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

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

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

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

Authorities reported that the attack left 40 dead, including a woman, while several of the wounded are in critical condition, raising

concerns that the death toll may increase. Soon after the incident, medical teams quickly responded, transferring injured passengers to nearby hospitals.

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

The motivations behind the ambush remain unclear, and no group has yet claimed responsibility.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, while condemning the incident at a press conference in Islamabad, confirmed that 38 people were martyred in

the gun attack.

Following the incident, Naqvi contacted Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur to discuss the growing terrorist attacks in the province. Both agreed to enhance co-operation in the fight against terrorism.

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

President, PM strongly condemn

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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over meeting of Board of Directors of Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade. CEO Major Kabir Khan Zarkoon and Vice Chairman Bilal Khan Kakar are also present.

PM for ensuring third party validation in all government procurements

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday directed the relevant authorities to ensure third party validation including quality insurance in all the government procurements.

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

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

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

The prime minister instructed all government departments to use e-Procurement (e-PADS) besides establishing special procurement cells in government departments for purchasing and acquiring services.

Transparency in government affairs is essential for national development, he said.

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



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Hamish Falconer.

SCP summons IGP, Home Secretaries in missing children case

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan has expressed serious displeasure over the reports on the state of missing children and directed all provinces to submit a detailed report that how many children have been abducted and how many are being recovered.

The Court summoned Inspectors General of Police and Home Secretaries of all the four provinces for next hearing to be held on 28 this month.

The petitioner informed the Court that the Committee for missing children constituted by the SCP has done nothing yet.

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif chairing a review meeting of the Public Procurement and Good Governance.

Balochistan Board of Investment & Trade to be made more effective: GoB decides to hold "Balochistan Business Summit" for promotion of investment in Balochistan

CM Sarfraz Bugti assures foolproof security and all other facilities to investors in province; facilitation centers to be set up to facilitate local and foreign investors

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QUETTA: In a significant development for the cause of attracting investors in Balochistan, the provincial government has decided to hold "Balochistan Business Summit" for promotion of investment in the province.

The government has also decided to make the Balochistan Board of In-

vestment and Trade (BoI&T) effective. In addition to this, the government decided to set up facilitation centers to facilitate the local and foreign investors in the province.

These decisions were made during a meeting of the Board of Directors of BoI&T held with Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti in the chair here on Thurs-

day. Certain suggestions were considered for promotion of investment during the course of meeting.

The meeting approved appointment of head of the BoI&T. The Chief Minister formed a committee headed by the Chief Secretary for implementation on the decisions and other in-

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Governor addresses 21st convocation of UoB: Shrinking globe is near to pen-less & paper-less future and embracing new phase of AI & robotic technology

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the shrinking globe is near to pen less and paperless future and embracing the new phase of artificial intelligence and robotic technology very first time in human history.

The Governor said that this fourth industrial revolution is a transitory phase depends upon the bases of digital revolution. He said that a new world is emerg-

ing before our eyes, which is characterized by fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between physical, digital and biological sciences.

The Governor was addressing the 21st annual convocation of the University of Balochistan (UoB) held in premises of the University here on Thursday.

The Provincial Minister for Education, Ms. Raheela Hameed Khan

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QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail addressing 21st Convocation of University of Balochistan.

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

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: In light of recent legislative developments surrounding public protests, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued a directive prohibiting demonstrations, rallies, and sit-ins that violate the new law on public gatherings.

However, the court has instructed Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi to initiate peaceful negotiations with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to ensure that future protests are conducted within constitutional limits.

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

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

The committee will also brief PTI leaders on the security sensitivities linked to the Belarussian President's upcoming visit, stressing the need for peaceful proceedings.

The Chief Commissioner of Islamabad was also directed to join the committee, as the court expressed confidence that this outreach would likely foster some progress.

CJCS visits IDEAS-24, holds wide-ranging talks with officials of different countries

RAWALPINDI (APP): General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, NI (M), Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS) on Thursday visited the 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS-24) and held wide-



ranging talks on the sidelines.

The CJCS held separate meetings with numerous officials including Defence Ministers, Commanders of Armed Forces and other important officials from different countries, including Turkiye, Azerbaijan, South Africa, Argentina, Malaysia, UAE, Cambodia, Kingdom of Eswatini, Gambia, Brunei, Maldives and Malawi, said a news release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

During the aforementioned meetings, key aspects of the defense and security relationship were discussed. All parties reflected on various areas of bilateral security and cooperation, especially in defense production.

The dignitaries expressed a strong interest in deepening their engagement with Pakistan's defense sector.

The CJCS also gave a keynote speech at a seminar, titled "Pakistan's Defence Production and Potential: Challenges and Way forward".

The Chairman JCSC emphasized that Pakistan's defence industry is the force behind equipping the battle-hardened Armed Forces of Pakistan.

He further said that through superior R&D and using innovative and cost-effective solutions, Pakistan's defence industries are not only fulfilling country's essential defence requirements but also exploring avenues of collaboration in the international defence market. He noted that the platform of IDEAS is an ideal opportunity for publicizing Pakistan's well-developed Defence Industrial Complex to the international community.

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Regional climate coalitions to forward diplomacy, inclusive collaborations must for climate resilience: Romina

BAKU (APP): The global experts at a critical discussion on the sidelines of the global climate conference COP29 highlighting linkages among water security, peace and biodiversity advocated for multilateral coalitions among regional states of the global south amid emerging tech revolution transforming climate vulnerable sectors.

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) in collaboration with the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) organised the sideline event titled "Fostering Water Security, Biodiversity and Peace Through Innovation and Earth Observations" here at the COP29 venue.

In her special remark, Prime Minister of Pakistan's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam said the climate crisis has been accelerating at an unmanageable pace that pushes the world to spearhead out of the box solutions like regional cooperation as the lead forum for all the experts and intelli-

gentsia.

She added that in Pakistan the rising impacts of climate change and policy challenges have augmented the need of holistic and inclusive policy solutions that cater for all the regional partners and not merely a single community or nation.

Romina Khurshid Alam pointed out that the scale of climate catastrophe is gigantic with its risks and hazards permeating into every aspect of life which was evident during the 2022 devastating floods that totally dismantle life, livelihoods, development and social fabric in the affected areas.

Pakistan, she said had a clear agenda at the COP29 demanding sincere pledges for climate finance, debt neutral just energy transition, loss and damage fund mobilization, and attention of the developed towards adaptation related finance for the developing countries as they also needed adaptation along with mitigation.

Dr Abid Qaiyum Sulri, Executive Director, SDPI said water, biodiversity and peace

were directly linked to climate change whereas the use of cutting edge technology was crucial in transforming the global approach towards enhancing resilience of the vulnerable sectors.

Dr Sulri cited the example of landmine detecting technology usage in identifying water and soil quality in the arable land to ascertain the resources required to reap desired yield in a particular amid climate change impacts.

He added that the new emerging technologies like unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) usage in agriculture and other such new emerging technologies were providing an opportunity to address climate-induced challenges of the impacted sectors.

Dr Salim AlMalik, Director General ICESCO said the water management was an archaic practice that led to traditional approaches with different scope and success ratio. The ICESCO had the vision to collaborate with its member states for the transfer of technology and knowledge sharing as key pillars towards climate resilience, he added.



KARACHI: A view of Counter-terrorism exercise during ongoing International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS)2024.

Pakistan draws world attention to Kashmiri children's sufferings as over 100,000 already orphaned

ISLAMABAD (APP): As the international community observed World Children's Day on Thursday, Pakistan drew its attention to the plight of Kashmiri children living in an environment of "fear and intimidation" due to ongoing Indian atrocities, as over 100,000 had been orphaned.

