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TURBAT: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti addressing participant of grand tribal jirga. Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, Corps Commander Balochistan Lt. General Rahat Naseem Ahmed Khan, Provincial Ministers

Grand Jirgah held in Turbat attended by Governor, CM, Corps Commander:

No one to be allowed to create hurdle in peace & development of Balochistan, asserts CM Bugti

Tribal elders highly appreciate key role of law enforcement agencies for establishing peace in province; assure wholehearted cooperation

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Mir Sarfraz Bugti has categorically declared that no one would be allowed women would be allowed that the provincial government would bear the educational expenditures of children of the minutary mgh officials, women, students and local people.

In start of the Jirgah, participants laid floral no one would be allowed to create hurdle in peace and development of the martyrs.

The Chief Minister province.

He said that martyring innocent labourers in Balochistan is sorrowful and the State is standing with the oppressed.

He also asserted that those challenging the State would be dealt with

innocent people martyred Sarfraz Khan, provincial nounced the Benazir Schol-

was speaking to the par-ticipants of Grand tribal Jirgah in Turbat on Thurs-

ter Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Corps Commander, Lt. He announced that the provincial government Ahmed Khan, Inspector would extend assistance to the bereaved families of the Major General Bilal sion, Chief Minister an-

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the State of Qatar, Ali Mubarak Ali Essa Al-Khater,

ficials from Arab League and

OIC member countries are

expected to participate in

summit, the prime minister

would reiterate Pakistan's

full support for the Pales-

tinian cause and call for an

immediate end to the geno-

cide in Gaza, an urgent and

unconditional ceasefire, and

an immediate cessation of

ongoing Israeli adventurism

in the region that endangers

the security of countries in the

Middle East. Pakistan will also

call for international protec-

tion for the Palestinian

people and the establish-

ment of an independent

State of Palestine on the

borders of 4 June 1967.

with Al-Ouds Al-Sharif as

summit, the prime minister

is also expected to hold bi-

lateral meetings with lead-

ers from other Arab League

and OIC member states.

On the sidelines of the

its capital, she added.

She said that at the

the summit

calls on the Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

PM Shehbaz to visit KSA.

Azerbaijan next week

for Arab Summit, COP29

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif is scheduled to visit the Kingdom of Saudi

Arabia and Azerbaijan next

week to attend the Second

Joint Arab Islamic Summit

being held in Rivadh and

World Leaders Climate Ac-

will visit Saudi Arabia to

participate in the Second

Joint Arab Islamic Summit

being held in Riyadh on

November 11, Foreign Of-

fice spokesperson Mumtaz

initiative of the Saudi gov-

ernment, the summit will be

a follow-up to the Joint

Arab Islamic Extraordinary

Summit held on November

11, last year in Riyadh to

discuss the situation in

Gaza and other occupied

territories, she said at her

government and senior of-

The heads of state and

Bilgrami at Naval Headquarters

weekly press briefing.

Being convened at the

Zahra Baloch said

The prime minister

tion Summit in Baku.

in the acts of terrorism afministers, Senators, rearship Programme under tablishing peace in the provter 2000.

He also announced military high officials, ernment would bear all the

> wreath on the monument of martyrs and offered fateha for them.

The participants of Jirgah also had meeting with the tribal elders, busi-The Grand Jirgah was participated by Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, Chief Minis-Division.

During the course of interaction, problems of the people were discussed.

Chairman PAC

summons meeting

of DCs of different

districts to discuss

about unused funds

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chairman

Public Accounts Commit-

tee (PAC) Asghar Khan

Tareen has summoned the

meeting of Deputy Com-

missioners of different dis-

tricts on November 14 in

the committee room of Pro-

summoned by the Chair-

man PAC to discuss the

matter of unused funds by

the Deputy Commission-

meeting of the PAC chaired

by Chairman, Asghar

Tareen here at the commit-

tee room of provincial as-

tended by the members of

PAC Zabid Ali Reki, Fazal

Qadir Mandokhail, Senior

Member Board of Revenue,

Qambar Dashti, Director

General, Audit, Shuja Ali,

the decreasing of poverty numbers.

sembly on Thursday.

The meeting has been

This was decided in a

The meeting was at-

vincial Assembly here.

expenses of educated students doing Ph.D abroad.

In addition to this, the Chief Minister added, the provincial government would also bear expenditures of education of 16 years of top 10 students of Matric and Intermediate examinations from all districts of the province.

Besides, the skills development programme is also being launched for the youngsters and unemployed people of the province, he added.

The tribal elders and others highly appreciated the key role of the law enforcement agencies for es- Day.

ince and assured wholehearted cooperation to

They also expressed complete confidence and satisfaction over the steps taken for development and peace in the area by the provincial government and armed forces.

Meanwhile, the chief guest distributed prizes among the students demonstrating outstanding performance in the speech competitions organized by FC Balochistan (South) to introduce the philosophy and message of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The competitions were organized to mark the Iqbal

Acting President for further strengthening bilateral ties with Qatar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Thursday said that Pakistan greatly valued its relations with Qatar and underscored the importance of further expanding bilateral relations in the areas of mutual benefits.

He expressed these views while talking to the Ambassador of Qatar, Ali Mubarak Ali Essa Al-Khater, who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Talking to the Ambascountries had great scope countries.

for increasing economic and trade relations. He highlighted that Pakistan offered investment opportunities and Qatari companies should benefit from the investment-friendly environment of Pakistan.

Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani applauded Qatar on the successful holding of the FIFA World Cup 2022.

The acting president also thanked the Government of Qatar for hosting a Pakistani Diaspora. which served as a strong sador, the acting president stated that both brotherly linkages between the two

Naqvi reaffirms commitment to Chinese security after Karachi incident

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi visited the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad following an incident in Karachi where two Chinese nationals were injured by gunfire from a security guard.



Showing solidarity and diplomatic engagement during his meeting with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zedong, Minister Naqvi expressed regret over the incident and conveyed Pakistan's commitment to ensuring justice and enhancing security for Chinese nationals in the country.

He conveyed heartfelt sympathy to the injured Chinese nationals and their families, underscoring that Pakistan places the utmost priority on the well-being and security of Chinese citizens, particularly those working on projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

PM stresses further deepening Pakistan-Turkiye trade, defence cooperation

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on looked forward to Thursday expressing satisfaction at the growing bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Turkiye, stressed the need to further deepen bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, and defense sec-

The prime minister said this in a meeting with newly-appointed Ambassador of Turkiye Pakistan Irfan Neziroglu, who called him at the PM House.

The prime minister welcomed Ambassador Neziroglu, who presented his credentials to President Asif Ali

working closely with the ambassador to further strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries, according to a PM Office press release.

Recalling the historic, longstanding and Pakistan and Turkiye, the prime minister expressed gratitude for Turkiye's consistent support to Pakistan on Kashmir and said that Pakistan would also full commitment and continue to lend its strong support to strengthen the strong Turkiye on its core in- and historic bonds of terests.

The regional situa- both countries.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Zardari on October 28, tion, particularly in 2024, and said that he Gaza and the Middle East also came under discussion.

The prime minister conveyed his warm greetings and best wishes to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and reiterated his invitation to the Turkish President to undertake brotherly ties between an official visit to Pakistan at his earliest convenience. Ambassador Neziroglu thanked the prime minister for warmly receiving him and assured him of his support to further and historic bonds of friendship between



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye, Irfan Neziroglu calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

CJP emphasis ATCs to clear backlog for swift justice

ISLAMABAD (APP): video link), Justice law, impartially and with-Chief Justice of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Mazhar, out fear or favor. Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi on Thursday expressed concern over the backlog at antiterrorism courts (ATCs) across the country and emphasized the importance of expediting these cases to ensure justice was not delayed. A meeting of the Administrative Judges of Anti-Terrorism Courts (ATC) was held at the Supreme Court of Pakistan, chaired by the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya

The meeting reviewed the performance of ATCs and took stock of key challenges to ensure the swift and efficient dispensation of justice in anti-terrorism cases.

