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Karachi

tive impact on the

A few days back, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had tasked Deputy

PM Ishaq Dar with addressing the reservations aired by Bilawal Bhutto.
PM's Adviser on Law

and Justice Barrister Aqeel Malik had said that the

prime minister had asked

Dar to contact the PPP's

leadership and address the allied party's reservations.

the deputy premier would soon hold a meeting with Mr Bhutto-Zardari in this

regard, adding that some

misunderstanding might

have caused those reserva-

that during a media talk on Thursday (November 14), the PPP cha-irman

had accused PML-N of

reneging on commitments

after the passage of the 26th Constitutional

Amendment.

Malik further said that

It may be recalled

Bilawal urges Centre

to review six canals

project on Sindh River

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-kistan People's Party tive impact on the (PPP) Chairman and former economy."

foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has de-manded the federal govern-

ment to review the 'six ca-nals project' under Green

Pakistan Initiative on River

Sindh and first take all the

stakeholders into confi-

dence regarding the project.

In a video statement released on Thursday,

Bilawal Bhutto maintained

that he feared the project

would become controver-

sial if objections raised by

Sindh and Balochistan were

vised the Centre not to ini-

tiate such projects which

would become controversial like Kalabagh Dam

"Try to evolve consensus among provinces.

We can make Green Pakistan Initiative a success,"

Bilawal said and warned

"Forcing opinion on others

will result in political insta-

The PPP chairman ad-

not heeded

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At least 40 dead in gun attack on passenger vans in Kurram district

SHO says 25 people injured; Kurram DC says two separate convoys were of members of the Shia community; President Zardari, KP CM condemn attack.

KURRAM (Agencies): At least 40 people were killed and several others injured medical team medical team. when unidentified gunmen opend fire on passenger vehicles in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's (K-P) Kurram district on Thursday.

The convoy, which was en route from Parachinar to Peshawar, came under heavy fire in the Ochut area, a remote part of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

According to police, the gunmen targeted the convoy from surrounding hills, hitting several vehicles with automatic gunfire.

Authorities reported that the attack left 38 dead, including a woman, while several of the wounded are in critical condition, raising concerns that the death toll

Soon after the incident, medical teams quickly re-

sponded, transferring injured passengers to nearby hospitals. The provincial government has deployed additional security forces to the region, while officials confirmed a perimeter has been established around Ochut as search operations continue for the attackers.

The motivations beunclear, and no group has yet claimed responsibility. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, while con-

demning the incident at a press conference in Islamabad, confirmed that Zardari on Thursday the gun attack.

dent, Naqvi contacted the passengers vehicles

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur to discuss the growing terrorist attacks in the province. Both agreed to enhance cooperation in the fight against terrorism.
CM Gandapur

Gandapur emphasised the need for stronger coordination on security matters. Condemning the attack, he ordered the provincial law minister, relevant lawmakers, and the hind the ambush remain chief secretary to visit Kurram, closely monitor the situation, and submit a detailed report.

President, 38 people were martyred in strongly condemned the incident of firing took place Following the inci- in Kurram district targeting



Commandos for counter terrorism activities on the sidelines of the 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS-2024) under the aegis of Defense Export Promotion Organization (DEPO), held at Nishan-e-Pakistan Park located on Seaview Beach Karachi.

CM Sindh says: IDEAS 2024 further solidifies Pakistan's position as key player in global defence, diplomacy

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday said that IDEAS 2024 has further solidified Pakistan's position as a key player in global defence and diplomacy, with the nation firmly committed to fostering peace through strength and collaboration.

He noted that Karachi witnessed a momentous occasion today as Pakistan hosted the International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS) 2024 under the theme "Arms for Peace." The event showcased Pakistan's military prowess, technological advancements, and unwavering commitment to peace and regional stability.

Addressing an esteemed audience at Nishanakistan, which included

defence experts, diplomats and industry leaders worldwide, the CM expressed sincere gratitude to international guests for their participation. "Your presence underscores the importance of collaboration and mutual respect in addressing common challenges. Events like these remind us of our

shared commitment to sta-

bility, peace, and diplo-macy," he remarked.

The Karachi Show, a key highlight of IDEAS 2024, featured spectacular demonstrations by the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force. The CM said that the show emphasised Pakistan's readiness to defend its borders and uphold the values

of freedom and democracy. At the event, special such as terrorism, piracy, gnition was given to the

senior military officials, Pakistan Navy for organizing an impressive display, highlighting its professionalism and dedication to safeguarding the country's maritime interests.

Murad Shah reaffirmed that Pakistan's philosophy of "strength for peace" was emphasized. He stated, "Military capability should serve as a deterrent to conflict rather than as an instrument of aggression. Our goal remains peace and stability.'

The event also showcased Pakistan's advancements in the defence industry, with indigenous products meeting international standards, reflecting the nation's progress toward self-reliance. Delegates explored opportunities for collaboration on challenges



to convene CCI meeting KARACHI (INP): Chief nal problems, which re-

Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah urged the federal government to convene meeting of the Council of Common Interest (CCI).

As per details, the Sindh CM said that Article 154 (3) made it mandatary for the federal government to summon the CCI meeting within 90 days however no meeting has been summoned in last nine months.

He maintained that as per the constitution three sessions should have been summoned by now (after nine months).

Yesterday, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has demanded in a letter that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif should summon an immediate session of the Council of Common Interest (CCI).

'Provinces currently grappling with scores of economic and other inter-

quired convening a meeting of the CCI, "KP chief minister wrote in a letter addressed to the prime minis-

He said the CCI session will help to settle scores of mutual issues among the federal government and provinces.

"Convening a session of the CCI within 90 days period, has been mandatory under Article 154," the letter read. "Previous session of the Council of Common Interest was held in January this year," KP chief minister pointed out in his

It's worth mentioning here that PPP-led Sindh government and the Centre are currently at odds as Bilawal Bhutto Zardari yesterday declined a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, requested by the federal government following his criticism.



structure, Abdulkadir Uraloðlu with Federal Minister Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan on the eve of COP29.

Big blow to PTI IHC bars protests, urges interior minister to engage PTI for peaceful dialogue

Monitoring Desk tests are conducted ISLAMABAD. In light of within constitutional limrecent legislative developments surrounding public protests, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued a directive prohibiting demon-strations, rallies, and sitins that violate the new law on public gatherings.

However, the court has instructed Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi to initiate peaceful negotiations with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to ensure that future pro-

Chief Justice Aamer Farooq issued a five-page written order in response to PTI's petition challenging the restrictions on public protests on Thurs-

The IHC directed the Interior Secretary to form a committee, either under the leadership of the Interior Minister or a suitable official, to facilitate dialogue with PTI's leadership.

view meeting of the Public Procurement and Good Governance. **Sharieel Memon urges Federal Government** to prioritize Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway for National Economic Growth

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif chairing a re-

Independent Report Motorway is not just a Azam Zahrani, Sajid Awan,

Court Reporters Associa- nalists. He also highlighted KARACHI: Sindh Senior
Minister Sharjeel Inam
Memon said that the
Hyderabad-Sukkur
Motoryon is retired to in Karachi. The delegation, which included Liaquat Ali Rana, Amin
Anwar, Asghar Umar,



matter for the Sindh government but for the entire country. The motorway is essential for the country's economy as it supports businesses nationwide. The federal government should prioritize the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway project and begin work as soon as possible so that the entire nation can benefit. He made these remarks while speaking to a delegation of the sional development of jour-

Shahid Hussain, Zafar Soomro, and others, met with Sindh Senior Minister and Provincial Minister for Information, Transport, and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon.

