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# **Donald Trump elected 47th President** of America in stunning comeback

Jubilant Trump pledges to heal America's wounds, end scourge of wars, says America has given us an unprecedented and powerful mandate



**Monitoring Desk** 

WASHINGTON: Donald Trump has been elected the 47th president of the United States capping a remarkable comeback four years after he was voted out of the White House and ushering in a new American leadership likely to test democratic institutions at home and relations abroad.

the White House on powerful mandate," Trump

Wednesday by securing more than the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the presidency, Edison Research projected, following a campaign of dark rhetoric that deepened the polariza-

tion in the country. The former president's of Wisconsin pushed him gration.

over the threshold.

"America has given us Trump, 78, recaptured an unprecedented and ered at her alma mater

said early on Wednesday to a roaring crowd of supporters at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in Florida.

Trump's political career had appeared to be over after his false claims of election fraud led a mob of supporters to storm the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in a failed bid to overturn his 2020 defeat.

But he swept away challengers inside his Republican Party and then beat Democratic candidate Kamala Harris by capitalizing on voter concerns about high prices and what Trump claimed, without evidence, was a rise in victory in the swing state crime due to illegal immi-

> Harris did not speak to supporters who had gath-Continued on page 2

### PM Shehbaz greets Trump on US election win

"I look forward to working closely with the incoming administration to broaden the Pak-US partnership," says PM

SLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday congratulated the president-elect of the United States of America Donald Trump on his "historic" victory for a second term.

"Congratulations to President-elect Donald Trump on his historic victory for a second term," the prime minister wrote on his X timeline. Prime Minister Shehbaz said that he looked forward to working closely with the incoming Administration to further strengthen and broaden the Pakistan-U.S. partnership.

Meanwhile, incarcerated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has also felicitated the Reoublican on his election win.

'The will of the American people held against all odds," he wrote on X. The former prime minister hoped that Trump would push for peace, human rights and democracy globally.

# ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meeting with

the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong during his visit of the

# PM terms security of Chinese nationals as topmost priority

Visits Chinese embassy to condemn firing on Chinese nationals in Karachi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Sharif on Wednesday visited the Chinese Embassy to condemn the firing incident, in Karachi yesterday, in which Chinese nationals were injured and assured exemplary punish-

the incident. Talking to Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the prime minister said that he came condemn

yesterday's attack on Chinese nationals and to inquire after the health of those injured in the inci-

The prime minister assured the Chinese ambassador that those respon- Mohammad Ishaq Dar, to justice soon.

sible in the incident would be apprehended soon and Shehbaz would be awarded exemplary punishment, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

them to justice.

Moreover, he had di-Chinese citizens injured in the incident, he said, adding that it was a matter of of the injured Chinese nationals was improving.

ter and Foreign Minister responsible for the incident

Minister for Interior Mohsin Raza Naqvi and Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi accompanied the prime minister.

Prime Minister Sharif He further informed said that China was a longthe Chinese ambassador standing friend of Pakistan that he was personally su- and the attack on the Chipervising the process of nese nationals was a desment to those involved in arresting those involved in perate attempt to damage the incident and bringing Pakistan-China fraternal relations.

He reiterated that the rected to provide the best security of Chinese nationmedical facilities to the als, working in Pakistan, was the top priority of the government.

The Chinese ambassasatisfaction that the health dor thanked the prime minister for his visit and hoped that he would play Deputy Prime Minis- his role in bringing those

# **COAS, Saudi Crown Prince** discuss bilateral cooperation



**President-elect Trump** 

unlikely to seek Imran's

release: Defence Minister

White House after beating respect for democracy and

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz

Ahmed Bugti distributing certificates among stu-

dents during a ceremony held in connection with

Pakistan slams fake news drives

Iqbal Day at Tameer-e-Nau College Quetta.

RAWALPINDI (APP): General Syed Asim Munir, NI(M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) who is currently on an official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, met Crown Prince and Highness Mohammed bin

tended a warm welcome to hancing bilateral relations. General Asim Munir upon his arrival at the Royal Pal- his gratitude to His Royal

**Monitoring Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Defence

Minister Khawaja Asif on

Wednesday said that the

government believes

Donald Trump, who won

the US presidential elec-

tion, will not call for Paki-

stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

founder Imran Khan's re-

lease from prison after he

hours after Republican

Trump won the race to the

Democrat Kamala Harris,

Asif's comments came

takes the office.

ace, said an Inter Services Public Relations news release issued here Wednes-

Prime Minister His Royal sues of mutual interest, including regional peace, defence and security coopera-The Crown Prince ex- tion, and strategies for en-

The COAS expressed

four years after he was

voted out.
"We don't think
Trump will call for PTI

founder's release. Let's wait

for 15 to 20 days and see

what stand he takes," said

the defence minister while

speaking during Geo News

special transmission on US

Trump's victory, Khan congratulated the US presi-

dent-elect, saying that he will be good for "Pak-US

relations based on mutual

election.

human rights"

Following

Highness for his steadfast support for Pakistan and acknowledged his significant role in fostering peace and stability across the re-

gion, it further said.
The COAS also separately met with Prince Khalid Bin Salman, Defence Minister of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Dignitaries vowed to further strengthen cooperation in the domain of defence and security.

Meetings were also held with Engineer Talal The two dignitaries entant Minister of Defence; gaged in a comprehensive discussion on a range of issues of mutual interest, inof General Staff of Royal Saudi Armed Forces and Lieutenant General Fahad bin Saud Al-Johani, Chief of Royal Saudi Land

### Two Pakistan-origin candidates win US elections

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: Two Pakistani-American Democratic candidates, Salman Bhojani and Suleman Laláni, have made history by securing their second consecutive term in the Texas State House elec-

tions. Bhojani, who first entered the assembly in 2022, has focused on vilike issues healthcare, education, and business develop-

ment while advocating for immigrant rights. His victory is seen as a key milestone in South Asian American political representation.

Suleman Lalani successfully defended his seat in the Texas State Assembly, winning 56.1% of the vote with 32,141 votes against Republican Simmons, who gar-nered 43.9% with 25,197



over review meeting regarding progress on development projects.

While moving on course of knowledge and research

# Youth ought to differentiate between wrong & right thru philosophy of selfhood: CM

Mir Sarfraz Bugti says it has to be decided by Balochs and history as who is standing in the right direction and who is on the wrong side; exhorts students to give message to terrorists through social media that they are not afraid of terrorism; says Pakistan is our identity and first of all, we are Pakistani then Baloch, Pashtoon, Sindhi and Siraiki; we have lot of expectations with youth of Balochistan to play role for elimination of corruption in practical life

### **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that Allama Muhammad Iqbal has introduced the concept of selfhood to the youth and as such they have to differentiate between the right and wrong through this concept while moving on the knowledge and research. He said that if the youth

may seek guidance from the It would be appliideology and philosophy of Allama Muhammad Igbal, then they may rise as a fine example as nation and individually all over the world. The Chief Minister

dents at the Taameer-e-Nau Public College here on

The prominent among those present on the occasion were Provincial Minister for Education, Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Minister for Revenue, Mir Asim Kurd, Minister for Agriculture, Mir Ali Madad Jatak, Parliamentary Secretary, Mir Barkat Rind, Secretary Higher Education, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir, Secretary Taameer-e-Nau Trust, Naseem Lehri, Principal of the College, Abid Maqsood and other high ups besides the teachers

and students The Chief Minister

said that the younger generation should analyze the truth through research in order to save from any misunderstanding and wrongness in the present era of social media. He regretfully pointed out that the target of elements sitting abroad is our young generation, whose aim is to mislead them and make their mind against the state. He categorically stated

that Pakistan is our identity and first of all, we are Pakistani, and then we are Baloch, Pashtoon, Sindhi and Siraiki. He said that Shaheen of Iqbal is the bright future of Pakistan Continued on page 2

### Jan Muhammad Gohar appointed as Registrar BHC

Independent Report QUETTA: The District and Sessions Judge, Mr. Jan Muhammad Gohar has been appointed as the Registrar Balochistan High Court with immediate effect. This was announced in an official notification issued here by the High Court here on Wednesday.

According to the noti fication, the appointment of new Registrar has been made on orders of Chief Justice High Court, which would take effect, immedi-

# steps to give access to livestock

breeders & farmers to national & international markets **Independent Report** 

Governor calls for taking concrete

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stressed the need to establish the veterinary hospitals in Musakhail and take concrete steps for giving access to the local livestock breeders and farmers to the national and international mar-

The Governor said that Balochistan is the land of high breed animals as well as the birds and grass fields. He said that the livestock and fisheries sectors can be put on modern lines and develop the same as profitable business.

He said that our only two districts can meet the needs of millions of sacrificial animals in Saudi Arabia

through their own re-

The Governor was speaking to the delegation from Musakhail district who called on him here at the Governor House on Wednesday. The leader of Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz, Nazeer Musakhail led the delegation.

The Governor said that Balochistan is a very fertile region with regard to cattles breeding, besides it has vast grazing fields and conducive

This province can meet the requirements of meat and milk of the whole country, he mentioned adding that in this regard, District

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**QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Sadiq Umrani and** MPA Nawabzada Zafarullah Zehri meeting with Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran.

### PML-N, leadership believes in supremacy of law, strengthening of democracy, says Khetran

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Provincial

Minister for Public Health Engineering, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that the PML-N and its leadership believes in the supremacy of law, strengthening of democracy, promotion of justice and transparency. The Minister PHE said that we are desirous of such system in Balochistan in which there is rule of law and supremacy of constitution in real manners.

He said we would continue our struggle in accordance with our manifesto and ideology.

He also said that we want to form such system in which there is no injus-

tice with anyone and our future generations are safe. Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran said that being Provincial Minister, he would raise voice for the rights of people of the province for they have

Speaking to the pro-

ven us mandate.

vincial ministers, Sardar Khetran said that it is top priority of the government to establish law and order in the province. Besides, ending poverty, promotion of livelihood, provision of facilities to the people, supremacy of law and justice, improvement of social services and rehabilitation of the infrastructure are also included in the priorities of government, he main-

### by occupying States in Kashmir & Palestine, urges counter-measures (APP): Pakistan has deplored the use of disinformation by occupying States to suppress the people's voices in Kashmir and Palestine, underscoring the need for stepped up efforts to combat that pervasive threat. The harmful impact of fake news and

disinformation is magnified when states employ these tactics in situations of foreign occupation to suppress the voices of people, denied basic freedoms, including the UN-sanctioned right to self-determination." Pakistani delegate Amanat Ali told the UN General Assembly's Fourth Comdecolonization matters.

special political and Speaking in a debate on 'Questions Relating to Information', he said that Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and Occupied Palestinian Territory "are a case in point." "Central to this manipulation are internet blackouts, censorship, and restrictive media laws enforced by occupying authorities," Amanat Ali, press counsellor at the Pakistan Mission to the UN the Pakistani delegate said, adding, "These actions are intended to delegitimize freedom movements and create an environment of fear, intimidation, and vio mittee, which deals with lence.

### **NEPRA** cuts **Rs 1.28 per** unit in power tariff for September

SLAMABAD (APP) National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Wednesday notified Rs 1.28 per unit reduction in power tariff in fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for month of September under monthly mechanism.

The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) has sought 71 paisa reduction in power tariff for the said month, said a notification issue

The NEPRA conducted hearing on October 30 on the petition filed by the CPPA-G.

Earlier, 86 paisa reduction in FCA was charged in August. The FCA of September would be 42 paisa less as compared with August.

cable to all consumers except life line, pre-paid and electric vehicle charging stations. It would also not be applicable to the consumers of K-Electric.



QUETTA: A delegation of Christian community led by Chairman Voice of Christian of Balochistan Chaudhry Zubair Jan meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

# Positive outcomes from privatized solid waste management highlighted in new BCSA report

Academy (BCSA), an autonomous body dedicated to research and policy development, has recently published a comprehensive of solid waste management in Quetta. The study, overseen by DG BCSA Hafeez Jamali and Director tized management system. Shabana, was conducted by eight senior BS-18 officers from the Govern- missioner Quetta and Dr. changes

Independent Report
QUETTA: The
Balochistan Civil Services research included a thorough ground survey, an evaluation of the existing (BPPPA), whose committhe-ground performance assessments. The report's

A notable findings indicate oversatisfaction with the priva-

privatization agreement, ment has been pivotal in financial analysis, and on-driving improvements in rent project through mis-information have arisen,

A notable outcome of this project is the eliminastudy on the privatization of solid waste management whelmingly positive results, with 90% of survey fictitious billing, and irrespondents expressing regular vehicle maintenance, which had plagued Ouetta's waste manage-These findings reflect the ment system over the past dedicated efforts of Com- decade. However, these have also ment of Balochistan. The Faisal, CEO of the prompted backlash from

the old, inefficient system. Efforts to discredit the curattempting to return to the practices that previously hindered Quetta's cleanliness and public service quality

The research team recommends that the Government of Balochistan further strengthen this initiative by launching public education and awareness programs aimed at transforming civic behavior and fostering greater community responsibility in waste manage-



QUETTA: Former Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail, former Provincial Minister Mir Faiq Khan Jamali, District Chairman Alam Khan Musakhail and Agha Shakeel Durrani meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti.

### Youth ought to differentiate between wrong...

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and we would provide ties of development to youth in all sectors of life.

The Chief Minister on the occasion announced to construct Fazal Haq Mir BS Faculty besides announcing to increase the annual grant of the college upto Rs. 10 million.

He said that the establishment of educational institutions like Taameer-e-Nau Public College and the personalities lighting candles of knowledge in remote areas of the province including Baikar would always be remembered.

He on the occasion mentioned that the youngsters of today have to choose right and wrong through knowledge and research. He said that the people sitting abroad are misleading our children against the state. He said that we are ready to listen to our youth by embracing them. He said that mistakes can be committed by the government and youngsters should also bluntly express

the state.

wholehearted opportuni- identity, and we are beis why, we have to uphold the stability of our beloved homeland, adding he

stressed.

wholehearted opportunities of higher education to our youth in the universities of whole world. On the other hand, the youngsters are being made suicide bomber, he noted with concern. This has to be decided by the Balochs and history as who is standing in the right direction and who is on the wrong side.

He also mentioned that the provincial government is sending 30,000 youngsters to abroad by making them skilled. Besides, the Matric to Ph.D Scholarship Programme has been introduced in history of the aren't afraid of terrorism. province for the first time.

hand, the Programme is beest free loans to youth for livelihood, he maintained.

