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Saudi Arabia is our closest ally: Venom against Saudi Arabia unforgivable crime; nation to break such hand: PM

Premier warns propaganda against Saudi Arabia harms national interest, urging strong opposition to such actions; Says personal and political agendas behind PTI's statements; Kachhi Canal to open doors of prosperity to Balochistan people

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday, recounting Saudi Arabia's unconditional financial and diplomatic support to Pakistan, warned Pakistan's advocate and that any venom-spitting against such a brotherly country was an unforgivable crime and called for the gram. national unity to counter such anti-state elements.

The prime minister, addressing the inauguration of minister of Pakistan want the Restoration of Kachhi Canal damaged by 2022 will break any hand trying

TAUNSA (APP): Prime floods, said whether it was to undermine the Pakistanthe Kashmir issue, the United Nations or the UN Security Council, Saudi Arabia always acted as benefactor, as the Kingdom also bailed out Pakistan recently to seek IMF pro-"Despite this, such

venom-spitting is an unforgivable crime. I as the prime will break any hand trying

Saudi friendship. This is not Iqbal, Awais Leghari and Dr a joke. The allegation is be-Musaddik Malik, Punjab yond understanding. The Chief Minister Maryam largest national interest is Nawaz, and Balochistan being "slaughtered" to serve the short-term political in-Chief Minister Sarfaraz terest," he remarked after Bugti, that during the last 77 years, Saudi Arabia atinaugurating the project that will irrigate over tached no strings or precon-715,000 acres of land in ditions to its support to Balochistan and revive life Pakistan and the current in the area turned barren leadership had also asked its administration to invest in after the floods. Pakistan as MoUs worth billions of dollars had al-The prime minister told the ceremony also at-

tended by federal ministers Attaullah Tarar, Ahsan Commenting o Commenting on a statement by the spouse of PTI founder regarding Saudi Arabia, he said: "There can be no animosity to Pakistan bigger than this" and explained that such people were naive to the magnitude of the damage through their venomous" words. Prime Minister Shehbaz recalled the

Kingdom's support to Pa

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Visits Peshawar:

COAS resolves to hunt down

enemies of peace to ensure

TAUNSA BARRAGE/KOT ADDU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Safaraz Ahmed Bugti and Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz having a glimpse of flow of water from Indus River to Kachhi Canal.

Next phase of Kachhi canal be completed with "Shahbaz Speed": Attempts being made to weaken Pakistan on linguistic basis, says Chief Minister

Independent Report of the Kachhi canal project QUETTA: The Chief Minin Taunsa, on Friday. ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that here that the Prime Ministhe attempts are being ter Muhammad Shahbaz made to weaken the coun-Sharif was the chief guest try on the linguistic basis. at the ceremony. The Chief Minister

He asserted that the terrorists have no nation or tribe, they are just terror-ists. He said that Balochistan has left behind than other provinces. However, the incumbent government is endeavouring to

> Punjabi brothers, are anti state and enemies.

the inauguration ceremony Baloch has not killed any Punjabi rather the terrorists martyred the innocent Pa-It may be mentioned

kistanis. He also said that there is no nationality or tribe of terrorists. He said that we are moving towards a stronger Pakistan.

said that Punjab is the land The Chief Minister which has given space to all said that although, people living in Pakistan including Balochs. He said Balochistan has left behind than other provinces, but it that the people from all over would move ahead because the country do business, of the efforts of Prime Minfarming and get education in Punjab. He said that he ister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. He pointed out that is thankful to the people Kachhi canal project has and government of Punjab. He said that Pakistan is like a bouquet, the people, who been continued for 2002, however, it couldn't be completed yet.

are hatching conspiracy He said that the provagainst it and are killing ince has no need of the line canal. But the provincial government can't afford its He said that any repair time and again.

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TAUNSA BARRAGE: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti addressing inaugural ceremony of restoration project of Kachhi Canal.

CJP extends jail reforms **Bajwa denies** initiative to KP

ISLAMABAD (APP): welfare as key components Afridi has underscored the criminal justice system. need for a just and equitable criminal justice framework,

The Chief Justice of Paki- of a broader strategy to stan, Mr Justice Yahya modernize Pakistan's The Chief Justice PHC

about Saudi government's Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim role in the ouster of former emphasizing that a humane highlighted the lack of repremier Imran Khan, exhabilitation facilities for the army chief Qamar Javed

Saudi role in Imran's ouster **Monitoring Desk** LAHORE: Refuting Bushra Bibi's statement

Bajwa said Pakistan and

ties during the PTI regime.

channel, the former army

chief termed Bushra Bibi's

statement a pack of lies. He

asked how a friendly coun-

try could interfere in

Pakistan's internal affairs.

Talking to a private tv

commanders were also present at the occasion. ute to the Shuhada and

lasting stability and security RAWALPINDI (APP): Ghazis, the COAS empha-General Syed Asim Munir, sized the unparalleled sacrifices being rendered for the NI(M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) on Friday visited defense of the motherland. Peshawar, as a follow up He remarked that these of the National Apex Comsacrifices served as a cormittee meeting held on Nonerstone of national resilvember 19 and prelude to ience, inspiring and unwa-

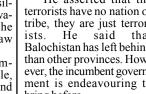
Provincial Apex Committee vering dedication of the meeting to be held soon. armed forces and of law The COAS was proenforcement agencies. The COAS comvided a comprehensive briefing on the prevailing mended the high morale, operational readiness, and

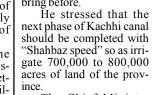
security situation and the progress of ongoing counter-terrorism operations in the region, said an Inter Services Public Relathreats tions (ISPR) news. Chief Minister KPK and field

mantle hostile terrorist networks and eradicate the il-Paying profound triblegal spectrum undermining national security.

bring before.

countering all forms of He reiterated the Army's firm resolve to dis-





The Chief Minister stated so while addressing

CM satisfied

with successful

operations

of forces

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QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan. Mir

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tection of common men and

rule of law would also be

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One policeman

injured in police

van attack

QUETTA(INP): In a tragic

turn of events, one police

officer was injured in an

explosion near a police mo-

tacked with a grenade in

west by-pass brewery chowk in Quetta, according

to Police. Rescue and Po-

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plosion site after getting in-

formation of the incident.

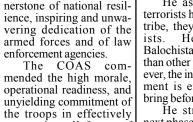
A police van was at-

bile in Ouetta.

In addition to this, pro-

terrorism together.

storing peace Balochistan.



and efficient prison system forms its backbone.

The Chief Justice stated this while chairing a consultative meeting convened today at Peshawar. The CJP appreciated the prison management in KP, noting that 1,289 prisoners charged with minor offenses had been released through camp courts conducted by judicial officers over the past three months and urged other provinces to replicate these efforts to alleviate overcrowding.

