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Asks PTI to withdraw protest call amid SCO moot **Pakistan ready to warmly host CHG-SCO** meeting; matters within SCO framework to be discussed: Dar

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said that Pakistan was ready to host Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) meeting on October 15-16 in Islamabad in which different significant issues would be discussed under

nalized.

the SCO framework. Talking to media after tion and Broadcasting his visit to review arrangements for the upcoming CHG-SCO meeting, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister said that

quested for bilateral meet- about the preparations of ings on the sidelines of the CHG-SCO which were fi-About invitation to Af-

ghanistan, the deputy prime Replying to a query, he minister and foreign minissaid that India had not reter said that since 2021, the quested for such bilateral Observers Status of that meeting and only the matcountry had been virtually ters related to SCO framesuspended as Afghanistan work would be discussed had neither been invited to by the SCO member states nor participated in SCO at the multilateral forum. meetings.

Minister for Informa-Therefore, he said, Pakistan could not take deci-Attaullah Tarar also accomsion alone in this regard as panied the deputy prime the decisions were taken on minister and foreign minis- the SCO forum by the ter during a walk with the member states. Dar, to another quesmediapersons to provide

ISLAMABAD (APP): certain countries had re- them first-hand information tion, said Pakistan is a host to CHG-SCO and would fully meet the responsibility

About the North-South and South-South connectivity, he said the discussions with the relevant countries were in progress and continuing on the bilateral and multilateral levels.

But within the SCO framework and protocol, certain matters would be discussed under specific scope of discussions and within its contours, he fur-

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Pakistan from October 14-

17, 2024 to meet Pakistan's

civil and military leadership

and attend the Meeting of

the Council of the Heads of

Government of the Shang-

hai Cooperation Organiza-



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti addressing Wahdat Ummat Con-

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar alongwith Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar talking with media men after visit to review arrangements for the upcoming CHG-SCO meeting

Tarar lauds China for helping Pakistan overcome energy crisis

ISLAMABAD (APP): tween Pakistan and China Federal Minister for Infor- is being passed down from mation, Broadcasting, Na- generation to generation," tional Heritage and Culture the minister said adding that

Session of **Balochistan** Assembly to start today

scheduled to begin in

companied by ministers and senior officials including from the ministries of foreign affairs and commerce, the National Development and Reform Commission and the China International Development Cooperation Agency, according to a curtain raiser issued by the Foreign Of-Independent Report fice on Sunday. QUETTA: The session of Balochistan Assembly is

in Islamabad today for a four-day visit ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Mir Minister Shehbaz Muhammad Premier of the State Council of China Li Qiang is Sharif and Premier Li Qiang scheduled to undertake a will lead their respective four-day bilateral visit to

Chinese premier Li due

delegations to comprehensively discuss all aspects of Pakistan-China relations including economic and trade ties and cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The two sides will also discuss regional and global developments.

Premier Li will be ac-The Chinese premier will call on President Asif Ali Zardari and hold meetings with parliamentary leaders and senior military leadership of Pakistan. He will also attend the Meet-Shanghai Cooperation Organization being held in Islamabad on October 15-16.

KARACHI: Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) delegation, led by Sec-

retary General Ahsan Iqbal, Advisor to PM Rana Sanaullah, and Federal

Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, meets with MQM-Pakistan leadership, includ-

Three-day annual exhibition & conference of construction material:

Governor exhorts engineers & architects

to guide in construction of modern

buildings thru 3D printing technology

Jaffar Khan Mandokhail says time arises to computerize all

our institutions and departments at earliest and focus on

ing Chairman Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, at Pakistan House

Addresses Wahdat-e-Ummat Conference We must defeat those spreading hatred in the name of religion and division: CM Bugti

Independent Report QUETTA: Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, highlighted the importance of national unity, stating that various conspiracies have been hatched to divide the nation since the creation of Pakistan. He stressed that repeated attacks on national solidarity have weakened collective efforts

ing of the Council of the Heads of Government of the tine.

CM Bugti emphasized that violence on ethnic or religious grounds also constitutes terrorism. "We must defeat those spreading hatred in the name of religion and division," he asserted, adding that terrorism fueled by nationalism or religion must be curbed. We need to unite against violence and ensure that it is stopped," he urged.

Speaking at the Wahdat-e-Ummat (Unity The Chief Minister laof the Ummah) Conference on Sunday, the Chief Minmented the senseless killister said, "Today, the ings of innocent laborers in Muslim Ummah is fragdifferent parts of the provmented, which is why we ince, calling on everyone to are unable to raise a united speak out against injustice voice against atrocities faced by Muslims around the

world, including in Pales- courage to call wrong what it is-wrong," he remarked.

Addressing the issue of development, CM Bugti dismissed the notion that terrorism in Balochistan is linked to uneven development

"All provinces in Pakistan face underdevelop-ment. Unbalanced development cannot justify violent behavior," he said firmly, emphasizing that no one other than the state has the right to take up arms or resort to violence.

He congratulated the organizers of the Wahdate-Ummat Conference, calling it a significant step to in line with Islamic teach-ings. "We must all have the interfaith harmony. ward fostering national and

Bugti appreciates Chairman PPP's proposal:

Attaullah Tarar on Sunday extended deep gratitude to China for helping Pakistan to overcome worst energy crisis faced by the country in the early years of previous decade.

Delivering his speech at the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan ceremony here, he said the friendship between Pakistan and China spanned over decades and many genfriendship between the two erations.

"The friendship be- countries.

the people of Pakistan and Quetta today (Monday). China had emotional at-It may be mentioned tachment to each other. here that the Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail Tarar remarked that Beijing had supported had summoned the session Islamabad in all circumof Provincial Assembly las

stances and this friendship week for today. had gone through storms The session would reand difficult times successmain continued till October fully and proved unbreak-28, 2024, as mentioned in able. He said that China-Pathe official notification issued here by the Provincial Assembly Secretariat. kistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was the manifestation of closeness and ideal

PTI to delay Oct 15 protest if

Dr. Rubaba lauds role of Pak Navy meeting with Imran granted ISLAMABAD (INP): Pafor ensuring national security

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for Women kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) announced that it will Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Buledi has stated hold 'massive' protests on October 15 at Islamabad's that the role of Pakistan Navy is commendable for the country's stability and provision of equal opportunities D-Chowk, if the party is

not allowed to meet party founder Imran Khan.

While speaking to a pri-vate TV Channel, PTI Central Secretary Information Sheikh Waqas Akram set a condition for the government to withdraw from the announced protest. "Allow party founder Imran Khan's meeting with his family and lawyers or face massive protests on October 15, Sheikh Waqas Akram said. He said that the govern-

ment has banned meetings with Imran Khan for the last five or six weeks, adding that even lawyers and famintroduce new concept of science and technology reily members are not allowed to meet him. We have garding building code. He no contact with our leader stressed that we have to (Imran Khan) and reports decorate our engineers and of mistreatment in jail are concerning. Our protest is

Sheikh

not against the Shanghai

Cooperation Organisation

summit, but for access to

Imran Khan's," S Waqas Akram added.

building capacity in professional sectors which we would lag behind exhibition and conference **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar in all fields of innovation, productivity and economic Khan Mandokhail has exdevelopment. horted all the engineers and The Governor was ad-

dressing the annual exhibiarchitects of the country to tion and conference of the provide guidance in construction of the modern construction material orgabuildings through 3D printers and technology. He also urged them to

nized by the Institute of Architects of Pakistan Quetta Chapter, here at a local hall the other day.

The office bearers of the Institute of Architects of Pakistan as well as the experts of construction material and other conarchitects with modern technology and skills of 3D cerned were present in the printing in order to come at conference.

The Governor said that par the international stan-dard as it is need of our colit is a matter of pleasure to lective survival, without participate in the annual

Federal constitutional court to ensure equal representation of all provinces, says CM provinces including

Independent Report OUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has highly appreciated the proposal of Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari régarding federal constitutional court in the country and it (proposal) would prove to be good omen for all the provinces

especially Balochistan. In his tweet on social media account on Sunday morning, the Chief Minister said that equal representation of all the prov-inces would be made possible with establishment of the constitutional court. The Chief Minister also

tionalist parties of Balochistan would also support this idea of Chairman PPP regarding establishment of constitutional court.

Balochistan would be heard

proud of the visionary ap

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

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pressed the hope that all na-

Mir Sarfraz Bugti ex-

Ĥe said that we are

on equal basis.

It may be mentioned here that in his tweet, Chairman PPP had said that "we propose the creation of federal constitutional court, with equal representation of all federating said that the voice of all the units,



KARACHI: Police clash with Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) activists for violating Section 144 when they demonstrated against the killing of blasphemy suspect Dr Shahnawaz Kunbhar and "extremism in Karachi.

Pakistan Army secures gold medal in Exercise **Cambrian Patrol 2024**

This year, one hundred and twenty-eight teams from forty-two countries participated in the exercise, and the Pakistan Army's team demonstrated exceptional performance and secured the gold medal.

This year, Exercise Cambrian Patrol celebrated its 65th year and has retained its demanding professional standards; patrols all across from the globe had to move tactically across inhospitable terrain, covering a distance of 60 kilometers (kms) within 48 hours. completing specialist tasks in a contested environment, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Army's team has been awarded the gold medal in Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2024, which concluded today in Wales, United Kingdom.

According to a press release issued here, the event, held from the 4th to the 13th of this month, marked the sixty-fifth anniversary of the exercise, which upholds demanding professional standards.

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globe had to move tactically across inhospitable terrain, More than 10,000 covering a distance of sixty

vaccination of children during the campaign, the sources maintained.

Custom-free vehicles for Gwadar free Zones in offing GWADAR (INP): Govern-

She was speaking to the Station Commander of Pak

During the course of meeting, detail discussion was

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rubaba Buledi stressed

Navy in Quetta, Captain Abdullah Siddiqui here the other

held on the mutual cooperation and partnership between

the professional training of women between the women

development and Pak Navy and Women Development

the need to establish the professional development insti-

tute for women. She said that such institutions would

provide opportunities to the women to prove their skills

and polish their talent at the national level.

ment has shown readiness to allow import of customfree vehicles in Gwadar Free Zone North and Gwadar Free Zone South under regulatory frameworks laid down by Federal Board of Revenue, Custom and Excise & Taxation department, Balochistan.

to youth especially women.

Department.

This will give profuse impetus to Gwadar Free Zone and investors, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday

Ministry of Maritime Affairs has prepared the draft for regulatory mecha-

nism for the import of vehicles by Gwadar Free Zone and its operating companies.

The regulatory framework has been formulated with the notification of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) with the purpose to facilitate the operationalization of Gwadar Free Zone and expedite the industrialization process. As per the amended regulatory mechanism, Free Zone investors will be authorized to import

custom duty-free vehicles for their construction and operation

WALES: Pakistan Army Team participate in Exercise Cambrian Patrol-2024. held in Wales. This year, 128 teams from 42 Countries participated in the Exercise and out of all these teams, Pakistan Army's Team showed Exceptional Performance in the exercise and has been awarded with the Gold Medal.

that the country which would increase the production of solar energy would have bright future. He urged the engineer to guide us to overcome the energy crisis in the country and province and that how

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Anti-polio campaign to be launched in

and said that the engineers

and builders are playing

key role in providing strong

foundation to the basic in-

frastructure in the country

He said that it is clear

including Balochistan.

Balochistan from

Independent Report QUETTA: The seven-day anti-polio campaign is scheduled to be launched in

Balochistan from October 28, 2024.

According to the sources of Provincial Health Department, the polio immunization campaign would be launched in all 36 districts of the province. The sources said that it

has been targeted to vacci-nate over 2.6 million children below five years of age.

teams would be engaged for kilometers within fortying specialized tasks in a contested environment.



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Miscellaneous

PM reiterates Pakistan's commitment to achievement of highest global standards on 'World Standards Day'

ISLAMABAD (APP):Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has reiterated the commitment of the Government of Pakistan to support their relevant organizations achieving adherence to highest global standards and in accelerating Pakistan's journey toward sustainable economic development.

In a message on the World Standards Day being observed on October 14, the prime minister said that Pakistan joined the international community to commemorate the World Standards Day.

The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), a National Standards Body, was actively engaging with the global community and making efforts to inspire their domestic manufacturers to adopt standardization and quality-focused practices, thereby fostering a culture of excellence throughout the country, he added. The prime minister said the theme for this year as set by International Organization for Standardization (ISO), "Shared Vision for a Better World," underscored the essential role of reliability and trust in driving the success of both the manufacturing and service sectors.

Standards are indeed the foundation that makes everyday life functions seamless.

This theme invites us to reassess the competitive- nizational and manufacturing processes, he opined.

ness of our products in the international market," PM Office Media Wing, in a press release, quoted the prime minister as saying. In line with the commitment to public safety, health

and environment, the prime minister said that he was proud to highlight that the PSQCA had developed rigorous safety standards for automotive vehicles to protect the lives of our citizens. "Noteworthy achievement is that it has set a limit of 2% on industrially produced Trans Fatty Acids (iTFA) in food products, a critical step towards reducing cardiovascular diseases in Pakistan. These efforts reflect our determination to prioritize the well-being of our people through comprehensive and effective standards," he observed. The growth of Pakistan's exports was directly linked with the compliance of our goods and services with the international standards, he said, adding this alignment helped to promote and build global consumer confidence in Pakistani products, broaden greater opportunities for their businesses worldwide and further stimulate economic growth in a sustainable manner. Conformity to such standards also bestowed a competitive advantage, enabling businesses to meet customer needs through optimized orga-



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PCB Chairman Naqvi with selection committee, mentors review team performance

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi presided over a crucial two-hour joint meeting with the selection committee and team mentors to assess the current state of the national cricket team



The meeting, which followed a separate session with the mentors, aimed to evaluate recent performances and fitness levels ahead of upcoming matches.

During the meeting, the selection committee provided Naqvi with insights regarding potential changes to the team lineup. It was agreed that the process of evaluating new players would be completed by the end of the current series.

The meeting also emphasized the importance of completing the fitness assessments for players within the same timeframe. Chairman Naqvi instructed the selection committee and mentors to focus on improving the quality of pitches used for domestic matches. Various suggestions were put forth during the discussions, reflecting the collaborative effort to elevate Pakistan cricket.

Notable attendees included selection committee members Aqib Javed, Azhar Ali Aleem Dar, Hassan Cheema, advisor Bilal Afzal, Director Domestic Abdullah Khurram Niazi, and Director High Performance Nadeem Khan. Mentors Shoaib Malik, Misbahul-Haq, Waqar Younis, and Saqlain Mushtaq were present, while mentor Sarfraz Ahmed and selection committee member Asad Shafiq participated via video link.

UN chief calls for equipping young people with skills on Disaster Risk Reduction Day

UNITED NATIONS (APP): UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has vulnerable," he added. underscored the vital role of

children are particularly

services and protection,

disabilities are especially

"No one is safe, but portionately impacted, further deepening the challenges they face in recover-According to the UN ing from both disasters and ne consequences of cli

Shah Farman resigns as senior Advisor to KP CM

PESHAWAR (APP): Sefore he had resigned as nior Advisor to Chief an advisor. It is pertinent to

Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Šhah mention here that Shah Farman has resigned Farman had been sefrom the cabinet due to lected as a member of his responsibilities as a committee to monitor member of the accountthe performance of the ability committee provincial government formed to monitor perand cabinet members formance of the provincial government.