He pointed out that the

to express displeasure with jobs of teachers were being sold in the province, but we He said that state is our stopped this process. He asserted that we are firm cause of this country. This that the jobs wouldn't be sold out in the province.

He said that the biggest issue is not of the insurgency or any other, but the Mir Sarfraz Bugti said corruption. He said that that we are providing provincial government is working with determination to cope with the menace of corruption. He stressed that every individual has to play one's role for improving the system. The Chief Minister paid tributes to Professor Fazal Haq Mir on his meritorious services in education sector. He said that the mission of Fazal Hag remained continued and this institution has been spreading the light of education even today

He exhorted the students to give message to the terrorists through social media accounts that they

He on the occasion an-While on the other nounced complete patronage of Taameer-e-Nau pubing launched to give inter- lic college saying that the government has decided to patronize best educational

## Kashmiris observe Jammu Martyrs' Day amid renewed calls for Self-determination

SRINAGAR Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and around the world observed Jammu Martyrs' Day today to honor the memory of the tens of thousands of Muslims who were brutally massacred in Jammu in Novem-

According to Kashmir Media Service, this day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the martyrs and reinforces the Kashmiri people's commitment to their struggle for selfdetermination.

In early November 1947, hundreds of thousands of Muslims were killed by Dogra forces, the Indian Army, and Hindu extremists while attempting to migrate to Pakistan. This massacre, which is considered one of the first major cases of ethnic cleansing after World War II, aimed to alter the demographics of Jammu and Kashmir by eliminating the Muslim population in the Jammu region. In Azad Jammu and Kashmir, as well as in Pakistan, a series of events in-

tions, seminars, and special prayer meetings were organized to pay homage to the Jammu martyrs. The day began with prayers in mosques across AJK, seeking the early liberation of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and for the prosperity of Pakistan and AJK. Quran Khawani sessions and gatherings were held by social, political, and religious organizations to honor the sacrifices made by the Kashmiri people.

Kashmiri activists and leaders describe the Jammu massacre as a dark chapter in human history and a glaring example of Hindutva-inspired violence aimed at Kashmiris. They argue that the tragic events of 1947 continue to resonate, as atrocities in IIOJK persist under the current BJP-led government in India. Activists contend that Hindutva forces seek to replicate the demographic changes attempted in Jammu by suppressing the Kashmiri Muslim population through systematic genocide and policies designed to dilute their political and cultural identity

# **PSB** raises serious concerns over POA's governance, electoral transparency

has voiced serious concerns over the transparency and legitimacy of the Pakistan Olympic Association's (POA) upcoming electoral

In a letter, addressed to POA President Syed Muhammad Abid Qadri Gillani, the PSB cited multiple governance issues and highlighted non-compliance with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards, questioning whether the POA's procedures align with international expectations for fair-

ness and transparency. Among the primary concerns raised are alleged secrecy surrounding constitutional amendments, withheld records of General Council meeting minutes, lack of transparency in the composition of the Electoral College, and the absence of clarity on whether POA's election rules have received IOC approval. The PSB underscored

U.S. presidential victory,

signaling hopes for strengthened international

ties under his leadership.

Turkish President Recep

solving regional conflicts,

including the Palestinian is-

sue and the Russia-Ukraine

war, under Trump's lead-

ership. European leaders,

including UK Prime Min-

ister Keir Starmer, French

President Emmanuel

Macron, and German

Chancellor Olaf Scholz,

are optimistic about con-

tinued collaboration in

areas like security, eco-

nomic growth, and innova-

Volodymyr Zelensky

praised Trump's "peace

through strength" ap-

proach, while Israeli Prime

Netanyahu hailed the vic-

tory as a reaffirmation of

the strong U.S.-Israel alli-

ance. oncerns from Russia

were voiced by former

Medvedev, who speculated

that Trump's business-fo-

cused approach might re-

duce U.S. financial support

Benjamin

Dmitry

Minister

President

for Ukraine.

Ukrainian President

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- the potential impact of macy of the amendments kistan Sports Board (PSB) these practices on the and whether they were democratic integrity of the made in compliance with POA. "The absence of es- the procedural requiresential documentation like ments of both the POA the amended Constitution Constitution and the IOC's and Electoral College, combined with procedural irregularities, calls into question the legality of the upcoming elections," the let-

ter stated. One of the PSB's main concerns is the POA's failure to publish its updated constitution. The POA website currently only hosts the 2019 version with 13 Articles, despite recent references to Articles not found in that version.

This discrepancy suggests that significant amendments were made without transparency, violating IOC's Good Governance Principles.

Further aggravating the situation, the PSB noted that minutes from the POA's General Council meetings in December 2023 and July 2024—where these amendments were reportedly discussed and ratified—have not been dis-

"This failure to provide key documentation raises questions about the legiti- cess.

governance standards," the PSB said.

Another contentious issue highlighted by the PSB is the non-disclosure of the Electoral College for the POA's upcoming elections. "The POA has not shared the details of the Electoral College for the upcoming elections, further undermining the transparency of the electoral process.

The lack of clarity on who constitutes the Electoral College and how these members were selected or nominated, particularly in light of the alleged amendments that seem to deprive departments such as the Army, PAF, Navy, WAPDA, HEC, and Railways of their rightful participation, is deeply con-

"Moreover, the discretion given to the POA President to nominate 16 members who are eligible to vote, further calls into question the fairness and impartiality of the electoral pro-



ciation Imran Khan distributing trophies among students after final of All Quetta Inter Schools Throw Ball & Catch Ball Tournament.



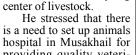
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Governor calls for....

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Musakhail is the very big

hospital in Musakhail for providing quality veterinary care. He also said that there are more prospects of public-private partnership for making investment in the livestock sector. He on the occasion particularly mentioned that millions of animals are required for the pilgrims on occasion of the Hajj every year in Saudi Arabia. Our two districts can meet this very requirement of the sacrificial animals, he added.

Meanwhile, the members of delegation apprised the Governor about the issues being faced by the people of area. They regretfully pointed out that we are deprived of the basic amenities of life in modern era even. They also sought role of Governor for completion of the development projects already approved by the federal government.

The Governor gave patient hearing to the issues as raised by the members of delegation.

Continued from page 1 Howard University. Her make America great again, said the 47th president of

campaign co-chair, Cedric Richmond, briefly adthe United States. dressed the crowd after midnight, saying Harris would speak publicly later on Wednesday. "We still have votes to that our country has never

count," he said. Republicans won a US Senate majority, but neither party appeared to have an edge in the fight for control of the House of Representatives where Republicans currently hold a narrow

majority. Meanwhile US president-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday reiterated his resolve to "Make America Great Again" in his address to his supporters at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in Florida.

"America has given us an unprecedented and powerful mandate," he told a roaring crowd of supporters. He was flanked by his vice presidential running mate, Senator JD Vance, Republican leaders and members of his family.

"This, I believe, was the greatest political movement of all times. It will help our country fix all things. We overcame obstacles everyone believed we would not be able to," added a beaming Trump.

"Every single day, I will fight for you. This would be a truly golden age of America. It will allow us to and people of other nationalities who voted for him. World leaders have swiftly congratulated Donald Trump on his 2024

"We are going to help our country heal," Trump "It's a political victory

Donald Trump elected 47th President....

seen before." Trump mentioned the swing states he won and counted that he had also won the popular vote. He congratulated the swing states on his victory, saying that he expected to win

315 electoral votes. 'We won the election under very difficult circumstances. It was unbelievable. My family and especially my wife supported me during this difficult

Trump promised that he would not start a war but would end wars. "America needs to be better. We will better America, we will heal America's wounds," he continued.

'America will reach new heights. We'll fix all issues; make America safe, strong and prosperous. Referring to assassina-

tion attempts on him, Trump said "God spared my life for a purpose. He thanked his wife Melania, daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared, all his

family members and his supporters. He also thanked Asian-Americans

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**Bid Security** ICT Equipment(Network, surveillance devices, storage devices, Office Equipment)

(Total Item(s) Count: 5) Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 01 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 3,500,000 in Previous 03 Years Turn over of at least 4,000,000 PKR in 03 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List Sales Tax Certificate The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan JV is not permissible Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee LOCAL WARRANTY 01 YEAR FOR ALL EQUIPMENT ATLEAST 01 YEAR MAINTENACE SERVICE OR AS PER PHOTOCOPIER COMPANY SERVICE WARRANTY Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 25 November, 2024during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 25 November, 2024till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 PM Address: MEETING ROOM C&W DEPARTMENT BLOCK NO 7 GROUND FLOOR CIVIL SECRETARIAT QUETTA Phone no: 0819204184 Email: niamat\_agha2004@yahoo.com

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The undersigned invites sealed Percentage rate tenders based on composite schedule of rates 2023 Government of Balochistan from interested contractor/firms for the works mentioned bellow: - Tender Fee Rs. 2000 of each TSE/Works and deposited in head of account C02726 through Bank in NBP, Earnest Money 2% of E/Cost offered Rate in Shape of Call Deposit for each work.

### Sr. No. Name of scheme

Solar Water Bore For Kareem Bakhsh, Allana, Mohalla Adam, Hazrat Keengi And Others Tehsil Gaddani, UNDER PSDP-5332, TSE-242511586143 Solar Watyer Bore For Drinking Purpose For The Areas Of Mc Hub, Hassan

Pir, Sakran, Panyan Tehsil Hub. UNDER PSDP-5436 TSE-242511586173 Water Tanks For The Areas Of Mc Hub, Hassan Pir, Sakran, Panyan Tehsil Hub.UNDER PSDP-5496 TSE-242511586183

Solar Water Bore For Drinking Purpose Ghous Bakhsh Jamali, Feroz Jamali & Others Lohi Dureji First Phase, UNDER PSDP-5501 TSE-242511586193

Solar Water Bore For Drinking Purpose Of The Areas Of Mc Winder, Khrari, Chhor, 39.589 M Daam & Sonmiani Tehsil Sonmiani First Phase, UNDER PSDP-5592 TSE-242511586213

Procurement shall be made the Balochistan Public Procurement Rule 2014. ELIGIBILITY:- The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (renewals 2024-25) in following core/category CE-04, CE-09 & EE11 and registration with tax authority's i.e (NTN, Sales tax / BRA Department) where applicable. Three years relevant work experience. Turn Over of last three years. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:-Single stage one envelope. BID SECURITY:-The bid must accompany bid security in shape of Call Deposit of amount specified above in the name of the undersigned form a scheduled bank. TENDER DOCUMENTS:-The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment (Non Refundable) Bidding Documents fee amount mentioned above against each work through green challan under head C02726 Receipt the NIT and Bidding documents can also be downloaded from BPPRA web site. ISSUANCE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS: Tender documents issued form the date of publication of NIT. LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION: - The tender must be submitted latest by 22.11.2024 at 11:00 AM. TENDER OPENING: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of undersigned at 12:00 PM. Address: Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Hub. Note:-Only the Original/authorized contractor/firm are allowed to participate in the tender, An authorized person must have an authority letter on both an affidavit and a letterhead, with a stamp and signature, along with an attested copy of the CNIC of both the owner and the authorized person attached. The undersigned reserve the right to reject all or any bids without assignment of any reason thereof, it may be noted that (Pay Order and Bank Draft will not be accepted/entertained) and firm's complete title/name should be written on the call deposit. Other terms & Condition seen/obtain in the Office of the undersigned during

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Public Health Engineering, Division Hub.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER



The Executive Engineer, Khirther Canal Division Usta Muhammad, invites through, sealed tenders forms (as per schedule B) based on composite schedule of rates 2023 Government of Balochistan from interested contractors/firms for the works listed below:- Tender Fee Rs.2000/- and Time of Completion 24 Months

S.No Name of work REHABILITATION OF RBOD-III DRAINAGE SYSTEM DISTRICT JHAL MAGSI PSDP NO. 3831 (Z2024.1610) 2024-25 PACKAGE NO.9. R.C.C INLET STRUCTURE TSE-242511586113

Eligibility of Bidders: Procurements shall be made under B-PPRA Rules 2014 amended up-to-date.

Bidding is open to all bidders who meet the following Basic Eligibility Criteria; b. An individual bidder having Valid PEC registration in the relevant Category or above with specialization codes in CE04 Irrigation Only. c. Has completed Three (3) Contract of similar nature as a Contractor (but not as Sub-Contractor) during last three (03) years with completion certificates. d. Has an average turnover of 70% of each Project Cost during last three years e. Active registration certificates from Income Tax Authority FBR (NTN) Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) and PEC attached online verification receipt (ATPL) after published of NIT in NEWS paper. f. Has a minimum Bank Credit Line Facility / Available Account Cash equal to at least 35% of the each project cost; (Attach duly certified Bank Certificates. g. The contractor has not been blacklisted earlier by any government agency or private organization should be enclosed (Attach affidavit on Rs. 100 non-judicial stamp paper duly attested by Oath Commissioner). h. Audit Report last 3 years (attached audit reports) i. The amount of Bid Security shall be 2% of the quoted amount in the form of call Deposit by a Scheduled Bank in Pakistan in favour of the Employer. j. Submission of an application on firm letterhead signed/stamped along with Original CDR and Green Challan is mandatory to be submitted in office on or before date of Bidding. k. Any firm not meeting the above mandatory requirements shall be declared Non-Responsive, I. The contractors quoting rates below or above 5% the approved project cost must attach Rate Analysis for each item of work. Such bids without proper rate analysis shall be rejected at opening. 2. Evaluation Criteria. a. List of available Technical/Management Staff & Detail of Machinery available for the assignment should be enclosed affidavit on Rs. 50 Non-Judicial stamp paper duly attested by Oath Commissioner. Method of Procurement: Single Stage-Two Envelope Procedure. The bidding documents can be obtained from B-PPRA website or the office of the under-signed upon payment of bidding document fee through Green Challan in the NBP under Head of account C-03434. The Bidding Documents dully filled attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through TCS before 22nd November-2024 at 11:00 AM at office of the mentioned below. Tender opening: envelope containing technical bid will be opened on 22nd November-2024 at 12:00 PM 2nd envelope containing financial bid of technically qualified bidder will opened later, the date of which will communicated after evolution of technical bid, financial proposal of technically non-qualified bidders will not be opened and thus will be unopened. Bids Validity: Ninety (90) days Address: Office of The Executive Engineer Khirther Canal Division Usta Muhammad. Phone & Fax No. 0838-612222 Email: mehrullahansari09@gmail.com

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INTERNATIO ONFERENCE ON TOURISM POTENTIAL OF PAKISTAN

## **Sustainability Investment Expo 2024:** Private sector drives green change for sustainable Pakistan

the second edition of the Sustainability Investment Expo (SIE 2024) is underway here at Pak-China Friendship Centre, the event features a variety of eco-friendly initiatives from the private sector aimed at creating a greener Pakistan. With the theme "Pio-

neering Solutions for Climate Resilience," the expowas inaugurated by Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Sherry Rehman.