"Living in a highly militarized territory, the trauma faced by the Kashmiri children is immense leaving indelible scars on their psychological and mental health. Over 100,000 children have become orphans as a result of Indian oppression in the IIOJK (Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir). Their plight deserves international attention," Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at her weekly press briefing.

She called on the international community to stand up for the rights of Kashmiri children and demand an end to their suffering and reaffirmed Pakistan's political, diplomatic, and moral support to Kashmiri people for a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, under the UN Security Council resolutions.

She welcomed the latest report of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices, re-

leased last week describing Israel's warfare practices in the occupied territories as acts of genocide.

She said Pakistan welcomed the condemnation of the ongoing smear campaigns and attacks against the UNRWA and called on all member states to fulfill their legal obligations to prevent and stop irregular violations of international law and hold Israel accountable.

The spokesperson expressed regret over the result of Wednesday's vote at the UN Security Council and the inability to reach consensus on the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

"Pakistan reiterates its call for an immediate, unconditional, and permanent ceasefire, unhindered access to humanitarian assistance, and full support to the UNRWA and its mandated humanitarian activities."

Highlighting the diplomatic activities that took place during the last week, the spokesperson mentioned the visit of a high-level parliamentary delegation from Spain's Senate Foreign Affairs Committee; the visit of UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Hamish Falconer, the second round of Pakistan-Bosnia and Herzegovina Bilateral Political Consultations and the third round of Pakistan-Kazakhstan

Bilateral Political Consultations.

She told the media that the 14th Session of the Pakistan-EU Joint Commission would take place on the day. The EU delegation will be led by Deputy Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific, Paola Pampaloni, and Secretary Economic Affairs Division Dr. Kazim Niaz will head the Pakistani delegation.

She said that the dialogue reflected the growing partnership between Pakistan and the EU, providing a valuable platform for meaningful discussions and fostering mutual understanding in areas of bilateral cooperation.

Spokesperson Baloch announced that President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko would visit Pakistan from November 25-27, at the invitation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

President Lukashenko will hold extensive talks with Prime Minister Shehbaz and discuss areas of bilateral cooperation.

Asked about the recent surge in terror activities, the spokesperson reiterated Pakistan's call on the Afghan authorities to take action against the terrorist elements having hideouts in Afghanistan and risking not only Pakistan's peace but also the whole region.

AJK President vows to thwart Indian Government's plans

MIRPUR (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has made it clear that Kashmiris will never accept the division of their state as a settlement of the Kashmir dispute.

Speaking at a function held by the District Bar Association in Kotli district on Thursday, Chaudhry emphasized that Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control (LOC) will reject division under any circumstances.

Chaudhry condemned the Indian government's brutalities in Kashmir, stating that the Modi government has broken records of barbarism and oppression. However, he assured that no amount of oppression can stop Kashmiris from fighting for their right to self-determination. The government and people of

Azad Kashmir stand in solidarity with their Kashmiri brethren in this struggle, he added.

Chaudhry in his address also highlighted the crucial role of lawyers in establishing the rule of law and providing justice in society. He praised the legal community's exemplary role in Kashmir's liberation struggle against India.

The president expressed optimism that the people of occupied Kashmir will soon achieve freedom from India's illegal occupation.

In conclusion, Chaudhry urged the legal community across Azad Kashmir to raise their voices against Indian atrocities and use social media to sensitize the world about the situation in occupied Kashmir.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor for Women Development Dr. Rubaba Khan Buldi meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti.

Chairman PRCS highlights locally led Climate adaptation at COP29

BAKU (APP): Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari announced PRCS's extensive humanitarian work in Pakistan, especially during the 2022 monsoon floods.

Addressing a special event hosted in the Pakistan Pavilion during the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, he emphasized the critical role of community-led adaptation, advocating for building local capacities and learning from grassroots experiences to enhance disaster response and recovery. Highlighting Gilgit-Baltistan as a case in point, he addressed the threats posed by glacier melting and glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) in the region. He detailed the organization's ongoing recovery programs and proactive measures to tackle climate challenges, reaffirming PRCS's dedication to easing the hardships of vulnerable communities.

The event, titled "Empowering Communities: The Case for Locally Led Adaptation in Climate Resilience," emphasized the urgent need for collective

action against climate change to mitigate the impacts of disasters.

A documentary showcasing PRCS's humanitarian initiatives and climate adaptation efforts provided attendees with an in-depth understanding of the organization's work.

Chairman Laghari also acknowledged the support extended by partner organizations including IFRC, ICRC, Norwegian Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent, German Red Cross, Kuwait Red Crescent, Saudi Red Crescent, Qatar Red Crescent, Egypt Red Crescent, Iran Red Crescent, and the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center.

Prominent figures including Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Ms. Samina Mumtaz Zehri, representatives from the German Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), National Societies, and other key humanitarian stakeholders participated in the event.



QUETTA: Traders of Quetta, Abdul Rahim Kakar, Nasrullah, Rasheed Nasir and others addressing a press conference in Quetta.

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Durrani, Iranian Consul General based in Quetta, Hassan Darvishvand, personalities from different walks of life, senior concerned high ups, Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Bazai, members of the faculty, graduates and their parents participated in the convocation.

The Governor gave away degrees to some 501 students graduated from the University in different disciplines. They were included 25 Ph.D and 27 M.Phil scholars, besides 415 graduates. In all 34 students were also conferred the gold medals in the convocation. Worth mentioning was that a female graduate received her degree from the Governor while carrying her infant child in lap.

The Governor said that it is a great privilege for him to address on the occasion of 21st convocation of the UoB. He said that the significant contribution of UoB to our nation building are dynamic educationists, researchers, leaders and managers in numerous walks of life.

He said that "today, in young blood of this going on graduation ceremony, I openly see the visionary and dynamic leaders and scientists of tomorrow. I have great expectations that you will ensure both brighter enlightened Balochistan. In this connection, modern science and technology is real pathway to move ahead."

While addressing the deans and faculty of the University, Governor said that the constant pursuit of knowledge is everlasting. Undoubtedly, you have made UoB a very vibrant

learning house. He said that it is your intellect, compassion and commitment to make it so.

"You have changed the lives of thousands of youngsters here for the brighter future. Your service in shaping the minds of young generation is highly appreciated," he maintained.

Addressing the graduating students, the Governor said that "your parents, are your pillars of strength. They sacrificed their needs so that you can twinkle into different colors. They (parents) supported in believing you unconditionally. Today is a day for each and every one of you to express your gratitude."

The Governor extended congratulations to the graduates saying "today, you enter a new phase of practical life."

While addressing the students, Governor said that you are fortunate enough that you are graduating at a truly historic period of human history.

"You generation is the most connected without any barriers of time and geography. Just imagine when a billion minds get connected what breakthrough can occur."

He said that "you are growing up in times of technology with the world available at your fingertips. It excites me to think of what all of you could achieve in your life."

He said that the golden opportunities in front of you all are limitless and at the same time, you all have great responsibilities on your shoulders. In addition to this, you are bound to shape add new feathers to the crown of entire humanity.

At least 40 killed in gun...

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Meanwhile President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday strongly condemned the incident of firing took place in Kurram district targeting the passengers vehicles.

The president, in a statement, expressed grief over the loss of precious lives in the incident and called it a coward and inhumane act.

He instructed the authorities concerned to take perpetrators of the attack on innocent citizens to the task.

President Zardari prayed to Allah Almighty for peace for the departed souls and strength for the bereaved families to bear the loss.

He also prayed for early recovery of the injured and emphasised the best possible medical treatment to them.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the convoy of innocent civilians including women and children in district Kurram.

He directed to provide best medical care to those injured in the incident.

