

Police constable apprehended as key facilitator of deadly police lines blast: IGP

By M. Ilyas PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Inspector General Akhtar Hayat Gandapur on Tuesday informed that police have arrested a serving police constable identified as the key facilitator of a deadly suicide blast in a Mosque that claimed lives of 80 police officials in Malik Saad Shaheed Police Lines here in January 2023.

been arrested by the Afghan forces as well but later seen off for Pakistan with an amount of Rs 2000. On his way back to Pakistan, the accused was arrested by the Afghan forces, however on intervention of a Jamat ul Ahrar member, named Junaid, he was released to continue his journey for Pakistan.



BAKU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Family Photo at the inaugural Session COP-29 Climate Action Summit in Baku.

Pakistan opposes additional permanent seats in UNSC

NEW YORK (INP): Pakistan has once again opposed any proposal for the creation of additional permanent seats in the UN Security Council.

Shujaat demands naming roads after Quetta blast martyrs

LAHORE (INP): Federal Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control Moshin Naqvi on Tuesday called on Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) President Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain at his Gulberg residence in the capital.

AJK President for more vibrant role of legal fraternity to make struggle for IIOJK's freedom complete success

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Barrister Mahmood Chaudhry has said that the importance of lawyers in the society was key since the lawyers played a decisive role in the establishment of supremacy of the constitution and law in the society by performing as the defenders of the constitution and the law.

defenders and volunteers for the restoration of Kashmir human rights and the custodians of the oppressed classes.

Barrister Sultan Mahmood assured that all problems of Bar Association Mirpur would be resolved on a priority and urgent basis.

"Now a days, it is the age of social media and by using social media, lawyers should play their role in highlighting the freedom movement of Kashmir at the global level," he advised the AJK legal fraternity.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf in a group photo with Board of Governors of Bahria University

Pakistan for redefining climate...

Continued from page 1 the donor countries should fulfill their commitment to provide 0.7 per cent of their gross national income as developing assistance and capitalize existing climate funds.

tioned that the developing countries looking to enable energy transition should also get preferential capacity and technical assistance in fast tracking consortium financing through various financial instruments.

New Gwadar airport a symbol of friendship between Pak, China

BEIJING (APP): New Gwadar International Airport, a flagship venture under the multibillion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project, or CPEC, will transform connectivity and open a new chapter of development for the South Asian nation, observers said.

PTI leaders released following brief detention

RAWALPINDI (INP): Several top PTI leaders were taken into custody on Tuesday from outside the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi for violating Section 144 but were released shortly afterwards after being issued a warning.

Target is to win Champions Trophy: Rizwan

PERTH (INP): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) released an exclusive dressing room video capturing the team's celebratory moments against Australia and words from key figures, including Head Coach Jason Gillespie, Assistant Coach Azhar Mehmood, and captain Mohammad Rizwan.

President of Kyrgyzstan, Sadyr Nurgoulu Japarov said Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan like many others were expressing their willingness to fulfill the agenda on the table.

Debt could not become acceptable new normal in climate financing which was why the world should focus on non-debt financing solutions enabling developing countries to fund climate initiatives without depositing an additional burden, he said.

EXTENSION IN BID OPENING AB No.463/06-11-2024 for the work of "Industrial Manufacturing and Processing Machinery and Accessories (Total Item) Count: 2"

"EXTENSION/CORRIGENDUM" With reference to this office tender Notice vide PRQ No. 1599/23-10-2024 under TSE No.242510578932, for the repair & supply of spare parts of BC Vehicles, are hereby amended due to some technical reasons, the new detail is as follows:-

NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Director Agriculture (Oilseed) / Project In-charge "Seed Production, Multiplication and Certification Program in Balochistan" invites bids from Eligible Bidders for supply of following items.

PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Shazia with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Zahoor citizen number 5220341167219 has been received.

PUBLIC NOTICE Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Haji Karim Bakhsh with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Nasseem Baloch citizen number 522049876397 has been received.