"SIE is not just an expo, but a knowledge base," said Sherry Rehman. 'This event is a vital platform for raising awareness and driving change. It is essential to empower the private sector, whose innovation and commitment will be key to addressing the climate challenges we face." The event featured a

variety of stalls from the local and international companies, along with startups and small businesses committed to sustainable technologies, renewable energy solutions, and environmentally friendly practices.

One of the key highlights was the participation of green tech startups, which showcased cutting-edge products like biodegradable packaging and en-

"We believe that the private sector holds the key to a sustainable future," said Hafsa Syed, a representa-tive of ECO Gen., focusing on eco-friendly projects.

"We have started a number of initiatives like EcoGen: recycling waste into fertilizer, and Evenger is a unique platform aimed

Sustainability was also at the forefront for companies like Roshan Packages Limited (RPL), which has been a pioneer in reducing paper waste. Waseem Mufti, Marketing Manager at RPL, stated, 'We're committed to sustainability from day one, reusing and recycling paper products for packaging. Events like this give us the opportunity to connect with like-minded investors who support our vision for a greener future.'

A Forest Officer from Ministry of Climate Muhammad Change, Hashim at expo said, "We are displaying various initiatives of the government under the 'Green Pakistan Programme' at our stall. . 'We are implementing a range of initiatives to increase biodiversity and promote conservation.

ISLAMABAD (APP): As ergy-efficient appliances. gies for protecting various

The expo highlighting the crucial role of private enterprises in achieving Pakistan's sustainability goals. Companies like Hutchison Ports Pakistan are also leading by example. Naveed Qureshi, Assistant General Manager (AGM) at Hutchison Ports, talking at teaching children sustain-able habits," Syed said.

to APP said, "Our electric and hybrid cranes are part and hybrid cranes are part of our broader effort to reduce emissions, and we are set to introduce e-trucks in Pakistan as well.

'We are committed to the UN SDGs, delivering on our promise for a resilient and thriving Pakistan by planting 1 million mangroves in partnership with WWF by 2030", he said.
Addressing the alarm-

ing issue of plastic waste. 'Green Plastic Private Limited' has developed an in-novative solution by manufacturing plastic bags from potato peels. Maria Qayyum, the company's Chief Operational Officer, explained, "By using organic materials like potato peels, we are reducing single-use plastic pollution and organic waste at the same time. We currently produce 20 bags a day manually, and our aim is to scale this up to make a These interventions include larger environmental im-

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nic cleansing after World

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and Kashmir by eliminat-

ing the Muslim population

Azad Jammu and Kashmir,

a series of events including

anti-India demonstrations,

seminars, and special

prayer meetings have been

organized to pay homage

to the Jammu martyrs. The

In Pakistan as well as

in the Jammu region.

In early November

The day observed ev-

on November 6,1947.



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam presenting a souvenir to Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, during his visit to her office.

# IWMB empowers frontline rangers with digital skills ior ennanced conservation

ISLAMABAD (APP): MHNP. The Research and Planning section of the Islamabad Wildlife Management Board (IWMB) on Wednesday conducted an empowering training session aimed at equipping frontline rangers with digital skills. This initiative enables rangers to report realtime field observations directly to the Conservation Manager, a step designed to streamline conservation efforts in Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP).

The training session introduced the rangers to digital tools that facilitate efficient reporting on wildlife sightings, habitat changes, and any threats to biodiversity

With new digital capabilities, the rangers can now log and share critical information instantaneously reducing response times and enabling IWMB to act swiftly on issues such as poaching, forest fires, and

llegal encroachments. "This training is a game-changer for our team. It empowers our rangers to collect and share data faster, ensuring that we can respond to issues as they arise," said IWMB spokesperson Umar Bilal.

Talking to APP, he said the rangers also learned best practices for utilizing these tools while maintaining the integrity and confidentialwithin ity of their observations.

# True success lies in serving others: Sohail

ISLAMABAD (APP): President of Jamia Masjid Riaz-ul-Jannah and Islamic Complex, and renowned philanthropist Dr. Sohail . Majid Sheikh, said Wednesday that service to humanity and uplifting the less fortunate remain his foremost goals.

In an exclusive interview with APP, he shared that his dedication to helping others is rooted in his deep love for religion and respect for saints.

"As a community, we must support each other; humanity teaches us to care for those in need," he said.

He said that for the past 12 years, he has provided free medical care to pilgrims in Iran and Iraq, assisting people from over 20 countries

Additionally, since 2008, he has taken on the

task of providing free education to orphans, underprivileged children, and children of martyrs at a college

in Rawat.

"With the support of the Nisar Fatima Amin Foundation (NFA), we offer full educational support, including books, uniforms, school bags and meals," he added.

He further said that these efforts ensure students receive quality education without financial

Dr. Sohail urged youth to carry forward the spirit of service, reminding them that true success lies in supporting one another.

"Helping others is the real message of humanity,' he said, encouraging young people to work with pure intentions and embrace compassion.

### yrs saying that the Kashmiris have rendered matchless sacrifices for Pa-Amir Muqam said the

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Engineer Amir Muqam on

Wednesday expressed the

resolve that the sacrifices

and blood of Kashmiris,

particularly Martyrs of

Ĵammu, will not go in vain.

Jammu Martyrs' Day, be-

ng observed Wednesday,

he paid homage to the mar-

In his message on

Indian army in their nexus with Dogra Army and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh martyred three hundred thousand Kashmiris. Toshakhana-2 case

### PTI founder bail plea fixed for hearing on Nov 12

SLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has fixed for hearing bail plea of PTI founder Imran Khan on November 12 in Toshakhana-2 case. Justice Miangul

hassan Aurangzeb will hear the bail plea. The court has already ssued notice to FIA and

sought reply. It is pertinent to mention here that special judge central had rejected bail plea of former chairman PTI Imran Khan while Bushra Bibi bail plea has been accepted in Toshakhana-2 case. NAB had arrested PTI founder and his wife Bushra Bibi in new refer-

ence of Toshakhana soon

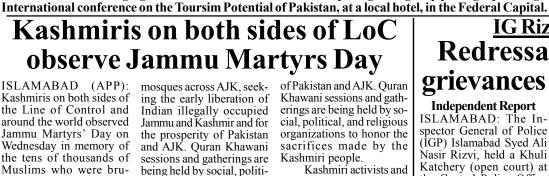
after they were granted bail

in Iddat Nikkah case on



ISLAMABAD: CDA workers busy planting large trees at greenbelt along the 6th Avenue Underpass, Srinagar Highway in the Federal Capital.

# ecosystems.



made by the Kashmiri people. In early November 1947, hundreds of thousands of Muslims were killed by Dogra forces, the Indian Army, and Hindu extremists while attempting to migrate to Pakistan. This massacre, considered one of the first major cases of ethnic cleansing after World War II, was aimed to alter the demographics of Jammu and Kashmir by

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tions to honor the sacrifices

In Azad Jammu and Kashmir, as well as in Pakistan, a series of events including anti-India demonstrations, seminars, and special prayer meetings have been organized to pay homage to the Jammu martyrs. The day began with prayers in mosques across AJK, seeking the early liberation of Indian illegally

occupied Jammu and Kash-

eliminating the Muslim population in the Jammu

Khawani sessions and gatherings are being held by social, political, and religious organizations to honor the sacrifices made by the Kashmiri people.

ISLAMABAD: Managing Director PTDC Aftab Ur Rehman posing for a group photograph along with participants during a

Kashmiri activists and leaders describe the Jammu massacre as a dark chapter in human history and a glaring example of Hindutvainspired violence aimed at Kashmiris. They argue that the tragic events of 1947 continue to resonate, as atrocities in IIOJK persist under the current BJP-led government in India. Activists contend that Hindutva forces seek to replicate the demographic changes attempted in Jammu by suppressing the Kashmiri Muslim population through systematic genocide and policies designed to dilute their political and cultural

Civil society organizations have been urging the international community to intervene and hold the Indian government accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Many believe that the on going violence and denial of self-determination are rooted in the unresolved issue of Jammu and



ISLAMABAD: A women sanitary worker provide biometric verification for attendance at sector G-7, in the Federal Capital. Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to extend biometric attendance system outside for sani-

# CDA, FIA collaborate to tackle human trafficking

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant move to combat human trafficking in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, met with Director Anti-Human Smuggling Wing Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Saqib Sultan Mehmood, to strategize efforts against Trafficking in

Persons (TIP). This high-level meeting, attended by officials from ICT departments, aimed at establishing clear targets and action plans to

address the pressing issue. A primary focus of the discussion centered on findings from the 2024 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report released by the U.S. Department of State.

During the briefing, the FIA Director highlighted the urgency of decisive action to prevent Pakistan from being placed on the TIP Watch List.

active measures are essen-

tial to uphold Pakistan's

reputation and international

He stressed that pro-

standing on human rights issues Commissioner Randhawa emphasized the commitment of Islamabad's authorities to tackle all forms of human trafficking,

including forced begging and bonded labour. He issued directives for the immediate convening of the District Vigilance Committee for ICT, tasked with implementing key recommendations from the

# Suleiman, key suspect in recent bank robberies, killed in police custody

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police came under gunfire on Wednesday while transporting key suspect, Suleiman, for the recovery of stolen items related to recent bank robberies. A police spokesper-

son told APP that, the attack occurred near Golarha Mor when three armed assailants, riding a motorcycle, opened fire on the police team as they were on route to recover stolen ıtems

He said, that the police officers, wearing bulletproof vests, were unharmed in the attack. However,

Suleiman, also known as Salo Bhai, who was in police custody, sustained severe gunshot wounds and was rushed to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), where he later succumbed to his in-He said that, Suleiman

had been arrested earlier in connection with a series of bank robberies and was being transported for the recovery of stolen valuables. After the shooting, police teams launched an operation to apprehend the gunmen responsible for the attack," a police spokesper-

### NA speaker pays tribute to Jammu martyrs

ISLAMABAD (APP) Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, on Wednesday paid homage to the martyrs of Jammu, observing November 6, 1947, as a solemn reminder of the "dark day" in

In his message, Ayaz Sadiq commemorated the sacrifice of over 200,000 unarmed Kashmiris, who were tragically killed by the forces of Maharaja Hari Singh while migrating to Pakistan.

Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and around the world are observing Jammu Martyrs Day today to reaffirm their commitment to the martyrs mission for self-determina-

### **PTF** hosts annual event to foster educational excellence

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Pakistan Teachers Forum (PTF) is set to host its prestigious annual event on Friday on strengthening educational standards and supporting teachers nation-

According to the details, the event will be held on Friday, 8th November 2024, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Islamabad.

This year's gathering will bring together esteemed figures in Pakistan's education and public service sectors, including prominent policymakers and international representatives.

### IG Rizvi says: Redressal of public grievances top priority **Independent Report**

ISLAMABAD: The Inspector General of Police (İGP) İslamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, held a Khuli Katchery (open court) at the Central Police Office (CPO) on Wednesday.

Án official told APP that, during the khuli katchery, he listened to the issues of citizens and police officers and issued directives to senior police officers on the spot for timely resolution of their concerns.

any issue related to the police can come to the Khuli Katchery. My office is always open for my citizens, IG said.

IG Rizvi further directed the officers to resolve the citizen grievances on merit within the stipulated time frame and report back to the Central Police Office.IG directed all SDPOs and SHOs to adhere to the designated office hours and prioritize resolving citizens' issues.



Rizvi said that resolvis our top priority. Negligence and carelessness in duties will not be tolerated. Any citizen facing citizens.

On this occasion, the ing citizens' issues on merit IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi said that the Islamabad Police are taking various mea-

### Judge Humayun Dilawar case: **ADAnti Corruption** circle KP sent to jail on judicial remand

ISLAMABAD (Online): District and Sessions Court Islamabad has sent Umar Siddique Assistant Director (AD) Anti Corruption Circle KP to jail on judicial remand in Judge Humayun

Dilawar case Case related to social media campaign against judge Humayun Dilawar came up for hearing in district and sessions court Wednesday.

The accused AD Anti Corruption Circle Umar Siddique was presented in the court on completion of 4 days physical remand. Umar Siddique re-

quested for suspension of remand.

The police expelled out all the employees of Anti Corruption KP department from kutchery.

Malik Akhtar Awan advocate argued that all the employees have come along with me with record. They have been expelled out by DSP Security from kutchery. Will justice be like this. Government employees have not come here to fight with any one. Decision is not being given on the application for suspension of remand since two

FIA requested for sending accused Umar Siddique to jail on judicial



ISLAMABAD: A school van overloaded, posing a high risk to the lives of students and violating traffic laws in the Alipur area of the Federal Capital.

### Int'l Day for 'Preventing exploitation of Enforcement in War & Armed Conflict' observed ISLAMABAD (APP): scarce resources such as fer-

Like other parts of the world the country celebrated the International Day for Preventing the exploitation of the Enforcement in War and Armed Conflict on November 6.

Though humanity has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublicized victim of war Water wells have been polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned, and animals killed to gain military advantage.

Furthermore, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last 60 years, at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or

tile land and water. Conflicts involving natural resources have also been found to be twice as likely to relapse. The United Nations attaches great importance to ensuring that action on the environment is part of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace building strategies, because there can be no durable peace if the natural resources that sustain livelihoods and ecosystems are destroyed. On 5 November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict (A/RES/56/ 4). On 27 May 2016, the United Nations Environment Assembly adopted resolution UNEP/EA.2/ Res. 15. which recognized the role of healthy ecosystems and sustainably managed resources

# Daily Soice of Masse Independent

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# **Rushed legislation**

The law minister and defence minister had noise-blocking headphones snapped on as they rushed through half a dozen pieces of important legislation on Monday evening.