It was attended by monitoring judges from Supreme Court Justice, Jamal Khan Mandokhail (via

Govt increases

allowances for

judges of SC,

High Courts

ISLAMABAD (INP) - The

government on Thursday

increased the perks and

privileges for the judges of

Supreme Court and high

the house rent and judicial

allowance were increased

been increased from

Rs68,000 to Rs350,000 for

allowance was increased

Rs1,168,000 for the judges

of top court. Meanwhile.

the house rent for the

judges of high courts has

been increased from

for the judges of high courts

The judicial allowance

Rs65,000 to Rs350,000.

the judges of apex court.

for the judges.

from

According to details

The house rent has

Similarly, the judicial

Rs428,000 to

Justice Musarrat Hilali, Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan and monitoring judges of ATC courts and Prosecutors General from all provinces and ICT. The meeting was also attended by Registrar, Su-

preme Court and Secretary, Law and Justice Commission were also present. Opening the meeting,

the Chief Justice welcomed the participants and outlined the purpose of the session, which was to assess the current status and performance of ATC cases, as well as to identify and address barriers to the efficient delivery of justice.

He reminded the participants of the immense responsibility that they carry in dispensing justice,

During the meeting, it was disclosed that a total of 2,273 ATC cases are currently pending in Pakistan, with a significant portion -1,372 cases —awaiting resolution in Sindh alone.

The Chief Justice expressed concern over the backlog and emphasized the importance of expediting these cases to ensure justice is not delayed.

Key challenges facing ATC courts were discussed, including: Ensuring adequate security for witnesses, facilitating online appearances for witnesses, Establishing and enhancing Forensic Scientific Laboratories (FSL) to support evidence-based decisions, creating additional ATC courts to manage high caseloads urging them to uphold the effectively.



with Provincial Advisor for Trade and Industry Mir Ali Hassan Zehri.

Pakistan's maritime sector earns 90 bln rupees profit in last FY: Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaisar Ahmed Sheikh on Thursday said Pakistan's maritime sector recorded a profit of 90 billion rupees in last fiscal year due to strategic initiatives and investments aimed at transforming Pakistan into a regional maritime hub.

Addressing a press conference here at Press Information Department (PID), the minister said the share of maritime earnings in across the globe are almost 8 percent of their GDP, whereas Pakistan's maritime earnings are 0.5 percent of our GDP which is less than 2 billion.

The minister highlighted the growing importance of natural ports, noting that larger vessels are now docking at the country's ports. Previously, ships carried around 4,000 to 5,000 containers; however, vessels with ca-

pacities of 20,000 to 22,000 containers are now

This shift has led to a reduction in global freight costs and significantly increased activity at nearby

This year, key among these achievements, the Karachi Port Trust's global ranking improved from 84 to 61, signaling a boost in operational efficiency, he

He said the inclination of all companies towards our ports has increased. The world's biggest companies are showing their interests to invest in Pakistan because from here they can transport their goods to Central Asian States easily.

The minister said Abu Dhabi Ports will invest \$330 million over the next three years, and global shipping company Hutchison Ports has agreed to invest \$1 billion.



ISLAMABAD: Brig Gen Hojjatullah Qureshi Deputy Minister of Defence & Armed Forces Logistics Islamic Republic of Iran called on Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed

road map to revamp education QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Minister for Education Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani on Thursday raised concerns over 39 percent of children in Balochistan who have never attended school and pledged to give a comprehensive road

map to revamp the education sector and improve the quality of education.

Raheela said that the students getting scholarships from Islamic Relief Pakistan should play their vital role in the development of the country and serve the nation. The minister said that due to the tremendous efforts of President Pakistan Muslim League Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, education opportunities are being provided to the students of Balochistan. Raheela Durrani urged the members of Balochistan Assembly take on an educational institute each and strived for its improvement to make it as model institute.

Addressing the scholarship distribution ceremony held under the 'Wasila Program' of Islamic Relief Pakistan, she said her vision regarding bringing reforms in education department is clear and taking efforts to bring the out of school children to school and ensure best educational opportunities at their door step. She linked the poverty ratio with school enrollment, said that the school enrollment ratio can be increased with

is priceless. This was

conference in Islamabad

on Oct 29 to celebrate

China's 75 years of

'Progress, Transforma-

tion and Global Leader-

ence, Deputy Prime Min-

ister & Foreign Minister

Ishaq Dar dilated for over

an hour on Pak-China

ties. Deviating from his

prepared text, he made

some unguarded remarks

dent Xi Jinping, during

his meeting with our PM,

had told him that China

regarded Pakistan as an

exception in matters of

the security of Chinese

very clear; no matter how

lucrative an investment

is anywhere, if the secu-

rity issue is there, they do

not send Chinese per-

sonnel. Your country is

dor Jiang Zaidong pub-

licly contradicted Mr

Dar's recollection of the

PM/Xi meeting, insisting

that for Beijing, "Security is the biggest concern".

Jiang continued: "It is

unacceptable for us to be

attacked twice in only six

months," and urged Pa-

kistan to take action

against "all anti-China

terrorist groups". Allud-

ing to the vulnerability of

CPEC, he said: "Without

a safe and sound envi-

ronment, nothing can be

entered the fray. In re-

sponse to a question

during the FO briefing

later, a correspondent

asked the FO spokesper-

achieved.

Chinese Ambassa-

the only exception.'

Dar told his audi-

nationals.

During the confer-

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Trump 2.0

Come January and Donald Trump will move back into the White House to begin his second presidential term, having crossed the barrier of 270 electoral college votes needed to clinch the presidency.

A flood of congratulations pouring in from world leaders indicate that global capitals are now preparing to deal with a Trump presidency. Though much of his politics is divisive, Donald Trump has engineered a remarkable return to the top of the American power structure. Felony convictions, assassination attempts, and a lack of coherent policy prescriptions — nothing could stop his march back to the White House.

Domestically, high inflation was likely the biggest trigger that prompted Americans to vote for Mr Trump. The Democrats' hubris — for example, President Joe Biden calling Trump supporters 'garbage' - also played a part in their defeat. In fact, the Democratic party and much of the mainstream media have perhaps failed to properly explore the reasons fuelling 'Trumpism' and the disenchantment of many Americans with mainstream politicians, which helped propel the rise of Mr Trump as a political entity.

On the foreign front, the Biden administration's unvielding support for Israel's genocidal campaigns in occupied Palestine and Lebanon alienated most Arab- and Muslim-Americans — many of whom form significant voting blocs in swing states. Many amongst these constituencies likely voted for Trump not out of any ideological affiliation with the Republicans — who are as pro-Israel, if not more, than the Democrats but to punish Mr Biden and Vice President Ka-

By January, the surprise in many quarters at Mr Trump's return would have fizzled out, and he will have to deliver on his promise of 'making America great again'. Domestically, he will need solid plans to reduce inflation and bring manufacturing jobs back to the US. But to the rest of the world, his real test will lie in ending the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. Mr Trump has claimed he could end the Ukraine conflict in "24 hours". and has called the Ukrainian president a "salesman", indicating that US dollars to Kyiv could very

As for Israel, Donald Trump is an unabashed supporter of Tel Aviv, and the far right in Israel is jubilant at his return. It remains to be seen how his promises to Arab-American voters to bring 'peace' to the Middle East reconcile with his blatantly pro-Israel bias. Moreover, while the neocon wing of Trump supporters will call on him to expand America's 'forever wars', the America First faction will counsel him to abandon foreign conflicts and focus on the homeland. Time will tell which camp prevails. As for Pakistan, the last few American administrations have maintained lukewarm ties with this country, and there is little to suggest an improvement in relations under the new Trump set-up.