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Sindh Governor sees UAE partnership revolutionizing logistics in Pakistan

KARACHI (APP): The Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori, Tuesday, said that the partnership between Pakistan and AD Ports Group has led to four major agreements poised to revolutionize Pakistan's trade, transportation, and logistics sectors.

These agreements are expected to add billions of rupees annually to the national exchequer and create over thousands of new employment opportunities, he shared the insights during his visit to AD Ports Karachi, said a statement issued here.

The Chief Executive Officer, AD Ports Pakistan Khurram Aziz provided a comprehensive briefing while the event was attended by UAE Consul General Bakheet Ateeq Al-Remeithi, the CEO AD Ports Group Mohamed Ali Tamimi, CEO of International Ports Asia & Africa Abdulaziz Baloooshi, and other officials.

Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori expressed his delight in visiting AD Ports, stating that the infrastructure upgrades supported by Abu Dhabi Ports will enhance Karachi Port's capacity. This transformation will position Karachi as a vital trade hub between South Asia, the Arab world, and Africa.

Emphasizing the significant role of workers in these projects, Kamran Khan Tessori noted that progress on the ports would not be possible without the dedication of laborers, whose efforts are strengthening the national economy. He stressed on keeping the welfare of these hardworking individuals as a top priority. The governor, responding to a media query about Indian stance on the Champions Trophy 2025, stated that it would not affect the tournament. He added that Pakistan's progress is hard to swallow for its adversaries but the Pakistan-UAE friendship, with the support of the Prime Minister and Army Chief, aimed at transition into a robust trade relationship.

Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori concluded his visit by cutting a cake alongside workers in celebration of the UAE's 53rd Union Day.



LAHORE: A delegation of PPP members of parliament and Mohmand Agency Loya Jirga in a group photo with the Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

Children represent future foundations of strong Pakistan: CM

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Tuesday said that our children represent the future foundations of a strong Pakistan, and their well-being and development must be our collective priority.

This he said while speaking at a UNICEF Pakistan concert organised to celebrate World Children's Day, themed 'Listen to the Future' at Pakistan Arts Council, Minister Education Sardar Ali Shah, UNICEF Representative Abdullah Fadi and UN Resident Coordinator Mohammad Yahya, and others were present on occasion.

Shah expressed gratitude for the commitment to advancing children's rights, acknowledged World Children's Day as a vital moment for Pakistan and underscored the need for continued action to ensure every child's right to a bright future.

"Happy World Children's Day to every child in Sindh, Pakistan and around the globe," Chief Minister Murad Shah said and emphasised that the celebration reaffirms Sindh's commitment to child rights.

He said that, in collaboration with UNICEF and other UN partners, provincial government was dedicated to ensuring all children receive the support they deserve. The CM praised the diversity represented at the event, highlighting how children from every region of Pakistan embody the nation's unity and strength.

Bilal Yaseen visits Wasa, reviews digital systems

LAHORE (APP): Minister for Housing and Urban Development Bilal Yaseen paid a visit to the Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) Headquarters on Tuesday and reviewed digital system and solarization.

The minister was welcomed by Vice Chairman Chaudhry Shahbaz and Managing Director Ghufuran Ahmed.

During his visit, the minister was given a detailed briefing on the agency's various departments, performance and ongoing projects.

MD Ghufuran Ahmed briefed the minister on several innovative systems being implemented at the Wasa, including the Digital Complaint Management System, Rainwater Board, and the SCADA system, aimed at improving efficiency and service delivery. Discussions also focused on the Revenue Dashboard, IT reforms, and revenue collection initiatives. Minister Bilal Yaseen expressed his appreciation for the IT reforms and the underground water tank projects, which, he described, as revolutionary steps towards improving public convenience. He emphasized the need for the timely completion of all development projects under the Wasa to ensure better facilities for the public. He underscored the importance of fully digitizing all revenue systems to enhance transparency and operational efficiency. Bilal Yaseen also signaled an immediate push for the implementation of solarization projects as part of efforts to reduce electricity bills and promote cost-saving measures.



KARACHI: Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh, Sharifullah, presides over a meeting to review arrangements for the upcoming Local Bodies by-election across the province.

