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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of Cabinet Committee on Energy.

No tolerance for parallel courts or armed rebellion, Naqvi warns PTM, its supporters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin The government of Pakistan has decided that no parallel judicial system will be allowed under any circumstances, Naqvi on Tuesday warned that no one would be allowed

to establish a parallel judicial system in the country, use foul language against state institutions, or take up arms. Following the ban on the Pashtun Tahafuz Move-ment (PTM), all formalities will be completed, including ment (PTM), all formalities will be completed, including the cancellation of identity cards, passports, and the clo-sure of political offices and activities. Anyone who at-tempts to support or assist PTM will also fall under the same ban. A clear message has been sent to those backing PTM that if they act against the country, the same will be done to them, he said. The minister emphasized that rights and taking up arms cannot go hand in hand.

While addressing a press conference at the Ministry of Interior here Wednesday, Mohsin Naqvi stated that while tribal jirgas (councils) have been held before, led by tribal elders, bringing thousands of people to such gather-ings is not considered a jirga but something else entirely. he said

He further said that the main reason for the ban on PTM is the party's use of derogatory language against state institutions and the police, as well as inciting division among the nation through ethnic discrimination. While discussing political issues and people's rights is permitted, no one will be allowed to incite people against the institutions. Nagvi mentioned that it has come to their attention that individuals from one or two political par-ties, when meeting with PTM leaders, supported them on the issue of rights but also emphasized that rights cannot be discussed while simultaneously taking up arms.

He added that after the ban on PTM, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government had placed 54 individuals and the Balochistan government had placed 34 individuals on the Fourth Schedule

Soldier embraces martyrdom, two terrorists killed thwarting terrorist attack in Zhob

Pakistan repels Afghan aggression at Nushki-Ghaznali sector on border

recent attack on convoy of

the Deputy Commissioner,

RAWALPINDI (APP): A forces personnel, and soldier of Pakistan Army on resultantly two terrorists, Wednesday embraced martyrdom while two terrorists and high value target Terwere killed including a suicide bomber and high value target amid thwarting the terrorists attack at Frontier damage, it said. Corps (FC) Post in Zhob

District of Balochistan. "In early hours of 09 October 2024, a group of tivities against security terrorists tried to attack a forces as well as inno-Frontier Corps' Post in cent civilians, including Zhob District," an Inter recent attack on convoy of Services Public Relations the Deputy Commissioner, (ISPR) news release said.

The attempt to enter

Sherani. The martyred soldier the camp was effectively was identified as Havildar thwarted by the security Jamsher Khan (age: 39 **Governor Mandokhail directs**

years; resident of: Dera including a suicide bomber rorist Umar alias Umari, were killed before they could cause the intended

Terrorist Umar alias aggression by Afghan sol-Umari was involved in diers at the Pak-Afghan numerous terrorist acborder in the Nushki-Ghaznali sector on Wednes-

According to security sources, Afghan troops opened fire on Pakistani posts while Pakistani forces were engaged in repairing the border fence.

Cabinet committee okays independent multiplayer market for power sector ISLAMABAD (APP): according to a PM Office

The Cabinet Committee on press release. The ISMO is aimed at Energy on Wednesday approved the establishment of gradually doing away with an independent multiplayer the government's role as a

market for power genera-tion and purchase to pave sole buyer of electricity and turning the electricity marthe way for a competitive ket into a multiplayer indeenvironment and gradually pendent, transparent, and end the government's role competitive market. It will also allow the power conas a sole purchaser of elecsumers to purchase elec-The committee, in its tricity from suppliers other

meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, than power distribution companies. Under the ISMO, longprincipally approved the formation of an Indepenterm planning would be made to produce low-cost

electricity and its transmission besides reducing the power prices and circular

The ISMO Board will comprise the experts from the power sector.

three-day visit ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of Saudi investors, led by Minister of Investment Khalid bin

arrives in

Pakistan on

Bugti is also present on the occasion.

Saudi delegation President greets Shahzaib on winning World Karate Combat C'ship; presents 100mn cheque

ISLAMABAD (APP): in a press release. President Asif Ali Zardari The president The president praised President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday felicitated Shahzaib Khan for bringing

Bugti District), having fought gallantly, paid the ultimate sacrifice and embraced, Shahadat, during intense exchange of fire. INP adds: Pakistani forces thwarted an act of

dent System and Market Operator (ISMO) which will be later endorsed by the federal cabinet and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan under the Companies Act 2017.

tricity.

to Commissioner to pay focus on situation of cleanliness, roads & issues of traders in Ouetta

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has directed to the Commissioner and Administrator Quetta to pay focus on the situation of cleanliness, poor conditioned roads and issues of traders in the metropolis.

In this regard, he also stressed that the visits of Quetta and its adjacent areas should also be paid to resolve the public problems.

The Governor was speaking to a delegation of traders and office bearers of Anjuman Tajran Balochistan, who called on him under leadership of Abdul Rahim Agha, here at the Governor House on Wednesday.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan meeting with Provincial PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran.

Sardar Khetran directs to pay special attention on timely completion of projects

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE), Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stressed the need to pay special attention on timely completion of development projects. For the purpose, all necessary measures

should be taken. The Provincial Minister for PHE was speaking to the Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan here on Wednesday.

During the course of meeting, mutual and departmental matters were discussed between the Provincial Minister PHE and Chief Secretary.

There was consensus on expediting pace of work on the development Musakhail districts projects and paying special

meeting, issues being faced by the traders were discussed. The members of delegation sought cooperation of the Governor to resolve their issues

He said that once Quetta was called as "Little London" due to its scenic beauty and administrative attractions.

He on the occasion directed to the concerned authorities to take notice of the increasing street crimes. traffic issues and lawlessness.

The Governor stressed the need to promote economic activities and protect traders community in the province.

He said that resolving the issues of citizens of Quetta means to resolve the issues of half of

attention on their timely

monthly review meetings

would be conducted to

speed up the pace of devel-

Speaking on the occa-sion, Chief Secretary said

that the emergent steps

would be taken for resolv-

ing the issues, which could

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for different districts.

They were also agreed

It was decided that

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of secretaries.

general public.

Governor summons **BA** session on October14

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has summoned the session of provincial assembly at 03:00 PM on October 14, 2024.

This was announced in an official notification issued here by the Provincial Assembly's secretariat on ning for coping with the Wednesday in the province.

According to the notification, the officers and staff of different concerned departments and media persons would be allowed in the premises of assembly building through special entry cards.



Tribunal orders re-elections of **PB-44** QUETTA (APP): The Elec-

tion Tribunal on Wednesday ordered re-elections in 16 polling stations of PB-44, de-seating the Pakistan People's Party MPA

The Balochistan High Court Election Tribunal, headed by Abdullah Baloch

sembly; the notification has been annulled, the order read.

Khetran stressed that such projects should be identified which may benefit the of the National Party.

opment projects are very Baloch, after hearing the both sides delivered the reimportant for Barkhan and served verdict

ISLAMABAD: Investment Minister of KSA, Sh. Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Alfaleh

welcomed by Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan.