The meeting was in continuation to the series of nationwide discussions initiated earlier this month by the Chief Justice of Pakistan in Lahore and Islamabad, aimed at formulating a comprehensive National Jail Reform Policy. The agenda focused on prison reforms and inmate convicts in the province, stressing the need to de-Saudi Arabia held friendly velop a strong rehabilitation system for absorption of the convicts in the society. He proposed sentence remissions to inmates who achieve educational excellence during their confinement, aligning with broader

rehabilitation goals. He pointed out that the The meeting also fo-cused on the LJCP's pro-OIC summit was held in Islamabad on March 21 posed National Jail Reform 2022, questioning whether Policy, which aligns with there had been any tension international standards, inin the ties between both cluding the Nelson Mandela countries, would Saudi Rules, Bangkok Rules, and Arabia have allowed the Beijing Rules. summit to take place in Pa-This policy aims to en-

kistan. sure the humane and reha-Detailing Imran's visit bilitative management of to KSA, Bajwa said Saudi correctional facilities across Crown Prince Muhammad Pakistan. Participants ex-Bin Salman himself came to pressed strong support for receive the former in Jeddah. "Shah Mehmood the proposal, emphasizing the importance of alterna Oureshi and I were present at the dinner during the

visit," said Bajwa. The ex-army chief said he had no inkling as to what is wrong with Bushra Bibi. He expressed concern over her statement, saying Imran can endorse it to make it a narrative. **PM constitutes**

committee to resolve PPP's

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Sharif on Friday consti-

tuted a committee to ensure

cooperation in political and

other matters, and to re-

solve the issues between

Prime

Muhammad

Minister

Shehbaz

Senator

OUETTA: MPA Mir Zabid Ali Reki presenting condolence resolution in Balochistan Assembly.

Grand dharna staged by family, traders, all parties, civil society for recovery of kidnapped child

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QUETTA: The grand dharna was staged by the family members of kidnapped child, Muhammad Musawar Kakar, traders community, all political parties and civil society at the Unity chowk on Friday afternoon. The dharna was staged for recovery of the kidnapped child for the call was given a couple of days back at a joint press conference.

The leaders and representatives of different political, religious and nationalist parties as well as the traders and civil society including lawyers participated in the dharna.

They condemned the government for its failure in wheel iam strike would be recovering the 10-year observed on highways of Musawar kidnapped on the province on November November 15 from the 25

Pakistan Muslim League-Patel Bagh area. Nawaz (PML-N) and Pa-They said that the govkistan Peoples Party ernment has miserably (PPP). The members of the failed to protect life and committee include Deputy property of the general Prime Minister and Foreign public in the province. They said that the incidents Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar. of kidnapping are occurring Defence Minister Khawaja in the broad day light, but Muhammad Asif, Minister the government seems helpfor Law and Justice Azam less over the situation.

Nazeer Tarar, and Minister They demanded of the for Economic Affairs government to act immedi-Ahmad Khan Cheema. ately and ensure safe recov-Other members include

erv of the kidnapped child. Minister of State for Overotherwise, their protest seas Pakistanis and Human would remain continued. Resource Development The leader of dharna Engineer Amir Muqam committee and provincial Prime Minister's Advisor President of Pashtoonkhaw Rana Sanaullah Speaker of National Awami Party the Puniab Assembly Malik Nasrullah Zairay on the Ahmad Khan, Senior Minoccasion announced that

ister of Punjab Marriyum Aurangzeb, Khawaja Saad Rafique, Jaffer Khan Mandokhel, and Bashin Ahmed Memon.

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail presiding over meeting of Board of Governor of Cadet Colleges.

Governor announces increase in quota of admissions in cadet colleges of Balochistan

Independent Report He stressed that we QUETTA: The Governor have to mobilize all the Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar available resources to meet Khan Mandokhail has anthe target for the cadet colnounced to increase the quota of new yearly admissions in all cadet colleges of

the province.

the cadet college is situated.

to 100

The Governor announced that the quota of colleges The Governor was admissions in every cadet college of the province would be increased from 70 Besides, 10 seats would

also be allocated for students of the district where

Imran defends Bushra Bibi's remarks, dismisses claims of Saudi involvement in his ouster

RAWALPINDI (INP): Former prime minister Imran Khan has come to the defence of his wife, Bushra Bibi, after her comments allegedly implicating Saudi Arabia in his government's ouster sparked backlash. Khan claimed that

Bushra's words were 'taken out of context" to create unnecessary controversy around Pakistan's 'brotherly" relationship with Saudi Arabia. protest.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Asim Kurd Gailo meeting with Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.

Seven terrorists killed in **Balochistan, KP operations**

Security forces kill 4 terrorists in 3 separate engagements in Balochistan; 3 khwarij in IBO in Bannu

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Dera Bugti District, own troops troops effectively neutralised one terrorist, it Security Forces on Friday killed four terrorists in three further said. separate engagements in In yet another engage-

Balochistan. "An intelligence based ment in Kech District, own operation was conducted in troops, while conducting an Awaran District on reintelligence based operaported presence of terrortion, killed another terrorists. During the conduct of ist operation, after intense fire were involved in numerous exchange, two terrorists terrorist activities against were successfully neutralized; both high value targets security forces as well as identified as Niaz @ the innocent civilians and Ghuman and Zareef @ Shah were highly wanted by the Jahan," said an Inter Serlaw enforcement agencies,³ vices Public Relations it said. (ISPR) news release.

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"The killed terrorists



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu exchanging views with General Tan Sri Dato Sri Mohd Asghar Khan Bin Goriman Khan, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force during meeting held at Air Headquarters in Islamabad.

Malaysian Air Force Chief calls on CAS Zaheer Ahmed

ISLAMABAD (APP): During his first-ever visit to Pakistan, General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Mohd Asghar Khan bin Goriman Khan, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief

of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force on Friday at Air Headquarters. The meeting focused

on matters of mutual interest, military cooperation, joint training and collaboration in the industrial domain, said a news release issued by Inter Services

As per Rescue sources, the injured police officer Public Relations (ISPR). was shifted to hospital for On his arrival, a smartly medical aid. turned-out contingent of Security forces and Pakistan Air Force pre-

bomb disposal squad are present at the incident spot and collecting evidences from the explosion site. Goriman Khan

Chief of the Air Staff highlighted the robust bilateral defence ties that exist between Pakistan and Malay-He conveyed his warm wishes to Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force

During the meeting,

on his maiden visit to Pakistan and highlighted the importance of collaboration in training, joint exercises and technology sharing.