Entry of buses, vans banned on BRT route in Peshawar

PESHAWAR (APP): The district administration has banned the entry of buses and vans onto the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) route to address traffic-related issues.

The decision was made during a meeting attended by the Deputy Commissioner and other officials from relevant departments to discuss traffic congestion and problems related to rickshaws and loaders in the city.

The committee extensively discussed measures to tackle Peshawar's traffic issues and decided to prohibit buses and vans from entering the BRT route.

The entry of rickshaws has been banned on other key roads, including Khyber Road, University Road from Tehkal to Istamia College, and main Saddar Road from the State Bank to Balour Plaza. These steps are part of an effort to manage and reduce traffic problems in Peshawar.

54 cases registered against Imran, detailed report filed in LHC

LAHORE (Online): Detailed report in respect of cases registered against PTI founder Imran Khan has been filed in Lahore High Court (LHC).

State counsel Farrukh Lodhi filed the report of cases registered against Imran Khan in the court.

According to report overall 54 cases are registered against Imran Khan in Punjab.

As many as 21 cases are registered against PTI founder in Lahore, 19 in Rawalpindi division, 1 in Gujranwala, 7 in Sheikhupura and 5 in Faisalabad.



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori talks to media during his visit to AD Ports.

Punjab Governor says: Smog is a big problem needs to be addressed on war footing basis

LAHORE (Online): A delegation of PPP members of parliament and Mohmand Agency Loya Jirga met with the Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan here today at Governor House Lahore. The deteriorating smog situation in the province was discussed in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that there is a need to solve the basic problems faced by the people and take practical steps to address the current smog situation.

He said that smog is a big problem that needs to be addressed on war footing basis. Governor Punjab said that due to smog, business and life have been paralyzed and

people are suffering from diseases.

In these circumstances, the people cannot be left at the mercy of smog. He said that the Punjab government is nowhere to be seen at this time. Governor Punjab said that the Punjab government should realize the seriousness of the situation and ensure practical steps to resolve it.

Governor Punjab said that democracy was vital to the strengthening of institutions to bring stability in the country. He said that the success of coalition government is essential for the development and prosperity of the country. Punjab Governor further said that he was determined to fulfill his constitutional responsibilities for the betterment of the province.

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CM Punjab sets Dec 31 deadline for revamping 1,236 health centers

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has said that the record revamping of health centers across the province is nearing completion.

In her statement on Tuesday, she revealed that the project to upgrade and rehabilitate 1,236 health centers in Punjab is progressing rapidly.

"Dilapidated health centers will be transformed into makeshift clinics to ensure access to healthcare," she said. CM Maryam Nawaz set a deadline of December 31 for the completion of the project, underscoring her commitment to providing the best medical facilities to the people of Punjab.

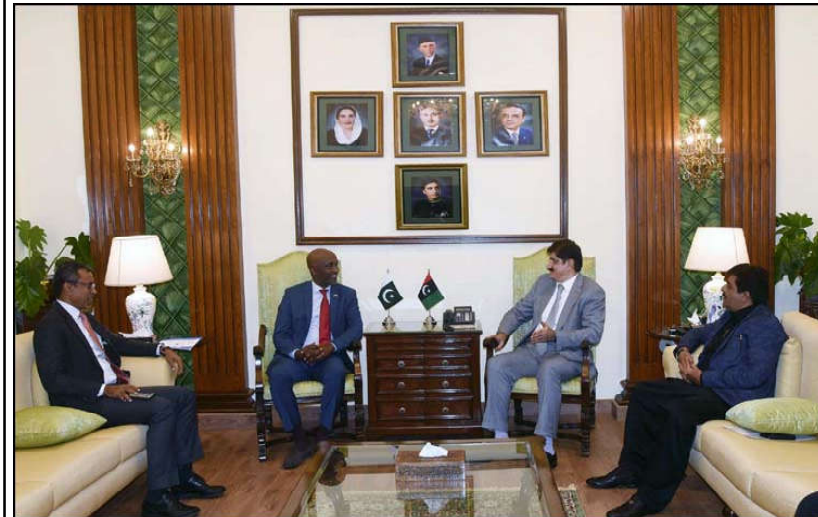
The CM highlighted that the revamping project includes 286 health centers in Central Punjab, 363 in the North Zone, and 587 in South Punjab. She further shared that 20 percent of health centers in Central Punjab, 28 percent

in the North Zone, and over 25 percent in South Punjab have already been completed.

