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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, while lamenting the silence of the international community to halt genocide in Gaza, assured the Palestinian students of every possible facility 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 world. "It is heart-wrenching to watch brutalities and

atrocities committed by the Israeli occupation forces on daily basis. They have killed more than 43,000 Palestinians while thousands had been maimed and injured," he added.

The prime minister said that cities after cities had been demolished, buildings razed to the ground and the international community had yet to act, and regretted, "Speeches, resolutions and commitments are still to see the light of the day. Whether these were UNSC resolutions or ICJA verdict at the Hague, nothing has helped in bringing ceasefire in Gaza where the world had not seen this kind of carnage in the contemporary history."

The prime minister

recalled that during his participation in the United Nations General Assembly session, they heard speeches after speeches of the world leaders about the plight of the Palestinians and as to how Israeli forces had been committing genocide in this part of the world, but the blood continued to spill on the streets of Gaza, hospitals were smashed, schools bombard and the world was mere a spectator.

The prime minister referred to the international community's interference to bring about peace in different parts of the world including Sudan and Bosnia.

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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 Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has announced 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 directives to the heads of

local government institutions.

He directed them to monitor the steps taken for prevention of corruption, ensure cleanliness and attendance of the staff in schools and hospitals besides promoting Pakistanian in their respective areas.

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 Establishment.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister directed to the Finance Department to release the funds to the local bodies in two instalments during the financial year.

He insisted that the de-

velopment funds should be seen on the ground.

The audit would be conducted through the neutral third party, he added.

The Chief Minister made it clear that corruption is totally unacceptable and the release of funds would be stopped to the district councils and corporations on the authentic complaints of the corruption and malpractices.

He also directed to formulate the development projects which are compatible with the requirements of general public.

He asked the chairmen to inform the Chief Minister secretary after visiting the schools and hospitals at the local level.

He stressed that the local bodies should play active role for resolving the

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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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Justice of Pakistan. Meanwhile the Ministry of Law and Justice on Wednesday notified the appointment of Justice Yahya Afridi as Chief Justice of Pakistan for a period of three years.

The notification said, "In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (3) of Article 175 A read with Article 177 and 179 of the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to appoint Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, Judge of Supreme Court, as Chief Justice of Pakistan, for a term of three years with effect from 26-10-2024.

The president made the appointment of Justice Yahya Afridi for a period of three years with effect from October 26, 2024, according to a President House press release.

The appointment was made in exercise of the powers conferred under Articles 175 A (3), 177 and 179 of the constitution.

President Zardari also approved October 26 as the date for administering the oath of office to Justice Yahya Afridi as the next



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

## Naqvi's visit to Turkiye strengthens bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Moin Naqvi met with Turkiye's Minister of Defense, Yasar Guler, during his visit to Istanbul on Wednesday.

The meeting, which took place amid the backdrop of the International Expo, underscored the commitment of both nations to strengthen their cooperative relationship across various sectors.

During the meeting, Minister Guler expressed gratitude to Minister Naqvi for participating in the International 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 development in the region.

The discussions fo-



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.

The initiative, which is aimed at promoting economic development and sustainable environmental protection, is the first of its kind introduced in the province.

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.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz 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 in history; timely completion is next challenge: Sarfraz 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

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 maintained anyway, he added.

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

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## President, PM condemn terrorist attack in Ankara

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 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.

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QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail in a group photo with Provincial Ministers and MPAs belong to PML-N.

## Governor exhorts PML-N's Ministers, MPAs to come up to expectations of masses

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has exhorted the provincial ministers and members of provincial assembly belonging to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) to come up to expectations and hopes of the people while performing their responsibilities.

The Governor stressed that being elected representatives, they should give priority to the public welfare and development in their respective election constituencies.

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

Therefore, they should ensure good governance and public service.

The Governor was speaking to the provincial ministers, parliamentary secretaries and members of the provincial assembly held to PML-N, who called on him here at the

Governor's House on Wednesday.

During the course of meeting, performance of the provincial government and issues of the parliamentarians were discussed.

Those who were present were included Provincial Ministers Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Mir Asim Kurd and Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, parliamentary secretaries Sardar Masood Luni, Muhammad Khan Lehri, Barkat Ali Rind, Wali Muhammad Noorzai, Hadia Nawaz, Nawabzada Zarin Magsi, Advisor to Chief Minister, Dr Rubaba Buledi and MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhail. Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that PML-N is a countrywide political party with which people have lot of expectations and hopes.

To a query, Governor said that it is included in our priorities to ensure transparency in utilization of public funds and good governance.

## Yahya Afridi holds separate meetings with CJP Isa, Justice Mansoor

ISLAMABAD (INP): Designated Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi Wednesday held separate meetings with the incumbent CJP Justice Qazi Faez Isa and senior judge, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah in their chambers.

According to sources, the two judges met in Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa's chamber, where the CJP congratulated Justice Yahya Afridi on his appointment.

Additionally, Justice Afridi visited the chamber of Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, and his chamber staff also congratulated him on his new role. Earlier in the day, the president approved the summary of appointing Justice Yahya Afridi as the next CJP on the advice of PM Shehbaz Sharif following the recommendation of the special parliamentary committee. Justice Yahya Afridi will take oath as new chief justice of Pakistan for a term of three years, starting from October 26. The appointment has been made under the provisions of Articles 175A (3), 177, and 179 of the Constitution.



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.

## 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.

“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 is seen on the basis of seniority cum fitness. Appointments in SC were made on fitness during the last 20 years. Chief justice of high courts were appointed out of panel of 3 earlier.

