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No one can dismantle the great State of Pakistan: Those doing violence carrying weapons are on wrong path, no change would be made thru abortive struggle, asserts CM

Bugti says those sitting abroad are misleading youth of province; urges teachers to get introduced to new generation difference between delusion and reality

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that those who have adopted path of violence carrying weapons are on wrong side, and there would be no change through their abortive struggle.

The Chief Minister urged the teachers to get the new generation introduced to the difference between delusion and reality.

He regretfully pointed out that all the able teachers and intellectuals were discharged from the province abruptly in the past, the consequences of which are being faced till today.

He said that the youth are being mistrusted from the state under a pre planned conspiracy. Now it is responsibility of the local teachers to steer the society out from the destruction.

The Chief Minister was addressing the teachers at the "safar-e-muallim" (journey of teacher) programme held under the auspices of Voice of Balochistan, here on Saturday. The teachers from all over the province were invited in the programme.

Addressing the ceremony, Chief Minister said that unfortunately the education experts and intel-

lectuals of other provinces were sent back abruptly without training our local teachers, which was a big dilemma.

However, heavy responsibility rests with the shoulders of teachers of Balochistan now to inform the students with difference of delusion and reality getting them acquainted with the present day knowledges.

He also urged the teachers to give that lesson of love with their country and morality, which otherwise has been the hallmark of our forefathers.

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QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti addressing the teachers at the "safar-e-muallim" (journey of teacher) program held under the auspices of Voice of Balochistan.

Naqvi commends FC officers' role in combating terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday met with the 49th Common Police Officers appointed to the Frontier Constabulary, extending his best wishes as they embarked on their new assignments within the force.

Minister Naqvi highlighted the essential role that the Frontier Constabulary played in maintaining peace and security across Pakistan, especially in the ongoing battle against terrorism.

In his address, Naqvi praised the dedication of the Frontier Constabulary,

stating, "The role of the Frontier Constabulary in ensuring peace and security is of utmost importance."

He commended the force for its collaboration with other law enforcement agencies in combating terrorism, noting, "In the fight against terrorism, the Frontier Constabulary is battling alongside other law enforcement agencies."

Referring to the recent sacrifice of ten FC soldiers in DI Khan, Naqvi honored their courage and commitment to the nation, saying, "Ten brave FC soldiers sac-

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QUETTA: Divisional Superintendent of Pakistan Railways, Syed Ahmed Khan meeting with Advisor to the CM for Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi. Secretary WDD Saira Atta is also present.

WDD & Railway agree on taking measures to enhance travel facilities for women at Quetta Railway Station

QUETTA: The Women Development Department, Government of Balochistan and Pakistan Railways have agreed to take measures aimed at enhancing travel facilities for women at the Quetta Railway Station. The Divisional Superintendent of Pakistan Railways, Syed Ahmed Khan, met with the Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan for Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, to discuss the available travel facilities for women at the Quetta Railway Station.

During the meeting, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi emphasized the importance of ensuring a safe, comfortable, and dignified travel

experience for women. She noted that the construction of dedicated waiting areas for women, facilitating ticketing systems, and providing better amenities in train compartments would not only improve convenience but also encourage women to view train travel as a safe and reliable option.

Dr. Buledi stressed that further steps would be taken in collaboration with railway authorities, keeping in mind the travel needs and safety of women.

These measures are part of the Balochistan government's efforts to empower women in the province and represent significant progress towards improving the current infrastructure.

Governor visits CMH, inquires about health of LEAs cops injured in Mastung blast

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail visited the Combine military Hospital (CMH) here on Saturday.

During the visit, Governor inquired about the health of police and Levies personnel injured in the bomb explosion occurred in Mastung the other day.

He met all the injured of Mastung blast and comforted them besides expressing best wishes for them and their speedy recovery.

The Governor also praised the medical staff of CMH for providing best medical treatment facilities to the injured of Mastung blast.



LAHORE: Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi Chief Justice of Pakistan /Chairman LJCP in a meeting with other stakeholders on jail reforms.

PM for bringing Israel to justice for killing journalists in Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday called upon the international community and various organizations to bring Israel to justice for the massacre of journalists in Gaza.

Despite international conventions, dozens of journalists in Gaza were deliberately killed to obstruct the truth, the prime minister said in his message on the occasion of International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists.

He emphasized that journalists from across the world including Pakistan work day and night to keep the world informed.

"Unfortunately, journalists have to endure various dangers, hardships, and difficulties in pursuit of truth," he regretted.

Besides working in peace, he said the journalists also risked their lives

reporting even in conflict zones and during wars.

These advocates of truth face restrictions, violence, threats, kidnappings, and even murder, he said adding "Without the protection of journalists, freedom of the press cannot be achieved."

"Our government has taken priority measures to ensure the protection and rights of journalists," he stated.

The prime minister said Pakistani journalists had made immense sacrifices for democracy, adherence to the Constitution, and the rule of law.

"The Journalist and Media Workers Protection Act 2021 was passed to protect journalists and media workers."

PM Shehbaz said health insurance for journalists was also an important initiative of the federal government for their protection.

CJP launches initiative for comprehensive jail reforms

Shared his vision for modernizing Pakistan's criminal justice system, stressing that humane and effective prison system is essential to ensure a fair legal framework

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ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Yahya Afridi on Saturday launched initiatives for comprehensive jail reforms for effective prison system to ensure a fair legal framework.

A pivotal consultative meeting was held at the Lahore, presided over by the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, with participation from the Honorable Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Ms. Aalia Neelum, Administrative Judge of the Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Shams Mehmood Mirza, Secretaries of the Home and Prosecution Departments, Inspectors General of Police and Prisons departments, the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, the Secretary, Law and Justice Commission of Paki-

stan (LJCP), the Superintendent of Central Prison, Lahore, Ms. Saima Amin Khawaja, human rights activist attended the meeting, said a press release.

The discussion was also attended by members from both treasury and opposition political parties Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema, Senator and Ms. Khadijah Shah who have experienced imprisonment in jail. This session marked the inaugural discussion for developing National Jail Reform Policy, focusing on prison reforms and the welfare of inmates as part of a broader criminal justice reform strategy for Pakistan.

Chief Justice Afridi shared his vision for modernizing Pakistan's criminal justice system, stressing that a humane and effective prison system is essential to ensure a fair legal framework.

He noted that data collected by the LJCP reveals a deeply concerning situation nationwide, with 108,643 inmates housed in facilities with an authorized capacity of only 66,625.

Punjab faces particularly severe challenges, with 67,837 prisoners confined in prisons built to accommodate just 36,365. Further analysis shows that 36,128 of these are under-trial prisoners, many of whom have been awaiting trial for over a year, highlighting a critical issue for the justice system. Chief Justice Afridi emphasized the importance of addressing these urgent issues in Punjab, beginning a phased approach that will ultimately extend to the entire country. This strategic focus on Punjab underscores his commitment to

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with police officers from 49th common who have been recently posted in frontier Constabulary.

Four Khwarij terrorists killed in S. Waziristan IBO

Acting President, PM praise successful counter-terrorism operation

RAWALPINDI (APP): Four Khwarij terrorists were killed in wee hours of Saturday in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) conducted by the Security Forces in general area Sarwakat, South Waziristan District on reported presence of khwarij.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, the khwarij's location was effectively engaged by the

5 killed, 18 injured in devastating head-on collision

JACOBABAD (APP): At least five people were killed and 18 others were injured in a head-on collision between two vehicles in Jacobabad on Saturday morning. According to rescue 1122 sources, a deadly crash between a passenger coach and a Mazda van resulted in unimaginable loss, claiming five lives and 18 injured including women and children, with many fighting for their lives in critical condition.

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International Neurology Update Conference held: GoB determined to introduce comprehensive reforms in health sector: Bakht Kakar

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar has stated that the government is determined to introduce comprehensive reforms in education sector as per the vision of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

He said that this is era of artificial intelligence, modern medical researches and facilities and we have to make our health sector modern according to the present era's requirements.

Especially we need to benefit from the modern technology and research to bring improvement in the neurology sector.

The Minister Health was addressing the 24th International Neurology Update Conference here the other day.

The eminent neurologists from all over the country participated in the conference.

The Minister Health stressed that we need a strong and effective think

tank which may viable suggestions for improving the health sector.

This think tank would find the solution to the health issues as well as improve the treatment facilities through modern technology and prepare the health sector for new challenges, he maintained.

He said that the provincial government would ensure provision of standard health facilities to the people mobilizing every possible resources.

Bakht Muhammad Kakar stressed that we want to lay foundation of such system which may develop this sector as self sufficient and modern.

He also mentioned that we are going to inaugurate the cardiac vascular diseases hospital in Quetta soon.

In addition to this, we are continuously working on the primary and secondary healthcare so as to ensure provision of basic and modern healthcare facilities.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar addressing the 24th International Neurology Update Conference.

Appointment of judges: Ayaz nominates 5 members for Judicial Commission

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz on Saturday nominated five members for the formation of a Judicial Commission for the appointment of Judges in the Higher Judiciary.

Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has written a letter to the Supreme Judicial Commission regarding forming a judicial commission to appoint judges in the higher judiciary.

The Speaker nominated the leader of the opposition in the National Assembly Omar Ayub Khan and Sheikh Aftab Ahmed of PML (N).

Senator Farooq Naek and Senator Shibli Faraz have also been nominated from the Senate while

Roshan Khurshheed Bharucha has been nominated as a woman member of the Judicial Commission by the Speaker NA.

All nominations have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Judicial Commission. According to the 26th Amendment, five members of Parliament are to be included in the Judicial Commission.

The nomination of names from the Parliament is on the basis of equal representation from both the government and the opposition. The Supreme Court has received all nominations. Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq forwarded these names after consulting Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani.



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail enquiring about the health of Mastung blast victims during his visit to CMH.

Over 90% target of polio immunization campaign achieved in Balochistan

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QUETTA: Over 90 percent target of anti-polio campaign has been achieved during last five days in Balochistan.

According to the sources of Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for Polio Eradication, the polio immunization campaign was launched on Monday last with the target to vaccinate over 2.6 million children all over the province.

While the immunization campaign has entered the last stages, more than 90 percent target of vaccination has been achieved, the EOC sources said adding believed that almost 99 percent target would be achieved by the end of campaign.

Over 11,000 mobile

teams were engaged in the campaign for immunization of children against polio virus.

The strict monitoring mechanism was adopted for surveillance of the exercise at district level in province.

Needless to mention here is that a total of 22 cases of polio have so far been reported during the current year in Balochistan. The surge in the polio cases has been matter of great concern for the provincial authorities.

The Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has already expressed deep concern and directed the concerned authorities to mobilize all available resources for eradication of polio virus in the province.

CM Gandapur denies any role in Bushra Bibi's bail

Announces massive gathering in Swabi on Nov 9

RAWALPINDI (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has denied any involvement in the bail granted to Bushra Bibi, wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, in the Toshakhana-II case.

Addressing a press conference outside Adiala jail after meeting Imran Khan, Gandapur announced a massive gathering on November 9 in Swabi, stating that he will unveil a plan of action Swabi rally. He invited people from across Pakistan to join him on the Swabi motorway, saying that those who attend should be prepared not to return home.

Gandapur also clarified on the rumours regarding the cancellation of the gathering, saying that the gathering's location has been changed, not canceled.

He warned the 'decision-makers', stating that if the former PM Imran Khan kept in jail in worst condi-

tions again, the people of Pakistan will not tolerate.

Gandapur said that PTI would reveal its plan if the ban to hold meetings with Imran Khan is imposed again. "It is time to oust this government that came into power through rigged election," said the chief minister. He also condemned the arrests and detention of PTI workers across the country. "We'll announce our final plan at Swabi interchange on November 9," said CM Gandapur. He added that the PTI founder wasn't provided facilities at jail.

It is important to mention here that the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday granted bail to Bushra Bibi in the Toshakhana-II case. IHC Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb accepted the post-arrest bail plea of Bushra Bibi against Rs1 million surety bonds. The court also directed authorities concerned to immediately release the former first lady.



KARACHI: The Former Ambassador of Pakistan to Russia, Mustafa Kamal Qazi addressing a session on 'SCO Summit' Multilateralism, Connectivity and Counterterrorism' organized by Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA).

Nobody will be allowed to create chaos again: Talal

Says elections will be held according to constitution, not PTI whims

FAISALABAD (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) central leader and chairman Standing Committee on Privatisation Senator Talal Chaudhry said on Saturday that much-needed political stability had been achieved, despite multiple odds.

He warned that nobody would be allowed to create chaos once again in the country to achieve their ulterior objectives and stop the process of growth and prosperity.

Addressing a press conference during his visit to Model Children Home Faisalabad, Talal said that political stability was basic requirement to put the country on the road to progress and prosperity, but a group in the garb of politicians was intentionally creating unrest by promoting chaotic conditions in the country.

He claimed that economic situation was improving due to prudent policies of the government. He said that stock market recorded historic improvement; rupee witnessed appreciation against dollar; price-hike decreased from 40 per cent to 7 per cent and the people heaved a sigh of relief.

He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was striving to bring maximum investment in the country, but the activists of a so-called political party was creating hurdles in it constantly. He also mentioned different events which had exposed that group and said that sit-in of 2014 was the start of the disruptive agenda, which urged people to create insurgency-like situation in the country.

He was critical of the social media, which was being handled from abroad to promote unrest in the country and said that the interior ministry had started action against these elements also.



KARACHI: Relatives of Abdul Wajid are holding protest demonstration against his killing in Saudi Arabia and demanding for justice, held at Karachi press club.

Those doing violence carrying..

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Besides, he exhorted the teachers to provide positive guidance to the students getting them introduced to the reality.

He said that we are opening up the doors of knowledge and development for the youth of province.

He also referred to the Benazir Bhutto Scholarship Programme launched for the first time in Balochistan. The children of civilian martyrs as well as 10 children each from all districts including the minorities would benefit under the programme, he added.

He asked the teachers to provide awareness to the



ISLAMABAD: Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Irfan Neziroglu in a group photograph with Students during "101 Turkish Republic Day" at Pak-Turk Maarif International Schools & College in the Federal Capital.

