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Pak bolsters regional ties with Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan

PM emphasizes enhanced trade, investment between Pakistan, Kazakhstan; Meets Tajik counterpart; calls for cementing bilateral cooperation in trade, connectivity; Underlines need to increase Pak-Turkmen high-level exchanges: Calls for sustained Pak-Belarus exchanges to enhance cooperation in investment, joint tractors production

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif engaged in multiple high-level bilateral meetings with regional counterparts during the Shanghai Coop-Sharif on Tuesday empha-On the sidelines of the during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit held in Islamabad on Tuesday. The discussions aimed at strengthening cooperation in trade. investment, and regional connectivity between Paki-

partners. lateral cooperation, particu-TURKMENISTAN: larly in the domains of

Prime sized upon the need to increase high-level exchanges between Pakistan and Turkmenistan.

He stressed the impor- Deputy Chairman of the tance of both sides continu- Cabinet of Ministers and ing to work closely to real- Minister of Foreign Affairs

stan and its Central Asian ize the full potential of bi- of Turkmenistan Rashid lateral cooperation, particu- Meredov called on the prime minister, PM Office Media Wing said in a press Welcoming release. Turkmenistan's participation in the SCO CHG Meet-SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting as a 'Special Guest', the ing, being held from 15-16 prime minister reaffirmed October in Islamabad, the significance Pakistan's longstanding,



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif welcoming foreign dignitaries to the dinner for the *Continued on page 2* | Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) first day.



State Council of the People's Republic of China, Li Qiang, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

COAS expresses desire to further strengthen **Pak-Belarus military ties** ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister of the Republic

of Belarus, Roman Golovchenko on Tuesday met with Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir

province. According to the Pro-

vice Project.

new Green Buses in the

Green Buses

PM extends warm welcome to Indian FM Jaishankar, others to SCO dinner

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FM having a brief chat **Monitoring Desk** SLAMABAD: Prime while shaking hands. This rare interaction

which is part of the broader

SCO summit activities tak-

ing place in the capital.

Minister Shehbaz Sharif warmly welcomed Indian marked the first visit by an Minister of External Affairs Indian foreign minister to Pakistan in nearly a decade, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar along with other internahighlighting the ongoing tional leaders during a dincomplexities in diplomatic ner marking the first day of ties between the two the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) sumnuclear-armed neighbours. Both leaders greeted each other at the dinner,

mit on Tuesday. While the main SCO meeting will take place on Wednesday, Prime Minis-**CM** approves ter Shehbaz Sharif hosted a welcome dinner for delpurchase of new egates on Tuesday. The Foreign Office said the premier will also hold bilateral **Independent Report** meetings on the sidelines. QUETTA: The Chief Min-Live footage showed

ster Balochistan, Mir Pakistan's PM and Indian importance. Sarfraz Bugti has accorded permission for purchase of

Himmat Cards be launched on pattern of Punjab: Governor assures every possible support for solution to issues

In meeting with President Zardari **Chinese PM assures continued** support for Pakistan's sovereignty, prosperity

Pakistan, China resolve to deepen strategic cooperation; President Zardari announces plans to visit China in November to further strengthen ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and China on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen strategic cooperation across key areas, including the economy, investment, and regional connectivity.

Jaishankar's arrival at Islamabad's airbase shortly before 3:30 PM was cer-Both sides also emphaemoniously accompanied sized the need to expedite by children presenting him the implementation of with bouquets of flowers, China-Pakistan Economic underscoring the event's Corridor (CPEC) projects.

This was discussed during a meeting between

the visiting Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Li Qiang, and President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwane-Sadr.

Welcoming the delegation, the president emphasized that Pakistan's friendship with its all-weather partner remained a cornerstone of the country's foreign policy.

He stressed the importance of exploring new av-

enues for cooperation as there was more space to expand bilateral relations. He also underscored the need to enhance connectivity through all-weather road networks to strengthen trade and people-to-people ikages

He said that Chinese companies should benefit from the investment opportunities in Pakistan by investing in the Pakistan

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PPP's Ministers & Advisors meet Sarfraz Bugti: We are determined to resolve public



During the meeting, discussions were held on regional dynamics and enhancement of bilateral security and defence cooperation between the two nations, an Inter Services Public Relations news release said.

The COAS reaffirmed Pakistan's appreciation for Belarus's contributions to global and regional affairs and expressed the desire to further strengthen the military partnership between both countries.

Prime Minister Golovchenko commended the Pakistan Armed Forces for their pivotal role in promoting regional peace and stability, and acknowledged their pro-fessionalism and sacrifices in the fight against terrorism.

Indian FM Jaishankar arrives to attend SCO summit

ISLAMABAD (INP): India's Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar arrived at the Noor Khan Airbase on Tuesday to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit being held here on Wednes-

Foreign Affairs officers. Jaishankar left for Pakistan in a special plane from the capital New Delhi. Jaishankar is the first Indian foreign minister who

airport by the Ministry of

arrived in Pakistan after at 2015 visit of former foreign He was received at the minister Sushma Swaraj.



ISLAMABAD: Indian Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar being received by DG South Asia Ilyas Nizami at Nur Khan Airbase.

Security plan prepared for national highways in Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The security plan has been prepared for protection of the passengers and transporters on the national highways in the Balochistan province. The official sources

said that the security plan has been prepared for prevention of the incidents of lawlessness on the highways of province.

Under the security plan, it has been decided to Karachi, Quetta to increase patrolling of the and Quetta to Sibi.

personnels of law enforcement agencies on the high-

ways According to the sources, patrolling of personnels of police, Levies, Frontier Corps and Balochistan Constabulary would be increased on the highways

While on the other hand, checking mechanism has also been changed on different routes of the province from Quetta to Karachi, Quetta to Loralai

Transport Dep ment, the summary has been approved for increase in the number of Green Independent Report

Buses in the province. It may be mentioned QUETTA: The Governor here that nine more Green Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Buses would be purchased Khan Mandokhail has asinder the Green Bus Sersured that every possible cooperation would be ex-According to the tended to resolve the issues ports Department, four being faced by the persons reen Buses would be purwith disabilities including chased to ply in Turbat the blind ones. The Governor empha-

city while remaining five buses would be purchased sized upon implementing for Quetta city. It may be the special quota allocated mentioned here that a total by the government for jobs eight Green Buses are plyin different departments of ing in Quetta city right now. the province.

With purchase of five He also stressed to launch Himmat Cards for nore buses for Quetta, the numer would increase to 13. the special persons in

being faced by blind persons

Balochistan on pattern of the Punjab government. In addition to this, it should be ensured that the offices concerning the special persons should be on first floor of the official buildings so that they may not face any inconvenience to get access to them.

He was addressing a special ceremony organized by the Pakistan Association of Blinds, Balochistan chapter here at the auditorium of Boy Scouts Association's Headquarter

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hardships, thru good governance: CM



Independent Report OUETTA: The Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that bringing good governance is top priority of the provincial govern-

ment as the issues being faced by the people can be resolved through good governance. He said that we are determined to resolve the

public hardships.

He also said that we are committed to improving the health sector under guidance of the President Asif

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Miscellaneous

Pak-Russia

Joint Exercise

Druzhba-VII

commences

at NCTC Pabbi

RAWALPINDI (APP): Pa

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cise Druzhba-VII which is

the 7th bilateral joint exer-

cise in Counter Terrorism

domain between the Armies

of Pakistan and Russia has

commenced at National

Counter Terrorism Centre

exercise commenced on

October 13 at National

Counter Terrorism Centre,

Pabbi with participation of

Light Commando Troops

of Pakistan Army and Rus-

sian Military Contingent,

an Inter Services Public

Relations (ISPR) news re-

tional Counter Terrorism

Centre graced the opening

ceremony of the exercise as

refining professional skills

through joint training be-

sides harnessing the his-

toric military to military

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to resolve public...

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

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belonging to PPP who

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Chief Minister were in-

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The exercise is aimed at

The two weeks long

(NCTC).

lease said.

a chief guest.

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Indian journalist says Efforts will be made to initiate restoration of **Pakistan-India** relations

established before 2019,

suggesting that such discus-

sions might not take place

during this visit, as both

countries have indicated

that it is a multilateral en-

gagement. She highlighted

that Pakistan had halted

trade with India in 2019,

following a ban on bilateral

the former PTI government.

to restore relationships as

the SCO provided a plat-

She stressed the need

ISLAMABAD (INP): -Senior Indian journalist there were currently no Suhasini Haidar expressed hope for a revival of bilateral relations between Pakistan and India during the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

In an exclusive interview with a private TV Channel, Haidar noted that trade between the two countries has been stagnant for the past five years.

With Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visiting Pakistan, she emphasised the importance of initiating bilateral dialogue.

Haidar pointed out that return of high commission ers, and the resumption of connections between the the bus service between two nations similar to those Lahore and Delhi.

Another Indian journalist, Smita Sharma, reflected on her previous visits, including a trip in 2015 during former Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj's

visit to Pakistan. She noted that since then, there has been very little forward movement in relations betrade during the tenure of tween both countries. She mentioned that after her last visit in July 2019, hopes for improvement have diminished as even now, form for leadership dia-logue. Haidar called for the cused on the SCO summit.

Opposition to judicial reforms based on personal likes, dislikes: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- stitutional courts, is driven kistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhuttolikes Zardari stated on Tuesday that opposition to judicial reforms, including the es-

position today is based on by personal likes and dis-

In a message posted on X (formerly Twitter), Bilawal referred to the optablishment of federal conposition, said, "Their op-

personal likes and dislikes or partisan positions on the

politics of the moment." He further said that the PPP's stance on judicial reforms has been consistent

for nearly two decades. (PTI). Our representatives. elected in every election under my chairmanship, have been given the mandate by the people of Pakistan to establish a Federal Constitutional Court with equal representation for all," he said. Bilawal said that the establishment of a Federal Constitutional Court has been a key part of the party's manifesto since the 2007 elections, following the Charter of Democracy

KARACHI: Maulana Fazlur Rehman, head of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, reached Bilawal House to meet Pakisigned in 2006. stan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Pak bolsters regional ties with...

Continued from page 1 historic and brotherly ties with Turkmenistan. He also conveyed his

best wishes and warm regards to the Turkmen leadership. Meredov congratulated

Pakistan for successful organization of the SCO CHG Meeting and conveyed best wishes of the Turkmen leadership to the prime minister.

reaffirmed He ing commitment to building stronger and closer Pakistan-Turkmenistan ties. to work with Pakistan.

Separately the prim

felicitations on organizing meetings of Joint Working the SCO CHG meeting by Groups on trade and agri

Pakistan, in its capacity as culture at the earliest. The Prime Minister of the SCO chair. He thanked Pakistan for the warm wel-Kazakhstan congratulated the prime minister on the come and hospitality exsuccessful organization of tended to him and the SCO the SCO Summit in Paki-Extending best wishes stan and lauded Pakistan's of President of Tajikistan positive role as the SCO

Emomali Rahmon to the Chair. prime minister, he con-He reiterated Kazakhstan's firm resolve curred that there was great potential to further to work closely with Pakistrengthen cooperation bestan, both as part of SCO Turkmenistan's unwaver- tween the two countries and bilaterally, to enhance underscoring that Tajikistan regional connectivity, trade remained fully committed and development.

He further said that zakhstan saw Pakistar as a leading trade partner is South Asia Both sides agreed to jointly work to realize the true trade potential between the two countries "Had a delightful exchange of views with my brother H.E. Mr. Olzhas Bektenov, PM of Kazakhstan on the sidelines Sharif on Tuesday while of 23rd SCO CHG. We discussed the need to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, transport, connectivity, agriculture, defence, education and energy sectors and agreed to accel erate official exchanges to take Pakistan - Kazakhstan relations to new heights. also extended a cordial inon Tuesday. vitation to President Kassym Jomart Tokayev to visit Pakistan at his earliest gretfully pointed out that convenience the special persons are the BELARUS: Prime most oppressed segment of Minister Shehbaz Sharif on the society, therefore, ev-Tuesday called for suservone should encourage tained exchanges between Pakistan and Belarus to realise the potential of bilateral cooperation, particularly in the areas of trade investment, agricultural machinery and joint production of tractors and connectivity The prime minister. who held a bilateral meeting with Belarusian Prime Minister Roman Golovchenko, on the sidelines of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting here, recalled his "warm and productive" meeting with Aleksandı President



ISLAMABAD: Belarus Prime Minister H.E. Roman Alexandrovich Golovchenko being welcomed by Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar at Islamabad International Airport as he arrives in Pakistan to attend the SCO Summit.

JUI-F rules out constitutional amendments sans PTI

ISLAMABAD (INP): F in its bid to secure rel-Amid the prevailing ambievant numbers in the parliament to successfully guity surrounding the narpass the constitutional rative of the prospective constitutional amendments package provisioning a three-year fixed tenure for being pushed by the ruling coalition, the Jamiat Ulemathe Chief Justice of Pakie-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) has stan (CJP) as well as the ruled out any tweaks to the establishment of a consti-Constitution without the tutional court. Pakistan Tehkree-e-Insaf

A day earlier, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Speaking to a private TV channel, JUI-F's Sena-Rehman hinted at closing in on a consensus with the tor Kamran Murtaza said ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). that they cannot ignore the PTI and that the Constitu-"It is our responsibil-

tion cannot be called a conity to create a balance sensus-oriented one if the among all the institutions. We have almost reached a consensus," said Fazl, add-The lawmaker's reing that he would meet

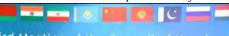
marks come amid strenuous Peoples Party (PPP) Chairefforts by the incumbent man Bilawal Bhutto government to woo the JUI- Zardari on Tuesday

'Imran Khan in good health', says PTI chief after doctors' visit

RAWALPINDI (INP): Despite waiting outside Adiala jail for an hour, personal physician says he was not al-lowed to meet PTI founder

After a team of doctors from the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims) visited Adiala Jail, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan on Tuesday shared an update on incarcerated party founder Imran Khan's health, saying: "Khan Saab is in good health and had exercised for an hour today.

Gohar's statement came after his party deferred its protest at Islamabad's D-Chowk on the SCO summit's inaugural day after Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi assured the party that a team of doctors would examine the PTI founder's health at the Rawalpindi central jail.



Balochistan parliamentarians foresee SCO's far-reaching results

QUETTA Balochistan parliamentarians expressing their opti-mism about the SCO summit being held in Pakistan said on Tuesday that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit will promote economic and diplomatic cooperation

among member countries. They emphasized that SCO will provide Pakistan with opportunities to prove itself on the global stage, strengthen relations with regional countries, and attract foreign investment.