This principle is being applied to the appointment of judges of SC. This principle is adopted in connection with appointment of chief justice of high court. Then what is wrong in implementing this principle in the appointment of chief justice of SC.

He underscored there can be polarization in the

politics due to multiparty system. There can be no polarization in judiciary because it is institution of justice.

Polarization of extreme level was seen supreme court since some period.

Senior judges can have what objection over appointment of junior judge as chief justice of Pakistan. Congress accords approval to the appointment of judges in US. The power for appointment of judges of SC rest with parliamentarians in India. Members of parliament can make attachment of judges in India as well.



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

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 Attorney General and other law officers of the Federation.

The mandate of the Legal Aid and Justice Authority (LAJA) is also in consonance with the business

allocated to the Law and Justice Division under the Rules of Business, 1973.

It would be more appropriate and in the best public interest to shift administrative control of the Legal Aid and Justice Authority (LAJA) from the Ministry of Human Rights to the Ministry of Law and Justice.

The institutional linkages of the Ministry of Law and Justice with other Law Officers and Commissions of the Federation under the administrative control of the Law and Justice Division and with Bar Councils and Associations will enable LAJA to fulfil its mandate more effectively. The Bill is designed to achieve the said object.

## DC Nasirabad conducts surprise visit to government schools

**Independent Report.**  
NASIRABAD: Deputy Commissioner Nasirabad, Munir Ahmed Khan Kakar, made an unannounced visit to Government Boys Model High School and Government Girls High School Abdul Wahab Somroo on October 23, 2024. During his visit, Kakar inspected the attendance registers of teachers and inquired about the teaching process in various classrooms. He also interacted with students, asking them about their educational experience and expressing satisfaction with the responses.

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

Ahmed Ali Koorar as their classroom teacher, which the Deputy Commissioner promptly approved, directing school authorities to utilize Koorar’s services for the betterment of educational affairs. Other teachers, including Abdul Rehman Abro, were present during the visit, while Nader Ali Manjho briefed Kakar on the school’s challenges.

Earlier, Kakar visited Government Girls High School Abdul Wahab Somroo, where he inspected classrooms and gathered information about the teaching process. The school’s principal, Nasim Bibi, provided him with an overview of the school’s situation.



QUETTA: Students of meridian public high school visiting Mehrgharh Museum.

## Approved development projects...

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Those who were present in the meeting were included: Provincial Ministers Mir Zahoob 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 Departments by the concerned high ups.

The Chief Minister directed to the concerned departments to present recommendations for solution after taking review of the hurdles coming in way of implementation on the development projects.

He asked the authorities to inform about the solid reasons of the slow paced projects. He also directed to ensure release of the allocated funds for the development projects completing at fast pace. He said that no compromise would be made on standard of the development projects ac-

ording to the PC-1.

He asserted that we would ensure correct use of the resources. In this regard, he stressed that the Chief Minister Inspection Team and Anti-Corruption Establishment would submit review report after taking review of the standard of development projects.

Besides, the Chief Minister directed to present comprehensive recommendations in next cabinet meeting for merger of different departments performing same services.

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

## 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.

The president, in his message on the 13th death anniversary of the Madar-e-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.



RAWALPINDI: Members of Pakistan’s Cricket Board selection committee Aleem Dar and Aqib Javed inspect 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.

The meetings focused on debt reprofiling, trade cooperation, and joint ventures to strengthen Pakistan’s economic prospects.

Aurangzeb revealed a “promising response” from 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 that discussion, and the re-

sponse is encouraging,” the minister told Bloomberg, while stressing the importance of continuing structural reforms.

He noted that Pakistan seeks to extend the maturity of debt for nine power plants built by Chinese companies under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

China has already rolled over \$16 billion in debt to a total of \$26 billion in the current fiscal year.

Aurangzeb meets Saudi, Turkish FM’s to boost trade and investment

In addition to these negotiations, Aurangzeb met with Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed Aljadaan to discuss enhancing bilateral trade and investment in key sectors.

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

QUETTA (APP): Political leader Jhangir Khan termed the 26th constitutional amendment as a victory for the state, politics and democracy.

In his statement issued here, he also congratulated people for the approval of this constitutional amendment.

Jhangir Khan said that with the 26th constitutional amendment, political stability, supremacy of democracy 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 Shabbaz Sharif, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam- Fazal (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman, ANP Amal Wali Khan, MQM leaders have taken a timely and commendable decision in the

right direction for which they deserved congratulations.

He said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) did not support the constitutional amendment just to please Imran Khan which the nation would never forgive.

He said that the approval of the 26th constitutional amendment by two-thirds majority by the National Assembly 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 amendment will promote political stability including fair distribution of rights and resources between the federation and the provinces, he said.

## PM Shabbaz laments global...

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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 matter to 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

programme including Al Khidmat 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.

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 Lahore and the rest 121 in Islamabad who were now getting medical education, he added.

He informed that the medical institutions were not charging any kind of fee from them, adding that those universities that had offered free training deserved appreciation.

## We will have to see how to adopt integrated approach: Dr. Rubaba

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

If we want to face the global challenges

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 Liaquat 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 Yousofzai, 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 departments, 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 photo at the North Bund Forum in Shanghai.

**Pak announce playing XI for third Test against England Sports Desk**  
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 spin bowling.

The series has been tightly contested, with England dominating the first Test, winning by an innings and 47 runs, before Pakistan responded emphatically in the second match.

The third Test will determine the outcome of this thrilling series.



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## CM announces 100% increase...

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issues being faced by the people.

He also urged the heads of local bodies to give concrete response to the anti-state activities.

