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# **PM Shahbaz laments global** silence on Gaza, assures Palestinian students of full support in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Muhammad Sharif on Wednesday, while lamenting the silence of the international community to halt genocide in Gaza, assured the Palestinian students of every possible fa-cility and quality education in their 'second home' Pakistan.

Addressing a batch of Palestinian students from the war-torn Gaza, the prime minister said that a batch of 'shining and outstanding students', have now arrived in their second home.

He said the ongoing massacre of Palestinians was known to the entire temporary history. world. "It is heart-wrenching to watch brutalities and

atrocities committed by the recollected that during his Israeli occupation forces on participation in the United daily basis. They have killed more than 43,000 Nations General Assembly session, they heard speeches after speeches of Palestinians while thousands had been maimed and the world leaders about the plight of the Palestinians injured," he added. and as to how Israeli forces The prime minister

said that cities after cities had been committing genohad been demolished, buildcide in this part of the world, ings razed to the ground and but the blood continued to spill on the streets of Gaza. the international community had yet to act, and regretted, "Speeches, resolutions and commitments are still to see the light of the tor. day. Whether these were UNSC resolutions or ICJA' verdict at the Hague, nothing has helped in bringing ceasefire in Gaza where the ferent parts of the world

hospitals were smashed. schools bombard and the world was mere a specta-The prime minister referred to the international community's interference to bring about peace in dif-

The prime minister Continued on page 2

Bosnia

including Sudan and



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing a ceremony held in honour of students of Palestine who recently arrived in Pakistan to complete their medical education.

### CM announces 100% increase in dev. funds of local bodies in Balochistan

Mir Sarfraz Bugti emphasizes upon ensuring correct use of resources and prevention of corruption; directs to prepare effective mechanism for prevention of corruption in LG institutions together with Anti-Corruption Establishment

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Min-ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has an-nounced to make 100 percent increase in the development funds of local government institutions in the province.

However, the release of funds would be conditional with performance, asserted the Chief Minister while speaking to the heads of local bodies institutions who called on him here on Wednesday

The Chairmen of the district councils and municipal corporations and committees from all over the province apprised the Chief Minister about the issues being faced by the respective local government institutions

The Chief Minister on the occasion issued certain during the financial year.

prevention of corruption, ensure cleanliness and attendance of the staff in schools and hospitals besides promoting Pakistaniat

Besides, he directed to ensure correct use of the resources and prevention of corruption anyway. In addition to this, the

Chief Minister directed to formulate effective mechanism for prevention of corruption in the local government institutions together with the Anti-Corruption

ter secretariat about the ab-Meanwhile, the Chief sentee staff after visiting the schools and hospitals at the local level.

He stressed that the local bodies should play ac-

tive role for resolving the Continued on page 2

Yahya Afridi

holds separate

meetings with

CJP Isa,

**Justice Mansoor** 

#### Law Ministry notifies appointment of new CJP **President** appoints Justice Yahya Afridi as next CJ of Pakistan

Justice Afridi set to take oath as top judge on October 26 and serve fixed three-year term in office

Chief Justice of Pakistan.

try of Law and Justice on

Wednesday notified the

Meanwhile the Minis-

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday appointed Justice Yahya Afridi, a Supreme Court judge, as the next Chief Justice of Paki-

appointment of Justice Yahya Afridi as Chief Justice of Pakistan for a period of three years. The president made the appointment of Justice The notification said, Yahya Afridi for a period 'In exercise of the powers of three years with effect from October 26, 2024, acconferred by clause (3) of Article 175 A read with Ar-

cording to a President ticle 177 and 179 of the constitution of the Islamic Re-House press release. The appointment was public of Pakistan, the made in exercise of the President of the Islamic powers conferred under Republic of Pakistan is Articles 175 A(3), 177 and pleased to appoint Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi,

179 of the constitution. President Zardari also Judge of Supreme Court, as approved October 26 as the Chief Justice of Pakistan, for a term of three years date for administering the oath of office to Justice with effect from 26-10-2024 Yahya Afridi as the next



ISTANBUL: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with Turkiye Minister of National Defense Yasar GÜLER.

### Naqvi's visit to Turkiye strengthens bilateral ties

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Turkiye's Minister of De- the critical need to enhance fense, Yasar Guler, during trade and cooperation be-

ISLAMABAD (APP): cused on a range of topics of mutual interest, with both ministers emphasizing

They acknowledged the

positive momentum of bi-

lateral relations and ex-

and



world had not seen this

kind of carnage in the con-

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over a meeting to review progress on development projects.

Chairs review meeting on progress of PSDP: Approved development projects made part of budget for first time terrorist attack

President, PM condemn

local government institutions. He directed them to monitor the steps taken for

in their respective areas.

Establishment.

Minister directed to the Finance Department to release the funds to the local bodies in two instalments

He insisted that the de ctives to the heads of

velopment funds should be seen on the ground. The audit would be

would be stopped to the

district councils and corpo-

rations on the authentic

complaints of the corrup-

mulate the development

projects which are compat-

ible with the requirements

to inform the Chief Minis-

He also directed to for-

He asked the chairmen

tion and malpractices.

of general public.

conducted through the neutral third party, he added. The Chief Minister made it clear that corruption is totally unacceptable and the release of funds

#### in history; timely completion is next challenge: Sarfaraz Bugti

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has categorically stated that we have made the approved development projects part of the budget for first time in the history of the province, and now the timely completion of these projects is our next challenge.

He said that we are determined to complete the development projects timely after ending the tradition of slowness

He directed to the concerned high ups to ensure approval of pending 360 schemes within next eight days

He also directed to

Police Moazzam Jah Ansari.

QUETTA:

complete at least 90 percent projects out of the proposed projects by the end of financial year if 100 percent not possible.

In addition to this, the continuity of implementation of the development projects should be main tained anyway, he added

In this regard, the work should be continued with consultation of the experts during the slag season.

The Chief Minister was addressing the review meeting on progress of the development projects un-der Provincial Public Sec-Development tor

Wednesday.

ISLAMABAD (APP) President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Ankara, which resulted in the tragic loss of human lives.

in Ankara

In a statement, President Zardari extended his deepest condolences and expressed solidarity with the government and people of Turkiye during this hour

of grief. The President said that Pakistan stood in full solidarity with the Turkish brothers and sisters in this

difficult time. He said, we extend our deepest condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives in this cow-Programme here on ardly attack, and we pray for the swift recovery of Continued on page 2

the injured. In a social media on X. Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif said he is deeply shocked and saddened by Khan Mandokhail has exthe terrorist attack in Anhorted the provincial min-

isters and members of pro-Expressing heartfelt vincial assembly belonging condolences to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) the people of Turkiye over to come up to expectations this tragic act, the Prime Minister said Pakistan and hopes of the people while performing their re-sponsibilities. stands in complete solidarity with its Turkish brothers

The Governor stressed that being elected represen-Shehbaz Sharif prayed tatives, they should give priority to the public welfor the families of the victims as well as speedy recovery of the fare and development in their respective election constituencies.

He said that the provin-cial ministers are responsible for implementing policies and programmes in their respective departments keeping the public welfare in the view.

ensure good governance and public service. The Governor was

speaking to the provincial ministers, parliamentary secretaries and members of the provincial assembly belo to PML-N, who called

to expectations of masses **Independent Report** Governor's House on Wednesday. UETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar

photo with Provincial Ministers and MPAs belong to PML-N.

**Governor exhorts PML-N's** 

Ministers, MPAs to come up

and

OUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail in a group

ISLAMABAD (INP): Designated Chief Justice of During the course of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi Wednesday held meeting, performance of the provincial government separate meetings with the incumbent CJP Justice and issues of the parliamentarians were discussed. Those who were Qazi Faez Isa and senior judge, Justice Mansoor Ali present were included Pro-

Mir

vincial Ministers Mir Shah in their chambers. Saleem Ahmed Khosa, According to sources, the two judges met in Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa's Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Mir Asim Kurd chamber, where the CJP Shoaib congratulated Justice Yahya Nausherwani, parliamen-Afridi on his appointment. tary secretaries Sardar

Additionally, Justice Afridi visited the chamber of Masood Luni, Muhammad Khan Lehri, Barkat Ali Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, and Rind, Wali Muhammad his chamber staff also con-Noorzai, Hadia Nawaz, gratulated him on his new Nawabzada Zarin Magsi, role. Earlier in the day, the Advisor to Chief Minister, president approved the Dr Rubaba Buledi and summary of appointing MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhail. Speaking on Justice Yahya Afridi as the next CJP on the advice of PM Shehbaz Sharif following the occasion, Governor said that PML-N is a counthe recommendation of the trywide political party special parliamentary committee. Justice Yahya Afridi will take oath as new chief justice of Pakistan for a term of three years, start-

with which people have lot of expectations and hopes To a query, Governor said that it is included in our ing from October 26. The priorities to ensure transappointment has been made parency in utilization of under the provisions of Arpublic funds and good gov-

QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar, Haji Ali Madad Jattak and MPAs Mir Zabid Ali Reki, Malik Naeem Khan Bazai, Asghar Ali Tareen, Prince Umar Ahmedzai, Dr. Nawaz Kibzai and Khair Jan Baloch holding meeting.

his visit to Istanbul on tween Pakistan Wednesday. Turkive.

The meeting, which took place amid the backdrop of the International pressed a shared commit-Expo, underscored the commitment of both nations to ment to explore further avstrengthen their cooperative enues for collaboration, relationship across various sectors.

During the meeting, Minister Guler expressed gratitude to Minister Naqvi for participating in the In-ternational Expo, highlighting the importance of such events in fostering international partnerships.

In turn, Minister Naqvi extended a formal invitation to Minister Guler to attend the Ideas Expo in Pakistan, which aims to showcase innovation and developricultural and food products in the broader economic ment in the region. The discussions fopartnership.





**QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Shoaib** Nausherwani and Bakht Muhammad Kakar holding a meeting.

Another important milestone achieved: **Balochistan Cabinet approves Organic Agriculture Policy 2024** 

**Independent Report** QUETTA: In a significant development and achievement. Balochistan Cabinet approved the Balochistan first-ever Organic Agriculture Policy 2024.

ince

The initiative, which is aimed at promoting economic development and sustainable environmental protection, is the first of it's kind introduced in the prov-

Needless to mention here is that Balochistan is the first province of the country that has introduced

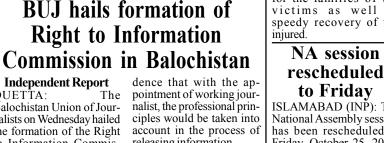
this policy. The policy is also aimed at promoting the organic agriculture, increasing the biodiversity, protecting food and helping the growers to make compatible with the climatic changes. In addition to this, millions of dollars could be

saved after decreasing dependency on the imports of organic goods.

This policy is based on the successful experiments of cultivation of the organic cotton running with cooperation of the Agriculture department extension and WEF Pakistan. It was run with the help of Ladais Foundation, Sorti Textile, Artistic Fabric, Gul Ahmed and other entities. After approval of the Organic Agriculture Policy, the steps would be expedited for promotion and assistance of the organic agriculture in the province.

The measures are included improvement in the methods of cultivation, promotion of the environment friendly agriculture and establishment of vast standard and value chain so as to motivate the growers community towards the organic agriculture and connect them with the competitive markets at the national and international level.





Balochistan Union of Journalists on Wednesday hailed the formation of the Right to Information Commisreleasing information. sion, Balochistan and the appointment of experisaid that the commission enced and working journalwill play a significant role

**OUETTA: Provincial Secretary Women Develop-**

ment Saira Atta meeting with Inspector General of

ist in the commission. The BUJ President Khalil Ahmed in a statement issued here has termed the functioning of Right to Information Commission as significant measures for the promotion of transparency which will effectively ensure the fundamental right of public 'access to information'. He said that the inclusion of seasoned journalist in the commission will ensure the better representation of media and protection of the interests of the

public. He expressed confi- public information.

Khalil Ahmed further

in promoting transparency, accountability, and public's right to information in the

province. The Balochistan Union of Journalists termed the initiative of the incumbent government as positive step and demanded that the commission should be granted full independence status and provided resources so that it can perform its duties accordingly.

The BUJ also recommended the journalists to take advantage of this opportunity in order to make use of the RTI laws to get

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Assembly session has been rescheduled to at 11:00 a.m.

tober 24, 2024, at the same A notification regarding

the National Assembly

the change was issued by

Therefore, they should Friday, October 25, 2024, The session was originally set for Thursday, OcDaily Aoice of Masse Independent Quetta

Thursday October 24, 2024

# **Miscellaneous**

### We have brought chief justice the one who was needed in SC: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal minister Ahsan Iqbal while reacting to appointment of Justice Yahya Afridi as Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) has said we have brought chief justice in Supreme Court (SC), the one who was needed. earlier.

" Less controversial chief justice was needed in SC at present. Such CJP was needed who is team builder, There are decisions of justice Mansoor Ali Shah and practice of SC. Appointment of chief justice of high court is made out of panel of 3 judges, he said this here Wednesday.

He went on to say ap-

pointment of chief justice politics due to multiparty is seen on the basis of sesystem. There can bo no niority cum fitness. Appolarization in judiciary pointments in SC were because it is institution of made on fitness during the justice. Polarization of extreme last 20 years. Chief justice of high courts were ap-

level was seen supreme pointed out of panel of 3 court since some period. Senior judges can have This principle is being what objection over ap-

applied to the appointment of judges of SC. This prinpointment of junior judge as chief justice of Pakistan. ciple is adopted in connec-Congress accords approval tion with appointment of to the appointment of chief justice of high court. judges in US. The power Then what is wrong in for appointment of judges implementing this prin- of SC rest with parliamenciple in the appointment of tarians in India. Members of parliament can make at-He underscored there tachment of judges in India

can be polarization in the as well.

The president, in his message on the 13th death anniversary of the Madare-Jamhuriat (Mother of Democracy) Nusrat Bhutto called for following her ideology as a role model to strengthen democracy.

Paying tribute to the late Nusrat Bhutto's great political services and struggle against the dictator for the restoration of democracy and people's rights, the president said that she played a leadership role for the Pakistan Peoples Party in difficult times.

#### President calls for pursuing Nusrat Bhutto's mission of democracy ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday urged the countrymen to pursue the late Nusrat Bhutto's mission of public welfare and strengthening of democracy in the country.

RAWALPINDI: Members of Pakistan's Cricket Board selection committee Aleem Dar and Aqib Javed inspects the pitch during a practice session on the eve of their third and final Test cricket match between Pakistan and England at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, in the city.

#### Pakistan gets 'promising response' from China over debt refiling: FinMin

WASHINGTON (INP): Pakistan is advancing economic ties with China, Saudi Arabia, and Turkiye, as Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb held high-level discussions on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings in Washington DC

sponse is encouraging," told the minister Bloomberg, while stressing the importance of continuing structural reforms. He noted that Pakistan seeks to extend the matu-

rity of debt for nine power plants built by Chinese companies under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The meetings focused China has already on debt reprofiling, trade rolled over \$16 billion in debt from a total of \$26 billion in the current fiscal vear

Aurangzeb meets Saudi, Turkish FM's to boost trade and investment In addition to these ne-

gotiations, Aurangzeb met with Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed Aljadaan to discuss enhancing bilateral trade and investment

that discussion, and the re- in key sectors.

