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FM Aurangzeb announces major tax, economic reforms, restrictions on non-filers

Terms meetings with stakeholders in US successful; says none would be harassed for taxes

WASHINGTON (INP): preciated the scaling down Asian Development Bank Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb Sunday outlined significant economic reforms and tax policies aimed at increasing sustainability in Pakistan's

Speaking at a press conference after concluding his visit to Washington, where he participated in the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Annual Meetings from October 21 to 26, the Finance Minister said that his meetings with stakeholders in the United States remained positive, adding that the stakeholders ap-

of inflation in Pakistan.

They expressed the confidence that the economy was on the right path and would grow. "All global rating agencies have updraded Pakistan's ratings which is an indication that the economy is going in right direction. We have to take harsh decisions for the betterment of economy,"

said the finance minister. The Pakistani Finance Minister held a series of anymore. meetings with the leaders from several international finance institutions and authorities including rating agencies, multinational banks, WB, IMF and the

Aurangzeb said that the US business communities were willing to invest in Pakistan as all rating agencies stated the economy was moving in the right di-

He also apprised media that the WB would give Pakistan a grant instead of loan. Whereas, he said, the government would try not to take a loan from the IMF

He expressed the hope that the current IMF programme would be the last programme. "Our for-

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OUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail in a group photo with PML-N Balochistan Lawyers Wing.

DPM Dar says: Lasting peace in S. Asia hinges upon just, peaceful resolution of Kashmir issue

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said that Pakistan remained committed to promoting peace in South Asia and sought constructive relations with all neighbors, however, lasting peace in the region could not be realized without a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in line with the UNSC resolutions and the aspirations of Kashmiri

people. "Pakistan stands in unwavering solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their struggle and will continue to provide its full political, moral and diplomatic support to the realization of their inalienable right to

self-determination," the deputy prime minister/foreign minister said on the observance of Kashmir Black Day. He said October 27

marked a somber turning point in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. On this day, seventy-seven years ago, the Indian forces landed in Srinagar, marking the beginning of a prolonged and painful chapter for the region. Over the past seven decades, India has employed various strategies to strengthen its control over Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), he added. However, since August 5, 2019, they had witnessed an accelerated effort to undermine the internationally recognized disputed status of IIOJK.



QUETTA: Chairman PkMAP Mehmood Khan Achakzai addressing a Press Conference.

Mehmood Achakzai says: PkMAP to hold Jirgas on issue of law & order with 1st on Nov 9, 10 in Loralai

Party would adopt strict course of action after consulting issues with people in Jirgas

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chairman, Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PkMAP). Mehmood Khan Achakzai has announced to hold Jirgah on the issue of law and order in Loralai Division on November 9 and 10, 2024. He said that the people from different districts of the Pashtoon divisions would be called in the Jirgah seeking their opinion on the issue.

He said that Jirgahs would also be held in other consulting the issue with divisions including Quetta afterwards.

Chairman PkMAP was addressing a getting taxes on the rehurriedly called press conference here on Sunday not provided.

He said that the decision regarding convening Jirgah was made after the incidents of Musakhail. Duki and Harnai

He said that the law and order situation has deteriorated in the province with killing of innocent people is continued.

In view of the situation, we decided to go to the people, he added. He said that the Party would adopt strict course of action after people in Jirgahs.

He said that the law enforcement agencies are sources, but protection is

CJP Yahya **summons Full Court** session today

SLAMABAD (INP Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Yahya Afridi has summoned a full court meeting on October 28 (Monday-tomorrow).

The CJP will also preside over a session of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) on November 08.

The chief justice of Pakistan has summoned a meeting of the administrative judges of the anti-terrorism courts on November 07. Moreover, the Supreme Court's Practice and Procedure Committee was reconstituted earlier on Saturday.

Ch. Shujaat decides to revive PML-Q politically

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PM-Q) President Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has decided to revive the

party politically.

He appointed Dr.

Muhammad Amjad as party chief organiser and a notification has also been issued in this regard.

In a statement issued here, the PML-Q president directed Dr. Amjad to reconstitute the party by persuading disgruntled members, re-activating the wings and restructuring the party abroad.

Security forces arrest alleged terrorist from **Mastung**

MASTUNG (INP): The security forces on Sunday conducted a successful operation and arrested an alleged terrorist from Mastung, a town in the Balochistan province.

Sources close to the development disclosed that the security forces arrested a terrorist while conducting an operation in the Spalanji Bazaar area of Mustang

During the operation, the security officials recovered weapons, ammunition, and binoculars from the possession of the arrested terrorist.

Security sources further revealed that the arrested individual had been involved in the murder of two individuals in the Spalanii Bazaar area



Good economy creates good politics Government determined to fully protect national & International investors, maintains Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that it is an undeniable fact that good economy can create good politics. He said that we can build an emerging economy by benefiting from the profitable opportunities of investment in the province, which may benefit other provinces. The Governor said that our very focus should be on promoting border trade, creating consensus for materializing dream of establishing border markets, ensuring provision of cheaper electricity and seeking guidance of the economic experts.

He said that present vernment is determined to fully protect the national and international investors and provide facilities to the industrialists in the prov-

Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail was speaking to the office bearers and representatives of the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) here on Sunday. The delegation was led by S.M Tanveer.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that FPCCI is the biggest business forum of the country.

He said that arrival of leading traders and industrialists from all over the country is very welcoming, which would yield constructive and positive results. He said that the country's economy would be strengthened by establishing industrial zones in different divisions of the

He urged the leaders of versities in research.

ÆGALIX OCCUPIED JAMMU & KASHMI

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Kashmir Affairs Engineer Amir Magam leading

a rally on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day to express solidarity with the

who remained actively in-

volved in numerous terror-

ist activities against the law

enforcement agencies as

well as the innocent civil-

is being carried out to elimi-

nate any other Khwarji

found in the area as secu-

rity forces of Pakistan are

determined to wipe out the

menace of terrorism from

Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday

paid tribute to security

forces for launching two

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Meanwhile, President

the country

Pakhtunkhwa.

QUETTA: Activists of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) are hold-

ing rally to express solidarity with Kashmiri people

and condemn brutality of Indian Army in Kashmir

on the occasion of Black Day of Kashmir, in Quetta.

Sanitization of the area

people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Security forces kill

five Khawarij in two

separate operations

President, PM pay tribute to security forces

for successful operations against terrorists

RAWALPINDI (APP):

Four Khwarij were killed by

the security forces in two

separate operations in

the operations were con-

ducted between yesterday

and today. The first intelli-

gence-based operation was

conducted in North Waziristan District and af-

ter intense exchange of fire,

two Khwarij, including Khwarji Insaf Ullah, were

in Khyber District, own

troops effectively engaged

the Khwarij location and

resultantly two Khwarij

were killed, while three got

nition were also recovered from the killed Khwarij,

Weapons and ammu-

In another encounter

sent to hell.

injured.

According to ISPR,

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

FPCCI to help and guide us in creating vast opportunities of economic growth ending unemployment and ensuring access to the trade markets of the neighbouring countries including Central Asian States.

The Governor said that promotion of economic activities, identifying problems and hardships facing the business community and protect interests of private sector is our mission.

He also said that the people associated with the commerce and industry can play important role in im proving the agriculture and irrigation system besides creating opportunities of livelihood in Balochistan He urged the leaders of FPCCI to benefit from the knowledge and experience of the scientists and researchers of our public sector uni-

KHARAN: Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib

Shahbaz Sharif at Model

During the meeting,

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Prime Minister said

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sources to provide relief to the occasion

Nosherwani inaugurates anti-polio campaign in Balochistan by administering polio drops to child.

Magam leads rally on Kashmir Black Day, urges **UN to fulfill promise** ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's unwavering sup-

Federal Minister for States port for the Kashmiris in and Frontier Regions Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Engr Amir Muqam, reaffirmed on Sunday that there would be no compromise on the Kashmir cause.

Speaking to a private news channel, he said that every Pakistani was feeling deep connection with the people of Kashmir and the idea of compromising on Kashmir was unthinkable. He reiterated the

freedom. "India's hope to bury this issue is a false dream. The struggle for freedom will continue until Kashmiris are granted their

İndian Illegally Occupie

Jammu and Kashmir

(IIOJK), stressing that the

entire Pakistani nation

would stand united with

their Kashmiri brethren in

their rightful struggle for

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20 British MPs seek UK govt's intervention in securing Imran's release

LONDON (INP): As many ties. as 20 British parliamentarians from cross-party have urged UK's Foreign Secretary David Lammy MP to call for Imran Khan's release from Adiala Jail and engage with the Pakistan government.

The letter has been written by Kim Johnson, MP for Liverpool Riverside, on Imran Khan's adviser on International Affairs Zulfi Bukhari's reguest and signed by memand the Lords, from all par-

The signatories are: Kim Johnson MP, Paula Barker MP, Apsana Begum MP, Liam Byrne MP, Rosie Duffield MP, Gill Furniss MP, Paulette Hamilton MP, Peter Lamb MP, Andy McDonald MP, Abtisam Mohamed MP, Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, Zarah Sultana MP, Steve Witherden MP, Nadia Whittome MP, Baroness Joan Bakewell, Baroness Christine Blower, Lord Pebers of both the Commons ter Hain, Lord John Hendy and Lord Todoanfel



QUETTA: BNP-Mengal Leaders Ghulam Nabi Marri, Musa Baloch, Haji Basit Lehri, Malik Naseer Ahmed Shahwani, Shakeela Naveed and others sitting in front of Quetta Press Club during a protest.

Over 2.65 million kids to be vaccinated: Anti-polio campaign to be kicked off in Balochistan from today

Independent Report started in Balochistan from today (Monday).

According to the sources of Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for polio Eradication, all the necessary arrangements have been finalized for the polio immunisation campaign being launched all

over the province. During the campaign,

2.65 million children below urged to extend whole-QUETTA: The anti-polio five years of age would be hearted cooperation to encampaign is scheduled to be started in Balochistan from vaccine for more than 11,000 teams have been formed. The EOC sources said that it is being ensured that the Mobile polio teams visit each and every home to get every child administered the anti-polio vaccine in the province.

In this regard, all segments of the society par-

sure 100 percent immunization against polio virus. A meeting chaired by

the Chief Secretary Shakee Oadir Khan a couple of days back also stressed on immunization of each and every child against the crippling disease. The Chief Secretary urged all to play their effective role for achieving the target of imticularly parents have been munication in province.

Speaker of Russian **Federation** Council arrives in Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Speaker of the Federa tion Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Ms. Valentina Matviyenko, arrived in Pakistan on Sunday at the special invitation of Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani. Ms. Valentina Matviyenko is leading a high-level Russian delegation, including Federation Council of the Federal Assembly members.

The delegation was warmly welcomed at Noor Khan Airbase by Senate Deputy Chairman Syedaal Khan Nasar and Senator Bushra Anjum Butt.

successful operations During the visit, she against terrorists in Khyber The president, in a Pakistani leaders. statement, commended the bravery of security forces

and her delegation are

scheduled to meet with key

Rizwan named white ball captain of Pakistan team

PCB announces central contracts for national team

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi Sunday appointed wicketkeeperbatsman Mohammad Rizwan as white ball captain of the national ODI

The vacancy of captain was vacant since Babar Azam resigned from the post voluntarily just before the start of the England Test series.

Rizwan will captain both ODI and T20 sides while all-rounder Salman Ali Agha has been made his deputy in both formats.

The national selection committee was tasked with finding the next white-ball captain following Azam's resignation from the posi-

While speaking to the media in Lahore, PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi announced Rizwan and Salman as the captain and vice-captain of the cricket team for the one day international and T20 interna-

tional, respectively. Meanwhile, The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced central contracts for the players.

As many as 25 play-

central contract list by the tracts Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). Fakhar Zaman, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Imad Wasim and Iftikhar Ahmed have been dropped.

Former captain Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan have retained their the series by an innings. spots in the prestigious "A"

For the first time, PCB has also offered central contracts to five emerging players, marking a new

Fast bowlers Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah have been awarded B-category contracts while Shan Masood's B-category contract is subject to him remaining captain.

Players in the C category include Shadab Khan, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmad, Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel, Haris Rauf and Saim Ayub. Noman Ali's contract is subject to fitness. Aamer Jamal,

Muhammad Waseem, Muhammad Hurraira, Mir Hamza, Khurram Shehzad, Mohammed Ali, Usman KhanIrfan Niazi, Haseebullah Khan, Abbas Afridi and Kamran Ghulam ers have been added to the were given D-category con-

The Spin-duo of Sajid Khan and Nauman Ali played a vital role in beating England in the recent Test Series as the national team was down and out after losing the first match of

Both the spinners grabbed 39 wickets collec-

On Saturday, Pakistan sealed a Test series victory after a gap of more than three years with a thumping nine-wicket victory over England in the third match in Rawalpindi.

Pakistan's decision to make four massive changes after the first Test thrashing paid off as their spin duo of Sajid Khan and Noman Ali, coming in as Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Shah's replacement, gave a new life to the struggling hosts.

The spin duo claimed 39 out of 40 England wickets to fall in the remaining two Tests, coupled with handy and timely cameos to further traumatize the touring side.

Their mastery of spin steered Pakistan to their first home Test series victory since 2021



LAHORE: Chairman PPP Bilal Bhutto Zardari presenting the trophy to the successful team of polo match at Polo Ground.

Pakistanis, Kashmiris observed Black Day against decades of Indian occupation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistanis and Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and worldwide observed Kashmir Black Day on Sunday, marking 77 years since Indian troops illegally entered into the valley on October 27,

President Asif Ali Zardari called upon the international community to exert pressure on India to halt its ongoing human rights abuses in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), alleviate the suffering of Kashmiris, and implement UN Security Council reso-

"Pakistan will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters until they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination," the president said in a message on the occasion of "Kashmir Black Day", 27 October 2024.

The president said October 27, 1947, marked a dark chapter in South Asian history when India sent troops to occupy Jammu and Kashmir. For decades, the people of Indian Illegally Occupied

Jammu and Kashmir fill its obligations under the (IIOJK) have endured bru-relevant UN Security Countal repression by Indian

Over the years, he said India had transformed IIOJK into one of the most militarised regions in the world. Thousands of innocent Kashmiris have been killed, while their legitimate leaders remain imprisoned, and local media is heavily censored.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said Pakistan has always expressed its unwavering solidarity with Kashmiri brothers and sisters and it will continue to extend its full moral, diplomatic and political support to them until the final resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolu-

In his message on the occasion of 'Kashmir Black Day' - 27 October 2024, the prime minister said on this day 77 years ago, Indian forces landed in Srinagar. India has since stifled the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people to determine their destiny. It has failed to ful-

cil resolutions.