Australia, Pakistan, BD, Sri Lanka register semi-final spots in Hong Kong Sixes 2024

ISLAMABAD (INP): Australia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are the four teams who have registered a place for themselves in the semi-final of Hong Kong Sixes 2024.

The excitement and entertainment continued in the Hong Kong Sixes 2024 as the spectators witnessed some thrilling matches and stunning performances on Day 2 of the competition.

Pakistan registered a place in the semi-final of the tournament after defeating South Africa by 17 runs. Batting first, Pakistan managed to score 105/3 in 6 overs. Muhammad Akhlaq notched up a fifty before retiring while Hussain Talat remained not out at 27 off 11.

India faced New Zealand in Bowl Match 3 and the Kiwi batters were on a roll against The Men in Blue right from the word go. Siddhesh Dixit chipped in with 12-ball 55 before retiring. Raunak Kapur smashed 33* off just 7 as the side put up 146/3 in 6 overs. In reply, India were restricted to 102/2 with Shreevats Goswami being the top-scorer. He scored 42* off 16.

In the next fixture of the day, Oman faced England in Bowl Match 4. Oman batters totally dominated the England bowling unit and out up a mammoth 159/0 in 6 overs.

Captain Vinayak Shukla and Hassnain Shah struck fifties before retiring while Asif Khan remained unbeaten at 44 off 15. England didn't really get the start that was needed and were eventually restricted to 92/4. Ed Barnard remained unbeaten at 57 off 16. Oman won by 67 runs.

The third quarter-final took place between Sri Lanka and Nepal. The Lankan lions scored 123/2 in 6 overs with Sandun Weerakkody getting to a 50 before retiring.

Tarar condoles over demise of mother of APP Urdu Director Abdul Jabbar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Saturday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of the mother of Director Urdu News Service of Associated Press of Abdul Jabbar Zakria.

In his condolence message, the minister expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family.

He said he was deeply saddened to hear the news of Abdul Jabbar Zakria's mother's death.

The death of the deceased was a great tragedy for the family of Zakria, he added.

Bilawal takes notice of Sahil Solangi's death in police lockup

LARKANA (APP): PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari took notice of the incident of finding the body of young Sahil Solangi from the lockup of Waleed police station in Larkana city on Saturday.

Earlier, the police authorities expressed their displeasure over the incident which was declared as suicide.

In this regard, the PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has instructed the MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro to stay keep in touch with the deceased family and provide justice to the relatives by transparently investigating the matter, after which the MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro on the direction of the PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, he expressed sorrow over the incident of Sahil Solangi while condoling with his father Saeed Solangi. He also offered Fateha for departure soul and expressed sympathy with deceased family.

Malaysia visa fee for Pakistanis in Nov 2024

ISLAMABAD (INP): Malaysia might be an excellent place for Pakistani nationals looking to go to a foreign country on a budget.

Malaysia is a growing tourism destination in the world, with lively cities, beaches, lush jungles, and ancient buildings.

Pakistani nationals must get a visit visa before coming to Malaysia as tourists. Pakistani citizens are eligible to apply for an electronic visa that is valid for six months.

IPPs have sucked people's blood for 14 years: Gohar

LAHORE (INP): Former caretaker minister Gohar Ejaz has said that the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have sucked the blood of people for last 14 years.

Talking here Gohar Ejaz said that the IPPs were selling their oil in the market and showing the consumption different from the actual oil utilization.

Gohar Ejaz said that the government and the establishment have taken the issue of the IPPs seriously.

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LORALAI: Brigadier Naveed Qalab Abbas in a group photo with players on the eve of final of Fourth All Balochistan Shahuda FC Football Tournament.

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Meanwhile, Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have appreciated the officers and jawans of the security forces for their successful operation against Khawarij in Sarwakai area of South Waziristan District, resulting in killing of four Khawarij. In a statement issued today, Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani said the security forces targeted the hideouts of the terrorists with utmost valor and professionalism. He also expressed the national resolve to continue operations until the complete elimination of Fitna al-Khawarij. In his statement, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed the government's commitment to continue the fight against terrorism till complete elimination of the menace from the country.

CJP launches..

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forms where it is most needed.

This series of consultative meetings starts in Lahore—the capital of Punjab and the province with the most overcrowded prisons—and will continue across other cities in Pakistan to gather insights and build consensus on reform initiatives.

The agenda centered on the LJCP's proposal, a National Jail Reform Policy in alignment with international standards, including the Nelson Mandela Rules, Bangkok Rules, and Beijing Rules, to ensure humane and rehabilitative management across Pakistan's correctional facilities. This proposal received strong support from attendees, who considered a phased plan to promote alternative sentencing options and rehabilitation initiatives for under-trial prisoners.

The participants also discussed the possibility of establishing a Jail Reforms Committee, aimed at developing strategies to reduce overcrowding, enhance inmate welfare, and improve case processing efficiency.

Additionally, the Terms of Reference (ToRs) proposed for the National Committee will guide structured efforts to reduce under-trial detention, introduce case management improvements, and implement comprehensive rehabilitation programs. The Chief Justice of Pakistan constituted a sub-committee comprising Mr. Justice @ Shabbir Raza Rizvi, Ms. Saima Amin Khawaja (Advocate), Senator Ahad Khan Cheema and Ms. Khadija Shah to inspect the jails across the province and to give recommendations to streamline processes to address the high numbers of under-trial prisoners and promote alternative sentencing options, including community service and probation. Further commitments include expanding rehabilitative initiatives within jails, such as vocational training, mental health support, and educational programs to aid inmates in successful reintegration upon release.

Under the guidance of Chief Justice Afridi, and with the dedicated data collection and analytical support provided by LJCP, these initiatives are intended to bring about transformative, systemic improvements within Pakistan's prison system. By prioritizing humane treatment, rehabilitation, and efficient case management, this collaborative framework will set the stage for a sustainable.

Athletes highlight countries as ambassadors: Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Saturday said that sports is playing vital role among countries, emphasized the role of athletes as ambassadors of their own country.

He said this during a signing ceremony for a sponsorship agreement with squash player Ahsan Ayaz here at the Governor's House.

Kundi remarked on the historic dominance of Pakistani players in squash, citing a decline in the sport following the era of legendary player Jan Sher Khan.

He expressed his commitment to fostering young talent and highlighted plans for various sports activities in the province soon.

During the ceremony, CEO of Zakoori Group of Industries, Ayub Khan Zakoori, and the young squash player signed the memorandum of understanding.

Kundi praised the spirit and creativity of youth as essential for national development, promising to continue supporting initiatives that harness their potential.

He stressed that ongoing sponsorship of athletes is crucial for the growth of sports and encouragement of young talent, asserting that the doors of the Governor's House are open for all athletes.

This collaboration, he said, would boost athletes' morale and positively impact their performance.

Balochistan's Agri Dept. participates in Agriculture Conference Karachi

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QUETTA: The Agriculture Department, Government of Balochistan participated in the Agriculture Conference 2024 held in Karachi.

The Special Secretary Agriculture, Jahangir Khan



The Research Wing, Water Management and Extension Wing set up stalls with cooperation of WWF. In addition to this, there was also panel discussion on sustainable agriculture.

Naqvi commends..

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rificed their lives for the nation, setting a high standard of dedication."

He expressed that such sacrifices further strengthen Pakistan's resolve in the fight against terrorism.

"The martyrs of FC are our valuable asset, and the nation holds their unparalleled sacrifices in high esteem," Naqvi stated.

Naqvi also highlighted advancements in the Frontier Constabulary, sharing that the force was being equipped with modern technology and tools to enhance its capabilities.

Addressing the young officers, he emphasized the significance of integrity and ethical standards in law enforcement, urging them to fulfill their duties with the highest standards of discipline.

"Young officers bring fresh energy to any institution," he remarked, adding, "Good behavior is the hallmark of a good officer."

He encouraged the officers to build meaningful relationships with the public and to prioritize service.

"Go out of your way to help and serve the public," he advised.

"Officers who serve with dedication earn the respect and trust of the people," he stated.

Federal Secretary of Interior Khuram Ali Agha and Frontier Constabulary Commandant Riaz Nazir Ghara were also in attendance, underscoring the government's support for the Constabulary's critical mission in maintaining national security.

CANCELLATION

The tenders called by this office vide TSE No. 242508533473 PRQ No. 820/02-09-2024, are hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. Note: The new date for the tenders will be intimated accordingly.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Sado with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Kareem citizen number 552024173041 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Sado (Spouse) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA KOHLU-SFU	PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Abdullah Shah with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Zarko citizen number 5530169500164 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Bibi Durkho (Daughter) 2.Khatoun Bibi (Daughter) 3.Sun Bibi (Daughter) 4.Abdul Raouf Shah (Son) 5.Abdullah Shah (Son) 6.Rangaraj Shah (Son) 7.Ghulam Shah (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA HARNAI-SFU	PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Hajira with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Umar citizen number 5140130121551 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Hajira (Spouse) 2.Inayat Khatoun (Spouse) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA KHUZDAR-SFU
PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Bibi Hameeda with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Bachal citizen number 5340340901989 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Shabana (Daughter) 2.Rohana (Daughter) 3.Naima (Daughter) 4.Aziz Ullah (Son) 5.Hafeezullah (Son) 6.Amanullah (Son) 7.Sajid Ali (Son) 8.Zaffar Ullah (Son) 9.Habibullah (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MASTUNG-SFU	PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Kabir with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Hashim citizen number 523015923675 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Aziza (Daughter) 2.Hawa Jan (Daughter) 3.Mah Rang (Daughter) 4.Aasma (Daughter) 5.Rozkhatoun (Spouse) 6.Muhammad Kabir (Son) 7.Dil Pol (Son) 8.Faisal Jan (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA PANJGUR-SFU	PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Farrukh Jameel with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Jamila Salamati citizen number 5530122754836 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs: 1.Aziza Jameel (Daughter) 2.Fareha Jamil (Daughter) 3.Farrukh Jameel (Son) 4.Abdullah Jameel (Son) 5.Shabir Shah (Son) 6.Nasim Shah (Son) 7.Syed Khalid Bukhari (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice. INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA QUETTA-SFU
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Climate financing for developing countries should be priority at COP 29: Sherry Rehman

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Senate Committee on Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman underpinned the critical role of development organizations in fostering climate resilience through providing adequate funding.

She was speaking at a pre-COP29 panel discussion titled 'Bridging the Gap: Humanitarian/Development Agencies and Climate Adaptation in Pakistan' held at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), said a press release issued here Saturday.

Sherry Rehman also underscored the need for local climate action backed by robust international financing. Advocating proactive measures in flood-prone areas to prevent escalating climate impacts, she urged major emitters to honour their Internationally Determined Contributions (IDCs) and called for a Global Goal on Adaptation that prioritises funding for on-ground initiatives.

Calling upon major emitters to commit to their Internationally Determined Contributions (IDCs), Senator Rehman emphasized that climate financing for the Global South should be directed towards on-

ground adaptation initiatives, not just reporting.

In his remarks on the occasion, Ambassador Jauhar Saleem, President of the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) highlighted the potential role of COP29 in advancing climate adaptation efforts and ensuring essential funding. He also stressed upon the importance of decentralised approaches to climate adaptation, while ensuring that strategies are tailored to local contexts to address diverse climate challenges effectively and shared that IRS was conducting a number of pre-COP discussions to generate concrete recommendations for COP-29.

Dr. Altaf Abro, Head of Mission for Secours Islamique France (SIF) Pakistan, emphasized the importance of linking development funds with humanitarian resources to enhance adaptation efforts and enable more effective resilience strategies.

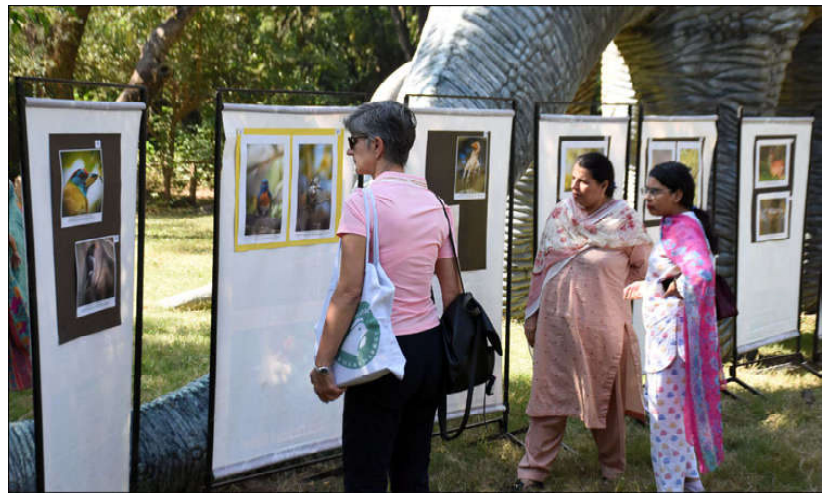
Dr Samuel Rizk, Resident Representative of UNDP Pakistan, stressed the need for coordinated government action in addressing climate change. He also invited attention to rapid population growth

and worsening climate impacts as significant challenges for Pakistan, which were deepening vulnerabilities for marginalised communities.

Bilal Anwar, CEO of the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), accentuated the need for transformative adaptation initiatives to meet the mounting challenges of climate change. He also called for mobilization of resources, enhancement of expertise, and inclusion of indigenous practices to build resilience and drive sustainable climate action.

Dr. Rizwan Naseer, Senior Research Fellow at IRS, underscored the importance of aligning humanitarian responses with development strategies to create a more integrated approach.

Muhammad Arif Goheer, Executive Director of the Global Climate Change Impact Study Centre (GCISC), brought out the urgency for effective adaptation strategies in Pakistan's agricultural sector and called for climate-smart farming practices and improved water management to safeguard this vital sector.



ISLAMABAD: Foreigners visiting a Wildlife Photo exhibition in Federal Capital.

Court dismisses bail plea of KP govt officials involved in propaganda against Judge

ISLAMABAD (Online): District and Sessions Court Islamabad has dismissed the bail plea of government officers of KP government who are involved in propaganda against Judge Hummayun Dilwar.

The bail before arrest plea of KP government officers nominated in propaganda campaign against Judge Hummayun Dilwar came up for hearing in the court.

The accused did not appear in the court and the court dismissed the bail before arrest plea of these officers being not persuaded.

