Governor of Punjab to visit Sheikhupura, which the he accepted.

ANF recovers over 341 kg drugs during operations

RAWALPINDI (APP) Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting nine operations across the country managed to recover over 341 kg drugs worth of Rs 50 million and arrested seven accused. said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here Monday.



KARACHI: Ms. Rubina Khalid, Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) meeting with Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Minister Education & Literacy Government of Sindh.

WCLA launches guided tour of Lahore Fort hidden places

LAHORE (APP): For the first time the Walled City

Zanana Masjid, Naag
Temple, Summer Palace of Lahore Authority (WCLA) has launched a guided tour of the Lahore Fort in which the hidden spaces of the fort have been opened and the tourists can see them with a trained tour guide of

According to WCLA sources here on Monday, this is a monthly guided tour launched by the WCLA in 2024. Places inside Lahore Fort like Arzgah, Kala Burj, Akbari Gate, Akbari Hammam, Kharak Singh Haveli with rooftop views, Akbari Mahal, Sheesh Mahal Attic Rooms, Ranjeet Singh's Last Living Room, British Barracks or Jails, Mughal era Water Channels, The Mysterious grave in the and Daulat Khana Khas o Aam have been opened to the public for the first time in this tour.

It is important to mention here that spaces like Arz Gah, Torture cells, Daulat Khana Khaas o Aam, Rooftop rooms of Sheesh Mahal and many more had been closed for many years and needed restoration.

The tourism team on the site explained that these hidden spaces had been opened after restoration for the safety of the tourists. Tourism Deputy Director Asgar Hussain said that the places were opened to the public in the tour as guides need to accompany the tourists to these sites, as they were old, horrifying

Man released from jail after 18 vears killed

PESHAWAR (APP): A man released after spending 18 years in jail was shot dead by his rivals in the vicinity of Mattani police station, police said on Monday.

The incident occurred in Shaheedan Azakhel area of Mattani where 45-yearold, Akhtar Ali who was released from jail after 18 years, was killed by his

Kifayat Ullah, a relative of the deceased. told police that Akhtar Ali and his brother were bringing firewood when Akhtar was allegedly killed by his rivals, Hukam Sher and his son Momin. Receiving multiple bullet wounds, Äkhtar Áli died on the scene however his brother remained unhurt.

FIA nabbed 5 passengers involved in beggary

MULTAN (APP): The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) during the operation nabbed five passengers, including three women, for attempting to travel abroad with fake documents, involved in begging here at Multan airport on Monday. According to an FIA

spokesperson, the suspects—Shahid Abbas, Adnan Haider, Samira Bibi, Shahnaz Mai, and Amna Mai, residents of various districts Ghazi

including Multan, Dera Khan, Bahawalpur, and Jhang were attempting to travel to Saudia Arabia under the guise of performing

Governor inaugurates passport, Nadra offices in KPAssembly

project.

PESHAWAR Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Karim Kundi, on Monday inaugurated passport and Minister for their Nadra offices in the significant support for the provincial assembly.

The event was attended by Speaker Babar Salim Swati, Deputy Speaker Suraya Bibi, Opposition Leader Dr. Ibadullah. parliamentary leader PPP Ahmad Karim Kundi, Director General of Passport Mustafa Kamal Qazi, and Nadra Director Khalid Inayatullah, along with other assembly members and secretariat The Governor's visit

and press representatives with the convenience c o m p u t e r i z e d identification cards and passports right at their

This marked Kundi's first visit to the provincial

(APP): and the jirga hall. Talking to media, Faisal Kundi expressed gratitude to the Federal Interior

> He acknowledged the critical role played by Speaker Babar Salim Swati in establishing the parliamentary jirga and emphasized the need to set aside political differences to focus on restoring peace. Kundi assured that

> the demands of the Pashtun jirga would be taken seriously and that all political parties would collaboratively address constitutional demands within the framework of Pakistan's constitution.

He lamented that despite the 1991 agreement, the provision of water to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remains incomplete. During the Pashtun jirga, concerns were raised over three days, yet there was a unanimous commitment to assembly as Governor, peace and security, during which he also symbolized by a res reviewed the assembly hall peace in the province. symbolized by a restore



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah addressing Benazir Hari Cards distributing ceremony to the farmers at the Chief Minister

SHC seeks mechanism to determine enforced disappearances

KARACHI (Online): The court inquired Sindh High Court (SHC) has sought mechanism for determination of enforced Rangers disappearances from federal and provincial

missing persons. missing from area near automatically.

airport since 2014. 41 meetings of JIT and 17 meetings of PTF have been held for the recovery of

Justice Salah-ud-Din Panhwar remarked JIT had said no question arises of child and human trafficking in the country. While the matter of Saram Burni came to open on information from the mentioned in the report. foreigners. The state counsel said the enforced disappearance of both the determined.

enforced disappearances mean what. The counsel for gradation has been made for missing citizens. If there is eye witness then the case falls in the ambit regarding recovery of of

disappearances. If there is Mother of missing no eye witness then the citizens told the court case comes in the category Maaz and Talha are of missing persons The court once again

The state counsel inquired is there any policy took the plea in the court or mechanism regarding enforced disappearances. If there is no policy then it should be framed. How can we determine merely on the basis of allegations. In the report has it been written alleged before enforced otherwise. Counsel for Rangers told the court the word alleged by word alleged has not been

The court remarked you have admitted. Policy should have been told to brothers has been the institution which has worked out categories.



KARACHI: Italian ambassador Ambassador Marilina Armellin addressing a press conference with the crew of ship at Karachi port.

Selling sensitive data on dark web: **SHC** seeks detailed reply from authorities

within 15 days

KARACHI (Online): State have taken place in counsel has sought more Pakistan. time from Sindh High Court (SHC) for filing reply during the hearing of case on selling sensitive the cost of 2.1 billion data of over 11 crore Pakistanis on dark web while the court has sought detailed reply from concerned authorities within 15 days.

sensitive data of more than 11 crore Pakistanis on dark web came in SHC for

The case on selling

file reply in the court with approved or otherwise. reference to case.

petitioner took the plea dark web, federal government is persistently delaying legislation process. No national cyber policy is there so far. Four major cyber related incidents internet.

The counsel claimed during the hearing data of Pakistanis was sold out at dollars on dark web.

He said principal data protection bill-2023 was tabled in assembly but no headway could be made. The state counsel

sought time to file reply. Upon it court sought detailed reply from the respective authorities hearing Monday. within 15 days. The court directed that details of it be Telecommunication did not also presented if bill was

Mansoor that in order to stop leakage advocate counsel for the of sensitive information on government last year had informed all the provincial governments and ministries by sending them circular that dark web is part of

It may be mentioned

Deputy Director machinery will be provided Government in every union council.

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information, Transport and Mass Transit, Excise Taxation and Narcotics Control, Sharjeel Inam Memon presides over the high level meeting, held at his office.