Talking to journalists, Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the Sindh government has taken several steps for

ICC Champions Trophy 2025 displayed at National Stadium Karachi



KARACHI (INP): As part of Pakistan's preparations for the ICC Champions Trophy, the coveted trophy was put on display at the National Stadium Karachi. The event included a special photo session, drawing

cricket enthusiasts and officials eager to catch a glimpse of the prestigious prize. Following the photo session, the trophy will be taken to various iconic locations in Karachi, allowing fans across

the city to celebrate the occasion. The ICC Champions Trophy tour highlights Pakistan's role as a host nation, generating excitement ahead of the much-anticipated tournament.

the important role of court reporters in maintaining transparency and accountability within the judicial system. He told the delegation that fitness certificates are being issued for old buses, but there are only two inspectors in Karachi, which is insufficient to cover all the vehicles. Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that each department has a specific role, and if each department performs its responsibilities efficiently, many prob-lems can be resolved. He also noted that the Red Line BRT project includes the pipeline of the K-4 water project along with other utilities, which has caused some delays. Despite several challenges, work on the BRT project is progressing rapidly. He further mentioned that work on the BRT was halted during the caretaker government, resulting in delays and difficulties for the public.

He said that Karachi needs 15,000 buses to meet the growing demand for public transport. The Sindh government is actively purchasing double-decker buses along with other buses. The People's Bus Service has been launched in Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, Larkana, and

The Sindh government is working to provide services like the People's Bus Service in every city of the province. He said that to reduce traffic pressure on Karachi's roads, illegal bus stands have been relocated outside the city.

KARACHI: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza visiting 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar-24 at Expo Center. **Acting Governor Sindh** visits IDEAS 2024 KARACHI (INP): Acting Governor Sindh, Syed Awais Qadir Shah Thursday visited the International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS 2024) at the Karachi tion in defense and Expo Centre.

Shah toured various pavilions showcasing advanced defense technologies and equipment. He Pakistan's defense sector and the tireless efforts of the Pakistan Armed Forces, whose unconditional efforts and dedication have made it

tion to host such a globally renowned Speaking on the occasion, the Acting Governor "IDEAS 2024 is a

Pakistan. It not only reflects the strength of our defense sector but also serves as a vital platform for promoting inter-national collabora-

security.' During his visit, He also appreci-Syed Awais Qadir ated the role of the Sindh government in hosting this prestigious exhibition, emphasizing its importance in positioning praised Pakistan as a key player on the global

defense stage.
IDEAS 2024 has brought together exhibitors from 55 countries, offering a significant platform for advancing defense cooperation, showcasing cutting-edge technology, and building strategic partnerships. The event will continue until November 22,



said,

possible for the na-

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf being briefed at a stall during **IDEAS 2024.**

Commissioner **Karachi imposes** ban on littering garbage into nullahs

Independent Report KARACHI: The Commissioner, Karachi Division, has imposed complete ban on lit-tering, throwing of garbage, solid waste, dumping of debris and other materials into the Nullahs of Karachi Division by waste pickers, scavengers, recyclers or any individual / person for a period of 02 months w.e.f. 20.11.2024 to 19.01.2025, with immediate effect.

The Station House Officers (SHOs) of concerned Police Stations are authorized to register complaints under Section 188 PPC in writing against the violation of Sec tion 144 Cr.PC.

Qureshi posted as Secretary Agriculture Sindh

KARACHI (APP): Suhail Ahmed Qureshi, an officer of PSS (BS-20) presently posted as secretary (GA) Services, General Administration & Coordination, was transferred and posted as Secretary Agriculture, Supply & Prices Department with immediate effect vice Rafique Ahmed Buriro transferred.

According to notification issued here on Thursday, Rafique Ahmed Buriro, an officer of PAS (BS-20), Secretary Agriculture, Supply and Prices was transferred and directed to report to Service, General Administration & Coordination, Sindh.

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Military option

Considering that Balochistan has been experiencing a steady wave of terrorist violence over the past few months, particularly involving Baloch separatist groups, it is no surprise that the state has decided to use armed force to quell the insurgency.

Using the platform of the Apex Committee, the civil and military leadership said on Tuesday that an operation would be launched to counter terrorism and separatist violence in the province, while Nacta would be revitalised under the vision of Azm-i-Istehkam. The meeting also announced that a National and Provincial Intelligence Fusion and Threat Assessment Centre would be created and a "whole-of-system approach" adopted.

It is clear why the state has to take firm action to restore peace in Balochistan. In August, terrorists launched a coordinated series of attacks in different parts of the province; such incidents have been occurring since then with disturbing regularity. They include the massacre of miners in Dukki in October, as well as the bombings in Mastung and at the Quetta railway station earlier this month. In fact, the railway station atrocity, in which a large number of civilians were martyred along with security personnel, may have played a decisive role in the state's decision to launch a military operation.

Apart from these incidents, there have been numerous grisly murders of non-Baloch workers, as well as the suicide bombing in October outside Karachi airport in which two Chinese nationals were killed. The latter incident threatened to imperil Pakistan's relationship with Beijing. All these violent acts have been linked to Baloch separatists.

Yet it should be remembered that although Balochistan has witnessed numerous military operations over the decades, they have largely failed to bring long-lasting peace to the province. This time, with Nacta on board, things could be different. While the state goes after terrorists, innocent people should not be hauled away and there must be transparency regarding the operations. If relatives of the insurgents, especially women and children, are targeted in the name of tackling terrorism, it will be counterproductive and breed more disaffection.

As this paper has said before, while restoring peace is essential, addressing Balochistan's socioeconomic deprivation is equally important as terrorists exploit poverty and underdevelopment in the resource-rich province to turn people against the state. Moreover, the state will need to keep channels open with the Afghan Taliban to ensure that Baloch insurgents are not able to find sanctuary in their country.

Better ties with Kabul can help thwart the malignant designs of the "hostile foreign powers' that the Apex Committee identified. Some regional states, such as India, are deepening relations with the Afghan Taliban. For peace in Balochistan and elsewhere in the country, Pakistan cannot afford to ignore these developments and must keep the lines open with Kabul

Romancing the word

F.S. Aijazuddin

Friday November 22, 2024

Could this space be better used than to pen a requiem to a fellow writer and columnist? Khaled Ahmed passed away last Sunday, in Lahore, just as the suffocating smog lifted, making life for those who have survived him livable.

Inevitably, memoir of a friend must begin with one's first encounter. I met Khaled in the winter of 1966. I had returned from London after qualifying as a chartered accountant. Khaled was still studying at Government College, Lahore. We were both invited by Farrukhnigar Aziz to perform in Anton Chekhov's heavy drama The Seagull.

kistan) had banned plays being performed by men with women. Mixed students in Government College could not act together but the GC stage was available to host actors. Farrukhnigar cobbled together a small group which christened itself

the Alpha Players (the

first of hopefully many). Shamim Ahmed (later Mrs Zafar Hilaly) played the lead role of Nina. Agha Ghazanfar (later Khaled's colleague reached the door of the in the Civil Service) played her love sick swain Konstantin. Khaled had a lesser role Dorn. With more ambition than talent, I played the lead role of the amorous novelist Trigorin. I also volunteered to design the

The challenge came in finding a dead seagull and bounced.