The bail plea of Muhammad Musaddaq Abbasi special assistant to KP Chief Minister (CM) for anti corruption was also dismissed.

However accused Siddique Anjum appeared in the court along with his counsel Niaz Ullah Niazi.

The court approved interim bail of Siddique

Chhipa's expressed greets for Hindus on Diwali

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prominent social worker Muhammad Chhipa's expressed greetings for the Hindu community living around the world on Diwali, a press release issued here on Saturday said.

He said that on Diwali, "I share my happiness of the Hindu community living all over the world including Pakistan".

Pakistan is a beautiful bouquet of different religions and different cultures. The services of the Hindu community for the development and prosperity of Pakistan cannot be forgotten.

Assistant director anti corruption who was arrested in launching propaganda against Judge Hummayun Dilwar was presented in the court.

The investigation officer said the accused Umar Siddique had made the video viral on social media. 7 days physical remand be approved to arrest the co-accused.

The accused Umar Siddique said in his defence I am assistant director Adman in anti corruption circle. I have not made any video viral.

Favor was seeking from me therefore, I was made accused. The one who made copy of case viral.

The court approved interim bail of Siddique



ISLAMABAD: Artist busy in paint the walls of Zero Point Interchange bridge.

Citizens urged to prioritize health, take precautionary measures against smog

ISLAMABAD (APP): Healthcare specialists Saturday cautioned Punjab inhabitants to adopt protective measures to mitigate the harmful effects of escalating smog levels, emphasizing the potential for noxious chemicals to exacerbate respiratory issues and other health concerns.

Renowned respiratory infection specialist, Dr. Azam Mushtaq talking to a private news channel sounded the alarm on the deteriorating air quality in the province, urging citizens to take immediate precautions to safeguard their health.

The worsening air quality poses significant

health risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children, elderly individuals and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions, he added.

"Inhaling smog-filled air can lead to severe respiratory complications, including asthma, bronchitis, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)," Dr. Mushtaq warned. By taking proactive measures, citizens can protect themselves and their loved ones from the hazardous effects of smog, he added.

Dr. Azam Mushtaq has issued a smog safety advisory and recommends wearing face masks during

any outdoor activities, washing mouths, avoid unnecessary outdoor activities, especially during peak pollution hours (10am-4pm).

Citizens should also check smog timing before venturing out and consider staying indoors with windows and doors closed, using air purifiers, reducing physical activity, staying hydrated and monitoring air quality indexes, he suggested.

Vulnerable populations, such as children, elderly individuals, pregnant women and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions should be particularly cautious.



ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, inspecting various duty points within the city and reviewed security measures.

Imran Khan's expectations will be shattered: Irfan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Parliamentary Leader of PML(N) Senator Irfan Siddiqui Saturday made a bold statement regarding Imran Khan's future, asserting that Khan's expectations will be shattered and he will inevitably face legal consequences.

In an exclusive interview PML-N is taking a thoughtful approach, prioritizing the law over politics and ensuring Imran Khan's legitimate requests for jail facilities are handled fairly.

Unlike PTI, PML-N leadership is not making careless statements instead, they are focusing on

following the law and addressing Khan's demands in a fair and transparent manner in jail.

Responding to a query, Senator clarified that Imran Khan's expectations with Donald Trump are considered baseless and amount to false hope, as governments typically prioritize good relations with countries rather than individuals.

To another question, he said in a landmark achievement, the Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) and its allied parties including PPP have successfully introduced the 26th Constitutional Amendment, aimed at expediting

justice and tackling pending cases.

Senator also said that no final notification has been issued regarding the Judicial Commission's constitution and changes are expected until its final stage.

Furthermore, he emphasized that the government does not have sole authority to appoint judges, instead, it is the Judicial Commission of Pakistan that makes these decisions, adding, the commission comprises 10 to 12 members with only one representative from the government, the law minister added.

Hindu community celebrated "Dewali"

ISLAMABAD (APP): Like other parts of the world the country Hindu and Sikh Community celebrated "Dewali" here on Saturday. Despite its deep religious significance, Diwali today is also a cultural festival observed by people regardless of faith.

According to information, Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists around the world are celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights.

Diwali, also called Deepavali, is one of the biggest festivals in India. It's also widely celebrated in Nepal, Malaysia, Fiji and other countries with large South Asian diasporas. Homes, businesses and public spaces are lit up with diyas, or oil lamps made from clay, and fireworks displays abound. People gather

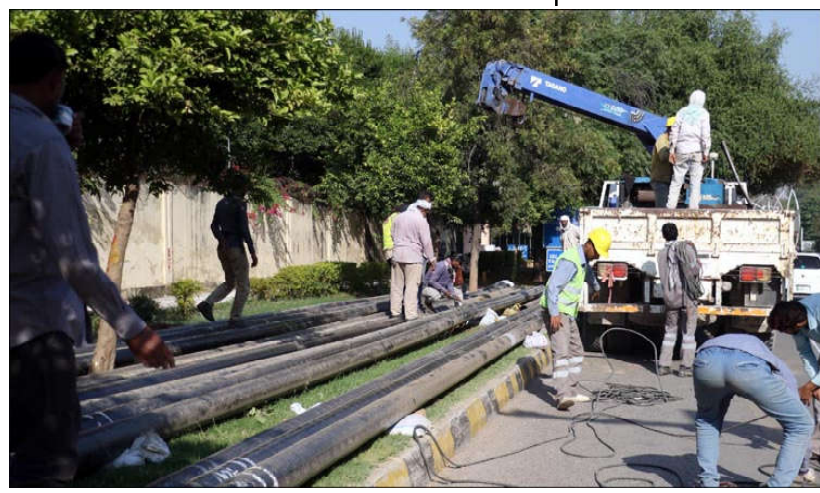
with their families, eat sweets and exchange gifts. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that's also enjoyed by non-Hindu communities. For instance, in Jainism, Diwali marks the nirvana, or spiritual awakening, of Lord Mahavira on October 15, 527 B.C.; in Sikhism, it honors the day that Guru Hargobind Ji, the Sixth Sikh Guru, was freed from imprisonment. Buddhists in India celebrate Diwali as well.

Secretary Info, PIO offer condolences to APP Director on loss of his mother

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Amreen Jan and Principal Information Officer Mubasher Hassan on Saturday expressed their profound grief over the passing of Abdul Jabbar Zakria's mother, Director Urdu News Service at the Associated Press of Pakistan.

Amreen Jan extended her heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family of the deceased. She conveyed her deep sorrow upon hearing the news, stating, "The void left by the loss of Abdul Jabbar Zakria's mother will never be filled." Mubasher Hassan echoed her sentiments, expressing his shared sorrow with the bereaved family.



ISLAMABAD: Workers busy in laying gas pipeline in Federal Capital.

PTV brings innovation in presentation with new logo, graphics

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Television Corporation has taken steps for innovation and upgradation in its presentation by introducing new logo and graphics.

The overall look of PTV screen has become more attractive with the innovative steps including the launch of new programs with new anchors, an important milestone in PTV, said a press release issued here. The change seen in the presentation of Pakistan Television was a reflection of the technological improvement in the institution.

The PTV News keeps its viewers across the country informed about the latest national and international news as its news coverage and scope has grown exponentially over the past few years. Considering the current market trend, PTV

has further improved its programs.

For this purpose, new anchors have been hired from the market and new programmes were being launched with a new screen look and a new logo.

There has been a change in the news sector not only in terms of quantity but also in the style of presentation from Islamabad and other centres. The PTV has been prominently highlighting daily events, proceedings of parliament, political activities of government and opposition and issues of public interest.

For maximum coverage of global events, PTV News has also entered into agreements with leading media organizations of the world that provide round-the-clock coverage to PTV via satellite.



ISLAMABAD: An open manhole at Karachi Company which needs attention of higher authorities and may cause any mishap.

13 outlaws arrested; weapons & drugs recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police apprehended 13 outlaws involved in different criminal activities including drug peddling and illegal weapons.

Police have recovered hashish, heroin, liquor and weapons with ammunition from their possessions.

On the directives of Inspector General Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the ICT Police have intensified their crackdown against criminal elements in a bid to eliminate crime from the city; public relation officer told APP on Saturday.

In this regard, the ICT Police Ramna, Sangjani, Koral, Bhara Kahu, Secretariat, Industrial Area and Sabzi Mandi police stations teams took legal action against accused involved in drug peddling and possessing illegal weapons.

He said that the police teams also arrested nine accused namely Umar Farooq, Ikram, Habib Ullah, Iqar Khan, Muhammad Ali, Faizan Munir, Saeed Ahmad, Nasir Abbas and Muhammad Arshad and recovered four 30 bore pistols and one 09 mm pistol with 2,440 gram hashish, 10 liters of liquor and 129 gram heroin from their possession.

Moreover four absconders were also arrested from various areas of the city during the last 24 hours.

IG Islamabad reviews security measures, directs for enhanced patrolling

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi here on Saturday inspected various duty points within the city and reviewed security measures.

On this occasion, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) CTD Muhammad Iqbal and SSP Special Branch Yasir Afridi, along with other senior police officers, were also present, a police spokesman told APP.

During the visit, the IG inspected various duty points within the city and evaluated the security measures in place.

IG met with police officers on duty and directed them to perform their duties with alertness. He emphasized the need for stringent security

measures in the city, instructing the officers patrolling the area to increase the intensity of their patrols and to make the search process more effective.

The IG ICT further directed the officers to brief their subordinates on handling emergency situations and to personally monitor all duties. Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi also emphasized that all officers should be provided with complete safety equipment before being deployed.

Furthermore, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Syed Ali Raza reviewed the security of all financial institutions in Islamabad.

The DIG issued orders to the police officers on duty to perform their responsibilities diligently and with full safety equipment.

CTO briefed Traffic Police Officers; Orders to enhance performance

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: According to details, the Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Islamabad, Muhammad Sarfaraz Virk, met with the officers of Islamabad Traffic Police who are performing their

and to ensure smooth traffic flow while providing citizens with all possible travel facilities.

He further stated that, while maintaining civility and good conduct, every possible assistance should



duties in the field and directed them to enhance traffic management and enforce traffic laws, a public relations officer said.

He noted that, on this occasion, the SP Traffic and Zonal DSPs were also present. The CTO Islamabad directed the officers to intensify the crackdown against drivers involved in traffic violations

be provided to citizens on the roads.

Citizens should be educated about traffic laws and road safety, with a focus on minimizing ticket issuance to drivers and assisting them with awareness. This way, citizens can be informed about traffic laws and road safety, helping to keep the city safe from accidents, he added.

Specialist appeals Polio eradication needs public support, awareness

ISLAMABAD (APP): A child specialist made a heartfelt appeal to influential individuals, media outlets and parents to join forces and support the government's efforts to eradicate polio and dispel misconceptions surrounding vaccination as collective action is crucial in safeguarding the well-being of children.

A prominent child specialist Dr Aiman Shahid talking to a private news channel urged the public to cooperate with the government's seven-day polio vaccination drive in Punjab and other districts across the country, adding, that this campaign is crucial in protecting children from the debilitating disease and the dedication of polio workers is commendable.

Dr Shahid emphasized that polio vaccination is the only effective way to prevent the disease as there is no known cure or medicine available for treatment.

She urged the public to disregard misconceptions and assured that the vaccine is safe.

"The polio vaccine is the sole safeguard against this debilitating disease," Dr. Shahid stressed.

"I appeal to parents and caregivers to trust the science and get their children vaccinated, ensuring a healthy and polio-free future for them," she added.

Dr Aiman also expressed grave concern over the alarming surge in polio cases in the country, stressing the urgent need for collective action to combat the disease.



ISLAMABAD: Strays dogs walks outside the gate of Pakistan's first MCI's Strays Dogs Population Control Center at Park Road in Tariqi. Stray dogs are increasingly becoming a serious threat to the residents of the federal capital. Reports indicate around 3 million stray dogs in Pakistan, with more than one million dog bite cases reported each year.

Punjab govt takes steps to combat rising smog levels in Lahore: Secretary

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Punjab government is taking proactive measures to combat the rising smog levels in Lahore to mitigate its harmful effects.

Punjab Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Secretary Raja Jahangir Anwar said this in an interview with PTV news channel. He said following Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's directives all relevant authorities have issued emergency alerts to mitigate the harmful effects of smog.

Nawaz has launched several initiatives to support farmers in the province and provided super seeders to farmers at subsidized rates to boost agricultural production.

To a question, he said that the EPA has also introduced regulations to reduce plastic waste and promote the use of eco-friendly alternatives. Vehicle owners and industries are also encouraged to adopt environmentally friendly practices to reduce their carbon footprint, he mentioned.

Ultimate price

As the world marks the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists today, the dangers confronting media professionals have become impossible to ignore, especially in regions plagued by conflict. The peril is particularly acute in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon, where according to CPJ, at least 134 journalists have been killed since the onset of Israeli hostilities last year. In Pakistan, too, the landscape is perilous, with over 150 journalists killed in the last 24 years.

Freedom Network's 2024 Impunity Report highlights that Pakistan is witnessing a brutal year, with six journalists killed between November 2023 and August 2024 alone. A culture of impunity persists, exposing journalists to relentless threats and assaults. And while journalists continue to fall victim to violence, convictions are almost nonexistent, creating an environment in which perpetrators are rarely held to account.

The annual impunity report reveals the extent of these threats, identifying key actors behind the violence. Of the documented violations, nearly half (47pc) were attributed to government authorities, with political parties involved in 12pc of cases and other identifiable groups responsible for 16pc. Alarmingly, 25pc of these attacks came from unknown actors, underscoring the complexity and opacity surrounding these crimes. It also reveals other distressing statistics: 57 documented violations, including assassinations, threats, and harassment, took place in the period under review.