The Air Chief also reaffirmed his commitment to enhancing military partnership between the two Air Forces through joint training initiatives, particularly within the realm of air power. These initiatives will encompass provisionsented Guard of Honour to ing of both basic and tacti-General Tan Sri Dato' Sri cal level training for per-Mohd Asghar Khan bin sonnel of the Malaysian Air Force

Khan further high lighted Saudi Arabia's support during a 2022 OIC for eign ministers' summit in Islamabad, which he said demonstrated Kingdom's loyalty to Pakistan. He reiterated that his wife is not involved in

politics, and her message to the nation merely echoed his words in anticipation of the November 24

Sarfraz Bugti has expressed satisfaction over the sucleges have been established. cessful operations carried He said that we would out by the security forces keep on the progress so as in different areas of the to continue the sustainable province. development of all cadet In a statement issued here on Friday, the Chie

Minister said that the succhairing the 18th meeting of cessful operations were Board of Directors of Cacarried out against terrorists det Colleges of Balochistan in Dera Bugti, Awaran and here on Friday. The meet-Kech districts. ing was attended by the He said that the suc-

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cessful operations of secu-Continued on page 2 rity forces against terrorists





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Bushra's allegations against Saudi Arabia nothing but failed attempt to save PTI's diminishing politics: Asif

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Friday said Bushra Bibi's allegations leveled against Saudi Arabia were nothing but a failed attempt to save the PTI's diminishing politics, terming them 'regrettable' and dirty acts.'

Addressing a press con-ference here, the minister said Pakistan has a historical, religious and economic relations with Saudi Arabia adding that she always helped Pakistan in difficult times.

Over 2.8 million Pakistanis are working in Saudi Arabia who send billions of dollars remittances to Pakistan every year, he added.

The minister said. "Our cordial and friendly relationship with Saudi Arabia should not affect due to someone's personal political gains Such a confroversial statement is an effort to save PTI's sinking ship," he added.

He said, "There is a conflict between the sisters-in-law; the family [PTI founder's] is embroiled in a dispute over inheritance". Bushra Bibi has claimed the political inheritance of founder of PTI. Our politics has never witnessed such a low, he said, adding Bibi has started

himself.

remarked.

her projection and the people would realize the reality shortly, he added. The minister said that the founder of PTI was accused of taking a gift, selling it, depositing a small amount with Toshakhana

negotiations" and keeping the rest for About the PTI's protest on November 24, the

Regarding law and orminister said that the court der in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), he has a clear order and the government would enforce said that there was a poor security situation in the To another question, he

province. "Even yesterday, said anti-China Pakistan there was bloodshed in Economic Corridor (CPEC) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, vet forces were targeting Chithe chief minister attacks nese people who were the federal government or working for the develop-Punjab every other day," he ment and prosperity of Pakistan

He said that the CM KPK did not make any efforts to curb terrorism in the province. Regarding the current political situation in the Centre, he said that the November 24 protest call would be a "third attack".

Khawaja Asif said that

the PTI founder had been talking about negotiations with the establishment until a few days ago, but TAUNSA BARRAGE/KOT ADDU: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz changed his statement to the Sharif unveils the plaque of restoration of Kachhi Canal. claims of having contact **Commodore Ateeq ur Rehman** with politicians. He denied any such contact and said "We are not engaged in any promoted to rank of Rear Admiral

KARACHI (APP): Commodore Ateeq ur Rehman Abid has been promoted

to the rank of Rear Admiral with immediate effect. Rear Admiral Ateeq ur Rehman Abid got commission in Operations Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1995. The Flag Officer is a graduate of Pakistan Naval Academy, Karachi,

Naval War College, USA, and Royal College of Defence Studies, UK, said a press release issued by Directorate General Public Relations (Pakistan Navy).

The Flag Officer has completed various professional courses from national and international institutes. He has done Infence ternational Security and Islamabad.

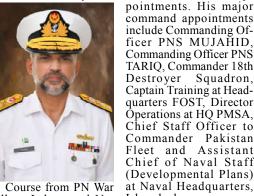
College Lahore and National Security and War Course from National De-

VC, UoT pays tribute to Balochi poet & writer Shahdad Chahsari

guage and literature. QUETTA (APP): The Vice-He further said that his poetry and other scholarly works would keep his soul alive for generations to come. In this hour of profound grief and loss, Dr. Gul Hasan extended his deepest sympathy and solidarity with Shaihaq Shahdad, Special Secretary, Govern-

ment of Balochistan & In his condolence mesformer DC Quetta, and the sage, he stated that Balochi literature has lost a distinbereaved family. He prayed to Allah Almighty to rest guished figure with the dethe departed soul in eternal mise of Shahdad Chahsari. whose literary contribupeace and grant courage to tions have left an enduring the bereaved family to beau mark on the Balochi lanthis loss with fortitude.

Strategic Leadership Studies Course from UK, Nalustrious career covering val Staff Course from vast experience of various USA, Pakistan Navy Staff Command and Staff ap-



Commander Pakistan Fleet and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Developmental Plans) at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad. In recognition of his meritorious service, the Admiral was awarded

> Sweden envoy calls on DPM Dar

ISLAMABAD (APP) Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan, Alexandra Berg

The Admiral has an il-

von Linde Friday called on the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and discussed matters of mutual interests.

In the meeting, the deputy PM welcomed the Ambassador and conveyed best wishes on her assignment.

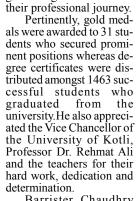
fice in Zhob is delivering its He expressed appreservices in a very efficient ciation for the positive tramanner. Efforts are underjectory in bilateral relations way to ensure timely probetween Sweden and Pavision of passports to citikistan. zens

AJK President acknowledges government's efforts to promote quality education graduating students to start

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, while reiterating incumbent the

government's commitment to promote education, has said that the government was working painstakingly to improve the quality of education in the region. He said this while addressing the fifth convocation of the University of Kotli on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that it was a matter of great honour for him to preside the convo-

cation. He congratulated the graduating students for achieving an important milestone in their academic career.Extending his heartfelt congratulations to the students who won the gold medals on securing prominent positions, he said, it was right time for all the



Barrister Chaudhry welcomed the construction of a mosque on an area of 5 kanals in the University premises by Qibla Hazrat Sahib Gulhar Sharif. "All the expenses incurred on the construction of the mosque will be borne by Astana Alia Gulhar Sharif for which we are deeply grateful to Qibla Hazrat Sahib", he maintained.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi presenting plot allotment letter to the widow of the police martyr.

Regional passport officer says Govt leaves no stone unturned in ensuring timely provision of passports to citizens

By Rafiullah Mandokhel the citizens, especially senior citizens and women, ZHOB: Assistant Director and obtaining a passport Regional Passport Office has been made easiest, pro-(RPO) Zhob Yousuf viding a smooth and hasslefree environment to the ap-Rasheed has said that a passport is an important plicants. travel document, which is

"In order to address concerns and resolve issues provided to Pakistani citizens by the Directorate promptly, the government General of Immigration - the has introduced another cat-Ministry of Interior. The egory, 'Fast Track', in addition to 'Urgent', for the Zhob regional passport ofcitizens traveling aboard in emergencies. The decision has made smooth obtaining a passport," he added.