A single life

F.S. Aijazuddin for violating the diplo-How many deaths give a matic norms and rebuksingle life meaning? In ing our foreign minister" Pakistan, even the mas-(shades of the démarche sacre of 150 APS stu- sent by the previous govdents and teachers in ernment in 2022 over US Peshawar in 2014 was not diplomat Donald Lu's enough. They have be-"bad manners and sheer come a statistic. To the arrogance"). Chinese, every national

The spokesperson responded with the offibrought to the fore at a cial line that "Pakistan is committed to providing full security to Chinese nationals, projects and institutions in Pakistan", adding gratuitously that "the statement of the Chinese ambassador is therefore perplexing in view of the positive diplomatic traditions between Pakistan and China"

The Chinese have a institutional memory than our offisuggesting that Presicials. They have not forgotten that 200 Chinese workers died while building the Karakoram Highway. They are buried in Gilgit. In 2021, nine Chinese workers were killed in a terrorist attack in KP. In 2022, a suicide bomber ence: "The Chinese are killed three Chinese instructors at Confucius Institute in

Karachi. In March 2024, five Chinese nationals were killed in a suicide bomb blast in Shan-gla district. Last month, two Chinese nationals died in an explosion near Karachi airport.

After each of these attacks, our governments have resolved to "resolutely act against all such forces and defeat them". Equally often, the Chinese government has insisted on Pakistan taking "tangible actions rather than [offering] assurances". Why is security of every Chinese so important to Beijing? Because the one-child policy has meant that if anything happened to Our Foreign Office any individual bread- or noodle-winner, six people would be affected: two parents and four grandparents. The Chinese have a 5,000-year history

the Chinese ambassador 77-year-old history of insecurity, compounded by debilitating insolvency. China would lose nothing by discarding Pakistan. It has other customers in line on its One Belt. One Road initiative. Pakistan may have strategic value for China, but that interest is not open-ended. Pakistan puts its indebtedness at risk. It owes its iron brother \$26 billion of debt and has \$65bn committed

to CPEC projects. If a single life matters to the Chinese, a single American life, an individual chosen by over 70m US voters, will have significance for billions beyond the Atlantic and Pacific. Donald Trump has claimed the presidency. He has been mandated to decide the world's security.

Trump is a bruised giant, with a narcissistic, insular 'America First' mentality. Kamala Harris' promise to "strengthen, not abdicate" America's global leadership cut no ice with American voters. Trump has won. Democracy has only itself to blame. Harris has lost. President Joe Biden is to blame. He (like Queen Elizabeth II) delayed in handing over the sceptre

to another generation. Nato, Israel's Ben-Netanyahu, Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky, and immigrants should worry. Trump has plans for them. Trump and Russia's Putin feel comfortable with each other. They enjoy a "very good relationship". President Xi expects no quarter from Trump. He is ready and equipped to fight a trade and tariff war with the US and its part-

Pakistan, however, may be forced to choose between a tired benefactor (US) and an increasingly impatient creditor (China), to whom even one life matters more than CPEC and diploson whether "any action of resilience, tempered by matic platitudes. -- Cour-[would] be taken against adversity. Pakistan has a tesy Dawn

Trump & Pakistan

Tougir Hussain

How will the election of Donald Trump affect US-Pakistan relations? Let's first clear up a myth. It is not true that Pakistan had good relations with the US when Trump was president. He wanted to get out of Afghanistan for which he sought former prime minister Imran Khan's help in talking to the Taliban.

Khan was rewarded with a visit to Washington and exceptional public praise from Trump. But once the deal with the Taliban was done, Trump turned his back on Pakistan, leaving no imprint on the relation-

Trump notices only issues of high public interest, which have political traction. The present state of US-Pakistan relations is not one of them, neither are its domestic dynamics. Trump will most likely continue with the Joe Biden policy of low-intensity engagement with Islamabad. marked neither by significant aid levels nor by sanctions, the two extremes between which the relationship oscillated for much of its his-

There was a search under Biden for a new balance in relations that transnational terrorists best responds to the completely changed regional and geopolitical landscape, and the shifting US foreign policy any militant threat that faces challenges at home and overseas. Rising powers abroad are curtailing America's global primacy by staking a role in reformatting the global economic and strategic order.

At home, the politics and policy of issues like globalisation, China, big power relationships, alliances, and America's 'forever wars' are being reshaped by Trump's worldview, changing the way the US perceives and is perceived by the

handled by the State Department and Pentagon whose Pakistan policy has had four elements.

The first has been a derivative of US policies towards China, India and Afghanistan. The US would like to limit China's political and economic influence in Pakistan, and it also wants Islamabad to not undermine the centrality of India to its Indo-Pacific strategy. As for Afghanistan, its stability is key to the broader regional security including that of Pakistan

The second element

has been a direct US interest in Pakistan, focused on its economic weakness, potential for political instability, and the threat of extremism and regional insurgency to internal security, from which emerges America's ultimate concern about Pakistan's possible radicalisation or breakdown threatening the safety of its nuclear assets. The third factor has

been counterterrorism. Here, Pakistan is seen in many different roles: partner, target or victim. Washington needs Islamabad's cooperation to act against the who endanger the US and global security. It would also like Islamabad to deal with against India and Pakistan's own stability. Washington is willing to help where possible.

is the developing US-Pakistan cooperation in the economic area, principally in energy, IT and agriculture.

Investment sentiment remains cautiously hopeful. And the US continues to be the top destination of Pakistan's

The sum total of the above points to the need for surprises. -- Courfor engagement. What tesy Dawn

Under Trump, the might impact it, however, relationship will likely be is Trump's thinking on certain critical policy areas: less military involvement abroad, decreased military aid, increased pressure on allies to contribute more to their defence, a rise in trade tariffs, and possibly a harder line on China. We do not know how it would play out. Biden's policies had already deemphasised military aid to Pakistan. The Trump presidency should have no practical effect here. But it is too early to tell whether tariffs would hit Pakistan. Under the last Trump presidency, they af---fected India des-p-ite its crucial role in the Indo-Pacific strategy which Trump will likely continue.

We should not take Trump's offer of help to solve the Kashmir dispute, which he made the last time, seriously. The offer had nothing to do with Kashmir. It was about himself. He wanted to please Pakistan and appear to his base as a popular world leader being looked up to by other countries to solve complex disputes.

Trump's transactional approach will always focus on what a country has to offer America before he does anything for it. Pakistan has to ensure that its ties with the US are handled through quiet diplomacy, especially if they involve issues that incite public interest in the US negatively. That would invite Trump's retribution.

Trump's policies are The fourth element not knowledge- or institution-based but personality-focused and politics-driven.

They are a one-man show. He is at the centre of his own agenda that goes with the politics of the day. To quote The Guardian, Trump will basically "freelance" his foreign policy. So be prepared

Commerce News



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain presided over a meeting of the Sugar Advisory Board (SAB).