According to the Shah resignation, Farman maintained that as a member of the accountability committee his role as an advisor corruption Musaddiq would be affected there- and Shah Farman.

25-year-old woman falls prey to honor killing in Swat

Independent Report ings in Swat, with a stag-WAT: A devastating incigering 263 documented dent has shaken the Swat cases over the past twelve valley, where a 25-year-old years woman was brutally mur-

sor to KP CM on anti-

Honor killings, known dered in the name of honor. locally as karo-kari, remain The victim, who was mara pressing concern in Pakiried to Iqbal, had been seekstan. Despite recent legal ing refuge with her father reforms, this practice condue to domestic unrest. tinues to claim numerous Tragically, her own huslives. In 2021 alone, over band and brothers allegedly 470 cases of honor killings committed the heinous were reported, with esticrime, disposing of her mates suggesting that body in a deep cave in around 1,000 women fall Alagay village, Banjoot victim to this practice anarea, under the cover of midnually 2.

Human rights activists and organizations are urg

PCB holds major surgery before second Test: Babar, Shaheen, Naseem dropped for remaining two **Test matches against England**

"We are fully committed to supporting them during this period so they can come back even stronger,' says selecion committee member.

Sports Desk

besides corrupt prac-LAHORE: The national squad for the second The other members and third Tests against of the committee in-England has been ancluded Senior legal exnounced. pert Qazi Anwar, Advi-

Former captain Babar Azam, ace fast bowlers Naseem Shah and Shaheen Afridi, with along wicketkeeper-batsman Sarfaraz Ahmed, have been dropped from the squad for the remaining matches.

The selection committee has also in-formed the PCB Chairman regarding these changes.

Sources indicated that the selectors decided to rest Babar Azam, Naseem Shah, Sarfaraz Ahmed, and Shaheen Afridi in ac-

cordance to Pakistan's future international cricket schedule. Additionally, Abrar Ahmed was unavail-

able for selection due to dengue fever. In their place, wicket-keeper Haseebullah, spinner Mehran Mumtaz, Kamran Ghulam, fast Mumtaz,

bowler Muhammad Ali, and off-spinner Sajid Khan have been included. Nauman Ali and Zahid Mahmood, who were initially part of the original squad but later dropped, have now been re-included in the 16-member squad.

The selection committee stated that choosing the team for the upcoming Tests

against England was a challenging task, requiring consideration of Pakistan's international schedule for 2024. Keeping these factors in mind, they decided to rest Babar Azam, Naseem Shah, Sarfaraz Ahmed, and Shaheen Afridi.

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Pakistan Squad: Shan Masood (captain), Saud Shakeel (vice-captain), Aamer Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Haseebullah (wicketkeeper), Kamran Ghulam, Mehran Mumtaz, Mir Hamza, Mehran Muhammad Ali, Muhammad Haris, Mohammad Rizwan wicketkeeper), Nauman Ali, Saim Ayub, Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, and Zahid Mahmood

RAILWAY STATION QUETT

education in protecting children and empowering them to build a disaster-resilient future.

In a message marking Sunday's International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, the UN chief highlighted the severe impact of disasters on children.

"When disasters strike, they unleash enormous devastation on individuals, societies and economies. The ripple effects of death, destruction and displacement are unimaginable. Today, disasters are often supercharged by the climate crisis, increasing their fre-

quency and intensity," he said.



tion,

MULTAN: Pakistan coach Jason Gillespie chats with Babar Azam during a practice session ahead of the Second Test Match against England at Multan Cricket Stadium.

HEC secures 3rd position in inter-departmental **Karate championship** The male team also

gave a very good perfor-mance with Haris Nadeem

winning a bronze medal in

Individual Kata. The team

comprising Haris Nadeem,

Dilawar, Nouman Arshad,

and Alyan secured bronze

medal in Team Kata. The

team won silver medal in

Team Kumite, while Syed

Wasi Haider clinched a gold medal in the below 75 kg

weight category. Other

male athletes won five

bronze medals in various

the mark training, team-

work, athletes' dedication

and hard work led to this

the championship demon-

strates its commitment to

promoting sports excel-

lence and empowering uni-

and athletics.

HEC's participation in

impressive performance.

Expert guidance, up to

weight categories.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The team of Higher Education Commission (HEC), gave an impressive performance at the Inter-departmental Karate Championship held at Nishtar Park Sports Complex, Lahore, and secured 3rd position.

HEC team demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication, winning a total of 18 medals, including 1 gold, 6 silver, and 11 bronze medals.

In the female category, Nimra Ali won the silver medal in Individual Kata, while the team comprising Hafiza Iqra Ânwar, Summaya Rafaqat, and Aayira Faisal won bronze medal in Team Kata. The team also won one bronze medal in Team Kumite. Other notable female performances included four silver medals and three bronze medals in various weight categories

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that children are not just the effects of climate victims of disaster. change. Recent years have 'They have a huge seen the highest levels of stake in the future, and their children affected by deideas and innovations can structive flooding in over help to reduce risk and build three decades. In the after-

resilience " math of disasters, children face disruptions to educa-**Governor exhorts** nutrition, and healthcare. They often lose Continued from page 1 access to essential social we can convert our conventional energy system on the

while girls and children with solar energy. He stressed that our vulnerable to dangerous engineers and architects

conditions. should also guide us as how Children from impovwe can rid of the unneceserished families are disprosary burden of the construc-

tion material including cement, bricks, etc. He also asked them to tell what's new concept of science and technology regarding building code. While on the other hand, the time arises to computerize

for the next year. all our institutions and departments at the earliest and focus on enhancing capacity in all professional sectors. The Governor on the occasion hailed participaregional trade and investtion of the engineers, ex-

ment and referred to the reperts and other concerned cent visits of Malaysian in the annual exhibition and premier and the Saudi delconference and expressed egation. With the SCO member best wishes for them in their endeavours and constates, matters related to

tribution in the country's development. Later, he distributed tinuously, he added. commemorative shields among the organizers and guests of the exhibition and conference.

the global fora which in-Meanwhile, Governor cluded the prime minister's visited stalls of different address at the UNGA, national and multinational Pakistan's efforts at the OIC and other international companies set up in the exfora where they had effechibition and inspected the material displayed there. tively raised the Palestine,

derway. This heartbreaking incident highlights the disturbing trend of honor kill-Continued from page 1 ther clarified.

Swift action by the po-

night

lice led to the recovery of ing the public to condemn the body and the arrest of this practice and advocate the victim's three brothers for change. The persistence of honor killings underand husband. An FIR has been registered, and an inscores the need for susvestigation is currently untained efforts to protect women's rights and promote a culture of tolerance and understanding.

Pakistan ready to warmly host...

Gaza and Lebanon issues. Pakistan had sent 10

consignments of humani-The deputy prime mintarian assistance to Palesister said that the entire retine and further steps were gion required integration on anvil for the relief aid, and peace and it was the he added. core objective of the PML-

To a query, the deputy N leadership including prime minister and foreign former prime minister minister urged a specific Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, political party without besides it was also included naming (PTI) it to take back in the PML-N manifesto. its call for protest on Octo-He enumerated the inber 15 in the larger national cumbent government's efinterests. forts to bring down infla-

He said for the sake of tion ahead of the target set politics, it was not good for the same political party Dar advised those quarthat had been repeating the ters who had been claiming same scenario of 2014. Due that Pakistan was in diploto their protest, Chinese matic isolation to reassess president's visit had been their projections as Pakipostponed. stan had become a hub of During all parties con-

ference on Gaza, the same political party did not at-tend it, he said, adding what message, they wanted to give?

It had already crossed all the red lines in the past the trade and commerce had and attacked the state inalso been discussed constitutions, Dar observed and stressed upon its lead-About Palestine issue, ership to rectify its wrong he said Pakistan had been decision and call off their vociferously raising it at all protest on 15 October in the

arge national interests. The deputy prime minister also lauded the relevant miniseries for making arrangements for the upcoming SCO event.



QUETTA: People are filling their water cans from public tap as they facing versity students to achieve laurels in both academics shortage of drinking water in their area, during the hot weather of summer season, in Quetta.



QUETTA: Railway employees holding a protest demonstration in favour of their demands

Experts say SCO summit vital opportunity for Pakistan to strengthen diplomatic, economic ties with member states

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ex- nectivity.

perts and analysts on inter-Talking to APP he said. national and regional affairs 'This gives Pakistan an opbelieve that the upcoming portunity to push forward Shanghai Cooperation Orits economic and geopolitiganization (SCO) summit cal interests on a broader in Islamabad will be an imstage, advocating for poliportant opportunity for cies that promote regional Pakistan to strengthen its peace, security, and proseconomic and diplomatic perity. Through this enties with member countries gagement, Pakistan can not and to agree on a unified only deepen its ties with strategy for countering terkey regional players but also assert itself as a vital The 23rd two-day link in the broader Eurasian summit of the Shanghai Coconnectivity initiative."

Analysts believe the SCO is a big platform and it can turnaround not only in the region but in the en-tire world. "Pakistan, which is the 5th largest populas country in the world and its strategic location for international trade has further increased its significance to grabe the opportunity for benefits of its people," senior journalist Iftikhar Shirazi told APP.

joined the organization in 2017. In preparation for the He said discussions on SCO meeting, the Pakistani security issues and current government has impleregional terrorism will also mented strict security meabe significant at this sumsures, deploying thousands mit, adding," security issues of police with military and terrorism are a key forces to ensure law and agenda item for the SCO, order and safety during the and this meeting is important for discussing and re-Regional affairs experts solving the issues particuand analysts said that the larly the terrorism emanat-SCO presents a significant ing from Afghanistan, which poses a serious threat to the entire region.' According to a new

expert at Institute of Stra-United Nations report the tegic Study Islamabad Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (ISSI) Muhammad Taimur (TTP), is "the largest ter-Khan said that this summit rorist group" in Afghanistan is a great opportunity for and receives growing sup-Pakistan to clarify how it port from the Afghan can attract investment and Taliban to conduct crosscontribute to regional conborder attacks in Pakistan

Experts note that there is a growing trend in Pakistan to shift from a geo-strategic to a geo-economic focus, and this SCO summit will be an opportunity for Pakistan to advance and clarify this strategy.

Muneeb Salman, an international and financial affairs researcher, noted that this will be an important conference, particularly for Pakistan's connectivity with Central Asia, given the prior work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Talking to APP, he mentioned that bilateral trade between Pakistan and China is nearly \$20 billion, but connecting Pakistan with resources rich Central Asia remains a long-standing ambition.

The gathering is expected to result in the adoption of key measures aimed at enhancing economic partnerships among member states and approving the SCO's budget for the upcoming year.

The summit will bring together Chinese Premier Li Qiang, Russian Prime Minister Mik-hail Mishustin, Belarusian PM Roman Golovchenko and Iran's First Vice President Reza Aref. Kazakhstan's Prime Minister Olzhas Bek-tenov, Kyrgyzstan's Akylbek Japarov, Tajikistan's Kohir Rasulzoda. and Uzbekistan's Abdulla Aripov are also exp-ected to participate in the meeting.

India's Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar will represent his country.

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scheduled to take place on

October 15 and 16 in

lished in 2001 and has nine

member states, including

China, Russia, Belarus,

Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan,

and Uzbekistan as its

founding members while

Pakistan. India and Iran

The SCO was estab-

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No compromise on Pakistan's honor, Talal Chaudhry warns PTI

Chaudhry Sunday issued a disrupt the SCO conferstrong warning regarding PTI's protest call and said that the government will not tolerate any actions that compromise Pakistan's respect and dignity.

,He declared the call as an attempt to blackmail the government's commitment state and secure an NRO.

In an exclusive Interview with a private news channel, Talal said that the mises will be made. government will not tolerate any attempts to create chaos and called Imran Khan as 'history's VIP prisoner" who enjoys all facili-

ISLAMABAD (APP): ties while still making ex-PML-N Senator Talal cuses and attempting to kitchen facilities and opportunities to hold political meetings, adding, deence.

According to Talal Chaudhry, PTI's actions spite this, he continues to criticize the government are a threat to Pakistan's and allegedly wants to disrupt the SCO summit and economic stability and national security. CPEC phase 2.

The SCO summit and He reiterated the CPEC phase 2 are crucial to protecting Pakistan's refor Pakistan's economic spect and dignity, making development and any disit clear that no comproruptions could have significant consequences, he He said Imran Khan added.

The government is foleader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) cusing on addressing the party has been receiving country's economic woes special treatment while in and fulfilling its governing

jail, including separate responsibilities instead of targeting the opposition, he added

Responding a query, he made it clear that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) can call for protests but they will not allow to dare to disrupt the state's proceedings, especially when Pakistan is hosting a significant international conference. Talal Chaudhry has strongly criticized PTI chairman Imran Khan for

allegedly collaborating with external powers to create instability in Pakistan during the SCO summit



ISLAMABAD: A view of Rawal Dam Chowk Flyover decorated with flags of various countries in connection with SCO Summit in the Federal Capital.



ISLAMABAD: Electric bus service closed in the red zone of the Federal Capital, in connection with SCO Summit.

PTDC, **Discover** Pakistan TV sign MoU to promote tourism in country

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- tourist destinations of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) and Discover Pakistan TV signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) here on Friday for the promotion of tourism in Pakistan and abroad. Managing Director, PTDC, Aftab-ur Rehman Rana signed the MoU on behalf of PTDC while Dr. Kaiser Rafiq, CEO signed from Discover Pakistan TV. Through the MoU, both the organizations agreed to join hands to organize various promotional activities and initiatives to promote image of Pakistan as a tourist friendly destination at national and international level.

The MoU also fo- tourism organization is uticuses on creation of high lizing all its resources to quality digital content on promote tourism.

cusecs water ISLAMABAD (APP) Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Sunday kistan, promotion of rereleased 119,600 cusecs sponsible and sustainable water from various rim statourism through awareness tions with inflow of 85,400 campaign via digital and cusecs

IRSA releases

119,600

electronic media and en-According to the data gagement of national and eleased by IRSA, water international travel villagers level in River Indus at to promote Pakistan as Tarbela Dam was 1536.05 tourist destination. Morefeet and was 138.05 feet over, it highlights the comhigher than its dead level of mitment of both the parties 1,398 feet. Water inflow and to continue the National outflow in the dam was re-Tourism Awards of Excelcorded as 44,200 cusecs lence as an annual high level and 52,000 cusecs respecaffair to acknowledge the tively. The water level in efforts of industry stake-River Jhelum at Mangla holders for the promotion Dam was 1204.20 feet, and development of tourwhich was 154.20 feet ism in Pakistan. MD, higher than its dead level of PTDC, Aftab ur Rehman 1,050 feet. The inflow and Rana on this occasion said, outflow of water was recorded 8,600 cusecs and "PTDC being a national 35,000 cusecs respectively.