Russian costumes and

the sets

Foreign Service, Khaled fore and after Mr Z.A. worked with Sohail Iftikhar (son of the Congress politician Mian Iftikharuddin). Sohail had

established Nigarishat, with the aim of publishing Urdu translations of historical classics. Khaled's bilingual talents were evident in its first publication — a translation into Urdu of Niccolao Manucci's Storia Do Mogor, Vol. 1: Or Mogul India; 1653-1708, an account of Mughal history under Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb. Khaled often re-

called Nigarishat's teething problems, of Sohail's oversize desk that got wedged on the staircase, forcing every visitor to clamber up or slide down. Khaled's facility with Nawab Kalabagh languages enabled him to then governor West Pa-master Russian. He

served in Moscow under ambassador Jamsheed Marker. Khaled recalled Marker and himself being summoned to the Kremlin in the early hours one wintry morning. The Russians wanted to express their displeasure over the Indo-Pak conflict in December 1971. Ambassador Marker and Khaled were made to wait for some time. Then they heard feet stride purposefully along a very long corridor. The sound waiting room. A senior Russian diplomat entered, looked at them, and said: "You will regret as the village doctor this." He then left as abruptly and slammed the door behind him. His footsteps resounded as he retraced his heavy tread along the cavernous cor-

In time, Khaled left diplomacy to its own devices. He rejoined an earin upcountry Lahore. I lier love — philology. He fabricated a facsimile in consorted with a harem cloth. It should have of words. He chose to worked, except that when live in his own world, one Konstantin tossed the in which suits and ties bird at Nina's feet, it and personal ambition bounced, and bounced, had no place. He pre-After graduating motor car. He wore guage, and for language' but before joining our shalwar-kameez long be- -- Courtesy Dawn

Bhutto and Gen Ziaul Haq

had made it mandatory. He helped an upwardly mobile Pathan entrepreneur Rehmat Shah Afridi establish an English newspaper The Frontier Post, here in Lahore. Despite Khaled's editorial skills, the newspaper lost money by the bagful. Once, Rehmat Shah admitted that when he asked his co-Pathan sponsors in Peshawar whether they should not cut their losses, he was told: "Your job is to run the paper. Our job is to find the money for it." He added candidly: "We see it as an admission fee. How else can we penetrate the Punjabi upper

During his long career, Khaled jumped from one journalistic ice-floe to an--other — writing for whichever paper or journal could sustain his intellectual weight. He wrote inimitable articles and editorials, ending his career as consulting editor with the Pakistani edition of Newsweek.

On a personal level, Khaled mentored my wife Shahnaz during her early days as a writer. He became a kind and perceptive reviewer of my books as and when they came out. We exchanged our publications as politicians trade un-pointed barbs, more out of professional respect rather than a venal rivalry.

Khaled's only son lives abroad. Khaled's lineal descendants though are his writings. His genealogy is traceable in his kinship with words. Khaled Ahmed has gone. He has left behind 20 books and a plethora of informed, often provocative, always thoughtful opinions. His enduring legacy though is that special aura, what the French philosopher Gaston Bachelard described as "a special kind of beauty ... ferred a motorcycle to a born in language, of lan-

Resource dilemma

Umer Farooq

Pakistan has turned to two US law firms to fend off Tehran's penalty claim over the delayed gas pipeline project with Iran. Does this sound familiar? It should if we recall Reko Diq. Just recently, Pakistan settled a lawsuit with Barrick Gold over the Reko Diq mining project. And here we are again, staring down the barrel of another costly legal showdown estimated around \$18 billion. Pakistan's most

profound lesson from history may be this: it seldom truly learns from it. The same mistakes are replayed like a broken record. The past seems to hold wisdom, but for some reason, we don't heed it, and then arrive at a point when the world's courts have tion only begins when a summons arrives — until then, we're content to sit back and watch.

Pipelines have become synonymous with anti-climate pursuits, often cutting through indigenous lands and infringing on land rights. But the Pakistan-Iran about energy; it's a display of global power dynamics. Here, geopolitics takes centre stage, overshadowing enviindigenous rights.

ronmental concerns and In 2009, Islamabad inked a deal with Tehran to import up to a billion cubic feet of gas daily via a cross-border pipeline. Fast forward to 2024, and Pakistan has yet to lay a single pipe on its side. The reason? Ostensibly the fear of American sanctions. Iran, having completed the pipeline at its end, is demanding that Pakistan fulfil its commitment or face a hefty \$18bn penalty. In response, Pakistan has enlisted two US-based management, be it explolaw firms to defend its ration or import of re- Courtesy Dawn

scores a decade of missed opportunities and geopolitical hesitamove beyond excuses and pipelines on paper.

sanctions over this cannot afford to waste pipeline project with taxpayer money on law-Iran is a reminder of suits. Western influence dictating local energy choices. Pakistan faces a massive gas supplydemand gap that is only growing wider. This cross-border pipeline could deliver up to a billion cubic feet of gas per day to an energystarved nation, which is desperate for relief.

The winds change are blowing, and America is set to have a different administration; however, its Iran policy to chase us down. Ac- may remain unchanged or even take a harsher turn compared to the one under the Biden administration. Hence, exthe Iran-Pakistan pipeline is not realistic. As the global bal-

ance shifts from West to East — despite the elecgas pipeline isn't just tion of Donald Trump as the next US president the rules of the power change. Western hegemony is on the decline. Pakistan — and many other countries — may no longer have to navigate their energy needs transfer of power will not only alter the way interaddressed but will also ergy redefine the very nature coupled with smart interof those challenges. Papressing need to meet its own energy demands independently. Yet, we still lated to the resources egy that safeguards the

inaction. This legal sources. For a country of manoeuvring under- our size, meeting energy demands requires solid, well-thought-out plans. Major decisions must tions. As energy short- account for global conages persist, one won- sequences. Poor manders when Pakistan will agement will leave us vulnerable to court battles. In a dollar-The US threat of starved economy, we

> With Trump's reelection, Pakistan faces even greater urgency in addressing the pipeline issue. We must anticipate a hard-line stance from the new Trump administration, which is likely to increase the pressure on Pakistan to abandon projects that involve Iran, thus raising the stakes for our economy. Avoiding cost--ly fines and tensions with Iran requires immediate action.

Pakistan should explore alternative financing and partnerships for its energy projects, ones that align with global dypecting a different namics yet meet our critistance from the US on cal energy needs. By resolving this quickly, we protect economy from punitive measures and redirect funds to essential sectors rather than legal

battles. Looking forward, game are bound to Pakistan needs a strategic, long-term approach to energy and resource management. means establishing policies that leverage our natural under the shadow of sustainably while re-Western power. This maining adaptable to transfer of power will not geopolitical shifts. Develop-ing our domesnational challenges are tic infrastructure for enindependence, national alliances, will kistan has come to realise better position Pakistan its potential in abundant to navigate external presnatural resources and the sures without compromising on economic sta-

It is time to prioritise lack effective policies re- a resilient energy stratcountry's future.

Commerce News

Ethiopian embassy, TDAP agree to join hands for **Single Country Exhibition**

ISLAMABAD (APP): strategies to sensitize the had shown promising The Embassy of Ethiopia traders of both the results, addressing macro-Development Authority of business and trade pakistan (TDAP) on opportunities in each other creating ease of doing providing a providing a Thursday agreed to forge countries' major economic business and providing a collaboration for holding the Single Country Exhibition in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during the next year in a successful

crucial collaboration came under discussion during a meeting between Dr. Jemal Beker Abdula, Special Envoy and and Zubair Motiwala, Chief Executive of the

TDAP.

attended by Sheryar Taj, Secretary TDAP, Abdul Karim Memon DG TDAP, Exhibition. and Ibrahim Tawab, Honorary Consul to Ethiopia in Karachi.