Punjab Governor says: Pakistan is best country in the world in terms of agricultural products

LAHORE (Online): A Haider Khan said that said that by focusing on delegation of the Rice Pakistan is the best other crops along with rice, Exporters Association of country in the world in further improvement can Pakistan led by Chairman terms of agricultural be brought to the country's Faisal Jahangir Malik and products and its products economy. Governor Punjab Chief Patron Punjab Pir Syed Nazim Hussain Shah met with Governor Puniab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at the Governor House increasing every year, stability in the country's Lahore. During the which is not only economy and increasing meeting, the delegation increasing the country's business opportunities are presented proposals to the foreign exchange but also the promise of a bright Governor Punjab regarding improving rice exports.

making the country's name famous at the global level.

pakistan. Governor Punjab further said that the doors improving rice exports.

Punjab, Sardar Saleem example for the world. He people.

The imports of the overall

experienced a substantial

increase of 21.68 percent

during the first quarter of

the current fiscal year

(July -September) compared to 2023-24.

machinery imports would

help elevate productivity

and spur technological

advancements in essential

sectors, leading to

economic expansion and

progress in infrastructure

the machinery group

during the three months of

\$2,014.339 million against

the imports of \$1,655.55

development.

The growth in

Machinery imports

up by 21.68% in Q1

of FY 2024-25

group

corresponding period the

last year, according to

official data of the Pakistan

Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

machinery and equipment

surged by 115.88 percent

from \$13.757 million to

\$29.699 million; textile

machinery 39.82 percent

from \$ 35.867 million to \$

50.151 million; power-

generating machinery 27.13

percent from \$ 106.624 million to \$ 135.551

million; construction and

percent from \$19.532

million to \$ 29.645 million;

apparatus 77.85 percent

from \$488.696 million.

agriculture

The total imports of mining machinery 51.78

the FY 2024-25 stood at electrical machinery and

The import of

have a special recognition all over the world. He said work together to make the work together to make the that it is a matter of great country better and joy that our rice exports are stronger. He said that economy and increasing Speaking on the Governor Punjab said that of the Governor House are asion, Governor our basmati rice is an always open for you

Gold prices decrease by **Rs.5,400** per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold decreased by Rs.5,400 and was sold at Rs.276,800 on Thursday compared to its sale at Rs.282,200 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.4,630 to Rs.237,311 from Rs. 241,941 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs. 217,535 from Rs. 221,780, the All Sindh Jewellers Sarafa

Association reported. The price of per tola decreased by Rs.130 to Rs.3,300 whereas that of ten gram silver went down Rs.111.46 Rs.2,829.21

SAB meets to review overall sugar stock across the country

ISLAMABAD (APP): A meeting of the Sugar Advisory Board was held on Thursday to review the overall situation of sugar stocks across the country.

The meeting was chaired by Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain, and was also attended by Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, said a news release. The board reviewed the estimates for the sugarcane crop and the overall stock position of sugar for the upcoming

crushing season. The board expressed satisfaction with the has requested permission

highlighted highlighted the declining trend of sugar prices in the local market.

It was decided that all sugar mills will begin crushing from November 21, and action will be taken against mills that fail to start crushing by the 21st. The minister said that

all payments to farmers will be made before the start of the crushing season. He added that if mills do not pay the dues to farmers, their export licenses will be revoked. The Pakistan Sugar

Mills Association (PSMA) current sugar prices in the to export additional sugar.

PSX turns around to bullish trend, gains 499 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The last trading day. 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend on Thursday, gaining 499.05 points, a positive change of 0.54 percent, closing at 92,520.49 points as compared to 92,021.44 points on the last trading day.

A total of 678,788,064 shares were traded during the day as compared to 889,166,479 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 24.827 billion against Rs 30 474 billion on the

As many as 449 companies transacted their

shares in the stock market, 257 of them recorded gains and 145 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 47 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were Bank of Punjab with 62,920,538 shares at Rs 6.57 per share, Kohinoor Spinning with 46,527,930 shares at Rs 7.83 per share and K-Electric Limited with 34,718,470 shares at Rs.4.80 per share.

FM Aurangzeb calls for strengthening Pak-Japan ties thru trade, culture

During the meeting,

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Senator and Japan have significant potential to strengthen their ties through increased exchanges in trade, culture, education, and people-to-people acknowledged

interaction.

The minister was talking to the outgoing Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan, Mitsuhira Wada who called on him here, according to a press release issued by the finance

trading and closed at Rs 277.94 against the previous

day's closing of Rs 277.89.

to the Forex Association of

Pakistan (FAP), the buying

and selling rates of the

dollar in the open market stood at Rs 277.50 and Rs

The price of Euro decreased by 18 paisa to close at Rs 298.91 against

the last day's closing of

Rs 299.09, according to

the State Bank of

279 respectively.

Pakistan (SBP).

However, according

views on issues of mutual interest, particularly Aurangzeb said here on Ingstanding bilateral Cooperation and shared between Pakistan and Japan, were exchanged. Aurangzeb

appreciated longstanding bilateral cooperation overcome months

economic challenges and strengthen its economy.

The Minister also shared with the Ambassador an update on the state of the economy values and perspectives on and the significant regional and global matters improvement in various improvement in various macroeconomic indicators.

said the He government determined to pursue its reform agenda as staving and the course without any highlighted the significance complacency was key to of Japan's developmental and economic assistance ensuring permanence to the macroeconomic stability and its vital role in helping achieved during the last 14

Rupee sheds **Ejaz advises students** 05 paisa to develop future against dollar ready skills ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee on Thursday depreciated by 05 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank

ISLAMABAD (APP): a competitive edge. President of Digital Platforms of Jazz Aamer included Ejaz has urged students to adaptable, IST technologically fluent, and resilient to succeed in an evolving job market.

Speaking at the Institute of Space Technology (IST) on the intelligence. theme Campus Corporate – Steps to be Ready, he outlined how AI and emerging technologies are reshaping industries, advising students to leverage advancements to maintain

computer science students, faculty, management. Describing AI as a

collaborative tool he said, "AI isn't artificial Space intelligence; it's augmented complements your abilities while keeping you in the driver's seat." Citing Jazz's AI-driven products, like the SIMOSA chatbot, he

emphasized how such these technologies are enhancing user experiences.



LAHORE: A delegation of the Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan led by Chairman Faisal Jahangir Malik and Chief Patron Punjab Pir Syed Nazim Hussain Shah in a group photo with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at the Governor House.

KP Apex Committee meeting held; important decisions taken

PESHAWAR (APP): An civil and military officials. continued joint efforts by important meeting of the Committee, was held on Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin conditions in certain Khan Gandapur in the

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the challenges. Chief Minister on Finance, Muzammil Aslam; Corps Commander Peshawar, Lieutenant General Omar Ahmed Bukhari; Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry; Inspector who sacrificed their li General of Police (IGP) for peace and security. Akhtar Hayat Khan Gandapur and other senior emphasized the need for

Tourism Secretary Farid

made to promote cultural

and tourism development

of South Punjab in line with

the vision of Punjab Chief

held in three districts of

Punjab: Muzaffargarh,

Kot Addu, and Layyah,

said a handout issued

here. The government was

focused on providing equal

citizens of Punjab, he

at Home Department.

opportunities

Minister.

The meeting reviewed the overall law and order including the civil situation in detail, with extensive deliberations on Khyber improving the security districts of the province and made important decisions to address the

> this occasion, offered security forces and law enforcement agencies, paying rich tribute to those who sacrificed their lives

Desert Rally not only

showcase Pakistan's

the directions of Punjab

arrangements had been

Tourism also highlighted

the inclusion of female

drivers in the event,

terming it a welcome

provide opportunities to

He said that such

development.