The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa , Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as

Pakistan's pavilion at COP29 to host vibrant activities convening int'l experts: Bilal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), Bilal Anwar on Sunday said Pakistan's pavilion at COP29 to host vibrant activities convening international experts for a healthy discourse on multifaceted topics around climate resilience. The Fund is assisting the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination in formulation of the National Climate Finance Strategy that would be launched at the COP29.

justice in the Indian legal

system represents one of

It said Hindu caste

system.

The NDRMF is sup-porting the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination by extending financial and technical assistance in establishing the COP pavilion, pre-COP events and writing position papers on different agenda items like Article 13, Article 6 and others under the Paris Accord, the CEO NDRMF said in an exclusive interview with APP while showcasing the efforts and accomplishments of the Fund The Fund is also as-

sisting in formulation of the

in India: Report

ter independence, the caste system remains a deeptry. rooted issue in the country.

A report released by Kashmir Media Service, today, said women from lower castes face a disprosystem but had, in some ways, reinforced its strucportionate risk of violence and harassment but castetures related crimes often escape

Dalits are still viewed as 'untouchables,' facing systemic exclusion, it added

National Climate Finance Strategy that would be launched at the COP29, he said. Denouncing the criti-cism on COP Pavilions, Bilal Anwar said the criticism on the COP pavilions established by the country at previous conferences was unfair. "Pakistan's pavilion has enhanced its utility in the previous two to three COPs as during the COP27 due to 2022 floods it has garnered much attention whereas during the COP28, some 29 events were organised throughout the moot at the pavilion.

two in Athara

Hazari

ISLAMABAD (APP): At

least two persons were

critically injured when a gas

cylinder exploded in the

Basic Health Unit of the

Uch Gul Imam area of

Athara Hazari on early

rescue 1122 said that a cyl-

inder exploded inside a ba-

sic health unit, and due to

According to details,

Sunday morning.

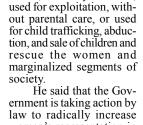
Govt plans to integrate MoHR helpline for coordination b/w police, media & victims should be protection from

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government is planning to integrate the HRD Ministry's helpline 1099 to strengthen coordination between the police, media, and victims at the grassroots level.

Talking to APP, Director General Ministry of Human Rights Dr: Jahanzeb Khan said that

there is a dire need to create awareness about the

helpline quarterly year. He said that the integration of helplines would help the people and 15 different officials' helplines integrate each other's and SOP would be completed that would facilitate the people. He said that the purpose of awareness



abuse, and exploitation,

women's representation in all administrative leadership positions (including departmental head offices and key field offices.

Dr. Jahanzeb Khan also said that the media should play a vital role in this regard, adding that for the support and protection of victims, the media should maintain the code of ethics



ISLAMABAD: A man on his way carrying a bundle of dry woods on his head for domestic use.

IG Rizvi says: **ICT police finalize security** measures for SCO Summit, deploying 93% of force IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi stated that the Islamabad Police have developed an integrated traffic plan to minimize difficulties for citizens during the event. "Search and information-based operations are now in place. ongoing to ensure full secu-Inspector General rity for all foreign heads of state, delegations, and guests," Rizvi said. IG Rizvi, said the security efforts involve collaboration across multiple agencies, including the Ministry of Foreign Af-IG Rizvi said that sefairs, District Administracurity duties have been fition, Pakistan Army, Rangers, Frontier Corps, nalized at various venues, airports, routes, funnel arother provincial police, ineas, hotels, and residences telligence agencies, traffic police, and the special of delegations, including the branch.

Caste system remains deep-rooted issue

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ev- the oldest forms of social eryday life for many in Inhierarchy which still exists dia is marked by casteand low-caste individuals based oppression and sociare relegated to the most etal violence as decades af-

degrading and labor-intensive jobs across the coun-The report lamented that India's democratic framework had not only failed to dismantle the caste

> the intensity of the blast, two people were injured, a Within this hierarchy, private news channel reported. Rescue teams swiftly responded to the incident and shifted injured persons to nearby hospitals.

Gas cylinder blast injures

Election result rejection of what BJP has done to **IIOJK: Omar Abdullah**

added.

"The resolution should

main a union territory.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Na- lution in the assembly for tional Conference vice the restoration of statehood President Omar Abdullah and against the Article 370 move by the BJP, he said. has said that the election result of the Indian occucome from the cabinet. pied Jammu and Kashmir Why wait for the assem-Assembly is a rejection of what Bharatiya Janata bly?" The assembly can Party has done to the people of the territory.

According to Kashmir Media Service, Omar Abdullah in a media interview in Srinagar said it is a rejection of what was done to the territory on August 5, 2019. "And I am also including all the seats outside the BJP's kitty-whether bagged by independents, the Peoples Democratic Party, or the alliance. This is a rejection of what the BJP

To a query about his commitment to pass a reso- hood.



ISLAMABAD: A view of Rawal Dam Chowk Flyover decorated in connection with SCO Summit in the Federal Capital.

67,800, 66,000, 56,100 and 16,500 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 18,800 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 4,700 cusecs released.

Report on power sector "Glorious years in Pakistan" launched

debate and discuss other ISLAMABAD (APP): A work report of the "Glorithings, but the cabinet should be clear on the resous 11-Years - How Chitoration of statehood, he nese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Paki-To another query stan" and "Business Cli-Omar Abdullah said, "In the mate Index of Chinese Cominitial phase, we will do panies in Pakistan" as sucwhatever we can. But I cess stories was launched don't believe we will rehere on Sunday.

The launching cer-The prime minister is emony was arranged by the on record committing state-China Chamber of Comhood to Jammu and Kash-Pakistan merce in mir. The BJP has said it is a (CCCPK).

> The participants highto providing quality educalighted the performance and tion in public schools, equal to or even surpassing that achievements of Chinese companies in the energy of private institutions. sector in Pakistan. He highlighted the fo-



ISLAMABAD: Weekly Margallah Bazaar H-9 closed on Sunday, in connection with SCO Summit in the Federal Capital.

Education secretary shows commitment to revolutionize public schools

ISLAMABAD (APP): cus on teacher training pro-Secretary of the Ministry grams and state-of-the-art Secretary of the Ministry of Federal Education & Proart labs to bridge the gap Training between public and private Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani education. This initiative aims to Sunday made a strong com-

empower students with the latest skills, increasing their employment opportunities and equipping them for success in the digital age, he added

Secretary hailed a major milestone in the education sector, revealing that the transformative overhaul of public schools has led to a significant shift.

"Mostly, students from private schools are now transferring to public schools," he noted.

seize huge liquor haul, nab 3 dealers ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police Kirpa police team on Sunday raided a distillery in the area of

ICT police

Jinnah Garden which led to the recovery of a huge quantity of liquor.

According to a police statement, under the spe-cial directions of Inspector General (IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the ICT Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate crime from the city.

In this regard, the Kirpa police teams conducted a raid at the distillery and recovered huge cache of liquor.

Police team also nabbed three liquor dealers namely Zeeshan Ilyas, Muhammad Tariq and Khalid Masih during the raid while efforts are underway to arrest his other accomplices, he added

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police, under the supervision of Inspector General (IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, is preparing for the upcoming SCO Summit 2024, with a comprehensive security plan

(IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi stated on Sunday that the ICT Police have developed an integrated security strategy to ensure safety during the event.

Noor Khan Air Base.

ICT's public parks in dilapidated state due to poor maintenance

ISLAMABAD (APP): G11/2, Haq Nawaz said. Most of the public parks and playgrounds in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) are in shambles, need civic authorities' attention to make them attractive places for visitors. The city is renowned for its abundance of resorts and public green spaces. However, these green spaces are now highlighting the necessity for regular maintenance by the relevant authorities.

According to a senior official of Capital Development Authority (CDA), there are more than 300 public parks and playgrounds in Islamabad whereas over 820 staff is deployed for keeping these broken, posing a threat to parks clean and green. A resident of Sector

public parks in majority of areas including G-10, G-9, G-8, G-13 and G-7 were in poor condition with broken benches, broken lamps, overgrown grass, uneven walking tracks, trash strewn all over. Touqeer Ahmed, a regular visitor of playground in G-9 lamented the appalling condition of most parks and playgrounds, stating, "The lush greenery is overshadowed by the neglect, reflecting a lack of interest from CDA officials." Shahid Jameel, a resident of G-13/4, said, 'Swings and other playing instruments installed at a park near his house had

children. It's heartbreaking to see our parks in this state.



ISLAMABAD: Daily wage laborers taking rest on the green belt.

Know about SCO CHG Summit Islamabad is hosting on Oct 15-16!

kistan is set to host the twenty-third meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) from October 15-16, 2024 here.

To be held at the Jinnah Convention Centre, the tently and constructively to meeting will be chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as the current chair of the CHG.

What is SCO?

Established by China, Shanghai Spirit. Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on June 15, 2001, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organization aimed at strengthen- zation. ing multisphere coopera-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- tion, promoting peace and of Heads of Government Abbas Jilani. security, and new economic (CHG)? international order.

The Council of Heads Pakistan joined the of Government is the sec-SCO in 2017 and Foreign ond highest forum within Office spokesperson the SCO, with a primary Mumtaz Zahra Baloch at focus on fostering cooperaher recent weekly press tion among member states briefing, said that since then in socio-economic, trade, the country worked consisand financial sectors.

The Council meets strengthen good neighbourly once a year to discuss the relations and remained comstrategy of multilateral comitted to the purposes and operation and priority arprinciples of the SCO Chareas within the Organizater and the values ?? of the tion, determine fundamental and topical issues in eco-The supreme decinomic and other spheres, sion-making body of the and approve the budget of SCO is the Council of the SCO.

Heads of States (CHS) The previous meeting of the SCO CHG was held which meets annually and decides upon all the imporin Bishkek on October 26, 2023 and Pakistan was reptant issues of the Organiresented by that time Care-What is SCO Council taker Foreign Minister Jalil

In the said meeting, Pakistan had also assumed the rotating Chair of the Council of Heads of Government from 2023 to 2024. Who is attending SCO CHG in Islamabad?

The SCO CHG meeting being held in Islamabad

In an exclusive Inter-

he

said the

is expected to be participated by leaders from SCO states including Prime Ministers of China Li Qiang, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Prime Minister of Belarus Roman Golovchenko, Prime Minister Kazakhstan Olzhas Bektenov, Kyrgyz Prime Minister Akylbek Japarov, ter of Kokhir Prime Minister Tajikistan Rasulzoda, Uzbek Prime

First Iranian Vice President Mohammadreza Aref, and Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. Other participants include Prime Minister of

Mongolia Oyun-Erdene Luvsannamsrai as an Observer and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov as a Special Guest. The representatives

of international organizations including the Conferof ence on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures In Asia (CICĂ), the Commonwealth of Independent States and the European Economic Community are also expected to Minister Abdulla Aripov, attend the moot.



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A close watch

The IMF's new set of demands from Pakistan as part of its \$7bn rescue package is tough, but in line with expectations.

The government has to swallow this bitter pill to keep the economy afloat. The details of the targets released on Friday show that the programme seeks to help Pakistan rebuild its forex reserves, improve taxto-GDP ratio, and ensure debt sustainability.

The roadmap outlined by the lender in the document, which also contains firm commitments by the government to execute the agenda, will be implemented through the overhaul of the tax system, energy reforms, privatisation and deregulation, and the rollback of the Special Investment Facilitation Council, the Sovereign Wealth Fund and the Special Economic Zones to "promote If anyone thought that investment, and ensure competitive neutrality, and a level playing field" for investors.

The government has further promised to not offer regulatory, spending, tax-based incentives, or any guaranteed returns to a particular set of investors that could distort the investment landscape. It has agreed to increase and impose additional indirect taxes in case of a shortfall of 1pc in tax collection on a three-month rolling basis to cover the gap. Moreover, the authorities have consented to governance reforms and to cut off gas supplies to captive power owned by the rich textile millers. The provinces have committed to undertake the requisite two-thirds reforms to boost tax collection, end interventions in agricultural markets, and take over several spending responsibili-ties in line with the 18th Amendday in office. ment. The IMF document acknowledges the macroeconomic stability achieved in recent months. However, this stability is unlikely to translate into growth in the near to medium term unless Pakistan is able to attract significant investor interest, something that does not appear likely anytime soon. In fact, the conditions related to and irrational". I often reelimination of incentives to formains relevant. It's a sad eign companies, especially from indictment on the Western China, is going to hit hard the government's plans to woo Chinese manufacturers here undecades. der CPEC. How the authorities this, I felt foolish when I will deal with it remains to be seen. While the IMF may ignore some minor deviations from the loan agenda, it is not going to condone any major divergence that might lead the programme off-track since, according to a news report, the Fund remains concerned about the country's commitment to execute the suggested reforms going forworry ward. Its that "reputational risks would arise draft of an article wherein he criticised Israel, subfor it if the Fund were perceived as treating Pakistan differently from other members that osmoved tensibly enjoy less support" means that it would be monitoring progress on targets more diligently.

Muhammad **Amir Rana**

The Baloch insurgency has undergone a drastic shift, with the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) playing a key role in reshaping the movement. Meanwhile, security institutions are struggling to adapt their counter-insurgency strategies to keep pace with these

changes Last week's attack on Chinese nationals in Karachi by the BLA showcased its owing operational capabilities, as its suicide squad successfully targeted a heavily protected convoy of Chinese nationals. The BLA has a history of launching high-intensity terrorist attacks in Karachi, and the recent attack was its 11th out of a total of 17 — five attacks were carried out by the banned Balochistan Liberation Front and one by the banned Baloch Nationalist

It was the fourth strike on Chinese interests in the city since 2012, and one of the worst since the attack on the teaching staff at the Confucius Institute of the University of Karachi. The ea around Karachi's Jinnah A radical shift in insurgency

viously, it was the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, which breached airport security in 2014 and launched a terrorist onslaught inside

> premises. The Aug 26 terrorist wave on the major highways of Balochistan exposed the BLA's intentions to take its violent campaign to another level, but it was also an indication that the group had achieved something unusual, which was contributing to its operational strength. After the Oct 6 attack in Karachi, the BLA revealed the secret behind its renewed violent strength - Zirab, the 'intelligence and analysis' wing of the insurgent group set up around one and a half years ago. 'Zirab' is a Persian word, also used in the Balochi language, meaning 'underwater'. There is also a city by that name in Iran. The strategic choice of the name reflects the BLA's deliberate approach to branding what it refers to as its intelligence unit.