"The transformation of 1,219 health centers into family clinics is progressing rapidly," she added, noting that plastering of 772 units, flooring of 384 units, and finishing work on 74 units are currently underway.

"Teams of C&W Punjab are working diligently to ensure the timely completion of the project." She added, "We are committed to fulfilling our promise of providing the best healthcare facilities to the people."

The CM said basic health centers will be transformed into modern clinics, and emphasized that the shortage of doctors and staff would be addressed. "We will establish clinics in Punjab's villages that will surpass even private hospitals in the cities," she added.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanges views with UNICEF representative, Abdullah Fadi and UN Resident Coordinator, Muhammad Yahya during meeting held at CM House in Karachi.

NAB gives clean chit to Sheikh Afzal, Hamesh in BoP fraud case after 17yrs

LAHORE (APP): The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Tuesday cleared former Bank of Punjab (BoP) president Hamesh Khan and CEO of Harris Steel Industries Sheikh Muhammad Afzal in the BoP fraud case after 17 years, citing a lack of evidence.

A NAB prosecutor filed an application before Accountability Court Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani for the withdrawal of the reference during the proceedings, stating that a recent review revealed no substantial evidence of corruption against the accused. He further submitted that the NAB

chairman had instructed the withdrawal of the case against the accused. However, the BoP counsel opposed the withdrawal, arguing that the accused had opened numerous fake accounts and committed fraud. Sheikh Afzal's lawyer, Muhammad Umar Qureshi, urged the court to officially discharge his client from the case. Subsequently, the court adjourned further proceedings until November 18. This case was originally filed by NAB in 2008, alleging large-scale financial fraud involving multiple fake accounts and unauthorized loans totaling billions of rupees.

ASI suspended over corruption

FAISALABAD (APP): The Madina Town SP has suspended an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI)/Chak Jhumra police post in charge on charges of corruption and taking illegal gratification.

A police spokesman said here on Tuesday that City Police Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil received complaints that ASI Tahir Shabbir, Incharge police post Chak Jhumra, had abused power and took bribe. The CPO directed the SP Madina Town to probe the matter. The SP after conducting an inquiry suspended ASI Tahir Shabbir while further action is under progress.

Meanwhile, the SP Madina Town charge-sheeted constables Tasadduq Murtaza and Gulam Abbas.

Governor Kundi, ANP vow to address provincial rights and challenges

MARDAN (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi and leader of Awami National Party (ANP) and former chief minister Ameer Haider Khan Hoti on Tuesday vowed to address provincial rights and challenges.

A meeting took place in Mardan between Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, and Ameer Haider Khan Hoti.

The meeting focused on the pressing issues of the province, including the need for a united political front to address provincial rights and challenges including law and order.

Both leaders emphasized the necessity and effectiveness of political party unity to resolve the long-standing issues facing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, such as maintaining peace, equitable distribution of resources, securing financial rights, and ensuring the province receives its rightful share at

the federal level.

They cautioned that if immediate attention is not given to maintaining peace in the region, the situation could deteriorate to an alarming extent, potentially spreading instability to other parts of the country.

Governor Faisal Karim Kundi stressed the need for all political parties in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to unite on a common platform to exert pressure on the federal government and secure the province's rights.

He also highlighted the importance of a united voice for acquiring provincial financial resources and development funds.

Ameer Haider Khan Hoti appreciated the call for unity and acknowledged that cooperation among political parties would not only help resolve public issues but also strengthen the province's political autonomy and stability.



MARDAN: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi meets former Chief Minister Amir Haider Khan Hoti at his residence.

LHC wraps up petition filed against allowing security agencies to record phone calls

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) while declaring unnecessary the miscellaneous petition filed against granting permission to security agencies to record phone calls of citizens has wrapped up the plea.