He said that following

Secretary

Continuous efforts

being made to

promote tourism

LAHORE (APP): Punjab emphasized that the Thal

Ahmad Tarar has said that aimed at promoting

continuous efforts are being automobile tourism but to

He said this at the launch of the 9th TDCP arrangements had been

entertainment to the automobile tourism events

Thal Desert Rally being made for the event.

government, security forces, and the general

It was decided to give the police a leading role in maintaining law and order in certain districts. The The participants on participants agreed on enhancing the capacity of Fateha for the martyrs of the police and civil administration and decided that police force would be provided with bulletproof vehicles on priority basis and immediate recruitment would be carried out to fill vacant positions.

Kundi greets Trump on election victory

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Kundi, Karim Thursday extended his congratulations to Donald Trump on his success in the U.S. presidential positive image to the elections.

In a statement Governor Kundi offered his best wishes to the American people and the newly elected President, Donald Trump, saying that the election results reflect the priorities and trust of the American

Kundi expressed hope that under Trump's leadership, the relationship between the United States and youngsters to showcase | Pakistan would grow

public.



with Peoples Party (PPP) MPA Farooq Awan during meeting held at CM House in Karachi.

Punjab Governor says: Attention should be paid on agriculture sector as it would boost economy of country

LAHORE Saleem Haider Khan, while addressing a press conference regarding the problems of farmers, today at the Governor House Lahore along with General Secretary of Pakistan Peoples' Party Central Punjab, Syed Hassan Murtaza said that Pakistan is an agricultural country.

He said that attention should be paid on agriculture sector as it would boost the economy

PESHAWAR (APP):

Educational activities in

primary schools of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa remained

suspended for the third

consecutive day on

Thursday as teachers

continued their protest for

acceptance of their

strike till acceptance of

demands for upgradation,

President All Primary

Teachers Association, Aziz

Ullah Khan told media that

demands.

a good support price for sugarcane for the farmers and ensure payment. Governor Puniab said that he will send the demands of the farmers to the Punjab government in writing.

Governor Punjab said that the PML-N and the PPP are coalition partners, adding that this is an alliance of compulsion for the sake of the country's interest

He said that the

will not stop them from

regarding reopening of

schools was baseless adding that Chief Minister

Ali Amin Gandapur has

invited them to CM House

and hoped that the meeting

may lead to some solution

outcome of the meeting, the

teachers also announced to

Provincial Assembly

protesting

strike will continue.

The

He said

justful protest.

Reiterating their of the issue. However, he strong stance to continue said till the positive

(APP): of the country. He said that PPP will stand with the Governor Punjab, Sardar the government should fix PML-N where the country's institutions are damaged and the system is unstable. He said that the government complete five years as it will bring economic and political stability in the country. In response to a question, the Governor of Punjab said that as the Governor of Punjab, it is his responsibility to identify the areas where there is a deficiency and room for improvement.

Closure of primary schools One killed, four injured in in KP exposes Education Pabbi firing PESHAWAR (APP): A man **Emergency claims**

was killed while four others sustained bullet injuries when cross-firing took place between two groups of Oil Depot Union in Pabbi tehsil of Nowshera district on Thursday. According to a police spokesman, a clash between two groups of the Oil Depot Union left a man dead and injured four others. The dead body and injured were shifted to Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar. Following the firing, a large police force reached the area and collected evidence for investigation; however. stage a sit-in in front of the locals said that the intime entry of police could have

averted the losses

Minister warns of health emergency if people show negligence

Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Nazir government might declare a health emergency if necessary precautions against smog.

Talking to the media during an anti-smog campaign at Liberty Market, he highlighted that Lahore had been particularly affected due to eastern winds, which have worsened the air quality. He assured that actions are underway to address sources of pollution.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab that the government has coordinated pharmaceutical manufacturers to maintain issued a strong warning on adequate stocks of Thursday, stating that the essential medicines for smog-related illnesses. He also announced the citizens fail to take the formation of a daily monitoring consisting representatives from both

pharmaceutical industry and the health department, to ensure a steady supply of these medicines."All government hospitals are well-stocked with medicines to treat smog-induced ailments,3 Nazir affirmed. He further urged the public to buy medicines only as needed,

To support anti-smog efforts, the minister stated



LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, addressing a press conference regarding the problems of farmers at the Governor House Lahore along with General Secretary of Pakistan Peoples' Party Central Punjab, Syed Hassan Murtaza.

Breast cancer awareness seminar held at KMU

Independent Report PESHAWAR:

remarkable gathering to promote awareness and solidarity, KMU Institute of Public Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences successfully hosted the Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar. The event focused on the theme: "We are stronger when we stand together whether as survivors, supporters, or advocates for change."

Guest Speakers Dr. Zainab Jan and Dr. Asad Zamir from IRNUM Peshawar, provided an impactful session on the urgency of breast cancer awareness. They presented global statistics on breast

cancer, emphasizing that early detection is life-saving.

Covering symptoms, detection challenges, and barriers faced in low- and middle-income countries like Pakistan, they highlighted the urgent need to address these issues to improve health outcomes

The speakers discussed risk factors such as lifestyle habits, obesity, and family history, and encouraged attendees to adopt protective practices including regular exercise, maintaining healthy weight, and breastfeeding. They also discussed the significance of annual screenings—such as mammograms and clinical breast exams

suspension orders of LAHORE: Punjab Minister for health presides over the high level meeting primary school teachers building on Khyber Road.

International News

Israel strikes on Lebanon kill 40 people around Baalbek, health ministry says

BEIRUT: Areas of Beirut's southern suburbs were seen piled with rubble around severely damaged buildings on Thursday, following Israeli strikes overnight.

The Israeli military ordered residents in the southern suburbs to evacuate several locations on Wednesday. Two waves of bombing followed, one late Wednesday and another early Thursday.

Lebanon's Al Jadeed TV reported there were at least four strikes on Thursday. There was no immediate report of casualties or details on what was hit. Israel has repeatedly

battered strongholds of Lebanese armed group Hezbollah in the southern suburbs of the capital Beirut, with both sides having exchanged fire for over a year in parallel with the Gaza war. But fighting has escalated since late Septemattacks.

"When the enemy de-

and making ground incursions into border villages.

the Bekaa Valley killed 40 people and wounded 53, the country's health ministry said. The Israeli military did not comment Israel and Iran-backed

Hezbollah have exchanged fire for over a year in parallel with the Gaza war but fighting has escalated since late September, with Israeli troops intensifying bombing of Lebanon's south and east and making ground incursions into border villages. Hezbollah secretary

general Naim Qassem on Wednesday said he did not believe that political action would bring an end to hostilities. He said there could be a road to indirect negotiations if Israel stopped its

tensifying bombing of cides to stop the aggression, Lebanon's south and east there is a path for negotiations that we have clearly defined - indirect negotia-Israeli strikes on tions through the Lebanese Wednesday around the state and speaker (of pareastern city of Baalbek in liament Nabih) Berri," Qassem said.

US diplomatic efforts to halt fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, which included a 60-day ceasefire proposal, faltered last week ahead of the US election on Tuesday in which former President Donald Trump recaptured the White House. More than 3,000 people have been killed in Israeli strikes on Lebanon over the last year, the vast majority in the past six weeks.

Lebanese rescuers scoured a destroyed apartment building in the town of Barja, south of Beirut, for bodies or survivors after an Israeli strike on Tuesday evening killed 20 people there, Lebanon's health ministry said.

Philippines confident in US

A man carries the dead body of a Palestinian at the site of an Israeli strike on a

house, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip.

UN says Gaza polio vaccination campaign complete **Monitoring Desk**

ERUSALEM: The UN said Wednesday its Gaza child polio vaccination drive was complete, with more than half a million children vaccinated despite the Israel-Hamas war raging in the Palestinian territory.