#### Jhangir Khan terms 26th constitutional amendment as victory for state, democracy

QUETTA (APP): Political right direction for which leader Jhangir Khan they deserved congratulatermed the 26th constitutions

tional amendment as a vic-He said that Pakistan tory for the state, politics Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) did not support the constitu-

#### If we want to face the global challenges We will have to see how to adopt integrated approach: Dr. Rubaba

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#### **Independent Report**

QUETTA: Parliamentary leaders and health sector specialists have called for a robust strategy, political and financial support for the reproductive healthcare programmes in Balochistan to reduce high death rates of mothers and children

Speaking during a one-day awareness seminar organized by Population Welfare Department in collaboration with United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA) and



the Pathfinder International Balochistan chapter here in a local hotel, the speakers unanimously agreed that family planning is key to reducing the mother mortality rate (MMR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and building up a resilient, healthy and robust society that is prepared for all modern day challenges

Parliamentary Secretary for Population Welfare Department Ms. Hadia Nawaz gave opening remarks during the session which was attended by Dr. Rubaba Buledia, Senator Danish Kumar, Members of Provincial Assembly Mir Liaqat Lehri, Mir Rehmat Saleh Baloch, Health Specialists UNFPA Country Director Dr. Jameel, Provincial Assistant Lead Dr. Rubina, Director General Health Department Dr. Ameer Mandokhail, Dr. Sarmad Yousafzai, Provincial Lead Pathfinder Wali Muhammad Bareech, PWD Officers and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rubaba Buledi said that the concept of population planning has changed over the period of past two to three decades, adding that now we do not talk about birth control but birth spacing; we talk about choice not about imposing. She said that health and population welfare should not be two separate depart-

ments, adding the biggest problem with us is that every department works in isolation. She said that if we want to face the global challenges, we will have to see how to adopt integrated approach.

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Khalil Hashmi in a group

state activities.

Pak Army and the state

should be the top priority.

local bodies to promote flag

of Pakistan and national

He also directed to the



chief justice of SC.

QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Transport Abdul Majeed Badini and leader of PPP Mir Changez Khan Jamali meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Safaraz Ahmed Bugti.

#### NA passes Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024

Justice

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly on Wednesday passed "The Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024," clause by clause.

The bill was moved by State Minister for Finance, Pervaiz Malik.

According to the statement of objects and reasons, The Law and Justice Division has administrative control of the Law and Justice Commission Ordinance, 1979, courts and tribunals in respect of Federal areas and the offices of the At- administrative control of torney General and other the Law and Justice Divilaw officers of the Federa- sion and with Bar Councils

by unknown assailants in Nasarkhel area of Lakki allocated to the Law and Marwat district, police in-Justice Division under the formed on Wednesday. Rules of Business, 1973. It would be more ap-

Police said constable Mansoor was in the guestroom of his house in propriate and in the best public interest to shift ad-Kotla Allah Bakhsh, ministrative control of the Nasarkhel when assailants Legal Aid and Justice Auriding a motorcycle, fired thority (LAJA) from the multiple shot at him. As a Ministry of Human Rights result, constable Mansoor to the Ministry of Law and died at the scene.

The martyred police The institutional linkofficial was deputed at Subages of the Ministry of Law Division Bannu and was at and Justice with other law home on leave. Officers and Commissions

Lakki Marwat district of the Federation under the has seen a surge in Incidents of target killing of police officials as a couple of days ago a CTD Inspector, Sher

cooperation, and joint ventures to strengthen **Cop** martyred in Lakki Marwat pects. PESHAWAR (APP): A police constable was shot dead

China over Pakistan's request to reprofile its power sector debt, a move aimed at providing the country with breathing room to lower electricity prices.

"We have just started

Pakistan's economic pros-Aurangzeb revealed a promising response" from

The mandate of the Le- able LAJA to fulfil its mangal Aid and Justice Author- date more effectively. The

#### DC Nasirabad conducts surprise visit to government schools

Independent Report. Ahmed Ali Koorar as their NASIRABAD: Deputy classroom teacher, which Commissioner Nasirabad, the Deputy Commissioner Munir Ahmed Khan Kakar, promptly approved, directmade an unannounced visit ing school authorities to to Government Boys utilize Koorar's services for Model High School and the betterment of educa-Government Girls High tional affairs. Other teach-School Abdul Wahab ers, including Abdul Somroo on October 23, Rehman Abro were present 2024. During his visit, during the visit, while Nader Kakar inspected the atten-Ali Manjho briefed Kakar dance registers of teachers on the school's challenges and inquired about the teaching process in various Government Girls High classrooms. He also inter-School Abdul Wahab acted with students, asking Somroo, where he inspected classrooms and them about their educational experience and expressing satisfaction with the responses

At the Boys Model High School, students requested Kakar to appoint situation.

ity (LAJA) is also in con- Bill is designed to achieve tigating the incidents. sonance with the business the said object.

#### Sohbatpur district administration

polio eradication **Independent Report** OHBATPUR: Deputy Commissioner Freeda Tareen directed health officials to intensify efforts to eradicate polio from the district.

Tareen emphasized the importance of enhanced monitoring. Strict security measures Transit point deployments. The commissioner urged the public to vaccinate their children, protecting them from lifelong disability. District officials and

gathered information about the teaching process. The health department representatives attended the school's principal, Nasim meeting, reaffirming their Bibi, provided him with an commitment to polio eradioverview of the school's cation.

Earlier, Kakar visited

#### Approved development projects....

cerned high ups.

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ing at fast pace. He said that

no compromise would be

made on standard of the

development projects ac-

#### Continued from page 1

Those who were present in the meeting were included: Provincial Ministers Mir Zahoor Buledi, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Mir Saleem Khosa, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Development, Hafiz Abdul Basti, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Imran Zarkoon, Administrative secretaries of different concerned departments and other high ups.

The meeting was briefed about the development projects of Planning and Development, Finance,

Communication and Works cording to the PC-1. Departments by the con-He asserted that we

would ensure correct use of The Chief Minister dithe resources. In this regard, rected to the concerned dehe stressed that the Chief partments to present rec-Minister Inspection Team ommendations for solution and Anti-Corruption Esafter taking review of the tablishment would submit hurdles coming in way of review report after taking implementation on the dereview of the standard of development projects. He asked the authori-

Besides, the Chief ties to inform about the solid Minister directed to present comprehensive recommenprojects. He also directed dations in next cabinet meetto ensure release of the aling for merger of different located funds for the develdepartments performing opment projects completne services

He also directed to complete the pending projects of the sports complex in the interior province.

Ali was also shot dead sued here, he also conwhen he came out of a gratulated people for the masjid. Police were invesapproval of this constitutional amendment.

and democracy.

#### that with the 26th constitutional amendment, pogears up for and public welfare would

be given considerable priority in the country. He said that the voice of democracy would be prevailed. He said that Pakistan

Prime Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Islam- Fazal (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazl-ur Rehman, ANP Amal Wali taken a timely and commendable decision in the

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In Bosnia, he said, cries were finally heard after a large number of Muslim population was martyred there. The mass graves were unearthed and finally, the global community came to

realization, he added. Prime Minister Sharif regretted the double standards in this world where the powerful and mighty remained untamed. He said the hope of the Palestinian people gave inspiration to the entire world who were facing challenges and where every family was suffering. The prime minister

also referred to a recent footage of two minor Palestinian sisters struggling together and said it had touched every heart but not touched those who matterto take decision and save the people of Gaza, Palestine and Lebanon.

The prime minister further shared his sincere sympathies with the people of Palestine, on behalf of himself, the government and the people of Pakistan. He said that the government of Pakistan would take all possible measures to extend all kind of facilities to the students during their stay.

The prime minister said that it was not just a gathering of the students but of a family. He also thanked all the

stakeholders under Gaza Health Outreach

In his statement is- tional amendment just to please Imran Khan which the nation would never forgive.

He said that the ap-Jahangir Khan said proval of the 26th constitutional amendment by two-thirds majority by litical stability, su- the National Assembly premacy of democracy and the Senate is an important success of democracy. He said that in the

> near future history would be proved that the 26th constitutional amendment reflects the democratic rights of Pakistani people and politicians.

The constitutional Zardari, Jamiat Ulema-e- amendment will promote political stability including fair distribution of rights and re-Khan, MOM leaders have sources between the federation and the provinces, he said

#### PM Shahbaz laments global...

#### programme including Al idmat Foundation.

The prime minister said that they would welcome other Palestinian students on their soil and in this regard, he had already issued directives to the relevant authorities.

e added.

preciation.

He reassured that the cost of their education would be borne by the government Earlier, speaking on the

occasion, PM's Coordination on Health Dr Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath said that a total of 145 students had arrived Pakistan from Gaza who were admitted to various medical and dental facilities in Islamabad and Lahore. They were being facilitated to get quality

education, he added President Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, Dr Rizwan Taj said that after receiving directive

from the prime minister on July 10, they made arrangements in collaboration with all the stakeholders to facilitate Palestinian students to get quality education in Pakistan. A total of 24 students were enrolled in spin bowling.

Lahore and the rest121 in Islamabad who were now getting medical education, He informed that the medical institutions were not charging any kind of fee cally in the second match.

universities that had offered free training deserved apthrilling series.

#### CM announces 100% increase... Pak announce Continued from page 1 playing XI for third Test people.

photo at the North Bund Forum in Shanghai.

against England of local bodies to give con-Sports Desk crete response to the anti-

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan has named an unchanged playing XI for the third and final Test against England which will commence on October 24 in Rawalpindi.

The decision comes after Pakistan's resounding 152-run victory in the second Test in Multan, which levelled the series at 1-1. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed the team's selection in an official statement.

Captain Shan Masood's side delivered a strong all-round performance in the second Test, with spinners Nauman Ali and Sajid Khan playing pivotal roles in dismantling the English batting order.

Their efforts helped Pakistan secure a crucial win and set the stage for an exciting series decider.

In preparation for the third Test, the Pakistan team management has instructed curators in Rawalpindi to create a pitch similar to that of Multan, which favoured spin.

Traditionally known for being a batting-friendly surface, the pitch is expected to be adjusted with the use of pedestal fans and heaters to dry it out and make it more conducive to

The series has been tightly contested, with England dominating the first Test, winning by an innings and 47 runs, before Pakistan responded emphati-

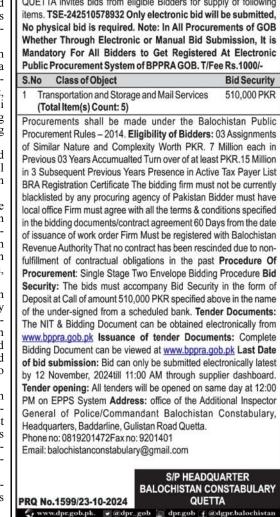
from them, adding that those The third Test will determine the outcome of this

anthem besides taking steps issues being faced by the for their honour everywhere He also urged the heads

Meanwhile, the Chairmen of the local bodies thanked the Chief Minister for increasing the develop-He said that Pakistan, ment funds of the bodies.

They expressed their resolve to prevent corruption, resolve public issues and promote the narrative of state









### **Digitalization vital for progress** in science sector: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (INP): Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has said that digitalization is essential for progress in the field of science.

Addressing the inau-gural session of the First International Conference on 3D Printing and Vacuum Technology at the National Center for Physics (NCP) at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad Wednesday, the Minister said introducing new trends in research will prove beneficial for the country.

He said the youth are equipping themselves with modern technology, which will ultimately help the country overcome economic challenges in the future. The three-day conference, running from October 23 to 25, 2024, will bring together more than 50 eminent researchers and scientists from around the globe to discuss the latest advancements in these transformative technologies.

In his keynote address, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, emphasized the pivotal role of science and technology in driving national development

and progress. He called on scientists, researchers, and innovators to work tirelessly to position Pakistan at the forefront of technological advancements.

Addressing the audience, which included esteemed figures like Dr. Ansar Pervaiz, Dr. Qaisar Ahsan, and Dr. Muhammad Maqsood, the Minister highlighted the profound potential of 3D printing and vacuum technology.

These innovations, he noted, are not just technological milestones but are catalysts for reshaping industries, redefining economies, and revolutionizing everyday life.

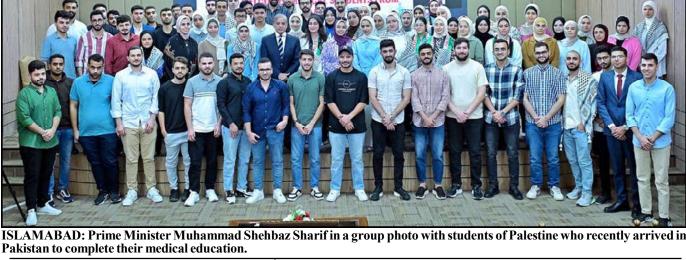
By enabling precise manufacturing in controlled environments, these technologies offer solutions across healthcare, aerospace, construction, and energy sectors, he said add-ing, "We are standing at the with intersection of two remarkable innovations-3D printing and vacuum technology-that have transformed production, manufacturing, and research worldwide. This conference marks the beginning of Pakistan's formal journey

Highlighting global examples of 3D printing and vacuum technology, the minister drew attention to remarkable achievements in healthcare, aerospace, and infrastructure.

He explained that 3D printing has made groundbreaking progress in healthcare, especially in bioprinting, where countries like the USA and Germany have pioneered the creation of living tissues, custom-designed implants.

and prosthetics. He said that the aerospace and defense sectors have also benefited from these innovations, with NASA using 3D printing to manufacture rocket parts, reducing costs

and enabling new possibilities for space exploration. Minister Igbal underscored Pakistan's aspiration to enhance its space capabilities, in collaboration with agencies like SUPARCO, using similar technologies. In the construction sector, Dubai's initiative to use 3D printing for 5% of its new buildings by 2030 was highlighted, with implications for affordable housing, while China's rapid construction of entire neighinto the Fourth Industrial borhoods using this technology was presented.



APITAL NEWS

### Justice Hasan Rizvi of SC issues extra note regarding NAB amendment case

ISLAMABAD (APP): Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi of Supreme Court of Pakistan on Wednesday issued extra note in case per-taining to NAB amendments

In a 22-page note, Jus-tice Rizvi wrote, "Although I agree with the conclusion he reached, I regretfully find myself unable to endorse the reasoning. The majority judgment did not provide sufficient justification for the issues at hand. More importantly, unreasonable remarks were made about the Hon'ble former judges than to a higher court.

of this Court, whose judgment we are reviewing on appeal. In my humble opinion, judicial comity requires that, even when we disagree with the decisions of other judges, we do so with respect and constructiveness. Criticism should focus on legal principles rather than disparaging those who authored the original deci-

sion." It said, "Generally, an intra court appeal (ICA) is a legal mechanism that allows for an appeal within the same court, to a larger or more senior bench, rather

### **KSrelief to build** 1,000 permanent houses in KP, Punjab

ISLAMABAD (APP): The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) has announced a major initiative to build 1,000 permanent houses for families in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Punjab who were displaced by the devastating 2022 floods. This project is part of a broader series of public facilitation initiatives announced by KSrelief, aimed at rebuilding communities and fostering resilience across Pakistan The announcement

came during an event held

rium Allama Iqbal Open University.