BISP chairperson, Minister discuss initiatives for skill development of beneficiaries

KARACHI Chairperson Benazir Support (BISP), Programme Senator Rubina Khalid, held an important meeting with the Sindh Education and Literacy Minister, Syed Sardar Ali Shah on Monday at his office.

The discussion focused on the skill development of BISP beneficiaries, the allocation of campsites in schools during BISP's quarterly payment disbursements BISP-registered families," and the promotion of technical and vocational education in the province.

During the meeting, irperson BISP Chairperson emphasized that the program is working on various initiatives related to skill development and technical education to enable beneficiary families Pakistani women remains to become self-sufficient clear.

through technical training. She added that BISP and the Government of Sindh can collaborate on providing technical training under this flagship

Chairperson Rubina Khalid highlighted that beyond financial assistance, BISP is making significant efforts to help families achieve selfreliance. "We aim to focus more on the technical education of children from she said. Provincial Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah praised BISP's efforts and commended the Chairperson for her dedication. He remarked that Shaheed Benazir Bhutto's vision economic stability and self-sufficiency

convening of **CCI** meeting PESHAWAR (APP)

PPP leader

for immediate

Chairman inter-provincial coordination committee (ICC) and parliamentary leader of PPP Ahmed Kundi in Monday called for immediate convening of a meeting of the Council of Common Interests (CCI).

Chairing over an oductory meeting of Tariq the ICC here he said that Subhani said that the Chief | the CCI meeting should be Minister has proved that held within 90 days as a she wants to raise the constitutional requirement and deplored that it could not be held for the last eight months.

He said that the KP government should write a letter to fulfill this constitutional obligation as soon as possible.

Ahmed Kandi said that early meeting of CCI was imperative to take up the issues of resources of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province including net hydel profits, gas, oil, tobacco, mining and minerals profit with the federal government.

Commissioner chairs meeting to resolve issues

KOHAT Commissioner Kohat Division, Syed Mutasim Billah Shah here on Monday chaired an important meeting to discuss various problem of the division beside issues related to National Highway Authority (NHA) and Tunnel Toll

Plaza. MPA, Shafi Jan, MPA, Dawood Shah Afridi Advocate, Deputy Commissioner Kohat Abdul Akram and various political, social and religious leaders attended

the meeting.

The commissioner directed for effective communication with Plaza Tunnel Toll management and NHA



LAHORE: Angry students protest by burning tyres and furniture a local college, after the alleged rape of a female student by security card at Gulberg in the Provincial Capital.

Chinese premier's visit to

strengthen Pakistan-China

economic ties: Malik

LAHORE (APP): SAARC help expanding cooperation

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry former President

Iftikhar Ali Malik said on

another

deepening

countries

steadfastness

statement issued here, he

said the visit underscores

the unwavering friendship

and brotherhood that has

characterized China-

Pakistan ties for decades.

Both countries share a

deep-rooted bond that has

been described as "higher

than the mountains and

deeper than the sea," and

Premier Li's visit is set to

solidify these ties even

friendship.

New ADB country director for Pakistan assumes office

ISLAMABAD (APP): the private sector, and various departments across Asian Development Bank's (ADB) newly appointed Country Director for recovery, Pakistan, Xiaoqin (Emma) reforms, and champion Fan joined the Pakistan Resident Mission here Monday to officially

ADB's operations in institutional development; Pakistan, including the implementation of the foster livable cities, rural prioritizes lifting growth, increasing resilience, and boosting competitiveness, said ADB press release issued here.She will also lead the consultation for the new CPS covering the period from 2026 to 2030. it added."I am delighted to be back in Pakistan to lead the country office. I look forward to promoting ADB's longstanding partnership with the government and people of Pakistan," said Ms. Fan.

"ADB will continue in June 2002 as an in Said Ms. Fan.

processes to create jobs. We'll scale up our support commence her role.

As Country Director,
Ms. Fan will oversee development, for climate resilience. and

partnership development, digital (CPS) that ecosystems, growth growth centers, and regional cooperation arintegration," she added. and

A national of New Zealand, Ms. Fan holds a Doctorate in Economics from the Australian National University, and Master's and bachelor's degrees from Lanzhou Republic of China (PRC). She has more than 30 years the of professional experience,

other stakeholders to the bank. In December speed-up economic 2013, she was appointed implement as Advisor for ADB's Strategic Planning policies and development Department (SPD) and the Head of its Results Management Unit. In June lience, 2016, she was appointed sector as the Regional Director of ADB's Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office (PLCO) and in 2019 as Director for Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division of the East Asia Department.

Following the introduction of ADB's New Operating Model in June 2023, Ms. Fan was redesignated as Director, Finance in Sector Group-Finance, where she had been successfully building University in the People's the pipeline for the finance sector, strategically leading sovereign-nonsovereign collaborations

involving multiple ADB corporative initiatives. As Country Director for to work closely with Economist, and since then Pakistan, Ms. Fan Pakistan's federal and has held positions of succeeds Yong Ye who held



DUBAI: Pakistan's Ambassador to UAE, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi inaugurates Pakistan Pavilion at GITEX GLOBAL at Dubai World Trade Centre.

'CM livestock card will be launched soon'

Director General of during the briefing.

Livestock and Dairy In his address, Development Punjab Dr. Muhammad Ashraf on Monday visited the Development Punjab Dr. Complex

During his visit, he Punjab Livestock Card will inspected various facilities be launched soon. This Office, interest-free loans ranging Diagnostic Laboratory, Vaccine Cold Chain, and the Chief Minister Punjab Livestock Facilitation young calves or heifers.

Muhammad would enable farmers to Ashraf also planted a sapling in the office lawn and expressed satisfaction with the cleanliness of the

Director Livestock Dr. Arif Sultan provided a expected to boost meat briefing and presented a performance report.

Additional Directors and earning valuable of Livestock from all four foreign exchange, he added.

SIFC playing pivotal role in country's SARGODHA (APP): districts were also present economic development

Director General of ISLAMABAD (Online): Livestock and Dairy Special Investment Facilitation Council is Muhammad Ashraf said playing a pivotal role in that the Chief Minister taking the country's economy on the path of development and restoring the confidence of the from Rs 135,000 to Rs

As a result of these 270,000 to livestock efforts, China, Russia and farmers who own 5 to 10 Brazil have recently expressed their desire to He said that the loans invest in various sectors of Pakistan purchase high-quality

China desires to shift approved feed, silage, and its various industries to mineral mixtures to Pakistan while Russia and improve the health and Brazil are involved in trade

> agreements with Pakistan. The first Pakistan-Russia Trade and Investment Forum was held in Moscow, in which than government officials from Russian

participated. Pakistan has also mported high-breed cattle from Brazil under an

Minister Kirmani says: Institutional reforms to improve service delivery

(APP): Provincial Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Ashiq Hussain Kirmani on Monday said that service national economy, he delivery would be enhanced through institutional reforms in line with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister.