The World Health Organization and the United Nations children's agency UNICEF launched a second round of vaccinations in northern Gaza on Saturday after Israeli bombing halted an earlier attempt to do so.

The second round of the polio vaccination campaign in the Gaza Strip was

completed yesterday (Tuesday), with an overall 556,774 children under the age of 10 being vaccinated with a second dose," said a joint statement. It "is a remarkable achievement given the extremely difficult circumstances the campaign was executed under". Israel's military has pounded northern Gaza for weeks in a major offensive it says is aimed at stopping Hamas militants from regrouping. An estimated 7,000 to 10,000 chil-

sible areas" in the north and "remain unvaccinated and vulnerable to the poliovirus"

dren are stuck in "inacces-

Thai PM meets Myanmar junta chief on sidelines of summit in China

Monitoring Desk CHINA: Thai Prime Min-Paetongtarn

Shinawatra Myanmar's junta chief on the sidelines of a regional summit in China on Thursday, in a rare overseas trip by a general grappling with a civil war at home Myanmar's ruling military has been battling against a rebellion that erupted after it seized power in a 2021 coup and has largely ig-nored calls by its Southeast Asian neighbours to cease hostilities and enter into dialogue with its opponents.

"We had a private conversation and there was nothing unexpected," Paetongtarn said of her meeting with Min Aung Hlaing during an interview with Thai reporters. "I offered our good-

will to cultivate peace."

China pledges support for

Myanmar's political transition **Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: China's Premier

Qiang expressed Beijing's support for Myanmar's political reconciliation and transition efforts in a meeting with Myanmar's junta leader on Wednesday, state media reported.

Li met with Min Aung Hlaing in Kunming, capital of southwestern China's Yunnan province, which shares a border with Myanmar, according to the official Xinhua news

Palestinian, Somali Muslim women re-elected to US Congress **Monitoring Desk** DUBAI; Muslim members

of the US House of Representatives belonging to Palestine and Somalia were reelected on Wednesday. Rashida Tlaib,

Democrat and the first Palestinian-American woman in the lower house, returned from Michigan's 13th District for a fourth time.

Tlaib, who has strong support from the Arab-American community in Dearborn, got 70 percent of the vote. Her Republican challenger, James Hooper, received 26 percent votes.

Hezbollah says tens of thousands of fighters ready to battle Israel **Monitoring Desk**

that tens of thousands of its fighters were ready to fight Israel, adding that the US election result would have no bearing on the war in Lebanon.

Iran-backed group's leader also warned that nowhere in Israel would be "off-limits" to attacks, as the Israeli military said about 120 projectiles had been fired across the border on Wednesday.

The Israeli military struck Hezbollah's main bastion of south Beirut after issuing an evacuation warning. Israel and Hezbollah have been at war since late September, when the Israeli military widened the focus of its war in Gaza to securing its northern bor-

low-intensity cross-border attacks on Israel last year, in support of its Palestinian ally Hamas following its October 7, 2023 attack.

Efforts to end the war in Gaza that was sparked by the Hamas attack have yet to bear fruit, and the war in Lebanon has killed nearly 2,000 people, according to an AFP tally of Lebanese health ministry figures.

"We have tens of thousands of trained resistance combatants" ready to fight, Hezbollah leader Naim Oassem said in a televised speech marking 40 days since his predecessor Hassan Nasrallah was killed in a strike.

The address was aired after Donald Trump's victory in the US election was der with Lebanon announced, but had been Hezbollah began launching recorded earlier.

Mozambique police fire tear gas at biggest protest yet against ruling party

Monitoring Desk MAPUTO: Mozambican

police fired tear gas at thousands of protesters in the capital Maputo on Thursday during the biggest demonstration yet against the long-ruling Frelimo party, which was declared the winner of a disputed election last month. Anger has mounted

since election authorities said Frelimo had won the Oct 9 vote, extending its 49-year rule. Human rights groups say at least 18 people have been killed in the police crackdown on protests since then.

The election was hotly contested, with many young people supporting independent candidate Venancio Mondlane, who says the vote was rigged and encouraged dem-

Protesters chanted Power to the people" and "Frelimo must fall" and some blockaded streets with burning tyres and held

homemade signs supporting Mondlane.

"This is it. If we don't stand up now, nothing will change," said Julia Macamo, 55, a street ven-dor and mother of six who was still shaken by the tear gas she inhaled while protesting in the Maxaquene neighbourhood. "It's time to see the back of Frelimo.

Adriano Nuvunga, director of Mozambique's Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, said the country had never seen such large demonstrations. Civil society groups

and Western observers also said the election was unfair and that results were altered. A Frelimo spokesperson did not respond to requests for comment.

The party has been accused of vote-rigging in previous polls and has denied it. This sparked smaller

protests last year. President Nyusi has not spoken since the protests escalated.

alliance under Trump amid China tensions, envoy says Reuters in an interview. **Monitoring Desk**

MANILA: The Philippines expects US policy in the Indo-Pacific and support for its treaty ally amid South China Sea tensions to remain steady under Donald Trump, driven by bipartisan resolve in Washington, its ambassador to the US said on Thursday. Both Democrats and

Republicans prioritise countering China's influence, including in the South China Sea, Jose Manuel Romualdez said, suggesting that military cooperation, economic ties and security commitments with the Philippines will continue.

trillions of dollars passing

through the South China

amity, in the region, and in "It is in their interest that the Indo-Pacific region remains free, peaceful and stable, especially given the economic part of it, with

Romualdez told

US-Philippine security engagements have deepened under President Joe Biden and Philippine counterpart Ferdinand Marcos Jr, with both leaders keen to counter what they see as China's aggressive actions in the South China Sea and near Taiwan. Marcos said in a congratulatory message after Trump's victory: "I am that unshakeable alliance, tested in war and peace, will be a force of good that will blaze a path of prosperity and

both sides of the Pacific." Under Marcos, the Philippines has increased the number of its bases accessible to US forces to nine from five, some facing the South China Sea, where China has built artificial islands equipped with runways and missile systems.

Joe Biden gets blamed by Harris allies for the vice president's resounding loss Monitoring Desk VASHINGTON: Joe

Biden's name wasn't on the ballot, but history will likely remember Kamala Harris' resounding defeat as his loss too. As Democrats pick up the pieces following Presi-

dent-elect Donald Trump's

decisive victory, some of the

vice president's backers are

expressing frustration that Biden's decision to seek reelection until this summer - despite longstanding voter concerns about his age and unease about post-pandemic inflation as well as the U.S.-Mexico border — all but sealed his party's loss of the White House. "The biggest onus of this loss is on President Biden," said Andrew Yang, who ran against Biden in 2020.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses a ceremony of laying a foundation stone of Ramday University, Thagos, Ghanche.

Graduation ceremony of 150th GD (P), 96th Engineer, 106th Air Defence held

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Chief of the Air Staff, Paki-Graduation Ceremony of 150th GD(P), 96th Engineering, 106th Air Defence, 26th A&SD, 9th Logistics and 132nd Combat Sup-

stan Air Force was also in

A total of 139 aviation cadets, 08 gentleman cadets and 02 naval cadets graduport Courses was held at ated during the ceremony.

Trophy for the best perfor-Haseeb Abdul Malik Pakistan Naval Cadet



PAF Academy Asghar Khan, Risalpur.

General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, was the chief guest at the occasion, said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release here Thursday.

Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu,

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Trophy for the overall best performance in General Service Training was awarded to Aviation Cadet Sports Sergeant Imran Raza, whereas, Trophy for the overall best performance in Combat Support Course was won by Aviation Cadet Usman Rasheed.