During the meeting, the Home Grown both sides discussed Economic Reforms which

sectors processing, pharmaceutical, surgical

material, steel and aluminum. They agreed to launch Ambassador Extraordinary a joint awareness shows the strategic of Ethiopia to Pakistan, campaign in all the major importance of Ethiopia and cities of the Islamic safe mobilize the business citizens. The meeting was also community for their

> in the Single Country Jemal said the Government of Ethiopia has undertaken

Trade countries about the economic imbalances, including conducive environment for agriculture and agro attracting the foreign direct investment.

He said the capital items, automotive, city of Ethiopia—Addis Information Technology, Ababa—is a third Information Technology, Ababa—is a third leather and leather diplomatic hub hosting a products, construction number of international conferences every year including the African Union Summit. "This and Republic of Pakistan to environment for the global

He said Ethiopia maximum participation offered a comparative advantage to the Pakistani investors in terms of Ambassador Dr. strategic location, cheap, clean and green energy, skilled labour, and on top of that full-fledged support from the Government.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a meeting with FBR officials to appreciate their performance for Sales Tax fraud TAPI project crucial for meeting country's energy needs: Dr. Musadik

ISLAMABAD (APP): the TAPI initiative. Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr Musadik Malik, Pakistan's determination to which the Minister complete the Turkmenistan-

Afghanistan-Pakistanproject, calling it crucial for meeting the country's energy needs. In a meeting Thursday with Turkmenistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Atadjan Movlamov, the Minister

The ambassador invited Dr. Musadik Malik emphasized to visit Turkmenistan, warmly appreciated.

During the meeting, Ambassador Movlamov India (TAPI) gas pipeline commended Pakistan's recent economic progress and highlighted an improvement in the financial country's situation.

He noted growing international investor interest in Pakistan,

PRA integrates e-IMS with PoS

Electronic Sale (PoS) system.

The integration of PRA's e-IMS with PoS system would simplify tax processes for taxpayers as they will not require integration with two separate system of two revenue organisations, according to spokespersons PRÁ

Public hearings continue across LESCO region LAHORE (APP): On the

special instructions of the Ministry of Power Division, a series of Open Kachehry

Chief Executive Engineer Shahid Haider said here Thursday that public/customers hearings are being conducted in all eight circles of LESCO. The public is also being informed about this in advance through the media.

Pakistan wins "Best Pavilion" award at **Global Sourcing Expo**

SLAMABAD (APP): In Pakistan's outstanding the Federal Minister for international stage. Commerce Jam Kamal 'Best Pavilion" Award at

Global Sourcing Expo. Pakistan, the country's pavilion was awarded the prestigious "Best Pavilion" award at the Global Sourcing Expo held at the Melbourne Convention Center from November 19 to 21, 2024, said a press release issued here on Thursday.

This achievement highlights leadership of Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal directives

the visionary leadership of representation on the

The Global Sourcing Khan, Pakistan won the Expo, the largest exhibition for textiles, leather, and home textile products in the In a moment for Oceania region, featured exhibitors from major exporting nations, including China, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, and South Africa. Amid fierce competition, Pakistan's pavilion stood out for its superior design, engaging displays, and the exceptional quality of its showcased products.

This success is the result of Federal Minister Jam Kamal Khan's Khan, whose strategic forward-thinking ensured approach.



Kazakhstan, Alibek Bakayev, meets with Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain.

Sharjah-Pakistan Business Roundtable highlights shared vision for economic growth

in Sharjah) and the Pakistan Business Council Thursday.

and entrepreneurs to share mutual trust and ties and fostering bilateral investments between economic relations. Sharjah and Pakistan. "Pakistan, w

Speaking at the event, resilient Consul General Hussain Muhammad highlighted the historic and deeprooted relationship collaboration.

SHARJAH (APP): The between Pakistan and Sharjah FDI Office (Invest the UAE. He emphasized that

the bond between the two in Sharjah hosted the countries is built on shared Sharjah-Pakistan Business values, traditions, and a Roundtable here on collective commitment to progress. He further noted The event brought that the leadership of together over 200 investors Pakistan and the UAE explore opportunities for confidence and have a strengthening economic strong desire to expand political, trade, and

"Pakistan, with its resilient economy, workforce, and abundant natural resources, offers immense potential for

Canadian-Pakistanis briefed about Roshan Digital Account's benefits

Commission, Ottawa, on Remittance Initiative (PRI) Wednesday hosted a webinar at which the Pakistan; Nofel Daud, Canadian-Pakistani Chief Digital Officer, Bank community was apprised of the benefits and Head of opportunities offered by the Roshan Digital Account Ishtiak Ahmed Akil, Consul (RDA), a flagship programme of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) in collaboration Pakistani commercial banks. RDA allows oversees Pakistanis to have access to banking services within Pakistan without having to visit a consulate,

embassy, or a bank branch. organized in cooperation with the Bank of Punjab million individuals and State Bank of Pakistan to engage with the Pakistani diaspora across Canada. The panelists included Shah Faisal Kakar, Acting High

OTTAWA (APP): The Commissioner; Syed Ali Pakistan High Raza, Head of Pakistan at the State Bank of of Punjab; Salman Saeed,

Remittances Division; General, Montreal; Khalil Ahmed Bajwa, Consul General, Toronto; Ghulam Hussain, Acting Consul General, Vancouver; and Altamash Janjua, Trade and Investment Counsellor, Canada. A press release of the High Commission said webinar highlighted the integral role of the Canadian-The webinar was Pakistani community comprising over half a

development.

Total liquid foreign contributing significantly to diverse sectors such as finance, technology, healthcare, and economic 15,965.5 million.

Pak total liquid foreign reserves near \$16 billion

KARACHI (APP): The

total liquid foreign reserves of Pakistan stood at US\$ 15,967.7 million as of November 15, 2024 while the forex reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan increased to \$ 11,288 million.

"During the week ended on 15-Nov-2024, SBP reserves increased by US\$ 29 million to US\$ 11,288.0 million," the State Bank of Pakistan, informed in a statement issued here on Thursday. Meanwhile, net foreign reserves held by commercial banks were recorded as \$ 4,679.7

reserves held by the country, in the previous week ended on November 08, 2024, were \$

expressed gratitude for attributing the credit to Turkmenistan's Prime Minister Shahbaz unwavering commitment to Sharif and his team's efforts. **PCJCCI stresses establishing**

'Digital Silk Road' LAHORE and Industry (PCJCCI) has urged the government to take a lead in developing "Digital Silk Road" for having maximum benefits out of the economic corridor to be constructed by China in the Asia-

Pacific region PCJCCI President Nazir Hussain stated this during a think tank session held here at PCJCCI Secretariat Thursday.

He said the roads and railways are easy enough to build, but it is hard to cultivate mental harmony among people that holds more importance in regional

(APP): connectivity. Information Pakistan-China Joint has become a core resource Chambers of Commerce and is crucial to international cooperation. "The next leap for

regional connectivity is to

Asia-Pacific create Information Superhighway," he said. Infrastructure development progressing steadily for

the China proposed Belt

and Road Initiative, but parallel with communication infrastructure network connecting Asia, Europe, and Africa, there is dire need of breaking the barriers of information among the connecting nations, he added

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) is integrating its Invoice Monitoring System (e-IMS) system with the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) Points of

Thursday.

(public/ customers hearings) are being held in the LESCO region with the aim of solving the problems faced by the consumers in electricity bills and other matters immediately.

All the SDOs along with their teams are ensuring regular holding of open kachehry in their subdivisions on a daily basis.