Chief Justice (CJ) LHC Aalia Neelum took up petition filed by Judicial activism panel and others for hearing Tuesday.

Assistant Attorney General Razaqat Dogar appeared on behalf of the government.

Challenging July 8 notification the petitioners took plea in the petitions that recording calls of citizens runs contrary to the constitution. It is requested to court to declare notification on phone calls tapping null and void.

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SCO expands IT infrastructure in AJK: Lt. Col. Adeel

MIRPUR (APP): The Special Communications Organization (SCO) is rapidly expanding its information technology infrastructure in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) particularly in the Mirpur division, on Tuesday.

According to Lt. Col. Adeel Malik, the SCO's Mirpur Division Commanding Officer, the initiative aims to improve public services and boost economic growth through digital transition.

The SCO is establishing numerous software technology parks and freelancing hubs across the region, providing training and employment opportunities for young people.

Currently, around 50 such centers are operational in AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan. Further expansion is planned with new facilities slated for completion this year in Bhimbar, Khairwal and Mirpur city, he said.

This initiative, driven by the vision of the Chief of Army Staff and the Director General of SCO aims to empower the youth of AJK by creating self-sufficiency and addressing unemployment, he further said.

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Smoke emitting vehicles will not come on roads now: AG Punjab

LAHORE (Online): Advocate General (AG) Punjab has said smoke emitting vehicles will not come on roads now.

The petition seeking court's orders for eradication of smog came up for hearing before Justice Shahid Karim of LHC Tuesday.

Justice Shahid Karim remarked this was a big case. Government should

have been here. Government has done nothing so far and I am identifying it daily. Government will have to move ahead from mere policy papers. Justice Shahid Karim remarked there is need to form long term policies. This way things will not work. If this time smog has come to us in September then it will come in August next time.

Pakistan, Finland seek stronger trade ties, explore new sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Finland are moving toward a new chapter in economic relations following a productive meeting between Pakistan's Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, and Finland's Ambassador to Pakistan, Hannu Ripatti.

The ambassador met with Jam Kamal Khan at the Commerce Ministry to discuss strategies for expanding trade ties and exploring untapped areas for collaboration, said a press release issued here on Tuesday.

Minister Jam

welcomed Ambassador Ripatti and reaffirmed the Pakistani government's commitment to strengthening economic ties with Finland. "I believe in deep coordination with our counterparts to enhance trade relations," Jam stated, emphasizing the importance of identifying dormant sectors and activating them for economic benefit.

The minister highlighted his vision of tapping into unutilized resources and expanding into areas such as education, information

technology, textile, health, construction, and social development. There is a possibility of a government-level delegation from Finland visiting Pakistan, which could mark a milestone for both countries, with expectations to solidify agreements and increase investment opportunities, he added.

One of the key initiatives discussed during the meeting was Pakistan's establishment of the National Compliance Council (NCC), which seeks to ensure that local products meet international standards.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb holding a meeting with Nicolas Galey, Ambassador of France to Pakistan, at the Finance Division in Islamabad. The meeting was also attended by the Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Ali Pervaiz Malik and Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Rashid Mahmood Langrial.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanges views with UNFPA Regional Director, Pio Smith during meeting held at CM House in Karachi.

Ambassador Linulf says: Danish Embassy, SDPI Carbon Markets Project to bridge knowledge gaps

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Embassy of Denmark in Pakistan, together launched the second phase of the knowledge partnership initiative titled "Unlocking the Potential of Carbon Markets in Pakistan."

The launch of project was announced at reception of high-level delegates, diplomats, and policy makers of Pakistan, said a press release issued here on Tuesday.

Speaking at the inception, Ambassador of Denmark, Jakob Linulf said, "This partnership has not only bridged knowledge gaps but has also fostered collaboration between federal and provincial governments, setting a solid foundation for a sustainable carbon market framework in Pakistan."