In a statement issued here, he announced that special powers were being granted to the Parliamentary Secretary granted for Agriculture to resolve institutional challenges through better policymaking and provide improved services to farmers. Chairing a meeting at the Agriculture House, the minister highlighted that Punjab focused on promoting innovation and value addition in the agriculture sector.

Generous funding was being provided to ensure that production targets were met strengthening the added. The transformation of agriculture would lead to economic stability, he

growth of their animals.

production in the country.

meeting domestic needs

This, in turn, is

Key participants in the meeting included Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture Usama Khan Leghari and Secretary Agriculture Punjab Iftikhar Ali. Minister Kirmani further said that the departments such as crop reporting, floriculture,

performance Punjab Seed Corporation, soil fertility, sugarcane research and development board would be regularly reviewed Parliamentary Secretary

agreement. Gold prices **up by Rs.200** per tola ISLAMABAD (APP):

The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.200 and was sold at Rs.275,700 on Monday compared to its sale at Rs. 275,500 on last trading The price of 10 grams

of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs. 171 to Rs. 236,368 from Rs. 236,197 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs. 216,671 from Rs. 215,256, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs. 3,050 and Rs. 2,614.88, respectively.



RAWALPINDI: The shops in different markets are closed in view of the decision of the administration to keep the residential hotels closed in connection with the SCO conference held in the Federal Capital.

Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

KARACHI: Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari distributing Benazir Hari Cards to the farmers in a ceremony at the Chief Minister House. PPP Women's Central President Faryal Talpur, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Sindh Agriculture Minister Sardar Muhammad Bakhsh Khan Meher is also present.

Huawei showcases innovative AI-Ready Cloud at GITEX 2024 in Dubai

ISLAMABAD (APP): and AI-driven services, their applications to the demonstrate its commitment to intelligent upgrades at GITEX 2024

in Dubai through its innovative AI-ready cloud to meet the industryspecific requirements, including carrier, government, finance, media and entertainment, Web3, and e-commerce and retail.

According to a news release received here on Monday Alan Qi, President of Huawei Cloud Middle East and Central Asia, said, "Huawei Cloud brings global digital transformation best practices to the region with AI-native cloud services like databases, big data, data governance, software development, and AI. We partner with industry leaders to create solutions for government, electricity, finance, media, e-commerce, and retail, promoting digital and intelligent transformation. Additionally, we connect local industries with global

practices. Under "Everything-as-a-Service" strategy, Huawei Cloud

enterprises to foster

innovation through peer

exchanges and successful

Huawei Cloud is set to including Infrastructure, cloud, Technology, and Expertise as a Service.

Shahzad Rasheed -CEO of Huawei Cloud Pakistan, said, "At Gitex, we're witnessing the future of cloud innovation unfold before our eyes. We're not only shaping the future of global cloud innovation but also unlocking immense potential for Pakistan's digital transformation. As the demand for secure, scalable, and AI-driven solutions rises, we are committed to enabling Pakistani businesses to harness the power of the cloud, driving growth and positioning the country as a key player in the global digital economy."
Technological

innovations combining industry know-how and strong ecosystems are crucial for a successful

digital transformation.

During GITEX
Global 2024, Huawei major solutions for five and industries digital government, media & entertainment, Web3, ecommerce and retail, and

For carriers, Huawei content

efficiency and enabling light-asset operations. Additionally, carriers can rapidly innovate with new business-to-business models on Huawei Cloud, empowering them to offer more dynamic services to

their customers. For governments, Huawei Cloud provides consultancy technology in constructing national government clouds, enabling the efficient implementation of future cities that are perceptive, intelligent, and

media entertainment industry, Huawei Cloud helps traditional companies reshape digital content production by upgrading to a cloud-native architecture that adapts to future business demands.

Customers can also use Huawei's one-stop Cloud, together with its OTT solution to quickly partners, has launched build content processing distribution capabilities, enabling low latency and a smooth viewing experience. addition.

MetaStudio, the digital production



Mr. Abdul Mohamin Khan, Regional Chairman South & VP FPCCI; Mr. Qian Qiu Zhu, lead CAEDA delegation & President of Cross-Border Trade Development Committee; Mr. Aman Paracha & Mr. Asif Sakhi, VPs FPCCI; Mr. Shabbir Mansha, Chairman of FPCCI's Pakistan-China Business Council; Mr. Zia Ul Arfeen, SVP KCCI and prominent business leaders of Pakistan & China, also participated in the session.

The government's

role is to ensure equal rights

for all citizens to balance

the situation while

maintaining peace, he added. He said the

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was a

business conference and a

key event for fostering

economic collaboration

among SCO member states. He said there would

be an active participation

from business leaders,

policymakers from across the region.

Political activity in capital must be under the law: MCCI president

MULTAN (APP): Multan Chamber of Commerce & in Islamabad, especially Industry (MCCI) during the SCO summit. President Mian Bakhtawar Tanveer Sheikh said on Monday that any political activity in the federal capital must be followed

under the law, especially during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit Talking to APP here Monday, he asked the government to take appropriate measures for maintaining peace and order in the capital after understanding the gravity

of the situation.

President

milestone.

He said there should

SCO summit in Pak big diplomatic milestone: PBF LAHORE (APP): Pakistan can pave the way for strengthened ties and Business Forum (PBF) collaborative efforts among Khawaia Mehboob-ur-Rehman member states, particularly Monday termed Pakistan's

investors

This event not only highlights Pakistan's commitment to the SCO's objectives but also provides a valuable opportunity to enhance its global standing. The SCO's representation of nearly one-third of the world's population amplifies its significance making it a

hosting of the SCO Heads

of Government meeting a

noteworthy diplomatic

in areas such as trade, security, and development. Pakistan's role as the host emphasizes its dedication to these goals and its desire to be a key player in shaping regional policies, he added.

PBF's Senior Vice President Amna Munawwar Awan said that Pakistan's hosting of the SCO meeting is being seen as a significant diplomatic achievement It provides a platform for strengthening vital platform for dialogue ties with key countries, on key issues. This meeting particularly China.

Rupee sheds 03 paisa against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistani rupee on Monday depreciated by 03 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs277.66 against the previous day's closing of Rs277.63.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs278 and Rs279.50 respectively.

The price of Euro decreased by 48 paisa to close at Rs303.46 against the last day's closing of Rs303.94, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese yen came down by 01 paisa and closed at Rs1.85, whereas a decrease of 26 paisa was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound which traded at Rs362.79 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs363.05.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was report at the port where five ships, Apollon-D, Maersk Saratoga Karpathos Dawn, Solar Catei and Isabella Kosan scheduled to load/offload Container, Rice, Palm oil and Chemicals berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Liquid Cargo Terminal and Engro Terminal respectively on Sunday.