He said that Pakistan, Pak Army and the state should be the top priority.

He also directed to the local bodies to promote flag of Pakistan and national anthem besides taking steps for their honour everywhere.

Meanwhile, the Chairmen of the local bodies thanked the Chief Minister for increasing the development funds of the bodies.

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

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## 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 inaugural 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 adding, "We are standing at the 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 into the Fourth Industrial Revolution".

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 Iqbal 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 25% of its new buildings by 2030 was highlighted, with implications for affordable housing, while China's rapid construction of entire neighborhoods using this technology was presented.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo with students of Palestine who recently arrived in Pakistan to complete their medical education.

## 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 pertaining to NAB amendments.

In a 22-page note, Justice Rizvi wrote, "Although I agree with the conclusion 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

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 decision." 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 than to a higher court.

## 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

on October 8, 2024. Engineer Ahmed Ali Al-Baiz, Assistant Supervisor General of Operations at KSrelief, formalized the initiative by signing cooperation programs with Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The 1,000 houses, each comprising two rooms, a kitchen, and a 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

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 reaches to the logical end.

"On this day we have to renew the pledge that we will not sit until the people of occupied Kashmir get their right to self-determination," he said.

The minister said that today, despite the presence of more than 800,000 Indian troops, the brave Kashmiri youth are ex-

pressing their affection with Pakistan with great courage and determination and hoisting the Pakistani flag on the streets and squares of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJ&K), said a press release issued here on Wednesday.

He said that the youth of occupied Kashmir are even more determined than their ancestors that they will get their right to self-determination at all costs.

Engineer Amir Muqam said that now the time has come, the international community has to play its active role in ensuring the right to self-determination for Kashmiris and take steps to prevent the atrocities being perpe-

trated by the occupation forces in the held territory.

He said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, in his address to the UN General Assembly, had 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.

## Farewell held in honour of outgoing ASP

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Territory (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 as the chief guest.



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.

## NA Speaker takes notice of delay in cancer treatment project worth Rs2 bln

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 Raftullah.

Speaker, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said the project was

intended to provide lifesaving 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 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 importance that can help save human lives, he added.

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

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, presided over multiple important meetings at the Central Police Office, Islamabad, on Wednesday.

A police spokesperson 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 the federal capital, crime

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 priority of the ICT Police.



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Ahsan Iqbal, inaugurates the First International Conference on 3D Printing and Vacuum Technology at National Center for Physics, Quaid-i-Azam University.

## Amb Atakhanov says: Kyrgyz govt keen to collaborate with Pakistani organizations to conserve snow leopards

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic, Avazbek Atakhanov on Wednesday said the Government of Kyrgyz Republic has always played an instrumental role in snow leopard conservation that led to thriving population of snow leopards in Kyrgyzstan.

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

the Snow Leopard Foundation (SLF), in collaboration with GenerationFAST - Snow Leopard, marked International Snow Leopard Day, with a significant event held at FAST University Auditorium as chief guest. The event, aimed at raising awareness about the critical role of snow leopards in alpine ecosystems and the need for their conservation, brought together renowned environmentalists, academic leaders, and diplomats.

Ambassador Avazbek Atakhanov delivered a

powerful address on the ongoing efforts to protect snow leopards. He emphasized Kyrgyzstan's strong commitment to wildlife conservation.

He further highlighted future plans for scientific research and awareness campaigns between 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 conservation efforts.

## 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 efforts, stressing the impor-

ance of building CDA's in-house capacity. The meeting covered several key initiatives, including the revitalization of fountains across the city and the resumption of work on a dancing fountain at Ankara Park.

The DG Environment provided an update on tree plantations and the transformation of Islamabad into a "city of flowers."

Chairman Randhawa also called for permanent lighting on Constitution Avenue and other prominent areas.



ISLAMABAD: CDA workers start relocate the plants from the site of new flyover site on Jinnah Avenue.

## NA body focuses on maintenance, cleaning at Parliament Lodges

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly Standing Committee on House and Library on Wednesday focused on many key issues including the construction of additional family suites and servant quarters, maintenance and cleaning at the Parliament Lodges and car-parking facilities.

Chaired by Deputy Speaker NA Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah at Parliament House here, the Committee expressed concern regarding the cleanliness of the Parliament Lodges, noting that outsourcing cleaning services has not improved the situation.

voiced reservations about the undue delay in constructing additional family suites and servant quarters adjacent to the Parliament Lodges, pointing out that these delays have significantly increased project costs.

The Committee highlighted the grievances of parliamentarians who were not provided with accommodation and directed the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to carry out repair and maintenance work impartially.

The committee directed CDA to make serious efforts to complete the construction of the additional family suites and ser-

## Naqvi grieves over death of Shah Zaib in tragic accident

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi expressed profound sorrow and regret following the tragic traffic accident that claimed the life of Syed Shah Zaib Naqvi, the young son of MNA Rana Ansar and the late senior journalist Ansar Naqvi.

In a heartfelt statement, the interior minister extended his condolences to MNA Rana Ansar and the grieving family, acknowledging the deep pain they 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 patience and strength for the bereaved family, stating, "May Allah grant you the courage to bear this irreplaceable loss." His sentiments resonated with many who understood the profound impact of such a tragic event.

## Support registered families Rubina stresses importance of cooperation between federal, provincial govts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid Wednesday stressed the importance of mutual cooperation between the federal and provincial governments to support the 9.3 million deserving families under BISP.