Sindh tops this grim list, with Punjab, Islamabad, and KP not far behind. Journalists from various sectors bear the brunt of these attacks, with TV journalists most frequently targeted, followed by those in print and digital media. Women journalists, too, have faced intimidation, making up 9pc of the affected individuals. There are mechanisms within the law, such as the Sindh Protection of Journalists and Other Media Professionals Act, and the federal Protection of Journalist and Media Professional Act. However, these legal protections remain largely unenforced, leaving journalists vulnerable. The first local Media Impunity Index highlights that while the Sindh government has made some headway, other provinces and the centre are failing to establish active safety commissions essential for protecting media workers. To dismantle this culture of impunity, the state must act decisively. Existing laws, like the 2021 protection act, must be enforced rigorously. Authorities must launch thorough investigations into crimes against journalists and bring perpetrators to justice. Moreover, families of slain journalists deserve financial and legal support to help them seek justice and recognition for their loved ones' sacrifices. Journalists are the backbone of democratic societies. Their work holds governments accountable, informs the public, and exposes injustices. When they are silenced through violence, the impact is felt across society, eroding public trust and weakening democratic integrity. It is incumbent upon the state to protect journalists and ensure that crimes against them do not go unpunished.

Ahmed Bilal Mehboob

Reserved seats for women and non-Muslims in our legislatures have been a long-standing feature of Pakistan's political system, but they had never brought the state close to constitutional breakdown — until now.

Not only are the three branches of the state bitterly poised against one another, there are visible fissures within each branch as well, most notably the judiciary.

It is unprecedented that three sitting judges of the Supreme Court, including the then-chief justice, should openly call the July 12 majority order passed by the full court, unconstitutional, besides declaring it non-binding on the executive and constitutional institutions: read ECP.

The Election Commission of Pakistan has not fully implemented the majority court order, despite repeated court warnings. Parliament has passed the Elections (Second Amendment) Act, 2024, to neutralise the order and the speakers of the National

Assembly and assemblies in Punjab and Sindh have written letters to the ECP to defy it and distribute the remaining reserved seats among the PML-N, PPP and JUI-P as originally decided by the ECP in its order of March 4, which was upheld by the Peshawar High Court some days later.

At stake are 77 reserved seats for women and non-Muslims in the National Assembly and three provincial assemblies out of a total of 226 such seats. The remaining 149 seats have already been distributed to various political parties in proportion to their general seats in the respective assemblies.

A large number of independent legislators — those not affiliated with any political party — in the National Assembly and three provincial legislatures were, in fact, elected, for all practical purposes, as PTI legislators because their names were widely advertised on the PTI's social media as party candidates ahead of the February polls.

They had to contest the election as independent candidates because the ECP had denied them, on technical grounds, the facility to

contest the polls on the party's election symbol, a decision which was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Despite these well-known facts, some provisions of the Constitution such as Articles 51(6)(e) and 106(3)(e) and relevant sections of the Elections Act, 2017, do not support the claim of either the Sunni Ittehad Council or the PTI.

The SIC had not submitted a priority list of its Assembly candidates nor had its nominees for the reserved seats submitted their papers as required under the Elections Act, 2017 (it had no candidates either on the general or reserved seats). The PTI and its reserved seats' candidates tried to submit its priority list and their nomination forms respectively but the ECP refused to accept them as the PTI leadership was not recognised by it because of objections regarding the party's intra-party elections.

The PTI would have had a better chance of circumventing these objections had it constituted its own parliamentary parties within the assemblies and inducted independent can-

didates into its fold within the constitutional deadline of three days from the notification of their election. The PTI, instead, preferred to use the SIC platform, which almost all the judges in the full court agreed had no locus standi to claim the reserved seats.

The court in the July 12 majority judgment decided to rise above these technicalities and legal requirements and, instead, invoked the doctrine of 'complete justice'. The judgment allowed independent members to once again exercise their option to join a political party of their choice — four months after the three-day deadline prescribed in Article 51(6)(d) and (e). The doctrine of 'complete justice' resonated with the wish of many, including this writer but, to many, it did not conform to specific constitutional and legal provisions.

The ECP and a majority of parliament disagreed with the order on these grounds and several review petitions were filed with the Supreme Court against the short order. What made matters worse was the delay in announcing the de-

tailed reasons for the verdict and delaying the hearing of the review petitions on the grounds that the judges were to go on their annual vacation.

In view of the fact that the case was of critical national importance and time-sensitive, many agree that the honourable judges should have rescheduled their vacations to announce the detailed reasons and dispose of the review petitions.

This is what the then chief justice reportedly suggested in the three-member Practices and Procedures Committee but he was out-numbered. Even requests for clarifications, which the short order had invited and the ECP had filed, had to wait for over two months to get a response from the majority judges.

The invoking of the 'complete justice' doctrine available in the "constitutional arsenal" — to use Justice Mansoor Ali Shah's words — seems to have played a key role in provoking the government to pass the 26th Amendment.

The July 12 order, despite some judges' dissenting notes and declara-

tion of the order as unconstitutional, is very much a legitimate Supreme Court order unless the court amends it after hearing the review petitions. On the other hand, the Elections (Second Amendment) Act, 2024, duly passed by parliament, is a legitimate law unless it is declared otherwise by a competent court, or if parliament chooses to amend it.

Despite the fact that eight judges have held in their response to the ECP that a law passed by parliament after the Supreme Court order can't have retrospective effect and therefore can't neutralise the apex court's order, this two-way communication may not be taken as a verdict by the apex court and therefore the issue appears to still be open to interpretation.

While much water has flowed under the bridge, the honourable Supreme Court and its soon-to-be-formed constitutional bench will have to find a way to resolve the issue, as the order of the Supreme Court and the law passed by parliament compete for superiority. - Courtesy Dawn

High-stakes reserved seats

Basic structure, again

Reema Omer

Every few years, questions regarding the limitations of parliament's power to amend the Constitution, and the Supreme Court's jurisdiction to review, and if necessary, strike down constitutional amendments, become issues of great public interest.

This time around, these questions are being raised in response to the 26th Constitutional Amendment, and expectations that the Supreme Court should strike down certain changes for violating the principle of the independence of the judiciary. The Constitution itself appears clear on the matter: Article 239(5) and (6) expressly state "no amendment of the Constitution shall be called in question in any court on any ground whatsoever", and even more categorically, "for the removal of doubt, it is hereby declared that there is no limitation whatever on the power of the Majlis-i-Shoora (parliament) to amend any of the provisions of the Constitution".

Before 2015, the Supreme Court considered the scope and meaning of Article 239(5) and (6) in multiple judgments, but did not reach

a definitive conclusion. This changed in 2015, when a full-court bench of the Supreme Court heard petitions challenging the 21st Amendment to the Constitution together with the challenge to the 18th Amendment, which had been pending since 2010.

A majority of 13 judges of the Supreme Court found parliament's powers to amend the Constitution are limited, and it is the Supreme Court — the "guardian of the Constitution" — that would determine what those limitations are, and if they are transgressed, have the power to strike them down. The judges, however, suggested a number of different interpretations on the precise content and source of those limitations.

According to the majority opinion, authored by Justice Azmat Saeed and endorsed by seven other judges, there are implied restrictions on parliament's power to amend the Constitution "so as not to substantially alter, repeal or abrogate the salient features of the Constitution". The majority opinion held that it was not necessary to conclusively determine the salient features of the Constitution at this point. How-

ever, "democracy, parliamentary form of government and independence of the judiciary are certainly included in the prominent characteristics, forming the salient features".

The judges reasoned that all questions about what kind of a country Pakistan was going to be were resolved through consensus in the 1973 Constitution. Any attempt by parliament to reopen those debates and reimagine Pakistan would risk "unleashing political tempests of unparalleled fury which may be difficult to control".

The majority also held the power to amend does not include a power to destroy. Therefore, Article 239(5) and (6) do not permit parliament to "destroy" a salient feature of the Constitution through a constitutional amendment.

Justices Jawwad S. Khawaja and Qazi Faez Isa authored separate opinions, but both were by and large in agreement over their reasoning and conclusions.

They rejected the "basic structure doctrine" (coined by the Indian supreme court to review constitutional amendments), which they considered an "alien" theory born in a for-

ever land. They reasoned that given Pakistan's unique context, the limitations on parliament's powers to amend the Constitution were not found in the structure of the Constitution, but in the preamble, which was an embodiment of the nation's social contract and "aspirations for a future order". No parliament, therefore, had the power to alter the principles enshrined in the preamble, including "democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice, as enunciated by Islam" and independence of the judiciary. Justice Isa, rather curiously, also reasoned the Constitution mentions the Supreme Court by name when its jurisdiction is to be ousted. Since Article 239 did not expressly mention the Supreme Court but instead used "any court", there was no bar on the Supreme Court to review constitutional amendments.

It is important to remember that even though the majority accepted the possibility of the apex court striking down constitutional amendments, it did not consider any of the amendments being challenged in violation of the "salient features" of the Constitution. No amendment, therefore,

was actually "struck down" by the court.

Four judges including chief justice Nasir-ul-Mulk, justice Iqbal Hameedur Rehman, justice Asif Saeed Khosa, and justice Saqib Nisar rejected any limitations on parliament's powers to amend the Constitution. Justice Saqib Nisar stated matters of governance must be decided by the chosen representatives of the people, and should not be left at the "mercy of the collective wisdom of unelected judges", who "are the least accountable branch and in Pakistan". He argued the "basic structure" doctrine, as adopted by the Supreme Court in India, was "a vehicle for judicial aggrandisement of power at the expense of the elected representatives of the people".

Justice Khosa raised another important concern, and asked that even if the preamble and the salient features of the Constitution expressed the will of a past generation, why should the Supreme Court hold future generations hostage to it? Surely, "if at some future stage the people of this country have a change of heart or mind... then the will of the people will have

its way and the aspirations of yore or yesteryears may not be able to shackle it". The minority view is jurisprudentially and constitutionally far more convincing than the majority's opinion. As long as a constitutional amendment is passed in a manner that is procedurally sound and in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the Supreme Court does not — and should not — have the power to "strike down" amendments that they consider contrary to the "salient features" of the Constitution. This does lead to frightening possibilities, particularly when we consider a parliament that breaches all norms of democracy, transparency, and public participation in its constitution-making functions.

However, the temptation to find judicial solutions to political problems should be resisted. As justice Khosa wisely pointed out, if courts disturb or undermine the balance of power between institutions provided in the Constitution by striking down constitutional amendments on substantive grounds, the judiciary may claim to have the last word, but "parliament may have the last laugh".

Trade distortions

Dr Nadia Tahir

Pakistan's exports are not increasing at a fast rate, perhaps because the authorities give incentives to traditional export sectors and restrict imports through tariff walls. We often overlook the link between imports and industry. The unintended consequences of imposing tariffs as a means of revenue collection have eroded our regulatory capacity to collect direct taxes.

In FY2022-23, import duties contributed 13 per cent towards overall FBR collection and some 24pc in indirect taxes, while 73pc of import duties were collected from just 15 product groups. Duties on petroleum products, iron and steel, vehicles and edible oil constitute almost 50pc of all customs duties. The narrow base of dutiable imports is also a reason for high tariff rates.

Our first National Tariff Policy (2019-24) marked a shift in revenue generation methods as tariffs became a tool for promoting trade and industrialisation. It was considered a step in the right direction as it intended to simplify the tariff structure. The NTP also aimed to provide time-bound strategic protection to domestic industries.

The NTP included all relevant stakeholders at a single decision-making forum, the National Tariff Board. This approach altered the balance between various stakeholders, mainly FBR and the Commerce Division, making decision-making more complex, thus leading to delays and court cases.

The government has decreased tariff rates but by imposing additional regulatory duties has increased the effective and nominal protection rate. Given frequent changes

and the import control policy, the dispersion rate and the reduction in the mean tariff rate indicate more policy distortions.

The complexity of our tariff structure goes beyond the variation in rates across different slabs. Rates also vary based on product usage and origin, leading to policies that foster the misuse of concessions, create anomalies, and result in valuation lapses.

In the last five years, regulatory duties have increased by 140pc, and warehouse charges by 64pc. The nominal tariff rate (the total tariff divided by the value of all imports) has gone up significantly.

Let us examine our industrial landscape. Our last Census of Manufacturing Industries for 2015-16 revealed that the industrial sector still consists mainly of textile, food processing units, chemicals, and automobiles — all heavily reliant on imports. The "inexorable and mysterious" growth of these sectors has puzzled policymakers. It was thought that protection and incentives would trigger export-led growth but that did not happen. Instead, we have seen exports increase sluggishly and imports double.

Pakistan's trade duties have tried to protect industries in the pursuit of growth but industry finds it difficult to compete because exports rely on imports for essential inputs. Our industrial structure is highly skewed in favour of a few who thrive on state subsidies. Heavy indirect taxes such as customs duty and sales tax on imports hinder growth. Industry also finds it difficult to survive and compete with increasing costs of production.

It is the consumer who ends up paying for trade distortions created by subsidies and tariff,

over and above inflation and high energy costs.

The WTO's general principle is that foreign goods must not be treated any "worse than domestic products", and that "internal taxes or other charges on imports must be no higher than on domestic products, and laws and regulations affecting their sale, purchase, transportation, distribution". However, we routinely see this principle being violated.

Countries such as the US and China, as well as the European Union, are giving huge subsidies and building tariff walls to lessen competition. Despite slowing globalisation and rising regulatory tariffs, technology links markets, and does not fracture economies. Trade is realigning it-self, with like-minded states trading with each other. We are living in a world which is more connected and interdependent. Isolation and tariffs can be addressed by creating new markets.

For economists, trade depends on differences in cost ratios. As tariff costs increase, aggregate demand and income shrink based on the "reciprocal demand" principle. Low growth imposes a constraint on achieving the objective of 'decent work for all'. It also creates a set of other regulatory issues, such as the problem of calculating true income because of illegal trade and parallel economies.

Tariff has proved to be a major hindrance in the promotion of trade. Tariff walls are protecting a high-end industry, which is not there.

Can we create such an industry out of thin air without collaboration, coordination and exchanging goods and ideas? For industrial growth, we need not just one of these factors but all three. -- Courtesy Dawn

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Comprehensive nursing care for unconscious patients: A review of best practices

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Abstract

Comprehensive nursing care for unconscious patients is vital for ensuring their safety, promoting recovery, and optimizing health outcomes. This review highlights best practices in the management of unconscious patients, focusing on assessment, intervention, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Key components include regular monitoring of vital signs, neurological status, and respiratory function to identify potential complications promptly. The review emphasizes the importance of maintaining airway patency and providing appropriate nutrition and hydration, as well as implementing pressure injury prevention strategies. Effective communication with family members and caregivers is crucial for emotional support and decision-making. Additionally, the role of ethical considerations in care planning for unconscious patients is discussed, along with the significance of staff training to enhance care quality. By employing a holistic, evidence-based approach, nurses can deliver high-quality care that addresses the complex needs of unconscious patients, ultimately improving their outcomes and quality of life.