Talking to APP, Balochistan's Finance and Mines & Minerals Minis-Mir Shoaib ter. Nosherwani, Provincial Minister for Communications, Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa, Provincial Minister for Irrigation and PPP Central Committee Member, Muhammad Sadiq Umrani and Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare, Haji Wali Muhammad Noorzai highlighted Pakistan's strategic geographical importance in the region, stating that the 23rd SCO summit

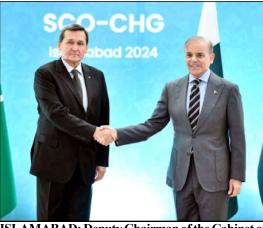
(APP): in Islamabad will yield farreaching results.

They hoped the summit will create opportunities for Pakistan to collaborate with member countries in various sectors, including economic, trade, and financial cooperation.

Pakistan faces multiple challenges, they said, adding that by playing an active role in multilateral platforms like SCO, and the country can unlock economic benefits, attract foreign investors, and address many of these challenges.

The parliamentarians emphasized that the Chinese Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan for the SCO summit and the inauguration of Gwadar Airport mark a significant milestone for the development and prosperity of Balochistan.

While lauding the role of China, they observed that China has always supported Pakistan during difficult times, and the construction of Gwadar Airport will create more employment opportunities in the region.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Chinese PM assures continued...

Continued from page 1 Continued from page 1 Stock Exchange. Ali Zardari and Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party

The president stated that the time was ripe to He said that modern fully leverage China's economic growth, particularly

health institutions would be established under public through the opportunities presented by CPEC and the private partnership on patfern of Ŝindh Gwadar Port.

The Chief Minister was speaking to the provinsecurity of Chinese nationals working in the country. President Asif Ali Zardari appreciated China's support to Paki-stan on the Jammu and

Kashmir dispute. He reiterated Pakistan's support to China on all its core issues, including the "One

Imran Khan-founded party is not on board.

minister posted on X, "Pleased to meet H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of Cabinet of Ministers & Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan on the sidelines of the 23rd SCO CHG in Islamabad today Conveyed my best wishes to the Turkmen leadership. Pakistan looks forward to working with Turkmenistan to build stronger bilateral ties and enhance regional cooperation particularly in trade,

energy, and connectivity." TAJIKISTAN: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday held a bilateral meeting with his Tajik Oohir counterpart Rasulzoda wherein he emphasized close bilateral collaboration to further cement mutually advantageous cooperation across all spheres of shared interest.

In the meeting, held on the sidelines of the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting here, the prime minister called for promotion of bilateral ties in the areas of trade, investment, energy and regional connectivity.

While deeply appreciating Tajikistan's active and constructive participation in the SCO CHG meeting, Prime Minister Shehbaz stressed that as brotherly countries and regional partners. Tajikistan and Pakistan shared enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation.

He fondly recalled his productive visit to Dushanbe in July, earlier this year, and expressed satisfaction over the positive trajectory of the bilateral relationship.

Minister Prime

prime minister thanked Prime Minister Sharif and the Government of Pakistan for allowing sugar export to Tajikistan as this would further enhance the bilateral trade among both countries

Furthermore the T

delegates

KAZAKHSTAN: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz noting the warm and excellent bilateral relations between Pakistan and Kazakhstan emphasized the need to enhance trade and investment, while also focusing on regional con-

nectivity and security. To achieve this shared objective, the prime minister emphasized the need to maintain regular and highlevel contacts, including through institutional mechanisms of bilateral engagement.

The prime minister had a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of Republic of Kazakhstan Olzhas Bektenov on the sidelines of the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting earlier, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. Welcoming Kazakhstan's participation at the SCO CHG Meeting,

the prime minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to work with all SCO countries in advancing SCO's principles and pur-In this regard, the prime

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minister recalled his visit to Astana in July earlier this year for the SCO Council Lukashenko in Astana in of Heads of State meeting July earlier this year and appreciated stressed sustaining regular Kazakhstan's contributions high-level exchanges considto strengthening cooperaering their positive momention among SCO countries. tum on bilateral ties, ac-The prime minister cording to a PM Office

Rasulzoda conveyed warm stressed to convene the press release.

them. He said that it is good that it has been declared an inappropriate to say the persons with disabilities as disabled ones. He said that blindness is surely a physical disability, but to him, lack of wisdom is big di-

lemma He stressed that implementation should be made

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tional Airport as he arrives in Pakistan to attend the SCO Summit. Governor assures every possible.... Continued from page 1 cated for special persons in the government depart-

Addressing the cerments emony, the Governor re-

The Governor particu-larly urged the Social Welfare Department to take steps for welfare of the special persons besides providing them opportunities of livelihood to them.

He announced Rs. 200.000 for the Pakistan Association of Blinds. The function was at-

tended by office bearers of the Association of Blinds as well as representatives of the civil society, officials of concerned departments and

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the special persons and their families.



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Umrani, Mir Zahoor Buledi, Bakht Muhammad ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister of Tajikistan, Kohir Kakar and Advisors Mir Ali Rasulzoda being received by Federal Minister for Hassan Zehri. Meena Commerce Jam Kamal Khan at Islamabad Interna-Majeed Baloch. Sardar Ghulam Rasool Umrani and political leader, Mir Sajid Dashti.

During the course of meeting, the progress of public welfare projects was discussed in detail

The Chief Minister on the occasion referred to Benazir Bhutto Scholarship Programme saying that it is exemplary educational programme in the history of province.

He mentioned that the provincial government would bear the expenses of 16 years educational expenditures of 20 topper students from every district every year.

In addition to this, the Ph.D students of the province would get higher education in 200 universities all over the world.

He shared that he China" policy, Taiwan, Tiwould be visiting China in bet, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, November and looked forand the South China Sea. ward to reconnecting with old friends and engaging in discussions to further

sion, Premier Li Qiang reaffirmed that Pakistan and strengthen bilateral ties. Reflecting on his previous visits to China during his earlier tenure, he noted that Pakistan has consistently enjoyed China's unwavering support on key issues of mu-

tual importance. President Zardari expressed his heartfelt condolences over the tragic loss of two Chinese nationals in a terrorist attack, stating that the heart-breaking incident deeply grieved the entire nation. He emphasized that

the enemies of the Pakistan-China friendship were trying to undermine bilateral relations by targeting Chinese nationals and attempting to disrupt CPEC projects, adding that such malicious efforts would

not succeed. reaffirmed He Pakistan's commitment to tracking down the perpetrators and ensuring they receive exemplary punishment He assured the Chinese

Premier that Pakistan would take all necessary measures to enhance the

China were good brothers, neighbours, partners, and friends He emphasised that Pak-China strategic cooperation would continue to deepen under the leadership of President Xi Jinping. He acknowledged the contributions of President

Speaking on the occa-

Asif Ali Zardari in promoting stronger Pakistan-China relations. Premier Li highlighted that both nations had consistently supported each other, regardless of global challenges, and expressed confidence that they would continue to cooperate to take their partnership to new heights.

The premier emphasized the need to accelerate the progress of development projects under CPEC.

He highlighted that China would continue to support Chinese companies to invest in Pakistan. He also expressed optimism about the future of Pakistan-China relations and that it would continue to grow stronger.



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International Naval Academy Sailing Competition held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



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Wednesday October 16, 2024

PM reaffirms govt's commitment towards ensuring food security

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed government's commitment towards ensuring food security, sustainable agricul-ture and the well-being of

"World Food Day recalls us of our duty of ensuring food security for our people. This years' theme of World Food Day is 'Right to foods for a better life and a better future,' the prime minister said in a message on the observance of World Food Day on October 16.

the backbone of the food system, who with their dedication and hard work, ensured that they had enough to eat.

We are committed in supporting them with policies that focus on innovation, sustainability, and modernization in the agricultural sector. Our government is facilitating farmers to equip themselves with the technology they need to thrive in today's world, inagricultural machines, im-

proved infrastructure, and foreign investment, and promoting export-oriented office Media Wing, in a press release, quoted the prime minister as saying.

The prime minister said that the government had undertaken significant steps to transform the food system, adding through initiatives such as the introduction of new agri-tech solutions, and efforts to boost food processing and storage, they aimed to reduce food waste, enhance food safety, and ensure that their food systems were not only abundant but also resilient in the face of glo-

small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the food processing sector. Our focus is the em-

powering the rural women entrepreneurs, who form a key component of our rural economy, to ensure that they also actively participate in this sector," he further added.

bal challenges.

The prime minister said that their vision was that everyone has access to to integrate Pakistan into the global food value chain also able to ensure food secluding access to modern by fostering public-private curity for our future gen-

growth in agriculture and food processing. On this day, he said, they also recognized the

importance of working closely with international partners, including the Food and Agriculture Orga-nization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), to exchange knowledge, best practices and innovations that could help them all move toward a society where food was safe, nutritious, and sustainably produced.

The prime minister "We are promoting As they look to the said that the farmers were and facilitating support to future, the prime minister As they look to the said that he was confident that with continued dedication, innovation, and collaboration, they would be

able to overcome the challenges of hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity. "Let us work together to build a society where farmers are supported and facilitated to adopt sustain-

able agricultural practices so nutritious food, and we are partnerships, encouraging erations," he added.



Sherry urges Pakistan to harness momentum for regional connectivity, growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior leader of the Pakistan People's Party & former Ambassador Senator Sherry Rehman Tuesday stressed

that Pakistan has a historic for their genuine warmth and welcoming nature, opportunity to leverage momentum and achieve its which is deeply ingrained connectivity goals, particuin the country's cultural larly with numerous dignifabric, she added. taries from various states

In an exclusive interconvey a strong message to the world, showcasing view, Senator Sherry Pakistan's soft image and its people's kindness, she Rehman highlights connectivity potential and said it is best time for Pakistan's added.

Chance to Shine globally. By leveraging its hos-Senator Sherry Rehman emphasized the pitality, Pakistan can im-prove its international imimportance of Pakistan leage, promote intercultural veraging its momentum to harmony and create emstrengthen regional connec- ployment opportunities for

immense potential for Pakistan to fortify its economic and bilateral relationships with fellow nations. This presents a golden opportunity for Pakistan to

strengthen ties with brotherly countries, fostering cooperation in areas such as trade, economy, defense, culture, education and people-to-people contacts, she added.

Sherry Rehman emphasized that Pakistan must play its important role effectively in regional connectivity, leveraging its strategic location and economic potential to foster cooperation and growth.

> AIOU Int'l moot: World should

> > work on

education diplomacy,

Dr. Mukhtar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The world should work on

education diplomacy and

should use science not as a

means of destruction but as

a tool for global peace and

development, said Chair-

man, Higher Education

Commission(HEC), Prof

He was addressing the

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed.

Khurram Dastgir Khan hails SCO summit as boost to Pakistan's economy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-kistan Muslim League ment, industry, education, defense, agriculture, and culture," he added. Nawaz prominent leader Khurram Dastgir said, Khurram Dastgir Khan Tuesday expressed pride in

'It is a moment of pride for the government's hosting of the country, reflecting the the SCO summit, highlightgrowing trust of other nations in Pakistan. 'The SCO summit

brings together prominent In an interview with a leaders from member states, including China, Russia, India, and Belarus, to foster cooperation in areas like security, economy, and culture," he added.

'The capital city's vibrant atmosphere during China, with whom they have enjoyed warm and corthe summit is a testament to Pakistan's hospitality

Pakistan desires to expand new avenues of cooperation with Kyrgyz Republic: PM

APITALNEWS

SLAMABAD (APP): extended to Pakistan as the Minister SCO Chair. Prime Muhammad Shehbaz The prime minister Sharif on Tuesday while also recalled the warm and reiterating Pakistan's strong desire to further strengthen cooperation with Kyrgyz Republic, stressed the need to enhance new avenues of

gional connectivity.

Republic Akylbek Japarov

on the sidelines of SCO

Council of Heads of Gov-

ernment (CHG) Meeting,

being held in Islamabad

from 15-16 October, PM

Office Media Wing said in

a press release.

brotherly ties between the two countries and expressed satisfaction over the overall positive trajectory of the bilateral relacollaboration in the areas of tions between Pakistan and trade, investment, people-Kyrgyz Republic. to-people contacts and re-

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Akylbek Japarov congratulated the prime minis-The prime minister ter on the successful orgaheld a bilateral meeting with nization of the SCO CHG Chairman of the Cabinet of meeting, as well as the ex-Ministers of the Kyrgyz cellent arrangements made for the visiting delegations. He thanked Pakistan

for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him and the accompanying delegation.

Akylbek Japarov reciprocated Kyrgyz Republic's strong desire to The prime minister continue working with Pathanked Kyrgyz Republic's positive and active particikistan for enhancing bilatpation in the SCO CHG eral cooperation in all areas of mutual benefit for the Meeting and appreciated Kyrgyz Republic's support two countries



ISLAMABAD: Daily life suspended due to the SCO summit held in the Federal Capital.

TikTok removes 78,827,465 videos for 'breaching' its community guidelines

a safe and positive user experience, TikTok has re-moved 78,827,465 videos for breaching its community guidelines.

Notably, 144, 430, 133 of these videos were removed through automated systems, highlighting the platform's innovative use of its detection technology to eliminate harmful content in

inaugural session of the real time. 37th AAOU Annual Conference 2024 at Allama Iqbal Open University as a chief guest, yesterday

ISLAMABAD (APP): In its ongoing efforts to foster quarterly report provides transparency into the content and accounts removed during the reporting period for violating the platform's Community Guidelines. With over a billion

people and millions of pieces of content posted on TikTok every day, the platform continues to prioritise and enhance automated

moderation technology. This technological ad-According to TikTok vancement enables TikTok Q2 2024 Community to scale its moderation ef-Guidelines Enforcement Report, over 30,709,744 forst and maintain a secure environment for its growvideos were removed from ing global community. With

ISLAMABAD: Kazakhstan's Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov arrives in Pakistan to attend the 23rd SCO conference. Federal Minister for Privatization, Communication and Investment Abdul Aleem Khan, welcomes

the Kazakhstan's Prime Minister at Islamabad International Airport.