He said the people of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) had suffered countless hardships during the last seventy-seven However, their re-

solve to realize their inalienable right to self-determination remains as firm as it was in 1947.

Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage, and Culture, Attaullah Tarar said that October 27, 1947, was the darkest day in the history of the subcontinent, as on that day India illegally occupied the state of Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJ&K).

In his message on October 27, Black Day of Kashmiris, he said on that day, India illegally annexed Jammu and Kashmir by landing its troops against the wishes of Kashmiris.

"Despite the atroci ties and brutal policies of the Indian fascist government, the valiant Kashmiri people are fighting bravely for their freedom," said the minister.

Magam leads..

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rightful autonomy," he

Affairs, Engineer Amir

Maqam, on Sunday led a

rally in the federal capital

on the occasion of Kashmir

Black Day to express soli-

darity with the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir

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minded the people of October 27, 1947, when In-

dian forces entered Jammu

and Kashmir illegally, stat-

ing, "No Pakistani can for-

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Addressing to rally

Minister for Kashmir

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Bilawal applauds global athletic support for cancer awareness

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed admiration for the global athletic community's solidarity in raising awareness about cancer, calling it a "noble cause" that underscores a critical health issue. Speaking to the media

on Sunday after attending a cancer awareness event at the Polo Club in Lahore, Bilawal emphasised the event's importance in promoting breast cancer awareness nationwide. During the media interaction, he said that his visit to Lahore was primarily to support this cancer awareness polo event. He also highlighted his recent meeting with Minister Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif, reaffirming his commitment to the mission of spreading awareness and stating that his focus remains on health initiatives rather than political amendments.

Joining him at the meeting with the premier were PPP leaders Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider, Syed Naveed Qamar, and Murtaza Wahab. The PM was accompanied by Rana Sanaullah, Azam Nazeer Tarar, and Attorney General Mansoor Awan.

Bilawal also voiced pride in witnessing women's participation in polo, noting that it not only challenges traditional barriers but also fosters broader inclusivity in sports.

He commended the dedication of the event's organizers and participants, adding that its impact goes beyond the realm of sports by strengthening community spirit and promoting shared responsibility in addressing health concerns.

The PPP chairman also gave away awards to the winner and runner up teams



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqat presenting trophy to position holder cyclist on the eve of Cycle Rally organized by Youth For Kashmir on the eve of Kashmir Black Day.

India has long history of oppression in Held Kashmir: Azam Nazeer

Federal Minister for Law, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar has said that the Black Day served as a solemn reminder of the tragic events of 1947, when Indian forces unlawfully invaded Srinagar, marking the beginning of a long history of oppression, detentions and tyranny against the innocent people of the region. Since then, India has consistently violated the human rights of the Kashmiri people in the occupied territory, he said Tarar called on the global in a message on the Kash-

mir Black Day on Sunday. Today, the minister Black Day to protest India's illegal occupation and to urge the international

ISLAMABAD (APP): community to honor its commitments under the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, which affirm the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination. The federal minister

further highlighted that India continued to commit severe human rights abuses and imposes oppressive laws to tighten its grip over Kashmir's land and resources. Senator Azam Nazeer

community to press India to end these egregious violations and stressed the ursaid Pakistan observes gent need for the implementation of UN resolutions to peacefully resolve the Kashmir issue.

Arshad Nadeem still awaits promised prizes

Nadeem, who engraved his name in Pakistan's history by securing the country's first-ever individual gold medal during the Paris Olympics 2024 in javelin throw, is still waiting for the prices announced for

Following his remarkable achievement, the federal and provincial governments awarded him cash prizes, while private organizations announced additional rewards for the national hero.

In a recent interview, Nadeem disclosed that while he received some of the promised prizes from at the 2024 Olympics.

LAHORE (INP): Arshad government officials the rewards announced by the private organizations remain unfulfilled.

The athlete also addressed circulating rumors about his financial background, dismissing reports of his alleged poverty as false. He clarified that, while he appreciates the nation's support, he was not living in poverty. This misrepresentation, he emphasized, detracts from the real struggles and achievements of athletes who work tirelessly to bring honor to their country. It is worth mentioning here that the Pakistani Athlete competed

Black Day of Kashmir observed in Hub

other parts of the country,

the rally strongly condemned the cruelty and violence against the Kashmiri people and reiterate their determination to continue supporting their right to self-determination.

ber 27, 1947 is a dark day in the history as 77 years ago, India deployed forces in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and started atrocities on the Kashmiri people.

Chairman Balochistan Fishermen Cooperative Society Mir Ali Akbar Zehri said that India is committing genocide of the op-

their lives in the struggle for freedom and the right to self-determination.

Chairman Hub Civil Society Maulana Yaqoob Sasoli said that the people of Pakistan will continue to support Kashmiri brothers and sisters until the right of self-determination of Kashmiris is achieved.

Councilor Maulana Shah Mohammad Siddiqui said that this day is marked as a reminder of the ongoing struggle against the Indian occupation of Kashmir and for the right to self-determination of Kashmir.

strongly condemned the brutality of Indian forces and supported the right of Kashmiris to self-determistrongly supports the UN right of self-determination of Kashmiris. The people of forts to attract the attention

QUETTA: Ameer Jamaat e Islami Balochistan Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman addressing the oath taking ceremony of its party;'s Ouetta district ameer.

Regional cooperation, security concerns highlighted at SCO and BRICS Summits

ISLAMABAD (INP): ganization (SCO), Ambas- participation in the Astana Chinese Ambassador to Paand deepening partnership between China and Pakistan, describing it as a distinctive and unparalleled alliance. Talking to a select group of journalists here at the Chinese Embassy, he noted the significance of Chinese President Xi Jinping's participation in the 16th BRICS Summit, held from October 22 to 24, 2024, in Kazan, Russia, which garnered global attention, including from Pakistan.

The government will launch

a week-long nationwide

polio vaccination campaign

from Monday, tomorrow to

protect over 45 million chil-

dedication to eradicating

polio, the Pakistan Polio

Programme is launching

this vaccination campaign

to address the resurgence of

wild poliovirus and safe-

guard millions of children

from the debilitating effects

reach more than 45 million

children across the country.

commitment to eradicate

polio, the Health officials

called upon all parents and

caregivers nationwide to

play an active role in this

campaign and ensure every

from October 28 to Novem-

The campaign will run

child receives the polio vac-

This campaign aims to

With unwavering

of polio.

Reinforcing Pakistan's

years ago and has since expanded from 6 to 26 member states, covering a significant portion of the

world's population. He underscored Presiport for SCO's development, adding that Xi had promoted the organization as a platform for solidarity, mutual trust, and regional stability at this year's Astana Šummit.

Referring to the also acknowledged Prime Shanghai Cooperation Or- Minister Shehbaz Sharif's

dren under five years of age

A supplements will be pro-

vided to enhance immunity

nationwide campaign this

year, launched in response

to the alarming increase in

polio cases, with 41 cases

reported so far in 2024 and

cal Person for Polio Eradi-

cation, Ayesha Raza

Farooq, reaffirmed the

government's unwavering

commitment, saying, "un-

der the Prime Minister's

guidance, we are re-ener-

gized in our efforts to com-

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reach every corner of Paki-

stan, delivering the vaccine

and securing a healthier fu-

to prioritize vaccinations.

she said, "with the virus

now present in 71 districts,

ture for our children."

Starting October 28.

Encouraging parents

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Prime Minister's Fo-

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Additionally, Vitamin

This is Pakistan's third

Govt to launch nationwide

polio vaccination campaign

sador Jiang highlighted that Summit, where he diskistan, Jiang Zaidong has it was established with cussed important initiatives underscored the evolving China's involvement 23 aimed at achieving common goals. Ambassador Jiang highlighted key outcomes from the 23rd Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government, held in Pakistan from October 15-16, dent Xi's consistent sup- 2024. He shared that according to his understanding, Chinese Premier Li Qiang proposed several initiatives focusing on four main areas: expanding practical cooperation among

The Chinese envoy

member countries proactively addressing maor risks, enhancing peopleto-people exchanges.

Area operation LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Police have eliminated two dacoits in an in-

The operation took the martyrdom of police

According to the Punjab Police spokesperson, information was received about the presence of the dacoits in the mango orchards of Katcha Jamal Din Wali.

personnel

Two dacoits killed in Katcha

telligence-based operation

in Rahim Yar Khan.

place in Katcha Jamal Din Wali, where dacoits, involved in martyrdom of Constable Akbar Gopang in Bhong, were killed. In May 2023, the same dacoits had martyred Sindh Police's ASI Amanullah Abro by opening fire on him. Cases had been registered against the deceased in both districts, Rahim Yar Khan in Punjab and Ghotki in Sindh. The dacoits were wanted for various crimes, including robbery, extortion, kidnapping for ransom, and



Continued from page 1 eign reserves have increased to \$11 billion. We have reduced reliance on foreign loans. All banks are ready

to cooperate with the government," he concluded. Aurangzeb emphasized that no one will be harassed for taxes, with data-driven assessments now central to tax collection efforts. He also announced new restrictions for non-filers, stating they will be unable to open bank accounts or purchase property, pending legislative approval. "We need a legal cover for non-filers, we are erasing the term non-filer' itself. We will raise the taxto-GDP ratio from nine to 13 percent," reaffirmed the finance minister

We are taking difficult decisions to improve the economy. Our focus includes reducing imports, increasing exports in sectors like IT and agriculture, and transitioning governmentowned enterprises to private management where feasible," he said Aurangzeb also held meetings with the Saudi Finance Minister and China's Vice Finance Minister Liao Min, emphasizing Pakistan's commitment to strong bilateral relationships. Aurangzeb confirmed plans to issue Pakistan's first panda bond in the Chinese market and reassured robust security for Chinese citizens in Pakistan. Additional meetings with globaltechand financial leaders underscored Pakistan's digital ambitions. Google Vice President Kiran Bhatia discussed Google's ongoing investments and plans to support Pakistan's economy.

Aurangzeb highlighted upcoming reforms in the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), aimed at boosting transparency and fostering

Security forces kill..

He expressed resolve to continue operations against terrorists until the

stands with its security forces in the fight against terrorism", the president

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday commended the officers and soldiers of the security forces for successful operation against the menace of

courage, and bravery, the security forces eliminated four Khawarij terrorists involved in terrorist activities, including a key leader, the prime minister said in a statement issued by the PM office.

war against terrorism will continue until the complete eradication of this menace from the country.

'The entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the Pakistan Armed Forces in the war against terrorism," he added.

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for conducting successful operations against Khawarij

complete elimination of Fitna al-Khawarij. "The entire nation

the Khawarij in the districts of Waziristan and

With professionalism, Kashmiri people were dis-regarded. He criticized the international community's double standards, pointing out that violations of Mus-He stressed that the

with international human rights organizations, calling on the United Nations to The participants of address what he termed as genocide in Kashmir. Highlighting the long-standing conflict, he said that it had been 77 years since the rights and aspirations of the

lim rights in Kashmir and Palestine often go unnoticed. "The toll is severe nearly 97,000 Kashmiris have been martyred thousands of women have been widowed, countless children are now orphans and many innocent leaders have

been killed or imprisoned,"

he said.

QUETTA (APP): Like Kashmiris have sacrificed

October 27 was observed as a black day in solidarity with the Kashmiri brothers in Balochistan and in this connection a rally was organized on the direction of District Administration Hub. The participants of the rally holding banners and placards chanted slogans against Indian atrocity in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir(IIOJK), said a news release.

They said that Octo-

pressed Kashmiri people and more than 50,000

The Hindu community of Hub district nation Molchand Lassi said in his speech said that the minority community is resolutions advocating the Hub district have expressed their solidarity and made efof the world community to play its role in resolving.



and support the Kashmiri

people's right to self-deter-

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abuses perpetrated by In-

dian forces, including extra-

judicial killings, torture and

silience and determination

of the Kashmiri people in

their struggle for freedom

tional community to take

concrete steps to end

India's occupation and sup-

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October 27 as Black Day

and urged the global com-

munity to uphold the rights

of the Kashmiri people as

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felt plea for international

support on Kashmir Black

Day, which is being ob-

served Sunday (October

aired on PTV News, he em-

He has made a heart-

In his video message

Romina Khurshid for regional **Climate Action Data Bank for** evidence-based climate response

Romina Khurshid Alam has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to boost regional collaboration among the Vulnerable Twenty (V20) Group, representing 70 countries from the most climate-vulnerable regions and pledged her all-out support to set up V20 Climate Action Data Bank she proposed during a recent high-level meeting with representatives of the V20 member countries.

"Establishing the proposed data bank would be indeed a groundbreaking initiative to consolidate data on climate risks, economic losses and financial resilience-building needs of the V20 group member countries," the PM's climate aide said in a press statement issued here on Sunday. She offered her country's willingness to play the lead role in mobilising V20 group member countries to set up the crucial data bank.

Romina Khurshid Alam said further that this centralised platform would aim to empower V20 na-

the critical evidence-based information needed for inand resource mobilization from available climate regional and international funding channels for the result-oriented climate actions through adaptation and mitigation efforts.

Vulnerable

coalition of finance minissusceptible to climate change impacts. Established in October 2015 in Lima, Peru, the V20 aims to promote greater investment in climate resilience and low-emission development. As of October 2024, the V20 comprises 70 member countries from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific, collectively representing over 1.7 billion people and accounting for just 5% share in the total heat-trapping global carbon emis-

The PM's climate aide said that today the V20 countries, comprising more than 1.7 billion people, are

ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris peoples participate in a rally organized by Hurriyat

Conference on the occasion of 77 years of Indian occupation of Occupied

Massive trees removed across

Murree Road for development

schemes irks environmentalists

ISLAMABAD (APP): erated by the plants in the activist based in the federal

isted near the Bari Imam

Junction of the Murree

Road that had no tree cover

and also required some in-

frastructure development to

velopment schemes in the

green places as the capital's

iconic green cover was de-

pleting due to such poorly

schemes that are eating up

all the green spaces left,3

she added. The QAU stu-

dent urged the quarters con-

cerned to take notice of the

situation and review the

decision of the civic agency

intending to raise two new

development projects on

pation as observers. He

highlighted the strong bilat-

eral ties between Pakistan

and Uzbekistan, emphasiz-

ing the importance of col-

laboration across multiple

various polling stations,

where they observed a

well-organized electoral

Senator Irfan Siddiqui

praised Uzbekistan's hos-

pitality, and arrangements.

He conveyed their deep

sense of connection with

Uzbekistan, with some

members expressing that

"Uzbekistan feels like our

second home."

The delegation visited

The delegation leader,

Aamir Khan, a climate

"If there has to be de-

that place.

Kashmir on the occasion of Black Day.

The home of Margalla Hills morning.