Background: Unconscious patients require specialized nursing care to ensure their physical and emotional needs are met, preventing complications and promoting optimal outcomes.

Objective: To provide an overview of evidence-based nursing care strategies for unconscious patients, focusing on physical, emotional, and psychological support.

Key Components:

1. Assessment and monitoring: neurological, cardiovascular, respiratory, and renal function
2. Airway management: intubation, ventilation, and suctioning
3. Breathing and oxygenation: mechanical ventilation, oxygen therapy
4. Circulation and hemodynamics: fluid management, vasopressor support
5. Pain management: analgesia, sedation, and comfort measures
6. Nutrition and hydration: enteral or parenteral nutrition
7. Elimination and bowel management: urinary catheters, bowel protocols
8. Skin and wound care: pressure ulcer prevention, wound management
9. Infection prevention and control: antibiotic stewardship, infection surveillance
10. Family support and communication

3. Vital sign monitoring and documentation
 4. Medication management and titration
 5. Pain and discomfort assessment and management
 6. Nutritional support and feeding tube management
 7. Skin and wound care protocols
 8. Infection prevention and control measures
 9. Family education and support
 10. Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Complications Prevention:**
1. Respiratory complications (e.g., pneumonia, atelectasis)
 2. Cardiovascular complications (e.g., hypertension, hypotension)
 3. Neurological complications (e.g., seizures, cerebral edema)
 4. Pressure ulcers and skin breakdown
 5. Infections (e.g., pneumonia, urinary tract infections)
- Outcomes:**
1. Improved patient outcomes and re-

2. Enhanced family satisfaction and support
 3. Reduced length of stay and hospital-acquired complications
 4. Increased patient comfort and dignity
 5. Better interdisciplinary collaboration and communication
- Recommendations:**
1. Implement evidence-based guidelines for unconscious patient care
 2. Provide ongoing education and training for nurses
 3. Encourage family-centered care and communication
 4. Utilize technology (e.g., vital sign monitors, smart alarms) to enhance care
 5. Foster interdisciplinary collaboration and teamwork
- Conclusion:** Comprehensive nursing care for unconscious patients requires attention to physical, emotional, and psychological needs. By providing evidence-based care, nurses can prevent complications, promote optimal outcomes, and support patients and their families.

CM KP says: Strengthening of health sector govt's top priority

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Saturday termed health sector as one of his government's key priorities sectors.

He said that efforts were underway to strengthen healthcare facilities at grass roots level by ensuring the efficient and effective use of available medical equipments and human resources in these hospitals. He said that it was aimed to ensure basic healthcare facilities to the people at local level and thereby reducing the patients load on teaching hospitals.

He stated that his government was making efforts to improve the standards of public sector hospitals so that maximum public sector hospitals could serve under Sehat Card program to make healthcare services

accessible to people everywhere in the province. Gandapur remarked that steps had been taken to address gaps and loopholes in Sehat Card scheme, prevent its misuse, and enhance its efficiency adding that these efforts have resulted in significant improvement in free treatment facilities under the scheme.

The chief minister shared these views while talking to a delegation of Insaf Doctors Forum who called on him at his office here and discussed with him matters related to the ongoing reforms in the health sector, improvements in service delivery in public sector hospitals, and ways to address issues facing the doctor community.

The chief minister said that the provincial government was planning to include life insurance scheme in Sehat Card program which, he termed,

as a unique program of social protection.

Ali Amin Gandapur stated that his government was also planning to establish its own life insurance company to run all its social protection schemes on sustainable grounds adding that for the first time, bone marrow and liver transplant projects are also being launched in the province.

He said that the provincial government would welcome inputs from the medical community for improvement and reforms in health sectors and asked the doctors to sit with the concerned quarters of Health Department and bring forward viable proposals for integrating emergency and ICU services in all public sector hospitals of the province to improve the overall patients care systems in these hospitals for the benefit of patients at large.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi witnessed MoU signing ceremony of providing sponsorship to squash players Ahsan Ayaz by Zakori group of Industries at Governor House.

Health minister calls for unified effort in medical training, hospital services

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique emphasized the importance of collaboration between policymakers and healthcare professionals, stating that "modern training of doctors has become very important." His comments came during the closing ceremony of the third annual international conference organized by King Edward Medical University, where he participated as a special guest on Saturday.

Highlighting the government's commitment to healthcare, the Health Minister remarked, "To date, we have not banned any patient from treatment at government hospitals, and at the government level, inshallah, there will be no shortage in any sector." He underscored the need for improvements in trauma and emergency medicine, noting the vital role politicians play in connecting institutions and

professionals. The minister assured that the government is prioritizing the supply of medicines and enhancement of treatment facilities in line with Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision. He commended the contributions of Professor Javed Akram and the late Professor Faisal Masood, particularly during the dengue crisis, and congratulated the conference administration for organizing a forum to address critical health issues, while welcoming international medical experts to Pakistan. The speakers on the occasion, highlighted that 20-30 per cent of patients treated in trauma units are victims of traffic accidents, largely due to violations of traffic rules. He emphasized that stricter enforcement of these rules, along with consistent seat belt and helmet use, could significantly reduce injuries.

1.3m children enrolled in schools owing to efforts of KP govt: Tarakai

SWABI (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai has said that more than 1.3 million children have been enrolled in education institutions due to out-of-school children campaign of provincial government. He expressed these views while addressing the launching ceremony of "Zero Out of School Children Model District" survey in Government High School Tarakai. He said that there are about 4.7 million children out of schools in KP among which 1.3million

have been enrolled due to efforts of provincial government. He said that survey was launched by KP Education Department in collaboration with National Commission for Human Development and aimed to compile data of out-of-school children. The minister also highlighted significance of girl education and urged all political entities of the area to join hands for promotion of education. He said that unsatisfactory results of schools would not be tolerated adding that staff of those schools would be questioned for bad results.



HYDERABAD: Members of Hindu Community are celebrating Diwali festival held in Hyderabad. Pakistani Hindus are celebrating Diwali also known as Deepavali or the festival of lights across the country with zeal and fervor, with families decorating their houses and temples with colorful lights.



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, along with Consul General of Russian Federation in Karachi Andrey V. Fedorov cutting cake on the occasion of the "People's Unity Day" ceremony held at the Consulate General of the Russian Federation.

Law order situation miserable in KP, letter written to PM: Kundi

PESHAWAR (Online): Governor KP Faisal Karim Kundi has said law and order situation in KP is miserable and letter in this regard has been written to Prime Minister (PM).

"The federal and provincial government together will have to find out solution to it, he said this while addressing a ceremony here Saturday.

This issue is so grave that that federation needs to take it seriously, he said adding this issue should be discussed in federal cabinet

and parliament. Letter has been written to PM in this connection.

Government is doing nothing for sports, he added. Terrorism is major impediment on the way to promoting sports, he remarked.

Meanwhile, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Saturday expressed grief and sorrow over a van accident in the Chaghurzai area of Buner District resulted in the loss of seven lives.

In his statement, the Governor conveyed his deep grief for the families of the deceased and extended his sympathies to those affected.

He prayed for the elevation of the souls of the victims and offered heartfelt wishes for patience to their bereaved families.

Governor Kundi wished for the early recovery of the injured, underscoring his solidarity with the relatives of those who lost their lives.

Kazi declares SCO as well-timed, productive

KARACHI (APP): The Former Ambassador of Pakistan to Russia, Netherlands, Indonesia and Iraq Mustafa Kamal Kazi on Saturday said that the conduct of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in the country was well-timed and productive and proved to be viable regional organization.

While addressing a session on 'SCO Summit' Multilateralism, Connectivity and Counterterrorism' organized by Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA), he said that SCO was quite broad topic, which held crucial relevance to us.

The former Ambassador Mustafa Kamal Kazi said that SCO

was a key to harness full potential of our geographical location.

He was of the view that multilateralism created ways of bargaining and 'Religious multilateralism is doing good.'

Kazi said that Shanghai Cooperation Organization distinctly stood out. Recalling the past, he said that Pakistan and India applied for the membership of SCO at the time and Pakistan became SCO member in 2017.

He remarked that in the SCO recently held in the country raised the issue of palestinian genocide and condemned it. He said that it also discussed climate resilience and other topics of importance.

Hike in POL products price challenged in LHC

LAHORE (Online): Hike in price of petroleum products has been challenged in Lahore High Court (LHC). Judicial Activism panel has filed miscellaneous petition against recent increase in price of petroleum products in LHC. The petition said government has increased price of petrol per liter by Rs 1.35

. Like wise price of diesel has been increased by Rs 3.84 per liter. The notification issued by the government for enhancement in the price of petroleum products is illegal. The petitioner has prayed the court to declare the increase in the price of petroleum products null and void.



FAISALABAD: PMLN Central Leader, Senator Talal Chaudhary is offering Dua after unveiling a plaque to inaugurate water filtration plant at Model Children Home Faisalabad.

Marriyum stresses collective responsibility in smog control

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior Punjab Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb on Saturday called for cooperation from all stakeholders, including the public to tackle the issue of smog in Lahore and emphasized the need for mature behavior from the public in controlling smog, highlighting that it was a collective responsibility.

In an exclusive talk with a private news channel, she shared that the provincial government has been actively working on anti-smog measures since March, shortly after Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz took office, adding, preventing smog is a lengthy process that requires sustained effort of all stakeholders.

Maryam Nawaz, the Chief Minister of Punjab has taken the issue of smog very seriously, unlike any other government in history, she mentioned. Marriyum Aurangzeb said Punjab Senior Minister Maryam Nawaz's dedication to addressing this issue is unparalleled, adding, CM's approach to tackling smog is not just about short-term solutions

but also focuses on long-term policies and environmental diplomacy efforts. She highlighted that Maryam Nawaz's environmental diplomacy efforts have been met with mockery and criticism from opponents, who are more interested in playing politics with health issues rather than finding solutions. Thick smog has been engulfing several parts of Punjab, especially Lahore due to Diwali celebrations and stubble burning in India, according to Marriyum Aurangzeb, Punjab's Senior Minister. Responding a query, Marriyum Aurangzeb also disclosed that Punjab will launch environmental diplomacy efforts with India starting next week, focusing on addressing the smog issue that has been plaguing Lahore.

This initiative includes writing a letter to facilitate further progress and engaging in dialogue to find solutions, she added. The move is part of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision for a pollution-free and smog-free Punjab, she highlighted.

Police arrest 6 outlaws in Dikhan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Dera police during the successful operation against criminal elements arrested six outlaws including drug peddlers and recovered narcotics and weapon in the limits of Cantt police station here on Saturday.

According to the police spokesman, on the direction of the District Police Officer Dera Nasir Mehmood, operations against criminal elements are continuing indiscriminately. Police Station Cantt under the leadership of SDPO City Circle Muhammad Adnan along with SHO Muhammad Sibtain, ASI Shah Rukh carried out successful operations against criminal elements and drug dealers and arrested wanted criminals in cases of theft, attempted murder and fraud cases.

The police arrested the accused Muhammad Imran, son of Ahmed Khan resident of Jandola, Muhammad Muzamal son of Muhammad Saeed resident of Kachi Paid Khan, Muhammad Kamran, son of Muhammad Ramzan resident of Muriyali and Fazal son of Imam Shah resident of Muriyali.

Governor Tessori says: Journalists enjoy freedom in Pakistan

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori, on the occasion of International Day of Ending Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, said this year's theme reminded us of the need for strong measures to protect journalists.

He said today, we have to remember those journalists, who have sacrificed their lives to serve the truth.

The Governor Tessori said that the declaration of this day

November 2 by the United Nations is a commitment to protecting journalists and bring those, who attack them to justice.

He was of the view that the role of journalists in the establishment and continuity of democracy is commendable.

Tessori said that journalists have complete freedom in Pakistan and they were playing the role of eyes and ears in the society.

He also condemned attacks on journalists in Gaza.

CM message on Intl Day to end impunity for crimes against Journalists

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has called for an end to violence and cruelty against those who champion the truth.

In her message on the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists being celebrated on Saturday, she stated, "Violence against journalists is condemnable in every country, including Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Palestine."

Emphasizing the significance of a responsible press, she remarked, "Freedom of the press is the foundation of democracy, and a free press is essential for a strong democratic society."

CM Maryam Nawaz affirmed that journalists are vital defenders of social justice and the voice of the people. She commended those who expose cruelty, injustice, and falsehoods, underscoring her commitment to being a guarantor and advocate for press freedom. She also stressed the government's responsibility to protect journalists' rights and expressed her determination to support homeless journalists in finding secure housing. "We stand with responsible and dignified journalists who pursue the truth and will ensure their rights are protected," she added.



LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister, Uzma Bukhari along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held in Lahore.

Country experiencing significant shift: Saif

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Advisor to the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Information Barrister Dr. Muhammad Saif on Saturday declared that Pakistan was experiencing a significant shift and government was facing global challenges.

While talking to the media at Abbottabad Press Club, he highlighted the KP Government's efforts toward social welfare and said that revolutionary steps were being taken to ensure life insurance coverage for the people of the province. He also said that children of Abbottabad journalists will be included in the province's Education Card program, and the government is increasing the Journalists' Endowment Fund. "The provincial government is

establishing its own insurance companies," he revealed, while also announcing the launch of a new transmission company aimed at providing affordable electricity to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's residents. The provincial government will reduce electricity costs in line with constitutional provisions, Saif added.

Dr. Saif also disclosed the provincial government's interest in acquiring the national airline, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), following its privatization. He confirmed that a letter has been sent to the relevant board to take the initiative forward, referring to PIA as a "national asset." He further expressed his personal attachment to Abbottabad.



HYDERABAD: Patients are being examine by doctors during free eye medical camp organized by Host Lions Club held at Police Ground in Hyderabad.

Humayun Khan visits central jail Mardan

MARDAN (APP): Humayun Khan, the Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Prisons, visited Central Jail Mardan unexpectedly on Saturday to check on the conditions and services provided to inmates.