Deputy Speaker BA, other speakers emphasize Long term planning needed to cope with impacts of climate change Independent Report

parliamentarians caucus would extend wholehearted QUETTA: The Deputy cooperation for legislation Speaker Balochistan Asin this regard, she added. sembly, Ms. Ghazala Gola, Provincial Minister for

The Minister Education on the occasion said Education, Ms. Raheela that the climate change is-Hameed Durrani and other sue is in top priorities of speakers have stressed the the provincial government. She said that we are need to make long term plan-

going to include the subject impacts of climate change of climate changes in the They stressed that the curriculum of the province. While on the other students would have to hand, all educational instiprepare them to cope with tutions of the province would be shifted on solar In this regard, neces-

system gradually. sary legislation and imple-She said that for the mentation on the measures first time a comprehensive are unavoidable in the proscholarship programme has been introduced in the prov-They were addressing the closing session of cli-

The Executive Director mate conference organized of Forum for Dignity Iniunder the auspices of FDI here on Wednesday. tiatives, Uzma Yaqoob also addressed the conference.

She assured to continue mutual cooperation to deal with the extraordinary challenges of the climate change in the province.

Abdulaziz, arrived in Islamabad today on threeday visit to Pakistan.

Federal Ministers Musadik Malik, Jam Kamal Khan and Abdul Aleem received the delegation at the loor Khan Airbase.

The delegation com prises representatives from various sectors, including energy, mining, minerals agriculture, business, tourism, industry, and manpower

According to the schedule, the Saudi delegation will hold business-tobusiness meetings with Pakistani companies, and several agreements will be signed during the visit.

PM visits martyred Lt. Col Ali Shaukat's residence for condolence

FAISALABAD (APP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday visited the residence of Lt. Colonel Muhammad Ali Shaukat Shaheed here to offer condolence and pay tribute to the sacrifices made by the security forces to safeguard the country. Lt. Col Ali Shaukat, along with five security personnel including Lance Naiks Muhammadullah, Akhtar Zaman, Shahidulla, and Yousuf, and a sepoy Jameel Ahmed embraced martyrdom during a firefight with the terrorists in the Spinwam area of North Waziristan on Oc

tober 5, 2024. During interaction with the bereaved family members, the prime min ister conveyed his condolence and offered Fateha for the martyred soul and

Balochisan High Court on strength for the family members to bear the loss building.

Shahzaib Khan on winning laurels to the country and the World Karate Combat expressed the hope that he Championship title in would register more tri-

Chief

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari presenting a cheque of Rs. 100

million to Shahzaib Khan, who won World Champion Karate Combat in

Singapore, at Aiwan-e-Sad. The Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfraz

Singapore. The president preumphs in the future sented a cheque worth Rs100 million to Shahzaib. Minister of mense talent which required Balochistan Mir Sarfraz provision of opportunities. Bugti was also present on the occasion, President Secretariat Press Wing said

He observed that the youth in Balochistan province was gifted with im-He stressed that the

youth should be encouraged to excel in arena of sports.

CM Bugti directs to develop effective mechanism for route and timing of Green Buses to facilitate students

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz ${ar B}$ ugti has directed to the Secretary Transport to develop an effective mechanism for route and timing of the Green Buses that facilitates students during their school and college timings in Quetta.

In his orders, the Chief Minister directed to provide better travelling facilities to the students in Green Buses.

Particularly, he directed to provide quality transportation facilities to the students of schools and colleges in the morning and evening compatible to facilitate them.

In this regard, adding he directed to the Secretary Transport to submit a report to him by preparing comprehensive recommendations within five days.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Communication Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa and Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Sadiq Umrani holding a meeting

BHC reserves verdict on demolishing of BA QUETTA

Amir Nawaz Rana re-(APP): served the decision. Senator Kanrani con-

He said Article 28 of

the constitution of Paki-

stan says, "subject to ar-ticle 251, any section of

citizens having a distinct

language, script or culture

Wednesday reserved the verdict challenging the tended that the decision demolishing of historic of demolishing the his-Balochistan Assembly torical building of Balochistan Assembly is Former President Sua sheer violation of article 28 of the constitution of

preme Court Bar Asso-Senator ciation Amanullah Kanrani had filed a constitutional petition against the demolition of an old and historibuilding of cal Balochistan Assembly terming the government move tantamount to damaging the historical national heritage. The division bench of

shall have the right to preserve and promote the same and subject to law, establish institutions for that purpose deploring the BHC comprising Justhat the incumbent govtice Hashim Khan Kakar ernment is going against the constitution. and Justice Mohammad

Pakistan.

QUETTA: A delegation led by Vice President Institute of Architects Pakistan Quetta Chapter Saif Durrani meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Jbaidullah Gorgage.

PPP's Ubaidullah

announced the decision. Gorgage is no longer a member of the Balochistan As-

on identifying new projects Sardar Abdul Rehman

Ubaidullah Gorgage's

victory was challenged by Atta Muhammad Bungalzai

He said that the devel-Justice Abdullah



The Deputy Speaker of Provincial Assembly said that we would have to promote the measures for saving from the impacts of cli-mate changes. The women

these challenges.

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OPINION

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Daily A oice of Masse Independent **Palestine MPC**

Pakistan has a long history of showing solidarity with the Palestinian people — at both the state and popular levels - for religious and cultural reasons

The support for the occupied Arab land ranges from Islamist parties to those on the left of the political spectrum. Therefore, it was not unusual to see nearly all main political forces, except the PTI, attend a multiparty conference on Monday, the one-year anniversary of the 'Al Aqsa Flood operation, to highlight the ongoing Israeli atrocities in Gaza. The PTI was reportedly invited to attend the moot, organised by the president and the prime minister, but failed to send its representatives.

Among other suggestions, the MPC called for an immediate ceasefire and holding of an emergency OIC summit. Though largely symbolic, the moot at least sent the message that nearly all political forces in Pakistan stand by the oppressed people of Palestine. References to the Israeli aggression in Lebanon were also made, while the MPC upheld Kashmir's right to self-determination.

Of course, there are limits to what Pakistan can do, apart from expressing moral and diplomatic support for the Palestinian people. The state as well as private charities have also sent shipments of aid for the war-ravaged population of Gaza. Yet it must be observed that while the OIC has held several meetings after the Oct 7 events last year, to date the Muslim bloc has failed to adopt a comprehensive policy to help end Israel's genocidal war on Gaza.

Simply put, if summitry and noble declarations were enough, Palestine would have been liberated a long time ago. But the Muslim world has failed the people of Gaza, and is now failing the people of Lebanon because there is no will amongst most Muslim ruling elites to take concrete actions to penalise Israel and those financing and supplying Tel Aviv's war machine. The Arab 'oil weapon' deployed in the 1970s, for example, seems like an event from the distant past.

It is also a matter of concern that the PTI did not attend the Palestine MPC. When meetings are held to discuss vital national issues — security, the economy, or in this case, solidarity with an oppressed population — internal political differences should be put aside and a spirit of unity must be displayed.