In a statement issued by the PM Office Press Wing, the prime minister ordered to bring those involved in the attack to justice.

Terming the attack on the innocent civilians, an act of barbarism, the prime minister emphasized that the enemies of the nation will fail in all their nefarious attempts to destroy the peace of the country.

He vowed that the perpetrators involved in this incident will be identified and given exemplary punishment.



BAKU: Prime Minister of Pakistan's Coordinator Romina Khurshid Alam calls on COP29 President, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mukhtar Babayev.

Punjab CM orders building 5,000 new classrooms

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has ordered to construct 5,000 new classrooms under the Public Schools Reorganisation Programme (PSRP).

While chairing a special meeting of the School Education Department to review its various projects and their related issues, she added, "Modern labs will be established to increase learning capacity of students."

She agreed to a proposal to establish revolving funds for the construction and maintenance of schools. The Chief Minister reviewed a proposal to launch a mobile bus library project in government schools in order to promote study culture among students."

She added, "Uniforms should be properly enforced in government schools." The authorities concerned presented a report on the ongoing school meal program in three districts of South Punjab.

ATC issues arrest warrants for PTI leader in Askari Tower attack case

LAHORE (APP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Thursday issued bailable arrest warrants for Pakistan Tahreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Khalid Gujjar in the Askari Tower attack case related to the May 9 riots.

ATC Judge Manzer Ali Gill passed the orders on an application filed by the Gulberg police for the purpose.

The investigation officer submitted that Khalid Gujjar had gone into hiding to avoid arrest in the case and requested the court to issue bailable arrest warrants for the accused.

The court accepted the application and issued bailable arrest warrants for Khalid Gujjar.

The Gulberg police had registered a case against PTI leaders and workers on charges of attacking Askari Tower during the May 9 riots.

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tatives of the government.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister said that Balochistan has a long coastal belt along with the mineral resources. He added that this is the most suitable region for investment.

He assured that foolproof security would be provided to the investors in the province. In addition to this, all necessary facilities would also be provided to the investors for establishing factories, he added.

He urged the investors to come to Balochistan fearlessly, we would provide full security to them.

Mir Sarfraz Bugti mentioned that private investors have deep interest for establishing more industrial estates in the province.

He also said that we would provide conducive environment to the investors by ensuring provision of sui gas, water, infrastructure and other basic facilities. He directed to the BOI&T to formulate such projects, which may increase the resources of province in future.

He said that the province would gain financial self sufficiency with investment to be made by the investors.

CORRIGENDUM

It is to inform that the N.I.T published under AB No. 483/12.11.2024 vide TSE-24251158831 dated 13.11.2024 in daily newspapers Quetta. Details of Green Challan against which the amount need to be deposited have been rectified in bidding documents, under Head of Account C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipts-Food & Agriculture, Account number: C-03136 Agriculture Others through Green Challan into National Bank of Pakistan. Last date for submission of bids on EPPS system has been extended till 02-12-2024 (10.00 AM). Rest of the terms & conditions will remain same.

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KARACHI: Visitors take keen interest in military armunitions during the 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS-2024) Exhibition held at Expo Center in Karachi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Mah Bibi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Rahino citizen number 5510218823681 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:

1. Mah Bibi (Spouse)
2. Sikandar Khan (Son)
3. Muhammad Nawaz (Son)

On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA DERA BUGTI-SFU

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Absida Bibi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Yaqub citizen number 5120110871099 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:

1. Absida Bibi (Spouse)

On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA KALAT-SFU

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Ayesha with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Shahida citizen number 5440048563172 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:

1. Ayesha (Daughter)

On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA QUETTA-SFU

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Sabar Jamala with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Shah citizen number 5440049039561 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:

1. Sabar Jamala (Daughter)

On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA QUETTA-SFU

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Salma with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Shah citizen number 5440049039561 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:

1. Salma (Spouse)

On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Increased productivity, quality, innovation 'instant solution' to economic challenges: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday mentioned increased productivity, quality and innovation (PQI) as the 'instant solution' to the economic difficulties faced by the country in the absence of the required investment volume. "These [PQI] are the basic pillars on which the national competitiveness of any country depends," he said while addressing the inauguration session of the two-day National Productivity, Quality and Innovation (PQI) Summit-2024.

Narrating success stories of developed countries that attained economic prosperity, the Planning minister said they first adopted key drivers of progress: productivity in the 1970s, quality in the 1980s and innovation in the 1990s, all triggered by the 'knowledge explosion.' "Competitiveness is not what you do with what you have inherited; competitiveness is all about what you are capable of creating," Ahsan Iqbal quoted Michael E. Porter, considered the Father of Competitive Strategy.

He regretted that Pakistan was ranked 110th in the National Competitiveness Index out of 140 countries, as reported by the World Economic Forum, adding, "Unfortunately, we stand nowhere." The Planning minister stressed the need to improve capabilities and follow international trends and principles "if we want to be included in the leading economies of the world."



ISLAMABAD: The Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal inaugurated the National Productivity, Quality, and Innovation (PQI) Summit 2024. This two-day event revolves around the theme "Driving Growth Through Excellence in Productivity, Quality, and Innovation".

France backs global fight against polio in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): French Ambassador to Pakistan, Nicolas Galey, has reaffirmed France's support for Pakistan's polio eradication efforts, highlighting international collaboration as key to tackling this pressing health challenge.

Speaking at a gathering hosted at a French residence, Ambassador Galey welcomed prominent figures, including Secretary Niaz, Ayesha Farooq, the Prime Minister's Focal Person on Polio, and Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath, the Prime Minister's Coordinator on Health. Representatives from the Polio Oversight Board (POB), diplomatic missions, NGOs, and other organizations were also present.

The ambassador opened by emphasizing the importance of the event, which brought together diverse stakeholders from Pakistan and abroad. He commended the collective commitment to eradicating polio, a mission requiring concerted efforts across sectors and borders. "If so many organizations are rallying around this cause, it is because it is a critical and urgent one, for Pakistan and for the world," Galey stated.

Defense opposes NAB request of remanding back Toshakhana-I reference

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday adjourned hearing till November 27, on appeals of PTI founder and Bushra Bibi against their sentences in Toshakhana-I reference.

The legal team, during this day hearing, opposed the NAB request to remand back the case to the trial court and prayed the bench to decide the appeals on merit.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the appeals of two accused. The trial court had announced 14-year jail term each to PTI founder and Bushra Bibi.

The chief justice remarked that we also have to view that if the bench could go towards the merits of the case. This court had taken the decision in two months in cypher case, he said. The chief justice remarked that this case couldn't be compared with cypher case because the defense was not given opportunity to cross examine the witnesses and the statement of section-342 was also not recorded.

Defense Lawyer Barrister Ali Zafar said that the prosecution had concluded



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to PM on health Dr. Mukhtar Bharath addressing National Action Plan For Health Security 2024-2028.

Dr Zia for enhancing Pakistan's int'l reputation in health, education sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Executive Director of Higher Education Commission (HEC) Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum has emphasized the importance of sustained efforts to enhance Pakistan's international reputation in health and education sectors.

Cell of Khyber Medical University (KMU) to strengthen quality assurance mechanisms in its affiliated and constituent institutions.

While acknowledging the challenges in ensuring quality at all levels, he has emphasized that higher education is crucial for socio-economic development.

The event aimed to expand KMU's quality enhancement measures, originally implemented in line with HEC Quality Assurance Agency guidelines, to its medical, dental, nursing, and allied health sciences institutions.

He made these remarks during a ceremony organized here yesterday by Quality Enhancement

Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum urged stakeholders to view quality assurance as a shared responsibility rather than an obligation imposed by HEC.