APHC urges UN to hold India accountable for atrocities in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): rorizing Kashmiris to crush The All Parties Hurrivat their legitimate demand for Conference (APHC) has self-rule. Minhas emphamade an urgent appeal to sized that the BJP regime

MoIB releases song to welcome guests of **SCO** summit ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Ministry of Informa-

(CHG) of the Shanghai Co-

operation Organization

SCO) here in Islamabad.

sight into Pakistan's color-

ful cultural heritage and tra-

dition of hospitality, said a

torical and important build-

ings and diverse culture of

Pakistan are beautifully

Grand Search

and Combing

Operation by

ICT Police in

The song gives an in-

Beautiful places, his-

ing its potential to unlock bilateral ties and create economic opportunities. private news channel, he said, "This historic move is seen as a significant step in strengthening Pakistan's relationships with neighboring countries, including tivity, particularly through future, she mentioned. initiatives like the China-She further said the Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Gawadar. Pakistanis are known

This remarkable hospitality has the power to

the United Nations to intervene and hold India accountable for its atrocities in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. According to Kashmir Media Service, APHC spokesman Abdul Rashid Minhas in a statement issued in Srinagar condemned the actions of Indian occupation regime including the torture of innocent Kashmiris, seizure of their properties, and suppression of their right to self-determination through relentless cordon and search operations and house raids.

He said Indian personnel, including paramilitary, police, National Investigation Agency, and State Investigation Agency are ter- in the Middle East.

is exploiting the judiciary to intimidate Kashmiris, targeting Hurriyat leaders, journalists, scholars and ordinary citizens with fabricated cases. Kashmiris committed to the freedom struggle are being booked under draconian laws for their political beliefs and advocating for a plebiscite. Despite facing brutalities, the Kashmiri people remain resolute in pursuing their freedom cause. The spokesman urged the United Nations to play its role in settling the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the

presented in the song. The lyrics of the song UN resolutions and aspiraentails the hospitality of tions of the Kashmiri people the people of Pakistan and to avert a catastrophe like the the spirit to welcome the one the world is witnessing SCO heads of state.

news statement.

IG Rizvi reviews foolproof security plans for SCO summit

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Inspector General (IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, on Tuesday presided over a high-level meeting to discuss security arrangements for the "Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit" in Islamabad.

A public relations officer told APP that the meeting was attended by DIG Headquarters Dr. Syed Mustafa Tanveer and other senior police officials.

During the meeting, IG Rizvi, reviewed the security arrangements and directed senior officers to implement more effective security measures.

The IG emphasized the dignity and honor of the that security of the delegacountry

tion must be strengthened, by effectively utilizing the modern systems of the Safe City Islamabad. He added well-prepared police teams will be deployed at all entry and exit points of the high-security zone. He said during the delegation's movement, all

major roads will be completely closed, and alternative routes will be provided at various intersections. keeping in mind the convenience of the public. IG Rizvi further as

to eliminate crime from the sured that the Islamabad city." He said, "This initia-Police will use all available tive is particularly crucial resources to provide foolas authorities ramp up seproof security to all delegacurity measures in preparation for the upcoming tions and will make every possible effort to uphold Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SĈO) Summit 2024

dial relations." to Pakistan's nospitality "The SCO summit of-and its eagerness to build tion and Broadcasting has released a song to welcome fers a platform to forge the foreign guests attending closer ties in areas such as 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of Government

participating.

stronger relationships with fellow member states," he trade, economy, invest- mentioned.

The three-day confer ence of Asian Association of Open Universities titled "Expanding horizons

(Monday).

ISLAMABAD: Pak Army soldiers stands alert at Express Chowk due to security high alert ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2024, in the Federal Capital.

Historic SCO meeting in Pakistan: a moment of pride: former CPEC PD

ment

opportunities.

Rawalpindi

AMI meter.

Media Town.

Over 200, 000 AMI meters

installed in various areas

of Rawalpindi so far

Saddar Zone SLAMABAD (APP): Hassan Dawood Butt, meeting provided a plat-Islamabad Capital Territory former CPEC Project Di-(ICT) Police late night conrector, emphasized on ducted a grand search and Tuesday that the 23rd combing operation in vari-Summit of the Council of ous areas of the Sumbal Heads of Government police station in the Saddar (CHG) of the Shanghai Co-Zone. A public relations ofoperation Organization ficer told APP, "Under the (SCO) marked a historic special directions of Inmilestone and a moment of spector General (IG) Police pride for Pakistan after 27 Sved Ali Nasir Rizvi, the

years ICT Police has intensified Talking to APP, he its crackdown against noted that the SCO criminal elements in order meeting's primary agenda was to strengthen regional cooperation among member countries, focusing on economic, trade, and infrastruc-

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Islamabad Electric Supply

Company (IESCO) has

successfully installed over

structure (AMI) meters so

revolutionary initiative in

ernment, Project Director

Moshin Raza Gillani said

that this project is success-

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Rawalpindi city Rawalpindi Cantt.

Terming the AMI is a

tonment Circles.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr. ture collaboration. The oritize infrastructure development, industrial cooperaform to tackle challenges tion, agriculture, science and and explore opportunitechnology, and socio-eco ties for shared developnomic projects, contribut ing to the stabilization o

He stated that the par-Pakistan's economy. 1 ticipation of member counwould also create more lo tries in the meeting aimed cal employment opportuto foster peace, stability, nities and enhance regional and economic development economic activities. He stated that under in the region, benefiting all,

the second phase of CPEC, including Pakistan. development would take He also mentioned that the second phase of the place in the agriculture and China-Pakistan Economic energy sectors, which Corridor (CPEC) would would increase the productivity of Pakistan's agriculcreate new development tural sector and improve This phase would prienergy self-sufficiency.

> CEO Pink Ribbon Pak appeals to combat 'Breast **Cancer through** Social Media³

with PTV news channel, he said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is poised to be a gamepressing appeal to the youth for increased breast changer for Pakistan's economy, with estimates suggesting it will generate cancer awareness through millions of jobs by 2030, social media, particularly as adding, The Submit is ex-Breast Cancer Awareness pected to usher in a new era Month continues where despite ongoing efforts only of cooperation and growth for Pakistan, with CPEC at 1 in 4 women in Pakistan the forefront of this strateundergo mammography screenings. In an Interview with a private news changious SCO meeting in nel. CEO stressed that by utilizing social media effec-Islamabad is a significant tively, the youth can play a vital role in educating

TikTok in Pakistan, in the a proactive detection rate latest reporting period, as now at 98.2%, TikTok is the platform continues to strengthen its content moderation systems to safeguard its diverse community

Key findings show that 99.5% of these videos were proactively removed before users reported them, with 97% taken down within 24 hours. These figures highlight TikTok's commitment to avoiding harmful content, ensuring a safer platform for Pakistani users, said a news release issued here on Tuesday.

The report sheds light on the platform's proactive approach to content mod-

marking the beginning of a

new era for the China-Pa-

kistan Economic Corridor

partnership.

Hosting the presti-

In an exclusive talk

(CPEC).

more efficient than ever at addressing harmful content before users encounter it The report also highlights a 50% reduction in the number of restored videos, reinforcing the accuracy and effectiveness of TikTok's content moderation sys-

tems As TikTok continues to invest in cutting-edge moderation technologies, its commitment to transparency and platform safety remains at the forefront. ensuring a secure environment for its diverse user base across Pakistan and globally



ISLAMABAD: Motorcyclists use pedestrian bridge during road closed at Zero point area due to security reasons ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) 2024 summit.

Chinese Premier's visit to herald new era for **CPEC: Dr Talat Shabbir**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Di- success in its foreign policy endeavors, he added. rector China-Pakistan Study Centre at Institute of

This milestone event strategic studies Dr. Talat not only showcases Shabbir Tuesday said that Pakistan's capability to bring together influential Chinese Premier's visit to Pakistan will be a gamenations but also underchanger for the country, scores its growing prominence on the global stage, he mentioned.

Pakistan's warm welcome to esteemed delegates from participating countries further solidifies its commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue and cooperation, he noted.

Dr Shabbir further highlighted that such a high-profile international gathering is taking place in Pakistan after a considerable hiatus is a testament to the country's revitalized diplomatic stature.

Responding to query, he replied that CPEC phase 2 has the potential to transform Pakistan's economy, boosting growth, diplomatic achievement for creating jobs, and enhanc-Pakistan, marking a major ing regional connectivity.

200,000 state of the art Advanced Metering Infrafar in various parts of Rawalpindi City and Canpower sector by the govfully continue in two op-

ISLAMABAD: Urs (death anniversary of a Sufi saint) of Sheikh Hazrat Syed Abdul Qadir Gillani being held Golra Sharif in the Federal Capital.



Khana area, Sawan Garden,

Taxila and surroundings would be replaced with He said that AMI has been installed in areas of Chandi Chowk, Muslim Town, Ghangal, Dr Abdul Qadeer Road, Gulzar e Quaid, PWD, Korang Town, Pakistan Town,

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Conciliatory approach

While visiting survivors of last week's heinous attack on coalminers in Duki, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti said on Saturday that a military operation was not on the cards in the troubled province. He added that intelligencebased operations were "ongoing" to uncover the facts behind the atrocity.

Though a variety of militant groups active are in Balochistan, till date no one has claimed responsibility for the Duki massacre. While there is surely a need to neutralise violent elements that present a danger to public safety in the province, the fact is that militarised responses to terrorism and insurgency have been tried in Balochistan for decades, but have failed to bring permanent peace to this tora sincere commitment to tured land.

Therefore, there is a need to investigate the intelligence lapses that led to the Duki terrorist attack and earlier violent episodes, while kinetic responses can only work if there are complementary political and economic efforts to address the deprivation that fuels separatmageddon ist sentiment.

However, it appears the state is determined to continue using the same old playbook against voices peacefully demanding their rights in Balochistan. In this respect, a terrorism and sedition case has been filed against rights activist Dr Mahrang Baloch for her alleged "anti-state campaign". Perplexingly, the case has been on Oct 22-24. Russia has prompted the comments,

An open letter to Dr. S. Jaishankar, Honourable Indian Minister of External Affairs

peace. It is in this spirit that Your Excellency Dr. S. we urge both our nations to move beyond the distrust On behalf of the people of that has defined much of our Pakistan, it is with great shared history and to emrespect and anticipation bark on a new journey of that we welcome you on cooperation vour maiden visit to our

Jaishankar,

The truth is, neither country in connection with Pakistan nor India has anythe Shanghai Cooperation thing to gain from hostili-Organization (SCO) Sumties. Even if, hypothetimit in Islamabad. This visit cally, either side harboured holds profound signifiambitions of domination, cance, not only in the conthe reality of today's text of the multilateral world, particularly in light framework of the SCO but of our nuclear capabilities, also in the historical narrarenders such notions futile. tive of our bilateral relation-A conflict between our naship. At this pivotal motions would bring nothing ment, we must seize the but devastation for both, opportunity to reflect on and indeed, for the broader our shared history, our region. The idea that one present challenges, and, can emerge victorious withmost importantly, the imout severe consequences is mense potential of a peacean illusion. We are interful and prosperous future twined not only by geografor both India and Pakistan. phy but by the shared fu-As we welcome you, tures of over one and a half we extend our warm wishes billion people. It is time to to all the people of India recognize that war, in any for a happy, peaceful, and form, is not an option prosperous future. We, the either of us.

people of Pakistan, would So why continue to like to communicate to our waste precious time, en-Indian brothers and sisters ergy, and resources in susthat if we are to genuinely taining policies of enmity pursue friendship, that that only perpetuate this friendship must be true, futile cycle of hatred? Why devoid of pretension or should we remain prisoners of the past, clinging to hypocrisy. Authentic relations can only be built on historical grievances that the foundation of mutual offer no solution for the respect, understanding, and future?

It is time to bury the are serious about our com-

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bitterness of the past and embrace a new era of genucontinent. ine friendship, akin to the remarkable transformation war, not against each witnessed in Europe.

There, nations that were once bitter enemies - countries that fought two devastating world wars - now live in peace and harmony. Their borders are open, their economies integrated, and their collective energies focused on development over them. and progress rather than

conflict. Europe's story is place and blood. one of reconciliation and

renewal, and it serves as an inspiring example for South Asıa. We echo the timeless

sentiment: Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy

bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring

in the true. Let us, too, have genu-

ine peace — not the mere absence of war, but the presence of trust, cooperation, and mutual benefit. Let us take the bold step of removing military forces from our borders, not out of weakness or naiveté, but out of the confidence that peace is the only path forward. By doing so, we would signal to the world, and to each other, that we

mitment to a peaceful sub-Together, let us wage

other, but against the true enemies of our people: poverty, hunger, disease, and Why should India and illiteracy. Let us transform Pakistan continue on a path our region into a bastion of that keeps us divided, much like the Koreas? Why not peace and a haven of prosperity, where future generastrive instead to emulate the tions can live without the unity of Europe, where shadow of conflict hanging former adversaries now work hand-in-hand for the Ring out false pride in common good? Europe's

The civic slander and pragmatism, not sentimen-

the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right. Ring in the common

brighter future. love of good. Ring out old shapes of Pakistan possess nuclear arsenals, and the concept of

foul disease. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold:

Ring out the thousand wars of old.

Ring in the thousand vears of peace.

India and Pakistan, with their rich histories and immense human potential, only need a decade of genuine peace to emerge as global economic and cultural powerhouses. The talent, creativity and resilience of our peoples, once unburdened by conflict, will propel both nations to unprecedented heights. But this transformation hinges on one critical condition: au-

thentic peace. A peace that ist, but we must prioritize mirrors the unity of Europe, a region once riddled with conflict but now thriving as a model of cooperation and collective progress.

one nation "conquering"

mutual destruction, leaving

no winners, only desola-

tion. The very idea of a "vic-

tory" through war is a dan-

gerous delusion. History

has shown us, through fig-

ures like Hitler and

Mussolini, that such ambi-

tions only lead to catastro-

a choice for India and Paki-

stan — it is the only op-

tion. Challenges between

our nations will always ex-

Thus, peace is not just

peace above all else. It is time to transcend our differences, not by ignoring them, but by managing them in a way that fosters understanding rather than

conflict. One key issue that continues to strain our relationship is Kashmir, the unfinished agenda of the partition. While this issue remains deeply emotional and complex, it must be resolved fairly, with the assuccess was born out of pirations of the Kashmiri people at the forefront. The tality. It was the realization UN resolutions provide a framework, but the best that cooperation, not conflict, was the key to a way forward may be to give the people of Kashmir, on Today, both India and both sides of the Line of Control, a ten-year coolingoff period. During this time, unhindered trade and hassle-free travel should be the other has been rendered obsolete. A full-scale war allowed, enabling Kashmiris to build bridges of underbetween us, especially a nuclear one, would result in standing

Excellency, let us turn a new page in our history with a simple yet profound slogan: Long live the friendship of the teeming millions of India and Pakistan. Together, we can build a future where both our nations thrive, and our people prosper in peace and harmony

Best wishes for your visit Syed Nayyar Uddin Ahmad Lahore, Pakistan

World is not about Indo-Pak ties

humanitarian ties" Jawed Naqvi India and Iran are

Members of the Shanghai members of both bodies, Cooperation Organisation shepherded discreetly by (SCO) are meeting in China and Russia. There's Islamabad today to tackle an obvious contradiction extremely urgent issues, within the group that threatens to undermine its which includes finding ways to rein in the world foundational purpose. Iran is battling the Zionist from the precipice of Arassault, whereas India has Western support for been an anchor of support for Israel.