Indeed, there is acute mistrust between the ruling party and the PTI, but the latter should have joined the other political forces in speaking up for Palestine with one voice. Moreover, such meetings present opportunities where the ice can be broken, and openings can be provided for dialogue. The only democratic way out of the current political impasse is through negotiations — not through nihilistic confrontations. While one opportunity to talk may have been missed, it is hoped both sides clinch the next one, whenever it arises

American complicity in Gaza

Zahid Hussain can administration's "efforts to hide the full 'No administration has amounts of aid and types helped Israel more than I of systems through bureauhave. None. none. none. cratic manoeuvring" remarked US President Joe

Additionally, America has spent \$4.86bn on en-Biden recently as Israel's genocidal war in Gaza enhanced military operations tered its second year, markin the region, which ining a death toll of tens of cludes the costs of its camthousands of Palestinian paign against the Houthis lives, most of the victims in Yemen, who, siding with being women and children. the Palestinian population, The first US president to are carrying out strikes publicly declare himself a against Israel. Zionist', he is not wrong.

For the past one year, American aid to Israel has It may be true that previous US administrabeen a combination of militions, too, were fully comtary financing and arms mitted to supporting the sales and transfers from the Zionist state, but the out-US stockpile, according to going president went much the report. A large part of further in backing Tel Aviv's the arsenal contains artilwar crimes in Gaza. The lery shells and the 2,000massive military aid propound bombs that Israel vided by America has not has used with devastating only helped the Benjamin effect on the Palestinians of Netanyahu government Gaza, turning their homes sustain its longest and deadinto rubble. Notwithstandliest war but has also exing its hollow calls for a tended the conflict to other ceasefire, there has never been any serious intention One year of devastator effort on part of the ing air strikes and ground invasions by the Zionist Biden administration to stop Israel's ongoing genoforces has turned the encide in the Gaza Strip, clave into a death trap, diswhere officially more than placing the entire popula-41,000 people have been tion of Gaza. Meanwhile, killed in the last one year. hundreds of Palestinians While occasionally raising have been killed in Israel's concerns over Israel's indismilitary operation in the criminate killings of civiloccupied West Bank. ians and briefly pausing the A similar horror has flow of some heavy bombs, not been witnessed in re-Washington has refused to cent history. Support from stipulate conditions for US the US and some other military aid, despite grow-Western countries has given ing international protests. It Israel complete impunity. has remained silent over the Biden wanton butchery currently administration's uncondigoing on in Lebanon, where tional support for Israel, more than 1,000 people many observers accuse it of have died in devastating Isbeing complicit in what raeli air strikes that have

amounts to war crimes. In used US-supplied bombs. fact, it has now also become Being the most critian American war. A record cal US ally in the Middle \$17.9 billion has been spent East, Israel is the biggest by the Biden administration recipient of US military aid on military aid to Tel Aviv in history since 1959. Apart since the war erupted a from the current year ago, leading to heightadministration's massive ened tensions and conflict military aid, there is overin the Middle East, accordwhelming bipartisan sup-port for the Zionist regime ing to Brown University's Costs of War project rein the US Congress. No US administration can afford to It is by far the largest defy the powerful Israeli military aid sent to Israel in lobby that virtually conone year. In fact, the report trols Congress. At the indicates that details of height of this genocidal war, some shipments to Israel are the Israeli prime minister, hard to come by. The exact whose arrest warrant as a amount of military aid then war criminal was requested is apparently much higher. by the International Crimi-The report cited the Ameri-

nal Court prosecutor some months ago, was invited to address the joint session of Congress in July, where he received repeated standing ovations by legislators from both sides of the aisle as he justified his genocidal

war calling it a "clash between barbarism and civilisation" He rejected the twostate solution making it clear that Israel was not seeking to resettle Gaza. Only a handful of progressive legislators abstained in protest. The growing sentiment among the younger genera-

tion of Americans against the war is not likely to have any effect on Washington's unqualified support for Israel's genocidal war. Many analysts agree that it is Israel that effectively runs American foreign policy. Israel's powerful influence on US policy is well described in The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy, a seminal book authored by two eminent

US university professors and originally published in 2007. "It is difficult to talk about the lobby's influence on American foreign policy, at least in the mainstream media in the United States without being accused of anti-Semitism "the book . Not only does it says. [the lobby] exert significant influence over the policy process in Democratic and Republican administrations alike, but it is even more powerful on Capitol Hill.' Writing in the New

Yorker in 2005, journalist Jeffrey Goldberg recounted a meeting with an official of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, who putting a napkin in front of him, said, "You see this napkin? In 24 hours, we could have the signatures of 70 senators on this napkin.' The unanimous support for aid to Israel in the Congress is a testimony of the influence and power of AIPAC on Congress, irrespective of whichever party wins the presidential election.

With just a few weeks left for the next election, there is no possibility of any change in Washington's unqualified backing for Israel

Commerce News

Weather worries

Rafia Zakaria

According to scientists, for 800,000 years of Earth's existence the amount of carbon in the atmosphere did not exceed 300 ppm (parts per million).

Then in 1911, the amount of carbon in the atmosphere exceeded that level for the first time. Since then, carbon in the atmosphere has only been increasing. This year, carbon levels in the atmo-sphere exceeded 425 ppm.

Increased carbon dioxide and the effects of greenhouse gases have led to a host of problems that impact human health. The higher temperatures are especially dangerous for vulnerable populations such as children and pregnant women. Premature births, a leading cause of early childhood deaths, go up during heatwaves.

The temperature in many parts of Pakistan this summer was above 40 degrees Celsius. And going by the pattern over the past few years, the trend is likely to persist. This suggests that climate change produces a distinct and special risk to children, especially those who live in the hot regions of the world

According to Unicef, one-third of all children globally experience four to five heatwaves in a year. It goes without saying that risks to their health may be exacerbated by poverty. In fact, climate change can adversely affect crop output, resulting in food insecurity and poor nutrition for growing bodies. Climate change can

also impact levels of air pollution and is believed to aggravate smog. Studies suggest that symptoms of asthma and other allergies are increasing in children, especially in poorer countries, leading to non-attendance at school.

And it is not just on account of illness that children face disruptions in their education schedule: every year, millions of children face weeks of school closure due to adverse weather conditions, including intense heat and heavy rain, as we have witnessed Excessive heat also means

that children cannot play outdoors, and are subjected to a crowded environment inside their homes, which are often poorly venti-

lated. Temperatures are more acute in large cities, such as Karachi and Lahore, where the proliferation of concrete and asphalt surfaces has created the urban heat island effect that is, the temperature in these cities is often several degrees hotter than in the adjoining areas. Summer has thus become a time of dread, with temperatures continuing to soar year after year, with no respite in sight.

choices before parents in the hotter months, especially as children are particularly vulnerable to heatstroke. Of late, there has been some awareness of the matter, but are hospitals and clinics doing enough to treat young victims of heatstroke? Special wards are needed in the summer months that are equipped to treat children

and babies who have suffered the effects of intense Similarly, can medical

outlets cope with the rising cases of allergies and respiratory illnesses? Developing the requisite facilities and training staff to operate them efficiently requires advance planning and funding. It is simply not enough to have a climate change ministry. It is necessary to address what the weather means for our children's everyday health. Then there is the matter of mental health. A re-

cent qualitative study carried out by Shazia Soomro, Dianen Zhou and Iftikhar Charan focuses on the psychological effects of rising temperatures on Pakistani children, particularly the rise of "climate anxiety".