Meanwhile, social and public circles of Zhob nave lauded the out

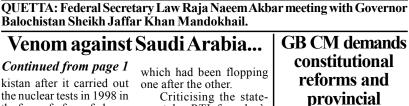
Venom against Saudi Arabia... Continued from page 1 which had been flopping

ing.

the nuclear tests in 1998 in the form of a free-of-charge oil facility as well as financial support. He told the gathering

that the feasibility study of the Kachhi Canal Project was started in 1998 during Nawaz Sharif's tenure and was completed in his second tenure after suffering a lot during Pervez

Musharraf time. He appreciated the said Punjab always wel-WAPDA and Minister for comed not only the people



ment by PTI founder's spouse regarding Saudi Arabia, she said it wasn't KARACHI: mere terrorism disrupting the progress rather the acts of attacking the other province by KP chief minister were also "very dangerous

and beyond understand-Balochistan CM Balochistan Sarfaraz Bugti Commission. During a joint press

constitutional reforms and provincial

autonomy Independent Report Gilgit Baltistan Chief Minister

Haji Gulbar Khan has urged for constitutional reforms and provincial autonomy for Gilgit-Baltistan, stressing that the region's people should not be overlooked in the National Financial

Chancellor of the University of Turbat, Prof. Dr. Gul Hasan expressed deep grief and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Shahdad Chahsari. He was a renowned poet and writer of Balochi language and literature, and a prominent so-

cial & political figure.

University, Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Military).

Planning Ahsan Iqbal and from Balochistan but all their respective team for ethnicities for employaccomplishing the repair ment or education and project and assured the those carrying out the tarfederal government's allout support for the second phase.

Minister Prime Shehbaz also appreciated the Balochistan chief minister for reviving the meritbased order and launching the solarisation of tubewells.

Similarly, he also spoke highly for the Punjab Chief Minister for launching the project of a cancer hospital, free tractor scheme for farmers to bring about the agricultural revolution and other initiatives in the education and health sectors.

Earlier, in her address, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said the canal project would bring about prosperity in Balochistan besides enhancing coordination and closeness among the provinces.

She said the credit for all mega public welfare projects like motorways, youth scholarships, modern transport facilities including Orange Line, Metro or Speedo buses and student bikes went to the PML-N governments.

She said that having removed the risks of defaults, the PML-N government successfully revived the economy as the stock exchange was breaking records, inflation was down to 7% and remittances were on the rise.

Coming to the PTI's call for the march, the a five-year development Punjab chief minister said the people were not paying heed to their calls vember 28

conference with Senior MQM leader Dr. Farooq Sattar, the Chief Minister expressed gratitude to MQM Pakistan for advogeted killings in his provcating for the rights of the ince were the terrorists kill-Gilgit-Baltistan people. ing Pakistanis.

Dr. Farooq Sattar em-He told the prime minphasized the need for a ister that the next 100-kidraft to amend the Gilgitlometer second phase of Baltistan Constitution and the canal needed no grant the region autonolined canal as it would remous province status, simiquire huge funds for conlar to Azad Kashmir's repstruction as well as repair. resentation in the National He said the project could Financial Commission. be completed within three The Gilgit-Baltistan to four months if the

tended support.

ghanistan.

Chief Minister's delegation, federal government exincluding provincial ministers Hussain Shah and Minister for Planning Rahmat Khaliq, met with

Ahsan Iqbal said that the MOM Chairman Dr federal government was Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui prioritising Balochistan's and other leaders at the uplift through an enhanced party's Bahadurabad office. allocation of funds and share in the development

Two new polio portfolio. However, those who were disrupting peace cases reported in the province were not in D.I Khan

friends but foes of Balochistan and agents of PESHAWAR (APP): The Regional Reference Laboraforeign forces, desiring to tory for Polio Eradication fight a proxy war like Afat the National Institute of Health has confirmed detec-

He said the government was pursuing the agenda to employ youth and provide connectivity with Balochistan

He told the gathering that during the previous government, all projects in Gwadar were put to a halt and were revived by the PML-N government including the completion of port dredging to convert it are affected. back to the deep sea port

costing Rs4 billion. Ahsan Iqbal said the government had formulated program to be unveiled by the prime minister on No-

tion of two more wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases, bringing the number of total cases in the country this year to 52. According to a press release issued here by Emergency Operation bolsters

Center (EOC) on Friday, the lab confirmed the cases from DI Khan where a boy and girl child Genetic sequencing of the samples collected from the children is underway.

DI Khan, one of the seven polio endemic districts of southern KP, has



LAHORE: Teams' photo with the Champion Trophy World Cup Blind T20, on the occasion of inauguration ceremony of the World Cup Blind T20 tournament at Al-Ahmar Hall.

US, Canada's stance on India's transnational terrorism validates Pakistan's long-standing position

By M.Ilyas ISLAMABAD: Speaking at a well-attended seminar organized by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), and Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR), Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed said that the recent exposé of India's international criminal activities by the US and Canada Pakistan's longstanding stance about India's state terrorism. He cautioned that New Delhi's increasing involvement in

the stability of the region, munity tions and killings as stateexecuted and state-sponsored policies beyond their borders. He suggested that Pakistan should leverage its membership in the Security Council to garner support for its longstanding position against India's statesponsored terrorism.

Ambassador Jauhar Saleem, President IRS, highlighted that Indian involvement in terrorism has been evident since 1947, arguing that New Delhi has systematically used its intelligence apparatus to infiltrate and coordinate with various non-state actors, primarily zerland have stalled the initerrorist groups, that has led to widespread acts of tertiative by placing a technirorism in Pakistan, resultcal hold

Baba Guru Nanak ing in great loss of lives and damage to economy. Amb KARACHI (APP): The Saleem also pointed out the State Bank of Pakistan irony that, despite being (SBP), on Friday, issued a victims of India's state-Rs 55 commemorative coin, sponsored, Pakistan faces to mark the auspicious ocblame from the international casion of 555th Jayanti community and allegations (birth anniversary celebraof supporting terrorism by tions) of Guru Nanak Dev India. He expressed concern that under the Modi government, India's network of terrorism had expanded to countries such as Canada, the U.S., and the U.K., threatening global peace and security, which

calls for urgent and action from the international com-Ambassador Zamir Akram, Advisor to Strategic Plans Division, highighted the reasons for rather lukewarm international response to Pakistan's concerns about terrorism originating from India. He noted that New Delhi has dominated the

narrative on terrorism since 9/11, making its position more palatable to Western nations. Also, amid the growing US-China rivalry, India has emerged as a crucial US ally, enhancing its global standing. Amb Akram pointed out that this support was evident in the Ñ's terrorism committee proceedings, where despite

gade as a terrorist group, the US, UK, France, and Swit-

China and Pakistan's efforts to list the Majeed Bri-

Ji, a spiritual teacher, mystic and poet who is regarded as the founder of Sikh faith.