Maryam meets NDU delegation, briefs participants on Punjab development initiatives

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif Thursday met the participants in the 26th National Security Workshop of the National University (NDU), who gave her the title of 'Super CM'.

die issue of ment. Every our pointed arimations. Our aim is to promote decline due to lack of patriotism. Inflation is low

She gave the accountability. The participants a two-hour journey of development performance. The head of the National Security Workshop delegation said that it was a blessing to come to Punjab, where sincerity and effort for the people is clearly visible. 'By coming to Punjab, we have come from darkness to light," he added.

overall situation in Punjab possible. Positive effects mega achievement.

Information Technology.

delegation from the United

Nations Office on Drugs and

Crime (UNODC) Pakistan,

comprising Syed Arslan

Malik and Fatima Raza,

along with Executive

Director of the Youth

Development Foundation,

Shahid Rehmat held an

important meeting with

Provincial Minister for

Minorities Affairs Ramesh

Singh Arora and Secretary

of Human Rights and

Minority Affairs Punjab

Ali Bahadur Qazi.

CITY UNIVERSITY

PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam

Chaudhry and President City University Sabur

Sethi awarding degree to a graduate student at the

13th Convocation of City University of Science and

UNODC delegation

calls on Minister Arora

The meeting was held term strategies for

discuss UNODC's supporting marginalized and

ongoing projects in Punjab minority communities.

and explore opportunities

for collaboration with the

department to further

strengthen initiatives for the

welfare and development of

minority communities. The

meeting primarily focused on UNODC's efforts in the

region, especially those

aimed at promoting minority

rights, social inclusion, and

sustainable development.

The delegation emphasised

the need for aligning the

ongoing projects with the

Punjab government's long-

Minority

provincial

LAHORE (APP): Punjab is better than other of government's measures provinces. recommendation in any sort of appointment has of health and treatment been made in Punjab. I do facilities. "We are all not pay heed to anyone on Pakistanis irrespective of the issue of merit. Every our political affiliations. the accountability. briefing on the government and prosperity gets affected due to political instability. Unfortunately

allowed to function properly." work that has a positive impact on the lives of 15 crore people is my priority. We want to bringing it down from 38 The CM said, "The control smog as soon as per cent to 7 per cent is a

the governments are not

are coming to light. People lose their lives due to lack decline due to lack of patriotism. Inflation is low The and foreign exchange reserves are increasing in Pakistan. The stock market has broken all records; IT exports are increasing With increasing exports dependence on foreign aid decreases, we will be able She added, "Every to live our lives with pride and dignity." Maryam Nawaz said, "Controlling Nawaz said, "Controlling hill took inflation is an uphill task,

Kundi condemns attack on passenger vehicles in Kurram

PESHAWAR Governor Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, strongly condemned the attack the passenger in Lower vehicles Kurram district on Thursday

sorrow over the loss of more than 30 precious He prayed for the elevation of the deceased's ranks and offered his heartfelt condolences sympathy to the grieving

expressed his deep

families, wishing them patience and strength. Governor Kundi described the firing as an extremely heinous act and expressed grave concern over the incident, especially considering it occurred

despite the presence of

convoy. emphasized that the ruthless perpetrators, responsible shedding the blood of innocent passengers, should receive leniency.



with a delegation of Parliamentary Leader of PPP Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, and MNA, Syed Ali Qasim Gillani in Governor House.

PPP is not in favor of bill to impose agricultural tax on farmers: Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan People's Party in Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, and Member of National Assembly, Syed Ali Qasim Gillani met with Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in Governor House Lahore. During the meeting, various

were discussed. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the country's economy depends on agriculture. Farmers play an important role in the country's economy. He said that Pakistan People's

issues faced by the farmers

voice in favor of farmers. Governor Punjab said that People's Party is not in favor of the bill to impose agricultural tax on farmers. He said that Pakistan People's Party walked out during the presentation of the recent bill of imposing agricultural tax on farmers in the Punjab Assembly. Governor Punjab said that the support price of wheat was announced at Rs 3900 by the government, but it was sold in the market at a much lower price. Governor Punjab said that fertilizers and seeds are very expensive. He said that the farmer is already perturbed over inflation, adding that 45% agricultural tax is Party has always raised its injustice to the farmers.

Azma Bokhari says: PTI's 90pc members against Nov-24 protest

Information Minister Azma Bokhari has said that 90 per cent of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) members are opposed to the protest scheduled for November 24.

In a statement, issued on Thursday, she said that by chanting the slogans of 'Al-jihad Al-jihad', the PTI had proven itself the political wing of TTP
(Tehrik-e-Taliban
Pakistan). She said that

Members in the assessed adding that Aliya Kha
Sher Afzal Marwat.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab activists of the jihadist party themselves with weapons, shells, slingshots, glass and rubber bullets, etc. She said Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa chief minister was being used as a pawn against the federation. The minister said Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi's authoritarian and demeaning attitude had caused a rift among her members in the assembly,

adding that Aliya Khan and

FBR officer shot dead a citizen over 'monetary issue'

PESHAWAR (APP): A man was killed by an officer of FBR in front of Customs House here Thursday, said SP Cantt Aitzaz Árif.

He said the Additional Commissioner In-land Revenue FBR identified as Irfan Ullah, resident of Swat presently residing in Shaheen Muslim Town here shot dead a citizen, Abdur Rehman which the police said was probably a result of some monetary dispute. However, in a prompt action by Town Police, the accused was arrested and a double barrel gun was recovered from him. Police said the accused seemed to be mentally disturbed.

Man killed. son injured in road accident FAISALABAD (APP): A

man was killed and his son suffered injuries in a road accident near Gatwala on Wednesday night.

According to police, Tahir Nadeem (51), along with his son Zeeshan (20) was going on motorcycle Gatwala Sheikhupura road when they collided with another motorbike coming from the opposite side. Meanwhile, a speeding car ran over Tahir from the rear side. As a result, Tahir Nadeem died on the spot. and submit a detailed report. across the province.

Governor Kundi to convene APC to address security, governance issues in KP (APP): unfortunately

Khyber Governor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday expressed grave concern over the deteriorating security situation in the province and announced to All-Parties convene Conference (APC) in early December to address security and governance issues in the province.

In a video message released here by the Governor Secretariat, he criticized the provincial government over its negligence in addressing the

Governor recalled that he repeatedly took up the KP's issues with the Prime Minister with and the President but

provincial government had failed to take meaningful steps to ensure the safety of its citizens. They are busy in organizing protests in

Islamabad or seeking the release of their party's founder, while the province is left at the mercy of terrorists. The government has completely failed to protect the lives and property of the people," he

He said the APC would bring together all political parties in the province to discuss solutions for security challenges, allocation, and KP's issues federal government



ers Association are holding protest demonstration for demanding protection, in Hyderabad.

KP CM condemns armed attack on passenger vehicles in Kurram

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Furthermore, the chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, has strongly condemned the armed attack on passenger vehicles in the Uchaat area of Kurram

district on Thursday. Expressing sorrow over the tragic loss of lives in this heinous incident, the chief minister has tasked a delegation comprising the provincial law minister, the local MNA, MPA, and the Chief Secretary to visit Kurram, assess the ground realities

minister has instructed the reactivation of a previously held tribal jirga to help stabilize the situation in the area. Ali Amin Gandapur emphasized that the provincial government, police and all relevant institutions are making concerted efforts to improve law and order in the region. As part of these measures, he directed the concerned authorities to expedite the establishment of a Provincial Highways Police to ensure

the safety of all major routes

International News

ICC issues arrest warrants for Israel's PM Netanyahu, Gallant

Monitoring Desk THE HAGUE: The International Criminal Court (ICC) on Thursday issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence Minister Yoav Gallant, as well as Hamas's military chief Mohammed

"The Chamber issued warrants of arrest for two individuals, Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant, for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed from at least October 8, 2023, until at least May 20, 2024, the day the prosecution filed the applications for warrants of arrest," the Haguebased ICC said in a statement. A warrant had also added in a separate state-

The arrest warrants had been classified as "secret", to protect witnesses and to safeguard the conduct of the investigations, the court said. "However, the Cham-

information below since conduct similar to that addressed in the warrant of arrest appears to be ongoing," the tribunal said.