Ambassador Linulf further highlighted that the commencement of the second phase was building on a strong foundation that has already enhanced Pakistan's climate policy

Rupee sheds 06 paise against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee on Tuesday depreciated by 06 paise against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 277.92 against the previous day's closing of Rs 277.86.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 277.40 and Rs 278.90 respectively.

The price of Euro decreased by Rs1.57 to close at Rs 295.44 against the last day's closing of Rs 297.01, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese yen remained unchanged and closed at Rs1.80, whereas a decline of Rs2.26 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs356.00 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs358.26.

The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal went up by 02 and 01 paise to close at Rs75.66 and Rs73.98, respectively.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Two ships namely, Mars-Jand Nord Master Carrying Soyabean and Mogas, berthed at Green Terminal and Oil Terminal respectively on Monday.

Meanwhile three more ships, Xin Xiang, Porto Kioni and Hafnia Atlantic scheduled to load/offload Rice, Coal and Palm oil also arrived at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim during the last 24 hours.

Ten ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships, Milha Ras Lafian left the port on Tuesday morning and four more ships, Ogun, Tamre-S, Elliree and Nord Master are expected to sail on today afternoon.

Cargo throughput during last 24 hours stood at 152,569 comprising 109,504 tonnes imports cargo and 43,065 tonnes export cargo was handled at the Port, including containerized cargo carried in 1,503 Containers (90 TEUs Imports and 1,413 TEUs export).

Dr. Khalid underscores role of creative education in driving economic growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui Tuesday underscored the role of creative education in driving economic growth and societal transformation. He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Karachi Chapter of Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD) at the historic Mohatta Palace Museum. The minister highlighted the importance of trade, fashion, and design for Pakistan's

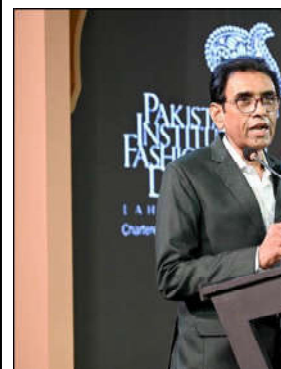
future. This milestone event celebrated PIFD's expansion into Karachi, with a mission to promote education in fashion and design for a brighter future, said a news release received from Karachi.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Hina Tayyaba Khalil emphasized PIFD's role in cultivating design talent and contributing to the nation's cultural and economic landscape.

Dr. Maqbool Siddiqui's commitment to advancing skill development through

education was a central theme, and his efforts were pivotal in establishing the PIFD Karachi Chapter.

The establishment of PIFD Karachi Chapter was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, Federal Secretary, Education and Professional Training, whose vision has been critical to this initiative.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the PIFD Karachi chapter.

Indonesian Chargé d' Affaires encourages Pak to export Halal meat

MULTAN (APP): The Chargé d'Affaires of the Indonesian Embassy, Mr. Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma, visited MNS University of Agriculture Multan, on Tuesday.

Mr. Kusuma expressed particular interest in the potential of Pakistan's halal meat industry, identifying it as a promising avenue for trade cooperation between Pakistan and Indonesia.

Acknowledging the rising demand for quality halal meat in Indonesia, he encouraged Pakistan to expand its exports in this sector. He noted that Indonesia is a major consumer of halal products worldwide and that Pakistan has the expertise and resources to meet this demand, suggesting that strengthening trade ties could benefit both nations.

During his visit, Mr. Kusuma toured the university's state-of-the-art laboratories, observing advanced research in crop genetics, tissue culture, and crop productivity enhancement technology. These labs are integral to the university's mission to improve crop yields, enhance food quality, and promote sustainable agriculture.

He appreciated the scientific standards of the university and its potential to advance agricultural development.

He also inspected the hydroponic unit, a modern facility dedicated to soilless agriculture. Through this system, researchers and students are efficiently cultivating various vegetables with minimal water and land usage.

Gold prices decrease by Rs.7,000 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold decreased by Rs.7,000 and was sold at Rs.270,500 on Tuesday against its sale at Rs.277,500, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also came down by Rs.6,000 to Rs.231,911 from Rs.237,911 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold decreased to Rs.212,584 from Rs.218,085. The price of per tola silver also decreased by Rs.50 to Rs.3250 and ten gram silver by Rs.42.86 to Rs.2,786. The price of gold in the international market.