National Park nestling a

and unique biodiversity the

federal capital's green area

across Murree Road near

the Lake View Park has

been denuded by felling a

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Senate Standing Committee

on Foreign Affairs Chair-

man, Senator Irfan Siddiqui

has met with Chief of the

Central Election Commis-

sion of Uzbekistan,

Zayniddin Nizamkhdjaev

tion, led by Senator Irfan

Siddiqui and comprising

Senator Sarmad Ali and

Senator Amir Chishti, is in

Uzbekistan at the invita-

tion of the Uzbek Election

Commission, serving as in-

ternational observers for

the parliamentary elec-

warmly welcomed the del-

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Nizamkhdjaev

The Pakistani delega-

during an official visit.

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Uzbek election chief

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ISLAMABAD (APP): preciation for their partici-

She said that this

Shagufta Parveen, a

with adverse fallouts of cli- by climate change. Many of mate change by providing these nations grapple with rising sea levels, extreme weather events and rapid formed decision-making environmental degradation mies, essential infrastructures, populations and live-

country's heightened climate vulnerability, the new data bank is inevitable to Twenty (V20) Group is a enhance access to reliable data to strengthen climate ters from countries highly resilience strategies and leverage international funding," she underlined.

"Indeed, the proposed V20 Data Bank would be a major step forward in our collective efforts to safeguard our vulnerable communities, economies and critical infrastructure from the devastating impacts of climate change," the PM's climate aide Romina emphasised, "By centralizing data and making it widely accessible for decision-makers, policymakers and planners, we can en-

sure that every dollar is well

spent and every action is

informed by the best avail-

capital said the civic agency

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eral capital's civic agency

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green belts and underscored

that globally green areas are

vital to ensure clean air and

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planned and greed-based managers have their own

tropolis.

international stability. Diplomatic Business Club Chairman Muhammad Umar Shah and Secretary General Ali Vazir warmly received guests and presented bouquets to the for-

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Diplomatic Business

Club has celebrated the 8th

Annual International Day of

Diplomats in the federal

capital, gathering diplomats

from around the world to

honor their dedication to

fostering global unity and

cooperation. With the theme

'Diplomats – Defuse Crises

and Shape Peace,' the event

highlighted the vital role of

diplomacy in maintaining

celebrates global unity eign diplomats. The event was graced by a diverse array of foreign dignitaries, including Mohamed Thoha, High Commissioner of Maldives; Dr. István GRAFJÓDI, Dy Head of Mission, Hungary; Nasser Al Sulaimani, Dy Ambas-Abdulraheem Hasan, Dy Head of Mission, Jordan; Soita Khwatenge, Minister Counselor, Kenya; along with diplomats from France, Kyrgyz Republic, Iran, and Honorary Consuls from Morocco and Tunisia, as well as repre-

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif posing for a group along with

Mohsin Jameel Baig family during wedding ceremony of his son Noman, at

Diplomatic Business Club

marks Int'l Day of Diplomats;

his residence, in the Federal Capital.

sentative from the UN World Food Program

India starts state terrorism against Kashmiris since Oct 27, 1947: Qaiser

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh Sunday said that on October 27, 1947, India started state terrorism against Kashmiris and violating human rights in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) for 77 years.

In a message on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day, the minister said that Pakistan would continue to provide moral and diplomatic support to Kashmiri people in this difficult time. He said that the inter-

national community had not yet taken sufficient mea- to self-determination.

sures to protect the rights of Kashmiris, urging the United Nations and the international community to take every possible step to impede Indian atrocities against innocent people of

Qaiser Sheikh said that all the martyrs of IIOJK including Burhan Wani set a high example of bravery and the international community should pressurize India to release of innocent Kashmiris imprisoned in Indian jails. He said that Kashmiri people were rendering sacrifices for noble cause to get the right

broader audiences, and foster greater understanding amongst diverse groups", he stated. He expressed his openness to support the business community and academic sectors, providing access to data vital for research and development.

for dialogue and engage-

ment allowing us to reach

Accused held for murdering sister

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Police Golra po lice station and homicide unit police teams on Sunday successfully arrested an accused who was allegedly involved in murdering his sister.

In Golra police station, a citizen filed a complaint regarding the brutal murder of his niece, allegedly carried out by her real brother, Muhammad Zain, using a

sharp weapon, a public re-lations officer said talking to APP on Sunday. Upon receiving the in-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Zamurd Khan addressed

formation, the Golra police immediately registered case number 559/24 and initiated an investigation.



Rizvi held a Khuli Katchery (open court) at the Central

"Resolving citizens" issues on merit is our foremost priority, negligence and carelessness in duties will not be tolerated," IG stated

"Citizens facing any



Police Office, emphasizing that addressing public grievances was a top pri-

A public relation told APP that, during the Khuli Katchery, IG Rizvi listened to the concerns of citizens and police officers, issuing

on-the-spot directives to

issue related to the police can come to the Khuli Katchery, my office is always open for my citizens," the IG Rizvi said.

IG ICT further directed the relevant officers to resolve the citizen grievances on merit within the stipulated time frame and senior police officials for timely resolution of issues.

timely resolution of issues. Chairman KC demands justice for Kashmiris, calls for global action

initiate dialogue with Kashmiris, reiterating that India's Independence Day is observed as Black Day in Kashmir as a symbol of resistance. Addressing to Kashmir solidarity rally participants, he underscored Pakistan's commitment to supporting Kashmir's right to self-determination and appealed for international intervention.

"Today, Pakistan observes Black Day across the country, standing in solidarity with Kashmiris," he said, condemning countries that claim to champion human rights but remain silent on Kashmir's suffering. He highlighted Kashmir's essential place in the fulfillment of Pakistan's vision.

Former National Assembly member and head of

Chairman Kashmir Com- the crowd, emphasizing mittee (KC), Rana Qasim Pakistan's unwavering sup-Noon, Sunday urged the port for the Kashmiri global institutions to uphold UN resolutions and of solidarity from the people of Pakistan," he de clared. He praised the sacrifices of elderly Kashmiris who have endured decades of conflict, adding, "Kashmir will one day become part of Pakistan.

Deputy Convener of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Farooq Rehmani spoke, condemning the long-standing violence and human rights abuses in Kashmir. He questioned India's legal basis for occupying Kashmir and highlighted recent election irregularities where foreign diplomats were presented as "media." Rehmani held India responsible for violating United Nations resolutions, noting the continued imprisonment of thousands of Kashmiris, including youth and women, in jails across Srinagar, Agra.



ISLAMABAD: Puppet show and photo exhibition held at PNCA to mark Kashmir Black Day, organized by PNCA and the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan.

ISLAMABAD: Due to the lack of space for the vehicles of various police stations of Islamabad, they are becoming piles of garbage standing in empty plots in Shehzad Town area. If the relevant department can collect good money by auctioning these vehicles. Hearing-impaired children **IRSA** releases 107,600

PBM facilitates over 1,100 cochlear implants at Rs. 1.183 billion

implant surgeries for hearing-impaired children, costing a total of Rs. 1.183 billion, from January to June 2024, a document placed in the National Assembly reveals. A cochlear implant, a tiny electronic device that stimulates the cochlear nerve, comes with a hefty

price tag of approximately

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Rs. 2.15 million (Rs. kistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) 21,50,000). Pakistan Baitfacilitates 1,103 cochlear ul-Mal (PBM) has significantly increased its contribution for cochlear implants from an initial Rs. 1 million to Rs 9.57 million demonstrating its commitment to supporting hearing-impaired children. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is assisting deserving children in obtaining cochlear implants through a public-private partnership.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River Systèm Authority (IRSA) on Sunday released 107,600 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 60,800 According to the data

cusecs water

released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1532.25 feet and was 134.25 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 31,900 cusecs and 50,000 cusecs respectively.

claims 2 lives SLAMABAD (APP) Atleast two persons were

burnt alive during a cylinder blast that occurred in a liquid petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder shop located in Sagheer Centre Federal B Area, Karachi on early Sun-

According to detail, police sources informed that the blast occurred due to leakage of gas from a cylinder, private news channels reported.

Rescue teams brought the fire under control after three hours of cooling operations. Four fire brigade vehicles were used in this operation. Rescue teams said that all the victims were safely shifted to a local hospital.



ISLAMABAD: Foreigner women keenly viewing photos during an exhibition at PNCA on the occasion of Kashmir Black Days

Transforming education-a roadmap to progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): With the revolutionary changes in global education system, Pakistan is also focusing to modernize its educational landscape by improving infrastructure, access to education and fostering a culture of innovation and inclusivity.

This transformation in education sector is hoped to improve quality of education through a series of strategic initiatives and programs under implementation for reshaping education in the country to make our students compatible to international standards. Under its National Education Emergency Program, the government is equipping institutions in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) jurisdiction with state-of-the-art computer labs, fully furnished libraries, smart classrooms, tech fellow programs, foreign language courses and mind games. Besides, extensive

renovation would be carried out at public sector schools with new gyms, dispensaries, updated washroom facilities, refreshed exterior of main buildings, school meal programs, e-Rozgar schemes, football courts, clean drinking water, boundary walls and playgrounds. "Education Ministry is initiating a range of actions like education technology, teacher education and assessment reforms and tackling foundational learning issues to transform educational sector," remarked Federal Secretary Education and Professional Training

'One of the most notable additions is providing students the latest technology and software. This facility would ensure to enhance their technical proficiency and digital literacy making our students compatible to international workforce demands," he

Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani.

Mentioning to establishment of IT labs in rural schools to promote digital literacy and bridge technology gap between rural and urban areas, he said, the government was upgrading curriculum to align student with modern era demands.

Since Pakistan lags behind in contemporary education curricula and skills, the government has made this subject a part of its top implementation agenda focusing not only the teaching techniques but also providing conducive and healthy environment for students and the teaching staff. Therefore numbers of projects have been initiated to bring our education system at par with international standards and prepare skillful workforce.

In this regard, the officials at the Education Ministry, besides other initiatives, mention to establishment of 11 modern Daanish Schools at ICT, AJ&K, GB education to children of underprivileged families, address illiteracy and bridge educational gaps.

Similarly, 100 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centres being established in urban and rural areas of Islamabad would provide quality education and enhance cognitive and social development of young children in line with SDGs 4 and 5. The Prime Minister's Health and Hygiene Initiative for education, also aims at improving health and nutrition of students, teachers and community members with establishment of 100 health centers in girls' schools of ICT rural areas also hoped to go a long way in improving health and academic performance of girl students. "Software Technology Parks (STPs), e-Rozgaar Centers established to support ter career opportunities and freelancers would enhance cross-cultural competence.

and Balochistan to impart their skills in digital economy and promote entrepreneurship and innovation in digital sectors," the officials remarked. "Provision of Telescopes to 110 schools and colleges would boost students' interest in

astronomy and science." National Institute of Excellence in Teacher Education (NIETE) has been launched to train teacher through latest digital modes and AI-powered tools for improving their performance. Recruitment of Tech, Coding and Robotics Fellows would support schools in teaching coding and AI while financial literacy would equip both students and teachers for fiscal management. Provision of Foreign Language Labs to teach students Korean, German, Arabic, Japanese, and Chinese languages would also help broaden students' global outlook ensuring better career opportunities and

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Region on edge

The latest exchange between Israel and Iran — a shadow war that came into the open after the Oct 7 events last year came early on Saturday, when Tel Aviv's forces hit Iranian military facilities in Tehran, as well as the provinces of Ilam and Khuzestan, which border Iraq.

Iran has downplayed Israel's aggression, saying it caused "limited damage", with reportedly four Iranian troops killed. It appears that the warmongers in Tel Aviv have listened to American calls to avoid hitting Iranian oil and nuclear facilities; an attack on such installations would have had horrific consequences for the entire region.

Yet this does not take away from the fact that Israel indulged in a highly condemnable act of violating another country's sovereignty — sadly, it has been displaying such behaviour for decades. The attack, unlike previous ones, has been acknowledged by Israel, and was meant as retribution for Iran's missile barrage targeting the Zionist state on Oct 2. That Iranian action had been triggered by the killings of Ismail Haniyeh and Hassan Nasrallah, as well as the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The Israeli aggression has be targeted in any retaliabeen followed by global calls for de-escalation. The US and UK have sanctimoniously lectured Iran not to target Israel further. Iran's Arab neighbours have condemned the attacks, as has Pakistan, with the Foreign Office saying "Israel bears manufacturing and launch full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation". The were anticipated after crews to Israel pointed to Pentagon has also reaffirmed Iran's retaliatory strikes the deficiencies in Israel's America's "ironclad" committhe attack on its embassy against Israel on Oct 1 for the attack on its embassy air defence.

mythical anti-missile and air defence. ment to Israel's security.

Yet Iran feels that it cannot leave its allies in the 'Axis of Resistance' alone at a time when they are confronting Israel. Moreover, it should be dropped watching that CBS interview of Tabeen killing Iranian generals his book, The Message a and scientists long before the Hamas operations last year. And the Iranian missile strikes the first time Tehran directly took your reading in the book, I imagine if I hit Israel hit Israel — were prompted by the devastating bombing of an Iranian diplomatic facility in house goes away, the con-Damascus, widely believed to be the handiwork of Israel.

The next phase of this geopolitical tussle will depend on Dokoupil asked: "Is it bethe Iranian reaction to the Israeli provocation. Tehran's foreign ministry has issued an ambiguous statement, observing that while the Islamic Republic wanted "regional peace", the country was "entitled ... to defend itself". Israel's Western friends, primarily the US and UK, have justified their ally's atrocities by saying that Israel has a right to self-defence. By Dokoupil, a Jew, later that logic, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen also have a right to defend themselves from Israeli aggression. Most importantly, ethnocracy, no matter the Palestinian people have a right not to be slaughtered by Israel.

If the global community is serious about de-escalation in the region, it must call for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire in Gaza, and an end challenged Coates for exto Israel's aggression in Lebanon. Without this, the regional war underway will only lingly, the head of the newsrooms including the intensify.

Unpacking the amendment

Mehboob Successive governments

Ahmed Bilal

and parliaments in Pakistan have appeared obsessed with constitutional amendments related to the judiciary, especially the superior judiciary. Our parliament has so far passed 23 constitutional amendments.