Israel's genocide in Gaza Serious stuff. And and the Zionist state's intensifying military standhere we just heard from Inoff with Lebanon, Yemen, dia that its foreign minis-Syria and Iran threatens to ter, representing Prime explode out of control. Minister Islamabad, would not talk Fresh tensions in the South China Sea and the to Pakistan during the unending war in Ukraine SCO meet. The question is: did anybody suggest would also inevitably take that India should consider front row Similar intent is on talking to Pakistan during the menu in Kazan in Rusthe fraught international

to Faiz).

It's bad enough that Modi is skipping a crucial event, given the intense Western interest in the SCO and BRICS agenda for a multipolar world order. But India has sought to thrust itself in the frame with a non-sequitur. Who needed to know about a non-existent bilateral meeting? Indian journalists? Barring exceptions, they are notoriously limited in their interest in foreign affairs, displaying scant engagement with the in world unless it concerns India. The king of Tonga will get the headlines if he endorses India's perpetual quest to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council. After that, who cares what else

was discussed? Why is it that it The Cold War had just ns out of character

oil. And then there's the carry on without Britain. curious media claim that The remarks shook the Modi stopped the war to global markets. It was the pull out stranded Indian Indian colleague's turn to ask his question at Kohl's students from Ukraine.

phe.

There's no dearth of press conference. "Welcome to India, burning issues. Why was India sending lethal ammu-Chancellor, and I hope you are enjoying your stay," the friend began. "My nition to Israel, for example, when it was being used to kill Palestinians? question is, sir, in the event Indians, and indeed the of a war between India and world, are keen to know Pakistan, whose side the answer. On what would you take? Also, do grounds has Delhi not you support us on Kashsigned the letter written by mir? And finally, now that you have East Germany 104 countries from the Global South to condemn with you, sir, could you Israel declaring the UN help us improve our secretary general persona Olympic standards? Kohl consulted with his non grata? An archival example aide to check if he had

of the malaise is worth reheard the question right. The reply was withering: calling. Chancellor Helmut Kohl was visiting New "I think you are mistaking me for Kaiser Wilhelm!" Delhi in the 1990s to collect a coveted peace prize.

ended and Germany was nít

Vladimir Putin, he had made an awkward visit to Kiev to balance the gesture. He also would avoid being seen to be talking to Pakistan. The communal doctrine of Hindutva that guides his foreign policy scarcely interested A.B. Vajpayee, although both are from the same ideological school.

Vajpayee and Nawaz Sharif had a 'zero summit' in Colombo after their nuclear tests, but they nevertheless. met. Vajpayee sulked over Pervez Musharraf's coup against Sharif.

One day, Musharraf declared himself president and put on a sherwani. Vajpayee was the first to greet him. Manmohan Singh and Yousaf Raza Gillani met in Egypt and As for why Modi discussed the horrors inflicted by terrorists in

filed by a businessman from moting the entire range of Karachi's Landhi area.

Unfortunately, these tactics are not new. Whenever elements within the state want to tar someone with the 'anti-national' brush, cases are filed by random individuals in far-flung cities with no connection to the activists or their cause. In some instances, the activism has 'hurt' the feelings of the random aggrieved parties, and they have dutifully filed cases based on extremely serious charges. Dr Baloch has termed the case people's will and welfare, "fabricated" and has vowed to and the first two are just democracy's tools to en-"fight this in a court of law".

The sad truth is that when right mix between the requires powerful execu-first two is one that tives to have no formal the powers that be marginalise fare. and defame peaceful voices calling for change and rights, then disaffected populations are pushed towards radicalisation and confrontation with the hird big agents. Parliastate. The recently concluded ments monitor execujirga in Jamrud, organised by the proscribed PTM, raised the same political parties many of the same points that Baloch activists have been make free courts their highlighting for years. It includes the problem of enforced disappearances and the extraction of KP's resources, with few racies don't keep another benefits reaching the common free media and civil socipeople from this natural wealth.

In order to stem the tide of disaffection, efforts to maintain This system of checks law and order have to be supported by political initiatives that absolute systems. allow deprived segments of the elected violators of the civil population to freely air their law but, globally, also regrievances, with appropriate responses from the state. Pakistan can only move forward when disillusioned segments of society – particularly in Balochistan and KP — are brought into the mainstream, and are given their constitutional rights. In the long Can courts nix constituterm, this can be amongst the most effective counterterrorism people's supremacy trumps parliament's, measures.

the agenda at hand? "Wo partnership and cooperabaat saarey fasaane mein tion within the framework of the association on three jiska zikr na tha/ Wo baat unko bahot nagawaar guzri key tracks — politics and hai" ('a subject we did not security, the economy and discuss/ Is the source of a only interest for India

with senior reporters on the foreign ministry beat to raise issues engaging the media worldwide? There's a war in Ukraine, but the finance, and cultural and strange fuss' — apologies seems to be cheap Russian

Whose supremacy?

that have little to do with

Dr Niaz Murtaza

A debate is on about the right mix between parlianot laws in technical or administrative areas mentary supremacy and judicial freedom. Regime where judges lack the circles say the former is needed expertise. democracy's core but our So, public welfare is

courts now act supreme. not maximised by In fact, democracy actumaximising parliament's ally means supremacy of supremacy but by balancing it with judicial freedom. Democracies flounder without such sure these two. So, the balance. Judicial freedom maximises public welrole in judges' hiring and accountability and court People in democrarules and work, as that cies delegate governance may undercut their abilto elected agents. Howity to monitor executives ever, agents often cheat freely. This is more true

clients. So, many clients for weak democracies, hire third parties to moniwhere executives use even informal powers to coerce the courts, which tives, but both come from must be curbed.

It is better to have and a political process parliament, the judiciary rife with compromises. itself, civil society and So, democracies globally academia do these tasks. However, executive inmonitors as the courts' fluence must be avoided members imbibe the high while involving parliaprinciples of justice and ment by having commitlack political links. What tees with parity among if judges cheat? Democruling and opposition legislators, but no executive members. Our law ensures parity in comety to informally influmittees while it involves ence all state pillars to executive members in jupursue people's welfare. dicial hiring. There is a case for adopting the sysand balances is imperfect tem that the UK and Inbut works better than dia now have, where only judges do this, but by adding legal aces from

punish society and academia to cut insularview laws that under- ity. Our law rightly lets mine basic human rights only judges hold judges or democratic norms as accountable given the legalities involved, but well as the ability of courts, media and civil gives too much leeway to society to monitor chief justices in all court elected agents. These matters. powers cut parliamen-The new constitutary supremacy but en-

Courts

tional bill and other laws must be viewed via this lens. The key bad is a House with a rigged mantional laws passed by date amending the Consuper majorities? As stitution opaquely, hastily, and with possible calillegitimacy, instabilhorse-trading to alter the ity, conflict and insecucourts must nix such bad

laws passed by even a pillars for long. The 100 per cent majority to worst specific issue is protect the people, but the prime minister alone naming the first head of the constitutional court, which means not parliamentary but executive sway over it. Even the basic case for such a court is weak

Separate constitutional courts were set up mainly in civil law states where regular courts lack the powers to review laws. Our courts already review laws, thus nixing the most critical logic in favour of a constitutional court. Nor will it cut pendency much, which ex---ists mainly in the lower courts. Ace legal minds point to the huge pitfalls involved in dividing our legal system. Few common law states like ours have done so. In-

volving politicians in judges' hiring and accountability and court rules means conflict of interest and legal expertise issues. The recent change in the Supreme Court procedures committee rules has also led to executive sway over the courts, as it was done via presiden-

wretches, tial assent to a cabinet physical contact and decision and has re-esimitated the hand gesture tablished the chief their insult goes to justice's monopoly, cut by an earlier law. waste, they would also So, the bill reflects yell 'na,' meaning 'here, not principles but a natake this!' Precisely

ked power grab to tame what it means in Sindhi judges. It may boost par-— ie 'he vath,' a necesliamentary supremacy sary accompaniment of but will reduce public 'bujo' or 'bhundo', as welfare. Our courts have lanat is called. often harmed public welfare like other state pilsociety adapts cultural lars. But the common norms, civil and vulgar, factor undermining all according to its temstate pillars is the

perament. Punjab and Sindh establishment's sway over civilian structures. have added the suffix The bill will empower 'lakh' to 'lanat' for the executive but the esadded tablishment even more. Seraiki-belt has taken It will reverse our demothe insult to another cratic snail march by delevel by exclaiming cades and increase politi-'gaharore kay' (rotating and grinding) while combalance between state rity. -- Courtesy Dawn Baloch and Pakhtun do

reunited. There was some acrimony in Europe about the UK's delay in joining Germany and France in the Airbus project. Kohl told reporters in New not least by Israel. Last Delhi the project would time Modi hugged better ties.

visiting Islamabad although he is Mumbai. expected to show up in Kazan, I think it's Iran that worries him, as he would be watched closely,

Unusually, they also discussed the violence in Balochistan. Ergo: both sides wouldn't let terrorism disrupt their quest for

'Here, take this'

Shahzad Sharjeel

of disgust and condem-

nation, should survive

many millennia and still

world is unsurprising, as

some of our circum-

stances hark back to that

flourishing of philoso-

phy and arts are cer-

tainly not among them.

Muddy and unpaved

streets are the resem-

blances that survive,

undertrials and con-

paraded in the streets in

shackles and handcuffs.

The passersby, usually

similar misfits, would

dip their hands in the

abundant muddy slush

on the street and, with

all five digits apart, rub

it down the prisoner's

face to record disgust

over the actual or sus-

pected misdeeds of the

victim. Yet others, re-

pulsed by these

Every region and

avoided

In the olden times,

along with the lanat.

not seem to have an indigenous word for it, and The provenance of the the insult is uncommon, gesture, 'lanat', can be though not entirely untraced back to ancient heard of in their cultures. Greece. That the moutza Having established

or faskeloma, a gesture the antecedents and gravity of the word, let us discuss its latest usage and the currency it be used in our part of the is given through a viral video. By way of a full public disclosure, I have issues with the chief jusera. Democracy and the tice. I also favour the public right to discuss,

even criticise, observations made and verdicts passed by courts on judicial merits. The incumbent chief justice and his family have been persecuted in courts of law and subjected to media demned prisoners were trials. His tormentors are on record as acknowledging that the reference filed against him in the Supreme Judicial Council was ill-advised. The same party's supporters are piling all kinds of abuse on him.

> 'what goes around, comes around'? Does the PTI leadership not realise that

they are inviting their opponents to get equal by showing disrespect not just to them but to from a distance. Lest anyone and everything dear to them? A judge may be seen as bristling in his courtroom, scolding attorneys pleading their clients' cases, coming under the clergy's pressure to dilute earlier decisions, engaging in verbal jousts with journalists. But that does not shackles today), is a tesjustify the treatment being meted out to him and his family.

He may not be the best this exalted office demands or deserves, but he is not the worst.

effect. The Our history is replete with prime ministers, presidents, and service chiefs seeking safe havens abroad when they leave office or are municating it. The shunted out; we seem

justices to this category. Yes, judges need to earn the public's respect and goodwill through their rulings while in office, but if they have committed any wrongs, how do we make them right by forcing them to leave the country? Shunning someone socially is an individual choice, but resorting to violence, physical or otherwise, begets violence.

Prime ministers, judges, or generals, serving or retired, cannot be above the law. We, the people, must ensure that ins-titutions and those who serve and, especially, head them, act according to the Constitution while in office. Those who do not abide by the law of the land shou--ld face it regardless of whether they are in or out of office.

One hopes that truth shall prevail in every instance, muckraking Have they not heard and sullying the reputations of the upright stops, and those hurting the rights of the citizens are punished according to law and not given a safe passage to foreign lands. The wrongfully accused and defamed should take heart; Faiz Sahib, too, was taken through the streets in handcuffs, albeit in a tonga.

That we remember his famous verse, 'aaj bazar mein pa ba jaulan chalo... (swagger through the bazaar in tament to the abiding resilience of good repute and truth. Bhutto and Faiz have acquired iconic status

Urfi, the Persian poet, famously said, "Barking of dogs doesn't impact the beggars' sustenance." War dogs, for their part, no longer lend an ear to their master's voice and are snapping at his hell-bent on adding chief heels. -- Courtesy Dawn Daily Aoice of Masse Independent Quetta

Taking care of special children is nothing less than a virtue: Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation of Down Syndrome possible support for Association Pakistan led Down Syndrome by Member Provincial Salma Hashmi called on Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore.

Speaking on this occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that taking care of special children and equipping them with education is nothing less than a virtue. Governor Punjab appreciated the efforts of Dawn Syndrome Association to educate and train the children with Down Syndrome in an inclusive environment. Governor Punjab said that such institutions which are serving humanity should be encouraged in every

way. Governor Punjab Association. Member Provincial Assembly Salma Hashmi informed the Punjab Governor about the efforts of Down Syndrome Association to provide inclusive education to children with Down

syndrome like the developed countries and make them active members of the society. On this occasion.

Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan along with the delegation also planted a sapling in the Governor's House. The delegation comprised Major (retd) Anjam Afroz Rana, social worker Maryam Ijaz and children with Down syndrome



LAHORE: Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan alongwith delegation of Down Syndrome Association Pakistan led by Member Provincial Salma Hashmi offering Dua after sapling tree at Governor House.

Rubina Khalid discusses BISP expansion plans with Sindh legislators

KARACHI Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program Senator Rubina Khalid on Tuesday, held key meetings with Sindh ministers and provincial legislators to discuss matters related to expansion of BISP program and its outreach as well as addressing the challenges

faced by beneficiaries. Senator Rubina Khalid along with other senior officials of BISP held a meeting with Chairman Public Accounts Committee of Sindh Assembly Nisar Ahmad Khuhro at Sindh of President Asif Ali Assembly building. General Secretary PPP

(APP): financial assistance to deserving families and now we are focusing on skill development of young members of registered families to ensure their selfreliance

She said that BISP was the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto that was realized by President Asif Ali Zardari. The unique social security program not only provided financial assistance to women folk but also secured their identity in the national database, she added. It was clear directives

entire amount of quarterly

stipend without any

deduction and they must

be dealt with respect by the

Zardari that BISP beneficiaries should get the BISP



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister, Maryam Nawaz Sharif chairs meeting with Lahore Development Authority, held at CM House in Lahore.