Monday that Chinese development, and energy Premier Li Qiang's fourprojects. China is already day visit to Pakistan marks Pakistan's largest trading significant partner and a key player in milestone in further China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which has brought bilateral economic and trade relations between the two billions of dollars in investments to Pakistan. fortifying the invincible bonds of brotherhood and This visit will further enhance these economic initiatives, fostering

in various sectors, particularly in trade,

nfrastructure

mutual growth and evelopment, he added. Iftikhar Ali Malik said in addition to trade and economic discussions, the visit will also reaffirm the strategic partnership and political cooperation between the two countries.Premier Li's visit symbolizes steadfastness of the China-Pakistan friendship, a relationship built on mutual respect, trust, and

He said the visit will



ISLAMABAD: A shopkeeper arranging and displaying perfumes to attract the customers in

Sindh energy dept to set up foundation for effective CSR initiatives by RE companies

KARACHI (APP): Sindh health sector to improve Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Monday, said that an inclusive foundation will be established to ensure more effective CSR initiatives by renewable energy companies in coastal district of Thatta.

Nasir Shah, while

chairing a meeting on

Corporate

Responsibility initiatives for the welfare of local people by renewable Secretary nergy (RÉ) companies. stated that the foundationhaving representation of with Sindh along government, energy department and RE companies- will work in close coordination to make CSR initiatives more effective and result oriented under one umbrella. The minister called the RE companies for expanding their CSR initiatives to facilitate the local population of district Thatta while consensus was developed on joint measures in education and

condition of schools and hospitals and resolving issues as to provision of clean drinking water and employment through CSR, said a statement issued here. Sindh Minister for Prisons and Works and Services Ali Hasan Zardari, Minister Awqaf Religious Affairs, Zakat and Usher Riaz Hussain Shah Shirazi, MNA Sadiq Ali Memon, MPA Dr. Sikandar Shoro, Mossadia Ahmed Khan Project Director Energy Alternative people through their Mahfouz Ahmad Oazi and elected representatives representatives of RE companies working in Thatta district also attended the meeting. Ali Hasan Zardari

Riaz Hussain Shah Shirazi, Sadiq Ali Memon, Dr. Sikandar Shoro stressed on coordinated interventions and suggested that all the steps should be taken from a single platform containing all the stakeholders so that more steps could be taken to improve the basic facilities for the local populace.



LAHORE: Chairman Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) Muntaha Ashraf in a group photo with Chinese delegation during a meeting.

SCO Summit: An event of immense significance for fostering regional stability: ICCI

ISLAMABAD (APP): President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Nasir M Qureshi on Monday said that Pakistan is honored to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) conference, an event of immense significance for fostering regional stability, prosperity, and socio-economic development. "We are confident

that the agreements and memorandums understanding (MOUs) formed during this conference will have the potential to transform the economic landscape, bringing new opportunities and partnerships for

member countries. dynamic, enhancing the lasting peace and security.

socio-economic influence of the entire region", he added.Despite the multiple challenges being faced by it, the business community of Islamabad understands importance of this event for Pakistan and the region. We view

economic sacrifices during this period as a contribution to the greater national interest and regional stability. It is our belief that the

short-term losses we are enduring will ultimately pave the way for long-term peace, security, and economic growth.

This sacrifice is not just for the benefit of Pakistan, but for the With China and collective good of all SCO Russia's capable member states. We hope leadership, we believe this conference could create a outcomes of the SCO balanced global power conference will lead to

Israel says 4 soldiers killed by Hezbollah drone attack while Israeli strike in Gaza leaves 20 dead

an army base in central Israel killed four soldiers and severely wounded seven others Sunday, the military said, in the deadliest strike by the militant group since Israel launched its ground invasion of Lebanon nearly two weeks ago. The Lebanon-based Hezbollah called the attack near Binyamina city retaliation for Israeli strikes on Beirut on Thurs-

elite Golani brigade, launching dozens of missiles to occupy Israeli air defense systems during the assault by squadrons" of drones. Israel's national rescue service said the attack wounded 61. With Israel's advanced air-defense systems, it's rare for so many people to be injured by drones or missiles. Hezbollah and Israel have

day that killed 22 people. It

later said it targeted Israel's

Israel launched its

traded fire almost daily in

the year since the war in

Gaza began, and fighting has

ground operation in Lebanon earlier this month with the goal of weakening Hezbollah and pushing the militant group away from the border to allow thousands of displaced Israelis to return to their homes.

Inside Gaza, an Israeli airstrike killed at least 20 people including children at a school Sunday night, according to two local hospitals. The school in Nuseirat was sheltering some of the many Palestinians displaced

Meanwhile, explosions hit early Monday outside Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah, killing three people and injuring about 50 others, the hospital said. Tents caught fire, and residents of the Central Gaza community carried the injured into the

Hezbollah's deadly strike in Israel came the same day that the United States announced it would send a new air-defense system to Israel to help bolster protection against missiles, along with troops needed to

spokesperson declined to Israel is now at war

with Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon both Iran-backed militant groups - and is expected to strike Iran in retaliation for a missile attack earlier this month. Iran has said it will respond to any Israeli attack. The U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon known as UNIFIL said Israeli tanks forcibly entered the gates of one position early Sunday and destroyed the main gate. They later fired smoke rounds near peacekeepers. causing skin irritation. UNIFIL called the incident "further flagrant violation of international law.'

International criticism is growing after Israeli forces have repeatedly fired on U.N. peacekeepers since the start of the ground operation in Lebanon. Five peacekeepers have been wounded in attacks that struck their positions, with most blamed on Israeli forces.



Lebanese army soldier inspects a site damaged by an Israeli air strike in the Christian-majority region of Aitou in north Lebanon.

Kremlin says NATO's nuclear exercises fuel tensions in light of 'hot war' in Ukraine

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: The Kremlin said that NATO's annual nuclear exercise involving nuclear-capable military aircraft, which began on Monday, was fuelling tensions in light of the "hot war" unfolding in Ukraine. NATO was due to begin its annual "Steadfast Noon" nuclear exercise on Monday, the alliance's Secretary General Mark Rutte said on Thursday, something he cast as a powerful display of deter-

nuclear rhetoric from Russian President Vladimir Putin. F-35A fighter jets and B-52 bombers will be among some 60 aircraft from 13 nations taking part in the exercise, hosted by Belgium and The Netherlands, NATO officials said.

"In the conditions of a hot war, which is going on within the framework of the Ukrainian conflict, such exercises lead to nothing but further escalation of tension," Kremrence capabilities against a lin spokesman Dmitry backdrop of heightened Peskov told reporters.

Lessons from Iran missile attacks for defending against China's advanced arsenal

Monitoring Desk SINGAPORE: Iran's mis-

against Israel, after a similar large-scale attack in April, shows the value, as well as the shortcomings, of US and allied missile defences in a potential Indo-Pacific conflict with China, analysts say.

Although differences between the two scenarios limit the lessons that can be learnt, the nearly 400 missiles of different types that Iran has fired at Israel this year offer the United States and China some idea of what works and what does not.