According to the authors, children are a vulnerable population because they are still growing physically and intellectually, and the increased tribulation and uncertainty caused by climate-related factors means that they can suffer a more permanent impact. from the natural environ-Naturally, children in povment because they live in erty-stricken and undersuch heavily urbanised areas.

resourced areas are the most susceptible, although each child is affected differently, depending on a host of circumstances. The study, published

in the African Journal of Reproductive Health, looks at how extreme weather events affect the educational achievement of Pakistani children. These weather events include heatwaves, droughts, and heavy rainfall. While the jury may be out on the exact parameters of an 'extreme' weather event, Pakistan has suffered heavy monsoon rains that have far exceeded expectations for some years now. The authors of the

There seem to be few study found that even accounting for changes in the river flow and patterns of snowmelt, the severity of the new monsoon could only be attributed to climate change. This was true also of the devastating flood of 2022, which affected 33 million people in the country.

The study found that extreme weather events were causing attachment disorders, depression, panic attacks, phobias and anxiety among children. In addition to these mood disorders, a regressive impact on children's ability to control their emotions was also observed; many of the youngsters experienced cognitive deficits, behaviour issues, learning difficulties, language development problems, adjustment challenges and generally poor academic performance. There is a high proportion of children whose mental health has been affected by climate change. Children affected by the 2022 floods still report anxiety displacement stress, depression and sleep disorders. While the study focuses on a small cohort, it is likely that the results seen among them can be extrapolated to the at least 670,000 children that the authors say were affected by the floods. Interestingly, many spoke about the trauma of the flash floods that occur in Sindh every year. Many also noted how isolated they feel

Jam pledges to revive cotton Industry, ensured to address high taxation, electricity costs challenges

Pakistan's cotton industry, acknowledging the sector's billion-dollar export potential and ensured to address challenges such as high taxation and electricity

with the Pakistan Ginners Association led by its Chairman DR Jassu Mal, said a news release.

The minister stressed proposals for funding that the government is through the Export

ISLAMABAD (APP): treating this issue with Federal Minister for urgency, particularly given to help reinvigorate the cotton production cycle— Commerce Jam Kamal the \$3-4 billion spent sector and boost exports. saved by reviving domestic decline in the number of production.

Proposing a series of 1,200 to just 400, leading seminars and workshops, to under-utilization of Jam Kamal expressed the electricity resources and his unprecedented support government's commitment disruptions in the cotton

costs. In this regard, the industry stakeholders, He emphasized that including APTMA and cotton is not merely a He emphasized that exporters, to formulate a commodity but comprehensive action plan. livelihood, with millions of high taxation and electricity in Pakistan He also encouraged people depending on its growth, the Association to submit harvesting, and processing. He acknowledged the

heavy taxation across the from pesticides to ginning Khan on Wednesday annually on cotton The minister also and oil extraction—that vowed to revitalize imports, which could be highlighted the alarming has made it difficult for cotton to compete with ginning companies from other crops.

Jassu Dr. Mai thanked the Minister for and pointed out the sector's once prestigious title of "white gold."

He warned that without intervention, the а costs would continue to drive farmers away from cotton, despite its billiondollar export potential.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Cheema in meeting with the delegation of Asian Development Bank.

ABU DHABI: Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met with H.E. Ahmed Jasim Al Zaabi, Chairman of Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UAE Chambers) and Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He is also Chairman of Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development, Abu Dhabi Global Market.

Saudi investment to boost economy: LCCI

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) Wednesday appreciated the government for paving the way for investment from Saudi Arabia that is bound to boost economic activities in the country.

LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry, in a a media statement here, welcomed the government's landmark efforts for deals with Saudis which he is poised to finalize during the visit of Saudi Minister of Investment's upcoming visit to Pakistan.

These forthcoming deals are expected to not only enhance bilateral relations but also inject much-needed capital into Pakistan's economy, providing a lifeline to various critical sectors.

LCCI office-bearers lauded the prime minister's leadership, while describing the agreements as a historic step towards economic revival.

They said that Saudi Arabia has always been a pivotal partner for Pakistan and the signing of these trade and investment deals will open new doors of cooperation in key sectors such as energy, infrastructure, technology and manufacturing

ADB reaffirms continued support for Pakistan

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) here on Wednesday reaffirmed its continued support to government's agenda to implement structural reforms, generate fiscal space and stabilize reinforces the robust economy.

The reaffirmation was made by a delegation of Executive Directors and Alternate Executive Directors of ADB that met with Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema to discuss the country's development priorities and

macroeconomic reforms. The delegation is on

ISLAMABAD (APP): October 6 to 12, 2024 for consultations with the government and key stakeholders to better align ADB's support with government's priorities.

The visit of ADB's Executive Directors collaboration between ADB and Pakistan, aimed at achieving sustainable economy development goals and

Cheema security. between

Pakistan's visit from Masatsugu Asakawa.

Ahsan for promoting blue economy to ensure future stability

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister For Planning, Development & Special on Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on development. Wednesday emphasized that development of blue was a transformative achieved progress due to

opportunity that can these key factors. ensure future stability by The 4th International creating jobs and food Maritime Symposium (IMS-24) was organized

Addressing the 4th International Maritime by the National Institute of Maritime Affairs in Symposium (IMS-24), the collaboration with Bahria minister said, solving University. symposium aimed to challenges confronting blue

address the challenges and opportunities in Pakistan's blue economy, focusing on aligning maritime strategies with SDGs.

Ahsan Iqbal stressed the need for sustainable practices and sought international cooperation to tackle environmental challenges effectively.

Minister Ahsan Iqbal said that by addressing issues like climate change and marine pollution we can create jobs and ensure food security.



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KARACHI: A Pakistani stockbroker monitors share prices during a trading session at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) in Karachi.

Shaukat advises taxpayers to approach Federal Tax Ombudsman for relief

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Advisor to the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) for Hazara Region Shaukat Mehmood Wednesday has encouraged taxpayers to seek assistance from the Federal Tax Ombudsman in case of illegal tax procedures, unjust notices, or delays in receiving rightful refunds from the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). He expressed these views while addressing a press briefing at Abbottabad Press Club.

Shaukat Mehmood highlighted that the FTO's actions have enabled many taxpayers to receive their due payments, ensuring fairness in tax collection without harassment

He explained that taxpayers can file complaints through various channels, including the FTO website, email, mobile app, FTO portal, or by post, without needing to visit the office physically. Upon receiving a complaint, the FTO contacts the FBR, sets a response deadline, and ensures prompt resolution, Shaukat Mehmood stated. Those unable to attend hearings in person are offered the option of participating via video link

enhancing economic stability in the country. On the occasion Minister highlighted the strong partnership Pakistan and ADB,

reaffirmed during the recent visit of ADB President

economy were crucial to take the country forward the path of He pointed out that nations like China, Malaysia, and Turkiye

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CM launches internship climate resilient leadership program for youth of Punjab

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LAHORE (APP): Punjab advocating Chief Minister Maryam collaboration between melting factories. She also Nawaz Sharif has launched the CM Internship Climate Punjab, noting that smog Resilient Leadership will end not by merely Program, aiming to enhance environmental stewardship urged among the youth.