CM reviews city infrastructure, orders encroachment removal

our

KARACHI (APP): Sindh efforts to uplift the affected Chief Minister Syed areas Shah pointed out the

Murad Ali Shah presiding over a high-level meeting role of drug addicts in and expressed concern over damaging public infrastructure, pointing out the deteriorating state of that they steal steel rods, streetlight pipes, and other Karachi's infrastructure, identifying ongoing materials, causing further degradation of public spaces. "I want the administration to relocate development projects, damaged roads, drainage issues, illegal parking and rampant encroachments as major contributors to the all drug users currently living under bridges and in slum areas. Their theft of city's severe traffic congestion.

The CM, in a decisive steel rods from bridges and move, set a deadline for streetlights not only clearing encroachments defaces the city but also from 10 to 15 key roads in undermines development efforts," Shah the city for which he constituted a task force stressed, directing civic under Minister Local agencies to strengthen Government Saeed Ghani vigilance to prevent such thefts and ordered immediate

of the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), Rasheed Solangi, informed the Chief Minister (CM) that they have begun issuing QR codes for all approvals, as per the CM's instructions. The CM was informed that out of 425 buildings currently under currently under construction, 201 have been issued permits with QR codes, which will enable better regulation and monitoring. Scanning the QR code will reveal the date of approval, NOC for

advertisement, date of starting and completion, number of floors, name of

the builder, architect, and

contractor, and cost of a flat/shop based on its location/floor. To another question,

the Chief Minister was informed that the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) in District South had identified 25 commercial buildings with approved reserved car parking spaces, but the owners had illegally converted these areas into godowns. With the support of the Commissioner and the Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi, six of the parking areas have been restored, three buildings have been sealed. and notices have been issued to the rest.

CM seeks details of illegal housing schemes from LDA

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, chairing a meeting here on Tuesday, sought details about illegal housing schemes from Lahore Development Authority (LDA). During the meeting, proposal to impose a ban with regard to selling of

plot files on illegal housing

schemes was reviewed.

LDA DG was directed to

submit a report within 15

directed the development

institutions to submit a

comprehensive plan to fill

the potholes of roads in

Development and CM

apprised in a detailed

The chief minister

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briefing about the 'Lahore Shop and Drop Tramway that the 8.2 km long tram will pass through Kalma Chowk, Main Boulevard, Hussain Chowk, MM Alam Road, Mini Market and other areas.

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Five trams will be operated simultaneously and trams will be available after every two minutes at every stop.

A briefing was also given about the project of construction of special road from Karim Block to Motorway. The proposal to demolish Data Nagar flyover in view of its dilapidated condition was reviewed in the meeting. 'LDA Road Network Restructuring Plan' was also submitted in the meeting. Senator Pervez Rashid, Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Khawaja Salman Rafique presenting shield to renowned religious leader Dr. Zakir Naik during Inter-Faith Leadership meetup.

<u>KPCM directs</u> For implementation of minimum monthly wages

Amin Khan Gandapur has the rights of the labourers and directed the concerned authorities for the implementation of minimum monthly wages in any circumstances.

He issued these directives while presiding over a meeting of the Labour Department here on Wednesday. Besides, the Provincial Minister for Labour, Fazal Shakoor, the Secretary Labour and Advocate General and of the industrial sector and oppressed class of the other concerned a platform for the redressal society is authorities also attended of the complaints and responsibility other

PESHAWAR (APP): KP industrial units and employment of the local Chief Minister Sardar Ali brickkilns. The chief minister directed the implementation. ruled out compromise on authorities for the opening of the bank accounts of labourers and workers of the industrial sector to transfer their salaries to them. The chief minister also directed the authorities to sit with the owners of industries and framed a comprehensive policy for the protection of the rights of labourers. He further directed for provision of protection to the employment of the workers

labourers and its strict

He on this occasion said that workers of brickkilns are met out cruelty and excesses and said that they will not allow the exploitation of those workers in any circumstances and directed for special focus on the prevention of excesses with workers of brickkilns.

The chief minister said that the provision of justice and protection to the rights of such the of the

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a meeting on various issues in the city, held at CM House in Karach.

construction building of

Liagat Memorial Women

and Children Hospital

Kohat will be resumed soon

for which the PDWP has

Rs.2.44 Billion.

Governor assents to anti-narcotics

force bill ARACHI (APP)

The Director General of the Sindh Building

Sindh Waqar Mehdi, provincial President PPP Ladies wing Sindh Shagufta Jumani, women MPAs and other office bearers of PPP women wing attended the meeting

During the discussion, the Chairperson said that

BISP was providing involved persons.

Suthra Punjab outsourcing bidding completed in 64 tehsils: Minister

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq has said that in line with the vision of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif regarding Suthra Punjab, the bidding process has been completed in 64 tehsils of the province

and the prequalification process will be completed in the rest of tehsils during October.

He was chairing a meeting at the Civil Secretariat here on Tuesday

Secretary Local Government Department Shakeel Ahmed Mian, Additional Secretary Maria Tariq, CEO of LWMC Babar Sahib Din were also present while CEOs of other waste management companies participated through video link.

Ōn this occasion, the progress on Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's Suthra Punjab program and being faced

area in Lahore.

outsourcing model was reviewed in detail.

Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq expressed his satisfaction over the significant progress on outsourcing of cleaning system in Punjab. He said that the active participation of private contractors in the new system is clear proof of confidence in the Chief Minister's vision. The provincial minister, while

directing the prequalification work to be accelerated, reiterated his commitment to introduce a sanitation system that would be long-lasting and effective as well. Zeeshan Rafiq directed CEOs of management waste

companies to be in constant touch with qualified private contractors for better service delivery. "Outsourcing is a new experience, we all have to understand the challenges

LAHORE: Students of Punjab Group of Colleges (PGC) are holding protest

demonstration against the alleged rape of a first-year female student by a

security guard in college premises, at College premises located on Gulberg

Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori has signed the Anti-Narcotics Force Bill here on Tuesday. The legislation is

BISP officials at all the aimed at establishing centers across the country, special anti-narcotics she said adding that strict courts. The Anti-Narcotics actions had been taken on Force will play a more such complaints against the active role to bring criminals to justice, he said

adding that this legislation is the need of the hour. The Governor said that drug dealers are making the youth of the society addicted to drugs. He said that the establishment of special courts will help in

drug prevention. **CM forms** committee to

probe rape case AHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif constituted a 7-member high-powered committee to investigate the private college alleged rape case, and directed it to submit a detailed investigative report within 48 hours.

The CM directed the investigation committee to record evidence of the abuse case, besides statements of the parties concerned. She also directed them to examine police action and response the college administration to the case The CM appointed

the Chief Secretary convener of the committee. Other members of the committee include Secretaries Home

will resume soon

KP Law Minister says:

Work on under-construction

building of LMH Kohat

Independent Report deceased. The minister PESHAWAR: Khyber said that a Tender of Rs.1 Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Billion has already been Law and Parliamentary done for the said hospital Affairs Aftab Alam Afridi in April this year, out of which Rs.20 Million have Advocate has said that work on the under-

been released. He added that Liaqat Memorial Hospital will be equipped with modern medical equipment and facilities. He vowed that best

already approved revised estimate of more than medical treatment facilities for women and children of This he said while Kohat will be available at talking to the local people local level soon. Aftab Alam specially thanked the Chief on the occasion of his visit to the Union Council Ziarat . Minister Khyber Sheikh Allah Dad the other Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin day. He on this occasion Gandapur for generously also condoled the sad provision of the required demise of the members of funds for the building of Tableeghi Jamaat who the Liagat Memorial were died in a road accident Hospital, which has been pending for last recently and prayed for the eternal peace of the many years.



LAHORE: Provincial Minister Transport Bilal Akbar and Provincial Minister of Baitul-Mal Shaukat Butt distributing "Himmat Cards" for the Orange Line train to the disabled at the Jain Mandir Orange Line stop in the provincial capital.

Federal Ombudsman intervenes to waive fine for widow, restore ID card

Federal Ombudsman, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi Tuesday successfully intervened to waive a fine imposed by NADRA and restore the ID card of a widow from Havelian.

The woman had filed complaint at the Abbottabad regional office, reporting a fine of 10,000 rupees for the issuance of a duplicate ID card, which had led to the suspension of her identification.

Upon receiving the complaint, the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat's Regional Office promptly issued notices to NADRA

ABBOTTABAD (APP): officials and requested a comprehensive report on the case. Following a thorough investigation and hearing, Ombudsman Qureshi ruled in favor of the complainant, ordering NADRA to immediately waive the fine and restore her ID card. In compliance with these directives, NADRA Abbottabad has reinstated the widow's ID card and waived the fine.

The complainant expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Ombudsman Qureshi and Rashid Ahmad, the Advisor In-Charge of the Abbottabad Regional Office.

the meeting. The meeting took this regard.

various steps and decisions for the welfare of labourers and workers of the of a job quota for abourers working in them.

prevention of injustice in government and directed The chief minister to register brickkilns and

the concerned authorities further directed for fixation compile data of 1the



KARACHI: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program Rubina Khalid and Chairman Public Accounts Committee Sindh Assembly Nisar Ahmed Khuhro jointly chairing a meeting of elected representatives at Sindh Assembly building.

Governor pays tributes to women on Int'l rural women's day

KARACHI (APP): The Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori in his message on International Rural Women's Day paid tributes to the rural women.

He said, 'Today is the day to recognize the great services of rural women.'Governor Tessori said that rural women have an unforgettable role in agriculture and rural development.

Rural women have a key role in promoting environmental protection, he said adding that gender equality and women empowerment are top priorities. He said that acknowledging the tireless work of rural women is our collective responsibility.

Health adviser visits UNICEF Office Peshawar PESHAWAR (APP): Advisor to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Health Ihtisham Ali and Health Secretary Adeel Shah visited UNICEF Peshawar office and express gratitude for support and assistance being provided to provincial health authorities. They were received by UNICEF Health Team Lead Dr Inamullah, Program Manager Wisam Hazem and Nutrition Specialist.

PDWP approves five development schemes worth Rs 8.471b (APP): Experience (cinema and

LAHORE Provincial Development Working Party (PDŴP) in its 37 meeting of fiscal year 2024-25 here Tuesday approved five

development schemes worth of Rs 8.471 billion. Chaired by Acting

Chairman of P&D Board, Dr Asif Tufail, the meeting approved the following schemes: Establishment of a State-of-the-Art Wildlife Hospital at Safari Zoo, Lahore, at a cost of Rs 2482 Lahore, at a cost of Rs 2482 (PTEGP) - World Bank-million. Chief Minister Wildlife Rescue Force at a recommended for CDWP cost of Rs 2363 million. Immersive Wildlife billion.

moving theatre) in Punjab at a cost of Rs 1765 million. Environmental

Monitoring of Industrial Units (DLI 1-3, PGDP World Bank) at a cost of Rs 861 million.

Replacement of Old/ Condemned Equipment of PFSA at a cost of Rs 1,000 million. Additionally, the Punjab Tourism for Economic Growth Project at a cost of Rs 12.472

'Maryam Ke Dastak' now covers 22 districts

'Maryam ke Dastak' initiative, launched by Chief Minister of the Punjab (CM) Maryam Nawaz and executed by the Information Punjab Technology Board (PITB), has expanded to 22 districts across Punjab to enhance public service delivery. The citizens of Kasur, Jhang, Attock, Bhakkar, Khanewal, M u z a f f a r g a r h, Bahawalnagar, Sialkot, Jehlum, Mianwali and Sheikhupura can also now avail over 60 government services from the comfort of their homes.

Previously these services were available in 11 districts: Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan, Gujranwala, Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Sargodha, Sahewal, Okara and Pakpatan. Since its launch on June 4, 2024, the program has rapidly expanded from offering 10 essential public services in the Lahore district to over 60 services across 22 districts within a mere three months.

The 'Dastak Doorstep Services App' offers services related to Driving Licenses, the Police Department.

LAHORE (APP): The

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Rubina underscores need of promoting skill development for poverty alleviation

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KARACHI (APP): The BISP's key role in social employment both locally Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Program, Senator Rubina Khalid underscoring the need of skill promoting development for poverty alleviation, Tuesday, said of households that BISP is determined to equip the youth with vocational training for financial assistance. ensuring employment opportunities to them.

While chairing a meeting during visit of Hunar Foundation in Hunar Foundation in number was expected to Korangi area of Karachi, enhance more than 10 she said that our focus is on provision of the vocational training to young members of families registered with BISP in accordance with international standards and global market demand so that they could be able to earn decent livelihood for their families and contribute in economic stability of the country.

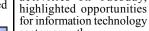
Rubina Senator Khalid highlighting the protection and providing and internationally, financial assistance to the thereby improving their deserving families across economic conditions. the country said that BISP She added that skill

was trying to meet the gap in expenditure and income development will help bringing people out of poverty and achievement deserving through of poverty graduation targets will create space for Currently around 9.3 registration of new families million registered families in the BISP.

We had positive talks were getting financial with members of Sindh through quarterly stipends and the cabinet about coordinated efforts for skill development in the million after completion of province while BISP was also engaged with NAVTEC, STEVTA and dynamic registration process, she informed. Youth comprise a other vocational training large portion of national bodies, she said and also population and we have to emphasized the importance

of cooperation between engage the young people and utilize their energies for BISP and vocational development and economic training institutions. stability of the country, Senator Rubina Khalid further stressed the she said and vowed that

BISP was gearing up for providing technical and importance of securing internationally recognized skill training to enable certifications for skilled individuals to secure workers and said.



sector growth. This event was organized to foster connections among tech professionals and business leaders, which attracted hundreds of tech executives from various nationalities, providing a unique platform for collaboration and exchange of ideas.

Sheikh Mana Bin Auhammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum graced the occasion as a chief guest. Ghanim Al Falasi,

Senior VP industry and expand its Entrepreneurship and global footprint.

Oasis, and other Emirati Government of Pakistan, dignitaries also attended Prime Muhammad

Pakistan's Sharif, and Minister of Ambassador to the UAE, State for IT & Telecommunication, Shaza Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Fatima Ambassador Tirmizi

highlighted the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications (MoITT), Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), Pakistan Software Houses Association (PASHA), and the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) for jointly working towards strengthening Pakistan's IT industry.