SBP issues

Rs55 coin to

commemorate

555th birthday of

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pressed these не е views while talking to this scribe here on Friday.

The Regional Passport Officer Yousuf Rasheed, who worked on the key positions at the passport office in different parts of the country, including the federal capital Islamabad, further said that as per the instructions and policy of the Directorate General of Immigration and Passports (DGI&P), special arrangements have been made for

standing services and best performance of the Assistant Director Regional Passport Office, Yousuf Rasheed, saying that since he took charge of his office, the grievances of the applicants have significantly been addressed. A statement said that the passport officer is honest and capable and performing his duty in an efficient manner with professionalism and courtesy

Governor announces increase...

Awaran, Kharan, besides Continued from page 1 two female cadet colleges of Provincial Minister for Quetta and Turbat.

Education, Ms. Raheela The Governor also Hameed Durrani, Advisor given authority of "hire and fire" of the employees to to Chief Minister for the principals of cadet col-Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Buledi, Principal leges besides approval of Secretary to Governor, the laws, in order to em-Hashim Khan Ghilzai, Secpower them. It may be retary Education, Hafeez mentioned that the cadet Tahir, Secretary Services colleges would run as per and General Administration their rules and regulations after empowerment of their Department, Habibur Rehman, Secretary Law, principals and approval of the board of Governors.

Kaleemullah Kakar, Addi-The Governor also astional Secretary, Naseer Shah, Principals of all casured to provide wholehearted assistance for esdet colleges of the province tablishing classrooms in besides other concerned view of increasing number of students

The meeting was briefed about all 11 cadet He said that these measures would surely bring colleges of the province inimprovement in the overall cluding Mastung, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Jaffarabad, standard and facilities in the Kohlu, Panjgur, Noshki, cadet colleges.

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on CSR 2023 Govt: of Balochistan are invited from interested Contractors / Firms with detail terms & conditions given below. The tender fee Rs.2000/- will be deposit through green challan in National Bank of Pakistan Ziarat Branch under the head of account C-02716 (Building CWPP&H Receipt) at the rate shown against each work as mentioned below:- EARNEST MONEY 4% of Bid cost in shape of call deposit RELEVANT CATEGORY C-4 & Above, DATE OF COMPLETION 30TH JUNE 2026 S.# NAME OF WORK. E/COST

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING FOR UP-GRADATION TO DEGREE LEVEL 114,285,954.00/ AT GOVERNMENT BOYS DEGREE COLLEGE ZIARAT DISTRICT ZIARAT TSE-242511592703

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 110,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-4 and above (Upto 200 million) In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), CE10(iii) (Concrete Repairs), CE10(v) (Landscaping & Horticulture) Rs. 2000 Green Chalan Call deposit Receipt (CDR) #2 Number Of Similar Assignments Of similar worth Rs.11.420 Million and above, Nature And Complexity Completed in last five years Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee/ Deposit at Call of 4% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 6th December , 2024 till 12:00 PM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening. Tenders will be opened on same day at 1:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Executive Engineer Building PP&H District Ziarat.

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winners Noor Zaman and runner-up Nasir Iqbal, special guest Air Marshal Shakeel Ghazanfar and others.

transnational terrorism activities not only undermines but also poses a serious challenge to global peace and security. He noted that only two countries glonow reported five polio bally-India and Israelcases this year employ targeted assassinaDaily A oice of Masse, Quetta

Saturday November 23, 2024

PM directs implementation as IT ministry presents action plan on \$25bln IT exports

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication on Friday presented a detailed action plan to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif aimed at boosting the country's IT exports to \$25 billion in five years.

The prime minister, who had tasked the IT ministry with the said target, chaired a review meeting here and appreciated the action plan, and instructed to ensure its implementation, according to a PM Office press release.

The action plan featured measures to bring reforms in different IT-related sectors and address the is-

cess

In his remarks, the prime minister said that there was no dearth of castandards pable manpower and resources. The effective use of resources and skill training of the manpower could take the IT exports even IT ministry to define the beyond the targeted \$25 targets and their timelines billion to enhance exports. In this

He asked all the relregard, he also directed to evant departments for colconstitute a committee to laborative efforts to address ensure the implementation the challenges in the IT secof the reforms and carry tor reforms and informed out necessary collaborathe participants that he tion with different departwould personally oversee ments. the implementation pro-In the briefing, the

prime minister was told The prime minister that his decision to prioritise instructed the Higher Eduthe IT sector led to a 34% increase in IT exports durcation Commission to de-

vise an action plan for ing the last four months. It youth's education and skill informed that was training of international Pakistan's IT ranking improved from 79 to 40, egovernance ranking by 14 Calling for implementing the proposals to meet points, and 2500 new IT the Gulf countries' demand companies were regisfor IT experts, he asked the tered

> The participants were informed that for the next five years, a \$15 billion target has been set for IT sector exports, \$10 billion for digitization, and \$1 billion for telecom exports.

The meeting was briefed on the Labor Management System aimed at capacity building of the workforce in collaboration with the educational institutions, using the demand data of the industries.



APITAL EWS

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a review meeting regarding reforms in Information Technology sector.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi reviewing parade during the passing out ceremony of ASPs of 50th STP at National Police Academy

NA body on Parl. affairs lauds Ministry's performance conducted at

performance of the Ministrv of Parliamentary Affairs during its meeting chaired by Rana Iradat Sharif Khan

The Committee recommended further improvements in the mechanism to ensure faster resolution of public grievances.

The Prime Minister's Public Affairs and Grievances Wing briefed the 42 lives, the committee of-Committee on its opera- fered prayers for the de-

ISLAMABAD (APP): addressing concerns of non-The National Assembly Standing Committee on and Pakistan's diaspora, Parliamentary Affairs on aiming to provide relief and resolve their issues effi-ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Capital Territory ciently. The Committee (ICT) Police conducted a urged the Ministry to engrand search and combing hance the Wing's visibility operation at the Tarnol po through advertising camlice station jurisdiction on paigns, ensuring that more Friday. people can access and ben

A public relation of-ficer told APP that, under efit from its services. Extending condothe supervision of SP Sadar lences to the victims of the Zone Khan Zaib, a grand recent tragic gun attack on search and combing opera-tion was conducted in difa passenger van in Parachinar, which claimed ferent areas of Tarnol police station by Islamabad Police, CTD, FC, and lady police teams.

tion.