This unit has contributed to enhancing the pro-scribed group's ability to plan and execute terrorist attacks, as it did in the Karachi attack while gath-

International Airport is part of a high-security zone. Pre-tion about Chinese presence tion about Chinese presence in the city. It is assumed that previously, the BLA was mainly reliant on Baloch recruits and violent Sindhi nationalist groups to launch its attacks in Karachi, but now

it appears to have developed a sophisticated intelligence network in the metropolis. The group claims that Zirab spent over a year conducting intelligence work, which enabled its recent attacks on Chinese nationals. The BLA has been actively recruiting educated Baloch youth, and following its use of female suicide bombers against security personnel, the establishment

of an 'intelligence wing' was anticipated. The group's indoctrination of educated Baloch youth is now enabling it to maximise its capabilities and transform the insurgent movement. This shift is evident in the banned outfit's rapidly evolving targets and tactics, marking an unprecedented change in Pakistan's insurgency history. These devel-

opments can be compared to the transformation of the Taliban movement in Afghanistan. The Taliban had exploited the young and had also had external support Balochistan. Some of them

from many fronts, including Russia, Iran, and Pakistan. The BLA also has external support from some of Pakistan's neighbours who are critical of the country.

The state's response, unfortunately, has not kept pace with the rapidly evolvheavily rely on these eleing insurgency. The security ments to shape their political policies. These elements institutions have invested heavily in costly security may oppose dialogue with paraphernalia, developed the Baloch youth, civil so-SOPs, and employed conciety, and the genuine poventional tactics. However, litical leadership. They label all legitimate Baloch repthese measures have so far not proved to be effective resentatives as insurgents. in quelling the terrorists. The This broad-brush approach issue of missing persons has is a key issue that has exacalso reached a critical point, erbated the insurgency in the with its political and secuprovince. State institutions only rity costs escalating rapidly.

use the term 'dialogue' in External support for the insurgency can be instrucertain contexts, especially mental in enhancing its opwhen it comes to religious groups, whether it is the erational capabilities, but the insurgents derive power TP or the Tehreek-ifor their political and ideo-Labbaik Pakistan. The reason is evident: religion relogical arguments from misplaced state policies, which mains a crucial ingredient in have failed to resolve the the crafting of nationhood, crisis in Balochistan. The and state institutions firmly state's counter-insurgency believe that religious groups cannot go to the extent of strategy hasn't produced the desired results and is only breaking the country. Though the TTP is out to increasing the cost of war. It is true that the strategy has disprove this concept a political component but through its actions, the state institutions have yet to rethat has been hijacked by certain spoilers of peace in view this stance.

include contractors, there are re-evaluate their political and some in politics and some can even be found in security institutions. Their nexus has become a significant hurdle in the resolution of the conflict. State institutions

strategic concepts. They must shift towards a belief that dialogue is more viable with marginalised communities and that it can trigger a healing process. However, this shift also requires the power elite to increase the pool of resource beneficiaries and trust the marginalised.

The state may need a fourfold strategy to counter the Balochistan insurgency effectively. The first two components of this strategy should focus on countering operations and enhancing analysis capabilities. Addi tionally, the state should work to develop mechanisms with its neighbours, Afghanistan and Iran, to discourage their support for those carrying out terrorist attacks.

These countries will undoubtedly have their own demands, which should be brought into the public domain for open discussion. The wellknown and oft-proposed political strategy suggests finding a viable resolution for the missing persons issue and immediately initiating a multilayered dialogue with Baloch society.

-- Courtesy Dawn State institutions must

New amendment attempt

Abbas Nasir

with the notification of Qazi Faez Isa's retirement as chief justice of Pakistan in less than two weeks, a line would be drawn under the raging controversy over the establishment-backed government's plan to push through a constitutional amendment to tame the judiciary, it was not to

'Why?' would be the obvious question popping in your mind, like it did in mine. The answer is quite simple. In the land of the pure, things are rarely as straightforward as they appear. It is being said that the government and its powerful backers, with coercive tools at their disposal, haven't really given up. This despite the

Shah is scheduled to take oath of office as chief justice of Pakistan the following day, ie Oct 26. The whole rush to have the amendment passed by hook or by crook is to ensure that by the time the honourable Justice Shah, also known by his acronym 'SMASH', enters office he doesn't have the power/ authority to smash the current hybrid system

As is clear, the whole move is based on assumptions. I, for one, feel these fears are grossly exaggerated. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah is an eminent jurist who has demonstrated he can decide cases as per the dictates of the Constitution and the law. Unlike PPP leader's

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's on-camera assessment rather humiliating retreat that Justice Shah would just last month when they struggle to 'control' other point of reference, these tried but failed to muster judge/ judges who are are two of the worst- or perceived to be assertive

suaded by this person or ecutive have only been Justice Mansoor Ali that to abandon the strictly constitutional/ legal path, and that speculation to the contrary is no more than that: speculation amounting to unin-

formed kite-flying. Bizarrely, some TV/ YouTube personalities on either side of the political divide (I am a bit reluctant to call them journalists, given their blatant bias one way or the other) in their media appearances/ reports have painted identical scenarios under the

new chief justice. Some of these analysts are saying that the February election would be annulled outright, while others are sounding the death knell — in the order of death by a thousand cuts - via accelerated proceedings of the election tribunals. Depending on your

ity bills best-case scenarios but

feel if the economy gets implemented if the establishment has endorsed going, it might revive their ortunes

In the unlikely event that any such order is passed, it isn't clear how judiciary that facilitates t will be implemented. denial of political rights of There is no denying that the legitimate claimants in anything remotely like that some cases and economic will take away any semrights in others, by either blance of legitimacy from by being directly complicit the incumbent rulers and plunge the country into in blunting any legal chalyet another crisis. But this lenges to the status quo. is realpolitik and it remains to be seen how such an tionale for again trying to have the amendment improbable move will manifest itself. passed, even when the

Despite legitimate fear of failure reflects in PTI grievances and contheir thinking and tentasequent protests by the tive words. What they party, the past few months aren't prepared to do at this stage at least — is have seen the economy to question some of their stabilise somewhat, with the most critical indicator assumptions about what for the masses, inflation, the change in leadership coming down. This must at the Supreme Court will be seen as a positive, in mean. If at all, their fresh spite of painfully high utilattempt to muster the nec-

other reason why the Rehman to their side by unsure of their fate in the

for the economy. They tional court (FCC) to be named entirely by the executive.

In such an event, What they would who knows if the retiring ideally like is a compliant chief justice is asked to take over as head of the FCC or a new appointment is made to that forum's apex position. The names of the other looking the other way or four (or whatever the finally agreed number) members of the FCC may also tell more about the motivation for the move. For now, all I can say for sure is who will not be on

> If the National Assembly and Senate sessions are summoned for a date ahead of Oct 25 possibly soon after the SCO meet ends on Oct 16, then it would be safe to assume that those at the helm have the numbers they need.

If not, they'll be essary numbers by win- where they are today -This possibly is the ning over Maulana Fazlur mired in uncertainty and

Unlike most previous occasions, the 25th rescue loan does not offer Pakistan much of a not offer Pakistan much of a margin of error. The authori-ties will be required to prove every six months that they are stances of Israel cut out. Mishra pulled the excerpt steadfastly pursuing the IMFmandated targets to secure the lender's dollars and blessings. Mishra said he was not

support in each House. or hostile towards the neither takes into account From the government's government, lawyers I one small detail: any verdeadline' is Oct 25 — track record. the works in the shall deal in the track record. the shall be implewhich will be the incum-

They are firm in their In our experience, superior bent chief justice's last view that he is not some- judiciary judgments may rock the boat as it will be transferred to the into life-altering changes one who can be per- against an incumbent ex-

Disgraced media

Muna Khan

of a continuum of such Last week, I wrote a piece attempts that I've personon Western media's covally encountered to superage of the war in Gaza press and stifle criticism for Prism on the Dawn 'Israel' website. I re-read part of Edward Said's 1981 book

from the excerpt said: Covering Islam on how the "My own sporadic at-Western media distorts the tempts to tackle the subportraval of Islam and deject in the past made me pictions of Muslims as aware of an insidious fanatical, violent, lustful Western regimen of repressions and prohibiturn to this book as it retions

The paper also cut: "Even the liquidation of media whose reporting on Gaza, which unlike many Muslims and Palestinians atrocities, has been livehas resulted in their streamed by both its perdehumanisation over the petrators and victims, is daily obfuscated, if not de-Despite knowing all nied, by the main organs of the Western media.

read how The New York Clearly, it was a po-Times told its staff to relitical decision to attempt strict using words like to edit Mishra's excerpt 'ethnic cleansing' and and speaks to the West-'genocide' and avoid 'ocern media's complicity in cupied territories' in their covering up the true scale reporting on Gaza. This of the crimes committed in was revealed by The In-Palestine and everywhere tercept in April which reelse. Lest we forget, the ceived a copy of the inter-US declared war on Iraq nal memo the paper sent under the guise of deto its staff. They also told stroying weapons of mass staff not to use the word destruction; they declared 'Palestine' "except in very war on Afghanistan to, rare cases". It is mind-bogamong other reasons, libgling. However, acclaimed erate the women. The government of the day author Pankaj Mishra was finds powerful allies in not shocked when the papers who support (read: cheer) such policies and it

is no different in the case mitted to a Canadian of Gaza newspaper, was returned "We have faced a to him with 'Israel' reconsistent regime of censorship and suppression," Mishra, the recipient Mishra told The Breach. of a \$75,000 Weston In-"Not just Palestinians, ternational Award for his not just Arabs, you talk non-fiction writing, was to even some of the most going to deliver a lecture successful writers of nonin Toronto last month. Western ancestry, and each Winners get an excerpt one of them will tell you from their lecture pub-lished in the leading newsmany, many stories about editors saying 'We can't do this. Can you change that? Can you rephrase that?'

Non-white writers often have to acquiesce because they want to be after receiving the edits. published and options In an interview to elsewhere are limited. The Breach last month, This is how the arts and entertainment as well as

surprised as it was "part the publishing industry manages people of colour by 'keeping them in their place'

mented by the executive.

Perhaps one of the liamentary system with a most influential intellectupresidential one, would the One of the lines cut als in the US right now, reason suffice that many Ta-Nehisi Coates, is facdemocracies in the world ing the brunt of Big have presidential systems? American media's wrath And since parliamentary about his new book The democracy in Pakistan has Message which chronicles, "failed", it should be abolished? among other trips, his 10day experience in Gaza

and Israel in 2023. He has tutional court to perform described his trip as "reconstitutional review by velatory"; that he didn't stripping the Supreme think Americans under-Court (SC) of this function stood the extent of "what is as fundamental a change we're doing there", adding for the judiciary. Yet, reathat he uses 'we' bec-ause sons for this change have it wouldn't be possible so far been feeble and rhewithout US support. torical, if not altogether ab-"I don't think I ever, sent.

in my life, felt the glare of Constitutional courts racism burn str-a-nger and were first established in the more intense than in Isbeginning of the 20th cenrael," he writes in his tury in Europe to "defeat book, an excerpt that has the dogma of parliamenwidely been shared. But tary supremacy". Previhe is subject to much atously, parliamentary sovtack, the usual accusations ereignty was jealously of antisemitism, for tellguarded, and even the highing the truth, which his est courts did not have detractors tell you is 'his constitutional review truth'. I find this practice powers of adding pronouns to This gradually

truth tiresome; truth is changed after World War I. meant to be universal and As Austrian jurist Hans this idea of my truth reeks Kelsen wrote, "it is no of a sense of entitlement longer possible to rely on in the face of what we can the parliament itself to see on TV screens. realise subordination to the I laud Mishra for constitution", and the task withdrawing his excerpt of "nullifying its unconstiand refusing to accept the tutional acts must be en-

paper's discriminatory trusted to a separate organ, edits. His is a small exindependent of it and of ample of the pushback any state authority", ie, a we're seeing to the Israeliconstitutional court. Western media narrative Gradually, a concenshoved down our throats. trated model of constitu-Al Jazeera ran a story last tional courts with exclusive

week featuring BBC and jurisdiction over constitu-CNN journalists "alleging tional interpretation propro-Israel bias in coverage, liferated, initially in Eusystematic double stanrope, and then other parts dards and frequent violaof the world, including, for tions of journalistic prinexample, Russia, South ciples". I'm sorry it took Africa, and Indonesia. The so long for the truth (see powers of these courts are what I did there?) to arsomewhat different, but rive but I hope it will pick their origins are similar. up pace and more audi-They were established ences will see it for what during democratic transiit is: not the journalism evtion, ostensibly as a check ervone deserves. -- Couragainst authoritarianism tesy Dawn and to safeguard the con-

forces of status quo, in- watering down some procluding the governing visions of the amendment the challenges they will politicians and their uni- succeeds, then one can have to face if the change formed backers, don't assume some of the pow- at the head of the Suwant any upheaval that ers of the Supreme Court preme Court translates would be very damaging new federal constitu- for them as they fear.

coming days, weeks and

Kelsen's return

This must be their ra-

constitutional review nounces replacing the parpowers Pakistan's context and judicial system, as is evident, are very different. Here, the SC and high courts already have powers of constitutional review and enforcement of fundamental rights. What is being proposed is to take Establishing a constithese powers from existing courts and hand them over to a new 'constitu-

tional court'. The government has to discharge a very high burden to show why such a change is necessary, and what problems it would

A typical response is that the SC has 'failed': it has weakened civilian governments; delivered populist judgments; and rewritten the Constitution. All this is undeniable. But the 'solution' — that the same powers should be concentrated in a different court

is bewildering. This 'solution' ignores that any court when it is interpreting the constitution or fundamental rights is likely to deliver rulings perceived as 'controversial'. And where these rulings have political implications, courts will necessarily become politicised. This is inherent to constitutional review and is the experience of many constitutional courts around the world. A few other points

should be considered. First, politicisation of the judiciary is not ju---st because of 'judicial activism'. Political pa---rties often bring political disputes to court for adjudication, without utilising other for-ums of resolution. This needs to change.

within the constitutional

Second, there is now growing recognition within the SC that legitimising military coups had disastrous consequences, and that courts should respect the separation of powers

stitution where existing scheme. It should be seen whether this leads to course correction.

Third, some safeguards have already been introduced to regulate the SC's powers. An appeal lies from Article 184(3)judgments; a minimum of five judges hear matters of constitutional interpretation; and a committee, instead of the chief justice alone, decides when to invoke Article 184(3).

A lot more, of course, must be done — by the courts and parliament. The judicial ap--pointments pro--cess should be made more tran-sparent and inclusive (inc-lu-d-ing ensuring provi-n---cial and gend-er representation). Judicial acco-un-tability should be made more me--aningful. And the ambit of Article 184(3) should be clarified. But throwing the baby out with the bathwater would be a grave mistake.

India's Law Commission, as far back as 1984, considered reforming the country's supreme court. It rejected establishing a separate constitutional court, as doing so would involve "extensive and complex changes" to the existing structure. Instead, it recommended "incremental changes" to augment the apex court's competence and capacity.

We are not as fortunate as, let alone reports informed by the opinions of constitutional scholars, we don't even have a draft for the proposed 'constitutional court' to deliberate upon. After nearly 70 years, Kelsen has made a return in Pakistani politics. In 1958, the SC misapplied his theory of "revolutionary leg-ality" to legitimise Ayub Khan's coup d'état. Now, instead of ensuring the "subordination of parliament to the Constitution", the government is distorting his idea of a constitutional tribunal to control the judiciary. -- Courtesy Dawn

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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif chairs 99th Governing Body meeting of Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency.