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Minister

Shehbaz

Khawaja,

Pakistani embassy press

opportunities to forge a

strong partnership between Pakistan and

Texas in diverse fields,

including IT, agriculture,

textiles, and sports," the

ambassador said as he

began a 3-day visit to Texas

on Monday with that

United States can play a

strengthening economic ties with the U.S. while

counterparts capitalize on

helping

"Our diaspora in the

role

"There are immense

SCCI visits Thalassemia **Blood Center**

SARGODHA (APP): A delegation from the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) led by newly-elected President Khawaja Yasir Qayyum visited the Hilal-e-Ahmer Thalassemia and Hemophilia Blood Center on Sillanwali Road on Tuesday. The delegation included executive executive members Rubina Mukhtar, Tuesday.

Usman Atiq and others. President SCCI Khawaja Yasir Qayyum, along with other members,

Yasir

spent time with children

Pak envoy to US **Rizwan Sheikh begins** visit to Texas in effort to expand economic ties

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan," he said Pakistan's Ambassador to On the first day of his

the United States, Rizwan visit, Ambassador Sheikh Saeed Sheikh, met with the met with Texas Governor leadership of U.S. state of Greg Abbott and discussed a range of matters aimed at business community, and Pakistani boosting ties for mutual diaspora in Dallas and benefit. As the 8th largest Houston in his efforts to economy in the world, further strengthen Islamabad-Washington Texas offers significant trade and economic relationship, according to a opportunities for Pakistan.

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In Houston, Ambassador Sheikh inaugurated the first-ever 2-day Pakistan Literature Festival, organized by the International Academy of Letters. In his remarks, the Ambassador emphasized the role of art, literature, people-to-people contacts, and public diplomacy in strengthening ak-US relations.

Earlier, Ambassador met with the leadership of the Ismaili community at the Jamaat Khana, commending their contributions under the guidance of Prince Karim Aga Khan



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ISLAMABAD: A view of closed Petrol Pump due to Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, in Islamabad.

IMF says global public debt to top \$100 trillion, growth may accelerate

world's total public debt is set to exceed \$100 trillion this year for the first time, and may grow more quickly than forecast as political sentiment favors higher spending and slow growth amplifies borrowing needs and costs. the International Monetary

COVID-19. It would also

government spending. Released a week

before the IMF and World

Bank hold annual meetings

in Washington, the Fiscal

Monitor said there are good

officials from banks and

that

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other

have

exploded

nandemic

NEW YORK (INP): The debt levels could be well higher than currently projected, including a desire to spend more in the US, the world's largest economy

"Fiscal policy uncertainty has increased. and political red lines on taxation have become more entrenched," the IMF said Fund (IMF) said on in the report. "Spending pressures to address green

The IMF's latest transitions, population iscal Monitor report aging, security concerns,

SCCI calls for joint initiatives to improve **Pak-Iran trade** (APP): He said bilateral trade volume between Pakistan

upon

Stakeholders advocate

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mine workers

the province.

ensuring

job switching.

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addressing to the meeting of Mohmand Chamber of Commerce.

PESHAWAR: Ex Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali

PESHAWAR President Sarhad Chamber and Iran is very low, which of Commerce and Industry, needed to be improved by Fazal Moqeem Khan called for cementing bilateral efficient exploitation of trade and economic potentials of the both relations between Pakistan countries. He said that Iran and Iran, said a release is ready to extend all kinds

issued here Tuesday. of cooperation to strer

disconnects another 121 illegal connections

AHORE (APP): In significant enforcement operation, Sui Norther Gas ipelines Limited (SNGPL) has disconnected another 121 illegal gas connections across Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and slamabad, imposing fines

SNGPL



KARACHI: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program Rubina Khalid observing the facilities at textile and design center of Hunar Foundation Korangi.

Pakistan Night highlights chances for IT sector growth DUBAI (APP): A special Innovation Dubai Silicon On behalf of the

networking event, 'Pakistan Night' held at event, Pakistan Association the event. Dubai as part of the GITEX Global 2024 activities on Tuesday,

expressed his gratitude to his Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum for providing such a significant platform through GITEX. With events like

increase our IT-related exports and showcase Pakistan's technological stage," the ambassador stated. He further emphasized the importance

of leveraging international platforms to promote Pakistan's growing tech

PTCL Group reports 15.3% YoY revenue growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): first nine months of 2024, P a k i s t a n which is 11.1% higher than Telecommunication the same period of last Limited year, mainly driven by (PTCL), the leading telecom and ICT services growth in fixed line, wholesale & business

solutions segments. provider in the country, has reported a 15.3% year-on-The company has year (YoY) revenue growth, reaching Rs. 160.6 billion. posted an operating profit This growth was primarily driven by the

of Rs 8.2 billion during the first nine months of 2024, which is 27.6% higher as strong performance of the compared to the same consumer segment, led by period of 2023. The posted a net

profit of Rs 1 billion during

thanked GITEX Global for declaring Pakistan as a tech destination in 2024. The Ambassador these, we can substantially

Banafshekhah, Iranian relations with Pakistan. Consul General in Peshawar during a meeting held here at the Chamber House.

The meeting was attended by SCCI vice president Shehryar Khan, members of the executive committee Aftab Iqbal Muhammad Ashfaq and Nadeem Rauf, Secretary General Muqtasid Ahsan, Secretary Sohail Anjum and others.

Ali Banafshekhah who was accompanied by commercial attaché Hossein Mailki, said Iran wants to improve trade and adding that SCCI would continue playing a role in promoting Pak-Iran economic relations with Pakistan and all brotherly promoting and neighboring countries. relationship.

PESHAWAR (APP):

President, Frontier Mines

Pakhtunkhwa Sherbandi

Khan Marwat has called for

the registration of all mine

workers to make them

entitle for due rights of

social and labour welfare.

while speaking during a

oint session on Documented Mining

Economy' initiated under

the auspices of the Small

and Medium Enterprises

Development Authority

(SMEDA) in collaboration

with State Life Insurance

Corporation here on

200,000 mine workers in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

only 65,000 have been

registered either with

He said that out of

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He made this call

Association

Khyber

Owners

(FMOA)

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Employees

e mutual trade PKR. The meeting

According to a spokesman for the thoroughly deliberated prospects of department, in Multan and enhancing mutual Pak-Iran Sahiwal, 26 connections trade, exchange of business delegations, holding of

were severed for illegal gas usage, while Lahore and joint trade exhibitions and Faisalabad saw 19 more hurdles in the trade. connections cut, resulting SSCI President, Fazal in fines exceeding 600,000 Moqeem assured full PKR. cooperation to strengthen Additionally, the bilateral Pak-Iran trade. Sheikhupura, Gujranwala, He emphasized that problems should be resolved by table talks to promote the business and trade between the two brotherly Islamic countries

and Sargodha, eight illegal connections were removed, incurring fines of 1.1 million PKR. Bahawalpur and Gujrat faced the disconnection of 13 connections, with penalties amounting to 20,000 PKR.

Shipping ativity at **Port Qasim** CARACHI Shipping activity was report at the port where six

Benefit Institute (EOBI) or Apollon-D, Minerals Department of Positano, Agios Nikolas, Milaha Ras Laffan and He stressed need for eonidas carrying bringing all of the workers Container, Fertilizer, ĹNĞ under the documented and Coalberthed at Qasim regime, so that they may International Container get due rights of social and Terminal, Grain Terminal labor welfare. He added Engro Elengy Terminal and that the State Life Pakistan International Bulk Insurance should come up Terminal respectively on with solid proposal of Monday.

Meanwhile optimum another edible oil carrier coverage to the mine 'CL-Huaiyang' is also workers while addressing arrived at outer anchorage their problems, including the port on today morning. the mobility and frequent A total of eleven ships

were engaged at PQA The step, he said will berths during the last 24 also help the mine owners hours, out of them four retain their workers for ships, Mol Presence, considerable time period Apollon-D, Solar Catie and while the safety and social SC-Taipei left the port on needs of employees are today morning while two assured. Speaking on the more ships, MSC Positano occasion, Sajjad Khattak and Berge Catherine are (Area Manager, State Life expected to sail on today afternoon.

ïxed broa totaling over 3.5 million data, and wholesale & business solutions.

Company

its Announcing financial results for the Tuesday. quarter ending September 30, 2024, following a Board of Directors meeting, the company disclosed an operating profit of Rs. 1.6 billion. However, it also reported a net loss of Rs.15.3 billion. In 2024, PTCL upheld its

the fastest and most and reliable internet services under its flagship 'Flash strengthened its position as a major telecom service Fiber' FTTH brand, which provider in Pakistan. boosts PTCL as one of the leading FTTH operators in

the period, according to a suffering from Thalassemia news release issued here on besides distributing gifts PTCL's among them. Yasir Qayyum praised the aggressive deployment of Fiber-To-The-Home center's administration for (FTTH) is the cornerstone its selfless efforts in for the topline growth. continuing this noble Continuing from the past mission quarters, PTCL's strategic He announced that the focus remained on Sargodha Chamber would enhancing customer soon collaborate with the experience by providing center's administration to develop a plan that would facilitate the provision of blood and other necessities to children suffering from Thalassemia.

PTCL achieved revenue of Rs 79.5 billion during the the industry.

HYDERABAD: Village women busy in routine work at a farm field at Hatri area while the world is observing International Day of Rural Women.

Dr Khalid says: Food security can be ensured by promoting pulses cultivation

FAISALABAD (APP): Chief Scientist Pulses Research Institute (PRI) of Ayub Agricultural Research Institute (AARI) Dr Khalid Hussain said that food security could be ensured by promoting cultivation of pulses in the harsh weather conditions.

Addressing a briefing arranged regarding Annual Rabi Research Program of Pulses Research Institute in AARI here on Tuesday, he said that Pakistan was spending huge money on

the import of pulses. If this commodity was promoted at local level, it would not only help in catering to domestic food requirements but would also play a pivotal role in fetching precious foreign exchange through its export and trimming down its import bill, he added. He said that the pulses were a cheap source these varieties. of protein which was very

country.

essential for human health whereas residues of its crops would also increase soil fertility manifolds. He urged the agri scientists to introduce new varieties of pulses which could help the growers in getting maximum yield even during

He also emphasized the growers to cultivate pulses in other crops so that they could get maximum production with minimum input cost. Agri experts Dr Muhammad Asif, Dr Zia

Chishti and Amir Amin said that lentil was the second major pulses after chickpea which was cultivated at a large scale during Rabi. They said that Pulses Research Institute AARI had introduced six new varieties of lentil which had not only maximum resistance against various diseases but

gains 578 points ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the

Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend on Tuesday, gaining 578.96 points, a positive change of 0.68 percent, closing at 85,840.34 points against 85,261.39 points on the last trading day.

PSX turns

around to

bullish trend,

A total of 422,107,359 shares were non-bank institutions and working traded during the day as asso compared to 477,642,675 the associations to recognize contributions of women shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of entrepreneurs in the shares stood at Rs 24.467 economy

billion against Rs. 23.474 billion on the last trading day. As many as 443 activities, the event will also include recognition companies transacted their awards to high-performing shares in the stock market, banks 202 of them recorded gains consistently extended loans to female borrowers. and 174 sustained losses, Additionally, awards will whereas the share price of 67 companies remained

long-standing showed global public debt and will reach 93 per cent of development challenges are global gross domestic mounting. product by the end of 2024 The IMF's concerns and approach 100pc by 2030. That would exceed

about rising debt levels comes three weeks before its 99pc peak during a US presidential election in which both candidates be up 10 percentage points have promised new tax from 2019, before the breaks and spending that could add trillions of dollars to federal deficits.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's tax cut plans would add some \$7.5 trillion in new debt over 10 reasons to believe future years.

SBP to Celebrate Women Entrepreneurship Day on November 19, 2024

ISLAMABAD (Online): categories, acknowledging The State Bank of Pakistan their remarkable (SBP) will celebrate achievements in the Women Entrepreneurship entrepreneurial landscape. Day (WED) on November

The event will feature both on-ground and virtual 19, 2024. The event will be inaugurated by Governor SBP Jameel Ahmad at the activities throughout Pakistan, with commercial SBP. The event is expected banks collaborating to create tailored products for to bring together top women-led businesses. Initiatives will include women workshops, awareness campaigns about SBP SME financing, and significant mentorship programs designed to empower potential businesswomen and enhance their loan eligibility

WED is a global initiative aimed at acknowledging and supporting women who drive innovation, create jobs, and significantly contribute to economic



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhary Shafay Hussain presenting shield to Chairman Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.



QUETTA: Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) President, Haji Ayub Maryani exchanging views with Dr. Noorullah Musakhel, Director General MERC Balochistan during meeting held in Quetta.

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Wednesday October 16, 2024 International News

India to buy 31

armed drones

from US

Monitoring Desk

NEW DELHI: India signed

a deal with the US State

Department on Tuesday to buy 31 armed MQ-9B

SkyGuardian and SeaGuardian High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE)

drones, the South Asian

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21 killed in Israeli strike on Lebanon's Christian village

Hamas-led fighters.

missile struck a house.

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Lebanon's health ministry said at least 21 people died in a rare Israeli strike on a northern Christian-majority village, far from Hezbollah strongholds, with DNA tests being conducted to identify body parts.

A Lebanese security official said the building 'housed families displaced from Lebanon's south, and was targeted shortly after a man had arrived in a car".

"The Israeli enemy strike on the village of Aito... killed in a preliminary toll 21 people and in-jured eight. DNA tests are being conducted to determine the identity of body parts recovered at the strike site," the ministry said, referring to a village in the Christian-majority Zgharta district. The official National News Agency said Israel targeted a "residential apartment" in the vil-

A photographer at the site of the strike said it had levelled a residential building at the entrance to the village. Body parts were scattered in the rubble, with Red Cross volunteers searching for survivors in

the wreckage while ambu-lances evacuated the wounded. the wreckage while ambu-don in the area, where the strike also sparked a fire, The Lebanese army he said.