Support registered families

**Rubina stresses importance** 

of cooperation between

washroom, are expected to provide safe, permanent housing for approximately 7,000 individuals focuses on the flood-hit regions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab, with 590 houses.

#### **Amir Muqam pledges** all-out support to Kashmiris on 77th Foundation Day pressing their affection with

hoisting the Pakistani flag

on the streets and squares

of Indian Illegally Occupied

He said that the youth

Amir

occupied Kashmir are

Muqam said that now the

Engineer

Wednesday

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and State & Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Engineer Amir Muqam, in his special message on the occasion of 77th Foundation Day of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), said that October 24 is the day to renew the pledge to continue Kashmir

freedom struggle till it even more determined than reaches to the logical end. their ancestors that they 'On this day, we have will get their right to selfto renew the pledge that we determination at all costs. will not sit until the people of occupied Kashmir get their right to self-determi-nation," he said. time has come, the interna-

tional community has to The minister said that play its active role in entoday, despite the presence suring the right to self-deof more than 800,000 Intermination for Kashmiris dian troops, the brave and take steps to prevent Kashmiri youth are ex-

**Farewell held** in honour of outgoing ASP ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Ter-

ritory (ICT) Police on Wednesday held a farewell ceremony in honor of ASP Asad Iqbal, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Secretariat, who has been transferred from Islamabad Police. A police spokesman told APP that the ceremony was attended by SP City Khalid Mehmood Awan a

trated by the occupation Pakistan with great courage forces in the held territory. and determination and

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He said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, in his address to the UN General Assembly, had Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJ&K), said a press re-lease issued here on discussed the Kashmir issue in detail and adopted an unequivocal position that Kashmiris should be given the right to self-determination in accordance with the UN resolutions.

The federal minister also reaffirmed that the government and people of Pakistan will continue to extend political, diplomatic and moral support to Kashmiri people till they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination as enshrined in the United Nations Security Council resolutions



ISLAMABAD: Human rights activist and former senator Farhatullah Babar addressing 17th Annual Rural Women Leadership Training Conference held under the auspices of PODA – Pakistan at Lok Virsa in the Federal Capital.

#### Amb Atakhanov says: Kyrgyz govt keen to collaborate with Pakistani organizations to conserve snow leopards the Snow Leopard Founda- powerful address on the ISLAMABAD (APP): tion (SLF), in collaboration

tional Center for Physics, Quaid-i-Azam University.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Ahsan Iqbal, inaugurates the First

International Conference on 3D Printing and Vacuum Technology at Na-

Revolution"

Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Avazbek Republic. Atakhanov on Wednesday said the Government of Kyrgyz Republic has al- Day, with a significant ways played an instrumen- event held at FAST Univertal role in snow leopard con- sity Auditorium as chief future plans for scientific servation that led to thriv- guest. The event, aimed at research and awareness

with GenerationFAST -Snow Leopard, marked International Snow Leopard raising awareness about the

ongoing efforts to protect snow leopards. He emphasized Kyrgyzstan's strong commitment to wildlife conservation. He further highlighted

campaigns between

over death of

on October 8, 2024. Engieral of Operations at KSrelief, formalized the ini-

#### neer Ahmed Ali Al-Baiz, Assistant Supervisor Gentiative by signing cooperation programs with Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The 1,000 houses, each comprising two rooms, a kitchen, and a

the chief guest.

NA Speaker takes notice of delay in cancer treatment

ing population of snow leopards in Kyrgyzstan.

"We are keen to collike the Snow Leopard Foundation in Pakistan to strengthen our joint efforts," the Kyrgyz Ambassador said while addressing the joint event organised by

critical role of snow leopards in alpine ecosystems laborate with organizations and the need for their conservation, brought together renowned environmentalists, academic leaders, and diplomats.

Ambassador Avazbek

Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan to ensure the survival of this majestic species. The Guest of Honor, Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Rector of FAST University, spoke on the critical intersection

of academia and conserva-Atakhanov delivered a tion efforts. Naqvi grieves

### CDA to engage students in Capital beautification

ISLAMABAD (APP): Capital Development Authority (CDA) on Wednesday proposed a competition among university students to harness fresh ideas in beautifying the federal capital. The CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa, in a meeting renewed his commitment to the long-term beautification of Islamabad, following praise from the Prime Minister during the recent SCO summit. He emphasized the need to sustain and enhance ongoing beautification ef- Avenue and other promi-



ISLAMABAD: CDA workers starts relocate the plants from the site of new flyover site on Jinnah tragic event Avenue

#### Shah Zaib in tance of building CDA's intragic accident house capacity.

ISLAMABAD (APP) The meeting covered several key initiatives, in-Federal Interior Minister cluding the revitalization of Mohsin Naqvi expressed fountains across the city profound sorrow and regret and the resumption of work following the tragic traffic accident that claimed the life on a dancing fountain at Ankara Park. of Syed Shah Zaib Naqvi, The DG Environment

the young son of MNA provided an update on tree Rana Ansar and the late seplantations and the transnior journalist Ansar Naqvi. formation of Islamabad into In a heartfelt state-'city of flowers.' ment, the interior minister

Chairman Randhawa extended his condolences to also called for permanent MNA Rana Ansar and the grieving family, acknowl-edging the deep pain they lighting on Constitution

are experiencing during this difficult time. "The loss of a young son is a grief that cannot be put into words,' he remarked, emphasizing the immense sorrow felt by the family and their loved ones

Naqvi prayed for palies under BISP. ience and strength for the bereaved family, stating, May Allah grant you the courage to bear this irre-BISP headquarters. placeable loss." His sentiments resonated with many who understand the pro-

Senator Rubina Khalid, and Secretary BISP, Amer Ali found impact of such a Ahmad, welcomed the 21member delegation, which

federal, provincial govts Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye. ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Benazir In-The delegation is on a come Support Programme four-day study visit to Pa-(BISP), Senator Rubina kistan, from Óctober 22 to Khalid Wednesday stressed 25, 2024, aimed at learning the importance of mutual from Benazir Income Support Programme expericooperation between the

federal and provincial governments to support the The delegation fo-9.3 million deserving famicused on certain areas including national socio eco-She was addressing a nomic registry which enhigh-level delegation from sures the accurate identifi-Uganda that visited the cation of poor and deserving individuals and the

Chairperson BISP, timely provision of services. Speaking on the occasion, Senator Rubina Khalid emphasized that BISP enjoys the support of was led by Secretary of all political parties and Public Service, Uganda, stakeholders in Pakistan.

#### ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui in a group photo at the "2nd Annual Conference 2024 of Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) at Zaki Audito-**OGDCL** selects 68 employees for hajj,

umrah

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Oil and Gas Develop-ment Company Limited

(OGDCL) has selected 68

employees through a trans-

parent balloting process to

2025 under the company's

According to a news

Hajj and Umrah Sponsor

Hajj, while 12 will under-

take the Umrah pilgrimage,

with all expenses covered

Managing Director and CEO of OGDCL,

Ahmed Hayat Lak, an-

nounced the names of the

The balloting process

selected employees.

ship Scheme.

by OGDCL.

project worth Rs2 bln ISLAMABAD (APP): intended to provide lifesav-

Speaker, National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Wednesday took serious notice of delay in the free cancer treatment project to be developed with the assistance of an international company extending Rs 2 billion funding.

The Speaker was expressing his views during the question hour session underway amid seventh meeting of the 10th National Assembly session that commenced four minutes late against its scheduled time of 1100 hours here after observing the response on a query of Member National Assembly (MNA), Syed Rafiullah. Speaker, Sardar Ayaz tance that can help save

ing treatment for cancer patients which should not be halted for the next budget but rather it should be taken up on priority basis to manage the funding from other sources with a proper a solution. He vowed to personally request the Secretary Planning Division and the Minister for Planning to manage funding for the project. The Speaker directed the Parliamentary Secretary for Planning to seek a proper response from the Health Ministry in writing on delay in the project. The Health Ministry should be held accountable on the matter as this project was crucial impor-

Sadiq said the project was human lives, he added.

### IG Islamabad orders crackdown on crime, enhances traffic measures

**Independent Report** perform Hajj and Umrah in ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir release, 56 employees have Rizvi, presided over mulbeen selected to perform tiple important meetings at the Central Police Office, Islamabad, on Wednesday.

A police spokesper-son told APP, the meetings were attended by SSP Operations Arslan Shahzaib, Chief Traffic Officer Islamabad Muhammad Sarfraz Virk, Director legal, Zonal SPs, and other senior police officials. During the meetings, IG Syed Ali Nasir

Rizvi reviewed the overall

law and order situation in

rates, and the measures taken to combat them, he said. IG Rizvi issued instructions to improve law and order, ensure public safety, and reduce crime rates, including theft, robbery, drug trafficking, and other serious crimes.

The IG directed all zonal officers, circle officers, and SHOs to carry out organized operations at crime hotspots within a given timeframe and implement anti-crime measures.

Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi emphasized that protecting the lives, property, and dignity of the citizens of Islamabad is the top priorthe federal capital, crime ity of the ICT Police

### NA body focuses on maintenance, cleaning at Parliament Lodges vant quarters without any further delay. It also di-rected the CDA to provide

ment was approved after a

broad consensus of all the

major stakeholders.

"A full democratic process was followed to introduce this amendment. Initially, there were objections from various parties, including Maulana, but these concerns were addressed through dialogue," he added.

kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf amendment

valid reason. 26th constitutional amend-

PTI has once again priorinational interest by opposing the public welfare

tized personal politics over

He criticized the Pa-

He further added that





ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Ministry of Science and Technology, Sajid Baloch along with President (PGCRA) Sheikh Abid Mehmood chairing introductory meeting in Ministry of Science and Technology.

House here, the Committee expressed concern regarding the cleanliness of the Parliament Lodges, noting that outsourcing cleaning ser-

situation The members also

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The National Assembly

ing facilities.

House and Library on Wednesday focused on many key issues including Lodges, pointing out that the construction of addithese delays have signifitional family suites and servant quarters, maintenance costs. and cleaning at the Parliament Lodges and car-park-Chaired by Deputy Speaker NA Syed Ghulam

Mustafa Shah at Parliament thority (CDA) to carry out work impartially.

The committee directed CDA to make serious efforts to complete the has recommended the vices has not improved the construction of the addi- project to ECNEC for aptional family suites and ser-

voiced reservations about

the undue delay in con-

cantly increased project ters. The Committee highparliamentarians who were not provided with accommodation and directed the Capital Development Au-

vember 2024 repair and maintenance proval

Standing Committee on structing additional family details regarding the resosuites and servant quarters adjacent to the Parliament lution of long-standing litigation related to the construction of additional family suites and servant quar-

The CDA apprised lighted the grievances of the Committee that tenders for the construction project have been published, with openings

Talking to a private news channel, he stated scheduled for 11th Nothat all stakeholders pro-The CDA also invided their recommendaformed the Committee that Central Development tions, and the amendment was unanimously passed by a two-thirds majority in Working Party (CDWP) both houses.

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# **OPINION**

#### Daily **Independent** Quetta

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### **Unliveable cities**

Millions of people living in Pakistan's cities will agree with the Asian Development Bank's description of the nation's urban centres as "congested, unattractive and polluted".

In its detailed report Pakistan National Urban Assessment, the ADB has listed the many problems that plague our cities, and offered solutions based on international best practices, as well as local conditions in the country. The study estimates that the current urban population is 93.8m, while projecting that by 2030, nearly 100m people — or around 41pc of the total population — will be living in cities. There are also concerns that urban population counts are underestimated. Unless the state has workable plans to deal with rapid urbanisation, life in our cities may get more challenging than it already is.

The ADB has described the the country's parliamensituation in Pakistan as a "messy of two opposition lawmakurbanisation model", indicating a lack of planning, poor infrastructure, and inadequate services. Amongst the challenges ate session tells the story our cities face are housing shortages, poor water and sanitation passed services and deficient solid waste management services. These problems are amplified by the fact that cities are facing funding crunches in an "uncertain" economic environment, while urban governance has been complicated by "partial devolution", reat midnight. Half a dozen sulting in "mutually exclusive governance structures". days appeared on the trea-Regarding the megacities of

Karachi and Lahore, the bank sury benches. The defectors completed the number re-

feels the Sindh capital suffers quired to pass the amend-

enhanced NDCs with the vison of the Global Stocktake (GST) at COP28. The business-asusual approach is not likely to achieve desired outcomes. The GST on energy at COP28 made clear the need for

transitioning away from fossil fuels to renewable energy requiring member states to: transition away from

fossil fuel in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, in keeping with the science, and with devel-

Zahid Hussain

t was the darkest night of

tary history. The spectacle

ers from Balochistan — one

on a wheelchair and the

other, a female member,

of how the 26th Amendment

to the Constitution was

ported missing for some

time. The security guards

would not let any journal-

st speak to them. Their

vote helped the ruling coa-

lition clinch the required

number in the Úpper

the National Assembly met

opposition legislators who had also, allegedly, been

missing for the past several

After the Senate vote,

The two had been re-

wrapped in a dark shawl being whisked to the Sen-

oped countries taking the **Aisha Khan** lead;

As we approach the 29<sup>th</sup> increase global energy capacity threefold by 2030 Conference of Parties to be and enhance the worldheld in Baku, Azerbaijan, wide annual average rate of the most important discusenergy efficiency improvesions will pivot around enments twofold: hancing the Nationally De-

eliminate inefficient termined Contributions fossil fuel subsidies that and the New Collective fail to tackle energy pov-Quantified Goal. Both will erty or facilitate equitable transitions as swiftly as require high-level political commitment with adequate possible financial cash flows and in-

COP29 will mark the vestments in policy and beginning of this journey action to keep the people spread over the next nine and planet safe. COP29, to 12 months when counlabelled as the COP of actries will be asked to subtion and ambition, will be mit enhanced NDCs judged by how it uses the aligned with the 1.5 de-COP presidency to align grees Celsius, including actionable energy transition targets and strategies, underpinned by robust implementation and investment frameworks.

Taking into account that 90 per cent of global emissions are derived from fossil fuels, the task will not be easy. It will be necessary to pair renewable and efficiency scale-up with fossil fuel phase-out,

as despite an exponential rise in renewable energy, the use of fossil fuel has still not declined to safe levels. According to the Production Gap Report

demolished the very foun-

dation of the Constitution

that ensured the trichotomy of power. One by one, lead-

ers of the ruling parties rose

to hail their success in tam-

ing the judiciary. They de-

clared it a triumph of de-

mocracy and the su-

premacy of parliament.

Little do they realise that

they are just pawns in the larger game of thrones. It was a Pyrrhic victory that

watch young Bilawal pon-

tificating on how the amend-

ment that establishes a

separate constitutional

bench nominated by a judi-

cial commission packed

with government nominees

fulfils the "Ouaid's vision"

He also cited the pledge

made in the Charter of De-

mocracy. It was extremely

naïve of him to make such

claims distorting the context

the move to curb the inde-

pendence of the judiciary.

which forms the foundation

Bilawal's defence of

of those statements

It was amusing to

they were celebrating.

2023, governments are planning on producing around 110pc more fossil fuels in 2030 than would be consistent with limiting warming to 2°C.