Formally these are counted as 26 despite the fact that three (the ninth constitutional amendment of 1985, the 11th of 1989 and the 15th of 1998) were introduced but never passed. Out of these 23 amendments, a majority of 13 or 56 per cent have to do entirely or partly with the judiciary. Eight amendments almost exclusively deal with the judiciary, while the remaining five are a mixed bag with a number of subjects including the judiciary. In stark contrast, India's parliament has passed 106 constitutional amendments so far and only 11 or a little over 10pc deal

with the judiciary. diciary on the receiving end; These amendments there are times when the passed in Pakistan can be judiciary also apparently viewed in the context of the 'encroaches' on the turfs of ever-present power tussle between the executive and

ecutive is a subset of para former chief justice of liament in a parliamentary Pakistan, who repeatedly democracy practised in Papleaded for a 'grand diakistan, and a majority of logue' to check encroachment by the judiciary, parparliamentarians are associated with the executive, liament, the executive, the military and intelligence parliament and its commitagencies in each other's dotees do not exercise any real oversight of the executive. The majority ruling party It was the Supreme Court which endorsed the or parties expect their pardeath sentence of former liamentarians to go soft on

prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1979. It was also the same apex court, of course comprising different judges, which declared in 2024 that Mr Bhutto was not given a fair trial by the Lahore High Court and the Supreme Court. The Suprême Court also sacked two elected prime ministers of Pakistan; Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani in 2011 and Nawaz Sharif in 2017 on grounds largely believed to be less than legitimate. Chief justice Saqib Nisar's Supreme Court went on to disqualify Nawaz Sharif for life and to hold him ineligible to head his party the PML-N, although there was no such provision in the Constitution. Justice Umar Ata Bandial's Supreme Court grossly mis-

63-A about the defection of parliamentarians. All such judgments had to be later reversed. The Supreme Court is also criticised for upholding four grossly unconstitutional acts of dismissal of elected governments and military take-

This is the background against which the 26th Amendment was proposed and eventually passed by parliament. The bill was first introduced in the Senate on Sunday, Oct 20, and the hectic process of going through the first, second and third readings contin-ued till a little before midnight. The process con-cluded in the National Assembly in the early hours of Monday, Oct 21. The president assented to the law and the Act of Parliament was notified in the Gazette of Pakistan the same day

The bill could be partly categorised as 'reactive' to the real or perceived 'encroachment' by the judiciary and partly 'preventive' to forestall possible future acts of the judiciary, which may threaten the existence of the current govters saying on media that they expected such action by a section of the judiciary after the retirement of chief justice Qazi Faez Isa on Oct 25, 2024. This explains the indecent haste with which the package of constitutional amendments was rushed through the two houses of parliament.

The 26th Amendment has either amended, substituted, or added 25 articles and one schedule of the Constitution out of which only nine articles deal with subjects other than the judiciary. Three of the amended articles deal with religious provisions and may be categorised as 'riders' using the American slang for amendments incorporated to win the support of more legislators and political parties for the package. These three amendments were proosed by Maulana Fazalur . Rehman's JUI-F.

The most important changes introduced in the Constitution through the amendment include the anpointment of the Supreme Court chief justice through a 12-member parliamentary committee, instead of the parliament and the execu-tive. This description was interpreted the constitu-tional provision of Article ernment and National As-sembly, with some minis-court automatically becom-

ing the top judge; the retirement of the chief justice at the age of 65 or on completing a three-year term, whichever occurs first; the introduction of constitutional benches in the apex court to be constituted by the Judicial Commission from time to time and in the high courts, subject to the approval of the respective provincial assemblies; reconstitution of the 13 member Judicial Commission after merging the erstwhile parliamentary committee in it; an annual performance evaluation of high court judges by the Judicial Commission; provision for a secretariat headed by a secretary for the commission; and lowering the minimum age to qualify for becoming a high court judge from 45 to 40 years These amendments.

no doubt, increase the influence of the legislature and the executive in key aspects of the judiciary. Will the legislative and executive branches use the newly acquired powers maturely and strictly on the basis of merit, or allow personal and political considerations to colour their judgments? The jury is out on this ques-

Is Middle Eastern escalation inevitable?

Abbas Nasir

After several weeks of preparations, Israel carried out its promised attack on Iran in the small hours of Saturday but the scale and scope of the air/ missile strikes appeared limited. It also declared it had completed its operations and warned Iran

against retaliating. What next? This must be the question on many minds, as multiple Iranian sources warned Israel of retaliation for Saturday's attacks. In the past, Iran has also warned that American acolytes in the region, particularly those hosting US bases, may also

organisations wish to credit the US with exerting a moderating influence on Israel and persuading it not to target Iran's nuclear facilities or oil in- gathering and operational frastructure. In the event, capacity. But the mere fact Israeli sources claimed hitting Iranian missile Iran missile attack, the US

in the Syrian capital, killing many IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps) high officials, and the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniveh in Tehran, while he was in the capital to attend the inauguration of the new president.

their government during the

proceedings of the plenary

and standing committees;

almost always, the mem-

bers seem to oblige. In such

a scenario, the only other

institution which can and

should independently hold

the federal and provincial

governments to account is

the judiciary, especially the

high courts and the Supreme

Court. Most governments are, therefore, keen on find-

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To be fair, however, it

Iran's retaliation came via drones, ballistic and cruise missile waves that targeted Israel's military and intelligence sites such as an air force base and the headquarters of the external security service Mossad. Iranian sources claimed this attack was limited in scope and one purpose was to assess the chinks in Israel's famed 'Iron Dome' air de-

There can be no denying Israel's superior West-funded and supplied state-of-the-art weaponry including aerial assets, nor its immense intelligence that within days of the started deploying its THAAD anti-missile bat-Saturday's attacks teries and their American

Although the US was quick to claim its forces played no part in the Israeli attacks on Iran this weekend, for many weeks it has been bolstering its military presence in the Gulf with the solitary purpose of threatening Iran with aircraft carrier battle-groups deployed in

Just the other day, the US Centcom handle on X announced that USAF F-16s from the 480th squadron base Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany arrived at the US Central Command area of responsibility

When I first read that tweet, I was perplexed. This was because the US has more modern and superior warplanes on its aircraft carriers and operational bases in the region, in addition to long-range bombers operating from bases further afield. The significance of the F-16 deployment dawned on me after little open source research online.

based in Germany called the 'Warhawks' is dedicated to SEAD (Suppression of Enemy Air Defence) missions through electronic warfare such as

jamming the radar of surface-to-air missiles and can also be used to mark (for next wave attacks), attack and destroy air defence missile sites

If the US did help in neutralising Iranian missile batteries while Israeli jets attacked Iran targets or while they refuelled over possibly one of Iran's neighbours' airspace, then its claim it did not participate in the attacks would be incorrect. Rest assured, it won't be many weeks before a trickle of information starts to appear that either confirms or contradicts this view

However, there are many news stories — in the Western media in particular — that the US and some of Iran's Gulf neighbours used their influence in order to impress upon Israel the need to restrict the scope and scale of its attacks on Iran as any further expansion of the conflict would will retaliate and that the can't be bothered; to

The 480th squadron are credible, it is astonishing that these powers have done nothing and not used their leverage to stop the ongoing pogrom in

Palestinians in the West What the world is

witnessing in Gaza is unspeakable. The bizarre claim of an occupation force being the 'most moral military in the world' is being shredded live on social media by its own atrocities and conduct as whatever remains of hospitals or shelters for the Palestinians are being destroyed and piles of bodies of unarmed civilians, including children and babies, are being left in the rubble

Seyed Mohammad Marandi, a professor at Tehran University, who served in the IRGC in his teen years, and is one of the people who often articulates the Iranian government's position, has said Iran's commitment to the liberation of Palestine is as firm as ever. He tweeted that Iran that can make a difference threaten to suck them in. scale of its retaliation them, it appears, the Pal-If these news stories could be unprecedented in estinians are the children

> ians being murdered in economic well-being may their homes and streets in motivate them to exert inthe tens of thousands has fluence to end the madness

> and the violence against their compromised governments' position, they want an end to the mindnumbing violence in Gaza. They'd give anything to see it stop.

If Iran's threats are more than mere brave words, the region and the wider world stand poised for a mega disaster, as any Iranian action could now suck in the US too — and who knows how such an escalation will damage the regional oil infrastruc-

Suddenly, a conflict that is tragic and soul-destroying but at a distance, will knock on the door of everyone in the world Without doubt, such an escalation will have a huge impact on the world economy and pose more questions than it will an-

It is clear from their policy stands/decisions so far that those powers the devastation it causes. of a lesser God. Perhaps, Seeing the Palestin- the threat to their own Gaza and the continued left many in the world of a state hell-bent on expansion of settlements seething. Regardless of genocide.

Loaded questions vocal supporter of Israel,

regation of Palestinians

and how it deprives Pal-

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challenge what Coates

wrote. He did not ask

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in the West Bank in 2023,

ie, Israel's gruesome, xe-

nophobic, inhumane treat-

ment of Palestinians. He

did not ask why Coates

called Israel an apartheid

state, why it denies Pal-

estinians water, or has

ghettoised them, or why

he's calling for more Pal-

Dokoupil did not

company's

Muna Khan

Mine was one of the innumerable jaws that few weeks ago. It hap-pened when anchor Tony Dokoupil, who edged his two co-hosts out of the conversation, told Coates: took away the awards, the acclaim, took the cover off the book, publishing tent of that section would not be out of place in the backpack of an extremist." Coates listened and before cause you just don't be-

dition has a right to exist?" Coates — who has established himself as one of America's leading intellectual thinkers on race and has turned that moral clarity to Israel's treatment of Palestine in his new book — responded calmly: the US media was dominated by Israel's viewpoint, whereas he wanted to speak for those who don't have a voice, Palestinians. asked why Coates was offended by the existence of a Jewish state. Coates replied: "I'm offended by the idea of a state built on

lieve that Israel in any con-

where they are."
This exchange generated a lot of buzz and I was surprised to hear the network's bosses ordered an internal review, saying Dokoupil had "violated the network's editorial standards" when he compared the book to "excluding the Israeli per-spective in his book" reported CNN. Interest- estinian Americans in network's parent com-pany Shari Redstone, a New York Times, but in-

criticised CBS' decision to Dokoupil, saying she supported the journalist asking tough questions. genocide of Palestinians and it's hard to come on co-CEO TV and say that outright spoke up, saying he stood CBS' news leadership or ask 'why are you decision and how the epihumanising Palestinians' sode must lead to "sub-

stantive dialogue about perceptions of inconsismidable book. tent treatment". What a Since then, various the stories I read, and so thought pieces on the subject in the media and systems I've kno-wn,' YouTube-verse have tackwrites Coates, as he unled whether Dokoupil was packs the many ways Issimply doing this job by raeli narrative has domiasking tough questions, nated the media, espewhich, we were reminded,

cially in the US. is the role of journalism. I Coates has estabdon't think asking if Israel lished his credentials: as a has a right to exist is a successful writer and jourtough question; it is the nalist, a National Book typical strategy of West-Award recipient and a ern media which veers MacArthur Fellow. He from tough questions can't be "cancelled" for his when it comes to Israel. indictment on Israel and The slightest of criticism his country's policies tois met with 'why are you wards the Zionist state, against Israel' or accusathough attempts have tions of antisemitism or, been made to reduce him in the case of this book, to an antisemitic terrorist questioning Coates' qualisympathiser. This is not fications on 'complex' about tough questions, it foreign policy matters. By is about erasure and an atsaying Coates did not intempt is being made to clude this or that Israeli discredit Coates as not point of view distracts the right man to take on from what the writer was reporting on: Israel's seg-

to prove Coates' point, Palestinian voices don't make it to the mainstream press. In fact, the Committee to Protect Journalists says that more journalists have been killed in the first year of Israel's war on Gaza than in any recent conflict. There is nothing complicated about who is killing them and why. Despite the attempts to silence Coates, he did not get derailed in this, or other, interviews. He has actually simplified the issue as he told CBS: "Either apartheid is right or it's wrong. It really is that simple. Either what I saw was right or wrong."

stead deflected to why Coates doesn't want Israel to exist. Dokoupil didn't want to ask these kind of questions because I assume he supports Israel's

which is essentially what Coates has done in his for-"The Palestine I saw bore so little likeness to much resemblance to the

> Resource-scarce countries like Pakistan Unfortunately, and

bon economy.

Climate investment

Ajaz Ahmed

The increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as heavy rainfall, droughts, and heatwaves, result in loss of livelihood, human lives, and economic output. Furthermore, extreme weather events seriously undermine efforts to eliminate poverty and improve living standards, offsetting gains from economic development and resulting in the wastage of scarce resources. Thus, enabling adaptation to climate change and developing the resilience of key social and economic systems has become a top priority of governments worldwide.

have no option, but to invest in climate change adaptation, developing climate resilience of vulnerable communities, and cushioning social and economic systems from climate-related stresses. Investment in climate resilience in the Pakistani context can protect the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable communities and shield social and economic systems, safeguarding the country's economic progress. For example, saving jobs and household incomes and avoiding and mitigating displacements can help maintain economic activity, facilitating local economies to rebound faster. Furthermore, investments in climate adaptation and resilience can increase the resource base, improve health and well-being, and reduce pollution, enabling a transition to a low-car-

There is much evidence of gains in investment in climate adaptation and resilience. A World Resources Institute study claims that for every dollar invested in climate adaptation and resilience, the

\$10, demonstrating a clear business case for investment in climate adaptation. The study revealed that investment in early warning systems alone can help avoid losses and damages amounting to at least 10 times the value of the investment. The returns, however, depend on several social, economic, political, and institutional factors, which create conducive conditions for climate interventions and returns on such invest-

However, the latest estimates of the 2024 Climate Resiliency Report show that for every \$1 invested in climate resilience, \$6 is saved in terms of avoided losses and damages and \$7 is saved in terms of averted loss to the local economy, making the return on investments in climate change adaptation and resilience \$13. This means that billions of dollars could be saved by investing in climate change adaptation

and resilience. While the Climate Resiliency Report estimates are from the US, there are successful examples of investing in climate resilience from lowincome countries as well. For example, investment in water availability and increased water food security in Kenya, typhoon-resilient housing in Vietnam, urban flood risk management and averted losses in Mozambique, and urban heat management and reduced heat-related mortality and morbidity in India are some of the pieces of evidence of gainful investment in climate adaptation and resilience in Global South.