Search and

combing

operation

PS Tarnol

jurisdiction

He said during the search operation 5000 sus-

picious persons, 700

houses, shops, hotels and

104 motorbikes and ve-

hicles were thoroughly

checked while 100 suspects

were shifted to the police

station for further verifica-

10 outlaws

arrested;

weapons, drugs

Senator Siddiqui slams twist in PTI's slogan involving, **Muslim brother country**

ISLAMABAD (APP): foreign country, had now a Senator Irfan Siddiquí, new twist, focusing on a Muslim country with two sacred cities of Muslim PML-N's Parliamentary Party leader, while strongly criticizing the slogan of 'Pakistan cannot survive without Khan" in the Senate on Friday, said that PTI's stance of Cipher has now changed, involving a Muslim brother country.

In a statement on the social media platform X, Siddiqui, who also serves as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs pointed out that the

Ummah. Siddigui, criticized Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for its history of chaos and corruption. He condemned the recent remarks by Bushra Bibi, wife of PTI chairman, describing them as unprecedented in the party's history of turmoil. Criticizing the poli-tics of PTI's founder, Siddiqui stated that his (PTI founder) approach has conblame on the Cipher from a nations.

Petition against ban on VPN: **IHC issues notice to** interior secretary, PTA

to interior secretary and PTA in connection with petition against closure of VPN has sought reply from them. The petition filed against the Interior ministry orders regarding ban on VPN came up for hearing

in IHC Friday. The petition against closure of VPN came up for hearing before Chief Justice

petitioner argued that he is case for indefinite period.

A cordial

ISLAMABAD (Online): a citizen who has been af-Islamabad High Court fected directly due to order (IHC) while issuing notice of closure of VPN. Complete ban has been imposed on social media website X. The petitioner has re-

quested the court to declare null and void interior ministry notification dated No-vember 15. The notification be declared violation of basic human rights.

PRIME MINISTER'S

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme, Rana

Mashhood Ahmed Khan posing group photo with the handball winner UP team

during the closing ceremony of the Prime Minister's University Sports Olym-

piad 46th All Pakistan Intervarsity Athletics Men and Women Championship

The court while issuing notice to interior secretary and PTA has sought (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq. reply from them besides The counsel for the adjourning the hearing of the

Passing-out parade of 50th Common **ÅSPs** held at **National Police Academy**

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Police Academy hosted the prestigious pass-ing-out parade for the 50th Common Assistant Superintendents of Police (ASPs) on Wednesday.

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi graced the event as the chief guest. lauding the newly trained officers and sharing a vision for a more modern and efficient police force.

grams. The event comdeveloped on modern lines menced with Minister Naqvi inspecting the paand modeled after the Parade and addressing the conkistan Military Academy. tingents. A salute was pre-We are immediately allocating 500 million rupees sented by smartly dressed ASPs, showcasing the disfor this transformation," he cipline and rigor instilled stated during their training.

The minister congratulated the graduating officers, emphasizing their vital role in fostering trust and respect within communities.

"I extend heartfelt congratulations to all the passing-out ASPs. Your conduct and behavior will determine the respect you earn from the public," said Naqvi.

He stressed the importance of empathy and service in the police force, urging officers to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged

Minister Naqvi distributed awards among

ASPs who excelled during He also urged the setheir training. These awards, he noted, were a nior police officials to prioritize improving the qualtestament to their dedicaity and standards of the tion, skill, and potential to academy, introducing highbring positive change to the caliber training courses to policing system in Pakiensure future officers are equipped to meet the challenges of contemporary In his speech, Naqvi

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announced major initiatives to enhance the National policing Minister Naqvi paid Police Academy's infra-structure and training protribute to the sacrifices of police personnel in maintaining peace across the "The academy will be country

The sacrifices made by the police for the establishment of peace are un-forgettable. Their dedication is the cornerstone of our nation's security," he remarked



ISLAMABAD: Laborers are busy in laying the foundation of pillars during the construction work of interchange at Sarena chowk as this is the project of CDA following the mission of Make the Capital beautiful.

CDA selects 60

tions. The Wing focuses on parted souls

Court issues written order on declaring Gandapur proclaimed offender

ISLAMABAD (Online): ing Ali Amin Gandapur ab-Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad while declaring Chief Minister (CM)

KPAli Amin Gandapur proclaimed offender in the case registered against him in police station I-9 has issued written order on this count. Judge Tahir Abbas

Sipra of ATC Islamabad issued written order'

The order said case has been separated from other accused after declaraccused.

sconder. The order said the non bail-able arrest warrants of accused Raja Arshid, Wasiq Qayyum, Raja Khurram Nawaz, Faisal Javed and Umar Tanvir were issued

during the hearing while Sardar Masroof, Murtaza recovered Toori and Zahid Bashir ISLAMABAD (APP) who are counsels for all Islamabad Capital Territory absenting accused filed ex-(ICT) Police apprehended emption plea for absenting 10 outlaws involved in dif

ferent criminal activities in cluding drug peddling and possessing illegal weapons recovered drugs and weapons with ammunition from their possession.

 public relation officer told APP that, the Islamabad Police Shalimar, Sumbal, Koral, Bhara Kahu, Nilore, Sumbal and Sihala police teams took legal action against accused inactivities.

> namely Zakariya, Sarfraz Ayaz, Bilal Tariq, Zubair Qayyum, Adnan Aziz and Aqsa Norin and recovered

three 30 bore pistols, two rifles, one dagger, 1,060grams hashish and 300grams ice from their possession.

IHC moved for revocation of bail of

Bushra Bibi ISLAMABAD (Online) FIA has filed petition in Islamabad High Court (IHC) for cancellation of bail of Bushra Bibi.

court to revoke the bail of Bushra Bibi for not ap pearing in the court persistently

ers have been made respondents in the petition.

The petition said the court wrote in the order Bushra Bibi will not misuse bail. Bushra Bibi is not appearing in most of the hearings after seeking bail. Therefore, court should cancel bail of Bushra Bibi.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Wildlife Board

Margalla Viewpoint

The plan envisions a green space that not only

information centre, office

tions-alternating between engagement and estrange ment. He emphasized the need for long-term sustainability and stability,

including through efforts to broaden the relationship's scope that would benefit both nations. He also highlighted the vital importance of economic relations with the U.S. for Pakistan, suggesting that besides the traditional areas of bilateral trade and investment attention should be focused on new areas of cooperation such as energy, IT, and climate change. These were vital for evolving a more rounded relationship be-

yond the historical focus on security and strategic most vulnerable populaevents tions, including the poor

employees for Hajj thru computerised draw

ISLAMABAD (APP): Addressing the audi-Capital Development Auence, Chairman Randhawa thority (CDA) will send extended heartfelt congratusome 60 lucky male and felations to the selected emmale employees to perform ployees, calling them "the the Hajj next year. A cerfortunate ones" chosen by emonial draw, conducted on Allah for this noble act of Friday through a computworship. He urged them to reerised system, ensured transparency in selecting

member their families, the country's prosperity, and non-gazetted employees from Grade 1 to Grade 16. CDA's progress in their Chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa prayers during this spiritual journey.