She was addressing a high-level delegation from Uganda that visited the BISP headquarters. Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, and Secretary BISP, Amer Ali Ahmad, welcomed the 21-member delegation, which was led by Secretary of Public Service, Uganda,

Lucy Nakoye Mbonye. The delegation is on a four-day study visit to Pakistan, from October 22 to 25, 2024, aimed at learning from Benazir Income Support Programme experiences.

The delegation focused on certain areas including national socio economic registry which ensures the accurate identification of poor and deserving individuals and the timely provision of services. Speaking on the occasion, Senator Rubina Khalid emphasized that BISP enjoys the support of all political parties and stakeholders in Pakistan.

## 26th constitutional amendment approved with broad consensus

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Minister for Petroleum, Musadik Malik, said on Wednesday that the 26th constitutional amendment was approved after a broad consensus of all the major stakeholders.

Talking to a private news channel, he stated that all stakeholders provided their recommendations, and the amendment was unanimously passed by a two-thirds majority in both houses.

He criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) for politicizing the amendment without any valid reason.

"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.

He further added that PTI has once again prioritized personal politics over national interest by opposing the public welfare amendment.



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.



# 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 here today at the Governor's House Lahore. Speaking on this occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that all minorities including Sikhs, Christians and Hindus are living a free

and peaceful life in Pakistan. He said that minorities have equal rights according to the constitution of Pakistan while 05 per cent quota is allocated for minorities in the jobs. Governor Punjab welcomed the delegation to the Governor House. He said that the overall law and order situation in the country is satisfactory. Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan further said that the Pakistani

nation is very philanthropic and donates billions of rupees for charitable works. In response to a question, he said that Pakistani women are proving their mettle in education and various fields. He said that the government believes in empowering women and is taking all possible steps for it. Governor Punjab said that a large number of poor deserving women are being economically empowered

through Benazir Income 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.



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.



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

KARACHI (INP): 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 economy." This he said while addressing the 39th Corporate Excellence Awards hosted by the Management Association of Pakistan (MAP) at a

local hotel on Wednesday. Senator Sarmad Ali Khan received the CM at the programme. The CM stressed the critical role of good governance and corporate responsibility in driving sustainable growth and development in Pakistan. The event, which celebrated excellence in corporate governance, brought together business leaders, award recipients, and members of the corporate community. Shah commending MAP for its unwavering commitment to promoting good governance, ethical business practices, and corporate transparency,

said that MAP's leadership over the past four decades has significantly shaped the corporate landscape of Pakistan, setting new standards for corporate excellence. The CM emphasised the importance of fostering a corporate culture that embraces diversity and inclusion, highlighting that these values are essential for balanced and ethical decision-making. He urged the businesses to stay aligned with global best practices and adapt to international trends, particularly in areas such as sustainability and digital transformation.

## Governor Kundi pays tribute to Begum Nusrat Bhutto, Qasuria

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday paid tribute to Begum Nusrat Bhutto, known as the mother of democracy on the occasion of her death anniversary. The Governor highlighted her sacrifices for democracy and the nation, saying that her contributions will always be remembered. Kundi emphasized Begum Nusrat Bhutto's exemplary role in the struggle against dictatorship, saying that she remains an inspiration for women across the country. He remarked that her political insight and principled stance continue

to guide advocates of democracy. Meanwhile, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi expressed his condolences on the death of renowned educator Professor Dr. Fazal Rahim Qasuria, calling his loss a significant blow to the academic community. In his condolence message, he extended sympathies to Dr. Qasuria's brother, former provincial minister Abdul Haleem Khan Qasuria, and his family, wishing them patience during this difficult time. Kundi praised Dr. Qasuria's invaluable contributions to journalism and research, praying for his soul to find a high place in paradise.



NAUNDERO: Leaders and activists of Peoples Party (PPP) are reciting Holy Book (Quran) and offer Fataha for the soul of Begum Nusrat Bhutto on the event of her Death Anniversary held in Naundero.

## KP Govt to publish ad for recruitment of 17000 teachers soon

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 over a teachers' recruitment policy review meeting here on

Wednesday. Besides, Special Secretary Elementary and Secondary Education Department, Qaiser Alam, Director IT Salahuddin, Additional Director Dr Iqbal and other senior authorities of the department also attended the meeting. The provincial minister said that due to the promotions and retirement,

## MPAs calls on CM; discuss public issues

LAHORE (APP): Members of Provincial Assembly (MPAs) Safdar Hussain Sahi and Muhammad Zubair Khan called on Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif at her office here on Wednesday. The CM discussed pressing public issues and the development needs of their constituencies. The meeting also addressed the overall political situation in the country and party matters within the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). CM Maryam Nawaz 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

LAHORE (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, Afzal, Shayan Siddique, Attiqul Zaman, Usman Salim, Faisal, Iftikhar and Abdul Qayyum appeared in the court on expiry of interim bail.

## CM orders urgent administrative measures for PIC improvement

LAHORE (APP): Punjab 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 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 PIC-2. The CM had a detailed inspection of the emergency ward, and observed the arrival of patients in the triage area and the system of initiation of treatment. Maryam Nawaz inspected the Air Ambulance Patient Ward, and visited Amjad Ali, a heart patient transferred by air ambulance from Bahawalpur. Amjad Ali paid 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 treatment in the emergency ward. The CM interacted with the patients and the doctors, and directed the relevant authorities to immediately resolve their issues. She stopped in the emergency ward after seeing an elderly husband and wife, and interacted with the elderly patient Ghulam Fareed.