Governor urges PTI to defer protest call in national interest

LAHORE (APP): Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan has said that Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI)should stop pursuing selfish political goals and call off the October 15 protest at D-Chowk, Islamabad in the larger national interest.

In an interview with APP here on Sunday, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that prime ministers of nine countries would arrive in Pakistan to attend the SCO summit

on October 15 and matter of pride for political forces present a positive instead of taking to "I understand

force but when it national prestige, politics, avoid put Pakistan adding that fall if PTI called off week or so. On



destructive politics, the Governor Punjab said PTI leadership needed to understand that politics of obstinacy had brought them to the verge where one wrong step could be fatal for their firebrand politics, adding that there was no room for stubbornness in politics. He urged the PTI leadership to take the path of dialogue and play productive role in taking the country ahead rather than leading it to anarchy.

Azma Bukhari says: **Governor should refrain** from interfering in administrative affairs

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Governor should enjoy tea, Information Minister Azma Bokhari has said that the Punjab Governor he has no role in should refrain from administrative affairs. She interfering administrative affairs and avoid playing the role of mentioning constant media the opposition, like reports about ghost Pakistan Tehreek-i-insaf.

Bokhari pointed out Sindh's that in Sindh, schools are department. often found with animals emphasized that outside of tied up, and there is a two areas in Karachi and selling

Illegal bird dealers fined SARGODHA (APP): A grand operation of the Wildlife Department against illegal bird dealers is underway. During the operation, eight illegal bird dealers were arrested and coffee, and dried fruits at fined for violations and 30 the Governor's House, as protected wild birds were recovered from their

possession and their shops were sealed. Deputy Director Wildlife Sargodha the Governor's statements by Region, Arooj Zaheer, along with her team including employees and students in inspector Ali Raza Abass, education Mudasir Abass and Ansar Riaz raided Kotmomin, She Bhalwal, Bhera and other Jehlum River areas and rampant culture of cheating Hyderabad, literacy rates | nabbed eight shopkeepers

Chairs PHATA governing body CM approves surplus budget of Rs 34.73bn

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif presided over the 99th meeting of the Punish Housing and Tour individuals have registered on the program's portal, with 280,000 applications received for housing Punjab Housing and Town construction and over Planning Agency (PHATA) governing body, 76,000 draft applications submitted. The governing body authorized PHATA to sign where a surplus budget of Rs 34.73 billion for the current financial year was contracts and instructed timely verification of applicants' documents. Additionally, it approved

approved. The meeting highlighted significant initiatives aimed at enhancing housing accessibility and operational efficiency within PHATA. During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed PHATA to daudon a plan for he said, develop a plan for completing housing projects through private partnerships. She also announced the approval of the "Apni Chhat Apna Ghar" program, aimed at refunds to applicants from providing affordable previous housing schemes housing. It was reported in the briefing that 544,000

SANGHAR

and

Ahmed Arisar.

Mughal, was also present.

During the discussion,

arrived in Sanghar.

Sindh govt actively working on construction of worship places of minorities: Naved

Sanghar, Rashid Islam institutions, and create

(APP): and ensures complete er Sindh religious freedom for Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly Anthony Naved minorities. He highlighted that

the upgrading of data entry

operators' scales and the

recruitment of civil sub-

engineers under the PHATA Services

A key decision was made to condition budget

approvals on the governing body's authorization, rather than requiring

cabinet approval. The

meeting also permitted

who were not selected in the lottery.

Regulation 2004.

Upon his arrival in the Sindh government is Sanghar he was warmly actively working on the welcomed by Pakistan construction of places of welcomed by Pakistan Peoples Party leader Rajesh Kumar Harsadani worship for minority communities. Assistant Moreover. Commissioner Shafiq

mentioned ongoing efforts Lahore. ned Arisar. to improve road The Chairman of the infrastructure, establish Municipal Committee educational and health

across the province.

employment opportunities

lunch hosted by Rajesh

Kumar Harsadani, Naved

After attending a

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CM Murad releases guidelines for 2025-26 **ADP** preparation

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KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has issued detailed guidelines to all government departments for the formulation of the Annual Development Program (ADP) 2025-26 in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year. The directive, issued

through the Planning & Development (P&D) department, emphasises the importance of aligning with the prevailing economic conditions, federal policies, and the development agenda of the

Sindh government. Mr. Shah stated that the ADP is designed to focus on sectoral priorities and socio-economic impact while adhering to both federal and provincial government guidelines.

He instructed each department to ensure that

the proposed projects align with the government's availability of funds from the Finance Department. development strategy and emphasize that 80 per cent contribute to measurable socio-economic outcomes. of the total development Under the directives

budget should be allocated of the Chief Minister, to ongoing schemes. departments are required to adhere the expected to be completed to comprehensive guidelines by June 2025 must be provided by the federal finalized according to the government's Public Sector Development Program

original plan period." Additionally, for projects (PSDP), which is still pending. They should also that have already utilized over 70 per cent of their follow the specific instructions issued by the total cost, departments are directed to allocate the remaining funds for completion in FY 2025-26. The CM has instructed that the initial has

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The CM's guidelines

He stated, "schemes

The chief minister edition of the ADP should emphasised that provincial be prepared based on departments must ensure sectoral priorities and counterpart funds for implementation capacity projects supported by international development partners. Furthermore, the ADP portfolio must be adjusted to address the aftermath of the 2022.

within a budget size to be outlined in the Budget Strategy Paper (BSP). The final allocation will be determined based on the welcomes lustice Sadayat Hussain Raja

CM



MUZAFFARABAD: Chief Justice High Court Sadaqat Hussain Raja addressing the swearing in ceremony of the newly elected officials of the Central Bar.

Health minister inquires aftergirl at Children's Hospital

AHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique on Sunday inquired after four-yearold Dua Fatima of Bahawalnagar at the Children's Hospital

Acting on the instructions of Punjab government is committed

SARGODHA (APP): and Provincial Minister of Zakat & Usher and Secretary General Pakistan Muslim league Nawaz Sargodha division, Rana Munawer Ghous Khan, on Monetary Fund (IMF) has Sunday said that the set conditions for the

Practical steps

underway to check

inflation: Minister

provincial governments would have to resolve the challenges of inflation. "The country is passing through a difficult situation. The International government to restrict

examination centres. She virtually zero. noted that in the province where the PPP has been in asserted that due to the government for 16 improved education years, a 19th-century standards in Punjab, years, a 19th-century education system still prevails. She highlighted that seven districts in Punjab are at the top with the highest literacy rates, lack schools altogether.

The expressed

students from government schools are achieving prominent positions in board examinations. She contrasted this with the while many areas in Sindh recent incidents related to the MD CAT exam in minister Sindh that have drawn that the nationwide attention.

Azma

responded to

Public cooperation crucial for effective disaster management: PDMA

LAHORE Provincial Management Authority noting that while disasters (PDMA) Punjab Director General Irfan Ali Kathia has reaffirmed the authority's commitment to utilizing all available resources to address natural disasters. In a message on International Disaster Reduction Day, observed globally on Sunday, Kathia

(APP): highlighted the pervasive Disaster impact of climate change, cause significant harm, they also provide important lessons. The DG stated that the government has implemented revolutionary measures to protect the lives and property of citizens, emphasizing that safeguarding these assets



LAHORE: Visitors admire the artwork on display during the painting exhibition organized by the **Knowledge Art Academy and Fortnight School** System at the historic Wazir Khan Mosque.

rest of Sindh are for illegal bird hunting

After arresting eight Bokhari bird dealers, 30 protected wild birds including parrots, partridges, doves and peacocks were recovered from their shops.

the Deputy Speaker emphasized that the Sindh government is dedicated to the welfare of the public



GUJRAT: Punjab Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhary Shafay Hussain inaugurates 54th camp at Aisha Bashir Hospital.

PCP & MiracleFeet 4 killed over property issue join hands to set free in Kolai Palas **Clubfoot Clinic in AJK** PESHAWAR (APP): At east four people were killed and as many injured

groundbreaking healthcare initiative, Paraplegic Center Peshawar (PCP) has partnered with MiracleFeet, a leading USbased NGO, to make life-

unfortunate incident changing occurred between the two treatment possible for the groups of Shalkind tribe in children of Azad Kashmir Khalyar village of Kolai as well. Palas. The issue started

The partnership has with the ownership of a launched a state-of-the-art piece of land turned into a Ponseti Clubfoot clinic at bloody clash that resulted Helping Hand for Relief & in deaths of three people Development's from one side and one from rehabilitation center in

PESHAWAR (APP): In a Muzaffarabad. This clinic is set to transform the lives of children suffering from clubfoot by providing highquality, 100% free treatment in AJK as well.

Dr. Syed Muhammad clubfoot Ilyas, CEO of PCP, played pioneer role in а

substantiating the idea wherein he made MiracleFeet's Regional Program Officer, Dr. Faisal Imtiaz, to collaborate with the senior management of Helping Hand in Islamabad

Nawaz Sharif, the minister increasing trade to provide will have to make efforts reviewed the medical care being provided to the Talking to APP, he training to APP, he patient.

During the visit, Professor Tipu Sultan, Medical Director of the hospital, briefed the minister on treatment and facilities available for Dua of Fatima.

The minister assured that children at the hospital were receiving the best medical care, and shared that the government had plans to further enhance pediatric treatment facilities at the Children's Hospital Lahore to ensure even better healthcare outcomes for young patients.

12 dead, 1585 injured in 1482 RTCs in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least LAHORE (APP): At least twelve persons were killed and 1585 injured in 1482 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of these, 677 people with serious injuries were shifted to injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 908 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals. Furthermore, the analysis showed those 874 drivers, 78 underage drivers, 211 pedestrians, and 512 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 323 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 345

persons.

Chief Minister Maryam to checking inflation and subsidies. The government

said that the federal issues under the leadership Facilitation Centre (SIFC) Prime Muhammad Sharif. He said that federal attract investment.

relief to the common man. government and all Improvement in the trade provincial governments were seriously working to us," he added. He said that address all the current the Special Investment Minister had been established to Shehbaz facilitate investors and



MULTAN: Members of Civil Society are holding protest demonstration against killing of Sani-e-Zahra and demanding justice for her, held in Multan.

Shazia Rizwan leads dengue awareness dengue walk

RAWALPINDI (APP): with the passengers during Parliamentary Secretary for Information Punjab, Shazia Rizwan on Sunday visited Pir Wadhai Station various bus terminals to examine implementation of dengue SOPs. Talking on the occasion Shazia intimated stern actions among the people. The against violations of SOPs Parliamentary Secretary devised by the health directed the owners of bus authority to prevent the stands to display dengue fever. She visited awareness pamphlets at the workshops and their terminals to educate washrooms of the bus the people about their terminals and expressed responsibilities regarding her satisfaction regarding dengue

which she urged them to play their due role in the fight against dengue fever.

Later, Shazia led an awareness walk regarding the dengue issues. She dengue distributed awareness pamphlets preventive cleanliness. She interacted measures

Promoting healthy diet to combat malnutrition

Police said the

birds chirping in canopy trees signaling the dawn of a new morning at village Dheri Mian Ishaq on River Kabul, the sunrays cast poverty. warm glow on mud house of Azhar Khan, a determined fruit and

vegetable seller. family business in 2020 in organic fresh fruits and fresh a difficult financial situation after tragic death of his father due to cardiac arrest, Azhar, 35 started lactating mothers. selling organic products at Chamakan market in Peshawar

PESHAWAR (APP): With and vegetables to this ladyfinger and ridged gourd market from hometown in to cater to rising Nowshera district on consumers' demand for rickshaw, toiling hard like quality nutritious food and many others to defeat balanced diet. "As

the other.

winter Braving all odds in his approaches, the demand early days of business, for organic produce Azhar was now all smiles surges," he said. "Sometimes I had to visit after seeing people's Taking control of overwhelming response to twice to Chamkani for more fruits and vegetables." vegetables, useful in combating malnutrition

"Balanced diet helps in He is not alone in this especially in children and business as thousands combating malnutrition, others cultivating fruits particularly Khan sells a variety of and vegetables play a key children, lactating mothers organic fruits and role in promoting organic and elderly citizens.'

awar. vegetables including guava, food at a time when He said healthy to quality medical He daily brings fruits grapes, apples, peaches, millions of Pakistani are dietary practices must start treatment," he claimed.

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from infancy with breastfeeding infants and

the Government Hospital physical growth. Nowshera.

the region with our 40% of children affected by this tendency due to socioeconomic imbalances, poverty and lack of excess



HYDERABAD: Rescue workers busy in work after Lahore bounded train Karachi Express derailed near Hyderabad railway station.

prey to mal-nutrition, especially the kids and youngsters. Thousands of the families in the province

are now inclined to use pesticides and chemicals free organic food for better health. "Balanced diet has critical role for better health," remarked Dr. Riaz Khan, a child specialist at

among

then in early childhood to raise a healthy generation. Declaring malnutrition as silent killer,

Dr Riaz said it poses a significant threat to children health and cognitive development

besides affecting their "We rank second in

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Geoeconomic shifts demand greater conomic integration: Gilani

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Gilani said.

investment.

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Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, said on Sunday that the fast-paced regional and global levels

importance of economic integration. "It is high time to He harness our collective Pakistan's strengths and forge a path towards sustainable growth and prosperity by regional promoting connectivity and cooperation," he said while and addressing participants at the launching ceremony of reports by the China Chamber of Commerce in

Pakistan (CCCPK). The Chairman lauded the reports titled "The Glorious 11 Years – How Chinese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Pakistan" and "Business

ISLAMABAD (APP): Climate Index of Chinese China Chamber of Companies in Pakistan" as Commerce in Pakistan for success stories. organizing the event, Gilani "Pakistan seeks to

said that the reports offer geoeconomic and strengthen regional valuable insights into the geostrategic shifts at cooperation by fostering contributions, operational economic ties with our status, and investment underscore the growing partner nations, and China confidence of Chinese companies in Pakistan. "The repo stands at the very top,"

reports highlighted effectively showcase strategic CCCPK's commitment to location, abundant natural promoting economic growth and business resources, and a sizeable workforce as factors that development in Pakistan make it an attractive through the efforts of 122 destination for foreign Chinese companies operating in the country, He stressed the both state-owned and importance of business-to- private enterprises," he

business linkages, noting added. sustainable Gilani said that partnerships can attract Pakistan offers immense foreign direct investment, potential for trade. promote technology sharing, and facilitate investment, and joint ventures in sectors such as knowledge exchange energy, infrastructure, between the two nations. agriculture, and Commending the technology

ISLAMABAD (APP): Awais Leghari on Sunday issued warning to electricity thieves and corrupt officials for termination from their assignments who involved

in corrupt practices. He said that all those who involved will face the music from next month.

The minister vowed that the consumers can expect significant relief as power tariffs drop by 8-10% per unit in the near future.

news channel, minister

Minister for Power Sardar to bring good news for the public in the coming months, with anti-theft measures being implemented to increase transparency in the power system.