"Participating in Hajj and Islamabad's Inspector General of Police presided is a great honour and a supreme act of devotion. I Attended by CDA pray that Allah grants you Board Members, Labour the sincerity and strength Union General Secretary to fulfil this religious duty,' Chaudhry Muhammad Randhawa remarked.

He also lauded the hard work and dedication of CDA employees, describing them as a source of pride for the organisation.

intimidation no longer be tolerated': Danyal

and farmers, rather than targeting the government.

The government will not tolerate any disruptions to peace and will not give in to blackmailing tactics," Danyal Chaudhry cautioned.

Danyal also made it clear that there would be no National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) for Imran Khan until he takes responsibility for the May

9 riots. Responding a query he said, "Pakistan will only prosper under democratic rule, not anarchic politics.³

employees this year. **'PTI's politics of**

over the event.

Yaseen, and a large gather-

ing of staff, the ceremony

marked an increase in the

Hajj quota from 50 to 60



PCP stresses fact-checking, responsible reporting to combat fake news

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Press Council of Pakistan (PCP), as part of its commitment to combating fake news, underscored the importance of responsible reporting and the need for meticulous fact-checking before sharing information.

The session, exclusively organized for journalists on Friday and chaired by PCP Chairman Arshad Khan Jadoon here Friday, brought together members of the journalist community from Islamabad and Rawalpindi to discuss strategies for countering fake news and misinformation. During the session, the participants were provided with a detailed briefing on the PCP's structure and its pivotal role in safeguarding against misinformation, slander, and unethical reporting.

The PCP's commitensuring the proper dissemiment to protecting both nation of information

for journalists, ensuring their rights and shielding them from undue external interference. Chairman Arshad Khan Jadoon shared insights into the complaints received over the past nine months of his tenure and their resolution as per legal standards. He elaborated on the operations of the inquiry commission and the mechanisms for addressing complaints, highlighting the council's renewed efficiency following the appointment of its chairman after a five-year hiatus. The post of Chairman PCP had remained vacant for the past five years. The incumbent government made a formal appointment to the position, enabling the Council to function efficiently in

media and public interests

was underscored, along with its function as a shield

Management that the master plan for the FIA has requested the eco-restoration of the Margalla Viewpoint project

has been unanimously approved by the 5th Implementation Committee. Bushra Bibi and oth

This significant development marks a milestone in the efforts to transform the Margalla Hills into a thriving ecosystem and a popular tourist destination.

spokesperson, the master plan, prepared by architect Imrana Tiwana collaborating with Architect DB Stu-

master plan approved dio based in Islamabad, is the result of meticulous planning and collaboration amongst all stakeholders. (IWMB) said on Friday

restores the natural beauty of the Margalla Hills but also provides a unique recreational space for residents and tourists.

Key Features of the Master Plan includes promenades and walking Trails,

reflecting pool and Eco-display area, open air amphitheatre, play area for

According to IWMB children, sitting areas for elders, prayer area, visitor

spaces and parking areas.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Danyal Chaudhry Friday condemned Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for employing intimidation tactics, emphasizing that the government would no longer tolerate such actions. In a recent interview with a private news channel, Danyal Chaudhry lambasted PTI's protests, asserting that they disproportionately harm Pakistan's



ISLAMABAD: A view of the National flags of the Pakistan and Belarus hanging on the poles along the constitution Avenue ahead of 3 days visit of President of the Republic of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko to Pakistan from 25-27 November.



ISSI hosts roundtable on Pak, US ties with CSIS delegation marks, DG ISSI Ambassa-dor Sohail Mahmood em-of Pakistan-U.S. rela-ISLAMABAD (APP): The Centre for Strategic dor Sohail Mahmood em-Perspectives at the Instiphasized the significance of CSIS as a renowned U.S. tute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) hosted a think-tank, particularly in roundtable discussion on "Pakistan-U.S. Relations," with delegation from Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS),

2024-25 at Pakistan Sports Complex.

shaping the discourse and influencing U.S. policy. He

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OPINION

At the same time,

When a comparison

also a fact that other than

a small minority of high-

fee schools, most schools,

and children in most

schools, do not have the

wherewithal to manage

online learning. Internet

access is not universal; a

lot of students do not have

the required devices; and

many students do not

have conditions at home

(for instance, a quiet place

or their own room) that

are conducive to taking

online classes. So, online

learning in these conditions

can be quite iniquitous

and might enhance in-

equality rather than being

a leveller. Jasir Shahbaz

has written about this re-

cently in another newspa-

per in detail so I will not

Daily **Independent** Quetta

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Kurram atrocity

With the situation in KP's without knowing what Kurram tribal district already volatile for the past several the workforce isn't marmonths, the murderous violence witnessed on Thursday not only create further has not come as a surprise.

At least 38 people were but would also burden killed when a convoy of ve- the economy, ie, no value hicles was attacked in an act of unemployed graduates of terrorism in Lower Kurram, in what is one of the biggest not healthy for them and single mass-casualty attacks this year. The convoys consisted mostly of members of the Shia community. In this of India and Iran are conpart of KP, militancy, tribal disputes and sectarianism, which son for this undoubtedly has claimed both Shia and Sunni lives, have created a versity is helping the powder keg.

Sadly, the state has ignored India in FY2024 touched

the situation for years, or made only half-hearted efforts to address it. This year, a land dispute between two tribes metastasised into something Whether schools are open or closed, it is not going uglier, with over 80 people to have much of an impact killed since July, many of them on smog levels across Punjab. The decision while travelling by road. The about closing schools has people of Kurram took to the more to do with some notion that children will be streets two weeks ago, deless exposed to the smog manding peace and safety on if they stay at home than if they have to go to school the roads. As yesterday's atrocand come back in smoggy ity showed, the state was unconditions able to provide these.