At the event, she smog awareness into their inaugurated Pakistan's first smog hotline, "1373," and directed that 1 percent of development project funds be allocated for tree environmental management change planting initiatives.

During her address, importance of treating the leadership the CM announced an environment as a shared increase in the honorarium responsibility across for interns from Rs 25,000 Pakistan. She reported that to Rs 60,000, emphasizing measures against animal the need for job security cruelty for the interns post- intensified, reflecting a program. She stated that commitment to humane environmental internships practices should not just be seen as opportunities but as a vital responsibility for fostering a greener Punjab.

smog, She highlighted the surveillance of industrial significance of collective emissions and proactive officials were also present action against smog, measures against pollution

for from brick kilns and fat-Pakistan and Indian emphasized sustainable infrastructure development is crucial for pressing a button. The CM national progress. educational Senior Provincial

Minister institutions to integrate Marriyum Aurangzeb shared insights curricula from October 15 into new environmental initiatives, including a The CM criticized vehicle inspection system past negligence in and comprehensive climate plans. the reaffirmed Punjab's role

in addressing climate challenges. Provincial Minister for Information and Culture Azma Zahid

Provincial Bokhari, Chaudhry Ministers Shafay Hussain, Sher Ali Gorchani, Sohaib Ahmed Addressing air quality issues, she outlined Malik, Kazim Pirzada, ongoing efforts to combat Ramesh Singh Arora, Ashiq including Hussain, Chief Secretary, Secretaries and other in the ceremony.



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Faisal Karim Kundi in a group photo with Young Leaders Parliament delegation at Governor House.

Governor Kundi urges youth to play role in addressing challenges

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday said that the province is facing three multiple challenges, urging the youth to adopt a Peshawar. positive mindset and

actively participate in addressing these issues. He said this during a meeting with a delegation from the Young Leaders Parliament (YLP), led by President Naveed Ahmad youth. Khan, visited the Governor House Peshawar.

During the meeting, the YLP delegation briefed the Governor on initiatives aimed at engaging the province's youth in positive activities through the platform of the Young Leaders Parliament.

They also requested adequate opportunities for the Governor's support progress. and participation as a guest 100 percent scholarships of honor for the upcoming days have been allocated for entrepreneurship event in tribal youth at Edward

College and that free IT The young members courses will be initiated to of the YLP engaged in a help young people Q&A session with the pursue online businesses Governor, discussing and job opportunities various issues affecting the from home province, particularly regarding the welfare of the that the provincial

government has no Governor Faisal effectively utilized its Karim Kundi welcomed the powers following the 18th delegation, expressing his Amendment. focus on advancing the

interests of youth and people to share their women across all sectors. proposals via email at any He acknowledged the time, emphasizing the talent among the impo province's youth but said for

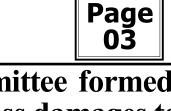
importance of their input improving that they often lack education sector.

CM GB stresses importance of local government elections

GILGIT (APP): Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan has emphasized the significance of local government elections in resolving public issues and ensuring the transfer of powers to lower levels.

Addressing the closing ceremony of a three-day training workshop for officers regarding local government elections, the CM said that these elections are crucial for bringing new leadership to the forefront and empowering people at the grassroots level. The CM expressed his commitment to holding local government elections, which have been delayed in Gilgit-Baltistan since 2004.

He praised the Chief Election Commissioner and Local Government Secretary for their efforts in completing the first phase of delimitation and assured the public that the current provincial government is dedicated to ensuring the holding of local government elections.



Committee formed to assess damages to **KP House: CM KP**

PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister, Sardar Ali Gandapur Amin announced on Wednesday that a committee has been formed to estimate the damages to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House in

consultations regarding

legal action besides

formulation of a strategy

chief minister emphasized

that there would be no

constitutional rights and

the provincial autonomy

granted under the 18th

Addressing the KP

would be undertaken.

Islamabad.

indicated

compromise

Amendment.

LAHORE

He announced that

Kundi also highlighted

He encouraged young

National News

He described incidents during the PTI protests and at the KP House in Islamabad as intolerable.

Deploring the police raids and damages of property at the KP House, the CM alleged that police officers and Rescue 1122 The chief minister officials, along with rescue that equipment, were unlawfully detained.

He vowed to take strict action against the Islamabad police and administration if any cabinet meeting here, the torture against them was proven. As the chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, he stated that the necessary security personnel and equipment would accompany him wherever he goes.



on

HYDERABAD: Activists of Sunni Tehreek (PST) are holding rally in favor of Pakistan Armed Forces, in Hyderabad.

NAB presents Rs 36.8m recovery amount cheque to Punjab government

Bureau (NAB) Lahore Lahore Director General reported a significant Amjad Majeed Aulakh, recovery in a corruption said a spokesperson here scandal involving former Punjab chief minister Ch Pervaiz Elahi of and others linked to investigation kickbacks in construction corruption in public contracts. NAB Deputy contracts. Additionally, Chairman Sohail Nasir the NAB Lahore presented a cheque worth successfully retrieved Rs Rs 36.8 million to the 17.2 million from former Punjab government, chief financial officer which was received by Ikram Naveed through a Additional Secretary pleabargain.

(APP): Finance Abdus Samad in National Accountability the presence of NAB Wednesday.

The recovery was a part an ongoing

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan administering oath to Ayesha Hamid as Punjab's first Ombudswoman.

Swat gets child-friendly protection unit

By Haroon Siraj

SWAT: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Commission (KPCPWC) has taken a huge step forward in safeguarding children's rights by launching a Child Protection Unit in Swat. This new unit aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, protecting them from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

On this occasion key stakeholders, officials, and children attended the inauguration ceremony, where Deputy Commissioner Shehzad Mehboob pledged full support from the district administration. Mr. Ijaz Muhammad Khan, Deputy Chief Protection Officer of KPCPWC, shared that the commission has already aided 32,564 at-risk children and established 21 fully operational Child Protection Units across the province.

International News

Israel's strikes are shifting the power balance in the Middle East, with US support

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Israeli military strikes are targeting Iran's armed allies across a nearly 2,000-mile stretch of the Middle East and threatening Iran itself. The efforts raise the possibility of an end to two decades of Iranian ascendancy in the region, to which the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq inadvertently gave rise

In Washington, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and Arab capitals, opponents and supporters of Israel's offensive are offering clashing ideas about what the U.S. should do next, as its ally racks up tactical successes against Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen and presses its yearlong campaign to crush Hamas in Gaza.