Maintaining peace and tranquility in capital utmost priority; DIG

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Inspector General of Police DIG Syed Ali Raza has instructed the police officials to be highly alert and ready all the time to deal with any emerging law and order situation.

any elements" DIG Syed Ali Raza said while addressing the police officials on Thursday, a public relation officer told APP.

"Will take every possible necessary measure to protect the lives and property of citizens as well as private and commercial property and ready to thwart adventurism from

DIG Ali Raza said that all the officers are putting their best efforts to maintain the law-and-order situation in the capital. "Islamabad Police will never allow anyone to disturb the peaceful environment of the city and will take all necessary steps to protect the lives and property".



ISLAMABAD: Rector COMSATS University Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Sajid Qamar awarding degree to a graduate student during the 35th and 36th Convocation at Convention Center.

COMSATS holds 35th, 36th convocation ceremony

ISLAMABAD (APP): COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) celebrated its 35th and 36th convocation at the Convention Centre on Thursday, honouring 2,629 graduates. According to the press release, this group included 76 PhDs, 775 MS degrees and 2,193 BS degrees.

The ceremony featured two sessions with 1,261 graduates including 29 PhDs in the morning and 1,368 graduates including 33 Silver Medals and 24 Bronze Medals to high-achieving students.

Professor Dr. Sajid Qamar, Rector of CUI congratulated the graduates and their families, expressing appreciation for the faculty's dedication. He emphasized the importance of knowledge and urged graduates to embody the teachings of the Holy Quran in their lives, promoting truthfulness and integrity. Incharge of Islamabad Campus, Professor Dr. Sohail Asghar, encouraged graduates to carry forward the legacy of CUI

The Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui served as the Chief Guest for the morning session, awarding 34 Gold Medals, 33 Silver Medals and 24 Bronze Medals to high-achieving students. In the evening session, Ambassador Dr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria addressed the graduates, highlighting the importance of focusing on industry, innovation and technology in higher education. COMSATS University Islamabad established in 1998, is recognized for its contributions to research and education in Pakistan and has expanded to seven campuses nationwide.



ISLAMABAD: Chief guest Rana Mashood, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Program and Van Nguyen, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan in a group photo with participants during a market-driven vocational and technical skills training program concluded ceremony organized by Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Sarhad Rural Support Program.

Pakistan's future leaders shine at PM's University Olympiad 2024: Chairman

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a major boost to Pakistan's sports landscape, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan Thursday unveiled the Prime Minister's University Olympiad 2024 a national platform for university students to showcase their athletic prowess and foster unity.

He mentioned that the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) has been instrumental in promoting IT education, inspiring a new generation of innovators. The Pakistan Danish Authority, born from the Punjab Danish Authority was another shining example of progress. Its network of Danish schools and centers of excellence offered free education to countless children, empowering them to shape their destinies.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan is prioritizing education. Initiatives like the Pakistan Education Endowment Fund demonstrate this dedication.

In an exclusive interview, Khan promised an thrilling event, bringing together 3,000 athletes from universities nationwide to compete in various sports.

Responding a question, he shared the remarkable strides PML-N led government has made in education, adding, the forefront of this progress is the Pakistan Education Endowment Fund, established to provide educational opportunities to children nationwide.

He also praised initiatives like the Pakistan Education Endowment Fund, Punjab Information Technology Board and Pakistan Danish Authority, which provide educational opportunities and promote innovation.

Pakistan's exceptional young talent will take center stage, showcasing sportsmanship and skill, he added.

Youth festivals have also uncovered talented individuals like Arshad Nadeem, he added.

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The Olympiad embodies the government's commitment to empowering youth through education, skill development and entrepreneurship, he highlighted.

Khan said the government's focus on quality education and sports opportunities, both domestically and internationally.

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CDA chairman for revamping rural health centers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Thursday called for an ambitious revamping plan aimed at improving Rural Health Centers (RHCs) and Basic Health Units (BHUs).

for BHUs and RHCs for generating essential revenue resources for the uplift and maintenance of these health related infrastructure. The Executive Director of Capital Hospital briefed the meeting on new health initiatives to improve health facilities at the hospital. He stated that the process of hiring specialists and doctors was under process, bio metric attendance for all CDA employees as well as electronic medical record.



ISLAMABAD: Van Nguyen, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan viewing skills during a market-driven vocational and technical skills training program concluded ceremony organized by Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Sarhad Rural Support Program.

Health ministers urge parents to prioritize polio vaccination amid rising misinformation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ministers on Thursday appealed the parents to safeguard their children against polio through vaccination, as misinformation about polio vaccines spreads rapidly. They emphasized the critical role of standardized polio awareness drives in remote areas and routine immunization in controlling the disease.

Rafique announced that despite only one reported case of polio in the province, the situation remains under control thanks to the government's proactive measures. To further combat the disease, the government is taking all necessary steps to enhance Expanded Programme (EP) coverage and launch standardized awareness drives.

They urged parents to safeguard their children against this debilitating disease through vaccination, amidst the alarming spread of misinformation about polio vaccines.

Punjab Minister also emphasized the importance of taking polio drops seriously and urged parents not to compromise on their children's health. Bakht Muhammad Kakar, the Provincial Minister of Health in Balochistan has emphasized the importance of improving sanitation and hygiene systems, addressing parental refusal and boosting routine immunization.



ISLAMABAD: Workers busy in placed heavy shipping containers near Faizabad flyover along Islamabad Highway for road block ahead of upcoming PTI protest, in the Federal Capital.

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

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

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

Addressing an esteemed audience at Nishan-e-Pakistan, which included senior military officials, defence experts, diplomats and industry leaders worldwide, the CM expressed sincere gratitude to international guests for their participation. "Your presence underscores the importance of collaboration and mutual respect in addressing common challenges. Events like these remind us of our shared commitment to stability, peace, and diplomacy," he remarked.

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

At the event, special recognition was given to the Pakistan Navy for organizing an impressive display, highlighting its professionalism and dedication to safeguarding the country's maritime interests.

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

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



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah addresses during power demonstration show of the Pakistan Armed Force Special Service Group Commandos for counter terrorism activities on the sidelines of the 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS-2024) under the aegis of Defense Export Promotion Organization (DEPO), held at Nishan-e-Pakistan Park located on Seaview Beach Karachi.

Maryam meets NDU delegation, briefs participants on Punjab development initiatives

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

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

The CM said, "The overall situation in Punjab is better than other provinces. No recommendation in any sort of appointment has been made in Punjab. I do not pay heed to anyone on the issue of merit. Every sector is in a state of decline due to lack of accountability. The journey of development and prosperity gets affected due to political instability. Unfortunately the governments are not allowed to function properly."

She added, "Every work that has a positive impact on the lives of 15 crore people is my priority. We want to control smog as soon as possible. Positive effects of government's measures are coming to light. People lose their lives due to lack of health and treatment facilities. "We are all Pakistanis irrespective of our political affiliations. Our aim is to promote patriotism. Inflation is low and foreign exchange reserves are increasing in Pakistan. The stock market has broken all records; IT exports are increasing. With increasing exports, dependence on foreign aid decreases, we will be able to live our lives with pride and dignity." Maryam Nawaz said, "Controlling inflation is an uphill task, bringing it down from 38 per cent to 7 per cent is a mega achievement."



LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in a group photo with a delegation of Parliamentary Leader of PPP Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, and MNA, Syed Ali Qasim Gillani in Governor House.