During his visit, Humayun Khan talked directly with the inmates, especially the elderly ones, to understand their concerns about the facilities. Humayun Khan listened carefully and promised to address their needs right away, stating that there should be no delays in making improvements.

Khan toured different parts of the jail, including

the storerooms, waiting areas, prison hospital, and barracks. Special Assistant looked at the cleanliness and condition of these areas, ensuring they met acceptable standards.

While inspecting the medical facilities, Khan told prison staff to make sure inmates get the medical treatment they need and that there are enough essential medicines available.

Humayun Khan emphasized the importance of following the vision of Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur, which includes making prison conditions more humane and aligned with international standards.

Commerce minister arrives in Tashkent for 'Ministerial Commission Meeting'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan has arrived in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, to lead the Pakistani delegation to the 9th Session of the Pakistan-Uzbekistan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) on Trade-Economic and Scientific-Technical Cooperation and participate in the 4th Uzbekistan-Pakistan Business Forum.

The session, set to be co-chaired by Jam Kamal Khan and Laziz Kudratov, Uzbekistan's Minister of Investment, Industry, and Trade, will take place on November 4, 2024, said a press release issued here on Saturday.

This high-level commission seeks to deepen bilateral relations and strengthen trade, economic, and technical ties between the two

nations. As part of his comprehensive itinerary, Minister Jam Kamal Khan will engage in strategic bilateral meetings with Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Jamshed Khujaev, Minister of Investment, Industry, and Trade (MIIT), Mr. Laziz Kudratov, and Minister of Road Transport Mr. Ilkhom Makhkamov. These discussions will be pivotal for advancing dialogue on key projects in trade, investment, and transport logistics.

The minister's visit will include participation as a keynote speaker at the 4th Uzbekistan-Pakistan Business Forum, which will take place on November 4, 2024, at the Intercontinental hotel Tashkent.

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan and Mr. Laziz Kudratov

will address the forum, where experts from both countries will discuss strategies to enhance trade and investment relations.

A significant element of this event is the Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings, where 33 Pakistani businessmen representing 25 companies in sectors such as textiles, pharmaceuticals, food, engineering, and logistics will meet their Uzbek counterparts. This engagement is aimed at fostering long-term partnerships and boosting bilateral trade. The Pakistan-Uzbekistan Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), signed on March 3, 2022, and operational since March 2023, has already catalyzed significant growth in bilateral trade. Similarly, the Agreement on Transit Trade (AUPTT), effective from March 2022.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment Privatization & communication Abdul Aleem Khan presided over the meeting of Focal Group on Special Economic Zones.

Secretary pledges rewards for farmers to boost wheat cultivation

MULTAN (APP): Secretary Agriculture Punjab Iftikhar Ali Sahu on Saturday held a crucial meeting in the city to focus on enhancing wheat cultivation and productivity.

Presiding over a meeting at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Secretary Sahu detailed a series of motivational measures designed to support and reward farmers. Key officials in attendance included Special Secretary of Agriculture South Punjab Sarfraz Hussain Magasi, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana, Additional Secretary Task Force Punjab Shabbir Ahmad Khan, DG Agriculture Extension Chaudhry Abdul Hameed, DG Agricultural Information Punjab

Naveed Asmat Kahloon, and other senior figures.

He stressed that all available resources and innovative strategies were being utilized to meet the wheat cultivation target of 16 million acres across Punjab. The Secretary also highlighted a special incentive package for wheat farmers, announced by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, worth billions of rupees.

The Secretary announced several key benefits to incentivize farmers, particularly targeting those cultivating on substantial plots. Farmers with wheat acreage exceeding 25 acres will be eligible for 1,000 tractors, while those cultivating between 12.5 to 25 acres will be offered 1,000 laser land levellers through a lottery system.

China-Pakistan technical education center set up to empower Pakistani youth

BEIJING (APP): The China-Pakistan Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Industrial Center of Excellence was unveiled at the Belt and Road Digital Education Development Forum in Beijing.

In a bid to train more Pakistani youth in Chinese language and vocational skills, 15 key disciplines including IoT, automation, textile, big data, engineering, etc. would be prioritised in the following year, with digital curriculum to be developed under a mutually-formulated set of standards, and teachers will be trained to upgrade their vocational

knowledge, CEN reported on Saturday. Industry-specific committees in textile, resource and environment, and food were set up in tandem, which are expected to equip students with exceptional internship and employment opportunities in these sectors, contributing to economic cooperation and development of Pakistan.

"This move comes in line with the desire for talent by Chinese companies investing in Pakistan and by local companies as well which are catching up with the tide of industrial upgrade, said Mr. Ammar Muhammad, Secretary General of China Pakistan

International Industrial Academic Integration Alliance. So far, the alliance has attracted the participation of over 300 universities and colleges, and more than 80 enterprises in China and Pakistan, providing vocational training in a variety of key sectors such as agriculture, information, health, energy, etc.

Apart from skill development, the establishment of eight smart Chinese language centers is listed in the first-year plan of the TVET - Industrial Center, with the first one unveiled at the conference, which would be supported by Liaoning Petrochemical College.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary Economic Affairs Dr. Kazim Niaz and Director of the German Development Bank (KfW) Esther Gravenkotter signing the second phase of Billion Tree Afforestation project.

Weekly inflation slightly up for combined consumption groups

ISLAMABAD (APP): The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), went up slightly by 0.10 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on October 31, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review in the above-mentioned group was recorded at 319.40 points as compared to 319.09 points during the past week.

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 14.45 per cent.

The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16 = 100 covers 17 urban centers and 51 essential

items for all expenditure groups.

However, SPI for the lowest consumption group of up to Rs 17,732 witnessed decrease of 0.36 per cent and went down to 312.02 points from last week's 313.16 points.

The SPI for consumption groups of Rs 17,732 to 22,888 also decreased by 0.40 percent however for consumption groups from Rs 22,889-29,517 and Rs 29,518-44,175 it increased by 0.18 percent and 0.32 percent respectively.

The SPI for consumption group above Rs 44,175, decreased by 0.07 percent, according to PBS data.

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 12 (23.53%) items increased, 12 (23.53%) items decreased and 27 (52.94%) items remained stable.

PBIT chairman vows to reshape Punjab's investment landscape

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) Chairman Muhammad Muntaha Ashraf has expressed the resolve to set an ambitious course to reshape Punjab's investment landscape by elevating the Ease of Doing Business to new heights.

Ashraf stated this during his first visit to Business Facilitation Centre. The PBIT Board member Ahmad Ali Tariq and CEO Jalal Hassan also accompanied him, while the BFC Manager welcomed them and gave a comprehensive overview of the Centre's progress and operations.

The PBIT Chairman said that he wanted to fully empower the province's business community and

aimed to integrate federal government departments into the One-Window Operations at Business Facilitation Centres (BFCs) across Punjab. "I believe, this integration is crucial for bringing essential services to the local level and advancing Pakistan's economic stability and growth."

They took a round of all sections and departmental desks of the BFC. The Manager also presented them with the latest edition of the BFC newsletter, INSIGHT.

Muntaha Ashraf left an appreciative note in the visitor's book, commending BFC's achievements and the true embodiment of a one-window operation model.

WCCIS president visits exhibitions

SIALKOT (APP): President Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sialkot (WCCIS) Dr. Mariam Nouman attended exhibitions and a delegations committee meeting at the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI).

The meeting was chaired by Senior Vice President (SVP) Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Waseem Shahbaz Lodhi and attended by Group leader Sialkot Business Community Riaz-ud-Din Sheikh, President SCCI Ikram-ul-Haq and Vice President (VP) SCCI Omer Khalid and business community.

President WCCIS Dr. Mariam Nouman contributed valuable insights towards enhancing policies on exhibitions and delegations. The meeting fostered a productive and engaging discussion, reflecting a shared commitment to strategic improvements.

Gold prices dip by Rs.1,700 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold decreased by Rs.1,700 and was sold at Rs.283,000 on Saturday compared to its sale at Rs.284,700 on last trading day.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs. 1,457 to Rs. 242,627 from Rs.244,084 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs. 222,408 from Rs. 223,744, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs. 3,430 and Rs. 2,940.67, respectively.

Alternative energy sources, industrialisation focus of Punjab govt: Ch. Shafay

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Minister for Industries, Commerce and Investment Chaudhry Shafay Hussain said that alternative energy sources and industrialisation were the prime areas of focus for the Punjab government.

"An agreement with a Chinese group has been finalised for manufacturing of solar panels in Punjab, while the negotiations with Austria are also well on the way to build small hydel projects in Pakistan," he stated during a meeting here at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI).

LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry gave a detailed overview of the ongoing business situation and shared various solutions. Former LCCI Presidents Mian Anjum Nisar, Muhammad Ali Mian, former Senior Vice President Ali Hussain Asghar and former Vice President Tahir Manzoor Chaudhry also spoke on the occasion. Provincial Minister said that his role as an industrialist offers him unique insights into business concerns.



LAHORE: Members of Punjab Teacher Union are holding protest demonstration against privatization of government schools, held in Lahore.

Int'l Solar Energy Meet inaugurated in Peshawar

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry here on Saturday inaugurated the 9th International Solar Energy Meet exhibition.

The two-day exhibition showcased latest innovations in solar energy and attracted over 80 local and international companies specializing in solar technology and renewable energy solutions.

The Chief Secretary visited various stalls and interacted with representatives from participating companies. He emphasized the importance of adopting

environment-friendly and cost effective energy sources stressing that renewable energy, particularly solar power is vital to addressing current energy challenges.

"This event is a significant step towards promoting alternative energy solutions which align with our commitment to sustainable development and environmental preservation," the Chief Secretary said.

He reaffirmed the government's dedication to support growth of renewable energy sources and said that promotion of solar energy is a top priority of KP government.

PFA intensifies enforcement efforts

LAHORE (APP): In line with the zero-tolerance policy towards food adulteration, Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has intensified its enforcement efforts across the province under the directives of Director General Asim Javed.

From Lahore to Rajanpur, PFA has taken firm action against food adulteration practices. During October, PFA conducted rigorous inspections of 104,790 food units/points, imposing fines exceeding PKR 126.3 million on 9,778 violators. Additionally, 280 food points were shut down due to severe breaches of

regulations & legal cases were registered against 87 units found engaging in fraudulent practices.

Compared to last year, inspections have increased by 89.1%, while penalties have surged by 94.3%, demonstrating PFA's escalated efforts to protect public health. Over 132,000 liters of adulterated milk & 24,000 kg of substandard meat, along with expired oils & other products were seized & discarded. In early morning checkpoints, PFA inspected 41,926 milk-carrying vehicles & 13,637 dairy shops testing over 3.34 million liters of milk.

Cleaning of power transmission lines accelerated

LAHORE (APP): LESCO authorities on Saturday ordered acceleration of the cleaning of the transmission lines as there was a fear of smog and fog affecting electrical equipment at grid stations.

Measures are being taken to protect the power transmission system from smog and fog, the cleaning of the high power transmission lines is being carried out, which will continue until December 31. In this connection all the porcelain materials of the grid stations are being cleaned with modern machinery.

A top official of LESCO told APP that including washing and cleaning.



ISLAMABAD: A Vendor selling clay pots at Karachi Company.

Academia key to Pakistan's emerging carbon market: Experts

ISLAMABAD (APP): A national meeting for the Community of Practice for Article 6 Implementing Countries (CoP-AISC) held at a local hotel here, in which Pakistan's leading voices discussed academia's potential in supporting the country's carbon market.

The meeting brought together Pakistan's CoP-AISC steering committee, with representatives from academia, government, and development sectors, to refine strategies for building Pakistan's carbon market infrastructure and capacity.

Under Article 6 of the 2015 Paris Agreement, countries can work together to cut greenhouse gas emissions, with carbon trading as a

key tool. Through this mechanism, nations with reduced emissions can sell credits to others, generating funds for further climate initiatives and fostering sustainable growth in the countries selling credits.

Pakistan's efforts in this field are still developing, but experts and government officials see carbon markets as crucial to strengthening climate resilience.

Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Zulfiqar Younas, started the meeting by addressing the importance of Pakistan's climate adaptation. "We recognize the vulnerable position of Pakistan in the face of climate change impacts."



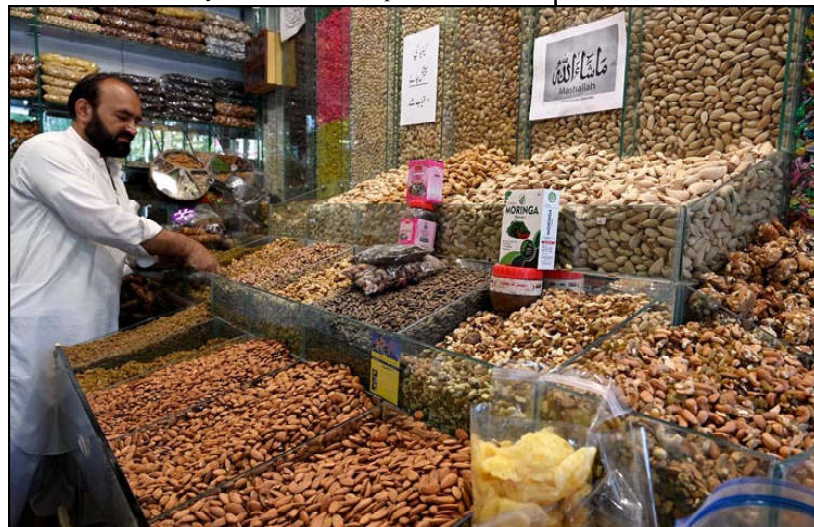
HYDERABAD: Vendor displaying ladies embroidery laces to attract the customer at cloth market road.

Approved seeds recommended for wheat sowing

BAHAWALPUR (APP): The Agriculture Department Bahawalpur has approved wheat seeds and urged growers to sow the seeds approved by the department for better yield.

A spokesman for Agriculture Department Bahawalpur said here that scientists and researchers had played remarkable role in preparation of standard seeds for wheat sowing to

get bumper production. He said that the Agriculture Department had announced names of varieties of approved seeds for sowing wheat in Bahawalpur region. "The varieties of seeds approved by the Agriculture Department's scientists and researcher for sowing wheat in prevailing month of November include Arooj-22, Nishan-21, Dilkash-20, MH-21, Sadique-21.