For Washington, the main takeaway from Iran's

Oct. 1 attacks – the largest sample yet of ballistic missiles fired against modern defences – could be that Beijing's missiles would be more difficult to intercept than Iran's and that the ability to strike back would be needed to deter a mass attack, said Collin Koh of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in

ngapore.
"If we look purely through the lenses of deterrence, no longer can one pin hopes on deterrence by denial only - that is, the hope that effective defences can blunt the efficacy of missile strikes,'

Koh said.

native to IMF

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defence minister doubts China's intent on South China Sea code

doubts China's intention to negotiate a regional code of conduct in the South China Sea although Manila is looking forward to continuing discussions, Defence Minister Gilberto Teodoro

Russia calls on **BRICS** partners to create alter-

which chairs the BRICS group this year, has called on its partners to create an alternative to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to counter political pressure from Western nations ahead of the BRICS summit later this month.BRICS, originally comprising Brazil Russia, India, and China, has expanded to include South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates. Top BRICS finance and central bank officials are meeting in Moscow this

Philippine

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said on Monday.

Teodoro said that while President Ferdinand Marcos Jr had approved "good-faith discussions" with China over the long-delayed code, he doubted Beijing's sincerity.



fere, and move its personnel from the combat zones," he said on X. Israel and the United Nations have been trading accusations over the peacekeepers in south Lebanon, as Israel pushes its forces through the area in an at-

tanks had burst into its base on Sunday, the latest allegations of Israeli violations against peacekeeping forces, that have been con-

Israel disputed the UN account and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for the peacekeepers to withdraw, saying they were providing "human shields" for Hezbollah during an up-

tempt to wipe out Iran-backed Hezbollah and its which blew across the base and sickened UN personnel, it said in a statement.

military infrastructure. Brazil looks to curb

Monitoring Desk BRASILIA: The Brazilian sources

government is preparing to roll out measures to curb mandatory spending after a second round of municipal elections at the end of the month, two Finance Ministry officials told Reuters.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has focused largely on restoring the country's fiscal balance with more tax revenue since he took office last year.

However, the sources say his government is now looking at spending controls to hit budget targets and stabilize gross debt below 80% of gross domestic product (GDP).

Investors and private economists have been skeptical of Lula's ability to deliver on budget promises, with interest rates rising in Brazil and the leftist president wary of belt-tightening as recent polls show his

popularity under pressure. Lula reiterated in a Friday radio interview that he aims to expand an income tax exemption for poor Brazilians, vowing to fulfill that election promise by the end of his term in 2026.

That exemption has garnered attention after newspaper Folha de S. Paulo reported that the government could raise taxes on millionaires to off-

speech that China has no right to represent Taiwan and declared his commitment to "resist annexation or encroachment.'

"This is a resolute punishment for Lai Chingte's continuous fabrication of 'Taiwan independence' nonsense," China's Taiwan Affairs Office said in a

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense said 90 of the aircraft, including warplanes, helicopters and drones, were spotted within Taiwan's air defense identification zone. The single-day record counted aircraft from 5:02 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Shipping traffic was operating as normal, the ministry said.

North Korea set to blow up cross-border roads with South amid drone row, Seoul says

China deploys record 125

warplanes in large scale military

drill in warning to Taiwan

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AIPEI: China employed a

record 125 aircraft, as well

as its Liaoning aircraft car-

rier and ships, in large-scale

military exercises surround-

ing Taiwan and its outlying

islands Monday, simulating

the sealing off of key ports

in a move that underscores

the tense situation in the

Taiwan Strait, officials said.

was to punish Taiwan's

president for rejecting

Beijing's claim of sover-

eignty over the self-gov-

days after Taiwan celebrated

the founding of its govern-

ment on its National Day,

when Taiwanese President

Lai Ching-te said in a

erned island.

China made clear it

The drills came four

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getting ready to blow up roads that cross the heavily militarised border with South Korea, Seoul said on Monday, amid an escalating war of words after the North accused its rival of sending drones over its capital Pyongyang.

North Korean troops were working under camouflage on the roads on its side of the border near the west and east coasts that are likely preparations to blow up the roads, possibly as early as on Monday, South Korea's military spokes-

Last week, North Korea's Army said it would completely cut roads and railways connected to South Korea and fortify the areas on its side of the border, state media KCNA reported. Separately, North Korea on Friday accused South Korea of sending drones to scatter a "huge number" of anti-North leaflets over Pyongyang, in

could lead to armed conflict. Lee Sung-jun, a spokesman for the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff, declined on Monday to answer questions over whether the South Korean

military or civilians flew the

In further statements over the weekend, North Korea warned of a "horrible disaster" if South Korean drones were again found to be flying over Pyongyang. On Sunday, it said it has put eight fully armed artillery units at the border "on

standby to open fire."

South Korea's military has said its refusal to answer questions on the drones is because addressing what the North has alleged would be to get drawn into a tactic by Pyongyang to fabricate excuses for provocations. South Korea has sought to boost its antidrone defences since 2022 Lee said, when five North Korean drones entered its airspace and flew over the what it called a political and military provocation that capital Seoul for several hours.

Israeli minister denounces UN peacekeepers as fighting rages

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: Israeli Energy Minister Eli Cohen on Monday accused the United Nations' UNIFIL peacekeepers in south demned by Hezbollah and Lebanon of being a "useless" force that failed to by Israel's allies. protect Israelis from

Hezbollah attacks and called on it to withdraw as fighting ramps up.
"The State of Israel will do everything to ensure the safety of its citizens, and if the UN cannot help, surge in hostilities. at least it should not inter-The UNIFIL peace-

keeping force said two Israeli Merkava tanks destroyed the main gate of a base and forcibly entered before dawn on Sunday. After the tanks left, shells exploded 100 metres (yards) away, releasing smoke which blew across the base

spending after local elections, sources say

set its estimated 35 billion reais fiscal impact. However, one of the

said government's economic team sees the introduction of spending controls as more urgent. A second source from the ministry said the containment of mandatory expenses is intended to strengthen Brazil's fiscal framework, creating room for discretionary spending.

The rapid expansion of mandatory expenses such as public salaries and pensions is squeezing out investments and other programs due to a spending cap imposed under the new framework.

After starting to control expenses by cleaning up public registries and tackling fraud in social programs, the government is now preparing initiatives that will require congressional approval, the first source said.

The initial package, focused on specific expenditures, will likely be followed by a second, "tougher" set of more structural proposals, the source added, without giving details. Since last month, government officials have said the rules governing the so-called BPC program are under scrutiny.

Former Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen speaks during the annual Forum 2000 conference in Prague, Czech Republic. Russia says it captured a WHO approves southern Ukraine village in Nordic's mpox

a push before winter comes KYIV: Russia said Monday that it has captured the village of Levadne in southern Ukraine as it probes for weaknesses in eastern areas that are the main focus of

Moscow's military effort before winter arrives. Ukrainian authorities, meanwhile, reported no nighttime Shahed drone attacks on the country for the first time in about six weeks, after saying five Russia's Krasnodar region at the end of last week.