## 255 govt schools being outsourced in Sialkot

SIALKOT (APP): Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) Managing Director Shahid Farid Said on Wednesday that 255 public sector schools of Sialkot district were being outsourced under the PEPF public-private partnership model. The aim of this programme is to provide free and quality education to out-of-school children by enrolling them in school. Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Sialkot Muhammad Zulqarnain,

the PEF MD stated this while addressing the local community during his visit to Govt Girls Elementary School Haripur Sialkot, says a handout. He said the PEF was equipping 2.6 million male and female students in more than 7,000 partner schools in Punjab with excellent education. MD PEF Shahid Farid said that currently 9.6 million children were out of school in the province and the work.



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 lawyer Hamid Khan has said the lawyers community from all over the country will observe "Youme Najat from Qazi Faez Isa" on October 25. How enormous harm Qazi Faez Isa has inflicted on judiciary and constitution, no one else has caused ever before to judiciary. Justice Yahya Afridi should not accept government offer. He should become chief justice on his turn and secure his name and honor, he said

this while addressing a press conference here Wednesday in Lahore High Court Bar. Hamid Khan said the revenge of ousting Yousef Raza Gillani and Nawaz Sharif is being taken 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 judiciary.

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

LAHORE (Online): Anti Corruption Court (ACC) Lahore has adjourned till November 13 hearing of illegal appointments in Punjab Assembly (PA) case against former Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi and others. Sardar Muhammad Dogar judge of the court heard the case Wednesday. The counsel submitted one day

exemption plea of Pervaiz Elahi in the court. The exemption plea said Pervaiz Elahi is unwell and doctors have advised him for bed rest. It is requested the court to accept his one day exemption plea. The court while expressing displeasure over non appearance of Pervaiz Elahi remarked one or other accused becomes absent on every hearing to avert indictment.

## CM KP reviews police strengthening initiatives

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur chaired a meeting to review progress on initiatives aimed at strengthening the police force. Officials briefed the Chief Minister on the creation of new police positions, ongoing recruitment, vehicle purchases, and related matters. Due to the current security situation, 1,356 new police positions have been established in southern districts. The recruitment of 1,200 constables is nearing completion, with appointment letters expected soon. Positions for sub-inspectors,

assistant sub-inspectors, and head constables are being filled following standard procedures. The Chief Minister increased the quota for recruiting children of police martyrs as assistant sub-inspectors 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 sub-inspectors will be recruited soon in Peshawar, Malakand, and Dera Ismail Khan. A case to fill 1,153 positions under the in-

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

## 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 Samundri 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 Irfan, Tariq Ali and Aqib Riaz to the Allied Hospital.



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

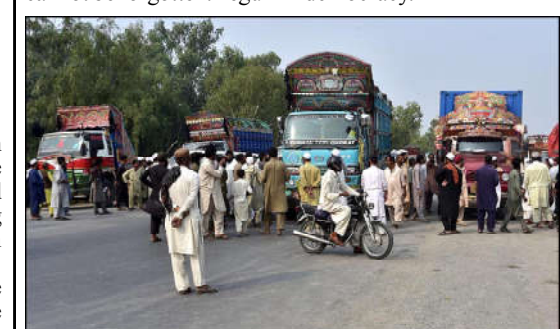
## All the democratic forces are united for the survival of democracy: Khuhro

LARKANA (APP): President of Pakistan People's Party Nisar Khuhro has said in his statement on Wednesday on the occasion of the 13th 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. He said that the services of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, the mother of democracy in the restoration of democracy, cannot be forgotten. Begum

Nusrat Bhutto fought the dictatorship bravely. 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 non-democratic 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 26th amendment is a victory for democratic forces and democracy.

## 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 on Wednesday. According to the police spokesperson, the operation was led by the Station House Officer (SHO) of Sadar Patu Police Station.



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

PESHAWAR (APP): A two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Wednesday sought a reply from the federal and provincial governments over security of the judiciary in the province. The bench comprising Chief Justice, PHC Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim and Justice Waqar Ahmed while conducting a hearing on law and order situation in the province as filed by the KP bar council, expressed concerns over the security situation in the province. The CJ PHC passed strong remarks on the issue of judges' security and said that "we cannot hold guns ourselves, the government has to take the issue of judges'

security seriously." On this occasion Advocate General and Additional Attorney General also appeared in the court. The court sought answers to six questions on 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 "One incident after another happens in the province; we are in more danger." The Chief Justice directed the federal government to also consider this matter seriously and directed the federal government to play its imperative role in this regard.



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

**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 stand-off 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 frontier since, adding tens of thousands of troops and weapons over the last four years.

Modi and Xi had not held formal bilateral talks since although they both participated in multilateral events. Their last summit talks were held in October 2019 in the southern Indian town of Mamallapuram.

The two spoke briefly on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Bali in November 2022 and exchanged courtesies.

They spoke again on the sidelines of the Brics summit in Johannesburg in August 2023 but ended up releasing different versions of the conversation, indicating the two sides didn't see eye to eye.

Xi skipped the G20 summit hosted by New Delhi the following month, a decision seen as another setback to their relations.

Diplomatic efforts gained momentum in recent months after foreign ministers of the two countries met in July and agreed to step up talks to ease the border tensions.

As India had made improving the wider political and damaged business ties contingent upon finding a solution to the border stand-off, Wednesday's talks between the two leaders are expected to result in potentially more Chinese investment into India.

New Delhi had increased the scrutiny of investments coming from China, blocked direct flights between the two countries and had practically barred issuing any visas to Chinese nationals since the Ladakh clashes.

Neither New Delhi nor Beijing — which confirmed the border pact on Tuesday — has shared details of how the stand-off will be resolved under the deal agreed to this week. An Indian military source told Reuters that the pact will allow both sides to patrol contested points on the frontier according to an agreed schedule to prevent confrontations.



Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend the narrow format meeting of the Brics summit in Kazan.

## North Korea's Kim Jong Un visits missile bases, cites US nuclear threat

**Monitoring Desk**  
SEOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has visited 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 nuclear arsenal poses an "ever-increasing threat" to North Korea's security environment, which demands that Pyongyang maintain a strict counteraction posture of its nuclear forces, he was quoted as saying by KCNA.

North Korea has been stepping up its development of ballistic missiles and a nuclear arsenal, drawing international sanctions, and forming close military relations with Russia.

Kim's visit to the bases comes amid growing tensions with South Korea and its allies.

## 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 on-site," the force said on X. "Airport operations are currently impacted, and passengers should not come to the airport at this time."

## 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 saying 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 Hashem Safieddine," the group said in a statement, adding he was killed by "a criminal and aggressive Zionist raid" alongside other Hezbollah fighters.

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 and Saudi Arabia put him on their respective lists of designated "terrorists" in 2017.

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

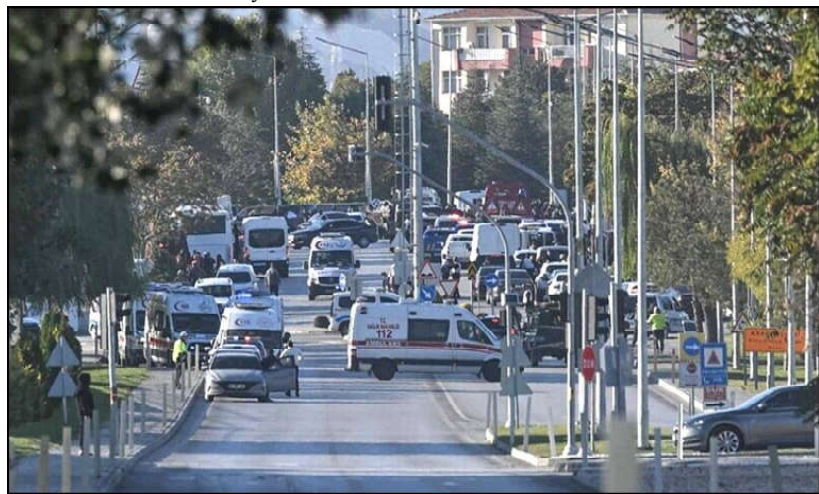
**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: The United States said for the first time on Wednesday that it had seen evidence of North Korean troops in Russia, while South Korean lawmakers said about 3,000 soldiers had been sent to support the Kremlin's war in Ukraine with more to follow.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, speaking in Rome, said it would be "very, very serious" if the North Koreans were preparing to fight alongside Russia in Ukraine, as Kyiv has alleged, though he said it remained to be seen what they would be doing there.

"There is evidence that there are DPRK troops in Russia," Austin told reporters, using North Korea's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In Seoul, South Korean lawmakers said that North Korea has sent 3,000 troops to Russia and thousands more were expected to follow.

"Signs of troops being trained inside North Korea were detected in September and October," Park Sun-won, a member of a parliamentary intelligence committee, said after the briefing. "It appears that the troops have now been dispersed to multiple training facilities in Russia and are adapting to the local environment." The Ukraine conflict broke out when Russia invaded its neighbour in February 2022 and has since developed into a war of attrition largely fought along front lines in eastern Ukraine, with huge numbers of casualties on both sides.



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

## 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 holding talks in Russia with Vladimir Putin at the 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 terrorist 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, referring 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 Anadolu Agency reported.

## Iraqi-led attacks kill seven Islamic State operatives, US Centcom says

**Monitoring Desk**  
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 Iraq had been killed in a military operation.

A Centcom statement did not identify the operatives but said the attacks were launched against multiple Islamic State targets including senior leaders.

Two US military personnel were wounded in the operations and were in stable condition.

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

**Monitoring Desk**  
KYIV: Ukraine's president is hoping allies will take a more positive stance on his so-called "victory plan" after the U.S. election, but concedes that its key demand — an invitation to join NATO — is not welcome by some major Western partners, in particular Germany.

V o l o d y m y r Zelenskyy said Russia was also likely looking at the postelection scenario in the U.S. to assess the possibility of cease-fire talks with Ukraine.

He assessed that if partial cease-fire deals could be reached over attacks on energy infrastructure and Black Sea shipping routes, it would signal the end of the "hot phase" of the war.

Zelenskyy spoke to journalists on Monday and his comments were embargoed until Tuesday.

He said the U.S. is analyzing his plan, but he doesn't expect a meaningful response until after the Nov. 5 election.

"They said, yes, we've started working on the Victory Plan, they want to analyze everything, and so on. But it's very clear to me that all the major partners, especially during the election period, will be afraid of Russia's reaction," he said. "Because they understand that with this package, we can destroy them."

On NATO, Zelenskyy said France, Britain and Italy have shown signs of support. Germany has reservations, however, and Zelenskyy believes only a U.S. green light will convince Berlin to accept the idea.

## 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 team charged that having members of Britain's ruling Labour Party work for his opponent Kamala Harris's campaign was "blatant foreign interference".

Trump's legal team filed an official complaint to the US Federal Election Commission, alleging that the "British Labour Party made, and the (Kamala) Harris campaign accepted, illegal foreign national contributions". The submission cited media reports that Labour officials, including the prime minister's new chief of staff Morgan McSweeney, travelled to the United States to advise the Democratic party campaign.