FM meets French envoy to update on macro economic situation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Tuesday held a meeting with Mr. Nicholas Galey, Ambassador of France to Pakistan and shared update on the state of the economy and the significant improvement manifested in macroeconomic indicators, who called on the Minister at Finance Division.

During the meeting which was also attended by Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervaiz Malik and Chairman FBR Rashid Mahmood Langrial, issues of mutual interest, including bilateral cooperation and collaboration in trade, commerce and socio-economic sectors, were discussed, said a press release issued here.

Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb shared with the French Ambassador an update on the state of the economy and the significant improvement manifested in macroeconomic indicators during the last 14 months.

He said the management of twin deficits, a stable currency, surging remittances and a steady rise in foreign reserves could provide Pakistan enough room to access the international capital market in coming months for enhanced institutional flows.

Promotion of trade activities vital to uplift economy: SCCI

SARGODHA (APP): Sargodha Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) President Khawaja Yasir Qayyum on Tuesday stressed the need for further reforms in trade policies to support the growth of local industries and remove obstacles faced by the business community. Talking to APP, he also emphasised the importance of addressing the lack of banking channels with countries like Iran to facilitate smooth and more viable trade processes. He

also called for the inclusion of local industries in the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS), as the absence of industrial development was leading to increased unemployment and social issues among the youth. Regional trade, transit trade, land trade corridors, border markets, and the promotion of barter trade were essential, he observed. Discussing the amendments to the Petroleum Act 1934, he highlighted the need for involving all stakeholders in consultations.



QUETTA: People selecting & purchasing warm cloth from roadside vendor stall after change weather in Provincial capital.

FTO appoints LCCI President Mian Abuzar as Advisor

LAHORE (APP): Federal Tax Ombudsman has appointed President of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry as Advisor to the Federal Tax Ombudsman. This appointment recognizes his outstanding contributions to the business community and his continuous efforts to address their concerns.

Expressing his gratitude for the confidence placed in him, Mian Abuzar Shad said, "I am honored by the trust the Federal Tax Ombudsman has shown in me. I will prioritize resolving the tax-related issues of the business community." The announcement has been warmly welcomed by business circles who regard Mian Abuzar Shad as a key advocate for their interests.

They said that his leadership and commitment to the business sector have earned him recognition as a strong voice for the community. Industry leaders believe that Mian Abuzar Shad's vast experience and dedication will be instrumental in addressing the longstanding challenges within the tax system. They are confident that his involvement will help simplify the tax processes.

Women have vital role in economy: Qurratul Ain

LAHORE (APP): Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) Acting President Qurratul Ain said on Tuesday that women's role in Pakistan's economy is vital, and their day and night work should prove more helpful in the country's development.

FPCCI has consistently recognized women's role and has provided numerous opportunities for women entrepreneurs, she said and added that the FPCCI has taken various initiatives to facilitate women's economic independence and entrepreneurship.

She expressed these views here at a special meeting with the newly elected presidents of all Women Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Punjab. FPCCI Vice President Zain Iftikhar, former Regional Chairman Manzoorul Haq Malik, and the Women's Chambers were present, and the founding presidents also participated. Qurratul Ain stated that FPCCI will be active in the policy-making and representation of women entrepreneurs in the coming days.

Cars' sale up 46.73% to 30,625 units during Jul-Oct 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): The sale of cars during the first four months of the current financial year 2024-25 increased by 46.73 percent compared to the same months of last year, a recent data released by Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association (PAMA) said.

According to the data, as many as 30,625 cars were sold during the months under review as opposed to 20,871 units in the same months of last year.

The breakup figures showed that 4,424 units of Honda Civic and City were sold during July-October 2024-25 compared to the sale of 2,239 units during July-October 2023-24.

Toyota Corolla and Yaris cars sales increased by 65.05 percent.



ISLAMABAD: Workers busy in collecting green chili from a field in the outskirts of Federal Capital.