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: India with-

drew its envoy to Canada

on Monday along with

other officials and diplo-

mats who Ottawa named as

"persons of interest" in a

matter related to an inves-

tigation in the country, the

the "preposterous imputa-

tions" of the Canadian as-

sertion, made in a diplo-

matic communication on

Sunday, saying it was part

of Canadian Prime Minis-

ter Justin Trudeau's "po-

litical agenda" centred

around "vote bank politics".

also said it summoned the

Canadian Charge d'Affaires

on Monday and informed

him that the "baseless tar-

geting" of Indian diplomats

and officials in Canada was

"completely unacceptable".

The foreign ministry

New Delhi rejected

foreign ministry said.

where around 400 drones reportedly were being

Levadne, in the Zaporizhzhia region, was seized by the Russians along the war 's roughly 1,000-kilometer (600-mile) front line, including an on Feb. 24, 2022, but was recaptured by Ukrainian forces during a counteroffensive in the summer

of 2023. Ukrainian officials made no comment about Levadne's possible capture, though they had previously noted that the Russian army was assemdays ago they struck a bling troops there and was Shahed storage facility in conducting local assaults

the current Canadian

Government's commitment

to ensure their security.

Therefore, the Governmen

of India has decided to with-

draw the High Commis-

sioner and other targeted

diplomats and officials," it

that it "reserves" the right

to take further steps in re-

sponse to the Canadian

government's "support for

extremism, violence and

separatism against India"

New Delhi and Ottawa

have been frosty since Sep-

tember 2023, when Trudeau

said that Canada had cred-

ible evidence linking Indian

agents to the assassination

of a Sikh separatist leader

that year, prompting a

strong reaction from New

Delhi, which denied the al-

legation

Relations between

India also conveyed

said in a statement.

the statement said.

India withdraws envoy,

diplomats named 'persons

of interest' in Canada probe

Democratic Republic of Congo to its neighbours. **New Delhi** bans fireworks to curb air pollution

Bavarian

vaccine for

adolescents

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MUNICH: The World Health Organisation (WHO)

said on Monday it had ap-

mpox vaccine for adolescents

aged 12 to 17 years, an age

group considered especially

vulnerable to outbreaks of the

disease that has triggered glo-bal concern. The WHO said

in a statement that it gave the

prequalification for adoles-

cents on Oct 8. The WHO

declared mpox a global pub-

lic health emergency for the

second time in two years in

August after a new type of

the virus spread from the

Jvnneos

proved Bavarian Nordic

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: India's capital New Delhi on Monday ordered a "complete ban" on fireworks in a bid to curb air pollution in a city where levels are regularly ranked among the worst in the

been widely flouted.

The order was made because of the "public interest to curb high air pollution", it said. It comes two weeks before Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights on November 1, where many see fireworks as integral to

vaccine

The ban is the toughest in a string of restrictions on the hugely popular firecrackers — rules that have

"There will be a complete ban on the manufacturing, storage, selling [...] and bursting of all kinds of firecrackers," the Delhi Pollution Control Committee said in a statement.



A woman works at a firecracker factory on the outskirts of Sivakasi in India's Tamil Nadu state.

Displaced Palestinians make their way as they flee areas in northern Gaza Strip following an Israeli evacuation order, amid the Israel-Hamas Indonesia's Prabowo may offer Sri Mulyani a cabinet post, sources say

Monitoring Desk JAKARTA: Indonesia's Prabowo Subianto is considering offering current finance minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati a cabinet minister post in his administration, three sources told Reuters, as the president-elect finalises his ministerial picks. Prabowo on Monday held meetings with dozens of people in his South Jakarta residence, mostly politicians in his broad coalition, who said they had been asked to serve as ministers after Prabowo's Sunday inauguration.

Mulyani was invited to Prabowo's residence - she did not show up until late afternoon - but three sources with knowledge of the situation told Reuters Prabowo was considering a cabinet seat for her.

Former World Bank managing director Sri Mulyani could be asked to stay on as finance minister or become coordinating minister of economic affairs because of the confidence financial markets have in her, said one of the sources, who declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the

It was unclear if Sri information. 'Unsustainable' housing crisis bedevils Spain's socialist govt

Monitoring Desk housing crisis is piling pressure on Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez as his government's measures vield few results and frustration boils over among beleaguered citizens.

Finding a place to rent has now become a minefield, especially for the young," 24-year-old Juan Lozano told AFP.

'There is hardly any supply, and when there is, the prices are sky high." Lozano was one of

around 22,000 protesters

who thronged central

Madrid on Sunday to vent

Monitoring Desk
MADRID: Spain's acute their anger at spiralling costs and the scarcity of new homes as well as threaten landlords with a rent strike.

Housing has been an unsolvable conundrum for successive governments in Spain, which remains scarred by a 2008 property market crash that accompanied the global recession.

But since the Covid-19 pandemic, the crisis has become "unsustainable", Lozano said. The price of a square metre for rent has soared by 82 percent over the past 10 years, according to the online property platform Idealista

asked the court to sentence Man arrested near Trump rally in California

faces gun charges

Russia jails

French researcher

for three years in

'foreign agent' case

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court Monday sentenced

French researcher Laurent

Vinatier to three years in a

penal colony for breaking a

law on registering as a "for-

Monday convicted a

French citizen of collecting

military information and

sentenced him to three

was arrested in Moscow in

June, earlier admitted guilt,

setting the stage for a fast-

tracked trial. His lawyers

A Russian court on

Laurent Vinatier, who

eign agent"

years in prison.

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: A man arrested at a security checkpoint near Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's California rally on Saturday faces gun charges after he was found in possession of loaded firearms, multiple passports and a fake license plate, the local sheriff said on Sunday.

Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco said he believed his department halted an assassination attempt, though he acknowledged that was "speculation." The suspect was released on bail on Saturday, jail records showed. A fed



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier, Li Qiang in delegation level talks.

Sustainable & permanent solution to financial issues of public sector universities to be found: CM

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that the sustainable and permanent solution of the issues of public sector universities of the province would be

He said that the provincial government doesn't want that any employee including the teachers may not face any problem for the salaries. He said that teachers are respected segment of the society and as such we are finding permanent solution to the issues and challenges being faced by universities. In this con-

text, result oriented steps would be taken by making important decisions in the high level meeting to be held

In the meeting, performance of the universities and hardships being faced by them would be reviewed and strategy would be prepared to resolve the issues from all aspects.

The Chief Minister was speaking to the teachers of public sector universities here on Monday. Minister about their prob-

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad

Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier, Li Qiang

Governor Balochistan says

Hosting SCO Conference by

Pak not only honour, but would

also highlight better image of

country at international level

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tional politics.

He said that the SCO

He said that different

is an important example of

which would provide guid-

ance to cope with the joint

challenges facing the human-

The Governor said that the SCO is becoming

its name and status at the

international level quickly.