Israel kills at least 40 in Gaza, tanks deepen raid in the north

Monitoring Desk search continued for 12 other people who were CAIRO: Israeli military believed to have been in the strikes killed at least 40 houses at the time of the Palestinians across the strike. Five others were Gaza Strip as Israeli forces tightened their squeeze killed when a house was struck in the Nuseira around Jabalia in the north camp in central Gaza. of the enclave on Tuesday, Jabalia has been the amid fierce battles with

focus of an Israeli offensive for more than 10 days, with Palestinian health oftroops returning to areas of ficials said at least 11 the north that came under people were killed by Israeli fire near Al-Falouja in heavy bombardment in the early months of the year Jabalia, the largest of long war. The operation has Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, while 10 others were killed in Bani Suhaila raised concerns among Pal estinians and UN agencies that Israel wants to clean in eastern Khan Younis in residents from the north of the south when an Israeli the crowded enclave, a charge it has denied.

Earlier on Tuesday, The United Nations an Israeli airstrike dehuman rights office said on Tuesday the Israeli milistroyed three houses in the Šabra suburb of Gaza tary appeared to be "cut-City, and the local civil ting off North Gaza comemergency service said pletely from the rest of the they recovered two bodies from the site, while the Gaza Strip.



governmental Affairs Dominic LeBlanc, takes part in a press conference about the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's investigation into "violent criminal activ ity in Canada with connections to India", on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

North Korea blows up roads connecting it to the South

country's "principal en-**Monitoring Desk** SEOUL: North Korea blew emy" up sections of the deeply

symbolic roads connecting it to the South on Tuesday, Seoul's military said, adding it had conducted a "counter-fire" operation in response. Pyongyang's military last week vowed to perma-

nently seal its southern border after spending months laying mines and building anti-tank barriers in the wake of leader Kim Jong Un declaring the South his

. The North also accused Seoul of using drones to drop anti-regime propa-ganda leaflets on the capital Pyongyang, with Kim convening a security meeting to direct a plan of "im-

mediate military action" in response, state media reported on Tuesday. 'North Korea has

detonated parts of the Gyeongui and Donghae roads north of the Military Demarcation Line.3

barbs since then, culminat-

ing with the expulsions

Canada's Trudeau slams India as tensions soar over Sikh separatist's murder

Monitoring Desk

OTTAWA: Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused India on Monday of making a 'fundamental error", as an escalating row over the killing of a Sikh separatist on Canadian soil last year saw both countries expel

India made a fundamental error in thinking that they could engage in supporting criminal activity

nation's defence ministry said. The deal follows talks that began in 2018. It is expected to significantly in-crease India's surveillance and intelligence capabilities and is in line with US efforts to coax India away from buying Russian military equipment and counter China's growing dominance. India's apex defence body approved the procurement last year just

before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Washington. Saudi crown prince visits

Monitoring Desk

CAIRO: Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is visiting Cairo on Tuesday to discuss trade and investment as well as the crises in Lebanon and Gaza with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi Egyptian diplomatic sources said.

The visit comes amid speculation about potential Saudi investments in Egypt, which has received a major influx of external financing this year including a record \$35 billion deal with UAE sovereign fund ADQ.

Iran says 'no

grounds' for

Campaigning

parliamentary

election

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More than 1,300 can-

US, Philippines launch war games a day after China's Taiwan drills

Monitoring Desk MANILA: Thousands of US and Filipino marines exercises in the northern and western Philippines on Tuesday, a day after China held huge drills around Taiwan. The annual Kamandag, or Venom, exercises are focussed on defending the north coast of the Philippines' main island of

Luzon, which lies about 800 kilometres from selfruled Taiwan. Beijing considers Tai-

wan part of its territory and has vowed it will never rule out using force to take it, calling Monday's drills a "stern warning" to "separatist" forces on the island. The joint US-Filipino Luzon and Taiwan.

exercises come amid a series of escalating confrontations between China and launched 10 days of joint the Philippines over reefs and waters in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims almost in its en-

tirety. Philippine Marine Corps commandant Major-General Arturo Rojas stressed at Tuesday's opening ceremony in Manila that Kamandag was long planned and had "nothing to do with whatever is hap-

pening in the region". The drills' primary focus will be live-fire exercises along Luzon's north coast, while other activities will be conducted on tiny Philippine islands between

Sending a THAAD air defense system to Israel adds to strain on US Army forces

Monitoring Desk operations. "We're just con-WASHINGTON: The deployment of a U.S. Termistantly trying to be as disciplined as we can, and give nal High Altitude Area De-Secretary Austin the inforfense battery to Israel and mation he needs to accuroughly 100 soldiers to oprately assess the strain on erate it will add to already the force when he's considering future operational de-ployments." Wormuth said the Army has to be careful difficult strains on the Army's air defense forces and potential delays in modernizing its missile deabout "what we take on. fense systems, Army lead-ers said Monday. The But of course, in a world this volatile, you know, someservice's top two leaders times we have to do what declined to provide details we have to do." The Pentaon the deployment ordered gon announced the THAAD by Defense Secretary Lloyd deployment Sunday, saying Austin over the weekend. it was authorized at the di-But they spoke broadly rection of President Joe about their concerns as the demand for THAAD and Patriot missile batteries grows because of the war in Ukraine and the escalating conflict between Israel

and Iran-backed Hezbollah and Hamas militants. "The air defense, artillery community is the most stressed. They have the highest 'optempo' really of any part of the Army," Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said, using a

Biden. U.S. officials said the system will be moved from a location in the continental United States to Israel and that it will take a number of days for it and the soldiers to arrive. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of troop movements. The move adds to tensions within the Defense

what have been growing Department about what weapons the U.S. can afphrase meaning the pace of ford to send to Ukraine.

UN Security Council voices 'strong concern' for UN peacekeepers after Israeli attacks

KYIV: Russia said Mon-

targeted the northern Lebanese village of Aito.

Russia says it captured a

southern Ukraine village in

a push before winter comes **Monitoring Desk** reportedly were being kept.

DUBAI: Iran's foreign min-istry summoned Hungary's Levadne, in the day it captured the village Levadne, in the of Levadne in southern Ukraine as it probes for seized by the Russians ambassador on Tuesday to protest against new Euro early on during the fullpean Union sanctions on 's roughly 1,000-kilome- scale invasion, which be-Tehran and denied Western gan on Feb. 24, 2022, but allegations that it has transwas recaptured by Ukraiferred ballistic missiles to nian forces during a coun-Russia, Iranian state media teroffensive in the summer reported. The EU agreed on of 2023 Monday to impose sanc-Ukrainian officials tions on seven people and made no comment about seven organisations includ-Levadne's reported caping airline Iran Air, for alture, though they had leged links to Iranian transpreviously noted that the fers of ballistic missiles to Russian army was as-Russia. Britain. which is days ago they struck a sembling troops there not in the EU, also imposed and was conducting local new sanctions. Russia's Krasnodar region assaults at the end of last week Kenya court

ambassador, condemns EU and UK sanctions

saw tensions reach a new height after the 2023 murder of Canadian citizen **Monitoring Desk** Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Paramedics carry out rescue work at the site of an Israeli air strike that each other's ambassadors.

A grave Trudeau branded New Delhi's ac-Iran summons tions as "unacceptable" Hungarian during a press conference in Ottawa on the diplomatic expulsions, which

Monday of each other's ambassadors and five other top diplomats in both countries. The government of

against Canadians here on Canadian soil, whether it be murders or extortion or other violent acts, Trudeau told reporters in Ottawa, hours after the expulsions were an-

Trudeau has previously said there were nounced.



weaknesses along the war ter (600-mile) front line, including in eastern areas that are the main focus of Moscow's military effort before winter arrives.

Ukrainian authorities, meanwhile, reported no nighttime Shahed drone attacks on the country for the first time in about six weeks, after saying five Shahed storage facility in where around 400 drones

Italy's Meloni plans Lebanon visit, seeks security guarantees for troops

Monitoring Desk ROME: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said on Tuesday she plans to visit Lebanon and called for security guarantees for her country's troops there after UN peacekeepers came under fire during the Israel-Hezbollah conflict.

Italy has over 1,000 troops deployed in the UN peacekeeping mission known as the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). It also has troops in a separate mission known as MIBIL which trains local armed forces in Lebanon.

The UN Security Council expressed concern on Monday after several UN peacekeeping positions came under fire in southern Lebanon and urged all parties - without naming them - to respect the safety and security of timing of her trip.

UNIFIL personnel and premises. Since the start of Is-

raeli ground operation in Lebanon on Oct 1, UNIFIL positions have been affected 20 times, including by direct fire and an inci dent on Sunday when two Israeli tanks burst through the gates of a UNIFIL base, the UN said.

"We believe that the attitude of the Israeli forces is completely unjustified." Meloni told the Italian Senate, describing it as a "blatant violation" a UN resolution on ending hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel. "It is already planned for me to go to Lebanon, as (Foreign) Minister (Antonio) Tajani is preparing to go to Israel and Palestine next week.

president's impeachment Monitoring Desk AIROBI: Kenya's High Court on Tuesday declined

declines to

block Senate

to stop this week's Senate vote on Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's impeachment from going ahead.

referred the case to the chief justice to appoint a panel of judges to make a final determination.

Last week Kenya's parliament voted to impeach Gachagua for allegedly stirring ethnic hatred, embezzlement and undermining the government paving the way for the Senate to debate whether to remove him from office on Wednesday and Thursday

she told lawmakers, withbased on falsehoods that out providing details on the constituted a "political lynching'

Justice Chacha Mwita

Gachagua has said the impeachment motion was

will be implemented gradually," the spokesman for the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice (PVPV) Saiful Islam Khyber told AFP, adding that officials would work to persuade people that images of living things are against Islamic law.

"Coercion has no place in the implementation of the law," he said.

and convincing people these things are really contrary to sharia and

World Bank says 26 poorest nations in worst financial shape since 2006

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The world's 26 poorest countries, home to 40% of the most poverty-stricken people, are more in debt than at any time since 2006 and increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters and other shocks, a new World Bank report showed on Sunday.

The report finds that these economies are poorer today on average than they were on the eve of the COVID-19 pandemic, even as the rest of the world has largely recovered from COVID and resumed its growth trajectory

fore World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meetings get underway in Washington, the reextreme poverty and underscores the World Bank's financing fund for the world's poorest countries,

the International Development Association (IDA). The 26 poorest economies studied, which have annual per-capita incomes of less than \$1,145,

Released a week be-TOKYO: Official campaigning for Japan's Oct. 27 parliamentary election began Tuesday with new Prime Minister Shigeru port confirms a major set-Ishiba seeking a mandate for back to efforts to eradicate his policies and for reforms after the governing party's political funds scandal. efforts this year to raise \$100 billion to replenish its

didates were expected to enter the races for the 465-seat Lower House before registration closes later Tuesday. Ishiba called the snap election after he took office as prime minister on Oct. 1. As

customary for Liberal Democratic Party leaders are increasingly reliant. over the past decade.

Monitoring Desk during its ground invasion NITED NATIONS: The in Lebanon. U.N. Security Council expressed "strong concern" Monday as Israel has fired on and wounded U.N. peacekeepers in southern Lebanon during intensified fighting, reiterating its support for their role in supporting security in the region. It's the first statement by the U.N.'s most powerful body since Israel's attacks on the positions of the peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL began last week, drawing international condemnation.

U.N. peacekeeping chief Jean-Pierre Lacroix told reporters that Secretary-General António Guterres confirmed Monday that peacekeepers will remain in all their positions even as Israel has urged the peacekeepers to move 5 kilometers (3 miles) north and U.N. premises.

The Security Council

Monitoring Desk WIESBADEN: NATO will not be cowed by Russian threats but keep up its strong support of Kyiv, NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte said on his first visit to the alliance's

Ukraine mission in Wiesbaden, set to take over the coordination of military aid from the US.

"The message (to Rus-sian President Vladimir Putin) is that we will continue, that we will do what's necessary to make sure that he will not get his way, that begins for Japan's Ukraine will prevail," he told Reuters in a joint interview with German public radio Hessischer Rundfunk on Monday. Rutte spoke at Clay Barracks, the US base hosting the headquarters of the new mission, dubbed NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine (NSATU), which will gradually assume the coordination of Western military aid to Kyiv. The move is widely

seen as an effort to safeguard the aid mechanism against a possible return of NATO critic Donald Trump to the White House. Republican Trump is running against Democrat Kamala Harris in the Nov. 5 US election. Diplomats, however, acknowledge that the handover of military aid

Israel has been escalating its campaign against Hezbollah in Lebanon across a U.N.-drawn boundary between the two countries. The sides have been clashing since the Iranian-backed militant group started firing rockets a year ago in solidarity with its ally Hamas in Gaza. Hamas' deadly attacks in southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, launched the war.

statement, issued after emergency closed consultations on Lebanon, did not name either Israel, Lebanon or Hezbollah. Read by Swiss U.N. Ambassador Pascale Baeriswyl, the council's current president, it urges all parties "to respect the safety and secu-rity of UNIFIL personnel

NATO will not be intimidated by Russia's threats, Rutte says at Ukraine mission HQ

coordination to NATO may have a limited effect given that the US is NATO's dominant power and provides the majority of arms to Ukraine.

Speaking in one of 12 een tents that house SATU as it is built up, Rutte earlier on Monday addressed allied troops from more than a dozen nations already working on the mission that will, at a later stage, move into a nearby hangar and be complemented Ukrainian troops. NSATU is expected to have a total strength of some 700 personnel, including troops stationed at NATO's military headquarters SHAPE in Belgium and at logistics hubs in Poland and Romania. The Wiesbaden base is also home to the US unit in charge of long-range missiles that Washington will deploy to Germany temporarily from 2026, to counter what both countries describe as a threat posed by Russian missiles stationed as close as Kaliningrad, some 500 kilometres (311 miles) from Berlin.

On his first visit to Germany as NATO chief, Rutte welcomed the step that has been denounced as a provocation by Russia and sparked a heated debate in Chancellor Olaf Scholz's Social-Democrat Party.

Philippine Marine Corps commandant Major-General Arturo Rojas, US Marines exercise representative Colonel Stuart Glenn, and Philippine Marine Corps and exercise director Brigadier General Vicente Blanco take part in the opening ceremony of the Kamandag 2024 joint military exercise at the Philippine Marines officers club at Fort Bonifacio in Manila.



Andrei Belousov, Russia's Defence Minister, attends a meeting with Zhang Youxia, vote on deputy Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission, in Beijing, China.

Afghan Taliban to enforce media ban on images of living things

Monitoring Desk KABUL: Afghanistan's Taliban morality ministry pledged on Monday to implement a law banning news media from publishing images of all living things, with journalists told the rule will be gradually enforced.

It comes after the Taliban government recently announced legislation formalising their strict interpretations of Islamic law that have been imposed since they swept to power in 2021.