"Moreover, the Chamber considers it to be in the

ICC chief prosecutor Karim Khan in May requested the court issue ar-

been issued for Deif, it rest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant over alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza. Netanyahu sacked

Gallant as defence minister

on November 5.

Khan also sought warrants against top Hamas leaders, including Deif, on ber decided to release the suspicion of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

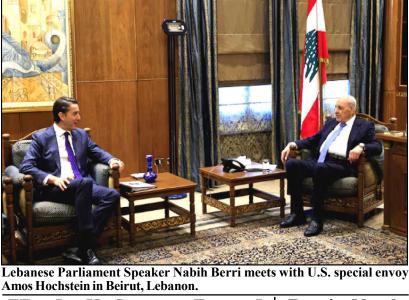
dropped the application for former Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh on August 2 "because of the changed circumstances caused by Mr interest of victims and their Haniyeh's death" in Tehran families that they are made on July 31, the ICC earlier aware of the warrants' ex- said in a statement. According to Israel, Deif was killed by a strike on July 13 in southern Gaza, though

Chinese defense minister declines meeting with Pentagon chief

Multilateral gatherings of national security officials in Asia have been used in the past for meetings between US and Chinese defense leaders, but China declined a meeting request by Austin during this week's Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Plus defense ministers

affects the region because the region really wants to see us, you know, two significant players in the region, two significant powers, talk to each other,"

"I don't think that it has any sort of implications for the future.



Amos Hochstein in Beirut, Lebanon.

Hezbollah says Israel 'cannot impose conditions' for truce

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Hezbollah's leader delivered a defiant speech on Wednesday (Nov 20) saying Israel cannot impose its conditions for a truce, as US envoy Amos Hochstein headed from Lebanon to Israel to try to end the

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar, in a near-simultaneous statement, said any ceasefire deal must ensure Israel has the "freedom to act' against Hezbollah.

Hochstein nounced in Lebanon that

Wednesday to try to seal a ceasefire agreement in the war in Lebanon, which escalated in late September after nearly a year of deadly exchanges of fire across Israel's northern

Israel expanded the focus of its operations from Gaza to Lebanon, vowing to secure the north and allow tens of thousands of people displaced by the cross-border fire to return home. It has also intensified

strikes on neighbouring Syria, a key conduit of weapons for Hezbollah from its backer Iran.

Bangladesh ex-PM Khaleda Zia makes first public appearance in 6 years

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Bangladesh's illness-stricken opposition leader Khaleda Zia made her first public appearance in six years on Thursday, months after her release from house arrest following the ouster of longtime foe Sheikh

The ferocious rivalry between the two former premiers — born in blood and cemented in prison has defined politics in the

India when a student-led national uprising brought an end to her 15 years of ironfisted rule.

Her presence on Thursday at a reception to mark the country's Armed Forces Day marked her first public appearance since her

Russia, North Korea agree to boost charter flights after trade meeting **Monitoring Desk**

SEOUL: North Korea and Russia have signed a protocol on cooperation after meetings covering trade, the economy, science and technology in Pyongyang, North Korean state media KCNA said on Thursday. There were few details

in the KCNA report, but Russia's TASS news agency said on Tuesday that the countries agreed to increase charter flights following the meeting, citing Russia's ministry of natural resources. Between January and September, the number of tourists travelling between Russia and North Korea amounted to over 5,000 people, with more than 70% travelling by air, it said. The increased charter flights are expected to take off not only from Russia's eastern region close to North Korea, but also from major Russian cities in other areas, TASS said, citing the ministry. KCNA said on Thursday that the Russian delegation led by natural resources minister Alexander Kozlov, which met North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Monday. had now departed from Pyongyang. During the delegation's visit, zoo animals were transferred to North Korea as gifts from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

No hostages-for-prisoners swap deal with Israel unless Gaza war ends: Hamas

Monitoring Desk Hayya said in remarks broadcast on Wednesday that there would be no hostages-for-prisoners swap deal with Israel unless the war in the Pales-

tinian enclave ended. "Without an end to the war, there can be no prisoner swap," Hayya said in a televised interview with the group's Al-Aqsa television channel, reiterating the group's position on how to bring the war to an end.

"If the aggression is not ended, why would the resistance and in particular Hamas, return the prisoners (hostages)?" he said. "How would a sane or an insane person lose a strong card he owns while talks.

the war is continuing?' Efforts to negotiate truce for Gaza have

stalled, and the US on Wednesday vetoed a UN Security Council resolution calling for an unconditional permanent ceasefire. Washington's UN ambassador said the US would only support a resolution that explicitly calls for the immediate release of the Israeli hostages as part of a

Hayya, who led the group's negotiating team in talks with Qatari and Egyptian mediators, blamed the lack of progress on Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who in turn holds the Islamist group responsible for the stalled

US again vetoes **UNSC** attempt for Gaza truce

Monitoring Desk JNITED NATIONS: The

United States on Wednesday vetoed a UN Security Council resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza, drawing criticism of the Biden administration for once again blocking international action aimed at halting the 13month conflict.

The 15-member council voted on a resolution put forward by 10 non-permanent members that called for an "immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire" and separately demanded the release of Israeli prisoners.

Only the US voted against, using its veto as a permanent member to

block the resolution. Robert Wood, deputy US ambassador to the UN, said Washington had made clear it would only support a resolution that explicitly calls for the immediate release of prisoners as part of a ceasefire.

Robert Wood said the US had sought compromise, but the text of

Israel has killed nearly 44,000 people in Gaza. Members roundly criticised Washington for blocking the resolution put forward by the Security Council's 10 elected members: Algeria, Ecuador, Guyana, Japan,

the proposed resolution

would have sent a "dan-

gerous message" to Hamas

that "there's no need to

come back to the negoti-

ating table"

Malta, Moza-mbique, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Switzerland. "It is deeply regretted that due to the use of the veto, this council has once again failed to uphold its responsibility to maintain international peace and security," Malta's UN Ambassador Vanessa Frazier said after the vote failed,

means a maximalist one". "It represented the bare minimum of what is needed to begin to address the desperate situation on

adding that the text of the

resolution "was by no

the ground," she said.

Chief adviser of Bangladesh's interim government Muhammad Yunus with former premier and

Bangladesh Nationalist Party chairperson Khaleda Zia at a reception in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

UN nuclear chief welcomes Iran's 'concrete step' on uranium stockpile

Monitoring Desk VIENNA: UN atomic watchdog chief Rafael Grossi on Wednesday welcomed Iran's "concrete step" on agreeing to cap its stockpile of highly enriched uranium after Tehran implemented preparatory steps to stop adding to its inventory. "I think this is ... a concrete step in the right direction—we have a fact which has been verified by us," Grossi told reporters in Vienna. "I attach im-

portance to the fact that for the first time... since the distancing of Iran from its past obligations, they are taking a different direction," he said But he said he could "not exclude" that Iran's commitment might falter "as a result of further developments" The comments by Grossi came after Western powers submitted a resolution censuring Iran for its poor cooperation with the International Atomic Energy.

Hamas denies he is dead.