They also included a now-deleted LinkedIn post by Labour Director of Operations Sofia Patel calling for volunteers to travel to North Carolina, and offering to "sort out your housing". Foreign nationals are allowed to volunteer in US elections but may not be compensated. The claim from Trump's team claim blew up as Starmer jetted to a Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) on the Pacific island of Samoa, prompting a mid-air rebuttal. Starmer insisted it was normal for volunteers to campaign and that he had established "a good relationship".

## 31 years since bloodbath by 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 massacred 51 Kashmiris in District Anant Naag.

According to historical records, the Border Security Force's 74<sup>th</sup> Battalion established a perimeter around the Hazratbal shrine.

A p p r o x i m a t e l y 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**  
LONDON: 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 Index of African Governance report found that despite positive progress in 33 countries, overall governance was worse 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 Mo Ibrahim's foundation.

## Israel issues travel warning to parts of Sri 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 threat focused on tourist areas and beaches".

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

**Monitoring Desk**  
TORONTO: Canada's deputy prime minister said she believes Justin Trudeau has the support of a majority of Liberals in Parliament as some prepare to confront him Wednesday in the hopes of convincing him to step down.

Christia Freeland and other Cabinet members voiced support for the prime minister on Tuesday ahead of a broader meeting with colleagues.

A number of Liberals have signed a letter hoping to persuade Trudeau to step down before the next election. It was unclear how many signed.

"The vast majority of Liberal Members of Parliament support the prime minister, support him as leader of our government, support him as leader of our party and support him as the guy who is going to lead us into the next election," Freeland said.

Freeland said she is more confident of that after meetings in the last 36 hours.

The Liberal recently suffered upsets in special elections in districts the party has held for years, raising doubts about Trudeau's leadership. Losing a district in Canada's largest city of Toronto, a traditional Liberal stronghold, does not bode well.

A number of Liberal lawmakers have said they will not run again.

Trudeau has said he will lead the party into the election, which come any 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 security payments for seniors.

"The whole story is now: what will Justin Trudeau, superstar, do in the coming days," Bloc Leader Yves-François Blanchet said.

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 reassured 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 to fight climate change.

## Israeli strikes pound Lebanese coastal city after residents evacuate

**Monitoring Desk**  
TYRE: Israeli jets struck multiple buildings in Lebanon's southern 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 where U.S. Secretary of

## UNHCR calls for Indonesia to let in Rohingya stranded at sea off Aceh

**Monitoring Desk**  
JAKARTA: The United Nations' refugee agency called on Indonesia to let in about 150 Rohingya refugees stranded off Aceh province for almost a week, as local media reported police had arrested three people on charges of human trafficking.

Two people on the boat had died and another 11, including a pregnant woman, had been evacuated to the local hospital, Muhammad Jabal, the head of fishing community at Labuhan Haji port in South Aceh, told Reuters on Wednesday.

Fishermen found the boat last Thursday, and the children on board had asked 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 Refugee Agency (UNHCR) called on the government to allow the Rohingya, a minority group who have faced persecution in Myanmar, to land safely, spokesperson Mitra Salima Suryono told Reuters.

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

**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.

Conservative British governments have rejected calls for reparations but the chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) reparations commission, Hilary Beckles, told Reuters there were hopes this stance might change under the new Labour administration after 14 years of Conservative rule.

Both British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and King Charles will attend the Samoa meeting.

But a spokesperson for Starmer reiterated on Monday that reparations were not on his agenda. "We do not pay reparations," the spokesperson said. "The position on an apology remains the same. We won't be offering an apology at CHOGM."

## Thousands flee to shelters as Cyclone Dana threatens India

**Monitoring Desk**  
NEW DELHI: Thousands of people living along India's eastern coast fled to inland storm shelters on Wednesday ahead of the expected arrival of a powerful cyclone later this week.

Cyclone Dana is likely to hit the coasts of West Bengal and Odisha states—together home to around 150 million people—as a "severe cyclonic storm", India's weather bureau said.

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



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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 co-existence. 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

other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace," President Secretariat Press Wing, in a press release on Wednesday, quoted the president as saying.

Guided by the vision of founding father, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the president said, Pakistan had consistently championed the principles of the UN Charter.

"We have maintained a firm and abiding commitment to multilateralism, with the UN playing a central role for the promotion of international peace and security, sustainable development and human rights for all. We have also made invaluable contributions to international peace and security, including by serving as a leading military and police contributor to UN peacekeeping operations," he added.

Despite its remarkable



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'

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding citizens' rights, Pakistan has told a UN panel 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 Sarfaraz 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 fear and violence, where

enforced disappearances have become a hallmark of the occupying forces' repression."

Gohar, a first secretary in the Pakistan Mission to the UN, said enforced disappearances were not isolated incidents, but often led to further abuses, including torture, extrajudicial killings, and mass graves.

Over 8,000 individuals have disappeared without a trace, he said, citing reputed human rights organizations. Since 5 Aug. 2019 when India annexed Kashmir, an additional 15,000 young men have been subjected to enforced disappearances, exacerbating the climate of fear.

"The existence of thousands of unmarked graves, which remain uninvestigated by the occupation authorities, highlight the prevailing culture of impunity," the Pakistani delegate added. He called for an international oversight—as recommended by the UN's

## Leghari meets Administrator of Chinese National Energy Administration

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

The Minister conveyed heartfelt felicitations on the successful holding of the Conference, said a press release.

Emphasizing the important role of the Belt and



QINGDAO: Federal Minister for Power, Sardar Awaish Ahmad 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

Independent Report  
QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister on Women Development Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has emphasized the need for comprehensive planning to ensure the welfare of minority women, granting them equal opportunities in every field of life.