This evidence also offers key insights into successful climate interventions. Examples of such interventions include the use of data and climate inapproaches, involvement

returns range from \$2 to of the private sector, strong coordination, decision-centred planning, political support, and long-term preparation. Notably, these strategies are included in key policy documents in the Pakistani context; however, their successful implementation, scaling up, and dissemination remained

> Developing climate resilience of key economic and social systems also involves climate-informed investment decisions to develop critical infrastructure, and prevent it from extreme weather events, mi--tigating the losses and damages and thus wastage of limited resources. However, among other things, limited climate change knowledge and institutional capacity and the absence of ap--propriate data and information impede climate-informed decisions to support adaptation and resilience build-Importantly, invest-

ment in climate resilience is profitable even if there are no extreme weather events. For example, investment in agriculture resilience can improve crops and thus the food security and performance of the agriculture sector. Similarly, better infrastructure can improve population access to basic services such as clean drinkable water, transport, and health, resulting in improving human capital, employment and economic opportunities, social equity, and economic uplift of marginalised segments. Pakistan is not only in desperate need of developing climate resilience, but it also urgently needs to improve its human capital. Both aims can be achieved by aligning climate and development policies and interventions and integrating climate action in development formation, participatory programmes and projects. -- Courtesy Dawn

KARACHI: On instructions of Prime Minister, Pak NDMA Dispatched 14th

Consignment of 17 tons for people of Lebanon from Jinnah International

KP governor calls for

peace, unity, harmony

with Afghanistan, he noted

that while two global

powers have attempted to

control the region, neither

province's ongoing struggle

against extremism and

terrorism and expressed

his desire to organize a

similar conference in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to

engage the local community

later, Kundi underscored

the critical role of the

judicial system, stating

that an improved justice

system could address

vehicles impounded, and

total fines amounting to

503,000 rupees. In other

actions, six kilns in Layyah,

one in Sheikhupura, and

four in Rawalpindi were

shut down for failing to

to

stated that Chief Minister

Maryam Nawaz Sharif had

directed the Environment

Protection Department to

act against smog without

any compromise. She

(www.aphcisb.org)

KARACHI: Participants of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference participate

in rally and chant slogans against Indian atrocities in IIOJK on Kashmir

Sunday, he said India was

tyrannizing innocent Kashmiris only because of

they were raising voice for

their fundamental right of

and diplomatic support

would continue till

He said that

Pakistani

self-determination.

entire

Marriyum Aurangzeb

zigzag

convert

Additionally, 941 urged Lahore's residents to

vehicles were inspected, with fines issued to 234 smog action plan and avoid

Pakistan incomplete

without Kashmir:

Sahibzada Qasmi

Kashmir.

Addressing a seminar, organized at Khatm-e- and their moral, political

Kashmir Black Day here on freedom of Kashmir.

Pakistan

Zahid

technology.

smoke-emitting vehicles, 72 contributing to pollution. incident killing.

In a media briefing

in promoting peace.

Highlighting the many societal issues — an

strategic significance of objective in line with the

KP, which shares a border Pakistan People's Party's

Environmental

squads demolish

four industrial units

the

succeeded.

acknowledged

Airport to Beirut, Lebanon.

LAHORE (APP): Khyber-

Pakhtunkhwa Governor

Faisal Karim Kundi declared that there is no

place for terrorism in

Islam, emphasising the

importance of peace and

harmony at the seventh

two-day International

Conference held at Minhaj-

ul-Quran University, here

commended the role of the

university for guiding the

youth in a direction aligned

with Islamic values of

AHORE (APP): Senior

Marriyum Aurangzeb said

on Sunday that following

Chief Minister Maryam

Nawaz Sharif's directives,

Protection Department's

squads have demolished

four industrial units in

Lahore for contributing to

repeatedly ignored notices

to install emission control

These factories had

Minister

Environment

As the chief guest, vernor Kundi

on Sunday.

Governor

peace and unity.

Provincial

pollution.

systems.

Religions

Condemn HR violations in IIOJK KP Assembly passes joint resolution expressing complete solidarity with Kashmiris

PESHAWAR (APP): The pointed out that around and reaffirmed the need for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 25,000 women were made the Kashmiris to be Assembly passed a joint resolution unanimously on Sunday by expressing complete solidarity with the people of Kashmir and condemned human rights violations at IIOJK.

The house through the resolution highlighted ongoing human rights violations by Indian occupied forces at IIOJK.
The resolution was

presented by Law Minister Aftab Alam Afridi, Mushtaq Ghani, along with members Ahmed Kundi of PPP, Abdul Salam Afridi PTI, and others.

assembly strongly condemned mass the past 75 years, more than 100,000 Kashmiris were killed by I killing in occupied were killed by Indian occupied forces at IIOJK. resolution

25,000 women were made the Kashmiris to be widows, and millions of children have been orphaned at IIOJK.

India had illegally occupied Kashmir, the that no political process or election can serve as a substitute for the right to self-determination. The assembly also

denounced the deployment of over 900,000 Indian troops in occupied Kashmir and black laws. In a tribute to the

assembly expressed respect for their sacrifice members in attendance. and called upon the

revoke its illegal actions with United Nations taken on August 5, 2019 resolutions.

allowed to determine their future in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions

resolution resolution said, asserting concluded with a strong message of support for the Kashmiri reaffirming

commitment to standing with them in their just struggle for rights of selfdetermination.Meanwhile, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Kashmir and the Assembly organized a walk imposition of oppressive at the Flag Point to observe Black Day for Kashmir, with Deputy Speaker martyrs of Kashmir, the Suraya Bibi in chair, ministers, and assembly

Participants raised their voices in solidarity with the Kashmiri people lations and atrocities. demanding that their rights
It urged India to be upheld in accordance



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon review the progress of the Yellow Line BRT

Javed Hashmi calls for fresh General elections

MULTAN (INP): Senior implications of the 26th politician Javed Hashmi has voiced concerns about the ongoing political crisis in Pakistan, asserting that the only solution is the holding of general elections. than it has contributed.

In a recent appearance n a private TV Channel, Hashmi indicated that the divided, describing it as current government's having tenure is limited to another constitutional and an one and a half to two unconstitutional faction, months, suggesting that even Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's position could be uncertain in the Hashmi remarked that the

Hashmi highlighted the challenges facing Imran Khan, who may remain including the incarcerated for an additional month and a half. He emphasized the significant pressure

on Khan's leadership and stated, "There is no the Prime Minister's way to end the crisis except through general

Addressing

constitutional amendment, Hashmi criticized its impact on Pakistan's judicial system, claiming it has stripped away more

He noted that the Supreme Court appears complicating the judicial landscape. Reflecting on the current political dynamics, power dynamics within Parliament are not new and that previous amendments, amendment,

historically granted similar powers. He expressed concern over the concentration of power in office, arguing, "I voted to make you the Prime Minister, not to make you

the the Amirul Momineen." Kashmir Black Day observed in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP): The Kashmir Black Day was observed in Faisalabad here on Sunday to strongly condemn the Indian atrocities in Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK).

district administration. Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue (ADCR) Usman Ali led the rally which started from Zila Council Assistant Chowk. Commissioner (AC) City Ateeq Ullah, AC Saddar Aurangzaib Goraya and other officers of local administration were also present in the rally in addition to a large number of representatives of civil

The participants were holding banners and placard inscribed with the slogans against Indian aggression, tyranny and barbarism in the Occupied Kashmir valley.

In this connection, a The participants protest rally was held here marched on various city roads and the rally was culminated after reaching at Katchery Bazaar Chowk.

The ADCR said that India was crossing all boundaries of violation of human rights. It was deploying goons in Occupied Kashmir valley to brutally crushing the move of freedom and selfdetermination. But it should remember that Kashmir was an integral part of Pakistan.

KARACHI: Members of Fixit Organization are holding protest demonstration

against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and expressing unity with the

innocent people of Palestine, at Karachi press club.

Governor offers Fateha for ex-MNA **Humair Rokri** LAHORE

Khyber-Governor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi visited the Kundi House in Lahore to offer Fateha at the chehlum eremony of former MNA Humair Hayat Khan Rokri.

During his visit, he met Adil Abdullah Khan Rokri, a former Member of the Provincial Assembly from Mianwali district. They paid tribute to the deceased for contributions, recalling his role in local governance and his efforts to uplift the region.

The governor not expressed condolences to the family but also offered prayers for the deceased, asking for his status to be elevated in the life hereafter.

CM seeks report on kite-string injury

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif sought a report from Inspector General of Police (IGP) while expressing her indignation over injury to a motorcyclist with a kite string at Muslim Town Mor. She directed the authorities concerned to take strict legal action against those responsible for the incident.

The chief minister also ordered the best medical treatment of the injured. She said, "Kite flying with metallic strings is not a fun, rather it has become a bloody game."

She added, "Full crackdown should be conducted on the delinquent to eliminate metallic strings.

connection with Kashmir Black Day, the experts on Sunday, emphasised the

FAISALABAD (APP): Central Chairman Ulema

Mehmood Qasmi has said

Kashmir is an integral part

of Pakistan and the country

is incomplete without

Nabuwat Islamic Research

Centre to mark the

Council

Sahibzada

resolutions to resolve the Kashmir dispute. Talking to APP, they said that on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day being observed worldwide Sunday, the experts stressed that the global body must exercise its

Security Council resolutions on Kashmir.

reinforcement of the UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding framework in

is the Kashmir dispute. Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), is an important flashpoint in the

where Indian atrocities and actions have created a

comply with resolutions and respect the Kashmiris' right to selfdetermination, accordance with the covenants of international

Pakistan in the landscape of peace, is at its heart full of inspiring and phenomenal people, he said, adding that academics, journalists, writers and observers across the world acknowledge that no disaster, natural or man-

the world chose to remain

the resilience of Pakistan's people, the country today stands tall as a favorite and one of the world's most preferred destinations, as referenced

issue'; says CM Murad KARACHI (APP): The oppressive control over Sindh Chief Minister Syed IIOJK and massacred Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said Muslims.

Civilized nations must

show seriousness on IIOJK

Murad said, "Today is the darkest day in the seriousness on the issue of history of the world.

The decision of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir IIOJK based on the resolutions of the United On the occasion of Nations Security Council Kashmir Black Day, he said was the only solution to that 77 years of atrocities the problems of the of Indian occupation and Kashmiri people.

aggression had gone by.
The CM said, "We Indian aggression had shed the blood of many stand with the Kashmiri innocent Kashmiris, he people and will continue to

support the Kashmiri The CM further said people against Indian that India declared herself He was of the view that India was omitting atrocities on the people of self-determination. self-determination.

IIOJK was a beautiful valley but India had stained it with blood, he said adding that India, through conspiracy, established her

that the civilized nations

their

show

(HOJK).

atrocities.'

vision. He reiterated the

government's commitment

to overcoming political

differences to ensure peace

and progress in Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa. He also

pledged support for initiatives aimed at

providing employment for

the youth and endorsed

any efforts that promote

positive development in

Pakistanis to contribute to

improving the country's

intellectual exchanges at

the university level, which

he deemed essential for

building an informed and educated society.

Father, son

killed by

unknown

motorcyclist

PESHAWAR (APP): A

father and son were brutally killed by unknown

persons riding on a bike near Angaar village in Rajar

Tehsil. The victims have

been identified as Azaan

Sajid and his son Ukasha.

Emergency services, Rescue 1122, shifted the

bodies to Charsadda

District Headquarters

Hospital. The aftackers

managed to escape from the

committing the crime.

spot after

Rajar Police reached

through

the region.

international

especially

as a secular state but shy away from recognizing the He said, "We will always continue to

support the right of the IIÔĴK people to achieve their legal right to self-determination."



Karim Kundi addressing 7th International Conference on World Religious at Minhaj

October 27 darkest day in history of South Asia: Tessori

Governor of Sindh Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori on Sunday said that October 27, 1947, was one of the darkest days in the history of South Asia.

In his message on Occupied Kashmir's Black Day, he said that India entered her forces into Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on this day in

the spot, collected evidence and initiated an akened the resolve of IIOJK people to date. in IIOJK.

had been patiently fighting the oppression of the Indian forces for decades, the Governor of Sindh said adding that thousands of sacrifices

strengthening their resolve for freedom. He said that Indian oppression had failed to stop the struggle for self-determination. He said that the

United Nations and the international community Tessori said that should take immediate India's brutal tactics had notice of the serious ons of human rights

KP Govt takes tangible steps for prisoners' welfare

decided to take various measures for the welfare of digitalization of rates. the prisoners and in this relevant departments to take measures for the digital marketing of various handicrafts and hand-made items made by the prisoners inside the jails.

Besides, it directed to establish liaisons between the technical education department and prisons for necessary technical training courses in various fields. It was also decided

PESHAWAR (APP): The to standardize the food Khyber Pakhtunkhwa items provided to the (KP) government has prisoners and improve its menu and also work on

It was assured that regard, it has directed the homework on skilled inmates who have received training in prison for employment after their release under the Ehsaas Youth Program loan scheme while arranging online classes for various technical courses for the inmates. In this connection, Special Assistant to KP CM on Prisons Humayun

Khan, Provincial Minister



Secretary General, Miftah Ismail addresses to media persons during press conference, at Hyderabad press club.

Experts calls for immediate implementation of UN resolutions to resolve Kashmir dispute

Hussain

Nawaz visits

Data Darbar

LAHORE (APP): Hussain

Nawaz, a son of Pakistan

Muslim League-N (PML-

N) President Nawaz Sharif,

visited Data Darbar, here

the grave of the great Sufi

saint Hazrat Data Ganj

Baksh (RA) and prayed for

the country and the nation.

Data Darbar Nauman Saifi

welcomed Hussain

Nawaz, who visited

various sections of the

He offered Fateha at

Executive Officer

on Sunday.

urgent need for implementation of UN Council

authority to implement

Furthermore, the experts demanded of the world community while

Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence told APP that bridging the Middle East, many African countries, Europe, and Asia-Pakistan's superior geostrategic location comes with a range of challenges, most formidable of which

Indian Illegally the global security landscape, in crushing the soul of in Forbes, Conde' Nast

humanitarian disaster of massive proportions. India must be urged to

law, Mushahid said.

made, has so far succeeded

Hussain Syed further said it is an open secret that India is the major source of trouble and de-stabilisation in the region using the soil of neighboring countries against Pakistan, providing training, false flag operations, funding and support to the militants for terrorist activities in Pakistan but, regrettably,

Paying gratitude to

Backpackers Society, Sehar Kamran, a National Assembly lawmaker told APP.She proudly expressed that Pakistan has served in 46 United Nations peacekeeping missions in 29 countries, around the world.

In a few years, the country successfully has eliminated terror networks, non-state rogue elements, and proxies from its territory rather than region.

Mushaal Hussein Mullick, the wife of Kashmir leader Yasin Malik and Special Assistant to Minister on Human Rights.

Aurangzeb appreciates diaspora for bolstering Pak-US economic ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for an Finance and Revenue, Pakistani-American tech underlined the importance Muhammad Aurangzeb appreciated IT as one of the burgeoning Pakistani diaspora community on their informed that Pakistan valuable contributions in bolstering economic, business and investment ties between Pakistan and the United States

with diaspora leaders, the country and informed that minister briefed them on digital ecosystem was being developments in Pakistan and shared details of his week-long engagements in Washington DC, according to press release issued by finance ministry here

entrepreneurs, identified sectors of the economy and ranked among top 5 freelancing.