From conflict to cooperation

The magnitude of the production gap is also projected to grow over time: by 2050 planned fossil fuel production will be 350pc and 150pc above the levels consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C to 2°C respectively. This places a big re-sponsibility on the COP strate integrity for the COP Troika countries

Troika to lead by example on transparency, high inwould be to show how national planning, governance tegrity, credibility and a roand regulations are being developed to implement bust monitoring mechanism for achieving net zero their NDCs by 2040 for developed countries and by 2050 for break guardrails acceleratdeveloping countries. The ing our clash with nature, COP Troika can restore the political paradox at hope and re-establish trust play is becoming both danin the multilateral system gerous and worrisome.

by presenting the third cycle of NDCs (NDCs 3.0) High level of hunger is predicted to continue for anthat is fully aligned with other 136 years in many developing countries. In Pakistan, food insecurity all aspects of the GST decision at COP28, including mitigation, adaptation and is projected to rise from 40pc to 60pc by 2050 with loss and damage. It will be equally ima 40pc stunting and 17.7pc

portant to disclose how rate of wasting. voluntary pledges (Global Methane, Forest Declara-

tion) and alignment with the SDGs and the

powers.

to increase by 20-25pc by 2050 while the number of Kunming Montreal Global **Biodiversity Framework** watersheds with predictgoals are integrated into NDC and tracked for able water supply will deimplementation. The comcrease by 19pc. Pakistan's prehensiveness, accuracy, consistency and comparability in completing the checklist while avoiding double counting as per Ar-ticle 4.13 of the Paris Agreement will be the benchmark for evaluating the real success of COP29. The best way to demon-

per capita water availability has gone down from 5000m3 to 906m3 with groundwater reserves near epletion. The rapid decline in

turbocharge the SDGs and mass balance of cryosphere will accelerate sea level rise, jeopardising the lives and livelihoods of millions. As part of the Himalaya-Karakoram-Hindukush mountain range, Pakistan relies heavily on snow and glacial melt with a 1,050kilometre long coastal belt

exposing the country to both hydrometeorological disasters and acute water scarcity Gender disparity at

the global level continues to deprive women of equal opportunity and access to resources This year, Pakistan ranked 145 out of 146 coun-

tries in the Gender Parity Index, making the human capital disparity disturbingly stark. The uptick in con-

ing weeks of hectic nego-

tiations, the crafty maulana

finally gave his party's con-

sent to a watered-down

version. That made the task

of the government much

easier. Although some of the

clauses related to a separate

constitutional court and the

granting of sweeping pow-

ers to the security forces

were dropped, there was

draft as far as the move to

make the judiciary subser-

vient to the executive was

concerned. The role of the

executive in the formation

of the constitutional bench

complex. The amendment

also takes away the Su-

preme Court's suo motu

justice's term at three years.

and empowers the prime

minister to appoint the next

chief justice from among the

Across the world, the flicts and disruption in supdemand for water is exply chains leading to high ceeding availability. Global water demand is projected inflation and mounting geopolitical tensions are

speed up progress on peace, security, global gov-ernance, climate change, digital cooperation, human rights, gender, youth and future generations. The landmark declaration set out a promise for a revitalised world order but failed to state how it plans to translate lofty statements into realistic achievements The real test of intent

adding to the brewing cri-

sis, with no respite in sight

the cataclysmic indicators,

climate took a back seat at

UN General Assembly this

year to the deteriorating

geopolitical context. The

Pact for the Future at the

Summit of the Future out-

lined 56 actions to

In the backdrop of all

behind diplomatically crafted language at multilateral and bilateral forums aspiring for peace and prosperity will require moving away from conflict to cooperation (C2C), recognising the need for working with each other for peaceful coexistence, investing in stabilising the climate and building a future on the principles of equity and justice. -- Courtesy Dawn

**Pyrrhic victory** 

dence of the apex court. A

game plan.

pressure and make sure they toe the line.

With the perceived help of the security establishment and through the use of coercive tactics, the government has managed to get this controversial amendment passed. It was outrageous the way the opposition members were forced to switch sides. The lawmakers remained captive for a whole weekend.

There was no debate on such a critical and farnot much change in the reaching constitutional amendment. Most of the legislators were not even shown the draft. They were not supposed to defy the orders of their party has made things much more leaders. Indeed, our parliamentary history has not been an enviable one but what happened last weekend has no precedent. powers, sets the chief

But the game is not over yet. Most of the bar associations have rejected the constitutional amendments passed by a parliament with questionable le-

Besides appointing gitimacy. It remains to be the judges, the judicial com-mission will also conduct a seen how the new chief jus-tice and other judges react performance evaluation of judges of the high courts". Under this clause the judges will be treated like govern-

to destroy the indepen- that happened after the handpicked judiciary will Democracy in 2006. only strengthen the hand of the extra-constitutional

It may be true that ju-

the PML-N and its leader Nawaz Sharif supporting the sacking of then prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani by chief justice Iftikhar Chaudhry in 2012? Similarly, PPP leaders, including Bilawal hailed the Supreme Court's decision in 2017 to convict the then prime minister Nawaz Sharif. Those convictions would not have been possible without the backing of

fied draft in order to bring party signed the Charter of JUI-F's Maulana Fazlur Rehman on board. Follow-

As we continue to

There was no mention of their respective roles in supporting those controversial judicial actions as the two parties' leaders blasted the judiciary in their victory speeches in parliament following the passage of the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment. For 10 years, during which the two parties had been in power, no one heard anything about a constitutional court. Now they have come together to support what is perceived as the establishment's new

It was not surprising that the plan was set in motion after six judges of the Islamabad High Court spoke out about the interference of the intelligence agencies in judicial matters and the harassment of judges. Later, the majority judgment of the Supreme Court on the redistribution of the reserved seats for

three most senior Supreme women and minorities in Court judges. the National Assembly as well as the provincial asthe security establishment semblies gave impetus to and each of these two pothe move. litical parties, now a part After failing to musof the coalition, willingly ter the required numbers in their previous attempt last became an instrument in month, the government ment servants. It is meant tablishment to bring the ju-started working on a modi- to bring the judges under diciary under control.

dicial activism has often encroached upon the powers of parliament and the executive, distorting the balance among state institutions. It has also been responsible for destabilising elected governments. But all such actions were backed by the security establishments and rival political parties, which are now the movers of the controversial amendments. How can one forget

from class division and a "com- too. That's how the 'brute' of the Constitution, raises questions about his party's plicated political situation", while the Punjab capital is a victim of "uncontrollable sprawl". Else-"uncontrollable sprawl". Elsewhere, Islamabad faces a mounting housing demand, while Peshawar has seen significant migration, particularly after erstwhile Fata's merger with KP. Yet the ADP notes that Peshawar's infrastructure is "improving". while the Asian lender has praised KP's decentralisation process. Regarding the provision of water to urban areas, the ADB says that while access to water supply and sanitation has improved, changes have been "incremental". Similarly, there has been progress on solid waste management services, yet these remain "limited and inefficient". The ADB says that Pakistan requires a new urbanisation model and stresses the need for empowered local governments in order to undertake sustainable urban planning.

This paper has argued in these columns that the absence of functional and independent LGs is at the root of almost all our urban woes. Sadly, nearly all political parties have tried their best to prevent the emergence of elected and functional LGs, lest these institutions that are closest to the voter weaken the patronage networks that power Pakistani politics. To prevent an irreversible slide towards urban dystopia, the state must pay heed to the suggestions the ADB and other experts have offered. Pakistanis deserve cleaner, greener, sustainable cities that offer equal opportunities to all, and are governed by transparent laws and functioning institutions, while urban slums should be replaced with affordable, dignified housing for the working classes.

What happened on the individual elected civil-ian dispensation has done against political rivals. All

# **Aspiring dreamers**

#### **Mahir Ali**

Among the various things that lately have not gone Imran Khan's way was his predictable elimination from the list of candidates for the post of Oxford University chancellor. The absurdity of ap-

plying for the position would only be compounded if he or one of his advisers were to pursue legal proceedings querying the rejection.

The exclusion criteria state that a nominee "cannot be a serving member of, or a declared candidate for election to, an elected legislature". The obvious implication is that Imran would have been obliged to abandon all his domestic political ambitions to qualify as a candidate. Writing in Middle

East Eye last month, the contrarian British journalist Peter Oborne declared

that the PTI "embodies the exact values of freedom and justice Khan learned as a student of politics and economics at Oxford's Keble College 50 years ago". Oxford's shortcomings notwithstanding, equating its values to those of the PTI constitutes a grievous affront to the university — and echoes the sheer ignorance of the Times of Israel blogger Aynur Bashirova, who claims that "Khan has previously shown a willingness to challenge the status quo, particularly in areas like education reform and women's rights". Pakistani feminists and educationists might disagree.

Bashirova's comment focuses more on Imran's reported outreach to Israel via his erstwhile Goldsmith in-laws, while Oborne approvingly cites a single comment on Gaza, contrasting it with the silence of other nominees for the Oxford chancellorship, such as former Tory leader William Hague and Labour minister Peter Mandelson. Oborne's endorse-

ment has been challenged by the likes of The Observer's Catherine Bennett, who denounced Imran's candidacy as an insult to "Oxford's female students, past and present" and as a potential gift to "the Taliban and its apologists", and more reby cently Kapil omireddi. In a column for the Daily Telegraph last week, he wondered whether its

alumni and staff were "ready to drag Oxford out of a millennium of darkness and make it an inclusive institution by voting for a candidate who lauded the resurrection of the Taliban ... as a 'blessing...'?" He goes on to spell out Imran's other inadequacies lately enhanced by his acolytes in the Pakistani-American Public Affairs Committee endorsing a proto-fascist in a rather more consequential elec-

Segments of the Western left inexcusably continue to consider Imran a martyr in the anti-imperialist cause rather than a player in a sordid political game who managed to antagonise too many of his team-mates and sponsors. They fail to recognise that his persecution and prosecutions can be opposed in principle without endorsing his obscurantist ideol-

The publicity his hopeless bid attracted, alongside the change of university rules, has likely played a role in attracting an inordinate number of candidates from South Asia with no previous connection to the university, or evidently much idea of what the largely ceremonial, and unremunerated, role of chancellor involves

Among the 38 candidate statements posted on the university website, Sidra Aftab, a lawyer from Lahore, boasts an "ability to understand the true facts of circumstances and

to deal with daunting deadlines"; another legal eagle, Anwar Baig, considers himself a "well and fit person for this job" Kashif Bilal vows to "Enhance literacy rate in UK and global world"; Supreme Court advocate Aftab Ahmad Javaid Sheikh lays claim to the position based on "the dynamic experiences" of his life; Kashmaila Rauf considers her experience as Amazon team leader an

adequate qualification; Abrar ul Hasan Shapoo restricts his ambitions to 'working with honesty and welfare of the university"; Tanya Tajik says her Zumba experience Tanya Tajik says would "help me manage respo--n-sibilities of a ancellor" Ex-politicians (who have hitherto tended to

win the post) in the fray include former Tory leader William Hague and his excolleague Dominic Grieve (the only candidate on whose behalf I have been canvassed) and New Labour stalwart Peter Mandelson. Based on the precedence of former British politicians winning the gig, one of them is the likeliest successor to Chris Patten This is the first time

the vote has been thrown open to the 'convocation' including all former alumni - rather than restricted to the 'congregation', a terminology that points to Oxford's origins almost a millennium ago as a theological seminary, reflected in its motto Dominus illuminatio mea (the Lord is my light).

Anyone wanting a different motto might have earned my endorsement. As things stand, I have no idea whom I'll vote for when the ballot goes live next week. But, beyond Imran Khan's absence from the list, it's also reassuring that it doesn't particularly

matter who wins this sordid (or morbid) contest. Courtesy Dawr

to the curtailment of the independence of the judiciary. It will not be that easy for the government and the es-

– named the

### Under the sea

#### Rafia Zakaria

When people think of unexplored frontiers these days, they tend to think of other planets and the universe at large. Space exploration, including successful missions to Mars, have led many to believe that in a couple of generations from now, travel to the moon and Mars will not only be possible but also quite easily achieved.

If you speak to space. oceanographers, however, they will tell you that the real unexplored frontier is not beyond the heavens but under the sea. The depths of the ocean, they assert, have more secrets and possibilities than moons and planets. Maybe, there is some truth to their assertions, given that oceanographers say that a paltry 20 per cent of the ocean has been mapped.

One expedition in the Atlantic Ocean has found a real 'lost city' beneath the waves and oceanographers say that it is teeming with marine life. While this city is not some lost human civilisation its description

is still awe-inspiring. The towering landscape of this marine city is located near the mid-Atlantic Ridge and consists of massive walls, columns and monoliths of more than 60 metres. Many of the white spires spew hydrogen or methane gas into the surrounding water. These, in turn, are believed to provide fuel to trillions of microbes living in the city.

Such a world's existence under the sea is bevond the limits of imagination. This city, along with its rock walls and rich marine life, is said to be scientific studies that can over 120,000 years old help us understand proan indescribably long pecesses integral to the oririod of time. But even this gin of life on Earth.

This particular expemarine ecosystem is a blip dition considering that our 'Building Blocks of Life planet and life on it is believed to be around four - drilled into a rocky billion years old. Scienseabed located at a distance of 2,250 kilometres tists have become fascinated with studying mifrom Bermuda. According to the NYT, "Its tallest crobes and the ecosystem spire rivals a 20-storey in this undersea city, because it is an example of building." It was due to the efforts of an internahow organisms can survive without oxygen. Scitional consortium of 20 entists think that such an countries that made the exploration possible – undersea ecosystem might provide clues as to an example in global cothe possibility of life in operation that could be replicated to solve other

It may take a while scientific puzzles. The conseque-n--ce before scientists can esof such scientific discovtablish what nutrients the microbes in the lost city eries can tra-nsform human bei-ngs' understandare scrounging around for. The lost city might proing of themselves and of life on Earth. The story of vide clues as to how life tiny organisms surviving may be possible in exon almost nothing links treme conditions. As huup with the unknown mans we rely on oxygen to survive, and the explofrontiers of life. Just like ration of new frontiers has it felt impossible that any kind of life would exist in thus been guided by the the mega depths of the search for nutrients and ocean, so it had seemed gases that we consider that life would be imposnecessary for our own survival. However, in this sible in the depths of ecosystem, scientists Delving deep into hypothesise that the

swirling waters could genthese little understood frontiers of exploration erate favourable condiinevitably makes one tions for life. An interesting report aware of the small fracin the New York Times, a tion of time in which hucouple of months ago, foman beings have existed on Earth. The idea of bilcuses on the oceanic exlions of years in which ploration. It refers to the microbial life existed on journal Science, which

published a report about our own opens up questions about where plana 30-member expedition ets and moons that seem that had managed to drill deep into the lost city to austere and lifeless really are in their life cycle. access a vast expanse of rare rocky material, which When we do not see life may support the work of on the surface of planets scientists who believe that or moons in a form that life began under the ocean and through basic microbes that survive in inhospitable underwater conditions. The large amount of rocky material will lead to systematic

we are familiar with, it does not mean that there isn't any life at all. The seeming emptiness of new frontiers could mean simply that life is in a long state of gestation — a period that lasts millions of years here on Earth. -- Courtesy Dawn

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# **Overall law and order situation in** country is satisfactory: Governor

Says minorities enjoy equal rights according to the constitution of Pakistan

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation of 42 members of Sikh community from America led by Ranjit Singh Kahlon and Papinder Singh met with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan Lahore.Speaking on this Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that all minorities including Sikhs, Christians and Hindus are living a free said that the Pakistani economically empowered

and peaceful life in nation is philanthropic and donates Pakistan. He said that minorities have equal rights billions of rupees for according to the charitable works. In constitution of Pakistan response to a question, he while 05 per cent quota is said that Pakistani women allocated for minorities in are proving their mettle in the jobs. Governor Punjab education and various welcomed the delegation to fields. He said that the here today at the welcomed the delegation to fields. He said that the Governor's House the Governor House. He government believes in said that the overall law empowering women and is occasion, Governor Punjab and order situation in the taking all possible steps for country is satisfactory. it. Governor Punjab said Governor Punjab Sardar that a large number of poor Salim Haider Khan further deserving women are being

through Benazir Income very Support Programme. Ranjit Singh Kahlon said that Pakistanis are very hospitable and peace-loving.