ISLAMABAD: A shopkeeper arranging and displaying dry fruit to attract the customers at Aabpara.



LARKANA: A vendor displaying used shoes to attract the customers near Jinnah Bagh Chowk.

Iran's supreme leader threatens Israel and US with 'a crushing response' over Israeli attack

Monitoring Desk
DUBAI: Iran's supreme leader on Saturday threatened Israel and the US with "a crushing response" over attacks on Iran and its allies. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei spoke as Iranian officials are increasingly threatening to launch yet another strike against Israel after its Oct 26 attack on the Islamic Republic that targeted military bases and other locations and killed at least five people. Any further attacks from either side could engulf the wider Middle East, already teetering over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip and Israel's ground in-

vasion of Lebanon, into a wider regional conflict just ahead of the US presidential election this Tuesday. "The enemies, whether the Zionist regime or the United States of America, will definitely receive a crushing response to what they are doing to Iran and the Iranian nation and to the resistance front," Khamenei said in video released by Iranian state media. The supreme leader did not elaborate on the timing of the threatened attack, nor the scope. The US military operates on bases throughout the Middle East, with some troops now manning a Terminal High

Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, battery in Israel. The USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier likely is in the Arabian Sea, while Pentagon press secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder said Friday that more destroyers, fighter squadrons, tankers and B-52 long-range bombers would be coming to the region to deter Iran and its militant allies. The 85-year-old Khamenei had struck a more cautious approach in earlier remarks, saying officials would weigh Iran's response and that Israel's attack "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed."

Iran has launched two major direct attacks on Israel, in April and October. But efforts by Iran to downplay the Israeli attack faltered as satellite photos analyzed by The Associated Press showed damage to military bases near Tehran linked to the country's ballistic missile program, as well as at a Revolutionary Guard base used in satellite launches. Iran's allies, called the "Axis of Resistance" by Tehran, also have been severely hurt by ongoing Israeli attacks, particularly Lebanon's Hezbollah and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.



Palestinian children are vaccinated against polio during the second round of a vaccination campaign, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Gaza City.



Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris speaks to the media upon her arrival at an airport in Madison, Wisconsin.

Harris, Trump go toe to toe in frenzied final campaign weekend

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: Kamala Harris and Donald Trump enter the final weekend of the most tense US presidential campaign of modern times with a flurry of swing-state rallies that will test their stamina — and ability to persuade the country's last undecided voters. Harris, bidding to become the country's first woman president, will use rallies in Georgia, North Carolina and Michigan to drive home her message that Trump is a threat to US democracy. Trump — seeking a sensational return to the White House after losing in 2020 and then becoming the first presidential nominee to have been convicted of crimes — promises a radical right-wing makeover of the government and aggressive trade wars to promote his policy of "America first." The 78-year-old, who rallied in Milwaukee, Wisconsin late on Friday, just miles from Harris's event

there, will all but cross paths with her again as Trump makes whistle-stops in North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Georgia. Their frenetic schedule will run right into Monday, culminating with late-night rallies — in Grand Rapids, Michigan for Trump and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for Harris. Election Day is Tuesday but Americans have been voting early for weeks, with more than 70 million ballots already cast — including a record four million in Georgia, where Democrats seek to pull out all the stops to keep the state in their column. Opinion polls continue to show a tied race, particularly in the seven battleground states likely to determine the result in the US electoral college system, leaving the Republican businessman and his 60-year-old Democratic rival fighting hard to peel off even slivers of support from one another's camps.

Roof collapse kills 14 at train station in Serbia

Monitoring Desk
NOVI SAD: Fourteen people were killed on Friday after part of an outdoor roof collapsed at a train station in the Serbian city of Novi Sad, the interior minister said. Vesna Turkulov — the director of the clinical centre of Vojvodina — told reporters that three people who had been pulled from the rubble were in a serious condition, two of whom were undergoing operations. "The injuries are very severe," the doctor added. Earlier, the interior minister said rescuers were working to free multiple people trapped beneath the wreckage of the roof. Cranes and excavators worked alongside emergency responders digging through the rubble to search for the survivors, according to a photographer at the scene. "The operation is still ongoing and extremely challenging. Over 80 rescuers are involved, with the assistance of heavy machinery," Dacic said.

Clashes between drug gangs rock French city

Monitoring Desk
PARIS: France's struggle with drug-related violence is at a "tipping point" after a bloody shootout gravely wounded one teenager and left four more hurt, Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau said on Friday. Police were called out around 10:45pm on Thursday night in response to gunshots outside a restaurant in a working-class neighbourhood of western city Poitiers, a security source said. "Hundreds of people were in the area and a fight broke out, with some of the youths accusing others of being close with the suspected perpetrator" of the shooting, prefect Jean-Marie Girier told news channel BFMTV. Responders found a 15-year-old lying on the ground with a bullet wound to the head, the police source said. He was brought to hospital while paramedics treated two more — a 15-year-old and a 16-year-

old — for serious gunshot wounds. Another two 16-year-olds came to hospital themselves with lighter wounds, one to the scalp and another to a foot. Police said they found around 10 bullet casings from 22-calibre ammunition at the scene. "The 'narco thugs' have no limits any more... These shootouts aren't happening in South America, they're happening in Rennes, in Poitiers... we're at a tipping point," Retailleau told BFMTV. France faced a choice between "full mobilisation or the 'Mexicanisation' of the country," he added, saying the "skirmish between rival bands involved several hundred people" — although a police source later said that between 50 and 60 actually engaged in fighting. Officers used tear gas to break up the fight, restoring order around 45 minutes after arriving on the scene, the source added.

Brazil surprised by Venezuela's 'offensive tone' as diplomatic row escalates

Monitoring Desk
BRASILIA: The Brazilian foreign ministry said in a statement it was taken by surprise by an "offensive tone" that Venezuelan authorities used against Brazil, the latest development of a diplomatic row between the two leftist-led countries. In the statement, Brazil's foreign ministry said the choice for "personal attacks and rhetorical escalations" does not match the respectful way its government treats Venezuela and its people. Earlier this week, the Venezuelan government recalled its ambassador in Brazil over what it described as "repeated interventionist and rude statements" from Brasilia, while also criticizing Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's top foreign policy advisor Celso Amorim. The diplomatic escalation comes after months of tension following Venezuela's disputed presidential election in late July.

Gaza polio vaccinations to resume today: WHO

Monitoring Desk
GENEVA: The World Health Organization said Friday that the necessary second round of child polio vaccinations in northern Gaza would finally begin today (Saturday), after Israeli bombing halted the drive. The announcement that the final phase of polio vaccination in the Gaza Strip can go ahead came a day after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged Israel to facilitate a quick completion of the campaign. The vaccination drive began on September 1 after the besieged Palestinian territory confirmed its first case of polio in 25 years. A first round of inoculation was completed across the Gaza Strip and the second round — essential to build up immunity — began as scheduled on October 14, first in central Gaza, then the south, aided by so-called humanitarian pauses in the fighting. But the WHO postponed the final four-day phase in the north, which was set to begin on October 23, due to "intense bombardment" making the

conditions on the ground "impossible". Israel launched a major air and ground assault in northern Gaza last month, saying it wanted to stop Hamas militants regrouping there. "Polio vaccination in northern Gaza is ready to resume tomorrow," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said Friday on X. "We are assured of the necessary humanitarian pause in Gaza City to conduct the campaign. Unfortunately, the area covered is substantially reduced compared to the first round of vaccination, which will leave some children unprotected and at higher risk of infection." In its original reasoning for postponing vaccinations in the north, the UN health agency said the approved area for humanitarian pauses had been cut down to Gaza City alone, meaning many children would have missed their second dose. This would "seriously jeopardise efforts to stop the transmission of poliovirus in Gaza", it had said.

UN chief condemns Sudan's RSE, Britain to push for Security Council action

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the reported attacks on civilians by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces as Britain said it would push for a UN Security Council resolution on the more than 18-month long conflict. War erupted in mid-April 2023 from a power struggle between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces ahead of a planned transition to civilian rule, and triggered the world's largest displacement crisis. The current war has produced waves of ethnically driven violence blamed largely on the RSE. The RSE has allegedly killed at least 124 people in a village in El Gezira State last month, activists said, in one of the conflict's deadliest incidents. The RSE has accused

the army of arming civilians in Gezira. The RSE has previously denied harming civilians in Sudan and attributed the activity to rogue actors. Guterres was appalled by "reports of large numbers of civilians being killed, detained and displaced, acts of sexual violence against women and girls, the looting of homes and markets and the burning of farms," said a UN spokesperson. "Such acts may constitute serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law. Perpetrators of such serious violations must be held accountable," UN spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric said. Britain, which assumed the presidency on Friday of the Security Council for November, said the 15-member body would meet on Sudan on Nov 12 to discuss "scaling up aid delivery and ensuring greater protection of civilians by all sides."

Kemi Badenoch becomes new leader of UK Conservatives

Monitoring Desk
LONDON: Kemi Badenoch won a race on Saturday to become the new leader of Britain's Conservative Party, vowing to return the once dominant party to its founding principles to win back voters who handed the Conservatives their worst election defeat in July. Badenoch, 44, replaces former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and has pledged to lead the party through a period of renewal, saying it had veered towards the political centre by "governing from the left" and must return to its traditional ideas. The first Black woman leader of a major political party in Britain, Badenoch will bring a right-wing tone to the role, likely to back policies to shrink the state and challenge what she says is institutional left-wing thinking. "The time has come to tell the truth," she told an audience at the final count of a months-long leadership contest, promising to answer the main questions over how the Conservatives lost the July election so badly.

'Entire population in north Gaza' at risk of dying, UN chiefs warn

Monitoring Desk
GENEVA: The unfolding situation in the northern Gaza Strip is "apocalyptic", United Nations chiefs said on Friday, warning that its entire population was at "imminent risk" of death. They urged all parties fighting in the besieged Palestinian territory to protect civilians, and called on Israel "to cease its assault on Gaza and on the humanitarians trying to help." "Humanitarian aid cannot keep up with the scale of the needs due to the access constraints. Basic, life-saving goods are not available. Humanitarians are not safe to do their work and are blocked by Israeli forces and by insecurity from reaching people in need," they said. "Humanitarian relief must be facilitated, and we urge all parties to provide unimpeded access to affected people," while hospitals "should not turn into battlegrounds." The statement was signed by the heads of the UN humanitarian, health, food, rights, migration, refugee, development, children and women's agencies, among others.



Bolivian police clash with supporters of former President Evo Morales who block key highways impeding delivery of food and fuel, amid rising political tensions between a faction around Morales and the government of his former ally President Luis Arce, in Parotani, Bolivia.

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Pro-Hasina party slams protesters after attack on its offices

Monitoring Desk
DHAKA: A Bangladeshi party formerly close to the regime ousted by a student-led revolution said on Friday that such protesters were "splitting" the nation, a day after a mob torched its offices. Jatiya Party chief Ghulam Muhammad Quader, a former commerce minister under toppled leader Sheikh Hasina, said the offices were burned down in an arson attack by furious protesters late on Thursday. "The country is now divided," Quader told reporters in Dhaka. "They disregard everyone else, splitting the country into 'pure' and 'impure' factions... They determine who is culpable and who is not, leaving no room for justification. Once they tag someone as culpable, it's final." Quader's Jatiya Party was criticised for taking part in elections in January boycotted by the main opposition, and in which Hasina won a fourth consecutive term. Hasina's rule saw widespread human rights abuses, including the mass detention and extrajudicial killings of her political opponents.

Taiwan cleans up as remnant of Typhoon Kong-rey brushes Chinese coast

Monitoring Desk
TAIPEI: Taiwan cleared up and offices and financial markets re-opened on Friday after the powerful Typhoon Kong-rey swept through the island causing two deaths and snarling transport, as the remnant of the storm brushed the Chinese coast. Kong-rey slammed into Taiwan's mountainous and sparsely populated east coast on Thursday afternoon, the largest storm by size to hit the island in nearly 30 years. It then worked its way across central Taiwan before entering



Search and rescue team members look for bodies, following heavy rains that caused floods, in Chiva, Spain.

Pakistan urges to increase focus on HR violations in disputed territories

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan has called on the UN Human Rights Council to set greater focus on human rights violations in 'UN-recognized disputed territories'—obviously meaning Kashmir and Palestine—and to address the multiple challenges facing the people there, especially those under foreign occupation.

"Such situations often lead to draconian legislation by occupying powers, who exploit their control to evade accountability, re-

strict freedoms, and suppress movements for self-determination," Pakistani delegate Saima Saleem told the UN General Assembly on Friday, while underscoring that the 47-member Council upholds its commitment to promote and protect human rights.

Speaking in a debate on the annual report of the President of the Geneva-based Human Rights Council, Saima Saleem, a counselor in the Pakistan Mission to the UN, said that

the plight of populations living under foreign occupation needed greater attention as they face violations of fundamental rights, including the denial of self-determination, dignity, and fundamental freedoms.

"The Human Rights Council (HRC) should enhance efforts to advocate for and support these populations through independent investigations and regular reporting," the Pakistani delegate said.

She said, "Pakistan has

an inclusive, balanced approach that recognizes the diversity of human rights concerns across regions and upholds this principle by fostering constructive dialogue and avoiding politicization in the Council work." Underscoring the imperative of the Council allocating its resources equitably across the spectrum of rights without hierarchy, she urged member states and donor institutions to enhance funding and technical support for capacity-building programs.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti distributing laptop amongst the teachers during "safar-e-maullim" (journey of teacher) program held under the auspices of Voice of Balochistan.



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaisar Ahmed Shaikh listening to problems of the people during 'Khuli Kachehri' at PNSC.

Pak-Germany to start 2nd phase of 'Billion Tree Afforestation Support Project'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Republic of Germany will provide Euro 20 Million for the second phase of Billion Tree Afforestation Support Project (BTASP) to Pakistan.

In this regard, an agreement was signed after the approval of Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Ahmad Cheema. Secretary Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz, and Ms. Esther Gravenkotter, Director of the German Development Bank KfW signed this agreement on the behalf of respective governments, said a press release issued here on Sunday.