He highlighted the contribution of IT sector to During an interaction the rising exports of the devastating floods of 2022. socio-economic enabled through a broad range of legislative, policy, regulatory and operational initiatives. He expressed satisfaction over the outcome

The minister, during sidelines of the Annual credit guarantee of AIIB. interaction with Meetings 2024 and He added that of staying the course on reforms.

The minister also met with the President of AIIB, ranked among top 5 Jin Liqun and countries in terms of acknowledged the Bank's support to Pakistan, particularly in dealing with the aftermath of the

He recalled his previous visit to China where he interacted with the management of Peoples Bank of China (PBOC). He indicated that government wanted to diversify its financing base and explore reconstruction project and engagements with different the possibility of issuing a stakeholders on the panda bond with partial

engaging AIIB as an anchor to support the process would send out a strong signal to the market.

The option of a nodeal roadshow first followed by a deal roadshow was also discussed. He expressed satisfaction over the progress of portfolio of AIIB projects in Pakistan and further efforts to improve the disbursement of ongoing projects.

On the infrastructure side, he invited AIIB to invest in N-5 (GT Road) also provide support in terms of program loan.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Directorate General of

Investigation (Customs).

baseless assertions, the

Directorate's mandate and

functions remain intact,

while specific changes are

transformation plan with was approved by Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif,

duplicative enforcement

roles within Customs,

streamlining anti-smuggling

operations under a unified

functions. Only certain

regional offices, deemed

redundant under the new

structure, will be closed,

with staff reallocated to the

enforcement setups to

strengthen and beef up

contributions have been

exceptional, particularly in

seizing smuggled goods and

The Directorate's

anti-smuggling efforts.

The reorganization

to eliminate

enforcement

said a news release.

compromising

Directorate's

part

Contrary to these

Intelligence

FBR rebuts misleading

claims regarding to

DG I&I Custom



QUETTA: United Business Group (UBG) Patron-in-Chief, S. M. Tanveer along with Ghulam Farooq Khilji, leading entrepreneur of Pakistan Business Community alongwith others addressing a Press conference, at Ariya Hospital in Quetta.

HYDERABAD: Members of Hari Committee are holding protest demonstration against building new canals to draw additional water from the Indus River, anti-people policies decisions and amending the Irsa Act, at

Parliamentary secretary highlights Sargodha local industries' potential

SARGODHA (APP): Having a long history of agriculture to handicrafts currently affect farmers pink salt, citrus, stone- and the cottage industry, due to lack of processing crushing, handicraft and the region was teeming agricultural production, the with potential for of vegetables and fruits Sargodha region could be development and offers an perish due to their short turned into treasure trove array of business avenues of opportunities for for value addition that businesses, especially could uplift small industries, with its communities diverse sectors ready to contribute to country's boost the region's economic progress. economic growth.

National Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Zufiqar Ali Bhatti, while talking to region here on Saturday.

and

Commerce & Industry and businesses such as fruit and vegetable processing, Assembly (MNA) from citrus research institute particularly viable. These possible industries could capitalise industrialists of Sargodha on Sargodha region's rich produce and help reduce

He said that from post-harvest losses that facilities. "Huge quantities

Their preservation and value addition can help earn substantial revenue," said Zufigar Bhatti. He said At the heart of the that government would full This was stated by opportunity is the region's support to keep alive the Parliamentary Secretary agricultural strength, he handicraft art in Tehsil

> While talking to stone-crushing traders, he said the government would and spice grinding mills are take each and every possible step for promotion of the stonecrushing units and their

PFC chief calls for strengthening bilateral trade to reduce deficit

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Afghanistan, Iran, and Furniture Council (PFC) Central Asian states as this Chief Executive Officer Mian Kashif Ashfaq has emphasised that Pakistan needs to focus on balanced bilateral trade relations narrow down its growing trade deficit by boosting

Speaking at a seminar on "How Pakistan can narrow down its trade deficit", here on Sunday, he said a balanced trade approach would involve exchange earnings besides strengthening economic creating ample jobs. ties with neighboring Pakistan's trade deficit is a

strategy can offer mutual benefits, leveraging each country's unique resources and industries to create a fair exchange of goods and services. By reducing with regional countries to reliance on any single market, Pakistan could mitigate risks and enhance its economic resilience.He said balanced bilateral trade would also promote economic growth by stimulating local industries. and increasing foreign countries China, India, complex issue.



LAHORE: Citizens are busy in shopping on Sunday in the provincial capital.

Kisan Ittehad demands independent commission to decide crop prices

Pakistan Kisan Ittehad (PKI) has demanded the government constitute an independent agriculture commission to decide rates experts. of different crops after

Addressing a press conference here on Sunday. PKI Chairman Khalid Khokhar said farmers always sought fair profit against their produce. He, however, lamented that apply fertilisers because of they faced multiple high prices.

MULTAN (APP): The problems due to less prices of different crops. He said that the independent agriculture commission should consist of of

He expressed evaluation of inputs' costs. concerns that electricity connections of peasants were being cut and it would surely affect agricultural productivity. He expressed dismay that farmers were unable to

perish due to their short shelf life.

FFP to showcase entire range at Saudi Intl Halal **Expo 2024**

AHORĒ (APP): Family Food Products, a leading Pakistani company, wil showcase its entire range of international standard products at the 3-day Saudi International Halal Expo 2024 commencing from October 28.

Prior to departure, Director Exports FFP Saifur Rehman told the media here on Sunday that the upcoming event at the Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Centre was a key platform halal-certified

businesses. He emphasized Pakistan's commitment to international standards by showcasing a diverse range of food items that meet strict halal guidelines, ensuring quality and authenticity.

The event will provide with a unique opportunity to engage with global buyers including distributors, retailers, and industry experts. By participating in this prestigious expo.

Farmers urged not set paddy stubble on fire BAHAWALPUR (APP)

Agriculture department Bahawalpur region has urged the farmers not to set paddy stubble on fire in order to avert smog in the area. Burning paddy stubble was causing spread of smog at large scale in the region, affecting health of people, says a new release issued by agriculture department here on Sunday. Stern action would be taken against those found involved in burning paddy stubble, it said. A spokesman for the agriculture department said that setting paddy stubble on fire also damaged fertilization power of the agricultural field.

Federal Board of Revenue The Directorate has (FBR) issued a rebuttal on performed phenomenally Sunday addressing recent with meagre resources of misleading claims from 293 operational personnel certain sections of media for the complete setup all that misrepresented the across Pakistan. role and performance of the

recovering evaded revenue.

The Directorate General has implemented a collaborative antistrategy, smuggling coordinating intelligence and law enforcement agencies to maximize its enforcement

DG I&I Customs continues to uphold its critical role in overall Customs setup, and this role has now been further strengthened additional technical resources and the capability to execute sting operations when potential violations of the Customs Act or related laws are identified. Positioned at a central role within Pakistan Customs, DG I&I now enjoys comprehensive access to critical data to initiate information based operations as necessary.

In light of the vast scope of the anti-smuggling jurisdiction and the shortage of personnel, a collaborative smuggling strategy has been implemented through this Transformation.

QUETTA: Warm clothes are being selling at a roadside stall as the demand

of warm clothes increased in city on the arrival of winter season, at a weekly

Chohan highlighted

stabilizing the rupee,

controlling inflation

through strong financial

policies, and implementing

trade policies that enhance

exports and open access to

international markets. He

advocated for low-interest

loans for SMEs, upgrading

fostering public-private

Chohan concluded that

these measures would not

only stabilize the economy

but also address key

challenges faced by the

Those who attended

event included

business community

infrastructure,

sector partnerships.

Aĥmad

importance of

Miftah Ismail for

strengthening businesses,

uplift middle class

HYDERABAD (APP):

Former Federal Finance

Minister, Miftah Ismail

has said that if we have to

make Pakistan prosperous

and stable, it was crucial to

strengthen businesses and

traders and industrialists at

the Secretariat of the

Hyderabad Chamber of

Small Traders and Small

Industry here Sunday, he

urged all institutions in

Pakistan to work for the

uplift of people. Acting

President of the Chamber,

Ahmad Idrees Chohan,

stressed the urgent need for

immediate actions to

economy. He called for

Pakistan's

stabilize

uplift the middle class.

Addressing

ISLAMABAD (APP): particularly in rural areas Experts have warned that the digital divide is communities. It's essential urban centers like Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad enjoy relatively high endangering economic that we invest in

youth With growth and empowerment. millions lacking access to technology, they stress the need for urgent action to bridge this gap; otherwise, we risk leaving an entire generation behind.
In Pakistan, where

digital technology plays a crucial role in driving economic growth and providing access to essential services, the digital divide presents a significant challenge that limits the nation's potential Coined by Larry potential. Coined by Larry Irving in the 1990s, the term "digital divide" refers to the gap between those who have access to the internet and digital technologies—and the skills to leverage themand those who do not (Hadi, S. A., 2021).

Muhammad Saad, an IT expert based in Islamabad, in response to few queries by APP emphasizes that bridging this widening digital divide is the country's most pressing challenge. He further states, "The rapid advancement of technology is leaving many behind.

Milestone

achieved as

River Swat

diverted at

800MW

Mohmand Dam

PESHAWAR (APP)

Achieving a significant

milestone in construction

of the Mohmand Dam, the

flow of River Swat was

diverted through an 1800

meters tunnel while speedy

work on another Flood

Management Tunnel was

Generaľ Manager of

WAPDA, Asim Rauf

Khan, along with Chief

Engineer Fasih Ullah, while

talking to media confirmed

the diversion of the Swat

River as part of the

ongoing Mohmand Dam

project. The project

director informed that

Project Director and

underway.

economic growth, youth empowerment, Experts warn internet penetration, the

> of rural households have access to digital tools for internet access, compared to 60% in everyone. The recently released UNDP's inaugural Digital Development Index (DDI) report reveals that over half of the population lacks internet access, with 54.3 percent of people cut off from this vital resource due to inadequate digital infrastructure and affordability issues. While

education to ensure equal

infrastructure

Digital divide could hinder

urban regions, according to the report. Moreover, the report highlights a pronounced disparity in digital development across different provinces and districts in Pakistan ranging from high to very low levels of digital access.

contrast with rural areas

is stark. Only about 20%



HYDERABAD: Laborers are busy in drying wreaths after washing into Canal in Hyderabad.

Women empowerment essential for sustainable growth: Iftikhar Ali Malik

LAHORE (APP): Former inclusive and prosperous SAARC Chamber of economy. Commerce and Industry President Iftikhar Ali Malik has said that women's participation in the workforce remains Asia, where social norms, inadequate systems, and limited access to education and training prevent the majority from contributing economically. In a statement issued here on Sunday, an octogenarian trade leader of South Asia said by addressing these barriers, the region could potentially boost its GDP significantly.

He said gender parity in employment could increase productivity, reduce poverty, and lead to better outcomes in health and education, ultimately contributing to more resilient societies. Providing women with access opportunities and ensuring policies that support work-life balance, parental leave, and safe work environments could create an environment where both men and women thrive in the workforce.

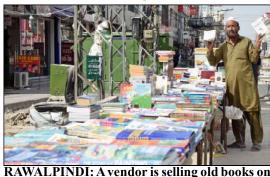
By advancing in both these areas, South Asia could create a more practices, he added.

Empowering women

economically and fostering international trade and investment pave the way for sustainable growth underutilized in South improved living standards, and progress toward regional development goals. With focused reforms, the region could unlock tremendous growth, benefiting not just economies but entire communities, he added. Iftikhar Malik said at

the same time, opening further to global trade and investment offers South Asia substantial opportunities for growth. Increasing openness not only attracts foreign direct investment (FDI), which brings capital and technology, but also encourages domestic industries to become more competitive.

He said through liberalization, countries can tap into global markets and enhancing their economic dynamism. Integrating with the global economy supports innovation and raises productivity, as companies adapt to international standards and



his roadside workplace at Sadar area in the city.

energy issues to be **HCSTSI** approximately 35% of the resolved along with a Presidents Farooq dam construction is review of IPP agreements. Shaikhani, Saleemuddin complete, with 98% of the He urged for a simplified Qureshi, Members tunnel work finished. tax system to facilitate Executive Committee, Mohmand Dam on its small businesses and Conveners and General completion. Body Members.

Rising prices, other violations in ICT stir public outcry ISLAMABAD (APP): The islooites are suffering arbitrary rates and also compromised on quality of daily use adibles by the hoarders mafia in the Federal Capital.

A citizen namely Sail Hussain resident of the Bari Imam area, while talking to APP complained that in our area every shop keeper have their own rates of daily use edibles like vegetables, fruits, milk and meat. "In our area, every shop has its own rates," he said. "A shopkeeper selling milk at Rs 250 per liter claims it's pure, while others sell at Rs 200, which they say includes water or other substances." This confusion around "pure" and "impure" goods leaves consumers at the mercy of

vendors. In Aabpara Market, one meat seller defended higher prices by explaining that rents in Aabpara are higher. "We sell fresh meat," he said, "while others sell older meat or

add water to stretch the to the arrest of 20 weight." Such statements add to public concerns that some sellers exploit customers by marking up prices with claims of superior quality.

To address these issues, the administration has been active in enforcing price control. In a recent Assistant operation, Commissioner Pothohar Aneeq Anwar conducted raids in a local vegetable market, leading

shopkeepers for charging prices above the official rate list. The district administration, led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Irfan Memon, has emphasized the importance of following these rates. 'Pay the set prices for urban food items," he stated, adding that an official rate list is released daily. Some citizens, caught in the crossfire of these operations, have faced unintended consequences.

Muhammad Sharafat, reported that he was detained while sitting near a shop during one of these raids. Talking to APP, his family said he has been in custody for two days, causing them both financial and emotional distress. As family's sole breadwinner, his absence has left them struggling. This ongoing situation highlights both the public's demand for fair pricing and the challenges in enforcing it.

Israeli strikes on Gaza kill 22, officials say, while truck ramming near Tel Aviv hurts dozens

Monitoring Desk Israeli strikes on northern Gaza have killed at least 22 people, mostly women and children, Palestinian officials said, as the Israeli offensive in the hard-hit and isolated north entered a third week and aid groups described a humanitarian catastrophe. Israel said it

targeted militants. In a separate development, a truck rammed into a bus stop near the Israeli city of Tel Aviv, wounding 35 people, according to first responders. Israeli police described it as an attack and said the assailant was an Arab citizen of Israel. The ramming occurred near the headquarters of Israel's Mossad spy agency.

Iran's supreme leader, meanwhile, said Israeli strikes on the country over the weekend "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed," while stopping short of calling for retaliation, suggesting Iran is carefully weighing its response to the attack On Saturday, Israeli

warplanes attacked mili- Sunday that the strikes "setary targets in Iran in response to an Iranian ballistic missile attack earlier this

The exchange of fire has raised fears of an allout regional war pitting Israel and the United States against Iran and its militant proxies, which include Hamas and the Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon, where Israel launched a ground invasion earlier this month after nearly a year of lower-level conflict.