It was a fitting metaphor for the manner in which the ruling parties have lately gone about conducting legislative business. Six bills were introduced in and passed by the National Assembly and Senate in record time to extend the tenure of the armed forces chiefs to five years, with the I It was yet another bizarre possibility of another five-year extension, and to increase the number of judges in the Islamabad High Court and Supreme Court.

It seems pointless to ask why the government saw it appropriate to bulldoze these bills: for all its stress on 'supremacy of parliament', the ruling coalition has, thus far, wasted no opportunity to reiterate where its allegiances truly lie. Perhaps if the opposition had been allowed to have its say, some respect for the legislature may have been sal-

The decision to extend the military chiefs' service tenure as well as the tenure of their extensions to five years came as a surprise. Though government representatives were later at great pains to explain, on national media, how wonderful the decision was for Pakistan as it would put to rest the frequent intrigues that chase the appointment of an army chief, one wonders why

Over the course of its tumultuous existence, the
multuous existence, th they did not say so in parliament when the legislation was

tabled. Indeed, the speed with which all legislative business was concluded — in 24 minutes in the National Assembly for its annihilation, by and 16 minutes in the Senate dictators who sought control, and by terrorists — suggested that the justifications may have been an afterthought. A five-year tenure for services chiefs may indeed create some positive externalities — especially in terms of stability and continuity of policy within the armed forces — but it is difficult to understand why service extensions, which are, in any case, supposed to be granted in special circumstances only, also Qatar National Museum needed to be extended for the in Doha, Qatar. Designed length of another full tenure.

Lastly, it defies understanding why the government now wants to pack so many more judges into the higher courts, especially after the superior judiciary has been rendered nearly toothless after the 26th Amendment. It is a documented fact that the backlog of court cases, often cited by two locations: in industry, to provide emergency eye decontaminathis government as the reason tion when a worker's for its repeated interference in harmful chemicals, dust the judicial structure, is disproportionately higher at the tics, to throw dust into the eyes of the people lower levels of the judiciary.

Yet, no legislation has been brought to remedy this dysfunction, while the powers of superior courts continue to be diluted on the pretext. Indeed, the government's legislative agenda has so far seemed focused less on 'actual problems' and more on 'our problems'. When this will change, is anybody's guess. One hopes our lawmakers are now feeling the prime minister, in a more secure in their positions, and a redirection of priorities will come soon.

# **Trump Returns**

### By: Abdul Hai Aryan

As Trump potentially returns to the US presidency in 2024, the potential implications for both American politics and global relations are profound. His first tenure (2016-2020) was marked by a dramatic shift in U.S. foreign policy, one that prioritized "America First" over multilateral cooperation and deeply alfice, Trump's policies are likely to further polarize international rela- dermined long-stand- global economies. This tegic pivot toward re- Ukraine. Critics argued global economy.

of nationalist and populist movements world-

Trump's foreign policy approach was defined unilateralism, protectionism, and skepticism toward global institutions such as the United Nations, NATO, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Chinese technological equally complex. While World Trade Organiza- advances. The U.S. his administration took tion (WTO). He viewed confrontational stance a hardline stance to Russia was controthese bodies as ineffi- over intellectual prop- against Pakistan, accustered the landscape of cient or even antagoglobal geopolitics. nistic to U.S. interests, Should he return to of-opting instead for transactional, bilateral deals. This strategy un- tween the two largest ghanistan, Trump's stra- tions and aggression in rity, diplomacy, and the

cooperation. significant shifts during dencies on China, po-drawal and the collapse Trump's first term was tentially reshuffling of the Afghan govern- to reclaim the presiin U.S.-China relations. global supply chains. His administration launched a trade war ships with other key tariffs and challenging kistan and Russia, were counterterrorism prierty rights, Taiwan, and ing it of harboring terterritorial disputes in rorists, it also sought the South China Sea cooperation for peace in escalated tensions be- Afghanistan. In Af-

works and left many al- cold war not only relies questioning U.S. shaped global eco-One of the most reconsider their depen-

with China, imposing countries, such as Pa-

presence culminated in the controversial 2020 a chaotic U.S. withment under Biden. This shift toward isolationism and redefined U.S.

Trump's approach versial, as he advocated for improved reinterference in U.S. elec-

tions and fuel the rise inginternational frame- trade and technology ducing U.S. military that his policies were weak on holding Russia commitment to global nomic alignments but Doha Agreement with a shift in how the U.S. also forced nations to the Taliban, leading to interacted with authoritarian regimes globally.

As Trump looks dency, the ripple ef-Trump's relation- move represented a fects of his foreign policy legacy are likely to continue.

"America His First" agenda has reshaped global power dynamics, and his second term could deepen the polarization that lations with Vladimir defined his first, with Putin despite Russian lasting consequences for international secu-

# The extension game

### Zahid Hussain

night. In less than an hour, the government managed to steamroll a series of laws through both Houses of Parliament amid the opposition's raucous pro-

There was not even debate on these highly consequential pieces of legislation that are bound to impact the entire political spectrum in the country. One can only describe it as yet another act of deceptiveness on the part of the current dispensation that seems to have mastered the

Besides the anticipated increase in the number of Supreme Court judges and changes in the Practice and Procedure Act, which is meant to further tighten the executive's hold on the country's top judiciary, parliament also pushed through a number of controversial bills.

An earlier one, a few days ago, gave greater detention powers to the security forces. Reportedly, a controversial military-related clause had previously been dropped from the initial draft of the recently been given a year's extension in 2023. One can only

passed 26<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment.

In this instance, it has been pointed out that parliament's decision to extend the tenures of the military chiefs to five years has more to do with politics than any professional consideration.

Parliament's move is likely to have long-term implications for the democratic process in the country, and further compromise the civilian role in the power matrix, as it will consolidate security

establishment's hold on the power structure. Indeed, these extensions should not be seen in isolation, and one can perceive the ruling coalition's compulsions in making such changes to the

Looking back at our history, we have seen more than one army chief grant himself an extension during periods of dictatorship; in fact, we have seen civilian governments allowing them a second term in office, on one pretext or another, too. But the latest changes will benefit the other services chiefs as well. The current air force chief had already

wonder how the latest ex- already shaky democratic tensions will go down with those in the queue.

While the opposition PTI has not voted for the new laws, most of the party leaders have been shy of taking a clear public position on the laws related to the extensions. In fact, political leaders of all shades, forgetting their differences with one another. have agreed unanimously on granting such extensions previously

One such example was the across-the-board support for a second term in office for former army chief Gen Qamar Bajwa in 2019, during the time of the PTI government. Both the PML-N and PPP, which had accused the general of facilitating PTI leader true democratic freedom. Imran Khan's rise to power, voted for the bill on his extension in parliament. Everyone knows that the decision ultimately proved disastrous for the PTI. In fact, it is shocking that some political leaders were ready to offer their support to yet another extension for Gen

It is not surprising then that such capitulation to non-political forces the norm, with the govern-

process, besides strengthening the establishment's tion voices. role of arbiter in the political power game. It is apparent that the present coalition government, with its questionable legitimacy, is heavily dependent on the

establishment for its survival in power, and granting the latest extension is, many believe, part of an understanding between the two. The timing of the amendment is curious as well, as it has overlapped with the passage of the changes to the laws that curb the independence of the judiciary. All this is a reflection of the lengthening shadow over the country's power structure with diminishing space for

In fact, at another level, there has been a marked increase in the coercive power of the state to silence political dissent as an example, many point to the appalling abduction of advocate Intezar Hussain Panjutha, who was lately recovered under controversial circumstances. Clamping down on political dissent seems to have become should further weaken an ment busy bulldozing con-

troversial laws through parliament without debate, all the while ignoring opposi-

What happened in parliament this week has further exposed the hypocrisy of our political leadership who claim to uphold civilian supremacy and democratic values. What we are witnessing today is more than hybrid rule with the increasing role of the security establishment in civilian departments. We are witnessing a weakened civilian set-up making it much easier for other players in the game of thrones. Arguably, the government could not have succeeded in bulldozing the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment through parliament without the establishment's backing, especially with efforts afoot to rein in an increasingly assertive top ju-

diciary. Some observers say that a separate constitutional bench with a pliant head would help squash the majority judgment of the Supreme Court regarding the redistribution of reserved seats in the national and provincial assemblies, and restore the two-thirds majority of the ruling alliance in the House, which would be

required for further constitutional amendments. The destruction of the very foundation of the Constitution can only strengthen the hand of undemocratic forces,

which is already happening. Interestingly, both the PML-N and PPP, who did not tire of citing the Charter of Democracy while campaigning for the creation of separate constitutional courts, seem to have conveniently forgotten their pledge under the same charter to uphold civilian supremacy and strengthen democratic forums. Their latest actions only contradict the Charter of Democracy. It is a great pity that these political parties, despite having spent long years in both government and the opposition, have not yet learned any crucial lesson from their own history and are not averse to repeating the same mistakes. Sadly, political expediency and vested interests seem to have prevailed. But it might not be too long before their actions today come back to haunt them. In fact, a major question that many are asking is: how long can the present system, with all its contradictions, last? --Courtesy Dawn

# A vision to behold

### Rafia Zakaria

debate surrounding its creating a vibrant muvery creation, the country's 'narrative' has often been manipulated and nihilists wanting to impose their own ideology. Poets and artists and activists have sought to unravel these malicious paint; not all have succeeded, though some have left a positive im-

showcase the country's talents was initiated recently and is ongoing. Γhe 'Manzar: Art and Architecture from Pakistan 1940s to today' is open for viewing at the by architect Raza Ali Dada, and curated by the team of the Art Mill, Qatar's Museum of Valley School's director Rashid Rana's 'The Red art and artists) and is tice, women water, frac-

story of Pakistan has Sharif, the ruler of Qatar been told in myriad and Shaykha Al Mayassa Bint Hamad whose vision In keeping with the has been instrumental in seum culture in Qatar.

Featuring some 200 works of art, Manzar presents the kind of multidimensional, multilayered and dynamic narrative of the country that can only be told through its art. It eloquently captures a moment of simultaneous triumph and loss as reflected in Salima painting Hashmi's 'Zones of Dreams', which delivers a complicated texture of Pakistani history and visual cul-

Manzar does not limit itself to paintings, its multidimensional approach includes sculpture, architecture, and installations that together weave the tapestry of Pakistan's visual legacy. While it is impossible to enumerate and mention the many iconic pieces included in the exhibition, one of the unmis-Modern Art, with Indus takable stunners is

of graduate studies Carpet'. Viewed from now a global figure. Zarmeene Shah, Manzar afar, the piece appears to it is revealed to be a mosaic compilation of hundreds of photographs of butchered meat. The beguiling red of the carpet is, in fact, an apt metaphor for the story of a

very complicated coun-

acclaimed Pakistani art-

Also remarkable is

ist Shahzia Sikander whose pioneering reclamation of Mughal miniature is presented through some resplendent pieces including two stills from her 2016 animation 'Disruption as Rapture.' Sikander's work underscores the interpretive genius of Pakistani art and its ability to reclaim ancient form for modern times. Sikander, whose work has been exhibited everywhere from America to New Zealand, is a prime example of a Pakistani artist who began her journey at the National College of Art in Lahore (the exhibition also pays homage to that historic institution which

pieces of velveteen tapestry. A rich emerald green, the work, which has been acquired by the Qatar Museum for its collection, has silver and gold embroidery around its border. This is artist Aisha Khalid's 'You Have Set Me Apart'. On the opposite side the deep and fiery red, betrays the tumult behind the green exterior. The great revelation of this masterful installation is not only in beholding the two sides, but by standing between them. From this vantage point, one can see that the piece is constructed of thousands

of tiny pins, sharp and parts of Manzar are the documentary installations that have been set up in one portion of the museum. Of these, architect Marvi Mazhar's 30minute documentary Milaap: Where salt meets the sweet water. Learning from indigenous knowledge and environmental social, spatial jus-

tions. Installed in a bamboo pavilion, the salt in cess, of realising a "bet-Doha's air recalls thus a ter, richer, juster and shore that has too often been erased or overlooked in the recollections and retellings of Pakistan's art culture.

The art historian

John Berger once wrote

that the artists Van Gogh, Pisarro, Gauguin and Delacroix were all in a sense militant — "militant to the point of being prepared to die for what they believed in". They painted for a cause or to make intelligible a value that was likely more valuable to them than life itself. Ac-One of my favourite cording to Berger, Van Gogh's vision was humanity, while in Delacroix's eyes it was beauty. In Berger's telling, the men all "fought for their various visions and most of their energy was concerned with the difficulties of realising their vision of finding the visual forms that would

Halfway through out not simply in its same kind of conviction;

It is this sort of pro-Pakistani city on another truer" Pakistan that one can witness in the pieces that make up the exhibition in Doha. Scattered through private collections around the world, these works had never been brought together in this way until now to tell the story of a country that reflects not just the attempt to show what is, but also what has been

and what will be. In his opening remarks, Prime Minister Sharif noted how the emir of Qatar in a phone call had mentioned that the curators were having trouble convincing some of the owners of the art pieces to lend the work to the exhibition. The PM apparently set his staff to the task of correcting this problem which thus led to the birth of Manzar. One wishes that this beautiful child could also be viewed by the millions whose struggles, turn their hunches into desires and visions it so facts. Each of their vi- artfully represents.

# Type 2 eyewash

### Naeem Sadiq

Eyewash arrangements are usually required at or material; and in poliby repeatedly hurling misleading or illusory statements, plans or promises at them.

While the first is classified as a desirable 'emergency control', the second, or Type 2 eyewash is considered deceptive and detrimental. This article endeavours to explain how Type 2 eyewash has come to be accepted as a 'standard operating procedure' and how to treat this malaise.