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

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

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the country's economy depends on agriculture. Farmers play an important role in the country's economy. He said that Pakistan People's Party has always raised its voice in favor of farmers. Governor Punjab said that People's Party is not in favor of the bill to impose agricultural tax on farmers. He said that Pakistan People's Party walked out during the presentation of the recent bill of imposing

agricultural tax on farmers in the Punjab Assembly. Governor Punjab said that the support price of wheat was announced at Rs 3900 by the government, but it was sold in the market at a much lower price. Governor Punjab said that fertilizers and seeds are very expensive. He said that the farmer is already perturbed over inflation, adding that 45% agricultural tax is injustice to the farmers. Governor Punjab said that the People's Party will not leave the farmers alone and will raise their voices on every platform to protect their rights according to the vision of its leadership.

Meanwhile, on the instructions of Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, the Chairman Planning and Development Board has been asked to provide funds for the early completion of the tourism highway construction/rehabilitation project from Lower Topa Murree via Kotli

Kundi condemns attack on passenger vehicles in Kurram

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, strongly condemned the attack on the passenger vehicles in Lower Kurram district on Thursday and expressed his deep sorrow over the loss of more than 30 precious lives.

He prayed for the elevation of the deceased's ranks and offered his heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the grieving families, wishing them patience and strength.

Governor Kundi described the firing as an extremely heinous act and expressed grave concern over the incident, especially considering it occurred despite the presence of a convoy.

He emphasized that the ruthless perpetrators, responsible for shedding the blood of innocent passengers, should receive no leniency.

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

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

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

activists of the jihadist party had armed themselves with weapons, shells, slingshots, glass and rubber bullets, etc. She said Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa chief minister was being used as a pawn against the federation. The minister said Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi's authoritarian and demeaning attitude had caused a rift among her members in the assembly, adding that Aliya Khan and Sher Afzal Marwat.

Man killed, son injured in road accident

FAISALABAD (APP): A man was killed and his son suffered injuries in a road accident near Gatwala on Wednesday night.

According to police, Tahir Nadeem (51), along with his son Zeeshan (20), was going on motorcycle near Gatwala on Sheikhupura road when they collided with another motorbike coming from the opposite side. Meanwhile, a speeding car ran over Tahir from the rear side.

As a result, Tahir Nadeem died on the spot.

Governor Kundi to convene APC to address security, governance issues in KP

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

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

The Governor recalled that he repeatedly took up the KP's issues with the Prime Minister and the President but unfortunately the provincial government had failed to take meaningful steps to ensure the safety of its citizens.

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

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

The Governor emphasized the need for unity among political forces to address these crises. "We will present KP's case to the federal government with reason and evidence," he said, calling on all provincial party leaders, including the Chief Minister, to participate in the meeting.

Kundi also pointed to the alarming increase in violence, with daily reports of attacks on soldiers, FC personnel, and civilians.

"The silence of the provincial government on this unrest is criminal. No cabinet meetings have been held, nor has the provincial assembly been convened to address the issue," he remarked. The Governor criticized KP CM Ali Ameen Gandapur for contradictory statements, noting that, while earlier demanding the withdrawal of the military from KP.



PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry and President City University Sabur Sethi awarding degree to a graduate student at the 13th Convocation of City University of Science and Information Technology.

KP CM condemns armed attack on passenger vehicles in Kurram

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

Expressing deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives in this heinous incident, the chief minister has tasked a delegation comprising the provincial law minister, the local MNA, MPA, and the Chief Secretary to visit Kurram, assess the ground realities and submit a detailed report. Furthermore, the chief minister has instructed the reactivation of a previously held tribal jirga to help stabilize the situation in the area.

Ali Amin Gandapur emphasized that the provincial government, police and all relevant institutions are making concerted efforts to improve law and order in the region. As part of these measures, he directed the concerned authorities to expedite the establishment of a Provincial Highways Police to ensure the safety of all major routes across the province.

Extending heartfelt condolences to the families of those killed in the attack, the chief minister prayed for the deceased and patience for the bereaved families. He also announced financial assistance for the victims' families.

He termed the targeting of innocent civilians as deeply tragic and reprehensible and vowed that those responsible for the incident would not escape justice.

He assured that all necessary steps would be taken to bring the perpetrators to account.



HYDERABAD: Doctor busy in medical checkup of disable persons during One Window Medical Camp, organized by Department of empowerment Person with disabilities Government of Sindh with collaboration (NGO) NDWPDP at Public School Hyderabad.

UNODC delegation calls on Minister Arora

LAHORE (APP): A delegation from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Pakistan, comprising Syed Arslan Malik and Fatima Raza, along with Executive Director of the Youth Development Foundation, Shahid Rehmat held an important meeting with Provincial Minister for Minorities Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora and Secretary of Human Rights and Minority Affairs Punjab Ali Bahadur Qazi.

The meeting was held to discuss UNODC's ongoing projects in Punjab and explore opportunities for collaboration with the provincial Minority department to further strengthen initiatives for the welfare and development of minority communities.

The meeting

primarily focused on UNODC's efforts in the region, especially those aimed at promoting minority rights, social inclusion, and sustainable development.

The delegation emphasised the need for aligning the ongoing projects with the Punjab government's long-term strategies for supporting marginalized and minority communities.

One of the key proposals discussed was the launch of a pilot project for the upgradation of the Misaq Center, a community-based initiative aimed at empowering minorities. The delegation proposed that this centre be developed into a model of excellence for minority education, skill development, and social services.

Rangers seize NCP goods worth millions

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

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

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

The recovered NCP goods have been handed over to the Customs authorities for further legal action.

Health minister for timely completion of UCHS main building

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique has directed the Infrastructure Development Authority Punjab (IDAP) to ensure timely completion of the main building of the University of Child Health Sciences (UCHS). Presiding over the 12th Syndicate meeting of the UCHS on Thursday, the minister emphasized the government's commitment to enhancing the university's capacity, recognizing it as Pakistan's first medical institution producing pediatric nurses.

The Health Minister reiterated the government's focus on expanding the UCHS's academic and clinical capacities, ensuring it serves as a benchmark institution for child

healthcare and education in Pakistan. During the meeting, Registrar of the University presented the agenda, and Khawaja Salman Rafique ratified all decisions made during the 11th Syndicate meeting. He also reviewed the implementation report of those decisions. The Health Minister received a detailed briefing from IDAP officers regarding the construction progress of the main building. The meeting approved several key decisions, including creation of posts for Deputy Controller Examination, Deputy Auditor, and Assistant Treasurer, approval of the university's budget and the PLA budget, appointment of Professor Muhammad Saleem.

FBR officer shot dead a citizen over 'monetary issue'

PESHAWAR (APP): A man was killed by an officer of FBR in front of Customs House here Thursday, said SP Cantt Aitzaz Arif. He said the Additional Commissioner In-land Revenue FBR identified as Irfan Ullah, resident of Swat, presently residing in Shaheen Muslim Town here shot dead a citizen, Abdur Rehman which the police said was probably a result of some monetary dispute. However, in a prompt action by Town Police, the accused was arrested and a double barrel gun was recovered from him. Police said the accused seemed to be mentally disturbed.

A video of the incident showed a man laying on the road with his children and wife crying around his lifeless body.



GUJRANWALA: Group photo of Deputy Secretary Shrinis Abandoned Waqf Estate Board Abdullah Owais with Sikh Special Jatha at Gurdwara Rohri Sahib Eminabad.

Health week revolutionary step to provide medical facilities to people: Jahangir

ATTOCK (APP): Member district monitoring committee and former provincial Minister Jahangir Khanzada has said that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif is taking revolutionary steps to provide medical facilities to the people.

He expressed these views during the inauguration ceremony of health week at teshil headquarters hospital Hazro on Thursday.

PML-N teshil Hazro chapter president Malik Ansar Ahmed, assistant commissioner Ayesha Badar, well-known journalist Nisar Ali Khan, DDHO Hazro Dr. Rasheed Khan, MS Dr. Shaukat Mehmood, Admin officer Shakir Ejaz and officials of local administration were also present on this occasion.