The Israeli military said Sunday that four soldiers, including a military rabbi, were killed in fighting in southern Lebanon, without providing details about the circumstances. It said five other personnel were severely wounded. An explosive drone and a projectile fired from Lebanon wounded five people in Israel on Sunday, authorites

Netanyahu strikes on Iran achieved Israel's goals

Stewards stand in front of demonstrators at an anti-immigration protest

The results could

"The results so far have

parliament, he may need to find a third partner.

been extremely severe, and

we take them very seriously,

Ishiba told NHK, "I believe

the voters are telling us to

reflect more (on the financial

wrongdoing) and become a

party that lives up to their

expectations." If his ruling

coalition loses a majority

Ishiba said, the LDP will still

lead a ruling coalition and

tackle key policies and com-

pile a planned supplemen-

tary budget while pursuing

campaigning in the biggest

vania, including stops at a

Black church and barber-

shop, as well as a Puerto

paign official said Sunday's

visit will be the vice

president's 14th trip to

Pennsylvania since she

jumped to the top of the

ticket after President Joe

Biden's shock withdrawal

supporters to make what

her campaign called her

'closing argument" on

Tuesday in Washington at

the park where Trump ral-

lied supporters before the

at a venue dubbed "The

World's Most Famous

Arena" is set to include

billionaire Elon Musk, who

backers and surrogates like

Trump's rally Sunday

January 6 riot.

Harris will go before

A senior Harris cam-

Rican restaurant

city in must-win Pennsyl-

political reform further.

Japan's ruling party

braces for a blow in

parliamentary elections

TOKYO: Japanese Prime weaken Ishiba's grip on

Minister Shigeru Ishiba's power and if he can't get

conservative ruling party his party's policies through

Trump takes election

pitch to storied New

York arena

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braced for a blow to its ma-

parliament in Sunday's elec-

tions as a result of public

rage over financial scandals

and discontent over a stag-

by NHK public television,

Ishiba's Liberal Democratic

Party is certain to lose its

majority in the 465-seat

house, the more powerful

of Japan's two-chamber

parliament. It's still unclear if his ruling coalition with

junior partner Komeito can

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NEW YORK: Donald

Trump rallies supporters

Sunday at an iconic New

York arena while Kamala

Harris goes neighbourhood

to neighbourhood in Phila-

delphia just over a week

before America votes in an

extraordinarily close White

Trump's gathering at the nearly 20,000-seat

Madison Square Garden is

expected to draw a blitz of

Republican's home me-

tropolis, which is still very

much a Democratic strong-

making closing pitches to

voters in one of America's

most divisive and suspense-

filled electoral fights, with

polls suggesting a dead heat

ahead of the November 5

Harris, 60, has

Both candidates are

House race.

coverage

retain a majority.

According to exit polls

nant economy,

"The air force struck throughout Iran. We severely harmed Iran's defense capabilities and its ability to produce missiles that are aimed toward us.' Netanyahu said in his first public comments on the strikes.

achieved all of Israel's goals.

Satellite images showed damage to two secretive Iranian military bases, one linked to work on nuclear weapons that Western intelligence agencies and nuclear inspectors say was discontinued in 2003 and another linked to Iran's ballistic missile pro-

Ayatollah Khamenei, Iran's 85-yearold supreme leader, said "it is up to the authorities to determine how to convey the power and will of the Iranian people to the Israeli regime and to take actions that serve the interests of this nation and country.'

Israeli army

blows up

houses in

Lebanon's

border village

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BEIRUT: Lebanese state me-

dia said the Israeli army dy-

namited houses in Lebanese

as Israel said it used 400

tonnes of explosives to de-

stroy a Hezbollah tunnel,

more than a month into an all-

out war. The official National

News Agency said "the army

of the Israeli enemy has since

dawn blown up and destroyed

houses" in the border village

ported "large explosions" in

the border village of Kfar

Kila, saying the blasts were

heard across the south as

columns of smoke rose

above the area. Israeli mili-

tary spokesman Avichay

Adraee said 400 tonnes of

explosives were used to

anti-immigrant protesters

The NNA also re-

of Adaisseh.

Khamenei would Israeli Prime Minister make any final decision on Benjamin Netanyahu said how Iran responds.



Palestinian civil defence members rescue a child, following Israeli bombardment on a house in Gaza City.

Putin says Moscow will respond if West helps Ukraine to strike deep into Russia

Death toll in Philippine

storm rises to 100

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday that Russia's defence ministry was working on different ways to respond if the United States and its NATO allies help Ukraine to strike deep into Russia with long-range Western

The 2-1/2-year-old Ukraine war has triggered the biggest confrontation between Russia and the West since the depths of the Cold War, and Russian officials say the war is now entering its most dangerous

Russia has been signal-

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MANILA: Rescuers in the

Philippines were diving

into a lake and scouring iso-

lated villages on Sunday to

locate dozens of missing

people as the death toll

from Tropical Storm Trami

into the Philippines on Oc-

tober 24, was among the

deadliest storms to hit the

Southeast Asian country

tional disaster agency, it

forced more than half a mil-

lion people to flee their

homes and at least 36

this year.

Trami, which rammed

According to the na-

ling to the United States and its allies for weeks that if they give permission to Ukraine to strike deep into

Putin said on Sept. 12 "the direct involvement of NATO countries, the United States and European countries in the war in Ukraine" because NATO military infrastructure and personnel would have to be involved in the targeting and firing of the

Russian territory with Western-supplied missiles, then Moscow will consider it a major escalation. that Western approval for such a step would mean

hit Bicol region have re-

corded 38 deaths, most due

many calls and we are try-

ing to save as many people

as we can," Bicol regional

police director Andre Dizon

be no more deaths.

'We are still receiving

"Hopefully, there will

Dizon added that

The death toll in

"many residents" in the

region's Camarines Sur

province are still trapped

on roofs and the upper

Batangas, south of Manila,

has risen to 55, provincial

floors of their homes.

ity for the attack, which occurred some 1,200 kilometres southeast of the capital Tehran.

says vehicle fired upon amid rising political tension

dent Evo Morales said on Sunday his vehicle was fired upon amid rising political tensions in the South American country between a faction around the iconic former leader and the government of his former ally,

President Luis Arce. Morales posted a video on his Facebook account taken inside a movin the front passenger seat

and at least two bullet holes in the windshield. The driver appeared to have been injured.

10 cops killed in 'terror attack' in Iran's southeast **Monitoring Desk**

police officers were killed in a "terrorist attack" in an area of southeastern Iran long plagued by unrest, local media reported on Saturday.

They were killed during an attack on "police vehicles" in Sistan-Baluchis-tan province's Taftan county, the Mehr and Tasnim news agencies reported, without saying how it was carried

No group immediately claimed responsibil-

Bolivia's Morales Monitoring Desk

LA PAZ: Bolivian ex-presi-

ing car, showing him sitting

WHO chief says situation in Gaza 'catastrophic'

GENEVA: The World Health Organisation chief Adhanom

the situation in northern Gaza 'catastrophic' with "intensive military operations unfolding around and within healthcare facilities".

Ghebreyesus has termed

The situation in northern Gaza is catastrophic," Tedros wrote on warning that "a critical shortage of medical supplies, compounded by severely limited access, are depriving people of life

His statement came a and detained hundreds of ceasefire.'

placed people during the raid, while the death toll in the territory rose to 42,924 most of them women and

Tedros lamented that the whole health system in Gaza has been under attack for over a year. "WHO cannot stress loudly enough that hospitals must be shielded from conflict at all times," he said, stressing that "any attack of healthcare facilities is a violation of international humanitarian law"

'The only path to safeguarding what remains day after Israeli forces of Gaza's collapsing health raided the last functioning care system is an immedihospital in northern Gaza ate and unconditional

Satellite images show damage from Israeli attack at 2 secretive Iranian military bases

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: An Israeli attack

on Iran damaged facilities at ellite photos analyzed Sunday by The Associated Press show.

Some of the buildings damaged sat in Iran's Parchin military base, where the International Atomic Energy Agency suspects Iran in the past conducted tests of high explosives that could trigger a nuclear weapon. Iran long has insisted its nuclear program is peaceful, though the IAEA, Western intelligence agencies and others say Tehran had an active weapns program up until 2003.

The other damage

acknowledged damage at either Khoiir or Parchin from Israel's attack early Saturday, though it has said the assault killed four Iranian soldiers working in the country's air defense systems. Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Israeli military declined to comment.

However, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday told an audience that the İsraeli attack "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed. while stopping short of calling for an immediate retaliatory strike. Israeli Prime Benjamin Minister Netanyahu separately said Sunday that Israel's strikes "severely harmed" Iran and that the barrage "achieved all its goals."

It remains unclear how many sites in total were targeted in the Israeli attack. There have been no images underground tunnel system and missile production of damage so far released by Iran's military.

British lawmakers accuse Starmer of 'colonial mindset' in slavery reparations debate

Labour lawmakers on Sunday accused Prime Minister Keir Starmer of having a "colonial mindset" and trying to silence nations pushing for discussions on reparations for transatlantic slavery at this month's Commonwealth summit in Sa-

Britain has so far rejected calls for reparations but some campaigners Labour government would be more open to it.

However, ahead of the government summit in Samoa, where Caribbean and African nations wished to discuss the topic, Starmer said the issue was not on the agenda and that he would like to "look for- mit and "dictate what could ward" rather than have and could not be dis-"very long, endless discus- cussed"

Monitoring Desk sions about reparations on the past".

"(It) is very insulting (to) tell people of African descent to forget and move forward," said Labour law-maker Bell Ribeiro-Addy at a cross-party reparations conference in London.

At the end the Samoa summit, leaders of the 56nation club headed by Britain's King Charles agreed to include in their final communique that the hoped Starmer's new time had come for a discussion on reparations.

"I'm very proud those nations refused to be Commonwealth heads of silenced," Ribeiro-Addy

> Another Labour lawmaker, Clive Lewis, said it was surprising Starmer thought he could take a "colonial mindset" to the sum-

Rare Sahara floods bring Morocco's driedup south back to life

Monitoring Desk nearly 20 years.

MERZOUGA: In Last year was
Morocco's southeastern Morocco's driest in 80 desert, a rare downpour has brought lakes and ponds back to life, with locals – and tourists – hailing it as a gift from the heavens.

In Merzouga, an attractive tourist town some 600 kilometres (370 miles) southeast of the capital Rabat, the once-parched golden dunes are now dotted with replenished ponds and lakes.
"We're incredibly

happy about the recent rains," said Youssef Ait Chiga, a local tour guide leading a group of German tourists to Yasmina Lake nestled amidst Merzouga's Khalid Skandouli, an-

other tour guide, said the rain has drawn even more visitors to the tourist area, now particularly eager to witness this odd transfor-

With him, Laetitia Chevallier, a French tourist and regular visitor to the region, said the rainfall has proved a "blessing from the

plants and palm trees came

back to life," she said. Locals told AFP the thunderstorms and heavy basin had been barren for rainfall

the General Directorate of Meteorology (DGM). But in September, torrential rains triggered floods

in southern parts of Mo-

rocco, killing at least 28

people, according to au-

years, with a 48 percent drop in rainfall, according

to an October report from

thorities. The rare heavy rains come as the North African kingdom grapples with its worst drought in nearly 40 years, threatening its economically crucial agriculture

Neighbouring Algeria saw similar rain and flooding in early September, killng six people.

North African coun-

tries currently rank among the world's most waterstressed, according to the World Resources Institute, a non-profit research organisation.

The kingdom's meteorological agency described the recent massive rainfall as "exceptional". It attributed it to an unusual shift "The desert became of the intertropical convergreen again, the animals gence zone—the equatorial have food again, and the region where winds from the northern and southern hemispheres meet, causing

a secretive military base southeast of the Iranian capital that experts in the past have linked to Tehran's onetime nuclear weapons program and at another base tied to its ballistic missile program, sat-

could be seen at the nearby Khojir military base, which analysts believe hides an

police chief Jacinto Malinao told AFP. people remain missing. Police in the hardest-

Demonstration against police violence, Lisbon.

Rival London marches pass off peacefully Monitoring Desk LONDON: Right-wing,

and opposing anti-racism demonstrators held large rallies in London on Saturday, with both passing off peacefully amid a beefed-up police operation to prevent any clashes between the rival groups. Several thousand people waving English and British flags joined the "Unite the Kingdom" nationalist rally by parliament organised by anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim activist Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, known by the pseudonym Tommy Robinson. A counter-protest of anti-racism campaigners and trade unionists also took place nearby, with marchers carry-

ing banners saying "Refugees Welcome" and "Smash the

planned a packed day of has personally hit the cam

A vendor sells Trump merchandise outside Madison Square Garden ahead of a rally for Republican presidential nominee and former US President Donald Trump in New York.

Uzbekistan holds parliamentary election without real opposition

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: Voters in Uzbekistan are choosing a new parliament in an election that features no real opposition to the Central Asian country's strongman president, despite a recent overhaul of the electoral system and years of reform that have included economic liberalization and

easing censorship. Shavkat Mirziyoyev retains a tight grip on power in the country of 37 million. Since taking office in 2016, he has enjoyed broad support for a slew of political

and economic reforms that relaxed the harshly repressive policies of his predecessor, longtime dictatorial leader Ismail Karimov. Mirziyoyev has released some political prisoners, allowed the emergence of some independent news media and bloggers, and eased the tight controls on Islam that Karimov imposed to counter dissident views But reform appeared to stall last year, following a constitutional referendum in April that reset presidential term limits and could pave the way for Mirziyoyev to stay in office until 2037.

Uruguay's moderate election race bucks trend of regional political divides

Monitoring Desk MONTEVIDEO: Voters in Uruguay, known for its beaches, legalized marijuana and stability, went to the polls on Sunday in an election race between moderates that contrasted with the polarized politics in many other Latin American countries. The nation of 3.4 million was voting for its next president and lawmakers, with pollsters predicting a run-off will likely be needed in November. Simultaneous referendums on pension reform and boosting police

powers were more divisive. But unlike sharp right-left divides in Argentina Brazil or Mexico

Uruguay's political arena is relatively tension-free, with significant overlap between the major conservative and liberal coalitions taking some of the sting out of the result. "The two main camps are more or less the same in terms of macroeconomic policy or the vision for what Uruguay is and how to face various economic challenges," said Uruguayan economist Maria Dolores Benavente. The vote in the small South American nation saw Broad Front center-left candidate Yamandu Orsi, the pre-election favorite, take on continuity conservative contender Alvaro Delgado.