On May 8, 2024, state of excitement, launched a fiery Type 2 eyewash, saying, "To-day, with iron convic-months, ie, the National tion ... we will handle Austerity Committee, a It appears as if 'auster-

the challenge of 26 million out-of-school children. I declare from this moment an Emergency in Education all over Pakistan". Four months later, on Sept 8, 2024, jolted by International Literacy Day (and having forgotten what he said earlier), he launched the same imaginary educational emergency. These outbursts weren't based on prior research, thought or planning. Such emotional eruptions are not known for improving school enrolment num-

are typically launched by announcing a 'week' or a 'drive' — for ex-ample, a 'cleanliness', 'anti beggary', 'ban-the-plastic-bag' or 'auster-ity' drive. The 'austerity drives', however, get the prize for the best optical illusions. Consider, three austerity drives that were

committee on the reducity drives' are designed penditure, and the Committee on Rightsizing of the Federal Governto recommend reducing government departments from 53 to 52.

has nurtured Pakistani

Taking advantage of this smokescreen, the Punjab government decided to dent the exchequer by its wasteful expenditure of Rs617m even before the arrival of IMF money — on the purchase of 79 new luxury vehicles. This uncontrolled binge came only after similar luxury vehicles worth Rs180m had already been purchased for the Punjab Assembly two months

Not to be left behind, the Sindh government, in September 2024, decided to spend Rs2 billion on buying luxury double-cabin 4x4 vehicles to cushion the tired haunches of its 138 assistant commissioners and commissioners.

tion of government ex- to accelerate official extravagance with renewed vengeance akin to dropping a ment. All they did was heavy cargo of luxury vehicles on a sinking

> What are some practical ways of reining in leaders' craving to deliver the next salvo of Type 2 eyewash? The first piece of advice for those seeking this treatment is to keep the upper and lower lip tightly glued together for as long as possible. Be brief and use facts, instead of emotions or potboilers.

> Spend at least as much time on thinking, reading, planning and organising as on making a speech. Next, learn to differentiate between wishes, facts and hot air. Say only what you really mean, what you can actually do, and what you may have already done. Avoid platitudes like 'this will be the last IMF programme in Pakistan's history

can easily see through the cavity of this misused announcement.

The best way to avoid Type 2 eyewash is to be aware of what constitutes an eyewash. Invariably, it is composed of hollow slogans, rusted clichés, 'austerity drives', emotional waffle, false willingness to stop the promises or a mixture of all these.

chronic harmful effects in the long run.

They are used only to look good, to appease, to fool, and to buy time. A good strategy to avoid this eyewa-sh is to frequently pa--use and reflect on the ratio of the wheat and chaff in one's statements and actions. Frequently stepping down from the Type 2 eyewash treadmill and going for a long walk can help restore one's perspective.

Besides its medical

Even high school kids benefits, a long, solitary walk is an excellent opportunity to introspect on what one is trying to accomplish. One must constantly ask as to whether the unending, pretentious rhetoric is backed by facts or is mere eyewash. A simple litmus test for an 'austerity drive' is one's purchase of all new luxury vehicles and It is helpful to re- withdraw all 150,000 or member that these are so already issued govnegative motives, with ernment vehicles, their 5m litres of free fuel per month, their 150,000 drivers and their misuse. If you are not willing, be sure, you are into big-time Type 2 eyewash

If the answer is 'yes', you are an upright leader who will be remembered for recovering the pilfered funds and hopefully returning them to their rightful owners — the sanitation workers, security guards, coal miners and the railway coolies of Pakistan. -- Courtesy Dawn

# Independent

### **Punjab Governor says:** Zardari, Bilawal have a key role in forming the coalition government

**Independent Report** LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that increasing the term of the Army Chief from three years to five years was the need of the hour. Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto have a key role in forming the coalition government. He said this while talking to the media and attending a reception given by Pakistan Peoples' Party leader Malik Rashid in Lahore today. Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the functioning of a coalition government is necessary for the development and stability of the country. He said that due to political stability in the country, there has been economic improvement, inflation has currently reached single digits, if this system runs for five years, the situation will improve further. Governor Punjab said that Bilawal Bhutto played an important role in the twenty-sixth constitutional amendment. He said that the increase in the number

common man. It is very justice to the people on time. He said that the judicial murder of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was recognized after many years. The history has been corrected, but we have lost a great leader. Governor Punjab said that Bilawal Bhutto has the abilities of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. He said that there is a deadlock in the agreements with the government, adding that decisions in this regard will be made upon the return of the leadership from abroad Governor Punjab said that the mandate of the PPP has always been stolen. He said that the PPP has never shaken hands from under the table. Governor Punjab said that the PPP has taken a bitter sip for the country. He said that the workers of the PPP are the asset of the party, the doors of the Governor House are always open for the youth. Governor Punjab added that the PPP welcomes the newly elected President of



LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said talking to the media and attending a reception given by Pakistan Peoples' Party leader Malik Rashid in Lahore.

# Minister inaugurates **EMIS** for merged areas

PESHAWAR (APP): In a significant step towards EMIS will allow us to the digitization of monitor critical factors education in the merged areas, Provincial Minister for Education Faisal Khan Tarakai on Wednesday dropout rates, and schoo facilities more effectively, inaugurated the Education said Tarakai. Management Information "Additionally, the launch System (EMIS) at the of the Education Card unidentified accused took Merged Areas Education will ensure that away a laptop and cash

Foundation (MAEF).
This system will fully community schools, providing access to essential information such as school details, book demand, student and teacher attendance, and exam data.

Speaking at the event. the Minister highlighted the importance of digitization in streamlining educational management and improving decision-

making. access and launching
He noted that the
EMIS would eventually be
integrated with other

access and launching
innovative programs.
He revealed that
several new initiatives management systems to help identify gaps and inform new educational merged districts.

such as requirements, student dropout rates, and school

students benefit from provincial educational Market in Kotwali police incentives, including limits. scholarships The minister also commended the Merged

Education Foundation for its remarkable achievements under the leadership of Managing Director Mehmood Ameen Allah, acknowledging the foundation's role in expanding educational

aimed at increasing literacy rates and improving education in the merged initiatives tailored to the areas are in the pipeline needs of students in the and will be rolled out soon with the MAEF's support.



LAHORE: Senior Punjab Minister Marriyum Aurangzaib announces important issues regarding heavy smog in Lahore during a Press conference.

## Punjab schools closed till November 17 amid smog crisis

LAHORE (INP): To conference, Maryam combat the ongoing health concerns, the Punjab burning of crop residue is government has ordered the closure of all schools to the smog. While there is (primary to 12<sup>th</sup> grade) until November 17.

According to senior Punjab minister, high schools in Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, and Multan have been closed until November 17.

Additionally, 50% of staff in government and private offices will work remotely, and all official meetings will be held online. Due to increasing smog levels in Punjab, half of the staff at both government and private offices will work from home, while several schools have been closed in affected cities.

Senior Provincial Minister Maryam Aurangzeb further said that schools will arrange online classes for students during this period.

Addressing a press

a ban on plastic bags, violations continue to

She mentioned that despite schools being closed for primary-level students, parents are taking children to shopping malls and entertainment areas. She also announced that the use of masks would now be mandatory.

Maryam Aurangzeb explained that winds from India's Rajasthan and other regions have affected Multan and Gujranwala. The Air Quality Index in Lahore was recorded above 1,000 today, and the intensity of the smog is expected to continue for the next 10 days. The senior minister also confirmed that 50% of staff in government and private offices would work

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GILGIT: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif unveils the plaques of groundbreakings and inaugurations of various development projects in Gilgit

# Maryam introduces special historic reward package for wheat farmers

AHORE (APP): Chief cultivation meeting at the Minister Punjab Maryam Sharif has Nawaz introduced a special historic reward package for the wheat farmers, under which 1,000 tractors worth billions of rupees would be given for cultivating wheat on 25 acres and more area while on 12.5 to 25 acres of wheat cultivation 1,000 laser land leveler would be provided to farmers through a transparent

Provincial Minister Agriculture and ivestock Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani shared this information while presiding over the wheat

Cashier

embezzled

Rs 4.2 million

FAISALABAD (APP): A cashier at a private business embezzled Rs 4.2

million during cash handling in Rail Bazar

A police report said on Wednesday that Saqib reported to the police that

Shafique, a cashier at his

business point, had embezzled Rs 4.2 million

from business. The police

registered a case against the

accused and started

investigation. Separately,

away a laptop and cash

Market in Kotwali police

snatched cash, cell phone

and other valuables from a

woman, Huzaifa in Sultani

S e p a r a t e l y, unidentified thieves took

away a motorcycle of

Arshad from the courtyard

of the District Courts in

Civil Lines police limits

while thieves stormed into

a house of Anwar in

Mohala Usman Town in

Ghulam Muhammad Abad

and took away mobiles,

separate cases and started

ANF seizes

over 20 kg

drugs in three

operations

RAWALPINDI (APP)

Anti-Narcotics Force

ANF) while conducting three operations recovered

over 20 kg drugs worth Rs

1.8 million and arrested

two accused, said an ANF

Headquarters spokesman

hashish was recovered

from an accused arrested

near a university on Lalazar

confessed to selling drugs

to the students of

11.155 kg hashish was

recovered from Kohat and

7.200 kg hashish and 1 kg

ice were recovered from

the possession of an

accused rounded up near

educational institutions.

The arrested accused

In another operation,

He informed that in operation, 1.2 kg

nere on Wednesday.

Road in Rawalpindi.

The police registered

cash and a water pump.

investigation.

Muhammad Abad.

Chowk,

Meanwhile, robbers

Ghulam

police limits.

Commissioner's Office, Lahore. While giving a briefing, the minister was told that this year, the target of wheat cultivation in Lahore division has been set at 133,000 acres and to achieving it all resources and means are being used. Facilitation is being provided to the farmers as per wheat action plan. Special teams are monitoring with the support of district administration for supply of quality fertilizers, seeds and pesticides in the market. Mega farmer

guide the farmers. Regular meetings of divisional and district committees are being held. Apart from this, linkages with Agriculture and Irrigation Department have been further improved to ensure water supply for wheat crop. An effective through print, electronic and social media is also ongoing. The provincial minister for Agriculture said that this year, the target of wheat cultivation in Punjab province has been set at 1 crore and 65 acres, the achievement of which is indispensable for gathering and exhibition the country's food plots are being prepared to security.

# **CM visits Governor** House, discusses provincial issues with Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, and Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, held a meeting on Wednesday at the Governor House to discuss the province's law and

order situation, as well as several other key issues and rights of the province. both leaders agreed that ensuring peace was crucial

During the meeting, economic development of the Minister Gandapur arrived province. They expressed at the Governor House to their commitment to attend the oath-taking

address security concerns

the federal government to maintain peace.

The discussion also touched on promoting tourism and other matters of public interest in the

Governor Faisal Karim Kundi assured that he would engage with the federal government to resolve any issues related the provincial government, acting as the province's representative.

Earlier, Chief working together to ceremony of a new provincial minister Syed Fakhar Jahan



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi administer oath from Syed Jahan as Provincial Minister in the Oath taking ceremony at Governor House. Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur also attended the ceremony.

# **Minister orders hospitals** to maintain essential stock of smog-related medicines

LAHORE (APP): Punjab drugs, inhalers, antibiotics, Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Nazir said on Wednesday that all hospitals in the province must maintain adequate stocks of essential medicines for treating smog-related health issues.

He made these remarks while addressing an emergency meeting here, convened on the directives of Punjab chief minister, following a session, chaired by Senior chaired by Senior Provincial Minister

Marriyum Aurangzeb. The meeting reviewed the availability of crucial smog-related medicines,

cough syrups, nasal drops, eye drops, masks, and medications for fever and pain relief. Khawaja Imran Nazir stressed that there must be no shortage of these essential supplies, especially in cities most affected by smog. He directed the Drug Control Department to promptly contact pharmaceutical companies if

any shortage of smogrelated medications arises ensuring a swift response to maintain sufficient supplies. The minister also instructed that hospitals and markets regularly check medicine stock levels to guarantee



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for health Khawaja Salman Rafique offering Dua after provision of latest equipments for eyes related diseases.

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# **Governor Kundi urges for** opening seven western border points with Afghanistan

(APP): Khyber PESHAWAR Governor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday stressed the importance of border points crossings with Afghanistan in order to enhance regional trade and connectivity, particularly through the Central Asia Corridor.

He expressed these views during a meeting with delegates of National Defence University (NDU), the 26th National Security Workshop visited Governor House Peshawar, led by Major General Muhammad Raza Aizad, Director General of the Institute of Strategic Studies and Research Analysis.

The workshop, which brings together participants from various sectors, included members of parliament, academics, bureaucrats, business community leaders, and representatives from civil society.

Upon their arrival, the participants were welcomed by the Governor of KP, Faisal Karim Kundi. The Governor briefed the opening the seven western delegation about the constitutional responsibilities and historical significance of the Governor House. During the meeting,

> questions concerning the province, including the situation in the newly merged districts, issues related to higher education, natural resources, and other important matters. In his remarks, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi highlighted the

> unique position of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa due to its geographical location, especially its proximity to the Afghanistan border. The province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is

val, the "Opening all border were crossings with Afghanistan will not only improve trade but also enhance economic activity in the region, benefiting Central Asia. Governor Kundi also

expressed concerns about the challenges faced by the merged tribal districts, which have significantly affected by the participants raised years of conflict. He said that while these areas were integrated into the province, they have yet to receive their due rights and benefits. "The tribal areas were merged into the province, but they have not been given their rightful share," Kundi said. "For years, we have extended hospitality to our Afghan brothers, and now we must make visa processes easier and establish joint markets with Afghanistan and Iran.

Kundi also addressed several key issues affecting distinct from other the province, including provinces due to its energy, natural resources, location along the Afghan and the importance of border," said Kundi. resolving conflicts.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a cabinet meeting, held at CM House in Karachi.

### KP Governor administers oath to Fakhar

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday administered oath to new cabinet member Syed Fakhar Jahan here at the

governor house. KP Chief Minister Ali Amin, members of the provincial cabinet, MPAs, under which 2,000 drug-Peshawar Division, heads administrative departments and other political and social personalities attended the

oath taking ceremony. Later, congratulated Syed Fakhar Jahan as the provincial minister and expressed good wishes.

### Governor KP flays attack on Chinese nationals

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Kundi, Karim Wednesday expressed deep concern and sorrow over the attack on Chinese nationals in Karachi, calling it a highly distressing incident.

The Governor termed the attack on Chinese citizens as "extremely alarming" and emphasized that such acts of violence were part of a broader conspiracy by anti-Pakistan forces.

In his statement Governor Kundi said that the attack was a deliberate attempt to destabilize the peaceful relationship between Pakistan and

He added that the people of Pakistan were deeply saddened by the tragic killings and shared the grief of the Chinese community.
"The Pakistani public

stands in solidarity with China and condemns this heinous act.