Sergeant Hafiz Ali Asad, was awarded the coveted Sword of Honour for the overall best performance at the College of Aeronautical Engineering. Sword of Honour for overall best performance in College of Flying Training was received by Aviation Cadet, Academy Under Officer Abdullah Saad Ali.

Post of Tehsildar

Mand filled

immediately on

orders of CM

Independent Report

QUETTA: The post of

Tehsildar was filled in Mand Tehsil of Kech im-

mediately after the Chief

Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti

took notice of the same and

ordered to fill the vacant

post, which otherwise was

issued orders to fill the va-

cant post of Tehsildar on

the public complaints dur-

ing Grand Jirgah held in

of absence of Tehsildar in

Mand during Jirgah. On

this, the posting of

Tehsildar was made within

half an hour, as mentioned

osting of Tehsildar to par-

ticipants of Jirgah, the Chief

Minister expressed the re-

solve to resolve the issues

being faced by people with-

On this, participants of Jirgah thanked Chief

Minister by clapping for

190m pounds case

IHC directs

AC to decide

acquittal pleas

of Imran,

Bushra Bibi

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed Ac-

countability Court (AC) to

give decision again on the

acquittal pleas of PTI founder and Bushra Bibi in

190 million pounds case.

reasons for AC decision are

not before us. Finding of

Imran Khan and Bushra

Bibi came up for hearing

before a division bench of

IHC comprising Chief Jus-

tice (CJ) Umar Farooq and

justice Miangul Hassan

Abbas counsels for Imran

Khan and Bushra Bibi ap-

NAB Amjid Pervez and

Rafay Maqsood appeared

founder said NAB filed ref-

Usman Gul and Zahir

Special prosecutor

Counsel for PTI

Aurangzeb Thursday.

peared in the court.

in the court.

AC has not come.

Court remarked the

The acquittal pleas of

out any delay.

Showing the orders of

in an official hand out.

Turbat on Thursday.

The Chief Minister

Some raised the issue

lying vacant for years.

Khetran emphasizes need for realistic dev. strategy in light of current financial situation

Independent Report QUETTA: The Member Provincial Assembly, Mir Zabid Reki called on the Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering, Sardar Abdul Rahman Khetran here on Thursday. During the meeting,

they discussed various matters of mutual interests. The Provincial Minister emphasized the need for

a realistic development strategy in light of the province's current financial situation. He directed the relevant authorities to focus

on completing the ongoing priority projects, which are crucial for the public's welfare and development.

cussed the provincial government's development strategy, ongoing development schemes in various sectors, and future development goals. Sardar Khetran stressed that completing the ongoing development projects is a priority of the government. He instructed the relevant authorities to take steps to complete all development projects where 80% physical progress has been made.

Additionally, he di rected them to focus on completing projects in sectors like tourism, energy, livestock, and other productive sectors, which can help create jobs and support the government in resolving financial issues.



QUETTA: MPA Mir Zabid Ali Reki meeting with **Provincial Minister for Education Raheela Hameed**

Japan, KP Police, UNDP jointly inaugurate newly model police stations

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police, the Government of Japan and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan jointly inaugurated newly constructed model police stations in the merged districts of Bajaur, Kurram, Mohmand, NorthWaziristan, and

This marked the successful completion of a project funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by UNDP in partnership with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police, for improved policing services in the merged districts, said a press release issued on Thursday.

Established by UNDP Pakistan's flagship Rule of Law Programme, these Model Police Stations provide a range of new facilities to better serve the people of merged districts, including well-equipped and furnished working spaces and reception areas to accommodate women and men police officers and visitors, a gender-responsive desk to address cases of gender-based violence, a hall to convene joint com-

munity and police meetings, residential facilities for 50 police officers with separate living quarters for 10 women police officers, security posts, and separate holding rooms for men and women

Additional Inspector General of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police, Awal Khan thanked UNDP Pakistan and the Government of Japan for their support in improving police infra-structure facilities to serve the people of the merged districts. "The Government of Japan and UNDP provided invaluable support in advancing the Rule of Law Roadmap, which strengthens justice and democracy in our region. The initiatives, including Gender Desks and Model Police Stations, play a crucial role

in enhancing public safety marginalized communities" he said. The project also developed a pool of 22 master trainers on basic and specialised police functions, including gender-responsive and community-based policing, and supportedKP Police to train 305 police

erence against 8 persons in December 2023. empowering Counsel Zahir Abbas read out charge of case regarding Imran Khan before he court. The court inquired as per operation of law this trust is not existing now. Prosecutor Amjid Pervez said Accountability Court (AC) did not give decision on merit.



KARACHI: Participants of Balochistan Civil Services Academy in a group

Lays foundation stone of Ramday University PM terms development of Gilgit-Baltistan as top priority

Sharif on Thursday laid the foundation stone of Ramday University to be constructed in Thagos, district Ghanche of Gilgit Baltistan. The ground breaking ceremony was held in Islamabad.

Ramday University is being built under a Trust, with construction set to be completed through the donations of the overseas Pa-

Addressing the ceremony, the prime minster extended his heartfelt felicitations to Justice (retd) Khalil ur Rehman Ramday and his all friends on the establishment of Ramday University.

'The efforts of all individuals and the institutions who contributed to the establishment of Ramday University are appreciable," he added. The prime minister

said today the foundation had been laid down collectively for a bright future for the children here. He said, "The estab-

lishment of an institution of

Prof. Ahsan Iqbal.

Independent Report

Sarfraz Bugti has an-

nounced to provide buses

for the Girls College and

scientific equipment for the

science laboratories in

ment was made by Chief

Independent Report

QUETTA: The political

and social leader, Ghulam

Hussain has appealed to the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz

Bugti and Chief Secretary,

Shakeel Qadir Khan to take

stern action against the clerk

of Planning and Develop-

ment Department, who is

allegedly involved in issu-

ance of fake orders of jobs

to people taking bribe of

hundreds of thousands ru-

here on Thursday, Ghulam

Hussain pointed out a large

number of educated young-

sters are unemployed. He

alleged that a clerk of P&D

Department demanded the

bribe of Rs. 2 to 3 millions

from jobless youngsters for

giving jobs to them.

In a statement issued

The very announce-

tribal Jirgah held in Turbat Turbat.

ISLAMABAD (APP): higher learning in a remote area like Ghanche in Gilgit-Baltistan is highly encour-

> He expressed his confident that this university, located at an altitude of 11,000 feet in Thagos, will reach the peak of modern knowledge and research standards

'The role of the private sector in the promotion of education in Pakistan is extremely important", he said adding that graduates from private educational institutions had made Pakistan proud in every field.

PM Shehbaz Sharif emphasized that the development of Gilgit-Baltistan and the welfare of its people were among the government's top priorities adding that yesterday, during his visit to Gilgit-Baltistan, 62 affected families from the floods were handed over homes.

Furthermore, he said that a 100-megawatt solar energy project had been launched in Gilgit-Baltistan, which would help meet the region's electricity needs.

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Jiang Zaidong, called

on the Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

sured the students that the

interior country full funded

Ph. D programme would be

reviewed along with the

universities abroad in the

Balochistan assured imme-

The Chief Minister

On that, youngsters

arranged the amount after

selling the ornaments of

their mothers and sisters

and their other valuables.