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: China's defense minister declined a meeting with US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin during a meeting of defense leaders in Laos, a move the Pentagon chief said on Wednesday was unfortu-

meeting.
"It's unfortunate. It Austin told reporters.

Zia was jailed in 2018 for graft but was released August, hours after Hasina fled to neighbouring

PM for ensuring third party validation in all government procurements

ISLAMABAD (APP): instructed all government validation including quality insurance in all the government procurements.

Chairing a meeting held here to review good governance and public procurements, the prime minister also directed to bring reforms in Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) and purge the authority of any type of in-

Procurement of services and purchasing in all federal cabinet for apgovernment institutions in a transparent way is the top priority of the government," the prime minister said adding that ensuring transparency in the government institutions' procurement would help building the foreign investors' confidence on Pakistan.

The prime minister directed to establish a committee, separate from the procurement agency, to address complaints related to the procurement process.

He also stressed to appoint qualified, professional, and experienced experts at PPRA on merit.



ernment affairs is essential for national development,

During the meeting, the prime minister was informed that the review of the PPRA Ordinance and related rules and regulations had been completed, and the amendments would soon be presented to the

The aim of these amendments is to ensure transparency in the procurement process and to align them with contemporary requirements, the meeting was told. Finance Minister

Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema Petroleum Minister Dr Musadik Malik, Minister of State for Information Technology Shaza Fatima Khawaja, PPRA Board members, World Bank Country Director and other relevant high officials attended the meeting



ISLAMABAD: In recognition of his services in identifying Sales Tax fraud, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presenting a shield to FBR Officer

Turkish Ambassador, SMIU VC agree to collaborate in higher education

ish Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Irfan Neziroglu along with Turkish Consul General in Karachi Cemal Sangu visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Thursday, where he held a meeting with Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai in the conference

They discussed on research, higher education, mysticism and possible ways to establish collaboration between Sindh Madressatul Islam University and universities of Turkiye.

The Turkish Ambassador agreed to collaborate with the academic departments of SMIU specially Department of Business Administrant, Department of Artificial Intelligence, Department Media and Communication Studies and Department of Social

KARACHI (APP): Turk- and Development Studies. Dr Irfan Neziroglu also said that they will support Jalal al-Din Muhammad Rumi Chair to be established by SMIU at its City Campus and said that they shall make it possible to get it affiliated with the Selcuk University and other universities of Konya

In the meeting Dr Irfan Neziroglu praised the services of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam, for modern education in the region and his friendly ties with Turkiye in the period of Ottoman Empire.

Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr Mujeeb Sahrai thanked Dr Irfan Neziroglu and Cemal Sangu for their visit to the Alma-Mater of Pakistan- Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and offering cooperation in the fields of research and higher education to SMIU.



HYDERABAD: Resident of Latifabad No.09, Abbas addresses to media persons during press conference regarding high handedness of influent people, at Hyderabad press club.

"3rd Bariatric Live Surgery Workshop"

The "3rd Bariatric Live Surgery Workshop" was arranged at Minimal Surgical Care Centre, Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences, Jamshoro on

ditional Registrar of LUMHS Dr Saroop Bhataia, addressing at the Inaugural session, the Vice Chancellor LUMHS Prof Dr Ikram Din Ujjan expressed that the Bariatric surgery is not for everyone who is severely overweight.

need to meet certain medical guidelines to qualify for weight loss surgery. The patient likely will have an extensive screening process to see if he or she qualifies. He said that one also must be willing to make permanent changes to lead a healthier lifestyle.

The Chief Organizer of the live workshop Prof Dr Amir Iqbal Memon expressed that Bariatric surgery is done when diet and exercise have not worked or when the patient has serious health complications

He added that while bariatric surgery can offer many benefits, all forms of weight-loss surgery are major procedures that can pose risks and side effects. Also, one must make permanent healthy changes to diet and get regular exercise to help ensure the long term success of bariatric

Dr Tanveer Raazi Consultant Laparoscopic General Surgeon from Karachi expressed that the goal of these operations is to modify the stomach and intestines to treat obesity and related diseases.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah addresses the probationary officers of the 51st Special Training Program (STP) of the Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service during meeting held at

Afghan administration should stop its land from being used for terrorism: FO spokesperson

Water accord must be respected:

No project should

proceed without

consensus: Sharjeel

ter for Information, Trans- and Sindh's stance on the

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan while expressing concern over support being provided to terror groups in Afghanistan has said Afghan administration should stop its land from being used for terrorism.

countries. There should be

Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch in her weekly news briefing here Thurs-

She said Pakistan on several occasions have shared with Afghan au-

Bilawal pays

tribute to late

Amin Fahim on

death anniversary

KARACHI (APP): Chair-

man Pakistan People Party

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari

paid rich tribute to senior

leader late Makhdoom

Amin Fahim on his 9th death

anniversary on Thursday.

statement issued by

Chairman's Secretariat,

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari

said services of late

Makhdoom Amin Fahim

for party, democracy and

the country always be re-

the most difficult time spe-

cially in the struggle against

dictatorial regimes. Bilawal

said late Amin Fahim was a

symbol of steadfastness

and bravery and stood by

the side of Shaheed Bhutto

and Benazir Bhutto

Shaheed. Chairman Bilawal

Bhutto said Makhdoom

Amin played a key role in

advancing the PPP's vision

of a progressive, inclusive, and democratic Pakistan.

departed soul of late Amin

Fahim be in eternal peace.

Third Science

He also prayed for the

Late Amin Fahim al-

membered for ever.

According to press

regarding the terror groups. We have grave concerns over safe havens of terror groups in Afghani-

stan, she added.

She hoped the Afghan authorities will consider "Terrorism is grave terrorism as a serious threat threat for both of the not just to the region but to their own security and fulimmediate ceasefire in fill their obligations under Gaza, this was said by various international agree-Foreign Office ments including Doha agreement.

The spokesperson regretted the result of last night's vote at the UN Security Council and its inability to reach consensus continue to extend political,

Independent Report

Minister Sharjeel Inam

Memon stated that Sindh's

concerns over water manage-

ment are not unfounded. Wa-

ter is a common right for ev-

eryone, and starting any

project without consensus is

not an appropriate approach.

statement by Punjab Infor-

mation Minister Azma

Bukhari, Sindh Senior Min-

ister and Provincial Minis-

port, and Mass Transit,

In response to the

ARACHI: Sindh Senior

thorities concrete evidence ceasefire in Gaza. She reiterated Pakistan's call for an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire. unhindered access to humanitarian assistance and full support to UN Relief and Works Agency and its mandated humanitarian ac-

> Alluding to the plight of children in Indian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson urged the international community to stand up for their rights and demand an end to their sufferings.

She said Pakistan will on the resolution calling for moral and diplomatic sup-

Sindh, Azma Bukhari

should first understand the

ground realities before

want prosperity across Pa-

kistan and the development

of the agricultural sector.

Small farmers need maxi-

mum support and facilities,

He stated that we

making a statement.

brothers and sisters for the just and peaceful settlement of Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN Security Council Reso-

She held special envoy of China for Afghanistan and special envoy of Russian federation for Afghanistan recently visited Pakistan and they held meetings with additional secretary Afghanistan and West Asia Ahmad Naseem Warraich . Our joint security group with China is already there. UAE has not imposed any visa restriction on Pakistanis

Rangers seize NCP goods worth millions

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Customs officials recovered non-custom paid (NCP) goods worth millions of rupees in a joint operation.

ment issued on Thursday the Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Customs, acting on a tip off, seized NCP goods during a checking of a truck at Dera Mor check post on the Sindh-Balochistan border, including a large quantity of dry milk, tyres, Chinese salt and various types of food items were recov-

from Balochistan to Punjab through trucks. The value of recovered goods was more than Rs. 20 million. The recovered NCP

goods have been handed over to the Customs authorities for further legal

Brazilian woman arrested at Karachi airport with cocaine worth over Rs13mln

Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Thursday in an operation at Jinnah International airport in Karachi arrested a Brazilian woman with cocaine.