MUSCAT: HH Sayyida Hujaija Bint Jaifar Al Said, International Ambassador

for Social Responsibility, H.E. Faisal Bin Abdullah Al Rawas, Chairman of

Oman Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Imran Ali, Ambassador of

Pakistan to Oman inaugurating the First Pakistan Oman Business Forum.

Leghari says electricity tariffs

to drop 8-10% per unit soon

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reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity to citizens, he added. Minister for Power

sector reforms are expected stern action against the corrupt officers within the power sector and decided to take a zero-tolerance policy in this regard.

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The minister emphasized that the government will adopt a zero-tolerance policy towards officers engaged in power theft, whether involvement proved today or during past. Minister has outlined key steps to address pressing power sector issues, ensuring reliable electricity supply and resolving long-standing problems, adding, we are upgrading, repairing feeders to reduce power losses and faults.

Gold price declines

LAHORE (APP): The Traders and analysts price of 24-karat gold on Sunday showed a decline trend at Rs274,700. call ahead of the highly

According to the eler Dealers Jeweler Association, the bullion market registered the price of 24-karat gold at Rs 235,520 per 10g on Sunday. The price of gold in Pakistan fluctuates several times per the international market, so the cost is never fixed. Local gold markets and Sarafa markets of various cities provide the rates. Earlier on Saturday,

gold rates climbed in Pakistan amid a surge in the international rates, with price per tola inching up by R\$1,600, setting at Rs275,500.

Oman-Pak Business Forum discusses joint investment opportunities

MUSCAT (INP): The panel that elaborated on Omani-Pakistani Business business prospects and the Forum today discussed opportunities for joint cooperation between the two sides in various economic, health and entrepreneurship fields.

During the forum, the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) presented visual display in which it outlined investment opportunities joint and incentives offered to

investors in those zones. The forum also touched on opportunities available in Pakistan. The

business prospects and the legal setup supporting investment. In addition, an exhibition was organized to showcase Pakistani showcase products.

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Faisal Abdullah Al Rawas, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), stressed the importance of enhancing projects commercial exchange and investments between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Pakistan. He laid emphasis on participants projects that support

engaged in a discussion economic diversification.



H.E. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's Ambassador to the UAE, emphasized the importance of Pakistan's participation in GITEX Global starting.

Traders, economists condemn PTI's protest call amid SCO summit

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Sunday expressed grave

concerns over Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI)

anticipated Shanghai Cooperation Organization

(SCO) conference, urging

the party leadership to

reconsider and postpone

channel, economists slammed PTI's protest call

during the SCO Summit as

"self-destructive," citing

concerns over economic

instability and damage to

The protest, scheduled for October 15

has sparked widespread

criticism, with many urging

PTI to reconsider their

Pakistan's global image.

Talking to PTV news

their decision.

channel,

decision.

Business community in Islamabad stressed that the SCO conference, a vital platform for promoting regional economic cooperation and hoping that PTI's leadership wil reconsider their decision for the nation's economic

interests instead of personal interest. "This move will undermine Pakistan's credibility in the international community. We need to focus on economic diplomacy, not political posturing, said a renowned economist Dr Noor Fatima.

"The SCO conference is an opportunity to strengthen our ties with regional countries. PTI's call may jeopardize our chances of benefiting from this platform."

SARGODHA: A man busy in making electric bulb holders on his setup. **President RCCI says:** 240 poultry SCO summit paramount in units distributed among farmers enhancing bilateral relations LODHRAN (APP): The Livestock Department distributed 240 poultry units among farmers across

between member states and said that the event is a RAWALPINDI (APP): The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has expressed hope that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

(SCO) summit being held on October 15-16, will it as a natural hub for trade serve as a catalyst for and connectivity within regional the SCO. With direct further and access to the Arabian Sea connectivity

regional cooperation and shaping a shared future. Usman Shaukat highlighted that Pakistan's strategic location positions it as a natural hub for trade

poultry under the Propagation of Backyard poultry pivotal moment for Poultry program to prevent stunted growth ong children.

Deputy Director Livestock Lodhran, Dr Waqar Aslam, told APP here on Sunday said that the units consisted of five one cock given t

Leghari directed for expressed hope that power 101,790 Kissan cards issued to farmers in South Punjab

MULTAN (APP): As many as 101,790 kissan cards have so far been distributed among farmers against the set target of 344,391 cards in three divisions of South Punjab. According to Agri

department sources, Kissan Cards were being the district to promote provided to farmers as per direction by Secretary Agriculture Punjab Iftikhar Ali Sahu and Special Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Sarfraz Ahmad Magsi. A total of 696,886 applications were received from growers for Kissan cards on 8171 and The goal is to provide

including Multan, DG Khan and Bahawalpur.

The agri department received 128,331 Kissan cards while 182,605 cases were approved by the Bank of Punjab till October 12. Similarly, 215,275 applications were received by farmers for Punjab Chief Minister's Green Tractors scheme across South As many as Punjab. 184,077 applications were

uploaded on online portal while 31,198 applications of non-computerized Mouzas were received manually at Deputy Director Agriculture Extension offices

warned to take stringent action against officers involved in power theft, stating that those found guilty of corrupt practices In an exclusive will be terminated from interview with a private service starting next month.

cooperation between the and proximity to China states. and Central Asia, states.

RCCI President, Usman Shaukat in a unlocking new trade routes statement issued here on Sunday said that the SCO summit is paramount in enhancing bilateral relations between the member states.

"Pakistan being the which highlight their host of this year's summit will play a key role in influence the future of the promoting bilateral global economy and international relations", he relations and regional connectivity", he added added.

Chamber of Commerce &

Industry former President

Iftikhar Ali Malik on

government of Bangladesh

temporarily set aside its

order to revive the South

Asian Association for

Regional Cooperation

(SAARC). Commenting

here, he lauded Dr Yunus

for his pragmatic approach,

emphasizing that regional

collaboration was crucial

nations. He noted that

political differences

progress of the organization, affecting

trade, connectivity, and

progress

for the economic relationships prosperity of all SAARC member nations.

call for India-Pakistan

coop. to revive SAARC

LAHORE (APP): SAARC Asia. He underscored the

Advisor of the interim growth. He also highlighted

calling upon India to potential to play a pivotal

issues with Pakistan in challenges of poverty,

importance of unity within

SAARC, stating that

that SAARC had the

role in addressing common

and

unemployment,

underdevelopment.

farmers at Rs 3300 per unit initiatives like CPEC are on first come, first served basis. and boosting regional cooperation, he added. Poultry units were

distributed only after farmers received training at "The SCO member states represent 40% of a workshop on how to the global population and 32% of the world's GDP breed chicken and how to get them treated in case of an illness. powerful potential to

He said that the poultry units were sent to various veterinary hospitals at three tehsils of district Lodhran where from the units were Malik lauds Dr Yunus's

distributed among farmers. He said that the initiative not only would make peoples' access to healthy diet easy but also bring profits to the owners.

E&T dept records domestic

Rs 530m

resuming dialogue and Sunday hailed the recent fostering cooperation tax recovery statement of Dr could lead to Muhammad Yunus, Chief unprecedented regional in first quarter MULTAN (APP): Excise & Taxation department reported a significant increase in tax recovery during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, collecting Rs 530 million compared to Rs 485 million

Setting aside bilateral tensions in favor of in corresponding period. multilateral cooperation This impressive growth could strengthen not only represented an additional economic ties but also Rs 45 million in revenue social and cultural collection over the previous year. Official among member nations. He urged sources said on Sunday all SAARC members, that the increase followed especially India and the announcement of a between India and Pakistan Pakistan, to heed Dr. property tax rebate had long hampered the Yunus's advice and work package by the Punjab together for the collective Excise department, offering benefit of the region. a 5 percent discount on Iftikhar Ali Malik said if property taxes from July

Rabta App in three Extension divisions of South Punjab concerned.

SNGPL disconnects 11 meters, removes six extensions

MULTAN (APP): In an Further departmental ongoing effort to control action has gas loss and prevent unauthorized usage, the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) UFG recommended against this user for regulations. Additionally, three Control Task Force, under consumers the directives of the discovered General Manager, has relocated their meters away from the taken strict action.

During a recent operation, the task force original service area, resulting in gas leakage disconnected 11 gas and losses for the meters, including one that department. was found to be used for Their meters were

commercial purposes by a promptly disconnected to prevent further damage. consumer.

Dried fruit sale rises despite high prices

SARGODHA (APP): With the start of cold weather, the sale of dried fruit (nuts) has increased despite their high prices, been particularly almonds and peanuts. violating

During upcoming winter season, intake of dried fruit including dates, were to have pistachios increases, but gas to Rs780, walnuts for Rs 600, pistachios for Rs2400,

walnuts, cashews and almonds and peanuts remain the most favourite. Peanuts are available in the market for Rs 440 to Rs480, almonds for Rs 740

raisin for Rs680 to Rs800.

MULTAN: Vendors are busy preparing flower garlands at their roadside setup.

Saudi investment vital for reviving Pakistan's economy: PFC CEO

Furniture Council (PFC) Chief Executive Officer Mian Kashif Ashfaq said on Sunday that Saudi investment in Pakistan presents a crucial opportunity to revitalize the country's industrial and commercial sectors, employment, which were the backbone of sustainable economic growth. Chairing council

board of directors meeting here, he said the government musttake a capital was fully utilized to accelerate industrial and commercial activities. Strategic planning and transparency were essential to channel these

"The

As per the report on

Financial

production

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan like infrastructure, energy and manufacturing. He said prioritizing the restoration and expansion of the manufacturing sector was vital, as it served as the engine of growth. Full scale reviving manufacturing sector could generate boost exports, and enhance productivity, ultimately improving Pakistan's trade balance. A stronger manufacturing base could also lead to technology transfers and skill development, which were judicious approach to development, which were ensure that this influx of crucial for long-term economic stability.

Mian Kashif said a focus on creating investorfriendly policies and improving ease of doing business would attract investments into key areas further investments.

ISLAMABAD: Citizen busy in shopping at Weekly Bazaar at Sector G-10, in the Federal Capital.

Taking strides in hydrocarbon discoveries

successful Besides negotiations with Power Independent Producers for providing relief to consumers, the government also takes strides in oil and gas exploration with five new explorations during last year hoped to mitigate masses suffering. The remarkable stride

towards energy selfsufficiency, five significant hydrocarbon discoveries Oil and Gas by Development Company Limited (OGDCL) during last financial year are poised to play a crucial role in helping Pakistan meet its growing energy demands

help lessen the burden on existing local oil and gas resource. He informed that recent five discoveries in Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa helped the

country to achieve an average daily output of 33,117 barrels per day (BPD) of crude oil, 717 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD) of gas and 717 metric tons per day (MTD) of liquefied

petroleum gas (LPG). Without the production curtailments by SNGPL and UPL, crude oil production could have

production 771 MMSCFD and LPG production 736 MTD, reflecting potential increases of 1,107 BPD (3.1%), 7 MMSCFD (0.9%), and 16 MTD was pumped through gas companies' network to the (2.2%), respectively, over

consumers. efforts have played a key role in reversing the remains committed to maintaining operational excellence while pursuing declining production trend seen over the past five years, during which crude new growth opportunities to maximize shareholder oil and gas output had dropped by 20% and value and support 24.6%, respectively," the Pakistan's energy needs,' spokesman said. the spokesman said.

The local gas production in the country OGDCL's stood at around 3200 Results for Year Ended million cubic feet per day June 30, the company has made considerable progress (MMCFD) and about 200 MMCFD consumed in its in As the demand of reached 33,495 BPD, gas extraction. Out of the optimization, achieving

available 3000 MMCFD, annual savings approximately Rs. 34 1200-1300 MMCFD gas was being provided to billion in the form of fertilizer and power sectors. The remaining import substitution. The report says that 1700-1800 MMCFD gas OGDCL has embarked on

a diversification project to assess geothermal potential of its fields and the ongoing project in with OGDCL R&D collaboration Schlumberger is expected to complete by December 2024. The company in August 12, 2024 also announced successful commencement of early commercial production of Tight Gas from Pakistan's first-ever Tight Gas project, Nur West Well-1 at the Nur Development and Production Lease (D&PL), located in Sujawal district of Sindh province.



LAHORE: Shopkeepers prepare geysers ahead of the arrival of winter in the provincial capital.

ISLAMABAD (APP): natural gas is increasing with every passing day, the OGDC spokesman says, these discoveries would

last year's figures. "The government's



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International News

Nicaragua breaks

diplomatic relations

with Israel

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MANAGUA: Nicaragua is

breaking off diplomatic re-

lations with Israel, the Cen-

tral American nation said on

Friday, calling the Israeli government "fascist" and "genocidal." Nicaragua's

government, in a statement,

said the break in relations

was due to Israel's attacks

had, earlier in the day,

passed a resolution request-

gravely threatens Syria,

The nation's congress

on Palestinian territories.

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Palestinian officials say 22 killed in Israeli airstrikes

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: The Israeli military renewed its orders for Palestinians in the northern Gaza Strip to leave their homes and shelters as troops continue a weeklong offensive against militants. Most of the fighting has centered in and around Jabaliya, which has been pounded by Israeli war jets and artillery. Residents said they have been trapped inside their homes and shelters.

Israel also has been escalating its campaign against Hezbollah with waves of heavy airstrikes across Lebanon and a ground invasion at the border after a year of exchanges of fire. Israel is now at war with Hamas in Gaza and Hamas' ally Hezbollah in Lebanon. Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many were fighters but say women and children make up more than half of the fatalities. The war has destroyed large areas of Gaza and displaced

about 90% of its population and farming communities, of 2.3 million people, often killing some 1,200 people, multiple times. mostly civilians, and abduct-

It's been a year since ing another 250. They are Hamas-led militants blew still holding about 100 capholes in Israel's security fence tives inside Gaza, a third of and stormed into army bases whom are believed to be dead

Lebanon's Health Ministry says Israeli strikes kill more than a dozen

Monitoring Desk

NEW YORK: Israeli airstrikes hit multiple areas in southern and eastern Lebanon, killing more than a dozen people and causing damage to hospitals, the Lebanese Health Ministry said, as fighting with the Hezbollah militant group continued.

miniani group continuea. Nine people were killed in Maisra village in the northeast, with 15 wounded, the ministry said. Four people were killed and 18 wounded in an apartment building on the edge of Barja south of Beirut. The ministry said Rayak and Tal Chiha hospitals in the Bekag Valley ware demaged while source people

in the Bekaa Valley were damaged, while seven people were wounded in strikes on Brital and Temnine in Baalbek-Hermel province. In Nabatieh, eight people were wounded.

Beirut's southern suburbs, which have previously faced heavy bombardment, have not been struck in the past 48 hours. Hezbollah functions as a state within a state there.



BEIRUT: Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf waves during his visit to the site of an Israeli air strike in the Basta neighbourhood.

Fifth UN staffer hit, as Israel threatens to target ambulances

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: The Israeli army on Saturday threatened to target ambulances in southern Lebanon, claiming they are being used by Hezbollah to "transport fighters and weapons".