The project is an important part of the German-Pakistan Climate and Energy Initiative launched at COP26. The German Government through the Pak-German Climate and Energy

Partnership (PGCEP) is actively supporting Pakistan's climate risk mitigation efforts. With the signing of this agreement, German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funding through KfW for this program has reached Euro 33.5 million. The first phase of BTASP (EUR 13.5 million) is already under implementation in partnership with the KP Climate Change, Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department (CCFEWD).

BTASP will support the protection and sustainable management of forests in KP. The project will focus on new plantation of 10,000 hectares, provide capacity building of Forest Departments including developing a Management Information System.

Jamal Raisani says: Empowering youth essential for stability, combating terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani, the youngest MNA from the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) emphasizing the importance of the Balochistan Youth Policy has stressed that youth empowerment is essential for sustainable development, national unity and combating terrorism.

Representing Pakistan at the Legislative Strengthening Seminar in London on Saturday, Raisani highlighted the importance of the Balochistan Youth Policy and emphasized the crucial role of youth in promoting sustainable development and national unity to counter terrorism.

Raisani emphasized

that empowering youth was not only a regional necessity but also a fundamental pillar of national stability. He noted that political inclusivity and strengthening local security forces were essential for fostering a secure environment conducive to both growth and peace.

"The youth are the architects of our future. Their engagement and development are essential for paving the way to a prosperous and secure Pakistan, with special focus on Balochistan," said Raisani. He reiterated that strategic policies aimed at youth development would contribute significantly to overcoming challenges related to security and governance.



QUETTA: Students are busy in study at a camp school established by Kaka Shaheed Foundation, at Ahmed Khan School located on Gulistan area in Quetta.

Samiullah highlights health care initiatives in Balochistan

QUETTA (INP): Dr. Samiullah Kahr, the Chief Executive of the Balochistan Health Card program, emphasized the government's commitment to providing health facilities to the underprivileged during a recent visit to Fatima Jinnah Hospital.

The visit aimed to expedite the provision of health services to patients utilizing the health card scheme, under the guidance of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kahr.

Dr. Kahr reported that over 110,000 impoverished and deserving individuals have benefited from the Balochistan Health Card within the past year. He commended

the quality of health services at Fatima Jinnah Hospital, where patients received comprehensive care without the need for external purchases of medications.

During the visit, Dr. Kahr was briefed by Professor Dr. Sherin Khan about the services available to patients under the health card scheme.

He acknowledged some technical issues at the hospital but noted that they were promptly resolved.

Dr. Kahr instructed the State Health team to establish a fully equipped reception desk within a week and to display informative posters prominently throughout the hospital.

LHC Bar challenges 26th Amendment in Supreme Court

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Lahore High Court Bar has challenged the 26th Constitutional Amendment in Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Hamid Khan has filed a constitutional petition of the LHC Bar in the apex court seeking the court to declare various clauses of the 26th Amendment as unconstitutional.

Petitioner pleads to the court to declare section 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, as well as section 16, 17 and 21 as unconstitutional.

The petitioner has also requested to the court to declare the steps taken under various sections of the said constitutional amendment as unconstitutional.

CJP to preside JCP meeting on November 5

ISLAMABAD (INP): Supreme Court Chief Justice Yahya Afridi convened the first meeting of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan.

The meeting of the Judicial Commission will be held on November 5 in the Supreme Court and the CJP will preside over it.

According to the 26th Constitutional Amendment, five members of Parliament are to be included in the judicial commission.

In a letter, National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq nominated five members for the formation of a JCP.

The nominations are on the basis of equal representation from both the government and the opposition. The Supreme Court has received all nominations.

Sadiq forwarded names after consulting Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and all the parliamentary parties.

CTD registers FIR of Mastung bomb attack

MASTUNG (INP): The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Quetta on Saturday registered FIR of the bomb attack in Mastung.

The case has been filed by the SHO city police station as complainant against unidentified terrorists under charges of terrorism, attempt to murder and explosives Act.

Nine persons were killed and 22 others injured in the deadly terrorist act on Friday that targeted a police van.

Mostly school children died and injured in the attack near a police mobile at Civil Hospital Chowk in Mastung.

Police said that around seven to eight kilograms of explosives with ball bearings, were used in the explosive device for the attack.

The attackers had targeted a police van on the security duty of a polio vaccination team.

Planning Minister highlights importance of prioritizing development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, while addressing the 36th Senior Management Course officers here Saturday, highlighted the importance of prioritizing country's development and modernizing civil service.

He said the lack of export-based economy has hindered the country's progress over the past 77 years, resulting in an imbalance in exports and imports. He noted that the government was working to promote exports under the "SEs Framework."

He stressed the need to modernize the system, highlighting that every government official was working hard in their place, however there was need to modernize the system. He said

the motorways and metro buses were also essential components of any country's basic infrastructure, adding that developed countries do not compromise on connectivity.

The minister said that the development budget has decreased from 12-14 percent to 4 percent. He said the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway is a government priority while Public-private partnerships are also being encouraged in development projects.

Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the importance of political stability for economic growth, stating that economic development and political stability were deeply connected.

Political stability boosts investors' and businessmen's confidence, essential for a strong economy.

Acting President urges global community to hold Israel accountable for its crimes against journalists

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Saturday urged the international community to hold Israel accountable for its crimes against journalists.

Highlighting the recent bombings in Gaza, where a significant number of journalists lost their lives due to Israeli attacks, the acting president said according to the United Nations, over 130 journalists had been killed in Gaza to date.

In his message in connection with the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, he said that freedom of the press was not possible without ensuring safety of the jour-

nalists. He said the journalists work in challenging conditions especially while reporting in conflict zones and during wars.

The acting president said that in such dangerous environments, journalists faced various risks, including censorship, violence, threats, abduction, and even murder.

"In Pakistan, steps have been taken to ensure the safety of journalists and media workers," Yousaf Raza Gilani said adding that the constitution of Pakistan gives the right of access to information, freedom of expression and freedom of the press," he added.

He emphasized that freedom of the press was essential for strengthening

democracy and promoting transparency in Pakistan.

Acts of violence against journalists undermine democracy, he said.

In 2021, Pakistan passed the Journalists and Media Professionals Protection Act, demonstrating its commitment to safeguarding journalists, he noted.

"Health insurance for journalists has also been introduced in Pakistan."

However, he acknowledged that more actions were required to protect journalists and media workers in Pakistan.

He also stressed the need to adopt a comprehensive strategy and system to ensure journalists' safety.

FBR rebuts claims of IMF rejecting revision of targets

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) issued a rebuttal on Saturday regarding a baseless and false story claiming that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rejected the board's request for a revision of targets, as reported by some electronic media.

It is outrightly denied that any such meeting has taken place with the IMF on this subject, said a FBR statement issued here.

Furthermore, this topic has never been on the agenda of any meetings with the IMF, virtual or otherwise.

Therefore, the FBR not only rejects this news but also advises national media to refrain from spreading such fake stories that may adversely affect our national interests.

7 killed, 6 injured in traffic accident in Buner

ISLAMABAD (APP): At least seven people were killed and six others injured after a vehicle plunged into a gorge in Buner district of Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, on Saturday. According to a private news channel, the accident occurred in the Doma Chagharzai area when the vehicle's brakes failed, causing it to fall into the gorge. Police and Rescue officials were swiftly reached the scene and taken injured to a nearby hospital for treatment.



WASHINGTON-DC: Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States H.E. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh Meets with American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC).

Qaiser Sheikh says: Danish foreign minister will arrive on Nov12

KARACHI (APP): Minister for Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, led a performance review meeting at PNSC Building on Saturday to evaluate the progress of key maritime organizations, including the Port Qasim Authority (PQA), Karachi Port Trust (KPT), and Pakistan Marine Academy (PMA).

The meeting highlighted monthly performance metrics, while addressing challenges and identifying areas for improvement. Key topics included strategies to enhance efficiency, productivity, and overall service delivery within the maritime sector. The meeting

concluded with a pledge to implement the recommendations and action plans aimed at fostering growth and development within the maritime sector.

After the Performance Review meeting, the minister chaired a KHULI KACHEHRI session to hear complaints and grievances from employees of maritime organizations including other maritime industry stakeholders.

This open forum allowed employees and stakeholders to engage directly with the Minister, sharing their concerns, suggestions, and ideas for enhancing the sector.



BEIJING: Ambassador of Pakistan to China H.E. Mr. Khalil Hashmi cutting cake to marking a milestone at the 55th anniversary celebration of Pakistan Embassy College, at the International Culture Day hosted by the college.

May 9 siege and arsons cases ATC issues non-bailable arrest warrants of Murad, Hammad Azhar and others

LAHORE (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) has issued non-bailable arrest warrants of Murad Saeed, Hammad Azhar and others.

The non bailable arrest warrants have been issued in respect of Murad Saeed, Mian Aslam Iqbal, Mian Hammad Azhar, Farhat Abbas and others

by ATC in May 9 related siege and arson cases.

The court has also issued non-bailable arrest warrants of Wasiq Qayyum, Murad Saeed, Zubair Niazi and Hamid Raza Gillani besides ordering to arrest the accused till November 7 and present them in the court.

First phase of Raiwind Ijtima to close today

LAHORE (APP): The first phase of the Raiwind Ijtima 2024 will close tomorrow with special prayers. This annual international gathering attracts thousands of delegates from across Pakistan and beyond, aiming to foster unity and strengthen the faith of participants.

The Raiwind Ijtima is being commenced in two phases. The second phase is scheduled from November 7 to November 10, 2024, concluding with a special prayer. Delegates from various regions have already started arriving, with arrangements in place to ensure a smooth experience. Meanwhile, a reception camp has been established at the railway station and Lahore Airport to welcome guests.

A senior official of Raiwind Ijtima Maulana Abdullah told APP that at both camps, attendees are provided with refreshments and transportation to the main Ijtima venue, ensuring their journey is comfortable.

The Raiwind Ijtima serves as a pivotal platform for spiritual uplift, discussion of Islamic teachings, and collective prayers. It brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds, emphasizing the importance of faith, unity, and community.

IHC issues written order on bail plea of Imran in Toshakhana-2 case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued written order on the bail plea of PTI founder Imran Khan in Toshakhana-2 case. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb of IHC issued written order. The court directed to fix bail plea of Imran Khan for hearing on November 4. According to written order office raised objection on bail plea that power of attorney is old. The lawyer has been empowered to file bail after arrest plea in the power of attorney.

The order issued by IHC said the objection of office on bail plea of Imran Khan is removed.

The objection that order of trial court on rejection of bail is not attested was also raised. The court said the counsel for Imran Khan presented the attested copy of trial court in the court. Copy of trial court be filed in respective office. Number be marked on the petition and it be fixed for hearing on Monday. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the bail plea.

Counsels Ayesha Khalid, Shahina Shahab and other counsels appeared on behalf of Imran Khan.



QUETTA: MPA Mir Rehmat Saleh Baloch exchanges views with Civil Hospital Medical Superintendent (MS), Dr. Noorullah Musa during meeting held at Civil Hospital in Quetta.

Mashhood says: Govt to create meaningful opportunities for youths

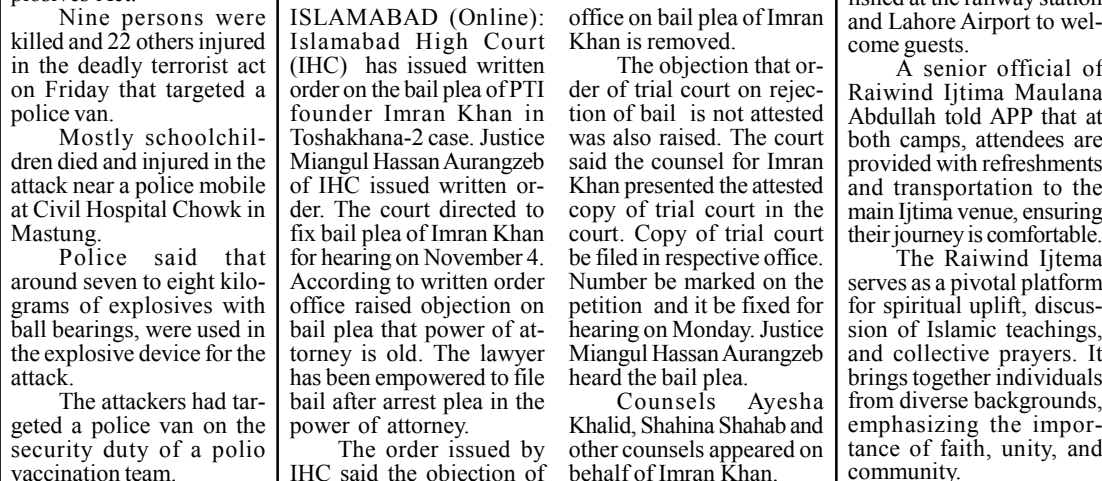
LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister's Youth Programme Chairman Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan on Saturday highlighted the government's commitment to create meaningful opportunities for young Pakistanis, strengthening the country's economic foundations and preparing youth to excel in an increasingly digital and globalized world. He said this while while addressing a visionary dialogue on "Youth Empowerment and Economic Growth" at an International Conference on Management & Research at a local hotel.

He also outlined essential initiatives under the Prime Minister's Youth Programme designed to catalyze entrepreneurship, improve digital literacy and foster economic independence for Pakistan's youth.

Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan unveiled a comprehensive vision for youth-driven socio-economic development in Pakistan. With this year's

theme, "Globalization and Digitalization," the conference served as a strategic platform for students, academicians, educators, researchers, and industry professionals committed to fostering sustainable development and navigating digital transformation challenges. The address received an enthusiastic response, with attendees recognizing the importance of aligning national youth initiatives with the demands of a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

The PM's Youth Programme chairman emphasized the government's goal to establish a \$25 billion industry, aiming to empower Pakistan's emerging sectors such as technology, manufacturing, and services. He said, "This vision targets creating business opportunities, jobs and a resilient economic infrastructure to support the aspirations of future generations, particularly young Pakistanis."



QUETTA: Chairman Public Accounts Committee and MPA Asghar Ali Tareen inaugurates newly constructed road at Killi Haiderzai Mastarzai Yaroo.