Israel should get all the support it needs from the United States until Iran's government "follows

other dictatorships of the victories without ad-past into the dustbin of his- equately considering the tory," said Rıchard Goldberg, a senior adviser at Washington's conservative-leaning Foundation for the Defense of Democracies — calls echoed by be in a situation where it can some Israeli political fig-

Going further, Yoel staffer at Israel's National Security Council, called for the Biden administration to join Israel in direct attacks in Iran. That would send of the leading documenters "the right message to the of the rise of Iranian regional Iranians — 'Don't mess with us," Guzansky said. influence since the U.S. in-

Critics, however, high-light lessons from the U.S. military campaign in Iraq and toppling of Saddam Hussein, when President George W. Bush ignored

equately considering the said Richard risks, end goals or plans for what comes next, and warn of unintended consequence

Ultimately, Israel "will only protect itself by perpetual war." said Vali Nasr who was an adviser to the Guzansky, a former senior Obama administration. Now professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, or SAIS, he has been one

vasion of Irad With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamir Netanyahu giving limited weight to Biden administration calls for restraint, the United States and its Arab warnings that the partners in the Middle East Iraqi dictator was the are "at the mercy of how region's indispensable counterbalance to Iranian far Bibi Netanyahu will push it," Nasr said, referinfluence. They caution ring to the Israeli leader by against racking up military his nickname

DENVER: Pro-Palestinian demonstrators march on the first anniversary of the Israeli invasion of Gaza

Iran Quds Force chief Qaani is well, to get medal from Supreme Leader

DUBAI: The commander of the overseas arm of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards is well and will receive a medal from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei soon, the semi-official Tasnim news agency quoted a senior Guards adviser on Wednesday as saying. Two senior Iranian security officials told Reuters earlier that Quds Force commander Esmail Qaani, who travelled to Lebanon after the Sept 27 killing of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in an Israeli airstrike, had not been heard from since further Israeli bombings of south Beirut late last week.



Turkish nationals wait to register for boarding Turkish navy ships to leave Lebanon, amid the ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, in Beirut, Lebanon.

China says raised 'serious concerns' with **US over trade curbs**

by Beijing as "candid, in-Monitoring Desk BEIJING: The United depth and pragmatic". States and China on

It comes shortly after sharp US tariff hikes Tuesday raised concerns about trade between the on Chinese electric veworld's two biggest hicles, EV batteries and economies, with China's solar cells took effect with levies down the line commerce minister urging Washington to lift sancon other products also tions on his country's recently finalised. In addition, the US

firms "as soon as posis planning to ban the sale Chinese Commerce of connected vehicles in-Minister Wang Wentao's call with US Commerce corporating Chinese and Russian technology, citing national security Gina Raimondo was described risks.

Spain's Sanchez touts benefits of migration

Monitoring Desk

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Secretary

MADRID: Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Wednesday announced measures to make it easier for immigrants to settle in Spain, championing migration and its economic benefits even as other European governments have tightened their borders against newcomers.

To stop undocu-mented migrants, Germany, Slovakia and Hungary have reintroduced temporary border controls in what was long the heart of the European Union's Schengen open travel zone.

France says it is considering similar moves while Italy aims to set up detention camps in non-EU Albania for migrants picked up at sea. "(Immigration is) not just a question of humanitarianism it's also necessary for the prosperity of our economy and the sustainability of the welfare state," Sanchez said in a speech to parliament

"The key is in man-aging it well." Spain will work on making it easier for migrants to come with a series of initiatives, including recognising academic qualifications.

Turkish Airlines wounded were taken to Al Awda hospital in Nuseirat pilot dies camp and to Al Aqsa Marmid-flight, forcing emergency landing

Monitoring Desk ISTANBUL: Ă Turkish Airlines pilot died after collapsing mid-flight, forcing the Turkish national carrier to make an emergency landing in New York, the airline said on Wednesday.

The plane had taken off from the western US coastal city of Seattle on Tuesday evening, airline spokesman Yahya Ustun wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Canada pledges another C\$15 million in assistance for Lebanese civilians

Monitoring Desk OTTAWA: Canada will provide C\$15 million (\$11 tion. million) in new humanitarian assistance to support civilians affected by conflict in Lebanon, the Canadian foreign ministry said on Wednesday. "Canada is deeply alarmed by the rapid escalation of the crisis in Lebanon. We are mobilizing to ensure that Canada is there to bring much-needed fuel and that the assistance to the Lebanese people," Foreign Minister Melanie Jolysaidinastatement. strike was part of an ongoing effort to "undermine the military The funding announcement and economic potenbrings Canada's assistance pledge for Lebanese civilians tial of the Russian Federation. to C\$25 million.

Israeli strike kills 17 in Gaza refugee camp

Awda confirmed the toll.

Monitoring Desk GAZA/CAIRO: Gaza's civil defence agency on Tuesday said an Israeli strike killed at least 17 people at a refugee camp in the centre of the territory. The civil defence teams recovered 17 martyrs, including children, and several others who were wounded from the three-story home of the Abdul Hadi family, which was bombed by a missile from an (Israeli) warplane in Al Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza,' agency spokesman Mahmud Bassal said in a

statement. Bassal said the

bodies of those killed and the

Kamal Adwan and Al Awda hospitals in northern Gaza have been asked to evacuate in the past 48 hours, World Health Organisation officials told a briefing in Cairo. Fewer than half of Gaza's hospitals remain even partially functioning after a year of Israeli bombardments. Bassal earlier said that several air strikes rocked central and northern Gaza since the early hours of Tuesday. Israel sent tanks deeper into Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip and told people to leave as it pounded the historic Palestinian refugee camp from the air, residents said. Palestinian medics said casualties had been reported tyrs hospital in the city of Deir el Balah. Medics at Al

Ukraine strikes a Russian oil hub as Zelenskyy says the war is in 'a very important phase'

Monitoring Desk Russian-in KYIV: Ukraine's milistalled authorities in the city of Feodosia tary said it struck a on the coast of the major oil terminal Black Sea reported a Monday in Crimea fire at the terminal that provides fuel for on Monday morning Russia's war effort as but did not say what Ukrainian President might have caused it. Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the war has en-Ukraine has increasingly targeted tered a key phase. rear areas that are Both sides are facing essential for Russia's the issue of how to onslaught, now deep into its third year. It sustain their costly war of attrition — a has developed longconflict that started range drones that with Russia's fullhave hit oil depots scale invasion of and refineries as well Ukraine in February as armories.

2022 and that shows Ukraine's aim is no signs of a resoluto impair Russia's ability to support its Ukraine's General front-line units, es-Staff said on social pecially in the eastmedia that the oil terern Donetsk region minal in Feodosia, on where the main Kusthe south coast of the sian battlefield effort Russia-occupied is stretching weary Crimea Peninsula, Ukrainian forces. has been supplying the Russian army with

Kyiv is still awaiting word from its Western partners on its repeated requests to use the long-range weapons they provide to hit targets on Russian soil.

Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

Thursday October 10, 2024 Govt allocates Rs 7.5 bln to bring

out of school children back: Ahsan ISLAMABAD Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday said that federal government is allocating Rs 7.5 billion to enrol back 26.2 million out of school children across the country. Addressing an International Conference: 'Education System Strengthening Challenges and Opportunities – A 20-Year Retrospective" held here at COMSTECH, the minister announced that for this project the federal government would allocate Rs 25 million, while 25 millions would be given by the prov-

inces and 25 millions by the development, we need 90 partners. The one-day conpercent literacy rate in the country. He lamented that ference was organized by Manhattan Strategy Group with such a huge numbers of out of school children, (MSG), a prominent US-Pakistani social and human Pakistan can not progress. development organization, He termed education as with an aim to bring tomandatory tool to run the

gether local and global perinfrastructure of a country. spectives to address the The minister said that critical challenges facing federal government is also Pakistan's education sysestablishing South Asia's tem. Speaking at inaugural top teachers training center session of the conference, in Pakistan to fulfill the Ahsan Iqbal said that eduneed of best teaching praccation is not a sector but a tices. "we have to revise our curriculum as per internafoundation of development and prosperity. It was retional standards and in orvealed in the census that litder to teach modern cureracy rate in Pakistan is 60 riculum, we are working on teachers training on war- Sharif.

footing steps"

The minister also underlined the importance of latest exams system, adding, current exam system would be reformed as per international level.

Under another program, he said that campus of a university would be established in each district to facilitate the poor and needy students especially the girls at their door step.

He urged that our UETs should be a brand in the world like Indian IETs, adding, this government is on path of reformation under leadership of Shahbaz



QUETTA: Prime Minister's Climate Change Coordinator Romina Khurshid Alam and Senate Human Rights Committee Chairperson Samina Mumtaz Zehri pose for a group photo with Secretary Forest Dostain Jamaldini and others during their visit to Balochistan.

Implementation on PM Health Insurance Scheme for media persons starts in Balochistan

Hasan Zehri.

Independent Report QUETTA: The implementation has been started on the Prime Minister Health Insurance Scheme for the

working journalists and other media persons in Balochistan.

is vital, along with taking formation Department, on directives of Secretary In-

in NW IBO

formation Balochistan, the office bearers that the measures would remain Imran Afridi and Director General of Public Relations, continued for welfare of the Muhammad Noor Khetran. media persons as per the The Assistant Direcpolicy of government.

The President of Hub tor, Abdul Wahid Baloch visited the Hub Press Club. Press Club, Muhammad He also discussed the issue Ilvas Kamboh and other of grant of the Press Club office bearers thanked Secretary Information and DGPR for initiating PM as was announced by the Spokesman of President Asif Ali Zardari for Health Insurance Scheme Balochistan and Advisor to from Hub. Chief Minister, Mir Ali

It may be mentioned here that the media work-Speaking on the occaers would be able to avail sion, Assistant Director the facility of medical treat-Public Relations assured ment upto Rs. 1 million.

GDA, UoG ink pact for regional development

GWADAR: The Gwadar organize workshops, con-Development Authority (GDA) and the University

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with a high level delegation from the Asian Development Bank at the Finance Division.

Changing economy's DNA must for inclusive, sustainable growth: Finance Minister

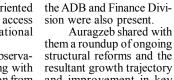
ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Wednesday reaffirmed the government's commitment to implementing its reform agenda and meeting structural benchmarks to lend permanence to macroeconomic stability, promote inclusive, sustainable growth and end Pakistan's reliance on external borrowıng.

He made it clear that the only way this goal could be successfully achieved, was by changing the DNA of the economy by moving it away from its usual boom-and-bust cycles and leading it to a sustained ex-

port-led growth, encourag-Development Bank and ing investment and FDI other senior officers from flows into export-oriented sectors and getting access back to the international capital market. He made this observa-

tion during a meeting with a high-level delegation from the Asian Development Bank that called on the Minister at Finance Division, according to press release issued by Finance Ministry.

The visiting delegation was led by Donald Bobiash, Executive Director of Asian Development Bank and Shigeo Ŝhimizu, Executive Director Asian Development Bank while Yong Ye, Country Director Asian



and improvement in key economic indicators. He particularly highlighted an efficient management of twin deficits backed by buoyant remittances and healthy exports, a steep fall in inflation from a 38 percent high of last year to a 44-month low of 6.9 percent in September last, and reduction in the policy rate by 450 bps with expectations of more cuts in up-

coming months. **Police seize**

explosives laden vehicle

Independent Report URBÂT: Police foiled a otential terror plot, recovring 200 kilograms of explosives and other incendiary materials from a suspicious vehicle parked outside a house in Satellite Town, Turbat. The vehicle, now in police custody, was

found to contain 200 kg of explosives, gs cylinders, petrol and diesel containers Authorities believe the materials were intended for

views during a meeting with Kathleen Kamal Raisani destructive activities. The Foundation (KKRF) CEO. timely intervention by law enforcement agencies has prevented a potential disaster.

needs of flood-affected communities, will focus on providing essential relief items, supporting rehabilitation efforts, and strengthening infrastructure to withstand future climate-related disasters, says the official operations.

floods

for flood response in Pak ISLAMABAD (APP): handout. The British High Commis-This commitment sion has announced a sigcomes in response to the nificant relief package widespread damage caused by torrential monsoon of over £10 million to aid Pakistan in its re-

British High Commission

allocates over £10 million

rains, which have discovery from devastating placed thousands, submerged vast areas, and The funds, aimed at caused severe disruption addressing the immediate to livelihoods across the

country The allocated funds will be distributed through partnerships with local and international humanitarian organizations to ensure swift and effective relief

Dr. Rubaba calls for raising awareness about women and children's welfare

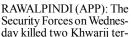
Independent Report awareness sessions in Quetta's schools and QUETTA: Advisor to the Chief Minister for the women's training centers, focusing on breast cancer,

general health, and hygiene. Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi emphasized that such awareness programs are crucial for spreading knowledge within society. She noted that educating women and children on health issues, particularly breast cancer and hygiene,

practical steps to address these concerns. She further advocated for the establishment of additional training and awareness centers to empower women, making Zulekha Raisani, where they discussed the capable of solving their foundation's ongoing problems independently.

Three media persons belonging to Hub district and associated with TV channel were given their PM Health Insurance Cards from the State Life Insurance after their verification by the office of In-

Two Khwarij terrorists killed



Independent Report tions will collaboratively





ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari administering the oath of office to the Chairman of the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), Lt. General (Retd) Akhtar Nawaz Satti at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Nosherwani exhorts fficers to use modern resources for

Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Khan in Turbat Buledi, underscored the importance of raising awareness about women and children's welfare, particularly their health.

She stressed the need to inform every individual in society about essential health practices to effectively address the challenges faced by women and

children. She shared these

better public service

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani has exhorted the civil officers to make effective planning using modern resources for better service of general public wholeheartedly.

He stressed to give top priority to transparency and honesty in resolving public issues so that confidence of people is restored and expedite the journey of development of the province

He directed to the bureaucrats to remain in the field for resolving the public issues immediately.

The Minister Finance perity of the province.