The delegation also talked to the Governor of Punjab about the maintenance of Sikh religious places in Pakistan.

The delegation also expressed their interest in investment for restoration of Sikh community's religious places and promotion of education.



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LAHORE: A delegation of 42 members of Sikh community from America led by Ranjit Singh Kahlon and Papinder Singh in a group photo with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at the Governor's House during a meeting.

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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah distributes awards at the 39th Corporate Excellence Awards ceremony, organized by the Management Association of Pakistan (MAP), KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi was also present on the occasion.

## **Good governance not only** a regulatory requirement but fundamental pillar: CM Sindh

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that good governance is the cornerstone of any successful organization, and it is not merely a regulatory requirement but a fundamental pillar for long-term success.

Through ethical decision-making and transparency, companies can build trust, enhance their reputations, and contribute to a thriving and members of the economy.

This he said while

KARACHI (INP): Sindh local hotel on Wednesday. said that MAP's leadership Senator Sarmad Ali Khan over the past four decades received the CM at the has significantly shaped the corporate landscape of programme. Pakistan, setting new standards for corporate The CM stressed the

critical role of good governance and corporate excellence. responsibility in driving sustainable growth and the importance of fostering a corporate culture that development in Pakistan.

The event, which celebrated excellence in embraces diversity and inclusion, highlighting that corporate governance, these values are essential brought together business for balanced and ethical leaders, award recipients, decision-making.

He urged the businesses to corporate community. Shah commending aligned with global best addressing the 39<sup>th</sup> MAP for its unwavering practices and adapt to Corporate Excellence commitment to promoting international trends, good governance, ethical particularly in areas such as sustainability and digital transformation. **Governor Kundi pays** MPAs calls on CM; discuss tribute to Begum public issues

**CM orders urgent** administrative measures for PIC improvement

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has directed the authorities concerned to take administrative measures on war footing for improvements in Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC).

During her visit to PIC Lahore on Wednesday, she directed for the completion of PIC 2 at the earliest to reduce rush of patients in the medical facility. "Immediately appoint Administrative Head in PIC-2, because people cannot be left at the mercy of mafias" she instructed

The CM directed the relevant authorities to provide the best modern machinery and lab in PICimmediately resolve their 2. The CM had a detailed issues. She stopped in the inspection of the emergency ward after emergency ward, and seeing an elderly husband observed the arrival of and wife, and interacted patients in the triage area and the system of initiation with the elderly patient Ghulam Fareed.

### 255 govt schools being outsourced in Sialkot

ward.

the PEF MD stated this SIALKOT (APP): Punjab while addressing the local Education Foundation (PEF) Managing Director Shahid Farid Said on community during his visit to Govt Girls Elementary Wednesday that 255 public School Haripur Sialkot, sector schools of Sialkot says a handout. He said district were being outsourced under the PEFP the PEF was equipping 2.6 million male and female public-private partnership students in more than model. The aim of this 7,000 partner schools in programme is to provide free and quality education

# **CM KP reviews police** strengthening initiatives

of treatment. Maryam Nawaz inspected the Air Ambulance Patient Ward, Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur chaired a meeting to review progress and visited Amjad Ali, a on initiatives aimed at heart patient transferred strengthening the police by air ambulance from force Bahawalpur.

Officials briefed the Amjad Ali paid Chief Minister on the creation of new police positions. recruitment, purchases, and related matters. Due to the current security situation, 1,356 new police positions have been established southern districts. The recruitment of treatment in the emergency 1,200 constables is nearing

completion. letters appointment expected soon. Positions sub-inspectors, for

#### One killed, four injured on road

FAISALABAD (APP): A man was killed while four others sustained serious injuries in an accident in the area of Dijkot police station.

Rescue 1122 Spokesman Zahid Latif said on Wednesday that two speeding vans collided with each other while saving a rickshaw on Sammundri Road. As a result, 32-year-old Sufiyan Ashfaq of Chak No 44-GB died on the spot whereas the Rescue 1122 shifted Sajjad Ali, Muhammad Punjab with excellent education. MD PEF Riaz to the Allied Hospital-

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief assistant sub-inspectors, service quota has been and head constables are being filled following standard procedures.

The Chief Minister increased the quota for recruiting children of police martyrs as assistant subinspectors from 5% to 12.5%. So far, 246 positions have been filled under this new quota, with specific allocations in various regions: 85 in Peshawar, 51 in Mardan, 24 in Dera Ismail Khan, 25 in Kohat, 35 in Malakand, and 26 in Bannu. An additional 72 assistant subinspectors will be recruited in Peshawar, soon Malakand, and Dera Ismail

Khan. A case to fill 1,153

positions under the in-

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statement on Wednesday

on the occasion of the 13th

He said that the

submitted to the Public Service Commission, along with a case for 631 subinspector positions under the 25% quota for current assistant sub-inspectors. The police vehicle

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procurement process is ongoing at a budget of 802 million PKR, which includes the purchase of 34 double cabins, 15 single cabins, 30 single cabin vehicles, and 15 bikes. Additionally, work is underway to bulletproof 79 vehicles at a cost of Rs. 760 million.

The Chief Minister stressed the need for prompt completion of recruitment and vehicle purchases.



**PESHAWAR: Deputy Commissioner Peshawar,** Sarmad Salim Akram addresses during the Media Cricket League organized by Peshawar Press Club in Peshawar.

### All the democratic forces are united for the survival of democracy: Khuhro

#### greetings and gave many prayers to the Chief Minister on the launch of Air Ambulance Service. Interacting with Amjad Ali, the CM said that Air Ambulance Service is a public right. No favors to anyone. She also visited the patients undergoing

The CM interacted with the patients and the doctors, and directed the relevant authorities to

wards hosted by the Management Association business practices, and of Pakistan (MAP) at a corporate transparency,

Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim

Kundi on Wednesday paid

tribute to Begum Nusrat

Bhutto, known as the mother of democracy on

the occasion of her death

highlighted her sacrifices

for democracy and the

nation, saying that her

contributions will always

Kundi emphasized Begum Nusrat Bhutto's

exemplary role in the

dictatorship, saying that

she remains an inspiration

for women across the

country. He remarked that

her political insight and

principled stance continue

**Khyber** 

Governor

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democracy.

invaluable contributions to

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praying for his soul to find a high place in paradise.

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Nusrat Bhutto, Qasuria AHORE (APP) Members of Provincial Assembly (MPAs) Safdar (APP): to guide advocates of Hussain Sahi and Muhammad Zubair Khan Meanwhile, Governor called on Punjab Chief Faisal Karim Kundi expressed his condolences Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif at her office here on on the death of renowned

The CM emphasised

stay

Wednesday. educator Professor Dr. The CM discussed Fazal Rahim Qasuria, pressing public issues and calling his loss a significant the development needs of blow to the academic their constituencies. The community. In his condolence meeting also addressed the overall political situation in message, he extended the country and party sympathies to Dr. Qasuria's brother, former matters within the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz provincial minister Abdul Haleem Khan Qasuria, and

(PML-N). CM Maryam Nawaz his family, wishing them patience during this difficult time. Kundi praised Dr. Qasuria's emphasized the party's commitment to serving the public, stating, "Serving people is our first priority as per the manifesto of PML-N." She added that in a short span of time, Punjab has been put on road to development in real sense. The visiting MPAs

commended the Chief Minister's vision for public welfare. Safdar Hussain Sahi noted that "Apni Chhat, Apna Ghar" programme aims to provide millions of families with housing.

Court extends interim bail of **39** PTI workers in

Jinnah House attack case

AHORE (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore has extended interim bail of 39 workers of PTI till November 16 in Jinnah House attack case. Duty judge of ATC

Lahore took up for hearing Jinnah house attack and vandalism case Wednesday

39 workers of PTI including Shehroz Khan, Najib Ullah, Awais, Younis, Hayat Ullah, Khalid Shah, Ibrar, Zahid, Zeeshan, and others. Afzal, Shayan Siddique, Attiqul Zaman, Usman Salim, Faisal, Iftikhar and heard Abdul Qayyum appeared Wednesday.

The submitted one day

the

to out-of-school children Shahid Farid said that by enrolling them in school. currently 9.6 million Accompanied by Deputy children were out of school Commissioner Sialkot in the province and the Muhammad Zulqarnain, work.

The police took the body into custody while further investigation was under way, he added



LAHORE: Members of Grand Teachers Alliance (GTA) Punjab are holding protest demonstration for timescale promotions and other demands, at Hall road in Lahore.

#### Hamid Khan lawyers leader **Revenge of ousting Nawaz**, Gilani being taken from the entire judiciary

LAHORE (Online): Senior this while addressing a lawyer Hamid Khan has press conference here said the lawyers Wednesday in Lahore High community from all over Court Bar. Hamid Khan the country will observe " said the revenge of ousting Youme Najjat from Qazi Yousuf Raza Gillani and Faez Isa" on October 25. Nawaz Sharif is being taken How enormous harm

from the entire judiciary. The judges who had expelled you have gone. We say to justice Yahya Afridi you are good judge. You should become chief justice on your turn. The motive behind making chief justice the judge who is at No 3 is pitting judiciary against name and honor, he said judiciary.

### Illegal appointments in PA case against Pervaiz Elahi others: LHC adjourns hearing

LAHORE (Online): Anti exemption plea of Pervaiz Corruption Court (ACC) Elahi in the court.

Lahore has adjourned till The exemption plea said Pervaiz Elaĥi is unwell November 13 hearing of illegal appointments in and doctors have advised Punjab Assembly (PA) him for bed rest. It is case against former Chief requested the court to accept his one day Minister (CM) Punjab Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi exemption plea. The court while

Sardar Muhammad expressing displeasure over Dogar judge of the court non appearance of Pervaiz Elahi remarked one or other case accused becomes absent on

counsel every hearing to avert indictment.

death anniversary of Madher-e-Jamhoorat Begum Nusrat Bhutto that today is a day of devotion and devotion in the whole of Sindh. Being celebrated with respect, he said that on this day, we pay tribute to her he said that we follow the her struggle for restoration of the democracy her and continued it.

**Police** seize

large drug

consignment

KASUR (APP): Police in

Kasur have seized a large

consignment of drugs and

arrested a notorious drug

dealer during the operation

police spokesperson, the

operation was led by the

Station House Officer

(SHO) of Sadar Patu Police

During a targeted blockade, the police

arrested a major drug dealer

known as Amin, alias

Amini from the Bhopewal

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services of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, the mother of democracy in the restoration of democracy, in the cannot be forgotten.Begum

(APP): Nusrat Bhutto fought the President of Pakistan dictatorship bravely. People's Party Sindh Nisar Khuhro has said in his He said that we salute

the sacrifices made by Begum Nusrat Bhutto for the sake of democracy.

He said that all the democratic forces are united for the survival of democracy, constitution, law and supremacy of the parliament and the nondemocratic thinkers have always been defeated.

He said that the Bhutto family and the leadership of the People's Party sacrificed their lives in jail and today a social media leader is crying to get out of jail.

The approval of the 26<sup>th</sup> amendment is a victory for democratic forces and democracy



PESHAWAR: Members of All Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Goods Transport Association block road during protest in favor of their demands.

PHC seeks federal, KP governments' responses over security of judiciary

recovered 20 kg 630 grams of hashish, 1 kg 200 grams PESHAWAR (APP): A security seriously." two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Wednesday sought a reply from the federal and provincial the court. The court sought (crystal methamphetamine) and a substantial amount of cash The police revealed that the arrested individual, governments over security Amini is involved in the answers to six questions on

of the judiciary in the large-scale supply of drugs in Patuki and other province. bench The comprising Chief Justice, At the time of the PHC Justice Ishtiaq arrest, the accused was Ibrahim and Justice Waqar Ahmed while conducting a allegedly supplying drugs hearing on law and order from his residence in Chak situation in the province as filed by the KP bar council, The District Police Officer (DPO) of Kasur,

the security situation in Mohammad Isa Khan the province. stated that the police are The CJ PHC passed conducting intensive operations to rid the society of the drug menace

"One incident after another expressed concerns over happens in the province; we are in more danger.' The Chief Justice directed the federal strong remarks on the issue government to also

of judges' security and consider this matter said that "we cannot seriously and directed the hold guns ourselves, the federal government to play consider this matter government has to take its imperative role in this the issue of judges' regard.

The court sought

the matter, however the

Advocate General KP said

that the Inspector General

of Police had requested a two-day time to submit a

detailed reply. The Chief Justice

noted on this occasion that

PESHAWAR (APP): Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Khan Tarakai has said that the provincial government would soon publish an advertisement for recruitment of 17000

teachers He was presiding teachers' over а recruitment policy review the promotions and meeting here on retirement

Wednesday.

NAUNDERO: Leaders and activists of Peoples

Party (PPP) are reciting Holy Book (Quran) and

offer Fatehá for the soul of Begum Nusrat Bhutto

on the event of her Death Anniversary held in

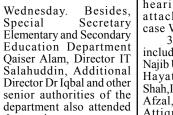
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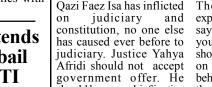
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17000 teachers soon

Salahuddin, Additional Director Dr Iqbal and other senior authorities of the department also attended

the meeting. The provincial minister said that due to in the court on expiry of interim bail





should become chief justice on his turn and secure his

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# **Steps on to provide energy** to industries on cheaper rates: Jam Kamal

#### Expresses Govt's commitment to boost textile, leather industry

KARACHI Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan has expressed the government's commitment to boost textile and leather industry by facilitating it with modern and eco-friendly technology.

fifth edition of International Textiles and Leather Flagship Exhibition (TEXPO) of Pakistan being held from October 23 to 25 at the Expo Center Karachi Wednesday, the Commerce Minister said that textile and leather products account for 60 percent of fashion shoes, leather conducive Pakistan's national exports.

On the occasion, the Federal Commerce of smart and sustainable Minister Jam Kamal Khan materials. along with Sindh chief minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal

Motiwala performed the digital inauguration of the Texpo 2024.

Jam Kamal Khan said that this exhibition is an excellent opportunity to relationships and forge new for all stakeholders.