He hoped that this orga-

nization would pave the

way for increasing the

economic cooperation,

trade and investment

among the member coun-

tries, which is representing

almost 40 percent population of the world.

should take concrete steps

for increasing coordination

and friendly relations

among the member coun-

of the whole region

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir

Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presenting a resolution in

PM welcomes

27 more Palestinian

students arrive in Pak

tinian Embassy and medial

colleges and universities

which helped the students

continue their education.

"After meetings with Pal-

estinian Embassy officials

the government of Pakistan

and different colleges and

universities, we were able

to bring the students to Pa-

kistan. The students will be

provided with all possible

facilities including educa-

dation continues a relief and

rescue operation in Gaza

from the first day of war. It

is providing facilities like

food, medicines and shelter

there. It has also set up

schools," he said, adding

that cooperation was also

being extended to Palestin-

ian students in Egypt

"The Alkhidmat Foun-

tion, food and residence,

he added.

Therefore,

during MoU exchange ceremony.

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Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar

Khan Mandokhail has

stated that it is not only an

hai Cooperation Organiza-

tion (SCO) and the session

in Islamabad, but it would

also highlight better image

of the country at interna-

pects of investment would

be increased further and

economic stability and de-

velopment would be pro-

moted with arrival of the

world leaders of Russia,

China, Saudi Arabia, Ma-

laysia, Iran and the mem-

ber countries of the SCO in

here on Monday, the Gov-

ernor said that the alliance

becoming at the level of re-

gion in the political history

of the world is getting cen-

tral status in the interna-

the Balochistan Assembly

LAHORE (APP): Twenty-

seven more Palestinian stu-

dents arrived in the country to acquire medical and

dental education on Mon-

day. Alkhidmat Foundation

Pakistan President Dr Hafeez ur Rehman, Vice

President Air Marshal (Re-

tired) Arshad Malik, Health

Services Chairman Prof Dr

Zahid Latif and government

officials warmly welcomed

the students at Lahore air-

port. Dr Hafeez ur Rehman

said that in the first phase,

192 Palestinian students were coming to Pakistan

through different flights. He

said that the students

would continue their medi-

cal and dental education in

universities of Pakistan,

adding that the Alkhidmat

Foundation, Global Relief

Trust and Doctors of

Rehman would extend co-

operation for the purpose.

In a statement issued

He said that the pros-

ters Mir Sadiq Umrani, Ms Raheela Hameed Durran Mir Nausherwani and Member Provincial Assembly, Khair Jan Baloch

The Chief Minister urged the public sector universities to refrain from unnecessary recruitments and development projects.

He also asked them to ensure transparency in the financial matters and work on the projects of self sufficiency. He stressed that They apprised the Chief the universities of the province would have to adopt modules according During the course of to the requirements of meeting, Provincial Minismodern era.

JI rejects Govt's proposed constitutional amendment

KARACHI (INP): Hafiz Naeemur Rehman, the Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, has voiced strong opposition

government's intention to amend the constitution to appoint a Chief Justice of its choosing. He made it clear that JI strongly rejected the Government proconstitutional posed amendments.

He described this move as unacceptable and a direct affront to the integrity of the judicial system.

During a press conference, Rehman highlighted the deteriorating infrastructure in Karachi, particularly criticizing the city's broken roads and failing sewage

He noted that recent rains exacerbated these issues, underscoring the rampant corruption within Sindh's administration. "Corruption is embedded from the top down in this system," he stated, lamenting the lack of accountabil-

ity for those responsible. Govt should arrange meeting of PTI leaders with PTI

LAHORE (Online): PML N senior leader Khawaja Saad Rafiq has said government should arrange meeting of PTI leaders with their

Quaid Imran Khan and PTI

founder: Saad

should withdraw protest tries and different nations call on the occasion of Shanghai Cooperation Conference (SCO) uncondition-"if meeting is arranged even then PTI can find

pretext for staging protest. But government should end the pretext of protest, he said this in a statement issued on X. According to media information PTI has linked vithdrawal of protest call

to their meeting with PTI founder and Quaid It is old tradition of PTI to create conflict on the arrival of foreign guests in

on eve of SCO conference

Pakistan He said clash be avoided.

Ali Kuli says: Ch Nisar, his brother Gen Iftikhar became hurdle on his way to He thanked the government of Pakistan, Pales

promotion as COAS FAISALABAD (Online): Lt Gen (Retd) Ali Kuli Khan has said his appointment as army chief was his right on the basis of seniority and ability but Chaudhry Nisar and his brother Gen iftikhar be-

came hurdle on his way. Chaudhry Nisar and Gen Iftikhar had incited Nawaz Sharif against him. Nawaz Sharif withheld my promotion file . Army should not interfere in politics. Gen Zia committed mistake by executing Bhutto, he said this in an exclusive interview.

He cautioned harm is being caused to entire nation due to present conflict. My uncle Aslam Khattak remained governor

All Parties Conference AJK govt always supports Kashmir freedom struggle: Prime Minister Ch Anwar

(APP): Azad Jammu an Kashmir (AJK), Prime Minister (PM), Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has reiterated his government's all out support to Kashmir cause of self-determination. The AJK PM said this

while addressing an Allparty conference held in Division's Poonch Rawalakot city under the aegis of Jammat Islami Azad Jammu and Kashmir late Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the basic purpose for establishing base camp was to strengthen the freedom movement and liberate the Indian occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The ideological basis of a nation is something that one cannot compare with that of development", the PM said, adding that AJK had progressed beyond imagination since 1947.He said that the people of Azad Kashmir enjoyed every kind of facility.
"We are providing

electricity to our citizens at three rupee per unit and 40 KG flour at 2000 rupees", the PM said. "Do the people in Indian occupied Kashmir enjoy same rights and privileges as people of Azad Kashmir do?", the PM asked

He said that there was no need to adopt an apologetic tone when it comes the issue of Kashmir.

sually impaired persons

into productive and active

Ayaz Sadiq stressed the need to take steps to

utilize their abilities more

effectively and enable them

to play a vital role in social

life, allowing them to live

with dignity and contribute

as valuable members of so-

ciety. He further added that

if visually impaired persons

are provided with equal

opportunities in education,

employment, and other

sectors, they can significantly

contribute to the development

and progress of society. The

Speaker remarked that White

to renew our commitment to

safeguarding the rights of vi-

sually impaired persons and

Îane Safety Day is a moment

citizens," he added.

Ayaz says Protecting rights of visually

impaired persons essential to make them productive citizens ISLAMABAD (APP): potential, we can turn vi-

Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Monday said that the white cane is a symbol of independence, confidence, and freedom for those with visual impairments.

While paying tribute to the courage and resilience of visually impaired persons on the occasion of White Cane Safety Day, he said that this day serves as an encouragement for all of us to support and empower visually impaired individuals and include them in the national mainstream.

The Speaker emphasized that visually impaired individuals are an important part of our society, and ensuring their well-being and empowerment is our collective responsibility.