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QUETTA: The Chief Sec-

retary Shakeel Qadir Khan

has stressed that responsi-

bility of improving

healthcare facilities also

rests with the private sec-

tor along with the govern-

also stressed on paying at-

tention on establishing nurs-

ing colleges instead of the

medical colleges besides

He was speaking on

improving it further.

The Chief Secretary

ment



QUETTA: Newly posted Commissioner Rakshan Mujeebur Rehman Qambrani, MD BPPRA Muhammad Afzal Khosti and Secretary Health Mubeejbur Rehman Panezai meeting with Provincial Minister for Finance Mir Shoaib Nausherwani

arranged at the Aarva Insti-

tute of Medical Sciences

occasion was Chief Execu-

tive Officer of Aarya Insti-

tute besides other con-

the Institute and reviewed

the facilities being extended

profession is a sacred pro-

He said that medical

to the patients there.

Also present on the

here on Wednesday.

cerned

was speaking to the newly appointed officers on dif-ferent positions here on

Wednesday. Those who met the Finance Minister were included Secretary Health, Mujeebur Rehman Panezai, Commissioner Rakhshsn Division. Mujeebur Rehman Qambrani and Managing Director of BPPRA, Muhammad Afzal Khosti Mir Shoaib Nausherwani congratulated the officers on their new

Minister Education Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Pro-Vice Chancellor postings BUITEMS Dr. Abdul Rehman, Head of FDI Uzma Yaqoob and panelists in a He said that there is a group photo after conclusion of Climate Conference. key role of officers in welfare of the people as well as development and pros-

DPM chairs meeting on humanitarian assistance to Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and QUETTA Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Balochistan Health Secre-Wednesday chaired a meeting to discuss humanitarian assistance for the people of

in the province.

He expressed these views while chairing a meeting of the officers of the Balochistan Health Department after assuming as a charge of Secretary Health.

QUETTA: Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola, Provincial

Health Secretary says:

Govt taking steps to

provide medical aids

The meeting was attended by Special Secretary Health Shahak Baloch, Ad-

that the problems being Technical

(APP): regarding the provision of services and ongoing projects in the Health Department Addressing the meet-

ing, Health Secretary said that according to the vision of Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti to provide quality health facilities in Balochistan.

He said that reforms would be brought to improve health facilities for patients in government hospitals saying that the Treasury Care Hospitals of the provincial capital are one Pakistani citizen, leavthe center of treatment for the people not only of

Balochistan. He also directed all MSs and District Health Officers to immediately improve the sanitation situation in hospitals. The Secretary said

faced by respective hospitals should be identified in writing so that the steps taken to solve them could be continuously reviewed with the aim to prevent

to people at official level UAE condemns terrorist attack in Karachi, offers

> condolences to Pakistan, China ISLAMABAD (APP): The United Arab Emirates: (UAE) has strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack near Karachi Airport, which claimed the lives of two Chinese nationals and

ing several others injured. In a statement issued Quetta but of the entire by the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the country expressed its unequivocal condemnation of the heinous act, reiterat-

ing its firm stance against all forms of violence and terrorism that threaten peace, security, and stability, and violate international law.

wastage of resources,

rorists during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan District During the operation,

mote regional development. intense fire exchange took place between the Army The agreement was signed by GDA Director General troops and khwarij, an In-Shafqat Anwar Shahwani ter Services Public Relaand University of Gwadar tions (ISPR) news release said

Weapons, ammunition Dr. Baloch. and explosives were also recovered from killed to unleash the potential of Khwarij, who remained acyoung individuals in tively involved in numerous Gwadar's development by terrorist activities against providing opportunities the security forces as well for research, training, and as target killing of innocent exhibitions. Both organizacivilians in the area, it said

other activities to enhance of Gwadar signed a memoprofessional skills and adrandum of understanding dress regional challenges. (MoU) to foster educational activities and pro-

During his visit to the university, Shahwani was briefed on various projects, departments, and the under-construction new building. The MoU signing ceremony was a significant Vice Chancellor Professor step towards promoting Abdul Razzaq educational and profes-The partnership aims sional development in Gwadar and surrounding areas. This strategic partnership is expected to have a profound impact on the region's growth and prosperity.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan addressing a ceremony at Arya Institute of Medical Sciences.

sary of Shaheed Baba

Sikandar Jan Zehri with

great reverence at Munici-

pal Committee Kalat. Party

leaders and workers paid

tribute to Zehri's services,

cutting a cake to commemo-

Zehri's sacrifices for the

nation, stating that his

legacy will be remembered

in golden words. They em-

Speakers recalled

rate the occasion.

PPP Kalat observes 31st anniversary of Shaheed Baba Sikandar Jan Zehri Independent Report

tently made sacrifices for the country and the Baloch KALAT: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) District Kalat people observed the 31st anniver-

PPP leaders praised Chief of Jhalawan, Nawab Sanaullah Khan Zehri, for his unwavering commitment to principles and traditions. They expressed pride in Zehri's courage and resilience, vowing to follow in his footsteps.

The event reaffirmed the party's resolve to continue Zehri's mission, upholding his ideals and values. The gathering paid homage to Zehri's enduring spirit, ensuring his memory remains an inspiration for future generations.

phasized that martyrs never die, but live on in the hearts of the people. Zehri's family has consis-SCO Summit marks major diplomatic success for Pakistan: Syedaal Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Chairman Senate, Syedaal Khan Nasar on Wednesday hailed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Islamabad and termed it as a significant diplomatic victory for Pakistan, crediting the relentless efforts of Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif and Deputy Prime Minister Senator Ishaq Dar. Speaking at Parliament House during a meeting with key business figures from Rawalpindi and Karachi, Khan emphasized that the successful hosting of the summit highlights global confidence in Pakistan's leadership and diplomacy. "The SCO summit is

a clear reflection of the world's trust in Pakistan. It will boost trade, attract foreign investment, and pave the way for the nation's prosperity," Khan remarked. He noted that the conference will review the regional economic and security landscape, strengthening international cooperation with Pakistan.



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QUETTA: Chairman Public Accounts Committee Asghar Ali Tareen presiding over meeting regarding Quetta Package of P&D Department.

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ditional Secretary Health Arif Khan, Additional Secoccasion of the ceremony fession and important retary Health Khaliq Zehri, source to serve the ailing Chief Planning Officer Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Deputy He urged those asso-Secretary Health, Deputy ciated with the medical Secretary Health Riasat profession to serve the Ali, Director Technical Dr. people considering it as a Shah, Personal Secretary Muhammad Asif, Deputy Meanwhile, the Chief Secretaries, Section Offic-

The Chief Secretary Secretary appreciated CEO ers and other assistants. visited different sections of of the Medical Institute for Additional Secretary improving healthcare facili-Health Arif Achakzai and Director

He also inaugurated Balochistan Dr. Shah the eye department in the briefed Health Secretary Aarva Medical Institute.

tary Mujib-ur Rahman on Wednesday said that incumbent provincial government is taking practical Gaza. 'He appreciated the efsteps to provide better forts of National Disaster Manmedical facilities to the agement Authority (NDMA) people at the official level and directed to continue humanitarian assistance in pursu-