### Two killed as pickup hits motorcycle in Tank

PESHAWAR (APP): Two people riding a motorcycle were killed when a pickup van hit their two-wheeler in Tank district on Wednesday.

Police said the incident occurred in Khargi area of FR Tank where two friends riding a motorbike were killed when hit by a

pickup van. Police shifted bodies of both the youth to Jandola Hospital for identification and medico legal procedure.

### CM KP launches 3rd phase of Drugs Free Peshawar program PESHAWAR (APP): Chief University of Peshawar,

Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khyber Khan Gandapur on Wednesday launched the third phase of the "Drug-

provincial government has released substantial funds of Rs. 320 million for this purpose. Under this program, individuals suffering from drug addiction will be shifted to rehabilitation centers, where they would be provided with quality treatment and facilities.

Additionally, an extensive awareness campaign has also been launched in educational institutions aimed at educating the young of drugs addiction. As part this awareness campaign, a seminar and awareness walk were held

Inspector General of Police, Commissioner rehabilitated.

Begovernment officials, heads of provincial universities, faculty members, religious scholars and a large number of students attended the Addressing seminar, the chief minister emphasized the provincial government's tolerance policy against

led by the Chief Minister

Ali Amin Khan Gandapur

himself. Provincial cabinet

members Syed Qasim Ali

Shah, Muzammil Aslam,

drugs abuse, stating that 'relevant departments and institutions have been directed to intensify actions against those involved in drug trafficking'. urged concerned departments to

generation about the target the "big fish" and devastating consequences make them an example, regardless of their influence. He added that drug trafficking is a heinous crime deserving the on Wednesday at the strictest punishment.



KHANEWAL: Renowned religious scholar Maulana Tariq Jameel conducts a joint prayer for the late Khizar Hayyat Hiraj as Chairman Senate/ Acting President Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani meets MNA Raza Hayyat Hiraj to condole the death of his

### **KP** initiates interest free Ehsas Loan Scheme

PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has taken a public friendly step and completed all the action points to commence interest free Ehsaas Loan Scheme.

A meeting regarding interest-free Ehsaas loan scheme was held in the Civil Secretariat under the chairmanship of Advisor to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Finance Muzammil Aslam here on

Minister Housing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr Amjad Ali, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister for Technical Education and Vocational Training Tufail Anjum and Secretary Zakat Nazar Hussain Shah and relevant

stakeholders participated in the meeting.

The meeting was informed that under the interest-free Ehsaas loan scheme, loans will be provided for up to five years, while interest-free loans will be given for small business and house building purposes.

Speaking at the meeting, Advisor on Finance Muzammil Aslam said that Ehsaas Loan Scheme will create new business opportunities while making the people employed and poverty eradication will be possible

in the province. He said the Akhuwat Organization was supporting the provision of the Ehsaas loan scheme to

# FM Aurangzeb highlights economic improvement, urges continued reforms

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, stated that Pakistan is experiencing macroeconomic improvements due to the government's policies. While addressing the 8th Edition of the Future Summit at a local hotel on Wednesday, he highlighted the Monetary Policy Committee's decision to reduce the interest rate by 2.5%, noting that the country is on track to meet its financial targets for the first four months of the fiscal year. The Karachi Interbank Offer Rate

ficantly. policy rate cut, making it productivity and continue Minister more affordable for the expanding their businesses. decreasing significantly.

(KIBOR) stands at 13%,

with food inflation

emphasized that Pakistan's fiscal deficit and current account have remained stable, while remittances have contributed to stabilizing the domestic difficult foreign exchange reserves have improved, and inflation has declined. The State Bank of Pakistan has also cut its base interest rate, providing further support. "These are the foundations on which we can rebuild our economy," the Minister said, noting that Pakistan's credit rating has improved and is expected to see further gains this year. Muhammad Aurangzeb underscored

the importance of reducing

private sector to access loans. He acknowledged challenges but reaffirmed government's commitment to making decisions. currency. Additionally, particularly regarding tax and energy reforms, and restructuring government institutions.

The Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue stressed the need to reform the pension system and highlighted the critical role technology governance to increase transparency, reduce corruption, and enhance service delivery. "If reforms were easy, they would have been done years ago," he said, urging the KIBOR ahead of the the private sector to boost



# Rana Tanveer says: Govt to setup 10,000 EV charging stations by 2030

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain on Wednesday unveiled the government plan to transform the transportation landscape by setting up 10,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by 2030.

Addressing an "exhibition of electric bike models" organized by the Engineering Development Board (EDB), emphasized government's commitment

GILGIT (APP): Special

Assistant for Information

of Gilgit-Baltistan Eman

Shah has announced that

the Prime Minister of

Pakistan has approved a

100 MW solar power

project to help address the

severe electricity crisis in

Gilgit-Baltistan. The

project is expected to be

completed within a year

with the Prime Minister

scheduled to inaugurate it

next year. Addressing a

press conference during his

visit to Gilgit-Baltistan on

Wednesday, he said that the

Prime Minister was briefed

on various Public Sector

challenges they face. "PM stability.

PM approves 100 MW solar

power project to address

electricity crisis in GB

Development Program International University to (PSDP) projects and the secure their financial

dependency, cutting carbon emissions, and promoting cleaner, transportation.
With growing private

sector interest and government-backed incentives, this push toward electric mobility is poised to significantly benefit both the economy and the environment.

The ministers said around 31 companies have expressed interest in investing in electric vehicles in Pakistan while fuel 2 companies were granted **Eman Shah says:** 

directed Federal Minister

Ahsan Iqbal to visit Gilgit

next week to assess the

projects and resolve any

obstacles, Eman Shah said.

Prime Minister also

announced that Gilgit-

Baltistan would receive 40

percent of its federal

budget allocation in July

and the remaining 60

percent in January. He said

in support of local

educational institutions,

the Prime Minister

approved endowment

funds of 500 million PKR

each for Baltistan University and Karakoram

He added that the

permission to manufacture electric vehicles.

He said "Pakistan is now in a position to export three-wheelers". minister highlighted some key initiatives to promote electric vehicles across the country.He said that manufacturing activities will soon begin by private companies, boosting the industry. He said that the government would launch the second electric vehicle policy by November 30 to promote eco-friendly transportation.

### Gold prices decrease by **Rs.1,000** per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold decreased by Rs.1,000 and was sold at Rs.282,200 on Wednesday compared to its sale at Rs. 283,200 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.857 to Rs.241,941 from Rs. 242,798 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs. 221,780 from Rs. 222,565, 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. The price of gold in the international market decreased by \$10 to \$2,727 from \$2,727 last day, the Association

### ISLAMABAD (APP): promote sustainable water and food security, she

Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Wednesday said that the Information Technology ensured and data are transformative forces driving sustainable development and socioeconomic growth.

**Shaza Fatima says:** IT, data role vital for

sustainable development

IT provides accurate, real-time data on water resources, climate patterns and agricultural needs, she said while addressing Parliamentarian Dialogue Session on "Inclusive Policy Reforms for Improved Water and Food Security in a Changing

said data She empowers policymakers to make informed decisions that are responsive to realtime challenges. By leveraging IT, policymakers can create data-driven, inclusive policies that economic growth.

Shaza Fatima said that water security and its proper usage is being technology, adding that technology is also being used in agriculture sector

She said the Ministry of IT & Telecom launched initiatives to enhance IT adoption, making data more open and accessible for improved public services and evidencebased policymaking.

She said the rapid advancement in Pakistan's IT sector underscores its critical role in securing the nation's economic future.

She said Ministry of is committed to fostering innovation, digital transformation and



Shah exchanges views with Country Director of Asian Development Bank, Emma Fan during meeting held at CM House in Karachi.

# \$10 Pak mangoes sold for \$120 in Dubai after repackaging

**Monitoring Desk** DUBAI: The UAE Consul General Bakhit Atiq Al-Rumaiti has highlighted Pakistan's potential to enhance the value and reach

of its mango industry through value addition. Speaking at the Future Summit in Karachi, Al-Rumaiti noted that investors from the UAE receive facilitation upon arrival, but Pakistani investors face challenges such as visa issues and additional expenses.

need to provide ease for families. investors wherever possible.

Al-Rumaiti remarked

which is in high demand in Dubai. He pointed out that Pakistani mangoes are sold in Dubai for \$10 but, after repackaging, are sold at \$120. This underscores the need for value addition in Pakistan's agricultural sector, which requires collective effort from both

government stakeholders.Al-Rumaiti also highlighted that food security is a top priority in the region, adding that many Pakistanis in Dubai often request Pakistani He emphasized the mangoes as gifts for their

He further explained that while the UAE has shifted its focus to that Pakistan has an economic growth rather excellent mango crop, than political issues.



FAISALABAD: Punjab Minister for Agriculture & Livestock Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani inspecting the new hybrid varieties of tunnel cultivated vegetables during his visit to Private Seed Company Model Farm.

### Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Five ships, MSC Raina, Maersk Detroit, Karam-14, Maya Gas-1, Olympic Sea and Ellirea, scheduled to load/ offload Container, Cement LPG, Fuel oil and Coal, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Engro Vopak Terminal, FOTCO Oil Terminal and Multi-Purpose Terminal 3 & 4 respectively on Tuesday.

Meanwhile three more ships, Marathopolis, Khairpur and EVA Pearl are carrying Container, Mogas and Chemicals are also arrived at outer anchorage during last 24 hours. Eleven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them edible oil carrier 'Asia Liberty left the port on today morning, while five more ships, MSC Raina, Maersk Detroit, Maya Gas-1 Morning and African Finfoot are expected to sail on today after noon. Cargo volume of 212,525 tonnes, comprising 135,067 tonnes imports cargo and 77,458 tonnes export cargo carried in 7,380 Containers (5,050 TEUs Imports& 2,330 TEUs Export)was handled at the port during last 24

# Meezan Bank inks agreement to join ITFC to support private sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan to partner with Meezan Bank, Pakistan's ITFC for the LC leading Islamic bank has Confirmation facility. signed a new strategic T partnership with the facility International Islamic Trade Bank Corporation (11FC), a member of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, under the ITFC Letter of Credit (LC) Confirmation product.

This

This product facilitates trade flow by allowing exporters and issuing banks to gain assurance from ITFC to secure payment and thus eliminate credit risks, said a news release.

It will support private sector clients, including SMEs, by working with local banks in Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries to facilitate various import transactions.

The agreement was signed by Nazeem Noordali, Chief Operating Officer of ITFC, and Syed Amir Ali, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of presence of executives from both sides. Meezan Bank is the first bank in

This Islamic trade facility will enable Meezan

Confirmation transactions (6 to 12 months).

Syed Amir Ali, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Meezan Bank, highlighted the impact of this cooperation saying: 'Today marks a significant milestone in our business relationship with ITFC as solidify we

partnership.
This arrangement reinforces our Bank's commitment to reliability, stability, and financial excellence.

The Letter of Credit Confirmation Agreement strengthens our position in the market, enabling us to Meezan Bank, in the capitalize on new presence of executives opportunities and facilitate international Islamic



Hussain is addressing an unveiling exhibition ceremony of models of electric bikes at Engineering Development Board.

participation, with 25

Pakistani companies from

diverse sectors engaging in

discussions with over 100

representatives from

leading Uzbek enterprises.

spanned a variety of

industries, including

textiles, food processing,

engineering, and logistics,

These B2B meetings

During the Business

Forum, nearly 100 B2B

meetings took place,

allowing companies from both sides to explore new

ventures, discuss potential

partnerships, and establish

promote investment and

leveraging the economic

agricultural products in the

driving force behind

a critical role in facilitating

connections between

Malaysian companies and

during the Second

international stage.

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The achievement of Pakistani producers. This

Pakistani and Food Exhibition.

this milestone is a direct effort was notably evident

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Minister Jam Kamal

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global market.

The sessions aimed to

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Malaysia, according to the Khan's vision has been the

# Pak-Uzbekistan bilateral trade volume stand at \$400 mln in last FY 2023

ISLAMABAD (APP): The volume of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Uzbekistan is \$ 400 million in last FY 2023, which is less than its potential in different sectors of economy

Recently, Federal Commerce Minister, Jam Kamal Khan has visited Uzbekistan and addressed underscoring the shared the 'Uzbek-Pakistani commitment of both Business Forum' and 9th Intergovernmental Commission meeting on opportunities. Economic Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Pakistan to promote mutual economic and trade relations between the two

countries. These forums served as a dynamic platform for strengthening bilateral economic partnerships and facilitating business-tobusiness interactions.

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ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's First Sider

honey shipment heads to

Federal Minister for

Commerce, Jam Kamal

Khan's vision leads

towards this export

effectiveness of strategic

leadership in enhancing

Pakistan's export portfolio,

Jam Kamal Khan has

overseen a significant

breakthrough with the export of the first consignment of Sider

honey from Tarnab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to

Malaysia, said a press

release issued here on

result of the minister's

Demonstrating the

milestone.

### **PSX** witnesses bearish trend, loses 282 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bearish trend on Wednesday, losing 282.88 points, a negative change of 0.31 percent, closing at 92,021.44 points as compared to 92,304.32 points on the last trading

A total of 889,166,479 shares were traded during the day as compared to 752,664,527 nations to explore collaborative business day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 30.474billion against Rs. 32.827 billion on the last trading day. As many as 452 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 201 of them recorded gains and 200 sustained losses. whereas the share price of 51 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies were Bank of Punjab with 88,684,180 shares at Rs 6.21 per share, Cnergyico PK with 71,639,690 shares

MULTAN (APP) Business tycoon Jahangii initiatives that have positioned Pakistan as a serious contender on the Tareen announced that his sugar

policies culminated in the success 400 per maund. of FoodAg 2024, an event that showcased Pakistan's agricultural capabilities. The Trade Mission at the High Commission of Pakistan in Kuala Lumpur, operating under the minister's directive, played

Pakistan Ittehad Chairman Khalid Mehmood Khokhai expressed gratitude to rate as favourable

### Power Cement with 39,151,188 shares at Rs.7.20 per share. Tareen mill to purchase sugarcane at Rs 400 maund price

at Rs 4.11 per share and

mills will purchase sugarcane at the rate of Rs

According to a press release issued here on Wednesday, he said: "A prosperous farmer means a prosperous nation." He pledged that his sugar mills would ensure prompt payments to growers.