The warning came on a day when a fifth staffer of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was wounded in yet another strike, after Israel admitted that its forces fired at a 'threat' near a UN peacekeeping position and

that a "hit" was responsible for wounding two Blue Helmets. The incidents of shooting at UN peacekeepers in past few days have sparked a fierce diplomatic backlash. The Israeli military on Saturday threatened the people of Lebanon not to return to their homes. "For your own protection, do not return to your homes until further notice.

ing Nicaragua take action to Do not go south; anyone coincide with the one-year anniversary of the Gaza who goes south may put his life at risk," the miliconflict. The conflict, the tary warned. Nicaraguan government said, now also "extends against Lebanon and

Iran has no red line in defending itself, foreign minister says

Monitoring Desk

DUBAI: Iran said on Sunday that it has "no red lines" in defending itself, as the Middle East anxiously braced for Israel's response to missile attacks from its arch-foe two weeks ago.

rael on Oct. 1 amid an esca-Foreign Minister lation in fighting between Abbas Araqchi's comments Israel and its proxy in Lebaappeared intended to disnon, Hezbollah. Many were intercepted in flight but pel suggestions that Iran would absorb an Israeli some penetrated missile defences, although the only strike without a further refatality was a Palestinian killed by debris that fell on sponse, as Tehran did earlier this year when Israel last struck Iran after a volthe West Bank

Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant has said "While we have made tremendous efforts in recent Israel will hit Iran in a way days to contain an all-out that will be "lethal, precise war in our region, I say it and surprising"

Yemen and Iran.' **Italy's Meloni** tells Israel's Netanyahu

attacks on UN peacekeepers are unacceptable Iran fired more than 180 ballistic missiles at Is-Monitoring Desk

ROME: Italian Prime Min-ister Giorgia Meloni has told her Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu that attacks on U.N. peacekeepers in Lebanon are unacceptable, her office said on Sunday. "Prime Minister

Meloni reiterated the unacceptability of UNIFIL being attacked by Israeli armed forces," the Italian government said in a statement

ASEAN urges early accord on South China Sea code, end to Myanmar violence

Monitoring Desk BANGKOK: Southeast Asian leaders called on Sunday for swift agreement on a code of conduct for the South China Sea based on international law, while demanding an immediate halt to fighting in Myanmar and inclusive peace talks to end its civil war.

meetings ended on Friday

of the 10-member Associa-

tion of Southeast Asian

Nations in Laos, which in-

cluded diplomats from the

United States, Russia,

China, Japan, India and

been rising in disputed wa-

Confrontations have

The

South Korea.

ters of the South China Sea between China, which claims sovereignty over almost all the vital waterway, and ASEAN members including the Philippines and more recently Vietnam.

The rows have raised risks of an escalation that could eventually involve the United States, which is ASEAN bound by treaty to defend chairman's statement repthe Philippines if it is atresents the consensus from tacked.

The sea, where \$3 trillion worth of trade passes annually, was been a major point of contention at the ASEAN meetings, particularly with Russia and China objecting to a reference to the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, a US official said.

Israeli forces and

In recent weeks, Israel

As Hezbollah and Israel battle on the border, Lebanon's army watches from the sidelines

Monitoring Desk either aerial bombardment BEIRUT: Since Israel or a ground offensive by a launched its ground invawell-equipped modern sion of Lebanon, Israeli army like Israel's. The army is militarily overshadowed by forces and Hezbollah militants have clashed along the border while the Lebanese Hezbollah. The Lebanese army has about 80,000 army has largely stood on

troops, with around 5,000 the sidelines. It's not the first time of them deployed in the the national army has found south. Hezbollah has more itself watching war at home than 100,000 fighters, according to the militant group's late leader, Hassan from the discomfiting position of bystander. Lebanon's widely be-

Nasrallah. Its arsenal loved army is one of the few built with support from institutions that bridge the Iran — is also more adcountry's sectarian and povanced. litical divides.

Several army com-Hezbollah fighters have manders have become been clashing since Oct. 8, president, and the current 2023, when the Lebanese commander, Gen. Joseph militant group began firing Aoun, is widely regarded as rockets over the border in one of the front-runners to support of its ally Hamas step in when the deadlocked in Gaza. parliament fills a two-year

vacuum and names a presihas conducted a major aerial bombardment of Lebanon But with an aging arand a ground invasion that senal and no air defenses,

it says aims to push Hezbollah back from the and battered by five years of economic crisis, the naborder and allow displaced tional army is ill-prepared residents of northern Israel to defend Lebanon against to return.

Sister of North Korean leader lashes out at South Korean drones Monitoring Desk SEOUL: North Korea's "The fact that the means which carried the Kim Yo Jong, the powerful leaflets is the very drones sister of leader Kim Jong is the core of the serious-Un, on Saturday warned ness of the recent incident, Seoul of a "horrible disaster" if South Korean drones Kim was quoted as saying, referring to anti-North Koare found flying over Pyongyang. She also criticised the rea leaflets. Kim said the blame lies with the South Korean South Korean military over military if it failed to idenits response to the North's tify drones sent by a nonclaim that South Korean governmental organization drones entered the sky of crossing the border. the capital city in a state-North Korea has been ment carried by state mefloating thousands of baldia KCNA. loons with trash attached On Friday, North Korea's foreign ministry accused South Korea of into the South since May, exacerbating tensions between the two countries. sending drones into Pyongyang at night this Pyongyang says they are a response to some acweek and last and that the tivists and North Korean intrusion demanded retaliadefectors in South Korea tory action. In response, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of who fly balloons into the North carrying aid parcels and leaflets criticising leader Staff said it could not con-Kim Jong Un. firm the North's accusa-

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Myanmar's Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs Aung Kyaw Moe, Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Thailand's Foreign Minister Maris Sangiampongsa, Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Laos' Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone, Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, Brunei's Sultan Hassanal.

Taiwan spots Chinese carrier, China military video says 'prepared for battle'

China

Pro-conquest film fuels

debate in Mexico over

colonial legacy

Monitoring Desk TAIPEI: Taiwan reported a Chinese aircraft carrier that the island was willing south on Sunday, as combat challenges like cli-China's military put out a video saying it was "prepared for battle" amid concerns in Taipei about the possibility of a new round of Chinese war games. China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, detests its president Lai Ching-te as a "separatist", and the Chinese military routinely operates around the island.

group sailing to the island's to work with Beijing to

Indian Muslim politician shot dead in Mumbai **Monitoring Desk** ley of Iranian missiles.

MUMBAI: A senior Muslim politician in India's financial capital Mumbai was shot dead on Saturday. weeks ahead of key state elections, with police probing the role of a notorious

clearly that we have no red lines in defending our people and interests," Araqchi said in a post on

Last week at his keynote national day speech, group was expected to e Lai said the People's Re- ter the Western Pacific.

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MEXICO CITY: A Span-

ish documentary extolling

the virtues of the country's

conquest of the Americas

now showing in Mexico has

added fuel to a politically

charged debate over the

Song of Life and Hope" by

Spanish director Jose Luis

Lopez-Linares claims to

offer "a new vision" of the

Ecuador and Bolivia, it de-

picts the Spanish as having

had a civilising impact on

the Americas, bequeathing

a proud heritage of Catholi-

Baroque-inspired Spanish

of the abuses committed in

the name of evangelising the

It makes no mention

colonial architecture.

cism and art, including lofty

Shot in Mexico, Peru,

colonial period.

"Hispanic America: A

legacy of colonialism.

mate change, striking both crime gang Baba Siddique, 66, a local lawmaker and former a firm and conciliatory tone, but drawing anger from

minister in Maharashtra Taiwan's defence ministry said in a statestate, was shot multiple times in the chest outside his ment that a Chinese navy son's office in Mumbai. Ingroup led by the carrier dian media reported. the Liaoning had entered Maharashtra's deputy chief waters near the Bashi minister Ajit Pawar, from Channel, which connects the same party as Siddique. the South China Sea and said he was "shocked" by the Pacific and separates the "cowardly attack". The Taiwan from the Philip-Hindustan Times newspapines. It said the carrier per reported that two susgroup was expected to enpected attackers had been arrested.

Poland to

suspend right to asylum after border tensions

WARSAW: Poland plans to temporarily suspend the right to asylum as part of a strategy to limit illegal migration amidst tensions Sheinbaum outraged

Madrid by barring Spanish King Felipe VI from her insaw accuses of channelling migrants across its border. auguration ceremony earlier

this month for failing to the migration strategy will be apologise for atrocities comthe temporary territorial susmitted during the 1519-1521 pension of the right to asy-Conquest of Mexico and the lum," Prime Minister Donald ensuing three centuries of Tusk said on Saturday. "I will colonial rule. "It's a rubbish, demand this, I will demand manipulative and racist recognition in Europe for this piece of propaganda that atdecision," he told a congress tempts to rewrite history," held by his liberal Civic Coa-Mexican journalist Jose lition (KO) grouping, the larg-Juan de Avila, who attended est member of Poland's coaa VIP screening of the film lition government. Tusk said this week in Mexico City, the right to asylum was being used by Belarusian Presi-

The film's release also coincided with the anniversarv of Italian-born explorer Putin and by people smug-Christopher Columbus's glers in a way that goes arrival in the New World on against the essence of the

Monitoring Desk lease in Mexico comes hot on the heels of a fallout between Mexico's new president Claudia Sheinbaum and the Spanish government.

NAIROBI: with Belarus, which Warcommu-nal southeastern Kenya have killed at least 18 people in "One of the elements of the past two weeks, police

said on Saturday, as secu-rity was boosted in the affected areas. Minister Interior Kithure Kindiki declared 12 areas of Tana River County 'dangerous and disturbed' due to the clashes, which have pitted communities of pastoralists against resettled flood victims. Kenya's national po-

lice chief Douglas Kanja ordered residents to surrendent Alexander Lukashenko, der their firearms to pre-Russian President Vladimir



Representatives of the Indigenous Peoples' Movement attend an event to mark Indigenous Resistance Day, in Caracas, Venezuela.

Kenya inter-communal clashes kill 18

Monitoring Desk violence.

The fighting, which Interhas been most severe in the clashes in town of Bura, began when the county government offered land to rehome people displaced by flooding on the banks of Tana River, the longest in Kenya.

protested, arguing that those people being relocated would be occupytheir grazing ıng grounds. "We have lost 18

no more deaths," a senior police officer in Tana River

vent a further escalation of County said. UK's flagship investment summit suffers bumpy

build-up

thumping majority in the general election. **Monitoring Desk** ONDON: The UK gov-But he is already on ernment hosts international the back foot, with a

business leaders on Monday to try and secure much-YouGov poll showing only needed investment for Brit-18 per cent of Britons apain but the build-up has prove of his government's been chaotic with a major record to date. firm reportedly threatening Labour

Monday's event as an opto shelve a project. Prime Minister Keir portunity to demonstrate Starmer, the leader of the its pro-business agenda new Labour government, and to stabilise the economy after 14 years hopes the International Investment Summit in Lonof chaotic Conservative rule and Britain's depardon will show the UK is ture from the European "the best place in the world to do business" Union.

Starmer has been in Starmer is expected to power for just three announce billion months after securing a in investments. announce billions of pounds

nent before his death in February, believed he would die in prison, according to his posthumous memoir which will be released on October 22.

The New Yorker published excerpts from the book, featuring writing from Navalny's prison di-ary and earlier. "I will spend the rest of my life in prison and die here," he wrote on March 22, 2022.

There will not be anybody to say goodbye to . All anniversaries will be celebrated without me.

Thousands march

in Spain to demand affordable

housing

cal culture," Russian Monitoring Desk news agencies quoted Peskov as telling a televi-MADRID: Thousands protested on Sunday in sion interviewer. Madrid to demand more affordable housing amid risthe quintessence of the ing anger from Spaniards very model of internawho feel they are being tional relations that they priced out of the market. are trying to foist on the Under the slogan entire world, a model that

'Housing is a right, not a business' residents marched in the Spanish capital to demand lower housing rental prices and better living conditions. Twelve thousand people took to the streets, according to the Spanish government.

Kremlin says Kamala Harris remarks on Putin expose US view of the world

Monitoring Desk ward that Republican candidate and former MOSCOW: The Kremlin said on Saturday that president Democratic Party presi-Trump, while in office, dential candidate Kamala had sent COVID tests to Russia at the height of the Harris's description of pandemic. In a radio in-Russian President Vladimir Putin as a "murterview, she described derous dictator" exposed how politicians in Wash-

United States of America,

to all appearances, is in-

fused with such a politi-

most in the world are be-

ginning to like less and

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sponse to Harris's criti-

cism of a report in a

newly released book by US journalist Bob Wood-

Peskov's comments

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Putin as a "murderous dictator" With relations beington sought to impose their views on the world. tween Russia and the Kremlin spokesman United States plunging to Dmitry Peskov's com-

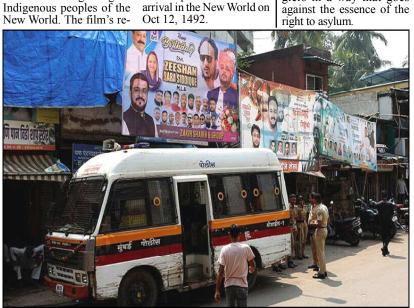
depths not seen since the ment was the latest jab in 1962 Cuban missile crisis, exchanges revolving each side has told the around the US presidenother to stop discussing tial election and the domestic issues. The United States Kremlin's more than 2 1/2year-old war in Ukraine. "The lofty political establishment of the

Donald

told Putin to stop com-menting on the US election back in February and then again last month when the Kremlin leader suggested he favoured Harris over Trump in the forthcoming poll because

of her "infectious laugh". That exchange prompted Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to say that Putin 'often jokes" in his public statements.

According to summaries of Woodward's book by the Washington Post and the New York Times, US President Joe Biden was privately scathing about several foreign leaders, including Putin, whom he described as the "epitome of evil"



complained.

Police stand guard next to the crime scene where politician Baba Siddique was shot dead in Mumbai.

people since last month and that is why security has been intensified to ensure

sees

memoir **Monitoring Desk** NEW YORK: Russian dissident Alexei Navalny, who

was President Vladimir Putin's top political oppo-

Local pastoralists



he knew he would die in prison in new

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

Gilani says: Govt committed to implementing comprehensive strategies to mitigate risks associated with natural disasters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani reaffirmed the government's commitment to implementing comprehensive strategies to mitigate the risks associated with natural disasters

"We are working to strengthen early warning systems, enhance disaster preparedness at the community level, and invest in resilient infrastructure capable of withstanding the challenges posed by climate change," he said in a message on the International Day for Natural Disaster

Reduction. "We join the global community in raising awareness about the importance of reducing disaster risks and building resilience in the face of natural calamities. This day serves as a reminder of the vulnerability of nations like Pakistan to the growing threats of

climate change and environ- highlighted the critical immental disasters," he added.

Gilani said.