He said that we are development, working closely with the private sector to promote value addition and product diversification, particularly in non-cotton active wears, technical promoting the concepts of

He said that we are support also focusing on enhancing our design capabilities that our exporters have (replacing the physical support needed to access

(INP): Pakistan (TDAP) Zubair premium quality in international markets. Federal The

Commerce Minister said that Ministry of Commerce, through its Export Development Fund strengthen the existing (EDF), is also financially supporting businesses in Speaking at the partnerships, ensuring terms of trade promotion, opening ceremony of the mutual growth and success marketing, image building, infrastructure

skil development and improving ESG compliances. He said that in this transformative journey, the Government apparel, performance/ of Pakistan stands as a firm partner to the industry. We textiles, sports and high are focused on creating a business accessories, while environment that foster investments in new and infrastructure, encourage product diversification,

(BRI).

sustainable Pakhtunkhwa Faisar (German Samples to 3D prototypes) new markets and chairman Trade and creating high-end economy of scales, he added.



Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Governor KPK Faisal Kareem Kundi Chairman TDAP Zubair Motiwala Perform Digital Inaugural of the Fifth International Textile and Leather Exhibition Texpo 2024 at Expo center.

### Aurangzeb hails China's positive response on debt re-profile

ISLAMABAD (APP): those negotiations." Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad The former Morgan Chase & Co. banker discussed debt with Aurangzeb hailed China's Chinese officials during a July visit to China positive response on Pakistan's request to extend debt repayment

A u r a n g z e b emphasized the need for periods for projects under the Belt and Road Initiative Pakistan to maintain fiscal discipline and increase the tax-to-GDP ratio from below 10% to 13.5%. In an interview with

Bloomberg, on the sidelines Pakistan has been a of the annual meetings of regular borrower, having engaged in 25 programs with the IMF. Ideally, the the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank, Aurangzeb said that government plans to the South Asian nation was initiate discussions on looking to increase the maturities for debt taken for power plants to obtaining additional financing from the IMF through its climate resiliency fund during the "create enough space" to lower electricity prices. Pakistani delegation's time We have just started at the meetings

Washington, he said. that discussion and the response is encouraging," To reach its goal, Aurangzeb said. "These Pakistan will target sectors are early days in terms of such as retail and

### Textile, leather sectors play key role in industrial labour, poverty alleviation: Murad

Textile and Leather Exhibition (TEXPO 2024), a flagship event organised by the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce at Expo Centre

Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim

agriculture, which have JP previously opposed taxation. The provinces will move forward with legislation related to agriculture by January,

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aiming to start tax collection by July, he added. Pakistan has been a flagship destination for China's Belt and Road Initiative, which has provided lending to developing countries and helped the nation overcome decades-long electricity blackout issues.

It is now seeking to extend the maturity of debt for nine power plants built by Chinese companies under the multibilliondollar economic corridor. Pakistan's period of ın

stability has seen consumer price increases decelerate to their lowest level in almost four years.

> **Food exporters** delegation to visit S.Arabia LAHORE (APP): A highlevel delegation of food and snacks exporters will visit Saudi Arabia next week to further explore new

markets in the kingdom. Leader of the delegation Shahid Imran, convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

standing regional committee on food and snacks told the media here aims to strengthen trade

day.

2024-25.

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total 699,294,030 shares were traded during the day as compared to 722,209,194

companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 214 of them recorded gains and 173 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 60 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies were K-Electric

As many as 447

Limited with 207,635,816 shares at Rs 4.67 per share, WorldCall Telecom with 42,917,587 shares at Rs 1.29 per share and Pak International Bulk with 33,969,303 shares at Rs 5.96 per share.

Unilever Pakistan foods Limited witnessed a

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization & Communications Abdul Aleem Khan presided over a meeting on Road Shows in China. **Belgian envoy encourages Rupee gains** 01 paisa

# Pakistani businessmen to leverage EU Market access

LAHORE (INP): Belgium status, which benefits serves as a gateway to Pakistan's exports to the Europe which is a valuable EU. He said that there are opportunity for Pakistani businesses to expand their presence in the EU market. Belgium.

These remarks were made by the Ambassador

Pakistani rupee on Wednesday gained 01 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs277.72 against strong economic relations the previous day's closing between Pakistan and of Rs277.73.

Belgium. He said that both the countries need to enhance biotered trade relationship

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Ali Wednesday said that Pakistan's textile and leather sectors are not only critical to the country's exports but also play a key role in industrial labour,

at Expo Centre. It was attended by Federal Minister for poverty alleviation, and

Ali Pervaiz says: Govt committed to tackling tax fraud

ISLAMABAD (APP): evasion, with new laws Minister of State for aimed at preventing fraud informed the National Assembly on Wednesday that the government is address tax fraud and

collection of General Sales

Tax (GST), the minister

legislative measures,

efforts are underway to

strengthen the Federal

Board of Revenue (FBR)

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Finance, Revenue, and in the collection of sales and Power, Ali Pervaiz Malik, other taxes. He reaffirmed the

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government's commitment to addressing sales and taking serious steps to income tax challenges seriously.

Sharing details of Responding to a ongoing efforts to combat calling attention notice tax fraud, he said, that Rs regarding large-scale 701 billion in fraudulent and activities had been detected misappropriation in the as of July 2023.

The government successfully blocked fraudulent claims of Rs 606 said that, in addition to billion in input tax. Additionally, Rs 4 billion has been recovered, while cases worth Rs 95 billion are currently being tried in technology and human courts.

resource capacity. In response to a He said that the question, he acknowledged government collected Rs the burden of indirect taxes 3.5 trillion in sales tax on the public and stressed the need to transition during the fiscal year 2024. He said that robust toward direct taxation to measures are being reduce the financial strain implemented to curb tax on low-income citizens



KARACHI: Brokers are busy in trading at Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) in Karachi.

### **PSX reaches historic** level of 87,194.54 points



727.96 more points, a positive change of 0.84 percent, reaching all time high level of 87,194.54 points against 86,466.58 points on the last trading

shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of

of Belgium, Idesbald Vander Gracht, during his meeting with the President of potential for Pakistan in of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mian Abuzar Shad. LCCI joint ventures with Executive Committee Belgium. He also called to Members were also present at the meeting.

The Ambassador praised the strong trade relations between Pakistan and Belgium, but emphasized the vast potential for further expanding mutual trade and economic ties.

Belgium has consistently also introduce more supported Pakistan in tradable items to enhance securing the GSP Plus mutual trade volume.

bilateral trade relationship. agriculture textile and precious stone sectors for enhance student exchange programs between the two

countries He said that B2B meeting and single country exhibitions can help explore the undiscovered opportunities. He said that both countries should identify more areas for He reiterated that cooperation and should

Rs278.80 respectively. The price of Euro decreased by Rs1.44 to close at Rs299.46 against the last day's closing of Rs300.90, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese yen came down by 02 paisa and closed at Rs1.82, whereas a decrease of Rs 1.07 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs360.07 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs361.14. The exchange rate of

against dollar

SLAMABAD (APP):

the Emirates Dirham Govt providing all possible remained unchanged and closed at Rs 75.61 and the Saudi Riyal increased by 01 paisa to close at Rs73.96.

Gold prices up

by Rs.2,000

to Rs.285,400

# invest in country

facilities to expatriates to

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD) was taking various measures to provide all possible facilities to Overseas Pakistan across the globe to invest for the prosperity and development of the produce tangible results. country.

According to an there are substantial official source, the investment opportunities government was committed to facilitate all business initiative. community of Pakistanis those are living abroad to investment invest in the homeland to boost the national economy.

The Government of Pakistan attaches high priority to the overseas Pakistanis and is keen to promote, nurture and sustain a mutually beneficial and symbiotic relationship between Pakistan and Overseas Pakistanis

Overseas Pakistanis can contribute much more than making foreign exchange remittances.

per tola Their role in image ISLAMABAD (APP): building, transfer of The price of 24 karat per technology, and investment tola gold increased further growth is important and by Rs.2,000 and was sold with sustained efforts at highest-ever rate at Overseas Pakistanis can Rs.285,400 on Wednesday compared to its sale at Rs. Today, in Pakistan,

283,400 on last trading investment opportunities day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold with an active privatization large infrastructure-related also increased by Rs.1,714 to Rs.244,684 projects (especially under the from Rs. 242,970 China-Pakistan Economic whereas the price of 10 Corridor), growth in local gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs. 224,294 from Rs. 222,722, the All consumption and a largely untapped export potential.

With a massive diaspora of highly qualified Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported. Pakistani executives and a The price of per tola silver increased by Rs.200

large reserve of domestic to Rs.3,350 whereas that of ten gram silver went up Rs.171.46 .2,872.08.



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and selling rates of the the leather sector contributed \$805 million to the economy," he said dollar in the open market stood at Rs277.30 and while speaking at the

economic growth.

inaugural ceremony of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Textile and Leather Exhibition (TEXPO 2024) in Karachi today. The 5<sup>th</sup> International

Kundi, federal and provincial ministers, diplomats, and a large contingent of foreign guests. The Chief Minister welcomed over 500 international delegates from more than 60 countries.



HYDERABAD: Worker busy in preparing design on the handkerchief and traditional fabric by machine at a local textile factory.

### **SMEDA** holds awareness session on 'Industry 4.0'

LAHORE (APP): The industry experts. Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) from the Industry Presentations were delivered by Mubeen Abid from the Industry Support conducted the 'Industry Cell, SMEDA, and Abdul 4.0' training session for apparel and textile sector Moiz from WIMETRIX, covering crucial insights into Industry 4.0 at the Pakistan Readymade technologies and their Garments Manufacturers application in the textile & Exporters Association (PRGMEA) premises, here on Wednesday. industry. The session generated strong interest

from the participants, The session was attended by a large number reflecting the sector's of participants, including readiness for digital PRGMEA leadership and transformation.

### **Call for establishment** of small industrial estate phase-II

SARGODHA (APP): The industries, people have establishment of small built godowns there.

He said that Sargodha chamber had identified four industrial estate phase-II, based on modern facilities. out of 10 square meters of land at 92 Morr with the is necessary for promotion of industrial development support of PSIC for the This was stated by establishment of Small Sargodha Chamber of Industrial Phase Two.

Commerce and Industry President Khawaja Yasir Oavvum in a statement issued here on Wednesday. The small industrial estate in Sargodha, a very backward area, was established in 1985, but could not be settled due to lack of basic facilities and

in Sargodha.

Which is the best place in every aspect. Khawaja Yasir Qayyum demanded from the Chief Minister of

Punjab Maryam Nawaz that the land at 92 turn should be approved for the establishment of small industrial phase two on emergency basis apart from setting up a few

countries by showcasing Pakistan's diverse range of food products, including snacks, spices, and processed foods.

He said this initiative is part of Pakistan's broader strategy to increase its global food exports, targeting the Middle East as a crucial growth area. Bv establishing stronger trade connections, Pakistan aims to enhance its export portfolio and contribute to the economic growth of both countries through mutually beneficial trade partnerships, he added.

He said with a focus increase of 4.99 per cent as on expanding the market compared to the US \$106.020 million worth reach of Pakistan's rapidly growing food sector, the during the corresponding delegation will engage in months of the last fiscal discussions with Saudi importers, distributors, and year 2023-24, the Pakistan retail chains.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan earned US \$111.313 million by providing different travel services in various countries during the two \$104.380 million last year

During the months under review, personal travel services increased by 4.82 per cent, from US months of the fiscal year to US \$109.411 million during July-August 2024-25.

shows an Among these personal services, the exports of health-related same services provided expenditure rose by 4.82 per cent while the education-related expenditure increased by Bureau of Statistics (PBS) 61.37 per cent.



KARACHI: Chairman TDAP Zubair Motiwala meeting with Brazil and Columbia Businessmen Delegation during first day of the of the Fifth International Textile and Leather Exhibition TEXPO 2024 at Expo center.

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#### Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI Shipping activity was report at the port where five ships, MSC Mundra-VIII, Atlantic Ibis, Rasha, Alea and Mariman scheduled to load/offload electricity in all its circles Container, Cement, Rice of five districts: Lahore, and Coalberthed at Qasim Sheikhupura, Nankana International Container Sahib, Kasur and Okara, Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Grain Terminal during its anti-power theft campaign in the last 24 and Pakistan International Bulk Terminal respectively. hour. A total of twelve ships

A LESCO spokesman told the media here on were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 company submitted hours, out of them a containers ship 'Atlantic applications Ibis' left the port on today morning while five more ships, Maersk Sentosa, electricity thieves, out of which 235 FIRs have been registered in respective MSC Mundra-VIII, Clpolice stations, while 33 Huaiyang, Orange Victoria and Ellan Manx. accused have been arrested

LAHORE (APP): The by the respective police. Grand anti-power theft operations against electricity thieves are being conducted on the directives of the Federal Power Division and the LESCO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Engineer Shahid Haider is supervising these operations. The LESCO these chief vowed that the operations would continue without discrimination Wednesday that the until the complete end of also electricity theft. The FIR electricity pilferers as well as the LESCO officers and against employees who facilitate them are also being brought to justice. During last 24 hours of the anti-power theft campaign.

**LESCO detects 600** power pilferers in 24hrs (APP): Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 600 connections from where customers were pilfering

export in Jul-Aug reported.

shares stood at Rs 26.824 maximum increase of Rs billion against Rs.25.024 96.84 per share price, billion on the last trading closing at Rs 18,263.67.

Pakistan earns \$111m from travel services'

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**International News** 

# Xi, Modi meet on Brics summit's sidelines as India, China ties recover from 2020 clash

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exchanged courtesies.

#### **Monitoring Desk** KAZAN: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held their first formal talks in five years on Wednesday, signalling that ties between the

Asian giants damaged by a deadly military clash in 2020 had begun to recover.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Brics summit in the Russian city of Kazan, the Indian government and Chinese state media said, two days after New Delhi announced that it had reached a deal with Beijing to resolve the four-year military standoff on their disputed Himalayan frontier.

Relations between the world's two most populous nations — both nuclear powers — have been strained since a clash between their troops on the largely undemarcated frontier in the western Himalayas of Ladakh left 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead in 2020.

The neighbours increased their military

presence along the icy agreed to step up talks to ease the border tensions. frontier since, adding tens of thousands of troops and weapons over the last four years.

As India had made improving the wider political and damaged busi-Modi and Xi had not ness ties contingent upon held formal bilateral talks finding a solution to the

border stand-off, Wednesday's talks besince although they both border participated in multilateral events. Their last tween the two leaders are summit talks were held in expected to result in po-October 2019 in the tentially more Chinese southern Indian town of investment into India. New Delhi had in-

spoke creased the scrutiny of briefly on the sidelines of investments coming from the G20 summit in Bali China, blocked direct in November 2022 and flights between the two countries and had practi-They spoke again on cally barred issuing any

the sidelines of the Brics visas to Chinese nationals since the Ladakh summit in Johannesburg in August 2023 but ended clashes. Neither New Delhi up releasing different ver-

nor Beijing — which con-firmed the border pact on sions of the conversation, indicating the two sides Tuesday — has shared details of how the standdidn't see eye to eye. Xi skipped the G20 summit hosted by New off will be resolved under Delhi the following the deal agreed to this month, a decision seen as week. An Indian military another setback to their source told Reuters that the pact will allow both Diplomatic efforts sides to patrol contested

gained momentum in re- points on the frontier accent months after foreign cording to an agreed ministers of the two schedule to prevent concountries met in July and frontations.