Tareen, acknowledging the compared to offers from other mill owners.



are holding protest demonstration against prolong electricity load shedding and high inflated electricity bills, at Nava Pul road in Hyderabad.

### **Delegation of KfW Bank** visits NTDC headquarters Expert and Abrar Ahmad

LAHORE (APP): A mission from KfW Development Germany visited the NTDC (National Transmission and Dispatch Company) Headquarters and 220kV GIS NTDC Ghazi Road Substation for meetings with NTDC teams and consultants working on

KfW-financed projects. The delegation comprised of Ms. Esther Gravenkotter, Head of Division for Energy & Finance (Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan), Constantin Dellis, Portfolio Manager,

Senior Sector Specialist for Bank Energy & Climate. During the meetings here at WAPDA House, NTDC team was led by Rasheed A. Bhutto, Deputy Managing Director Managing Director (AD&M). The discussions focused on the progress of the 220kV Gharo Grid

Station Project in district Thatta, Sindh, including upcoming steps such as the submission of bids by prequalified bidders and the subsequent evaluation process.

The mission also discussed 500 kV Chakwal Aftab Ahmad, Technical Grid Station Project.

# FAISALABAD: Farmers use a thresher to harvest

rice crops in the field, efficiently separating grain from the stalk in the field.

# **PFC** hosts reception for Sikh delegation

(PFC) hosted a reception for a 50-member Sikh delegation from Jamrood Club Silicon Valley, California (US), here on

Wednesday.
PFC Chief Executive
Officer Main Kashif Ashfaq, speaking at the reception, said Pakistan could earn billions of dollars foreign exchange by promoting religious tourism. He said that being the birthplace of Babba Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, Pakistan is home to several revered Sikh sites, including the famous Gurdwara Janam Asthan in Nankana Sahib. and the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur. These

sites attract thousands of

LAHORE (APP): The Pakistan Furniture Council foreign and local pilgrims annually, especially after the opening of the Kartarpur Corridor in 2019, which allows Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit without a visa. Leader of

delegation, Ranjeet Singh Kahloon, praised the Pakistani government's recognition of the potential, highlighting its investment infrastructure and facilities to make religious tourism more accessible to foreign communities. Initiatives include improved transport links,

accommodations, and the preservation of historical gurdwaras. commitment to religious tourism not strengthens Pakistan. only

# Israel strikes on Lebanon kill 30 people around Baalbek, says governor

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Israeli strikes on Lebanon killed at least 30 people around the eastern city of Baalbek in the Bekaa Valley on Wednesday, according to the regional governor, and at dusk more strikes hit Beirut's southern suburbs.

Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah have exchanged fire for over a year in parallel with the Gaza war but fighting has dramatically escalated since late September, with Israeli troops intensifying bombing on swathes of Lebanon's south and east and making ground incursions into border vil-

Around 20 Israeli strikes on the Baalbek-Hermel governorate killed 30 people and wounded 35, governor Bachir Khodr said on X. The Israeli military did not immediately com-

Israeli strikes have

suburbs of the capital weeks. Beirut. At least four strikes targeted the area on Wednesday after the Israeli military ordered residents to evacuate from several locations.

There was no immediate report on casualties or details on what was hit. The attack happened shortly after Hezbollah secretary general Naim Qassem said he did not believe that "political action" would bring

a road to indirect negotia-tions if Israel stopped its being wounded in the attacks. "When the enemy decides to stop the aggression, there is a path for negotiations that we have strike."

"These rocks that you see here weigh 100 kilos, they fell on a 13 kilo kid," Lebanese state and Speaker had collapsed onto him (of parliament Nabih) during the strike.

strongholds in the southern majority in the past six of the air raid

Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers a speech during a ceremony to

receive diplomatic credentials from newly appointed foreign ambassadors at

of hundreds of political

ning the country said that

five people had been re-

leased from secret detention

centres after Hasina's

ouster, but that many more

were still unaccounted for.

"There is no trace of at least

200 people. We have been

working to locate them,

Khan said. The commission

commission member Noor

A commission of in-

the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow, Russia.

200 still missing in

Bangladesh after

kidnapping by forces

DHAKA: Around 200 opponents and the unlaw-

Bangladeshis abducted by ful abduction and disap-

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**Brazil finalizes talks on** 

new fiscal measures amid

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Hasina's rule are still miss

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disappearances said on

Tuesday. Hasina, 77, fled

neighbouring India in Au-

gust as a student-led upris-

ing saw protesters flood

streets of the capital Dhaka,

bringing a dramatic end to

**Monitoring Desk** 

BRASILIA: Brazil's Fi-

nance Minister said on

Her government was

her iron-fisted tenure.

helicopter

Lebanese rescuers scoured a destroyed apartment building in the town of Barja south of Beirut for bodies or any survivors after an Israeli strike on Tuesday evening that killed 20

health ministry said.

Moussa Zahran, who lived on one of the upper floors of the building, returned to sift through the ruins of his home. His about an end to hostilities. burned feet were wrapped He said there could be in gauze and his son and

people there, Lebanon's

clearly defined - indirect he said, referring to his son negotiations through the and the apartment wall that

Berri," said Qassem.

More than 3,000
people have been killed in Israeli strikes on Lebanon

Berri," said Qassem.
It was not immediately clear if the strike targeted a member of Hezbollah. There was no also battered Hezbollah over the last year, the vast evacuation warning ahead

**Leaders from** 

key countries

to skip climate

summit

**Monitoring Desk** 

BRUSSELS: World leaders

from major economies in-

cluding the United States,

the European Union and

Brazil are planning to skip

this year's United Nations

climate change summit,

known as COP29, in Baku,

sion President Ursula von

der Leyen will not attend

the COP29 climate summit

because of political devel-

opments in Brussels, a

Commission spokesperson

are vetting the members of

her new European Com-

mission, who will lead EU

policymaking for the next

five years. "The Commis-

sion is in a transition phase

and the president will there-

There, EU lawmakers

said on Tuesday.

person said.

European Commis-

Azerbaijan.



Civil defense members work at a site damaged in the aftermath of an Israeli strike, amid the ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, in

## China braces for continued superpower rivalry as Trump claims victory

**Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: China will work with the US on the basis of mutual respect, it said on Wednesday as Donald Trump closed in on victory in the presidential election, but strategists said Beijing was bracing for bitter su-

trade, technology and secu-'Our policy towards the US is consistent," foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a regular press conference in Beijing, when asked how Trump returning to the Oval Of-

perpower rivalry over

relations.
"We will continue to view and handle China-US relations in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," she added.

Chinese strategists however said they expected more fiery rhetoric and potentially crippling tariffs from Trump, although some said his isolationist foreign policy could give Beijing a vacuum to expand its global influence.

"Beijing anticipated a close race in the US elecfice would affect US-China tion.

# Asian currencies tumble as projected Trump win propels dollar

**Monitoring Desk** TOKYO: Singapore's dollar and Thailand's baht slid the most among Asian currencies on Wednesday, while the Mexican peso hit a two-year low as the dollar surged on projections that Republican Donald Trump had won the US

presidential election.
The Singapore dollar was last down 1.3 per cent at a three-month low and set for its worst session since August 2015. baht Thailand's

slumped as much as 1.9pc to a two-month low, in its biggest one-day drop since February 2023. The dollar was set for its biggest daily rise since March 2020 against major peers, and US Treasury yields also soared to multi-month

Fox News projected that Trump has won the US presidency defeating Democrat Kamala Harris, and Republicans took control of at least one chamber of Congress

### China warns soldiers against online dating **Monitoring Desk**

BEIJING: In an unusual warning, China's navy told young officers and personnel that they could get ensnared by online dating scams and virtual gambling if they let down their guard exposing themselves to security risks and undermining the military.

Addressing those born from 1990 who are "becoming the core of the army" the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy said in a social media post that young soldiers.

### Afghan opium cultivation bounces and shifts two years after ban, UN says **Monitoring Desk**

VIENNA: Opium poppy production in Afghanistan, long the world's dominant supplier of the raw material for heroin, has risen by a fifth in the second full year since the Taliban banned it but remains a fraction of pre-ban levels, a UN report said on Wednesday. The Taliban's supreme spiritual leader banned the cultivation of narcotics in April 2022. That prompted opium farming in the country to plummet an estimated 95% in 2023, according to an annual survey.

### Russia floats idea of 'reset' with United States after **Trump declares victory** elite, said that Trump's

**Monitoring Desk** 

MOSCOW: New opportunities to reset relations between Moscow and Washington have opened up, the influential head of Russia's sovereign wealth fund said on Wednesday after Donald Trump declared victory in the US presidential election. Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 triggered the biggest confrontation between Moscow and the West since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis when the Soviet Union and the US came close to nuclear war.

Both Russian and US diplomats say relations between the world's two largest nuclear powers have only been worse during the depths of the Cold War.

Kirill Dmitriev, CEO of Russia's sovereign wealth fund and a senior figure in Russia's political spite a large-scale disinformation campaign directed against them?". 'Their convincing victory shows that ordinary Americans are tired of the unprecedented lies, incompetence, and malice of the Biden administration," said

team had won the presidency and the Senate "de-

Dmitriev, a former Goldman Sachs banker who has previously had contacts with the Trump team. "This opens up new opportunities for resetting relations between Russia and the United States," added Dmitriev, who has regularly met and offered advice to President Vladimir Putin. Trump, a Republican, claimed victory in the 2024 presidential contest after Fox News proiected that he had defeated

Democrat Kamala Harris

### US will continue Taiwan-friendly approach after election, senior Taiwan official says

**Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: The United States will continue its friendly approach towards Taiwan after the presidential election and Taiwan will work to prevent China "making trouble" during the transition, a senior Taiwanese security official said on

Wednesday. US President Donald Trump has made comments on the campaign trail that Taiwan should pay to be protected and also accused the island of stealing American semiconductor business.

Democratically-governed Taiwan, which China views as its own territory, has faced a sustained military pressure campaign from Beijing over the past five years, including four major rounds of war games

in the past two years. Earlier, speaking to reporters in parliament, Taiwan National Security Bureau Director-General Tsai Ming-yen noted the government was paying election's outcome was still

the Taiwan Strait we believe that the United States will continue its current approach of constraining China and being friendly to Taiwan," he said. Taiwan will continue

communication with the current administration focusing on key issues for cooperation "in the next phase" and work with international partners to exchange information on China's intentions and military movements during the transition, Tsai added. 'This is as to prevent

the Chinese communists from taking advantage of the transition of the US government and to prevent them from making trouble during the transition," he said.

China's Taiwan Affairs Office did not immediately respond to request for comment. Also speaking to me-

dia at parliament, Taiwan Economy Minister Kuo Jyh-huei had earlier said the great attention to the election and making prepara-On relations across tions no matter who won.

# Iran's currency falls to an all-time low as Trump clinches the US presidency

**Monitoring Desk** 

TEHRAN: Iran's currency fell on Wednesday to an all-time low as Donald Trump clinched the U.S. presidency again, signaling new challenges ahead for Tehran as it remains locked in the wars raging in the Middle East.

The rial traded at 703,000 rials to the dollar, traders in Tehran said, breaking through the record before recovering

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slightly later in the day to 696,150 to \$1.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the rally but Iran's Central Bank has in the past flooded the market with more hard currencies as an attempt to improve the rate.

The slide comes as the rial already faces considerable woes over its sharp slide in value — and as the mood on the streets of Tehran among some dark-

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# fore focus on her institutional duties," the spokes-

Wednesday the government has concluded talks on new measures to strengthen the fiscal framework, seen as crucial to improve the valuation of the country's risk Even before the US assets, which have been hit by fiscal concerns and volatility linked to the US elec-

Following Republican Donald Trump's White tial inflationary pressures House victory, the Brazilian real opened down more than 1.7% against the US dollar, while long-term interest rates jumped.

Speaking to reporters, minister Fernando Haddad noted that global tensions had increased, fueled by remarks made during the Republican's campaign. However, he pointed out that Trump's post-victory speech was more moder-

bit and focus on taking care of our own house taking care of Brazil, our finances, and the economy - to be as little affected as possible, whatever the external scenario may be," he

election results were announced, Trump's rhetoric was already viewed as more detrimental to emerging markets due to potenarising from his strong support for higher import tariffs, tax cuts, and immigration restrictions.

This approach boosts the US dollar against other currencies and fuels expectations of higher interest rates in the world's largest economy, drawing resources away from other markets.

A controversial judicial reform in Mexico emerged mostly unscathed

Spanish police seize record cocaine in **Ecuadorean** banana shipment

hidden in a shipment of bananas in a container from Ecuador in the southern port of Algeciras.

covered on Oct. 14. breaks the previous record in Spain when 9.4 tons of cocaine were found in 2023, also in Algeciras, the fourth biggest container port in 'It is obvious that

were not only bound for the Spanish market. The Spanish market cannot handle so many drugs all at once.



**Monitoring Desk** ALGECIRAS: Spanish police have made a record cocaine seizure after finding 13 metric tons of the drug The amount was dis-

these 13 tons of cocaine



A drone view shows an Italian coast guard vessel departing for Italy with migrants, who were intercepted at sea and later detained at a reception facility in Albania, after a court in Rome overturned their detention orders, in Shengjin, Albania.

# Spanish police display the 13 tons of cocaine, which was seized at the Algeciras port, hidden in banana shipments after it was transported in a container from PUBLIC NOTICE **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ecuador, at the port in Algeciras, Spain.

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Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Ini-

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the project, attended by

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**Planning minister assures** 

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stantial area of 66,893

square meters with two

basements, a ground floor,

It is being financed

and nine additional floors

through a partnership be-

tween the Economic Devel-

opment Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Korean

EXIM Bank and the Gov-

ernment of Pakistan's Pub-

lic Sector Development

Program (PSDP). The project, valued at \$88.384

million, includes \$76.310

million from the Korean

EXIM Bank as a loan, with

the remaining \$12.476 mil-

lion funded through the

facility will support IT

companies and start-ups

comprehensively, driving

innovation and enabling

Pakistan to compete in the

global IT sector. Key fea-

tures of the IT Park

This state-of-the-art

IT Park Islamabad is

tal economy in Pakistan.

# PM Shehbaz announces 100MW power supply for GB, Rs1bln endowment fund

Wednesday announced the immediate power supply of 100 megawatts for Gilgit Baltistan and a Rs1 billion endowment fund for the universities students.