Naik meeting with Quaid PML (N) Muhammad

BUITEMS, Nanjing University sign MoU

QUETTA (PR): In a significant step towards promoting international cooperation and advancing the strategic objectives of the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Manage-

Sciences (BUITEMS), the Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, visited Southeast University in Nanjing, China. During this visit, a key Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between BUITEMS and Southeast University. This MoU marks the beginning of a mutual partnership aimed at fostering research and academic collaboration, particularly in support of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The agreement sets the framework for collaboration between BUITEMS and Southeast University,

focusing on joint research

projects, faculty and stu-

dent exchanges, and devel-

to global challenges. This partnership aligns with BUITEMS' Strategic Plan 2024-2029, which emphasizes international cooperation and research excellence as central pillars for institutional development.

Both institutions reiterated their commitment to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the broader Belt and Road Initiative. Through this collaboration, BUITEMS and Southeast University aim to contribute to the success of these initiatives, particularly by focusing on areas such as smart infrastructure and disaster prevention.

As part of the visit, a China-Pakistan bilateral strategic seminar was held in Nanjing on the construction of the "Belt and Road" Joint Laboratory for Smart Disaster Prevention of Major Infrastructure. This seminar provided a platform for discussing strategies to enhance disaster prevention and build resilient infrastructure.



QUETTA: Vice Chancellor BUITEMS Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez and Vice Chancellor Nanjing University China Zheng Hairong shaking hand after signing a MoU between the two universities

Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Li Qiang visit Pakistan to expand bilateral cooperation, build high quality CPEC

Premier Li Qiang official visit to Pakistan would enhance traditional friendship, strengthen strategic communication, expand bilateral cooperation across the board and building of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in a high quality way, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said Through this visit,

China looks to working with Pakistan to enhance the traditional friendship, strengthen strategic communication, build China Pakistan Economic Corridor in a high quality way, deepen and expand cooperation across the board, and accelerate the building of a closer China Pakistan community with a shared

peace, development and prosperity, Mao Ning said during her regular briefing held here.

Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Chinese Premier Li Qiang is visiting Pakistan from October 14 to 17. The spokesperson said that China and Pakistan are ironclad friends

At the invitation of

and all weather strategic cooperative partners and added, Our relations have stood the test of time and remained rock She pointed out that

this June Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif paid an official visit to China. The two sides actively delivered on the

standings reached by the leaders of the two countries and the bilateral relations have maintained sound mo-

entum of development. She said that this is primarily Li Qiang first visit to Pakistan after he took office and marks exchange of visits at the head of government level between the two countries within a year, which is of significance to deepening all weather strategic cooperave partnership.

During the visit, Premier Li Qiang of the State Council will attend the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (Prime Ministers) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) to be held in Islamabad.



QUETTA: Faculty members of various public sector universities meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti. Provincial Ministers Mir Sadiq Umrani, Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani and MPA Khair Jan Baloch are also present

Chinese PM Li given guard of honour at **PM House**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Premier of the State Coun cil of China Li Qiang on Monday was given a guard of honour at the Prime Minister's House as he arrived there to meet Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and hold the delegationzel talks.

As Premier Li arrived at the venue of formal wel come reception, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharit warmly welcomed him.

The national anthem of Pakistan and China were played as the dignitary stood at the salute dias.

The smartly turnedout contingents of three armed forces presented a guard of honour which Premier Li reviewed.

SP vows to tighten noose against drug dealers

QUETTA (APP): Superintendent Police City Muhammad Sharif emphasized his commitment to maintaining law and order by tightening the grip on criminal elements and drug dealers

Talking to media on Monday, he said police checkpoints across the City Police jurisdiction have been reinforced for more effective security checks.

SP Sharif assured that every complaint received at the City Police Station and other precincts within the circle will be addressed promptly, ensuring justice for all citizens. "It is the core responsibility of the police to ensure that no one is subjected to injustice," he added. "Any disturbance to peace or criminal activity will be dealt with firmly."

Key terrorist arrested

PESHAWAR (APP): In a joint operation, police and . Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Monday here arrested a key terroi ist of banned Daesh organi zation tasked with attacks on public and political gath-

erings.

Police said, the terrorist along with his family was residing in a rented house and was arrested during an hour-long operation. Police have also arrested the owner of the house and a property dealer who facilitated the terrorist in hiring the house for Rs 3000 commission.

The property dealor and owner of the house were arrested under Tenant Act for not verifying the identity of the terrorist, police said.
On identification of

the terrorist, police have also arrested two of his facilitators

Explosive material, maps of would-be targeted places in Charsadda, Nowshera, Khyber and Mohmand were also recovered from the terrorist.

governance in Balochistan, says Sardar Khetran in the province. He pointed

Terrorism increased due to bad

Independent Report OUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) and WASA, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that there is a bad governance in the province, as a result of which, the terrorism has been increased.

The Provincial Minister for PHE and WASA was speaking to the media persons soon after the session of provincial assembly here on Monday.

Sardar Abdul Rehman and Commissioner didn't Khetran said that the gov-

out that a total of 44 persons were martyred in Loralai during last 50 days. He said that the ter-

rorists want to create panic and harassment among people of the province. He said that the terrorists are wandering without any hesitation just because of the bad governance.

He regretfully pointed out that the incidents of terrorism were occurred but the concerned DIG police bother to inform the elected

To step into modem business world Institutions like NIC provide remarkable platform for young people: Dr. Rubaba

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for the Department of Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has emphasized that institutions like the National Incubation Center (NIC) provide a remarkable platform for young people to step into the modern business world. She expressed these views during her visit to the National Incubation Center at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) in Quetta. Pro-Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan, was

also present on the occa-

sion. NIC Director Muhammad Shah briefed Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi on the center's initiatives and business projects. During her visit, Dr. Buledi interacted with the young entrepreneurs presenting their business ideas under the NIC and appreciated their efforts, noting that their startups and business ideas would play a significant role not only in Balochistan's economy but also for the entire country.
She further stated that

the Department of Women Development is committed to partnering with the NIC in the future to create new opportunities for women to advance in business



ment Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi talking with women at National Incubation Center BUITEMS

Condolence resolution adopted on death of Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki in BA

Independent Report QUETTA: The condolence resolution was adopted on death of the late Provincial Minister, Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki in the session of Balochistan Assembly here on Monday.

The resolution was tabled by the Provincial Minister for Irrigation, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani in the opening sitting of the current session while the Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzain was in the chair.

As the session started, fateha was offered for the departed soul of late Provincial Minister Sardar

Sarfraz Domki. Fateha was also of-fered for the departed souls of the coal mine labourers killed in terrorists attack in

Duki coalmine field on last

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti pointed out that the proceeding of session of provincial assembly gets adjourned if a sitting minister dies, as per the

traditions of assembly. On this, the Speaker ruled that the condolence resolution be tabled in the session and then adjourned the sitting until October 16,