North Korea's Kim Jong Un visits missile bases, cites US nuclear threat **Monitoring Desk** EOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has vis-

ited missile bases to examine their readiness to undertake actions of "strategic deterrence", while calling US nuclear capabilities a growing threat to the country, state media reported on Wednesday. The US strategic

Brics summit in Kazan.

nuclear arsenal poses an ever-increasing threat" to North Korea's security environment, which demands and its allies.

stepping up its develop-

bases comes amid growing tensions with South Korea

### Attackers kill 4, injure 14 at Turkish state aviation site

**Monitoring Desk** 

ANKARA: Four people were killed and 14 others wounded in an attack at the Turkish Aerospace Industries' (TAI) headquarters on Wednesday, the government said, and witnesses said they heard gunfire and a loud explosion at the site near Ankara

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was **31** years since holding talks in Russia with Vladimir Putin at the bloodbath by time, confirmed the toll, and condemned what he said was a "heinous terrorist attack"

Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on X that two attackers were killed in what he called a terror-Anadolu Agency reported.

ist attack, adding three of the injured were in critical condition. TV broadcasters earlier showed footage of armed assailants entering

the TUSAS building. "Two terrorists were neutralised in the terror attack on the TUSAS Ankara Kahramankazan site. Sadly, we have 3 martyrs and 14 wounded in the attack," Yerlikaya said, re-

ferring to the Aerospace Industries. The cause and perpetrators of the blast and subsequent gunfire remained unclear. No group had

claimed responsibility. Prosecutors have launched an investigation, state-run

Hezbollah confirms Israel killed Nasrallah's likely successor

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Hezbollah confirmed on Wednesday that

Israel killed Hashem Safieddine, the apparent successor of its slain leader Hassan Nasrallah, in a strike, without saving when or where it happened.

The announcement came a day after Israel said he was killed along with other Hezbollah leaders in an air strike in Beirut's southern suburbs three

weeks ago. "We mourn ... the head of the Executive Council of Hezbollah, his eminence the scholar Sayyed Sayyed Hashem and Saudi Arabia had put Safieddine," the group said in a statement, add-ing he was killed by "a rorists" in 2017.

criminal and aggressive Zionist raid" alongside other Hezbollah fighters.

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The deeply religious Safieddine, a cleric with family ties to Nasrallah, had been widely viewed as the most likely candidate for the party's top job after the assassination of Nasrallah on September 27 in a huge Israeli air strike on Beirut's southern suburbs.

Safieddine, a member of the group's governing Shura Council, had strong ties to Iran after undergoing religious studies in Iran's holy city of Qom.

The United States Hashem and Saudi Arabia had put him on their respective

### US says evidence shows North Korea has troops in **Russia for Ukraine war**

Pyongyang had promised to provide a total of about 10,000 troops, whose deployment was expected to be completed by December, the lawmakers told reporters after being briefed by South Korea's national intelligence agency. The figure of 3,000 is twice the previous estimate of the number of troops already in Russia.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, speaking in Rome, said it would be "Signs of troops being trained inside North Korea were detected in September "very, very serious" if the North Koreans were preand October," Park Sunwon, a member of a parliaparing to fight alongside mentary intelligence com-Russia in Ukraine, as Kyiv has alleged, though he said mittee, said after the briefit remained to be seen what ing. "It appears that the they would be doing there. troops have now been dis-"There is evidence persed to multiple training that there are DPRK troops facilities in Russia and are in Russia," Austin told readapting to the local environment." The Ukraine porters, using North Korea's formal name, the conflict broke out when Democratic People's Re-Russia invaded its neighbour in February 2022 In Seoul, South Ko-

and has since developed rean lawmakers said that into a war of attrition largely North Korea has sent 3,000 fought along front lines in troops to Russia and thoueastern Ukraine, with huge numbers of casualties on sands more were expected both sides

#### Ukraine's Zelenskyy says only a US green light on a NATO invitation will sway a reluctant Germany

public of Korea.

to follow.

Monitoring Desk his comments were embar-KYIV: Ukraine's president goed until Tuesday He said the U.S. is is hoping allies will take a analyzing his plan, but he more positive stance on his doesn't expect a meaningso-called "victory plan" afful response until after the Nov. 5 election. ter the U.S. election, but concedes that its key de-"They said, yes, we've started working on mand — an invitation to join NATO — is not welthe Victory Plan, they want come by some major Westto analyze everything, and ern partners, in particular so on. But it's very clear to Germany. me that all the major part-V o l o d y m y r Zelenskyy said Russia was ners, especially during the election period, will be also likely looking at the postelection scenario in the afraid of Russia's reaction,' he said. "Because they un-U.S. to assess the possibilderstand that with this ity of cease-fire talks with package, we can destrov Ukraine. He assessed that if partial cease-fire deals them. On NATO, Zelenskyy said France. could be reached over at-Britain and Italy have tacks on energy infrastrucshown signs of support. ture and Black Sea shipping routes, it would signal the end of the "hot phase" of Germany has reservations, however, and Zelenskyy Israel issues believes only a U.S. green the war. travel warning Zelenskyy spoke to journalists on Monday and light will convince Berlin to accept the idea. to parts of Sri

Emergency vehicles arrive on the scene of a reported attack on a Turkish aerospace manufacturer near Ankara

### UK rejects Trump team claims of interference

Monitoring Desk LONDON: The government in London on Wednesday played down claims of meddling in the US Election, after Donald Trump's by Labour Director of Opteam charged that having erations Sofia Patel calling for members of Britain's ruling volunteers to travel to North

McSweeney, travelled to the United States to advise the Democratic party campaign. They also included a now-deleted LinkedIn post

Carolina, and offering t

"sort out your housing"

#### Indian army in Bijbehara

Monitoring Desk SRINAGAR: It has been 31 years since the Indian army launched a bloodbath in Bijbehara. On Oct 22, 1993, the Indian army mas-

that Pyongyang maintain a strict counteraction posture of its nuclear forces, he was quoted as saying by KCNA. North Korea has been

Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and In-

dian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend the narrow format meeting of the

ment of ballistic missiles and a nuclear arsenal, drawing international sanctions, and forming close military relations with Russia Kim's visit to the

UK's Birmingham Airport cancels flights, evacuates after report of suspicious vehicle

**Monitoring Desk** LONDON: Birmingham Airport in central England has cancelled flights, been evacuated and asked passengers not to turn up after a report of a suspicious vehicle, police and the airport said on Wednesday. "West Midlands Police is currently dealing with an ongoing incident onsite," the force said on X. "Airport operations are cur-

rently impacted, and passengers should not come to the airport at this time.'

kill seven **Islamic State** operatives, US

WASHINGTON: Iraqi-led strikes and raids killed at least seven Islamic State operatives in Iraq, US Central Command said on Wednesday, a day after Baghdad reported the militant group's commander for

A Centcom statement did not identify the operawere launched against mulincluding senior leaders.

sonnel were wounded in the operations and were in stable condition.

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Iragi-led attacks Centcom says

Iraq had been killed in a

military operation. tives but said the attacks tiple Islamic State targets

Two US military per-

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: The United States said for the first time on Wednesday

that it had seen evidence of North Korean troops in Russia, while South Korean lawmakers said about 3,000 soldiers had been sent to support the Kremlin's war

low.

Monitoring Desk

Labour Party work for his opponent Kamala Harris's campaign was "blatant for-Foreign nationals are allowed eign interference".

to volunteer in US elections Trump's legal team but may not be compenfiled an official complaint to sated. The claim from the US Federal Election Trump's team claim blew up Commission, alleging that as Starmer jetted to a Commonwealth Heads of Govthe "British Labour Party made, and the (Kamala) ernment Harris campaign accepted, (CHOGM) on the Pacific illegal foreign national conisland of Samoa, prompting tributions". The submission a mid-air rebuttal. Starmer cited media reports that insisted it was normal for Labour officials, including volunteers to campaign and the prime minister's new that he had established "a chief of staff Morgan good relationship"

Israeli strikes pound Lebanese coastal city after residents evacuate

**Monitoring Desk** TYRE: Israeli jets struck multiple buildings in southern Lebanon's coastal city of Tyre on Wednesday, sending large clouds of black smoke into the air.

The state-run National News Agency reported that an Israeli strike on the nearby town of Maarakeh killed three people. There were no reports of casualties in Tyre, where the Israeli military had issued evacuation warnings prior to the strikes.

Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group meanwhile fired another barrage of rockets into Israel, including two that set off air raid sirens in Tel Aviv before being intercepted. A cloud of smoke could be seen in the sky from the hotel pected to where U.S. Secretary of

State Antony Blinken was staying on his latest visit to the region to try to renew cease-fire talks.

Hezbollah began firing rockets, missiles and

Meeting

drones into Israel, drawing retaliatory airstrikes, after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023 attack out of Gaza trig gered the war there. All out war erupted in Lebanon last month, and Israeli strikes killed Hezbollah's top leader, Hassan Nasrallah, and most of his senior commanders. Israeli ground forces invaded southern Lebanon at the beginning of October.

The Israeli military said Tuesday that one of its airstrikes in recent weeks killed Hashem Safieddine, a senior Hezbollah leader and cleric who was widely exsucceed Mo Ibrahim's foundation.

acred 51 Kashmiris in Dis trict Anant Naag. According to historical

records, the Border Security Force's 74th Battalion established a perimeter around the Hazratbal shrine.

Approximately 10,000 worshippers had gathered at the Bijbehara Jamia Masjid for Friday prayers.

Indiscriminate firing led to the killing of 51 Kashmiris as well as 200 were injured. Also, those coming in

the aid of medical and paramedical staff were also targeted.

#### **African progress** backslides as coups and war persist Monitoring Desk

ONDON: Nearly half of Africa's citizens live in a

country where governance has worsened over the past decade, as deteriorating security erodes progress, according to a new report.

The annual Ibrahim gees stranded off Aceh prov-Index of African Governance ince for almost a week, as report found that despite local media reported police had arrested three people positive progress in 33 countries, overall governance was on charges of human trafworse in 2023 in 21 countries, accounting for just under half of Africa's population, compared with 2014. For several countries,

including densely populated Nigeria and Uganda, the deterioration in overall governance had worsened over the second part of the decade, according to the report released by Sudanese-British billionaire businessman



U.S. Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) speaks to reporters in the Longworth House office building on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S.

#### **UNHCR calls for Indonesia** to let in Rohingya stranded at sea off Aceh **Monitoring Desk** AKARTA: The United Aceh, told Reuters on

Wednesday. Nations' refugee agency called on Indonesia to let in Fishermen found the boat last Thursday, and the children on board had asked about 150 Rohingya refu-

for food and water after weeks at sea, he said. 'We brought them bread and water, their condition was so worrying,' Jabal said. The UN Refu-

ficking. Two people on the boat had died and another gee Agency (UNCHR) called on the government to allow the Rohingya, a mi-nority group who have 11, including a pregnant woman, had been evacuated faced persecution in to the local hospital, Muhammad Jabal, the head Myanmar, to land safely, spokesperson Mitra Salima of fishing community at Labuhan Haji port in South Suryono told Reuters.

#### Britain says slavery reparations not on its agenda at **Commonwealth summit**

Conservative rule.

the Samoa meeting.

King Charles will attend

for Starmer reiterated on

Monday that reparations

were not on his agenda.

'We do not pay repara-

But a spokesperson

#### **Monitoring Desk**

LONDON: Britain will not bring the issue of reparations for historical transatlantic slavery to the table at a meeting of Commonwealth nations that began in Samoa on Monday, but is open to engage with leaders who want to discuss it.

Leaders and officials from 56 countries with roots in Britain's former empire will attend this week the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in the Pacific Island nation.

tions," the spokesperson said. "The position on an Consecutive British governments have rejected apology remains the same. calls for reparations but We won't be offering an apology at CHOGM. the chairman of the Carib-

Lanka over terrorism threat **Monitoring Desk** JERUSALEM: Israel's national security council called on Israelis on Wednesday to immediately leave some tourist areas in

southern Sri Lanka over the threat of a possible terrorist attack. The agency said the warning pertained to the

area of Arugam Bay and beaches in the south and west of Sri Lanka, and stemmed from "current information about a terrorist voiced support for the threat focused on tourist areas and beaches" ahead of a broader meeting

#### with colleagues. Thousands flee have signed a letter hoping to shelters as to persuade Trudeau to step down before the next **Cyclone Dana** election. It was unclear how many signed. "The vast majority of threatens India

**Monitoring Desk** NEW DELHI: Thousands commission, Hilary Beckles, told Reuters of people living along there were hopes this India's eastern coast fled stance might change under to inland storm shelters on the new Labour adminis-tration after 14 years of Wednesday ahead of the expected arrival of a powerful cyclone later this Both British Prime week Minister Keir Starmer and

Freeland said. Cyclone Dana is more confident of that aflikely to hit the coasts of ter meetings in the last 36 West Bengal and Odisha hours. states —together home to around 150 million people suffered upsets in special - as a "severe cyclonic elections in districts the storm", India's weather party has held for years, bureau said. raising doubts about

It is forecast to make landfall near Puri, a popular tourist destination, late on Thursday night.

#### **Canadian Cabinet voices support** for Trudeau as some Liberals prepare to confront him

**Monitoring Desk** 

ity of Liberals in Parliament

as some prepare to confront

hopes of convincing him to

other Cabinet members

prime minister on Tuesday

us into the next election,

Freeland said she is

The Liberal recently

Trudeau's leadership. Los-

ing a district in Canada's

largest city of Toronto, a

Chrystia Freeland and

A number of Liberals

step down.

hold, does not bode well. TORONTO: Canada's A number of Liberal deputy prime minister said lawmakers have said they she believes Justin Trudeau will not run again. Trudeau has said he has the support of a major-

will lead the party into the election, which come any him Wednesday in the time between this fall and October, 2025. His Liberal party must rely on the support of at least one major party in Parliament as the Liberals do not have the majority in the House of Commons.

The opposition leader of the Bloc Québécois said his party will work with the Conservatives and NDP parties to bring the Liberals down and force an election if the government doesn't boost old age secupayments for seniors. rity

Liberal Members of Parliament support the prime Ťhe whole story is now: what will Justin minister, support him as leader of our government, Trudeau, superstar, do in the coming days," Bloc Leader Yves-François support him as leader of our party and support him as Blanchet said. the guy who is going to lead

Trudeau's Liberals have been in power since 2015 but Canadians have been frustrated by the cost of living coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Trudeau reasserted the country's liberal identity in 2015 after almost 10 years of Conservative rule. His legacy includes opening the doors wide to immigration. He also legalized cannabis and brought in a carbon tax traditional Liberal strong- to fight climate change.

Nasrallah

People raise their hands as they gather outside the Old Bailey after British police officer Martyn Blake was acquitted of the 2022 murder of Chris Kaba, in London, Britain.

bean Community (CARICOM) reparations Community

### Daily **Independent**, Quetta

### **Message on United Nations Day** President reiterates Pakistan's full support to UN charter

President Asif Ali Zardari has reiterated Pakistan's full support for the UN Charter and its multilateral system and said Pakistan stood ready to collaborate with all the UN Member States to achieve a peaceful and prosperous world for all

In a message on the occasion of the United Nations Day being observed on October 24, the president said today, Pakistan joined the international community in commemorating the 79th United Nations (UN) Day.

"The UN Charter embodies our collective determination to uphold international law and peaceful coexistence. It also provides for the development of friendly relations among nations, based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take

ĥe added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): other appropriate measures achievements over the past to strengthen universal 79 years, President Zardari peace," President Secresaid, the UN Charter's vitariat Press Wing, in a press sion of universal peace, derelease on Wednesday, velopment and human quoted the president as rights for all was currently under threat by the blatant saying.