He said that the initiative aims to identify undiagnosed diseases among the population and provide timely treatment and awareness.

He said that citizens will be able to visit screening camps for diabetes, tuberculosis, pulmonary health and hematology screening while pregnant women will undergo checkups and children under two years of age will be vaccinated.

He added that at DHQ Hospital, specialized counters have been set up and daily diagnostic targets have been established including 1,000 individuals at DHQ Hospital.



LAHORE: A delegation of APNS meeting with Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari. Punjab Secretary Information Tahir Raza Hamdani is also present.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Embassy of Ethiopia and the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) on Thursday agreed to forge collaboration for holding the Single Country Exhibition in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during the next year in a successful manner.

The crucial collaboration came under discussion during a meeting between Dr. Jemal Bekir Abdula, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary of Ethiopia to Pakistan, and Zubair Motiwala, Chief Executive of the TDAP.

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

During the meeting, both sides discussed

strategies to sensitize the traders of both the countries about the business and trade opportunities in each other countries' major economic sectors including agriculture and agro processing, pharmaceutical, surgical items, automotive, Information Technology, leather and leather products, construction material, steel and aluminum.

They agreed to launch a joint awareness campaign in all the major cities of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to mobilize the business community for their maximum participation in the Single Country Exhibition.

Ambassador Dr. Jemal said the Government of Ethiopia has undertaken the Home Grown Economic Reforms which

had shown promising results, addressing macro-economic imbalances, increasing productivity, creating ease of doing business and providing a conducive environment for attracting the foreign direct investment.

He said the capital city of Ethiopia—Addis Ababa—is a third diplomatic hub hosting a number of international conferences every year including the African Union Summit. "This shows the strategic importance of Ethiopia and safe and secure environment for the global citizens."

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

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KARACHI: Syed Hafeezuddin, Chairman National Assembly Standing Committee on Industries & Production is chairing the meeting at Indus Toyota Motors.

Canadian-Pakistanis briefed about Roshan Digital Account's benefits

OTTAWA (APP): The Pakistan High Commission, Ottawa, on Wednesday hosted a webinar at which the Canadian-Pakistani community was apprised of the benefits and opportunities offered by the Roshan Digital Account (RDA), a flagship programme of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) in collaboration with Pakistani commercial banks. RDA allows overseas Pakistanis to have access to banking services within Pakistan without having to visit a consulate, embassy, or a bank branch.

The webinar was organized in cooperation with the Bank of Punjab and State Bank of Pakistan to engage with the Pakistani diaspora across Canada. The panelists included Shah Faisal Kakar, Acting High Commissioner; Syed Ali Raza, Head of Pakistan Remittance Initiative (PRI) at the State Bank of Pakistan; Nofel Daud, Chief Digital Officer, Bank of Punjab; Salman Saeed,

Head of Home Remittances Division; Ishtiaq Ahmed Akil, Consul General, Montreal; Khalil Ahmed Bajwa, Consul General, Toronto; Ghulam Hussain, Acting Consul General, Vancouver; and Altamash Janjua, Trade and Investment Counsellor, Canada. A press release of the High Commission said webinar highlighted the integral role of the Canadian-Pakistani community comprising over half a million individuals contributing significantly to diverse sectors such as finance, technology, healthcare, and economic development. Their professional success has driven a robust demand for financial products that facilitate seamless connectivity with Pakistan's banking and financial systems, it said. Key highlights of the webinar included: Roshan Digital Account (RDA); A digital platform enabling overseas Pakistanis to remotely open and operate personal bank accounts in Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman IPO-Pakistan, Ambassador (R) Farukh Amil addressing the closing ceremony of two-day consultative sessions for the development of Pakistan's National Intellectual Property Strategy organized by the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan) in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at local hotel.

LCCI, ANF organise seminar on 'Guidelines for Precursor Control'

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), in collaboration with the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Punjab, a seminar on 'Guidelines for Precursor Control', here at Lahore Chamber on Thursday.

The seminar featured prominent speakers including ANF Director General Brigadier Sikandar Hayat Chaudhry, LCCI Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman, Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry and former LCCI President Mian Anjum Nisar. The ANF DG presented an overview of the agency's operations and achievements.

Addressing the

seminar, LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad acknowledged Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir's efforts in securing borders and reviving the economy, and expressed the business community's appreciation. He called for genuine representation of traders in the ANF Board, highlighting the importance of balancing regulatory measures with business needs. He praised the ANF's efforts and proposed setting up a facilitation center at LCCI to assist members, particularly those in the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors, in navigating regulatory challenges.

Kazakh Dy FM meets Tanveer

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kazakhstan Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bek Bakayev on Thursday met with Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain.

During the meeting, they discussed potential cooperation in industrial and agricultural sectors, said a news release.

Rana Tanveer reaffirmed the friendly ties between Pakistan and Kazakhstan, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in these sectors.

Additionally, Kazakhstan Minister expressed Kazakhstan's keen interest in learning from Pakistan's agricultural expertise.

Pak total liquid foreign reserves near \$16 billion

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

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

Total liquid foreign reserves held by the country, in the previous week ended on November 08, 2024, were \$ 15,965.5 million.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was reported at the port where six ships, Atlantic Ibis, Maersk Cape Town, ST. Michaelis, Milaha Ras Laffan and Khairpur carrying Container, Palm oil, LNG and Mogas, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Liquid Cargo Terminal, Port Gas Terminal and FOTCO oil Terminal respectively during last 24 hours.

A total of eleven ships were engaged at POA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships, Atlantic Ibis, Maersk Cape Town and Kouras Queen left the port on today morning, while three more ships, Xpress Salween.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a meeting with FBR officials to appreciate their performance for Sales Tax fraud detection.

NA Standing Committee on Industries & Production visits Toyota Indus Motors

KARACHI (APP): National Assembly Standing Committee on Industries & Production chaired meeting under the chair of Syed Hafeezuddin Member National Assembly at Toyota Indus Motors Karachi on Thursday, where the CEO of Toyota Indus Motors, Ali Asghar Jamali briefed the Committee regarding manufacturing and production process of the vehicles at Toyota Indus Motors.

The CEO Toyota Indus appraised the committee that the auto sector contributes 2.8% of the country's GDP being the fastest growing country. Moreover, he

appealed the committee to work on the local steel manufacturing units in Pakistan that would not only boost the Pakistan economy but also would support auto industry in Pakistan.

The members were also informed regarding that 1 billion rupees have been spent on different social work by Toyota under corporate social responsibility.

Abdul Hakeem Baloch, the member of the committee and the National Assembly, advised the CEO of Toyota Indus that the local community of the area should be given due right in the employment opportunities.

The members visited the assembling and manufacturing plants of the Toyota, where they were briefed regarding the overall process of manufacturing and assembling the vehicles and spare parts.

The Committee later held meetings with K-Electric, SSGC, and Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation officials. Syed Salahuddin Ahmed, CEO of KWSC, was directed to solve the water supply issue of the Steel Town and Gulshan Haidee on priority and humanitarian grounds as the residents of the areas were suffering serious problems of water supply.

TAPI project crucial for meeting country's energy needs: Dr. Musadik

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr Musadik Malik, emphasized Pakistan's determination to complete the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project, calling it crucial for meeting the country's energy needs. In a meeting on Thursday with Turkmenistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Atadjan Movlamov, the Minister expressed gratitude for Turkmenistan's unwavering commitment to the TAPI initiative.

The ambassador invited Dr. Musadik Malik to visit Turkmenistan,

which the Minister warmly appreciated. During the meeting, Ambassador Movlamov commended Pakistan's recent economic progress and highlighted an improvement in the country's financial situation.