"Black lives matter" Lithuania holds run-off election with opposition seeking to

Thousands

rally in Lisbon

against racism

in policing

Monitoring Desk

LISBON: Thousands took

to Lisbon's streets on Sat-

urday to protest against

police use of force and rac-

ism, following a week of

unrest sparked by the

shooting of a black man by

Chanting "No peace without justice" and "Po-

lice violence, colonial heri-

tage", the demonstrators

marched peacefully on the

Portuguese capital's central

avenue, brandishing plac-

ards with messages includ-

ing "Racism Kills" and

cement win **Monitoring Desk**

VILNIUS: Lithuanians were voting on Sunday in a parliamentary election dominated by concerns over the cost of living and potential threats from neighbouring Russia, with the opposition Social Democrats ahead after the first round. The Baltic country of 2.9 million people has a hybrid voting system in which half of parliament is elected by popular vote. The remainder is decided in district-based run-off votes between the top two candidates, a process that favours the larger parties. If the leftleaning Social Democrats (SD) succeed in forming a government

Speakers at Stockholm event Kashmir conflict must be resolved through dialogue

NEW YORK (APP): Speakers at an event organized by the Kashmir Council in Stockholm, Sweden, to mark Kashmir black Day called for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir conflict that ensure the exercise of Kashmiri people's U.N.-pledged right to selfdetermination, according to a message received here.

ending human rights abuses in the disputed region and for providing Kashmiris

leaders a platform to air to what many view as a day tional forums. In his opening remarks, Sardar Tamur Aziz, President of the event explained that Kashmir Black day, which is is observed on October 27, marks the day in 1947

their viewpoints at interna- of occupation and highlights the region's struggle for self-determination

The Council's objec-Council and Emcee of the tive basically is to push for a peaceful settlement of the decades-old Kashmir dispute, he said. Pakistan's Ambassador to Sweden, when Indian troops entered Bilal Hayee, said that the Jammu and Kashmir. The tragedy of Kashmir began They also called for observance of Black Day is when India occupied the a symbol of protest by State of Jammu and Kash-Kashmiris and supporters mir by sending its army worldwide. It calls attention without the consent of the

people of Kashmir. India's claim that the Maharaja of Kashmir signed the 'Instrument of Accession' (IOA) was "fraudulent" as the original copy has never been found, he said, adding that the United Nations never accepted that claim when the issue was raised at the Security Council.

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC), he added, made it abundantly clear that the future



Africa Special Forces in a group photo during closing ceremony of Pakistan-South Africa Joint Exercise Iqbal-I.

KARACHI: The former President and Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Mohammed Yaqoob Khan with other participants viewing pictorial exhibition on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day at Arts Coun-

Kashmiris dream of freedom will become a reality soon': Atta Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): landing its troops against The Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage, and Culture, Attaullah Tarar, on Sunday said that October 27, 1947, was the darkest day in the history of the subcontinent, as on that day India illegally occupied the state of Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJ&K).

In his message on October 27, Black Day of Kashmiris would soon Kashmiris, he said on that day, India illegally annexed their dream of freedom Jammu and Kashmir by would become a reality.

the wishes of Kashmiris, the federal minister for information said.

"Despite the atrocities and brutal policies of the Indian fascist government, the valiant Kashmiri people are fighting bravely for their freedom," said the minister.

Attaullah Tarar expressed his belief that reach their destination and

PTI to challenge 26th amend. in court, Sheikh Waqas

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Sheikh Waqas Akram has disclosed that decision to challenge the 26th constitutional amendment would be made on

Monday.

He stated this while addressing a private TV channel. He said that t the PTI legal committee would decide on challenging amendment and called for a protest against the amend-

Talking about rumors of deals behind Bushra Bibi and Imran Khan's sisters release, he clarified that these baseless allegations were futile attempts of political opponents and asserted that Imran Khan had Election Commissioner Commissioner visited sev- stressed to not involve women of his family in the

Only Jihad can bring freedom to Kashmir, Naeem

LAHORE (INP): Emir Jamaat-e-Islami Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Sunday reiterated that Kashmir could only be freed by

Naeem said that people consumed their whole lives in the freedom movements of Kashmir and Palestine. "The martyrdom of

Yahya Sinwar gives us the lesson of sacrifice, he stayed in jail for 23 years and came out as the emblem of independence," said JI

He declared the Oct 27 Black day as India on this day occupied Jammu and Kashmir illegally by military forces.

Jam reaffirms unwavering support for Kashmiris' rights

SLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on Sunday reiterated Pakistan's steadfast commitment to the Kashmiris' cause, emphasizing the nation's dedication to advocating for the freedom, dignity, and justice of the

Kashmiri people. As the country stands united with the people of Kashmir, honoring their sacrifices and supporting their rightful pursuit of peace, said a news release.

"We observe Black Day, marking the beginning of a decades-long struggle faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir since 27th October 1947", the

minister said. This solemn day serves as a reminder of the injustices endured by the Kashmiri people and their unwavering determination to secure their right to selfdetermination.

Pak-South Africa Joint Exercise Iqbal-I concludes in Cherat RAWALPINDI (APP): the closing ceremony as

Closing ceremony of Pakistan-South Africa Joint Exercise Iqbal-I in Counter Terrorism domain was conducted between the armies of Pakistan and Republic of South Africa at Cherat.

Two weeks long exercise commenced on 15th of this month. The Combat Teams from Special Services Group, Pakistan Army and Republic of South Africa Special Forces participated in the Exercise.

Commandant Special Operation School, attended Chief Guest. Chief of Staff Republic of South Africa Special Forces, Colonel SS Lechoenyo also witnessed the Closing Ceremony.

The troop displayed highest standards of professional excellence during the conduct. The exercise was aimed at refining the drills, procedures and techniques involved in Counter Terrorism operations through joint training, besides harnessing the historic military to military relations among the friendly countries.

NDMA dispatches two more consignments for war affected people of Gaza, Lebanon

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has scaled up humanitarian aid to the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon on the directives of the Prime Minister.

The NDMA on Sunday dispatched 15th and 16th humanitarian relief assistance through two NLC road convoys carrying 100 tons each of winterized tents and blankets from Islamabad to Amman (Jordan) for people of Gaza and Beirut for people of Leba-

In total 1,598 tons of relief items have been dispatched to affected people of Gaza and Lebanon, a news release said.

The send-off ceremony held at Islamabad International Airport was attended by the Parliamentarians MNA Malik Ibrar and MNA Raja Qamar ul Islam, H.E Mr. Zuhair M. H. Darzaid, Palestinian Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E Mr. Ghassan Khatib, Lebanese Ambassador to Pakistan, representatives from NDMA, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs and Armed

During the ceremony, the Parliamentarians emphasized the urgent need to provide relief to the waraffected populations of Palestine and Lebanon considering the ongoing conflict and the needs of the affected communities.

Traders conference to be held in Islamabad in December to focus on Balochistan: SM Tanveer

FPCCI leader emphasizes upon establishing universities for skill development of children of province; slams stopping legal trade in name of prevention of smuggling ment is an important issue

Balochistan blessed with immense natural resources:

Independent Report

QUETTA: The central leader of Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) S. M. Tanveer has stated that Balochistan is a resource rich province, but despite blessed with the immense resources, the ratio of poverty is the highest here.

He stressed the need to set up industries in the province for promotion of the employment opportunities. He said that it is our target to provide job opportunities to the people of province, as unemploy-

Rana says:

Speculations

about 27th

amendment

premature

ISLÂMABAD (APP): Ad-

visor to the Prime Min-

ister on Political Affairs,

Rana Sanaullah on Sun-

day said that the specu-

lations on the 27th con-

stitutional amendment

Speaking to a pri-

vate news channel, he

dismissed rumors

about unilateral consti-

tutional changes, label-

ing them as baseless

were premature.

speculation.

in the province. We have discussed the

issues related to the province and found out that unemployment is an important issue that needs to be resolved, emphasized the FPCCI central leader while addressing a joint press conference here on Sunday morning. Other leaders and office bearers of the FPCCI and Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) were also present on the occasion.

his meeting with the repre-

sentatives of Chamber of Commerce in Quetta said that it was good, as during the course, the issues of Balochistan were discussed. During the meeting, we also talked about the solution to the issues being faced in the province, he

He said that unemployment is an important issue in the province, which was discussed thoroughly.

He stressed the need to establish industries for promotion of liveli-S.M. Tanveer referring hood opportunities in the province



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Health Bkhat Muhammad Kakar enquiring about the health of patient during his visit to Sheikh Zaid Hospital.

"Hub master plan" will change the destiny of the Hub: Hassan Zehri

Independent Report HUB: Senior Central Leader of Pakistan People's Party, President of HÛB District and Spokesperson for Balochistan Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Advisor for Industry and Crafts Balochistan Mir Ali Hassan Zehri congratulated the people of HUB for the approval of "HUB Master Plan". He said that with the "HUB Master Plan" four decades of deprivation of the HUB will end and the HUB will emerge as an ideal district. He said that President Asif Ali Zardari had promised to beautify the HUB during his visit to the HUB President fulfilled his promise and Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ali Bugti has approved the "HUB Master

net meeting, which is a good omen for the people of HUB and inshallah HUB Master will be completed very soon and the positive results of the plan will be revealed

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri further said that the "HUB Master Plan" will have farreaching results which will promote development and business activities. He said that for the past forty years, the HUB has Instead of providing resources to the people of the HUB, the imposed self-interested group only focused on their loot, which the people have now completely rejected. If the self-interested and antipeople elements had paid even a little attention to HUB in the last four decades, HUB would have gone a long way today. Plan" in the provincial cabi-



KARACHI: Policemen arresting Fixit Chief and former PTI MNA Alamgir outside the Karachi Purse Club in the Provincial Capital.

BCA organizes "Kashmir Black Day Cycle Rally"

Balochistan Cycling Association has organized 'Kashmir Black Day Cycle Rally" on Sunday to show solidarity with the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK)

The cycle rally

The cycle rally aimed to strongly condemn the worst atrocities perpetrated on innocent Kashmiris by the Indian forces in illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Participants in the rally were adorned their bicycles with the national green and white flags and wore black armband to mark the day in support of the victims of violence of Indian troops in occu-



CEC Pak, Uzbek election chief discuss electoral insights

TASHKENT (APP): Chief on Sunday discussed cooperation and shared insights on the electoral process with the Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan, Zainuddin Nizamkhojaev Makhmatovich.

CEC Raja is currently in Tashkent as a special observer for the ongoing parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan.

Both officials agreed to enhance mutual cooperation, with the meeting focusing on the exchange of electoral experiences between the two countries.

The Chief Election (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja eral polling stations in Tashkent, where he closely monitored the electoral process. He commended the arrangements made for voter convenience and recognized the performance of the polling staff.

During his visit, Sikandar Sultan Raja also toured Tashkent University of Journalism and Mass Communications, a prestigious educational institution in Uzbekistan. He received a comprehensive briefing on the university's modern educational facilities and me-



DUBAI: H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General speaks during an event arranged to observe 27th October Kashmir Black Day at the Consulate General of Pakistan.

Samina Zehri says: Pakistan has raised the voice of Kashmiris in every forum of world

Independent Report QUETTA: The people of Mumtaz Zehri said that the Occupied Kashmir are resisting every conspiracy of India. The day of October 27 holds a very important and are resisting every conplace in the history of Kashmir. These views were expressed by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Senate on Human

Rights, Senator Samina

Mumtaz Zahri in a state-

ment regarding the Black

Day against the Indian ille-

gal possession of Kashmir. She said that we will continue to struggle until the achievement. Indian conspiracies and tactics to crush the struggle for selfdetermination of Kashmiris have failed.

The cases of extra-judicial killings in Occupied Kashmir have increased to an alarming extent. Martyring in competitions, India is plotting to change the demography of Occu-

people of Occupied Kashmir are struggling to gain independence from India spiracy of India. She has said that Pakistan has always exposed all the brutal actions of India and will continue to expose Indian atrocities against Kashmiris to the world and the struggle will continue until the right to self-determination is achieved.

Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri further said that Pakistan has raised the voice of Kashmiris in every forum of the world. She said that the support of the movement of the oppressed Kashmiris for the right to self-determination will be voiced in every forum. Pakistan has presented the dossier related to Indian brutal actions in Occupied Kashmir to the

Senator

through NLC convoy from NDMA's Warehouse. New Gwadar Int'l Airport toattract local, international investment

for spin-off effects on devel-

opment horizons of Gwadar

as well as Balochistan. One

of impactful roles of NGIA

ISLAMABAD: MNA, Engineer Qamar-ul-Islam Raja addressing during cer-

emony, On instructions of Prime Minister, Pak NDMA Dispatched 15th &

16th Consignment of 200 tons of relief items for people of Lebanon & Gaza

ISLAMABAD (INP): China-aided New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA) is set serve as strong transportation link to attract local and international investment, says a report published by

Gwadar Pro on Sunday. Equipped with the spirit of inclusive connectivity with state-of-art airway features, NGIA is going to

in the development lies in attracting local and international investment. Since inception of Pakistan,

serve a dynamic precursor of air transportation sys-

Balochistan and Gwadar areas have direly needed modern air connectivity. Scattered businesses

locations afflicted by lack **Quetta Admin to shift**

dairy farms from urban areas to outskirts QUETTA (APP): Quetta

Administration has devised a plan to shift dairy farms from urban areas to outskirts of the city under the plan of a proper urban planning for the provincial capital city in order to develop the city on modern lines. The Commissioner

Quetta Division Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat has ordered to impose a complete ban on dairy farms established in all 58 urban wards of Quetta city. He said that strict action would be taken against the dairy farms owners who have not been

shifted dairy farms from the city by Monday.
Talking to APP, he said

that the district administration was decorating the City by shifting un-desireable land used, such as shifting of bus/truck stands, motor showrooms, junkyards and dairy farms from town area to outskirts of Quetta and rural

The government had planned envisaged development of the provincial capital city and up-gradation of existing municipal infrastructure, he added.

Pak increases monitoring of air traffic amid Iran, Israel tensions

tem have also marred the

development pace in

port links play a role to influ-

ence where companies choose

to invest. Since many projects

have been completed to re-

vamp airways, roadways and

railways under CPEC frame-

work, Balochistan has seen

improvement in investments,

signaling the region's poten-

tial for growth.

Indeed, good air trans-

Gwadar and Balochistan.

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan's Air Traffic Control (ATC) has heightened monitoring of air traffic entering Pakistani airspace in response to escalating tensions between Iran and Israel. Media reports indi

cate that the closure of Iranian airspace has led to flights rerouting through Omani airspace instead. Pakistan is particularly focused on monitoring flights approaching its airspace from the west. Each flight is being verified before being granted entry

starting from Assembly Chowk and concluding at Alhamd Islamic University Air Port Road, aimed to highlight the 77-year mark of Indian military presence in Kashmir since pied valley.