"The law applies to contrary to shar all Afghanistan... and it must be avoided."

indirect talks with US **Monitoring Desk** TEHRAN: Iran said Monday it currently sees "no grounds" for its indirect talks with the United States via intermediary Oman,

citing the crisis in the Middle East.

"It's only advice,

In June, Tehran said it had engaged in indirect talks with Washington via Muscat, despite the two countries having no diplomatic relations. US news website Axios reported at the time

that officials from Iran and the United States held indirect talks in Oman "on how to avoid escalating regional attacks"

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

East.

colonialism,"he added.

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Pakistan considers

China one of its

Pakistan calls India's occupation of Kashmir 'worst manifestation' of colonialism; urges peaceful settlement

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Describing India's occupation of Jammu and Kashmir as the "worst manifestation of modernday colonialism," Pakistan has underscored the need for the resolution of the decades-old dispute over the Himalayan state to achieve durable peace in South Asia

"The United Nations and all its Member States are bound by the UN Charter to promote a peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people," Ambassador Munir Akram, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the General Assembly's Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee on Monday.

Noting that since termination of the Kashmir 1946, 80 former colonies people, Ambassador Akram have gained independence, he said, "There are still nized in UNSC resolution 47 (1948) and several subpeoples who are denied the right to self-determination, sequent resolutions, which among them the people of prescribed that the final disoccupied Kashmir and Pal-

position of the State of Jammu & Kashmir should Condemning Israeli be decided by its people through a free and fair genocidal war against the Palestinian people and the plebiscite held under UN aggression against Lebauspices. non, the Pakistani envoy These resolutions said, "Israel's massacres were accepted by both Inand brutalities will not exdia and Pakistan, he said.

tinguish the struggle for "Under Article 25 of the UN Charter, both parfreedom and self-determities are obliged to imple-ment these resolutions," he nation of the people of Palestine". In this context, he advocated a two-state added

said, was explicitly recog-

On Kashmir, the Pa-kistani envoy said, "For 75 solution to usher in lasting peace in the Middle years, through force and "Similarly, India's ocraud, India has avoided the cupation of Jammu & Kashimplementation of UN resomir is another worst manilutions, and since 1989, it's festation of modern-day 'brutal' campaign of repression killed 100,000 The right of self-de-Kashmiris.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with Prime Minister of Kazakhstan H.E. Olzhas Bektenov on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Head of Government Meeting.

President stresses for expanding bilateral trade volume with Kyrgyzstan

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion with Kyrgyzstan in all sectors of mutual interests. President Asif Ali Zardari He extended gratitude on Tuesday stressed the

to Kyrgyzstan for supportneed for expanding the bilateral trade volume being Pakistan's successful election to the non-perma-nent seat of the UN Secutween Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan by focusing on rity Council

countries. the Kyrgyz Republic who Kyrgyzstan wants to called on him along with delegation on the sidelines of SCO Council of Heads enhance bilateral cooperation with Pakistan in various sectors of busiof Government (CHG) ness, economy and techmeeting here, the presinology, he said adding dent said Kyrgyzstan that due to Kyrgyzstan's could also benefit from economic development, the Karachi and Gwadar there were significant op-

portunities for the workforce in the construc-The president also expressed the government's desire to expand cooperation and textile sectors in the country.

policy: Bilawal SLAMABAD (APP) Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, emphasized on Thursday that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit

holds significant strategic value, presenting a crucial opportunity to open new economic and diplomatic avenues for the country. Talking to a private

news channel, he said that the SCO offers a vital platform for multilateral engage ments, enabling member states to collaborate on

broad spectrum of issues He stated that the suc cessful hosting of the SCO will significantly boost regional cooperation and strengthen Pakistan's global standing. In response to a query about bilateral talks with India, he clarified that, accord-

SCO holds

strategic value

for Pak foreign

Secretariat.

ing to SCO regulations.

Independent Report The

According to the sources of Health Department, the polio virus has been detected in a child belonging to Quetta. Although further details about the fresh polio case has not been received yet, but it was learnt that the symptoms of polio were shown in the affected child on August 22, this year. It may be mentioned here that it is the third case of polio from Quetta district from where two cases of the

closest friends: Gilani over 2,000 years to the an-ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed cient Silk Road, which Yousaf Raza Gilani met served as a bridge of friendwith the Premier of the ship between the two an-

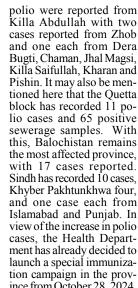
cient civilizations. He acknowledged the strong amity that has characterized Pakistan-China relations since the establishment of diplomatic ties in May 1951 and said that The meeting, aimed at Pakistan was one of the first countries to recognize the People's Republic of China. Paying tribute to the visionticularly in the fields of aries who built this enduring economics, trade, and inrelationship, including former vestment said a news re-Prime Ministers Shaheed lease issued by the Senate Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, as He underscored the well as Chinese leadership, he historic ties between Pakireflected on their contribu-

stan and China, tracing back tions to solidifying ties.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister of Tajikistan, Qohir Rasulzada calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on the sidelines of SCO Council of Heads Meeting.

Balochistan reports 17th polio cases this year; Minister Health highly concerned about rise in cases

QUETTA: Balochistan province has reported 17th case of polio virus from Quetta district.



the metropolis.



crippling disease have already been reported from

QUETTA: Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola alongwith MPA Shahida Rauf, Uzma Yaqoob and Fouzia Shaheen visiting District Jail Quetta Pak envoy gather in I'abad ahead of SCO summit

sized his commitment to maintaining law and order by tightening the grip on criminal elements and drug

said police checkpoints **BBISE** introduces grading across the City Police jurisdiction have been reinforced for more effective

security checks. circle will be addressed

for all citizens.

added.

China trustworthy, Foolproof

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail address-

ing an event organized by the Balochistan Blind Association to mark White

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, met with Chinese Premier Li Qiang on Tuesday and said China is a trustworthy and sincere friend of Pakistan and the country takes great pride in its everlasting friendship with China.

Cane Safety Day.

According to a news release issued by the National Assembly Secretariat, during the meeting, both sides discussed parliamentary and economic re- Pakistan attaches great imations, as well as matters

sincere friend of Pakistan: Ayaz dence that the Premier's visit would serve as a significant milestone in

strengthening bilateral relations. He lauded the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit being hosted in Pakistan, stating that it was a great honor for the country

He expressed hope that the SCO summit would enhance regional cooperation and strengthen regional stability. He reiterated that portance to the SCO plat-

form and that the summit

would help project

Pakistan's positive image

on the global stage. He also

affirmed Pakistan's com-

gional development

security to be ensured: Sharif QUETTA (INP): Superintendent Police City Muhammad Sharif empha-

ports.

dealers. Talking to media, he

SP Sharif assured that every complaint received at the City Police Station and other precincts within the

"It is the core respon-

Heavy

machinerv

attacks on

fied armed assailants carried

Kalat and Mangochar late

According to media

trade in value added prod-Expressing his views ucts across various sectors during the meeting, Akyibek Zhaparov Usenbekovich to strengthen economic ties and boost mutual prospersaid Kyrgyzstan always Talking to Akyibek Zhaparov Usenbekovich Chairman of the Cabinet of prioritized promotion of trade with the friendly

of mutual interest. Both countries agreed

to further expand parliamentary and economic ties. Welcoming the Chinese Premier to Pakistan, the mitment to working for re-Speaker expressed confi-



DUKKI: Brigadier Naveed Qalab Abbas addressing Dukki Aman Jirga at Camp of FC 78 Wing

Nausherwani gives financial aid of Rs. 400,000 for treatment of ailing father of Farah Yousaf

provide reproductive health

commodities: Secretary

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Finance and Mineral Development, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani provided financial assistance of Rs. 400,000 for treatment of the ailing father of the courageous daughter of the province belonging to Noshki, Farah Yousaf.

It may be mentioned here that Farah Yousaf hails from a poor family and is the daughter of a tailor master belonging to Killi sports.

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Secretary

Population Welfare Depart-

ment Balochistan, Abdullah

Khan, on Tuesday high-

lighted the importance of

reproductive health, saying

that the mandate of repro-

ductive health services spe-

cifically falls under the

mandate of Population Wel-

fare Department (PWD)

and the department is mak-

ing all out efforts to pro-

vide reproductive health

commodities in the prov-

casion of a one day aware-ness seminar titled: 'Uplift-

ing Ceremony of Popula-

tion Welfare Programme, 'he stressed the participants to

disseminate the message of

the department in all cor-

Present among the

ners of Balochistan.

Addressing on the oc-

ince.

Gharibabad of Noshki. She not only continued her education in extreme poverty and miserable circumstances, but is also an athlete. Being athout two attacks on camps lete, she brightened name of of crash plants working on the province at the national the National Highway in level The Minister Finance

at night on Tuesday. expressed best wishes for the recovery of her father. reports, during the attack, He also appreciated

the hard work and good performance in different

Director Admn Juma

Khan, district officers and

a large number of women

Secretary Population

from

participants

Balochistan.

through

women

several pieces of heavy machinery were set on fire, causing significant damage. The Levies sources said the armed men held the PWD making all out efforts to labourers at the camp hos-

tage for a long time before eventually releasing them unharmed.

The channel reported that the motive of the militants behind the attacks reparticipants were Director mains unclear, and local au-General PWD Muhammad thorities are investigating Azeem Kakar, Director the incident. PMCT Naeem Khan Kasi

Daesh terrorist, facilitators arrested in Peshawar

Welfare was of the view PESHAWAR (INP): A terthat the true women empowerment lied in creating rorist of banned ISIS or Daesh, eager to target poawareness among women regarding their reproduclitical gatherings, has been tive rights, adding that the arrested in Peshawar durideal of a healthy society ing an intelligence-based could only be achieved operation conducted by empowering Counter Terrorism Department. According to police

He said that the sources the arrested ferrorstunted growth among chilist was staying in a rented dren, anemic mothers and house along with his fammalnourished youth are all ilv. After a strong response due to lack of awareness on the terrorist was arrested family planning which is a during an hour-long operalife saving intervention. tion, police sources said.

promptly, ensuring justice mediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) Quetta has introduced a grading sibility of the police to ensystem and launched an esure that no one is subcomplaints cell for the first jected to injustice," he time in the province's history. This decision was made during a meeting chaired by Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Durrani here on Tuesday. Secretary of Colleges and Higher Education,

Hafiz Muhammad Tahir,

and BBISE Chairman Ijaz

QUETTA:

meeting, that Balochistan Interwould replace the traditional marks-based system with a grading system, in line with the minister's vision for educational reforms. Following the Federal Board, Balochistan Board will become the second board in Pakistan to adopt this grading system.

The ing. It was announced, in the

As pet new system, students will now receive grades instead of marks, and the concept of first, second, and third positions will be abolished.

system, establishes

complaint cell

Independent Report Baloch attended the meet-

Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani inaugurating portal to register online complaints in Balochistan **Board Office. Secretary Higher Education Hafiz** Muhammad Tahir and Chairman Board Ejaz Baloch are also present.

Minister Food expresses anguish over opening of private medical store in DHQ Hospital Harnai

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Food, Noor

store by the Medical Superto Harnai on Tuesday. intendent in the District

Headquarter Hospital Harnai. The Provincial Minister asserted that we would not allow anyone to open private medical store in a government hospital at all. Rather, all available resources would be utilized

for ensuring provision of all free medical facilities including free medicines to the people in all health ceneducation sectors anyway

ters of the district including DHQ Hospital Harnai. He was speaking to the district officers and Muhammad Dummar has expressed anguish over public delegations who opening a private medical called on him during his visit

Noor Muhammad Dummar said that Deputy Commissioner Harnai and Medical Superintendent of the Hospital have been asked to address these issues and no such complaints should be received

from anyone in future. The Minister said that we would not tolerate any negligence in the health and

ing Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit. most Pakistani ambassadors stationed in SCO member countries have been called back to Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD (INP): In

preparation for the upcom-

The ambassadors were summoned to assist in the coordination and organization of the conference. Ambassadors from

kev member states, includ-Russia ing China. Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan have already arrived in Islamabad, further emphasizing the importance of Pakistan's role in the sum-Additionally mit. Pakistan's head of mission in India is also present in the capital for the high-level discussions, signaling the country's comprehensive diplomatic engagement ahead of the event.

Miners in Duki protest after death of fellow workers

QUETTA (INP): In the wake of a tragic incident that claimed the lives of 21 health miners, workers at coal mines in Duki have staged protests, halting operations in a show of solidarity and demand for safety.

The protests erupted after a shooting incident at the mines, leading to calls for the immediate arrest of the assailants. The miners have voiced their concerns regarding inadequate security measures, insisting that they will continue their demonstrations until their safety is guaranteed.

We will not resume work until our protection is ensured," stated a representative of the protesting miners, highlighting the severe risks they face in the current environment.

In response to the in cident, the Balochistan gov

KARACHI: Ambassador of Italy, Marilina ARMELLIN, along with Rear Admiral Stefano BARBIERI, Capability Director of the Italian Defence General Staff, called on Commander Pakistan Fleet, Rear Admiral Abdul Munib.

Global Handwashing Day observed: Rubaba emphasizes upon importance of following hygiene principles

School Killi Sheikhhan, Quetta, in marking the Global Handwashing Day.

Independent Report QUETTA: Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan for the Women Dr. Rubaba Buledi stated that a significant cause of deaths among Development Department, children under five each emphasized the importance vear is respiratory disof following basic hygiene eases and diarrhea, which principles, such as handwashing, to ensure our can be prevented through the simple act of She made these re-

handwashing. While wash-ing hands may seem marks while addressing participants at an event held at Government Girls High role in saving lives.

Cadets of Pakistan Naval Academy shine at Int'l Sailing Regatta in Brazil

KARACHI (APP): The stan, Brazil, China, Italy, Cadets of Pakistan Naval Portugal, Argentina, Co-Academy (PNA) Sailing lombia, Peru and India. team achieved a historic feat Speaking on the occasion, by securing Silver medal and the PNA team captain dedioverall second position in cated the victory to the qual-79th International Naval ity training of Pakistan Na-Academy Sailing Competival Academy. After securtion held in Rio de Janeiro, ing first position during In-Brazil. A total of nine teams ternational Sailing Champicompeted from around the onship in Sri Lanka earlier world in J24 Boat category, in August this year, this is consecutive second extraordinary performance at international level during last three months by cadets of

a Pakistan Navy news reernment has initiated a lease said. search operation aimed at The participating swiftly apprehending those teams included Cadets from responsible for the attack. Naval Academies of Paki-PNA



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Communication and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa presiding over a meeting regarding performance of the department.

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