He noted growing international investor interest in Pakistan, attributing the credit to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his team's efforts.

Both sides reaffirmed their dedication to strengthening bilateral ties and agreed to explore opportunities for collaboration in energy, trade, and investment.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Pakistan, Atadjan Movlamov calls on Federal Minister for Petroleum Dr. Musadik Malik.

PCJCCI stresses establishing 'Digital Silk Road'

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan-China Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has urged the government to take a lead in developing "Digital Silk Road" for having maximum benefits out of the economic corridor to be constructed by China in the Asia-Pacific region.

PCJCCI President Nazir Hussain stated this during a think tank session held here at PCJCCI Secretariat Thursday. He said the roads and railways are easy enough to build, but it is hard to cultivate mental harmony among people that holds more importance in regional connectivity. Information has become a core resource and is crucial to international cooperation.

"The next leap for regional connectivity is to create Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway," he said. Infrastructure

development is progressing steadily for the China proposed Belt and Road Initiative, but parallel with a communication and infrastructure network connecting Asia, Europe, and Africa, there is dire need of breaking the barriers of information among the connecting nations, he added. Nazir Hussain hoped that such initiatives would emerge Pakistan as a leader of the region. He assured of his full cooperation on behalf of the PCJCCI in this move, which would also have the full support of all Chinese companies operating in Pakistan. PCJCCI Senior Vice President Brig. (ret'd) Mansoor Saeed Sheikh said that people-to-people bond provides the public support for implementing the strategic initiatives. "We should carry forward the spirit of friendly cooperation of the Silk Road by promoting.



ZHENGZHOU: Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Khalid Hashmi addresses the 2024 SCO 'Digital Technology Empowering Green Development' Program.

Pakistan wins "Best Pavilion" award at Global Sourcing Expo

ISLAMABAD (APP): In the visionary leadership of the Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Pakistan won the "Best Pavilion" Award at Global Sourcing Expo.

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

This achievement highlights leadership of Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, whose strategic directives ensured Pakistan's outstanding representation on the international stage.

The Global Sourcing Expo, the largest exhibition

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

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

He directed Trade and Investment Officers (TIOs) to prioritize the creation of world-class pavilions at international exhibitions, emphasizing the importance of promoting Pakistan's diverse and high-quality exports.



ISLAMABAD: The Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan, Alibek Bakayev, meets with Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain.

Sharjah-Pakistan Business Roundtable highlights shared vision for economic growth

SHARJAH (APP): The Sharjah FDI Office (Invest in Sharjah) and the Pakistan Business Council in Sharjah hosted the Sharjah-Pakistan Business Roundtable here on Thursday.

The event brought together over 200 investors and entrepreneurs to explore opportunities for strengthening economic ties and fostering bilateral investments between Sharjah and Pakistan.

Speaking at the event, Consul General Hussain Muhammad highlighted the historic and deep-rooted relationship between Pakistan and the UAE.

He emphasized that the bond between the two countries is built on shared

values, traditions, and a collective commitment to progress. He further noted that the leadership of Pakistan and the UAE share mutual trust and confidence and have a strong desire to expand political, trade, and economic relations.

"Pakistan, with its resilient economy, workforce, and abundant natural resources, offers immense potential for collaboration. Pakistan's economy is diverse, with opportunities in agriculture, textiles, information technology, and renewable energy. Sharjah's investors and businesses could greatly benefit from exploring partnerships in these sectors," said Mr. Hussain.

SMBR says: No NOC for housing societies near rivers

LAHORE (APP): Senior Member Board of Revenue (SMBR) Punjab Nabeel Javed has said that the Punjab government has decided not to issue objection certificates (NOCs) for housing schemes or construction near rivers, streams, and flood channels under the Irrigation Department with an aim to prevent loss of life and property during flood situations.

He was addressing a meeting on private housing societies here on Thursday. The meeting was attended by Secretary

Housing Tayyab Fareed, Special Secretary Admin Local Government Muhammad Arshad, DG LDA Tahir Ali, and other officials. He further revealed that Punjab has a total of 3,715 housing societies, of which 3,119 are approved schemes. In Lahore, 443 housing societies are approved, 171 are illegal, and NOC processes are ongoing for 135 societies. Nabeel Javed emphasized that no modifications will be allowed to the master plans of government-approved housing schemes.



H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General attends the Sharjah business Roundtable hosted by Sharjah FDI Office (Invest in Sharjah) and the Pakistan Business in Sharjah.

Pakistan, Oman discuss collaboration in IT, telecom sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, held discussions with a high-level delegation from Oman on Thursday, focusing on mutual interests, collaboration in the IT and telecom sectors, and preparations for the global tech event Comex 2025, scheduled to take place in Oman next September.

The Omani delegation invited Pakistani tech companies to

participate in Comex 2025, emphasizing the event as a significant platform for showcasing Pakistan's capabilities in IT and innovation.

Congratulating Oman on hosting the prestigious event, Shaza Fatima highlighted Pakistan's robust potential in IT and telecom. She expressed confidence that the event would foster stronger ties between the tech industries of both nations.

"We aim to enhance Pakistan-Oman relations in the IT and telecom sectors.

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan while expressing concern over support being provided to terror groups in Afghanistan has said Afghan administration should stop its land from being used for terrorism. "Terrorism is grave threat for both of the countries. There should be immediate ceasefire in Gaza, this was said by Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch in her weekly news briefing here Thursday.

She said Pakistan on several occasions have shared with Afghan authorities concrete evidence regarding the terror groups. We have grave concerns over safe havens of terror groups in Afghanistan, she added.

She hoped the Afghan authorities will consider terrorism as a serious threat not just to the region but to their own security and fulfill their obligations under various international agreements including Doha agreement.

The spokesperson regretted the result of last night's vote at the UN Security Council and its inability to reach consensus on the resolution calling for ceasefire in Gaza. She reiterated Pakistan's call for an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire, unhindered access to humanitarian assistance and full support to UN Relief and Works Agency and its mandated humanitarian activities.

Alluding to the plight



QUETTA: MNAs Sardar Yaqoob Khan Nassar and Jamal Shah Kakar meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti.

CAS Zaheer visits 12th edition of IDEAS-2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force on Thursday made a comprehensive visit to the 12th edition of the International Defence Exhibition IDEAS-2024 at Karachi Expo Centre.

This event showcases latest advancements in defence and aerospace technology, attracting both diverse array National and International audience, said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release.

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ATC indicts Qureshi, others in May-9 case

LAHORE (APP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Thursday indicted several Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders, including Shah Mehmood Qureshi, along with party workers, in a case related to the torching of police vehicles in Mughalpur during the May 9 riots.

Dr. Yasmin Rashid, Omar Sarfraz Cheema, Ejaz Chaudhry, and Mian Mehmoodur Rasheed were among others who were indicted.

ATC Judge Manzar Ali Gill conducted the proceedings at Kot Lakhpat Jail, where the accused PTI leaders were produced.

The court formally charged the accused, who pleaded not guilty and expressed their intention to contest the charges.

Following this, the court adjourned the proceedings until December 2 and summoned the prosecution witnesses to record their statements.



QUETTA: Additional IGPC Muzaffar Khan and Constabulary Agha Muhammad Yousef presiding over a meeting regarding security of Chinese.

Educational Festival comes to an end in Chaman: Speaker BA exhorts students to take wholehearted part in curricula & extra curricula activities in modern era of S&T

Government taking steps to bring Chaman at par of other areas in education and other sectors: Add. Secretary Home

By Sardar Khondai CHAMAN: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai has exhorted the students to take wholehearted part in the curricula and extra curricula activities in the present era of modern science and technology.