"Pakistan, a country with a diverse geography and a rich cultural heritage. has been deeply impacted by the devastating effects of climate change," the

chairman highlighted. He said, "Pakistan has witnessed the tragic consequences of natural disasters. from floods displacing millions and destroying livelihoods, to earthquakes that

have shattered communities and infrastructure. "Each disaster has not the countries that contribonly caused untold human suffering but has also strained our economy and resources, underscoring the urgent need for effective disaster risk management and climate resilience,'

He further said, "The increasing frequency and

portance of preparedness and adaptation measures. "I urge all Pakistanis to take active steps to learn about disaster risks and contribute to disaster reduction efforts. By educating ourselves and others, we

can save lives and protect our communities from the worst impacts of natural disasters," he said Gilani reminded, "Cli-

mate change is not just a local issue but a global one." "Pakistan is among ute the least to global green-

house gas emissions, yet we are disproportionately affected by its consequences," he added. He called on the international community to take

hold and immediate action to reduce carbon emissions and support vulnerable naintensity of floods, particu- tions like Pakistan in buildlarly the catastrophic ing resilience against the floods of recent years, have impacts of climate change.



QUETTA: President PML(N) Sariab Town and Chairman Sariab Taraqi Pasand Panel Malik M. Muslahuddin Mengal Advocate meeting with Federal Minister Jam Kamal Khan

Tarar highlights economic progress, international ties ahead of SCO Summit

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, Na-tional Heritage, and Culture, Attaullah Tarar, stated on Sunday that Pakistan has made significant progress this year in both foreign policy and economic sectors, adopting an open approach towards trade and investment.

Speaking with foreign media correspondents about the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit scheduled for October 15, Tarar emphasized that "Pakistan is emerging on the international stage, and the world is beginning to recognize its true potential." He high-

lighted the recent successmemoranda of understanding (MoUs) valued at \$2.2 ful visit of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar billion to enhance bilatera Ibrahim to Pakistan, during cooperation. He mentioned which key discussions on that Saudi Crown Prince bilateral relations, invest-Mohammed bin Salman has ment, and cooperation took shown interest in increas place. During this visit, the Malaysian PM announced ing trade with Pakistan. Regarding an increase in imports from economy, Tarar reported Pakistan, including rice and that inflation has decreased Halal meat. Tarar remarked,

to 6.9% from over 32% last "Exports of rice, Halal year, and all economic indimeat, and other commodicators are showing positive ties to Malaysia will furtrends. The trade deficit ther strengthen the relationcontinues to shrink, while ship between our two counexports have increased by tries." Additionally, Tarar 14%. He expressed gratinoted a high-level delegation tude to overseas Pakistani from Saudi Arabia, led by for contributing to record the Saudi Minister of Inforeign remittances of \$8. vestment, recently visited billion in the first quarter Pakistan and signed several of the current fiscal year.

Tirmizi underlines significance of Pakistan's participation in GITEX

Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Faisal Niaz Tirmizi on Sunday emphasized the importance of Pakistan's partici-pation in GITEX Global.

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He said that Pakistan was proud to be recognized as the 'Tech Destination of the Year 2024' by GITEX Global, which was a testament to the country's progress in the IT and tech industries. Ambassador Tirmizi said that this recognition reinforced Pakistan's status as an emerging hub for digital innovation and entrepreneur-ship. As GITEX Global ship. As GITEX Global 2024, the world's largest technology exhibition, approaches its opening from October 14 to 18, Pakistan will be significantly represented at this prestigious event, a press release said. With a contingent of

ISLAMABAD (APP): 24 leading exhibitors from the country, Pakistan aims to showcase its growing capabilities in the IT sector. Tirmizi emphasized

that GITEX Global offered an ideal platform for companies to connect with global tech leaders, investors, and potential partners.

He further said that it was a unique opportunity for their exhibitors to showcase their capabilities and explore collaborations.

The Government of Pakistan is facilitating a 156-square-meter exhibition space at the Dubai World Trade Centre where Pakistani companies are poised to make a lasting impression. This year's participation underscores Pakistan's growing influence in the global digital economy and reaffirms the country's potential as a leading IT destination

The intelligence-based

He also highlighted

So far, 531 citizens



OUETTA: Central leader of PKMAPAbdul Raheem Ziaratwal and Abdul Qahar Wadan expressing solidarity with UoB Academic Staff Association and BUITEMS Staff Association during their visit to

hunger strike camp 63 dangerous criminals killed in Kacha area

LAHORE (APP): The hicles, were being utilized Punjab police's intelligenceagainst criminal elements. based operations are ongoing in Kacha area of Rahim targeted operations will Yar Khan in which 63 dancontinue in Kacha till the gerous criminals were killed complete elimination of and 45 injured so for. A criminal activities Punjab police spokesperson briefed that Rahim Yar that the police's Anti-Khan police had established Honey Trap Cell was oppermanent posts in Kacha erational round-theclock to protect the pubarea with a consistent de-

ployment of police personnel. The Punjab police are had been prevented from present in the region with full force and extensive resources.

being kidnapped in Kacha area through vigilance at Inspector General of border checkpoints. Police Police Punjab Dr Usman teams will continue the in-Anwar said that all necestelligence-based targeted sary resources, including operations to completely long-range weapons, ve- eradicate the heinous hicles and bulletproof ve- crimes.

(INP): All Parties Conference has rejected the recent elections in occupied Jammu and Kashmir, labeling them a diversion by the Modi-led Indian regime from the severe human rights violations in occupied

the climate change and social sector

Jammu and Kashmir. Chaired by the Prime full solidarity with the Pal-Minister of Azad Jammu estinian people. The con-development while discour-

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persist despite facing se- the efforts of the President, vere Indian repression.

QUETTA: Pro-Vice Chancellor the Balochistan University of Information

Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) Dr. Abdul

Rehman Khan and Executive Director of Forum for Dignity Initiatives (FDI)

Pakistan Ms. Uzma Yaqoob signing an agreement regarding cooperation in

APC rejects elections as India's

ploy to divert attention from

rights abuses in IIOJK

Expressing solidarity with Palestine, the conference condemned Israeli aggression and urged the United Nations and the OIC to intervene and stop ment and the Pakistani and the genocide of Palestin- Azad Kashmir armed forces ians. The leaders expressed and police. It pledged to

Prime Minister, Army Chief, and national security

agencies. The conference honored the martyrs of the Kashmir freedom move**BUITEMS & FDI Pakistan agree** on cooperation in climate change & social sector, sign MoU

Independent Report The tions.

Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Manage-ment Sciences (BUITEMS) and Forum for Dignity Ini-tiatives (FDI) Pakistan have agreed upon cooperation in the climate change

and social sector. In this regard, BUITEMS and FDI Pakistan signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

OUETTA:

The Pro-Vice Chan-cellor of BUITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan and the Executive Director of FDI, Ms. Uzma Yaqoob signed the MoU on behalf tion, they stressed.

of their respective institu-The documents of MoU were also exchanged

on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, they said that Pakistan is affected due to effects of the climate

change. They said that although there's no role of Pakistan in the emissions of Green gases, however, Pakistan is affected due to unexpected rains and floods

and disasters every year. In this regard, there is a dire need to create awareness among the students about environmental pollu-

QUETTA: Activists of Bugti Rabita Committee protesting against the Ban-

bereaved family.

condoles death of Ex-**Chinese VP** ISLAMABAD (APP)

the

President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday condoled the death of former Chinese Vice Premier Wu Banggua and said that the late Chinese leader was a sincer friend of Pakistan.

President

'Wu Banggua played a commendable role in

strengthening Pak-China ties," President Secretariat Press Wing, in a press release, quoted the president as saying. President Zardari fur-

ther said that the sympathies and prayers of the people of Pakistan were with the Chinese people, their government, and the **DG visits GDA Public**

and Kashmir, the APC issued a declaration emphasizing that these elections cannot substitute the Kashmiris' right to self-determination and demanded India allow Kashmiris to freely decide their future.

The conference paid tribute to the resilient people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir who continue to resist oppression and uphold their freedom struggle. The leaders also saluted the unwavering spirit of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference and Kashmir despite financial the Kashmiri youth, who challenges, and appreciated

demoralized PTI

with the PTI.'

ference strongly condemned India's attempts to create unrest in Azad Kashmir and praised the sacrifices of the Pakistani armed forces defending the Line of Control. The Pakistani military is seen as a protector, while Indian forces are perpetrating new atrocities against Kashmiris.

Acknowledging cupied Jammu and Kash-Pakistan's support, the conference thanked the government and people of Pakistan for providing relief to the people of Azad public grievances.

aging divisive elements. The leaders condemned terrorism within Pakistan and stated that the people of Azad Kashmir stand with their armed

forces in the fight against terrorism. Welcoming the SCO summit in Islamabad, the conference called for an end to the atrocities in ocmir. The leaders vowed to resolve longstanding public issues through democratic means and rejected any parallel governance under

the guise of addressing Nine Leviesmen including Dafadar dismissed on

Gandapur's absence absence in Kohlu

PESHAWAR (INP): Paki- they are lacking clear direcstan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Atif Khan said that Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur's absence demoralized party workers during their protest at Islamabad's D-Chowk.

In an exclusive interview with a private TV Channel, he said that there was no clear message from the party leadership regarding the protest strategy on October 4. "The leadership should have clarified its further course of action after the workers reached D-Chowk. The workers should have been communicated clearly to hold just a protest or stage a sit-in," Atif Khan added.

He said that after all that, the PTI workers are disappointed. Expressing concerns over the party's

workers: Atif Khan QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kohlu tion and decision-making. Ageel Baloch dismissed 9 To a question, he said the PTI cannot be eliminated by levies personnel including Levies Dafadar for absence the forces who want to do so. "Eventually, stakeholdlong time from duty and notification issued in this reers will have to negotiate and find a way forward gard. Deputy Commis-

When asked about sioner said in press release potential deals, Atif Khan responded, "Deals are made issued here on Sunday that actions are being taken for personal gain, while the right path is for the against the employees who are negligent in their duties country's benefit." Regardin other departments across ing the PTI's current leadthe district.

ership, Atif Khan voiced his He said that absentee dissatisfaction, stating, employees are not entitled "Everyone in the party is to any discount saying that playing a double game; actions such as deduction those who meet in Adiala of salaries, issuance of de-Jail (with Imran Khan) dismand notices and dismissal from employment are becuss unnecessary matters." ing implemented for employees found guilty of

violators Independent Report NASIRABAD: The Regional Transport Authority continued its crackdown on vehicle ordinance violators for the second consecutive day. The operation, led by Regional Transport Secretary Nasirabad Noor Ahmed Domki, was carried

dits of Katcha outside Quetta Press Club.

RTA cracks down

on vehicle ordinance

out under the directives of Commissioner Nasirabad Division Muinur Rehman Khan

Seven vehicles were fined, with penalties total-mine rates.

AJK all set to celebrate 77th founding anniversary of AJK government on October 24

MIRPUR (APP): The emonies will be held in all ten districts of Azad preparations have begun to celebrate the 77th founding Jammu Kashmir to celebrate the day with simplicity. Speakers will highlight government of the State of the historic significance of the founding day. Besides, 'Fateha' will be offered for tober 24 in a befitting manthe Kashmiri martyrs, bepledge to continue the sides offering special Kashmir freedom movement till it reaches its logiprayers for the early succal end, besides utilizing all cess of the Jammu & Kashmir freedom movement. possible resources for ensuring progress and pros-The

government's founding day perity of the liberated territory. On this day (Octoanniversary will be obber 24, 1947) the AJK terserved with prime focus to ritory had been liberated by elaborate on the due role of the valiant sons of the soil this base camp of the Kashfrom the clutches of the Inmir freedom movement for raising the Kashmiris indigdia-backed despotic Dogra regime. Highlighting the enous struggle for freedom at programs scheduled for celan international level, besides ebrations to observe the to reiterate complete solidarday in Azad Jammu Kashity with the people of the mir, AJK government illegally occupied Jammu and sources told APP here on Kashmir in their just and Sunday that special cerprincipled struggle

ing Rs. 7,500, for violating traffic laws. Additionally, 29 drivers were warned to remove illegal jhuggis (makeshift structures). Transporters overcharging passengers were also strictly warned and directed mate Index of Chinese Comto refrain from the practice. panies in Pakistan" as suc Noor Ahmed Domki cess stories was launched stated that fixing public here on Sunday.

The launching cer-emony was arranged by the China Chamber of Com-merce in Pakistan

Those who attended the event included Liu Yanggang, Vice General Manager of Three Gorges South Asia Investment

Clash b/w tribes in Kohistan leaves 4 dead, five injured

MANSEHRA (INP): violent clash between two tribes in Kohistan Mansehra, has resulted in the deaths of four individuals, including a woman, and

left five others injured. AJK The incident occurred due to an ongoing property dispute between the two groups. The local police said the confrontation took place in the Kolai Palas area of Kohistan, where both tribes opened fire on each other.

Police confirmed that the conflict stemmed from a longstanding land dispute. missing, the national maritime rescue service said on Following the incident, a large police force was dis-Saturday patched to the scene.

Higher Secondary School in Gwadar

them

Independent Report GDA participated in the sciences and arts competi-QUETTA: The Director tion held among students of General of Gwadar Development Authority (GDA), the school. Shafqat Anwar Shahwani visited the GDA Public dents participated in the competition and displayed Higher Secondary School in

Gwadar. The Principal of GDA School, Raja Imtiaz Hussain briefed the Director General GDA about the overall performance of the

school

The shields and prizes were distributed among the Meanwhile, the DG outstanding students.

A large number of stu-

their projects. The Direc-

tor General appreciated the

creative work of the stu-

dents and had time with

GWADAR: Director General Gwadar Development Authority Shafqat Anwar Shahwani inaugurating science competition and inspecting models of students during his visit to GDA Public Higher Secondary School

Pakistanis illegally traveling to Spain lost their lives

WAZIRABAD (INP): were on board and 27 were Four Pakistani nationals rescued after rescuers responded to a distress call lost their lives while atreceived shortly after tempting to illegally travel to Spain. Hierro, one of the islands

It reported in media that young men, who were in the archipelago, a statehiding in the ship's cargo, ment said. succumbed to suffocation

in the hold. of 39 migrants in early Sep-According to reports, tember when their boat sank the incident occurred in off Senegal while attempt-Mauritania, where one of ing a similar crossing to the Canaries, from where mithe victims has been identified as Abu Huraira, a resigrants hope to reach maindent of Wazirabad's Jinnah land Europe. Colony. Family sources regrants have died in recent vealed that Abu Huraira had years setting off into the left for Spain a month ago, and was sent off by an Atlantic to reach Europe agent named Usman.

Eighty-four people

onboard overcrowded and often dilapidated boats. Earlier, a boat carrying migrants capsized off In late August, Spain's Spain's Canary islands prime minister visited overnight, killing at least nine people and leaving 48

Mauritania and The Gambia to sign cooperation agree ments to crack down on people smugglers while expanding pathways for legal immigration

midnight from off El

This follows the death

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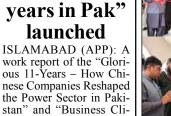




QUETTA: Citizens busy in buying daily commodities from Joint road Sunday bazaar

transport fares is a priority, and a meeting with transport owners will be (CCCPK).

Company in Pakistan.



Report on

power sector

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