The prime minister, who chaired the special meeting of the GB cabinet during his daylong visit here, expressed satisfaction and pleasure over the timely completion of Bubar Model Village, which he earlier inaugurated, to provide housing facility to the people affected by flood in 2022.

He instructed the GB administration to establish educational institutions, playgrounds, power transmission and other facilities in Ghizer district.

Besides announcing an immediate power supply of 100 megawatts to GB, the prime minister an-

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has

directed to the concerned

high ups to speed up imple-

mentation on the develop-

ment projects and complete

the same within stipulated

was presiding over the

meeting held to review the

progress of different ongo-

ing development projects in the province, here on

tended by the Secretary

Communications and

Works, Lal Jan Jaffar, Sec-

Deputy Prime Minister/

Foreign Minister Senator

Mohammad Ishaq Dar on

Wednesday chaired a high-

level Inter-Ministerial pre-

paratory meeting in con-

nection with the forthcom-

ing visit of the delegation

of Abu Dhabi Ports, United

held at PM's House, the

deputy prime minister/for-

eign minister highlighted the

importance of the visit

which showed keenness of

the Government of UAE

for enhancing investment in

During the meeting

The Chief Minister

The meeting was at-

time anyway.

based endowment fund for the students of Baltistan University and Karakorum University.

Prime Shehbaz told the GB cabinet members that the federal government would establish Daanish Schools in GB, on the pattern of Punjab province.

He said that his government was actively working for the uplift and welfare of the GB people. He recalled that while

being Punjab chief minister, his government had given a Rs1 billion gift to uplift GB's education sector.

He said that the provincial governments' cooperation with the federal government for the economic stability was significant.

The prime minister told the participants that stock exchange has crossed

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Shaikh

CM directs to speed up implementation

on development projects, complete

all within stipulated timeframe

Saleh Muhammad Nasar,

Secretary Services and

General Administration

Department, Agha Faisal,

Principal Secretary to Chief

Minister, Imran Zarkoon

as well as representatives

of the Planning and Devel-

opment and Irrigation de-

briefed about establishment

of Danish schools in differ-

ent districts of the province

on pattern of Punjab. In

ing was also briefed about

that the Government was

keen for the economic

growth of the country and

such investments would

play a crucial role boosting

Pakistan's economy, For-

eign Office Spokesperson

relating to ministries of

ways, Board of Investment

(BOI) and Federal Board of

Revenue (FBR) were also

presented in the meeting.

Secretaries of each ministry

gave presentation on the

GWADAR: Director General Gwadar Development Authority Shafqat Anwar

proposed MOUs

maritime, aviation, rail-

The proposed MOUs

said in a press release.

retary Finance, Babar Sui, construction of Sui Ring rectly benefit them.

Dar chairs preparatory

meeting for UAE Ports

delegation's visit

The meeting was

Khan, Secretary Schools, road, and Sui-Kashmor

addition to this, the meet- efits of projects to the

the progress on ongoing lieves in such viable

water supply schemes in projects which may di-

road. The Secretary Com-

munication and Works also

informed the meeting about

ongoing and new schemes

in road and building sec-

ing, Chief Minister directed

to complete the develop-

ment projects of Sui Girls

College, Kohlu Girls Col-

lege and Baikar Boys Col-

ment wants to get the ben-

common men and it be-

**Govt launches** 

anti-narcotics

operation in

Loralai

**Independent Report** 

LORALAI: Deputy Commissioner Loralai Miran

Baloch led a major opera-

tion against cannabis culti-

vation under the vision of

Chief Minister Mir Safraz

Bugti to make Balochistan

vised by DC Loralai, in-

volved Assistant Commis-

sioner Loralai, police, and

levies personnel. In today's crackdown, 10

acres of cannabis crop were

destroyed in the Mekhtar

area. The operation will

The operation, super-

narcotics-free.

continue daily.

He said that govern-

lege within six months.

Addressing the meet-

chairing a session of Sustainable Development Conference.

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increase in remittances, tax return filers and reduction in inflation were pleasant developments for national economy.

He lauded the role of all provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and GB in the national development and highlighted government's special focus

on the uplift of GB, merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Balochistan. The prime minister said that the federal government was taking measures to promote tourism in GB as Qatari government had also expressed interest to invest in tourism there. Federal ministers Ahsan Iqbal, Attaullah Tarar, Amir Muqam and Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, members of the GB cabinet and relevant senior officers



ing of the Gilgit Baltistan Cabinet.

### Qaiser says:

# imports of 430,000 metric tons

Qaiser Ahmed Shaikh, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, said more than 430,000 metric tons of used clothing arrived in Pakistan in FY2023-24 with the support of our port and shipping infrastructure.

Textiles Trade Project. The Minister emphasized the vital role of Pakistan's maritime infrastructure in facilitating the import of second-hand textiles. He added that he rec-

is essential for supporting local economies, job creation, and textile recycling The Federal Minister

further said that the ministry is focused on improving port efficiency and container management to streamline the processing of these goods, ensuring that shipments are processed in a timely and cost-effective The minister also out-

lined its ongoing efforts to develop waste sorting hubs for textile recycling, a key step in managing textile waste and reducing the environmental impact of global textile trade

Additionally, he said ognizes that the efficient to protect marine ecosys-

shipping practices.

By introducing Ex tended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies, the ministry aims to hold manufacturers accountable for the entire life-cycle of their products, encouraging responsible textile recycling and reuse. Qaiser Ahmed Shaikh highlighted that as a part of its broader sustainability agenda, the ministry is also exploring green shipping alternatives, including the adoption of cleaner fuels and energy-efficient technologies to reduce carbon emissions from

These initiatives are aligned with international environmental standards set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), ensuring that Pakistan's maritime sector contributes to global efforts to combat climate change

> Number of cellular

subscribers

# shipping operations. **QUETTA: Vice Chancellor University of Mekran** Panjgur Dr. Abdul Malik Tareen meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

# Resolving issues of people important

mission of life: Jatak **Independent Report** OUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Ali Madad Jatak has stated that it is mission of his life

are being taken. The Provincial Minister was addressing the open kachehri at his residence here on Wednesday.

to resolve the issues of com-

mon men for practical steps

The elders of the area, workers of Pakistan Peoples Party and general public participated in the katchehry. Mir Ali Madad Jatak

o provide basic facilities to the people at their door-

said that he is determined

He said that the basic

lems of people of his constituency and then take steps for their solution on

He said that it is aim of the party to serve the masses without any discrimination. For the purpose, practical steps are being taken, he maintained.

The Minister said that different development projects of important nature have been started in the area and surely there would be revolution once these projects are completed in due course of time.

He said that we would bring remarkable change in Sariab area. Meanwhile, the participants of open katchehry thanked Ali objective behind holding Madad Jatak for having inopen katchehry is to get teraction and pay heed to acquainted about the prob-their issues.

### Rubina inaugurates BISP Tehsil office in L. Tanawal

Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid on Wednesday inaugurated the BISP Tehsil Office in Tanawal,

Lower Abbottabad. stan Peoples Party Secretariat in Abbottabad on the invitation of Pakistan Peoples Party district

Abbottabad President Syed Saleem Shah and Divisional President Paki-

She visited the Paki-

Muhammad Farooq, said a news release Rubina Khalid also in-

augurated the Begum Nusrat Bhutto Shaheed Road in Sherwan, Lower Tanawal Addressing a public

gathering on this occasion, Senator Rubina Khalid credited former President of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari, for making housewives in eligible families to qualify for assistance under the Benazir Income Support stan Peoples Party Hazara Program.



**OUETTA: Former Provincial Minster Malik Anavat** Kasi Advocate giving sweet to newly elected President of Supreme Court Bar Association Rauf Ata.

### 190 million pounds reference **Defence counsels complete** cross questioning of 35 witnesses

RAWALPINDI (Online): in 190 million pounds ref-Defence counsels have erence. The court fixed Nocompleted cross examination of 35 witnesses in 190 million pounds reference.

190 million pounds reference came up for hearing in Accountability Court (AC) led by judge Nasir

Javed Rana Wednesday. PTI founder was presented in court room.

Bushra Bibi came in iail in connection with hearing of the case. 190 million pounds reference has entered its final stage.

Zahir Abbas counsel for PTI founder and Usman Gul counsel for Bushra Bibi cross questioned the witnesses. NAB prosecutor said they don't want to cross questioning on 37th present any more evidence hearing.

vember 8 in connection with statement of PTI founder and Bushra Bibi under 342. The court will pro-

vide questionnaire to PTI founder and Bushra Bibi regarding statement under 342, The court adjourned hearing of 190 million pounds reference till November 8. Cross questioning in

regard to statement of last witness of reference investigating officer Mian Umar Nadim continued for three months The defence counsel

succeeded in completing

# Maritime sector facilitates used clothing in FY 2023-2024 handling of these imports tems and ensure sustainable

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Addressing a conference 'National Policy Dialogue on Circularity and Used Textile Trade in Pakistan' acknowledged the support of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), United Nations Énvironment Programme (UNEP), and the European Union (EU) for their collaboration in the Circularity and Used

that we are committed to implementing regulations that will limit pollutants from textile shipments, particularly harmful chemicals,

## Kakar vows to improve basic infrastructure in **Balochistan health sector**

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Provincial Minister Health, Bakht pressed the government's resolve to bring improvement in the basic infrastructure of healthcare sector in the province.

The Provincial Miniswas chairing a meeting about the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for health sector

The Provincial Minister Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Secretary Health, Mujeebur Rehman Panezai and other concerned high ups were also present in the meet-

The meeting discussed the development projects aimed at promoting healthcare services and improving basic infrastructure in the healthcare sec-

# reaches 193m ISLAMABAD (APP)

The number of cellular sub scribers in Pakistan reached 193 million, with a mobile teledensity of 79.40 percent, by the end of September 2024, according to data from the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA). The data also revealed that mobile broad band subscribers have grown to 139 million, achieving a mobile penetration rate of 56.96 percent.



QUETTA: A delegation of lawyer community meeting with Provincial Health

### Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar. **IIOJK** assembly passes bill seeking restoration Article 370

SRINAGAR (INP): In a significant political move, the occupied Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, led by puppet Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, passed a bill seeking the restoration of Article 370, aiming to reinstate the territory's special status that was revoked by the Indian government in Au-

According to Kashmir Media Service, the bill was the restoration of occu-Jammu

tabled by the ruling Na- a controversial move on tional Conference (NC) on August 5, 2019.

Wednesday, in line with the party's commitment to its manifesto promise of fighting for the restoration of the territory's special status. The proposal was introduced by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Singh Choudhary, who called for

Kashmir's special provisions, which were unilaterally abrogated by the Indian government during reports, the youth was killed by troops in a fake encounter during a cordon and search operation in the lolab area of the district.

Earlier, on Tuesday, the troops martyred a youth in their fresh act.

### **Quetta Administration to revamp** Cafe Baldiya, addition to Quetta's social and cultural landscape

QUETTA (APP): Quetta administration has decided to revamp Cafe Baldiya, a lease property of the Metropolitan Corporation Quetta to make a significant enhancement in both its financial value and de-

Administrator Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat said that the rent of Cafe Baldiya has not been paid since last six years which was Rs6000 per month and the lease agreement has been also expired.

On the directives of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Hamza Shafqaat, the monthly rent for the Cafe Baldiya has been increased from Rs6000 to 300000, reflecting its prime location and its worth. Under the plan, the cafe is set to under-go a

complete redesign, aligning with contemporary standards to provide a modern and appealing venue for the residents of Quetta He said that the transformation is the part of a

broader initiative to evaluate the city's infrastructure and amenities and it promises to offer a fresh and exciting experience to the community.

The revamped Cafe

Baldiya will soon serve as a vibrant addition to



nology Khuzdar Dr. Maqsood Ahmed and Regional Head ANF Adnan addressing anti-narcotics seminar jointly organized by BUETK and ANF.

### Imran emphasizes upon participation of students in sports, extra curricular activities pressed hope that these

For physical & mental growth

Shahwani addressing Explore & Uplist Gwadar Conference.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Secretary Information Department, Imran Khan Afridi has emphasized upon the importance of participation of students in sports competitions and other extra curricular activities for their physical and mental

However, adding he stressed to maintain balance in educational and sports

Imran Khan was addressing the 24th Mini Olympic Games' All Quetta Inter-Schools Gris Throw Ball and Catch Ball final match ceremony, here on Wednesday. Imran Khan Afridi,

Secretary Information and Chairman Throw Ball Association, praised Balochistan girls' enthusiasm for throw ball, a relatively new game. He ex-

against Girls School. As the guest of honor.

Provincial Secretary Inforuted certificates, trophies, and medals to the winning and runner-up teams. He encouraged all participating students and assured his

girls will excel in sports and bring glory to the nation. Hazara Town Girls

School won the throw ball Ibrahimzai Girls School, while Hazara Town Girls School also secured the championship in catch ball, defeating Postal Colony

mation Imran Khan distrib-At the ceremony's conclusion,

Muhammad Kakar, known

as the "Father of Sports

Balochistan," presented Secretary Information

Imran Khan with a com-

memorative shield.

more chance to political parties to file annual statement of assets

EC gives one

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EĆ) while giving one more opportunity to political parties to file annual statement of assets which have not filed the same so far has adjourned hearing of the case till November 21.

Heads of 48 political parties were summoned for not filing annual statement of assets

A two members bench of EC led by Member Sindh Nisar Durrani heard the notices issued to 48 political parties which are registered with EC and have not filed annual statement of

Istehkam Pakistan Party, PTI Nazriati, MWM, Balochistan Awami party and several other parties did not appear before EC during the hearing of notices Wednes-

### **Indian troops** martyr another Kashmiri youth in Kupwara

SRINAGAR (Online): Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred another Kashmiri youth in Kupwara district of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir Wednesday. According to media

The operation continued till last reports came in.

Quetta's social and cultural landscape, showcasing blend of modern elegance and enhanced functionality

In a bid to hamper the government positive endeavors aimed at improve the civic conditions of the dwellers of Quetta city, the mafia with their vested interest has launched a campaign to malign the uplift schemes.

Taking up the glows. the district administration has started revising the century-old agreements of the Metropolitan Corporation properties and buildings illegally occupied by the land mafia

# KHUZDAR: Vice Chancellor Balochistan University of Engineering and Tech-