He said that the nations which paid special attention on acquiring modern education and got the modern education in science and technology, are reigning the world.

He said that no nation can progress without getting skills in science and technology in the today's modern era.

The Speaker said that the students have both time and opportunities, therefore, they should pay attention on their studies without wasting time and opportunities so their future is bright and prosperous.

He said that the future of Balochistan and Chaman is in the hands of students and they have to shoulder future responsibilities.

The Speaker was addressing the closing ceremony of Educational Festival at the College, Chaman on Thursday.

He highly appreciated the interest and fondness of the students in the Educational Festival held at the Boys and Girls Degree College on Thursday.

Prominent among those participated in the closing ceremony were: Additional Chief Secretary Home, Shahab Ali Shah, Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shaqqaat, CO, 79 Wing, Wing Commander Lt. Colonel Irfan, Deputy Commissioner Chaman, Habib Ahmed Bangulzai, SSP Shehryar Afridi, besides other senior officers, tribal elders, teachers, students and people from different walks of life.

The Speaker said that we have lot of expectations with the future builders. He said that there's no two opinion that our future is in the safe hand of the talented and hard working youth. He said that the students of Balochistan and

Chaman have proved their mettle in education and sports, so we are proud of them.

The Additional Chief Secretary Home, Syed Shahab Ali Shah also addressed the ceremony and stressed that it is equally essential to get modern education along with conventional education. He said that the government is taking steps to bring Chaman at par of other areas in education and other sectors.

In this regard, he referred to the Chaman Educational Festival.

Meanwhile, other speakers appreciated holding of the Chaman Educational Festival and termed it welcoming for development of Chaman.

In the end, Deputy Commissioner Chaman and the College administration thanked all the guests coming from different parts of the province and country.

Earlier, the chief guest visited different stalls set up in the Festival and praised the creative work of the students.



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

Ahsan Iqbal for urgent action on commercialization of New Gwadar International Airport

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday expressed concerns over delays in developing a comprehensive plan to commercialize the recently inaugurated New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA). Chairing a high-level meeting, the minister highlighted the critical importance of positioning Gwadar as a hub for international airlines, said a news release.

He stressed that if airlines are not attracted within six months of inauguration, the likelihood of success diminishes over the years.

To incentivize long-haul flights from regions such as South Africa and

other facilities. Additional DG Pakistan Airport Authority (PAA), Air Vice Marshall Zeeshan Saeed briefed the minister on safety evaluations and airfield regularization, assuring operational clearance by December.

Project Director NGIA Faiz Ullah Khattak, and DG Commercial of the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) Abdul Basit, provided updates on ongoing initiatives, including allotments for government departments, warehouses, and tenders. However, the minister expressed disappointment at the two-year delay in commercialization planning and directed the PCAA to expedite efforts to attract airlines, develop air cargo facilities.



BAKU: Turkish Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Abdulkadir Uraloğlu with Federal Minister Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan on the eve of COP29.

BFA hosts successful SOPRAN project training workshop

QUETTA: A one-day training workshop was held at the Balochistan Food Authority Head Office under the SOPRAN project, organized by the Benazir Initiative.

Provincial Minister and Chairman of BFA Haji Noor Mohammad Dumar,



Secretary Food Muzaffar Zeeshan Lehari, and Director General BFA Atiqullah Khan attended the workshop. Speaking on the occasion, Food Minister Haji Noor Mohammad Dumar highlighted the Balochistan Food Authority's commitment to providing safe food to the public and acknowledged the support from Nutrition Intl and other governmental and non-governmental organizations.

An education-friendly initiative of Govt: BISE Quetta decides to waive off examination fees of orphan students

Independent Report QUETTA: The Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Quetta has decided to waive off the examination fees of the orphan students appearing in the Board's examinations.

According to an official statement issued here on Thursday, the BISE has made a very commendable decision regarding waiving off the examination fees of the orphan students.

The decision has been made in light of the resolution adopted in 180th meeting of the Inter-Board Coordination Committee.

As per the policy, the initiative would be enforced from the examination year for 2026.

The decision of waiving off the fees would be applicable only on the students who are regular, and whose parents have been died.

For they would have to produce the death certificate duly verified by the NADRA, it was mentioned in the official statement.

The facility would be limited to the prescribed examination fees not on the late, double or triple the prescribed fees.

Moreover, the facility would also not be available for the examinations of additional subjects, it was further mentioned.



BAKU: Provincial Advisor Environment and Climate Change Naseemur Rehman Khan Mulakhail addressing a seminar in COP 29 Conference.

PM announces Rs5 mln award for FBR officer to identify massive sales tax fraud

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday announced a Rs5 million award and gave away a commendatory shield to an FBR officer Ijaz Hussain who identified a sales tax fraud worth trillions of rupees.

The prime minister, talking to the officer, who called on him at the PM House, appreciated his dutifulness and honesty.

The act of the FBR officer is the outcome of the prime minister's ongoing drive for FBR reforms and

the tax-evaders and their facilitators and strictly punishing them.

He instructed the FBR to thoroughly investigate the identified tax fraud and take the perpetrators to the task by engaging an highly capable legal team.

In the briefing, it was told that the credentials of an 80 years old lady was used for the sales tax fraud which was pointed out by Ijaz Hussain on March 4, this year.

It was told that under the sales tax fraud, Rs370 million were also transferred



curbing the tax evasion, according to a PM Office press release.

In the meeting, the prime minister said that there was no dearth of dutiful and competent officers but they needed to be acknowledged.

Expressing satisfaction over the positive outcomes of FBR reforms, the prime minister called for tightening the noose around

PTI founder's jail statement reflects growing anxiety, frustration: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Thursday said that the PTI founder's statement from jail, seeking release to delay protests, reflected his growing anxiety and frustration.

In a striking comment on the PTI founder's statement, Attaullah Tarar said that the statement, "If you release me from jail, I will postpone the protest," was

an admission of the prisoner's frustration and panic.

Tarar stated that it has been proven that the call for chaos on November 24 was aimed at securing a 'deal.'

He remarked that the person who once vowed never to engage in a deal was now incessantly shouting 'deal, deal' and was set on waging war against the federation. Tarar stated, "The only deal you'll get is with the law, which you have violated."



CHAMAN: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, Secretary Home Shahab Ali Shah, Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shaqqaat and other high officials a stall during Chaman Educational Festival.

Govt. determined for prosperity & sustainable development of Balochistan: Khetran

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that the government is determined for prosperity and sustainable development of the province under visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

He said that establishment of law and order, provision of relief to masses and livelihood opportunities and sustainable development and economic stability are included in the

priorities of government.

For the purpose, planning has been made for completion of the ongoing reforms and development initiatives in the province.

While the public agenda has been successfully launched, which is based on the multidimensional initiatives of the government. The people are benefiting from the positive impacts of the practical steps in different sectors, he added. These initiatives are aimed at ensuring social protection, promotion of industrial and trade activities.

Naseem representing Balochistan in 29th Climate Change Conference

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for Climate Change and Environment, Naseemur Rehman Mulkhail is representing Balochistan in the 29th Conference on Climate Change continued in Baku city of Azerbaijan.

Naseemur Rehman went to Baku on special directives of the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

It may be mentioned

here that the heads and representatives from 80 countries including Pakistan are participating in the vital conference to be continued for two weeks.

Addressing the conference, Advisor to Chief Minister for Climate Change stressed the need to formulate world climate financial framework for meeting the requirements of weak countries as we are standing at an important

juncture.

He also shared the initiatives taken by the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti for coping with the challenges of climate change, with the participants of conference.

He said that not only the legislation is being made for coping with the challenge but the climate control programme is also being introduced at the local level, he added.