As per details, ANF recovered 1.396 kilograms of cocaine valued at Rs13.9 million from a Brazilian woman, who arrived at Karachi airport via private

According to the ANF, the woman concealed

Hyderabad police apprehends car theft gang after

HYDERABAD (APP) The Hyderabad police intercepted a gang involved in car thefts during an alleged encounter, arresting three suspects, including a woman, and recovering a stolen car and weapon.

According to the po-spokesperson, Hussainabad police received intelligence about the gang's presence within their jurisdiction along with the stolen vehicle. Upon reaching the location, the suspects attempted to flee, prompting a police chase and near jalsa ground, Hatri bypass, an exchange of gunfire occurred, resulting in the injury of one suspect who was apprehended on the spot. Two other suspects, including a woman, were also taken into custody, while one accomplice managed to escape. The injured suspect was identified as Zaĥeer Magsi, while the other two were named

CM meets Probationary Officers of Pakistan Audit & Accounts Service

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah welcomed the probationary officers of Audit & Accounts during their study tour at the Chief Minister's House on

He expressed optimism about their future but emphasized the importance of adopting professionalism and integrity in their

He stated, "Our country needs competent Audit and Accounts officers, and I believe you will meet that

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary
Asif Haider Shah, Principal Secretary Agha Wasif, Rector of the Academy Sameena Fayyaz, P&D Chairman Najam Shah, Secretary Local Government Khalid Haider Shah, Secretary Finance Fayaz Jatoi, CEO of Peoples Housing Khalid Shaikh, and other officials were present during the meeting.
The chief minister

provided an update to the officers regarding various initiatives by the Sindh government, stating that the viding solar home systems Annual Development Program (ADP) is set at Rs.

KARACHI (APP): Sindh 493.09 billion. This amount includes Rs. 76.97 billion from the federal Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), Rs. 334 billion from foreign-funded projects, and Rs. 55 billion allocated for district ADPs.

In outlining his government's priorities, the chief minister emphasised the importance of early learning in education, as well as training for teachers and the reconstruction of schools damaged by floods. In healthcare, the Sindh government is focused on enhancing primary healthcare and mother-child care fa-

Shah also highlighted several key areas of focus for his administration, including social protection, women's empowerment, poverty alleviation, and youth empowerment, with special measures being plemented in these areas

Regarding the energy sector, Murad Shah reported that various projects are currently underway, with the sector expected to be fully operational by 2025. "We have begun proto low-income households," he stated.



KARACHI: Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah meeting with Governor Sindh Kamran Khan

NA Standing Committee on Industries & Production visits Toyota Indus Motors

KARACHI (APP): Na- committee to work on the tional Assembly Standing local steel manufacturing Committee on Industries & Production chaired meeting under the chair of Syed Hafeezuddin Member National Assembly at Toyota Indus Motors Karachi on Thursday, where the CEO of Toyota Indus Motors, Ali Asghar Jamali briefed the Committee regarding

The accused were tion process of the vehicles at Toyota Indus Motors. The CEO Toyota Indus apprised the committee that the auto sector contributes 2.8% of the country's GDP being the area should be given due

manufacturing and produc-

units in Pakistan that would not only boost the Pakistan economy but also would support auto industry in Pakistan. The members were also informed regarding that

1 billion rupees have been spent on different social work by Toyota under corporate social responsibility. Abdul Baloch, the member of the committee and the National

Assembly, advised the CEO of Toyota Indus that the local community of the fastest growing country. right in the employment Moreover, he appealed the opportunities.

Pakistan premieres fighter drone at **IDEAS** show

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan has premiered its fighter drone "Shahpar-III" having capability of firing missiles striking at a range of 250kms during the IDEAS Defence Exhibition being held at Expo Centre in Karachi.

Developed by Global Industrial Defence Solutions (GIDS), a stateowned Pakistani defence conglomerate, Shahpar-III represents the third generation of the Shahpar series of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and the latest edition is capable of carrying a payload of up to 500 kilograms, which enables it Air Force (PAF).

heavy weapons.

The "Shahpar-III" drone is capable of flying 35,000 feet into the air and carrying heavy weapons such as bombs, cruise missiles and torpedoes, with the head of the company that manufactured the drone describing it as a "game changer" in battlefield.

'It is a main game changer in a battlefield with the kind of weapons it can carry," Asad Kamal, Chief Executive Officer of GIDS, said and added the drone would soon be inducted into the Pakistan

SFA shuts down 3 RO plants in Tando Adam and Jhol over severe safety violations

Independent Report KARACHI: Sindh Food Authority continues its rigorous operations across the province to ensure food safety and quality. In significant actions carried out in Hyderabad, Larkana, and Sanghar, multiple violations

during inspections. Heavy fines exceeding Rs. 200,000 were imposed on violators for selling harmful substances

Meanwhile, Larkana and Bakrani, the team led by Food Safety Officer Muhammad Ali



of food safety laws were identified, leading to penalties, product seizures, and closures. plant Hyderabad, the City Team, led by Food Safety Officer Ishfa Zahid, confiscated 250 kilograms of Monoso-

Soomro seized 350 liters of chemically adulterated milk during a crackdown on dairy shops.

One shop was sealed, and fines totaling Rs. 60,000 were imposed for violating food safety regu-

held at LUMHS Jamshoro

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Fair held at **SBBU** HYDERABAD (APP): The students of Faculty of

Science and Technology Department of Genetics and Molecular Biology of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Shaheed Benazirabad here on Thursday organized a colorful third science fair at the main campus of the University.

The science fair was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Madad Ali Shah in the presence of Deans, Heads of Departments and teachers. In the one-day science fair, students exhibited models made according to their subjects. The students present at the stalls briefed the Vice Chancellor according to the models. Dr. Nader Rind, chairman of the Department of Genetics, said that the students of different batches have made models of around 14 projects and proved that the students of this university can be con-

hibition held at Expo Center in Karachi. DC visits, reviews ongoing immunization campaign

KARACHI: Visitors take keen interest in mili-

tary ammunitions during the 12th International

Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS-2024) Ex-

HYDERABAD (APP): children vaccinated from the Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Shehryar Gul Memon visited Ghulam Rasool Shah Dispensary

Moĥammadi Town to review the ongoing immunization campaign in the dis-

While giving instructions to the health officer, he said that all the children should be immunized under the set target with special attention to the work of the ongoing immunization campaign in the district so that

from various diseases. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to all the parents and said that during the ongoing immunization campaign in the dis-

Children can be protected

nearby health centers so that they can be protected from diseases.

On the occasion District Health Officer Dr. Asadullah Dahri informed the Deputy Commissioner about the ongoing immunization campaign in the dis-

Later, Deputy Commissioner Shahryar Gul Memon visited Benazir Public School Nawabshah and inspected the building under construction. Expressing anger at

the bad situation, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the school administration to improve the educational activities in the school while also improving the cleanliness situation



Diabetes Day organized by Diabetes and Endocrinology Department of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University in Larkana.

smuggling the NCP goods

KARACHI (INP): The

narcotics in plastic bags.

shootout, Recovers stolen vehicle, weapon

Saima and Zeeshan Channa.