Guided by the vision violations of its principles of founding father, Quaid- and purposes - nowhere e-Azam Muhammad Ali more egregiously than in Jinnah, the president said, Occupied Palestinian Ter-Pakistan had consistently ritory, and the Indian Illechampioned the principles gally Occupied Jammu &

of the UN Charter. Kashmir (IIOJK). "We have maintained The UN remained an a firm and abiding commitindispensable partner in ment to multilateralism, addressing the pressing with the UN playing a cenchallenges being faced by tral role for the promotion the world today, and for of international peace and shaping a more equitable security, sustainable develfuture for all, he obopment and human rights served. for all. We have also made

"We must revitalize the values enshrined in the invaluable contributions to international peace and se-UN Charter, by prioritizcurity, including by serving ing peace and actively reas a leading military and solving conflicts, as well as police contributor to UN by fulfilling the hopes and peacekeeping operations," aspirations of billions around the world," the

Despite its remarkable president opined.



QUETTA: Heads of Local Bodies institutions meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti.

### At UN, Pakistan says India using enforced disappearances in Kashmir as 'tool of oppression'

(APP): Reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding citizens' rights, Paki-stan has told a UN panel pression

that authorities in Indian Occupied Kashmir were systematically using enforced disappearances as "a tool of oppression" to stifle the voice of Kashmiri

people. "While Pakistan remains vigilant in addressing cases of enforced disappearances domestically, we cannot overlook the alarming situation in conflict zones, especially in areas under foreign occupation," Pakistani delegate Sarfraz Gohar said during an interactive Dialogue with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances held in the UN General Assembly's Third committee, which deals

with social, humanitarian and cultural issues.

"For decades," he said, "the Kashmiri people have endured an environment of ternational oversight—as legal support, and fear and violence, where recommended by the UN's access to justice.

UNITED NATIONS enforced disappearances rights office—to ensure (APP): Reaffirming its have become a hallmark of justice for the families of the disappeared, including the the occupying forces' rethousands of "half-wid-Gohar, a first secre-tary in the Pakistan Misows" who continue to suffer without knowledge of their loved ones' fate.

sion to the UN, said enforced disappearances were said Pakistan is firmly comnot isolated incidents, but mitted to safeguarding the often led to further abuses. including torture, extrajudirights of its citizens and cial killings, and mass ensuring that no individual graves is subjected to arbitrary Over 8,000 individudetention or enforced dis als have disappeared withappearance. The right to out a trace, he said, citing reputed human rights orga-

personal liberty, which is guaranteed under the country's Constitution, is

Pakistan, he said, has established a National Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances, which works closely with victims' families, providing them with assistance, free legal support, and ensuring

Independent Report

She expressed these views during a meeting with Senator Dinesh Kumar and Parliamentary Secretary for Minority Affairs, Sanjay Kumar Panjwani. The meeting discussed the challenges faced by minority women and the need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at improving their situation. Dr. Rubaba Khan

SC to hear **SSGC** appeal today

Independent Report QUETTA: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has scheduled a hearing for Oc-

Islamabad on October 24

2024. Agha expressed his

commitment to vigorously

defend the Balochistan High

Court's order, seeking

prayers and support from

the people of Balochistan

The outcome of this hear-

ing will be crucial for the

people of Balochistan, as it

may impact their gas bills

OGDCL

announces gas

discovery in

Khairpur, Sindh

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The Oil and Gas Develop-

and overall well-being.

ober 24.

### Leghari meets Administrator of Chinese National **Energy Administration**

OINGDAO (APP): On the sidelines of the 3rd Belt and Road Energy Ministerial Conference, Federal Minister of Power, Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari held a meeting with Administrator of the Chinese National Energy Administration (NEA) Mr Zhang Jianhua here on Wednesday.

release.

Thursday October 24, 2024

(China) Road Energy Partnership (BREP) as a global catalyst for energy cooperation, security, and sustainable development, he underlined that the BREP is not only a testament to China's effective diplomacy but also a beacon of its global leadership in energy security.

During the meeting, Awais Leghari recalled the The Minister conhistoric visit of premier Li veyed heartfelt felicitations Qiang to Pakistan, during on the successful holding of which both sides expressed the Conference, said a press their strong resolve of working together for the development of an "up-

Emphasizing the important role of the Belt and graded version" of CPEC



**QINGDAO: Federal Minister for Power, Sardar** Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari delivers a keynote address at the opening ceremony of the 3rd Belt & Road Energy Ministerial Conference at Qingdao.

Comprehensive planning needed to ensure welfare of minority women, emphasizes Dr. Rubaba that minority women re-

ceive the necessary sup-QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister on Women port and resources. The Development Dr. Rubaba signing of the MOU will ensure the effective utiliza-Khan Buledi has emphasized the need for compretion of resources, providing lasting solutions to their problems. She added that hensive planning to ensure the welfare of minority the aim is to include all women, granting them equal women of Balochistan, paropportunities in every field

ticularly those from minority communities, in the country's development, so



their talents can be fully utilized.She noted that minority women are an integral part of our society, and addressing their challenges is essential for the overall development of the province. The provincial government is committed to safeguarding their rights and ensuring their well-being. 'We will not leave them alone on this journey but will provide every possible assistance," she concluded.

# Jam Kamal, Kudi discuss economic, political situation with Sindh CM

KARACHI (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal and Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi held meeting with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah at the Chief Minister House on Wednesday.

Khan Mandokhail.

According to the spokesperson of Sindh Chief Minister, the three leaders discussed the economic and political affairs of the country in the meet-

Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah said that the economic indicators showing

was progressing. Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal said there was need of enhancing of the exports. The Chief Minister

QUETTA: A delegation led by President Girls Quaid Association Begum

said that there was a need to pay special attention to export oriented production. They agreed to increase investment in education, health and infrastruc-

ture in the country. Murad Ali Shah said that after the flood situation, the focus of the government was on rehabilitation of the affected people, construction of their houses

Azmat Hassan Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar **Final auction** of PIAC to be held on Oct 30

ISLAMABAD (INP): Parliamentary Secretary for Communication, Gul Asghar Khan on Wednesday apprised the Lower House of the Parliament that the final auction of the

state-owned Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) Corporation would be held on October 30. The Parliamentary Secretary was responding to the query of Member National Assembly (MNA), Sharmila Sahiba Faruqui Hashaam during the seventh

meeting of the 10th National Assembly session here. Khan said the PIA privatization was a detailed process conducted under the elaborate structure privatization

nizations. Since 5 Aug. 2019 when India annexed Kashmir, an additional 15,000 young men have been subjected to enforced disappearances, exacerbat-

ing the climate of fear. "The existence of thousands of unmarked graves, which remain un-investi-

gated by the occupation authorities, highlight the prevailing culture of impunity," the Pakistani delegate

added. He called for an in-

a cornerstone of Pakistan's legal framework, and "we continue to take tangible steps to prevent and address any cases of enforced disappearances that may surface'

On its part, Gohar



#### **OUETTA: Director General Public Relations Balochistan Muhammad Noor** Khetran presiding over a meeting regarding Journalist Welfare Fund Policy.

The prosecutor while

The court rejected bail

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learing the arguments.

#### LHC rejects bail plea of major accused in attack on Imran case



QUETTA: Activates of BNP hold protest outside QPC.

#### **BA** adopts resolution Monica, Allah **Dino discuss** for paying tributes to human rights, Humayun Marri & democratic Sardar Raza Baraich institutions

Independent Report QUETTA: Balochistan Assembly adopted resolution for paying rich tributes to two members of the assembly Mir Humayun Marri and Sardar Raza Muhammad Baraich in its session held on Wednesday.

Panel, Khair Jan Baloch was in the chair.

of the former caretaker The Chief Minister and member of the assembly, Mir Humayun Marri and former Provincial Minister, Sardar Raza Muhammad Baraich. The member of provincial assembly, Mir Zabid Reki tabled the resolution.

Meanwhile, the ses-The Chairman of sion was postponed till October 28 due to the deaths of Mir Humayun Fateha was also of-fered for the departed souls Muhammad Baraich.

ISLAMABAD (APP) The United States Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Monica Jacobsen, held a meeting with Federal Secretary for the Ministry of Human Rights Allah Dino Khawaja, to

discuss matters related to human rights and bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and the United States.

### Sarfraz Bugti pays homage to Mohtarma Nusrat Bhutto on 13th death anniversary

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Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has paid homage to the mother of democracy, Mohtarma Nusrat Bhutto.

In a message on 13th death anniversary of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, the Chief Minister said that the history of democracy is just incomplete without Begum Nusrat Bhutto.

He said that Begum Nusrat Bhutto made long and patience struggle for Khan, Achakzai, Abdul Ghafoor rights of the people and democracy. He said that Jafar and others also ad-Begum Nusrat Bhutto is a dressed the event. Sardar bright example of demo-Sarbuland Khan said that cratic struggle for the the mother of democracy, women of whole world. Begum Nusrat Bhutto en-The Chief Minister also dured the hardships and said that the great sacrifices torture of prison for the sake and firm ideologies of of the constitution and de-Mohtarma Nusrat Bhutto mocracy

are beacon of light for us. Meanwhile Central leader of Pakistan People's People's Party were kept of MRD.

Party (PPP) Sardar high saying that Mother of Sarbuland Jogezai and oth-Democracy had made hisers paid tribute to the sertory with eternal sacrifices vices of Begum Nasrut for the security of the coun-Bhutto for restoration of try and the restoration of democracy in the country. democracy He said this while ad-

He highlighted the dressing a prayer ceremony eternal struggle of Mother on the occasion of the death of Democracy saying that anniversary of Mother of on the occasion of the death Democracy Begum Nusrat anniversary of Begum Bhutto in the media cell of Nusrat Bhutto, we paid the party. President of tribute to Begum Nusrat PPP's Sports and Culture Bhutto for her valuable ser-Wing Prince Shahzad vices for the restoration of Kakar, Nadeem Ahmed democracy. Khan

He said that she had given sacrifices for the coun y and the nation.

He said that after the martyrdom of Pakistan People's Party (PPP)'s Leader Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, mother of democracy Begum Nusrat Bhutto had led a historic and decisive movement for the restoration of democracy and con-

He said that the flag of the country and Pakistan stitution from the platform

High Court (LHC) has re-jected bail plea of one accused is nominated in the Naveed, major accused in case and was arrested from attack on PTI founder the scene . The accused Imran Khan, was identified in footage

LAHORE (Online): Lahore

A two members bench too. The witnesses are also of LHC presided over by present there. Concrete evi-Justice Shahbaz Rizvi took dence is also available up bail plea of the accused against the accused. Therefor hearing Wednesday. fore, court is requested to reject his bail plea.

Mian Dawood counsel for the accused while giving arguments said accused Naveed was not present on the occasion. Police included his name in the case unjustly.

tack was made on Imran Khan during PTI long march in Wazirabad on No-The eyewitnesses told about unknown acvember 3, 2022. PTI chaircused while solid evidence is also not available. It is man was injured therein. One person was killed and requested to the court the 13 persons including PTI founder and two other leadbail of the accused be accepted due to insufficient



**GWADAR: Assistant Commissioner Mir Jawad** Ahmed Zehri visiting Pak-Iran 250 border.

#### Toshakhana-2 case: IHC approves bail plea of **Bushra** Bibi

ISLAMABAD (Online): Bibi in Toshakhana-2 case Islamabad High Court came up for hearing before came up for hearing before Justice Miangul Hassan (IHC) has approved bail of Bushra Bibi wife of PTI founder in Toshakhana-2 Aurangzeb in IHC. Counsel for Bushra

Bibi had completed his ar-The bail has been apguments a day before. FIA prosecutor Umair proved against the surety

bonds in the sum of Rs 10 Majid appeared in the court and opened arguments. Justice Miangul Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb re-

Hassan Aurangzeb approved the bail Wednesday. marked if you or Deputy Justice Miangul Attorney General (DAG) Hassan Aurangzeb reget opportunity then go to marked this case is like case see in Azerbaijan. They of justice Qazi Faez Isa. In keep them with their picthis case husband has been tures what gifts are given held responsible for the acts to the presidents of world countries. The gift of model

FIA prosecutor said this case is a bit different from that case.

of his wife.

ment Company Limitêd (OGDCL) has announced a significant gas discovery at the Shahu-1 exploratory well in the Sawan South Block, located in Khairpur, Sindh. According to a news release of the OGDCL, the

Joint Venture for the block comprises OGDCL with a 20% working interest United Energy Pakistan Limited (UEPL) with 75%, Government Holding Pri vate Limited (GHPL) with 2.5%, and Sindh Energy Holding Limited (SEHL) with 2.5%. The Shahuwell is estimated to produce around 10 million Standard Cubic Feet per Day (MMSCFD) of gas.

The discovery has derisked further exploration play in the Sawan South Block and will play a crucial role in boosting the country's energy security through indigenous resources and adding to the hydrocarbon reserves base. OGDCL is committed

of Al-Aqsa mosque from to contributing to enhanc-Yasser Arafat too is there. ing Pakistan's domestic en I also saw the picture of ergy production.

regardin the appeal filed by Sui Gas Company and OGRA against the Balochistan High Court's order on June 13, 2024. This order had provided significant relief to the people of Balochistan regarding their bills. Advocate Syed Nazir Agha QUETTA: Senator Danesh Kumar and Parliamenwill represent the case in

tary Secretary for Minority Affairs Sanjay Kumar Panjwani meeting with Provincial Advisor for Women Development Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi.

### **ECP** seeks response from MNA Adil Bazai over disqualification petition

ISLAMABAD (APP): Assembly Speaker for-The Election Commission of Pakistan (EC) on Wednesday sought a response from Member of National Assembly from NA 262, Quetta, Adil Bazai, concerning a disqualification petition lodged against him for not voting in favour of budget and the 26th constitutional amendment. A three-member bench

warded the disqualification reference to the Election Commission at the request of PML-N President Nawaz Sharif. The reference claims that Adil Bazai, who was elected independently and later joined PML-N, did not vote in favor of the finance bill despite directives from the parliamentary party. Adil Bazai and PML-

of the Election Commis-N lawyers appeared before the Election Commission, where the Chief Election sion, chaired by the Chief Election Commissioner, heard a reference filed by Commissioner asked about PML-N President Nawaz Bazai's whereabouts. His Sharif seeking the disqualibrother responded that they fication of Adil Bazai. currently have no informa-Notably, the National tion on his location.

**Bar councils welcomed** Justice Yahya Afridi's appointment as CJP

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chaudhry Babar Waheed, Various bar councils of the country have welcomed the appointment of Justice Yahya Afridi as Chief Justice of Pakistan and said that Justice Yahya Afridi is a non-political, non-controversial and neutral personality. They said that his appointment as chief justice will strengthen the relationship between the bar and the bench and will help make justice in a free and fair way. Punjab Bar Coun-

Chairman Executive Rao Fazal ur Rehman Abid said in a joint statement that they congratulate Justice Yahya Afridi on being named Chief Justice of Pakistan and hope that he will take the relationship between between the Bar and the Bench to improvement. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council's Vice Chairman SadiqAli Momand and Executive Chairman Syed Taimur Ali Shah in their statement called the appointment.



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