She expressed these views during a meeting with Senator Dimesh 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 Buledi further stated that the Women Development Department is working on various projects to ensure



QUETTA: Senator Dimesh Kumar and Parliamentary 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): 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 favoring in favour of budget and the 26th constitutional amendment.

A three-member bench of the Election Commission, chaired by the Chief Election Commissioner, heard a reference filed by PML-N President Nawaz Sharif seeking the disqualification of Adil Bazai.

Notably, the National

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

ISLAMABAD (INP): 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 Council (PBC)'s Vice Chairman



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding Quetta Development Package



QUETTA: A delegation led by President Girls Quaid Association Begum Azmat Hassan Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

## 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.

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

Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah said that the economic indicators showing that the country's economy

was progressing.

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

The Chief Minister said that there was a need to pay special attention to export oriented production.

They agreed to increase investment in education, health and infrastructure 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 and the agriculture.

## 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 Faruqi Hasham 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 of privatization.



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

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

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has rejected bail plea of one Naveed, major accused in attack on PTI founder Imran Khan.

Two members bench of LHC presided over by Justice Shahbaz Rizvi took up bail plea of the accused for hearing Wednesday.

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.

The eyewitnesses told about unknown accused while solid evidence is also not available. It is requested to the court the bail of the accused be accepted due to insufficient evidences.

The prosecutor while opposing bail plea said the accused is nominated in the case and was arrested from the scene. The accused was identified in footage too. The witnesses are also present there. Concrete evidence is also available against the accused. Therefore, court is requested to reject his bail plea.

The court rejected bail plea of the accused after hearing the arguments.

It is pertinent to mention here that murderous attack was made on Imran Khan during PTI long march in Wazirabad on November 3, 2022. PTI chairman was injured therein. One person was killed and 13 persons including PTI founder and two other leaders were injured.

## SC to hear SSGC appeal today

Independent Report  
QUETTA: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has scheduled a hearing for October 24, 2024, regarding 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 will represent the case in 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 hearing will be crucial for the people of Balochistan, as it may impact their gas bills and overall well-being.

## OGDCL announces gas discovery in Khairpur, Sindh

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (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 Private Limited (GHPL) with 2.5%, and Sindh Energy Holding Limited (SEHL) with 2.5%. The Shahu-1 well is estimated to produce around 10 million Standard Cubic Feet per Day (MMSCFD) of gas.

The discovery has de-risked 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 to contributing to enhancing Pakistan's domestic energy production.



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

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has approved bail of Bushra Bibi wife of PTI founder in Toshakhana-2 case.

The bail has been approved against the surety bonds in the sum of Rs 10 lac.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb approved the bail Wednesday.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb remarked this case is like case of justice Qazi Faez Isa. In this case husband has been held responsible for the acts of his wife.

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

Bail plea of Bushra

Bibi in Toshakhana-2 case came up for hearing before Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb in IHC.

Counsel for Bushra Bibi had completed his arguments a day before.

FIA prosecutor Umair Majid appeared in the court and opened arguments.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb remarked if you or Deputy Attorney General (DAG) get opportunity then go to see in Azerbaijan. They keep them with their pictures what gifts are given to the presidents of world countries. The gift of model of Al-Aqsa mosque from Yasser Arafat too is there. I also saw the picture of Benazir Bhutto therein.

## BA adopts resolution for paying tributes to Humayun Marri & Sardar Raza Baraich

Independent Report  
QUETTA: The 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.

The Chairman of Panel, Khair Jan Baloch was in the chair.

Fateha was also offered for the departed souls

of the former caretaker Chief Minister and member of the assembly, Mir Humayun Marri and former Provincial Minister, Sardar Raza Muhammad Baraich.

The member of provincial assembly, Mir Zaid Reki tabled the resolution.

Meanwhile, the session was postponed till October 28 due to the deaths of Mir Humayun Marri and Sardar Raza Muhammad Baraich.

## Monica, Allah Dino discuss human rights, democratic institutions

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.

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

Independent Report  
QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz 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 rights of the people and democracy. He said that Begum Nusrat Bhutto is a bright example of democratic struggle for the women of whole world. The Chief Minister also said that the great sacrifices and firm ideologies of Mohtarma Nusrat Bhutto are beacon of light for us.

Meanwhile Central leader of Pakistan People's

Party (PPP) Sardar Sarbuland Jozgezi and others paid tribute to the services of Begum Nusrat Bhutto for restoration of democracy in the country.

He said this while addressing a prayer ceremony on the occasion of the death anniversary of Mother of Democracy Begum Nusrat Bhutto in the media cell of the party. President of PPP's Sports and Culture Wing Prince Shahzad Kakar, Nadeem Ahmed Khan, Hayat Khan Achakzai, Abdul Ghafoor Jafar and others also addressed the event. Sardar Sarbuland Khan said that the mother of democracy, Begum Nusrat Bhutto endured the hardships and torture of prison for the sake of the constitution and democracy.

He said that the flag of the country and Pakistan People's Party were kept

high saying that Mother of Democracy had made history with eternal sacrifices for the security of the country and the restoration of democracy.

He highlighted the eternal struggle of Mother of Democracy saying that on the occasion of the death anniversary of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, we paid tribute to Begum Nusrat Bhutto for her valuable services for the restoration of democracy.

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

He said that after the martyrdom of Pakistan People's Party (PPP)'s Leader Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, mother of democracy Begum Nusrat Bhutto had led a historic and decisive movement for the restoration of democracy and constitution from the platform of MRD.



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