The amount was paid to the

clerk belonging to Bhag

Nari area, who gave away

fake orders of appoint-

ments to the concerned for

jobs in Directoate of Man-

power Training, Irrigation

Department and other de-

out that the appointment

orders were fake when they

went for joining in the con-

cerned offices, Ghulam

Chief Minister and Chief

Secretary to take notice

of the fraudulent act of

the P&D Department

ZIARAT: A delegation of elites of Ziarat meeting with Provincial Minister Noor

on the Digital Economy

Enhancement Project

(DEEP), a significant initia-

tive funded by the World

strengthening Pakistan's

economy through digitiza-

tion and includes efforts to

establish comprehensive

digital identity systems and

promote their adoption na-

tionwide. The project sup-ports Pakistan's broader

Digital Public Infrastruc-

ture (DPI) strategy, which

aims to enhance sustainable

development and provide

The DEEP focuses on

Muhammad Dummar regarding development works and solution of issues.

Hussain mentioned.

clerk.

World Bank Mission visits

NADRA Hqs to discuss

digital Pak Dev. Initiatives

ISLAMABAD (APP): A provided a detailed update

However, they found

He appealed to the

Ph.D programme.

CM announces to provide

buses, scientific equipment

for Girls College Turbat

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister as-

Minister on demand of the diate release of the grant

girl students during Grand announced for Press Club

Political & social activist

demands action against

clerk of P&D Department

Gilgit Baltistan, the prime minister said he also announced the Gilgit-Baltistan Education and Endowment Fund, which would benefit deserving and talented students from the region, enabling them to play a role in the develop ment of Pakistan as con structive members of soci-

On the occasion Justice (retd) Khalil-ur-Rehman Ramday said that Ramday University was being established in the Thagos area of Ghanche district, Gilgit-Baltistan, on a 200-kanal area of land.

'Ramday University will be one of the highest universities to be built at one of the world's highest altitudes," he said adding that the university would offer education in subjects such as environmental studies, climate change, hydrology, minerals, and others.

Meanwhile the students of Asfandyar Wali School in Ghanche performed the national anthem who participated in the event via video link.

Four school

teachers killed,

six injured in

accident

DG KHAN (APP): Four

private school teachers, in-

cluding a principal, were

accident near here on

Thursday. According to the

Rescue 1122, a van of the

private school carrying

teachers was going to Sakhi

Sarwar from DG Khan

truck coming from the op-

posite side near Quetta

Road Tommi Morr Toll

plaza. As a result, four

people, including the prin-

cipal of the school and three

teachers, died on the spot

while six others received

PHC grants

protective bail

to Umar for

one month

PESHAWAR (Online)

Peshawar High Court (PHC) while granting protective bail to PTI leader

and opposition leader in

National Assembly (NA)

Umar Ayoub for one month

him in any case.

has ordered not to arrest

Umar Ayub seeking details

of cases registered against

him came up for hearing

before a division bench of

PHC comprising Chief Jus-

tice Ishtiag Ibrahim and Jus-

tice Waqar Ahmad Thurs

day. The court directed the

petitioner to resort to re-

spective court in connection with the details of cases.

Eighth batch

of Palestinian

students departs

for Pakistan

CAIRO (APP): The 8th

batch of eight Palestinian

students from Gaza de-

parted on Thursday for

Pakistan to complete their

medical studies. Pakistan

embassy in Egypt facili-

tated their departure under

directions of Prime Minister

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QUETTA: German Honorary Consul General Murad Baloch presents Cheque to Quetta Press Club Abdul Khaliq Rind and Banaras Khan during ceremony held at Quetta press club.

Planning Minister, Chinese envoy discuss bilateral ties, CPEC progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong Thursday called on Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal and discussed matters related to bilateral interests and progress of CPEC projects.

The meeting was attended by senior officials, including the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Tariq Fatemi; the Secretaries of Communications, Railways, and Interior; as well as senior officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Planning, a news release said. Ahsan Iqbal, in his opening remarks, condemned the recent attack on Chinese nationals in Karachi, emphasizing that Pakistan would take all necessary measures to bring the

perpetrators to justice. He stated "This heinous act, clearly aimed at damaging Pakistan-China relations, will not be tolerated." The government and people of Pakistan, the minister, stood shoulderto-shoulder with Chinese friends during this challenging time and extended sin-

families of the victims. He assured the ambassador that the safety of Chinese nationals in Pakistan remained a top priority, and Pakistan would continue working closely with China to ensure the security of Chinese citizens, projects

and institutions.

Highlighting the ro-bust bilateral ties, Ahsan Iqbal appreciated the recent visit of the Chinese Premier to Pakistan, emphasizing the need for concrete mechanisms to ensure smooth and effective implementation of bilateral projects. "Concerned ministries are developing their roadmap/action plan for effective implementation of consensus reached by the leadership of both countries during the recent visit to make CPEC Phase-II successful and to implement recommendations by the Chinese experts," the min-ister remarked. Both sides deliberated on advancing key projects, including the Karachi-Hyderabad section of Main Line-1 (ML-1) and Karakoram Highway (Thakot-Raikot Section) project, and agreed to accelerate the projects' timely

CJP initiates diagnostic study to deal backlog, transparency

ISLAMABAD (APP): improved accessibility and The Chief Justice of Pakistan has initiated diagnostic study for design and execution of short and medium-term strategic interventions following his commitment to improve deliver and access to justice.

professionals from various ments of the society and work pro bono, has undertaken functional assessment of the available resources, effectiveness of existing court processes and systems and the challenges and opportunities.

This exercise will be followed by finalization of a workable reform plan with time-lines and impact assessment mechanism, said a press release.

The proposed reform interventions focus on re-

transparency through simplification of processes, technological integration and public centric approach, by exploiting the available resources and the existing legal framework. Prioritization of cases in-A dedicated team of volving marginalized segthe key feature of the re-

form interventions Stakeholders' engagement, throughout the design and implementation process is being taken care of. Initially, professionals from diverse backgrounds, court staff and other key players of justice sector, including Bar, are being involved for meaningful input. The draft strategic plan would be put to public debate and feedback before its



QUETTA: Commander Chiltan Rifles, Brig. Muhammad Kokab visiting Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University.

Efforts afoot for development of agric sector: DG Rauf

General Balochistan Agriculture Research Abdul Rauf Kakar on Thursday said that effort afoot for the development of agriculture sector to enhance the agro production and the revenue for the farmers of the prov-

Talking to APP, he said that agriculture is the backbone of the country's economy, development and prosperity, adding that the issues related to agriculture sector would be resolved on priority basis.

Abdul Rauf Kakar said that any kind of negligence and omission will not be tolerated to facilitate the

He said that the livelihood of most people in Balochistan is related to the agriculture sector, so that the development of agriculture is important and the officials of agriculture sector should perform their duties honestly and help the people related to the agriculture

He urged the officers

QUETTA (APP): Director providing technical skills to the farmers to boost the production of the province. DG Research Abdul

Rauf Kakar said that emphasized the officers and staff to always be ready to serve the farmers.

He said that the availability of chemical fertilizers in marketing will be ensured, he said that the agricultural information system will be strengthened to provide timely and effective information to the

Abdul Rauf Kakar said that comprehensive measures will be taken to resolve the problems of the employees of the director-The DG said that the

development of the country is possible only with the development of agricul-

He added that in order to increase the production of crops, modern technology would be introduced among the farmers so that by using this new technology they would prosper but also contribute to the

development of the coun-

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high-level delegation from the World Bank, led by Ms.

Vyjayanti T. Desai, Practice Manager for Digital

Development in the South Asia Region, visited the National Database and Reg-

(NADRA) Headquarters

on Thursday. The visit was

aimed to hold discussion

about Pakistan's progress

on critical digital initiatives,

particularly in the areas of

digital identity and eco-

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