some children but other is-Unfortunately, the centre sues and some consequences of the policy of and KP government are both closing schools in smog so embroiled in politicking that conditions should also be kept in mind. A lot of chilthe security situation of dren live in homes that are Kurram and other parts of the not well insulated and/ or that do not have air puriprovince fails to attract their fiers. Their exposure to attention. Statements are issmog is not reduced if they do not come to school. sued, promises are made, but Children do not necessarthe people of KP are left to fend ily stay indoors when they are at home. Approxifor themselves as bloodthirsty mately 26 million children terrorists ravage the province. are out of school in Paki-Security institutions have also stan; around 13m of these are in Punjab. School clotailed to flush out militants sures do nothing for them. threatening peace in KP. Kurram is particularly sensitive, due mainly to its sectarian dynamics and proximity to Afghanistan, in addition to the presence of militant groups and heavy arms. Yet the state been unable has to deweaponise the area, or judiciously resolve the tribal disputes that can spiral into communal bloodletting. It would be a monumental mistake for the state to continue ignoring the violence in Kurram. Instability can easily spread to the adjoining districts if not contained, and and other Pakhtun revested interests can exploit litical workers, security sectarian differences in the personnel and ordinary civilians have become an region to create communal discord across Pakistan. The first grously inspired minitants sometimes acknowledge duty of the state is to track responsibility, but there down and punish the elements of perpetrators in the responsible for the latest at-ʻunknowns tack. It cannot be business as usual after this brutal episode, and all state institutions must come up with solid plans to putes protect Kurram's people, and other vulnerable populations in tant elements to stoke KP. A multiparty conference to civilians was fired upon discuss law and order in KP in over 30 deaths. has been scheduled for next month. Considering the latest outrage, this conclave should be held earlier. Moreover, along vide the general public with any meaningful inwith state functionaries, the ulema and tribal elders must what, by any account, is also work to defuse the situation and ensure a retaliatory spiral of violence does not ensue. The state has dithered over Kurram's security long enough. It is time to provide do with the state's previjustice to the victims of vio- ous backing of the Taliban in Kabul. lence, while terrorists and their facilitators must be tracked down and made to answer before the law.

Education: the economic angle

Ijaz A. Qureshi In the age of information, exports reaching there and 31pc went to Eueconomies are dependent on knowledge workers. rope, where the UK was The more innovative the the major destination. higher education institu-Overall, India's exports tions in a country, the are expected to cross better the economy. \$800bn across the world Graduates produced organisation they would our other neighbour, Iran, has touched be serving simply means

\$98.2bn in exports, deket-ready. This situation would spite being impacted by the serious economic sanctions imposed by the stress for the graduates US and the European due to unemployment Union that prevent the country from reaching its full economic potential. added. When the number While Indian exports include software products rises, the youth will reand services, plus other sort to activities that are items, Iran is gradually moving from oil-only not supportive of the products to consumer economy. goods and UAVs mostly Worth mentioning used in warzones. here are two of our

neighbours. The exports is made with our neighbours' export figtinuously on the rise. ures, Pakistani and glo-The most important reabal intellectuals and policymakers should sit is the education system up and reflect on the situ-- what's taught at uniation. Among the first questions that come to economy

Faisal Bari

It might work for

\$205.2 billion; the US contribution should they institutions. Authors get cash and their name is added to the existing list

It seems that our universities simply follow the 'research publication' area and overlook other extremely important responsibilities, such as best teaching practices, industry collaborations and engagement, and producing confident, knowledgeable students, who have been prepared for a cuttingedge world. International run. rankings show that Pakistan stands at number 30 out of 245 in the category of countries with the most publications in scientific research. Apparently, it has left behind countries like Singapore and other fast-moving economies.

There are several benefits of involving local industry in university research activities. For example, students will not be un-On the face of it, this might appear to be a conemployed after graduation. Secondly, they will vincing effort, but where is the reflection of this rereceive a certain honosearch work in the rarium if projects are economy? completed in collabora-

It seems like there is tion with a local industry. a numbers game when it And third, the university comes to research publiwill correct its direction cations. University faculand build its reputation in ties are financially rea specific domain, like warded for the number of Stanford University has publications they put out; in science and technology, mind is: what are our uni-versities doing and what win-win for authors and

munication. For Pakistan, to catch up with its neighbours, it is imperaof publications, which the university in question reports to global ranking tive that higher education agencies for enhanced institutions set right their marketing results. The faculty is fully aware of the fact that working with

focus. They should target the industry in their community and work closely industry won't produce with them to add value. immediate results and The cottage industry can produce high-value prodneither will the university acknowledge the time and ucts. In some cases, university administrators energy invested, as nothing is visible in the short who have never ventured into practical business MS theses and PhD would not understand the dissertations are comcottage industry and value addition. The idea pleted as research articles is not simply to increase without any consider-

ation for local industry. exports but to also add value to them — in a way that does not require expensive technology to complete this process.

This is achievable provided there is a willingness to go the extra mile. An example of value-addition are dairy products — just one area that many of our small

cities are known for. The university regulators need to create a culture of increased industry engagement to enhance practical research skills UC Davis in agriculture and to boost the local sciences and USC Los economy through aca-

Angeles in film and comdemic input. The colleges (now offering associate degree programmes) should be encouraged to adhere to professional qualifications - ADP in computer science, software engineering, and animation and game design can put our young researchers in the queue of professionals. They can then contribute towards turning around the country's fortunes as freelancers or as employees of organisations working with foreign clients

> Finally, another important aspect missing in the university system is the training of students as members of customer services teams.

Young graduates have no clue that in the US and Europe, it is normal for CEOs to be part of a team serving customers in the retail environment.

The ability to communicate with foreign clients using correct and comprehensible language skills can also contribute to making our graduate market-ready and a real asset for industry. Courtesy Dawn

Smog and schooling

19 pandemic, there are if it is there, cannot be a learning losses, especially reason for keeping schools at the K-12 level, which closed for a significant are associated with going period of time. The cost, online. This is indepenin terms of learning loss, dent of the issue of is far too high. internet access. But it is

The effects of school-going traffic on pollution is a direct result of the development model that had been chosen by previous governments in Punjab and that continues to be the dominant model for the authorities when thinking about develop-

ment even today. For the last 30 years or so, what have govern-ments in Lahore celebrated as their crowning achievement

The road infrastructure in Lahore. Governments have celebrated the speed with which roads in Lahore were built, upgraded or widened. They celebrated the number of underpasses that were built in and around Lahore — there must be 20 or

talk about it in this piece. So the closing of more underpasses in schools might have a mar-Lahore. Each of these unginal impact on the health derpasses has cost us Rs100m or more. Pictures

and encourage more traffic on them and subsidised this exercise at the cost of not investing in health, education or even public transport. When was the last large hospital made in the public sector in Lahore? I do not know of one after Jinnah Hospital, which was built decades

Lahore's population must have more than doubled since. But we have not had another hospital. Around 13m five-to-16-year-olds remain out of school in Punjab, but we did not invest in education. We made underpasses. The smog of today is one consequence of the development model that we have been followıng

For optimal functioning, large cities require public transport. Look at Paris, New York, London, or any other large city. Lahore has a population of more than 13m. If approximately 6m children live in Lahore and the majority of

move from home to school and at midday when they move back. No wonder Lahore's peak traffic hours are when schooltime begins and when it ends, rather than when office-time starts and ends for the day. If we had good quality public transport in the city in the form of buses and trains, the problem would not be as big. If we had good public schools in all parts of the city so that parents would not be compelled to choose schools that are at a distance from home, the problem would be even smaller. But we, as a society, and our successive governments, have not invested in public transport or education. So the prob-

lem is larger. All along, our development model has been one that has chosen to benefit the middle and upper classes at the cost of the larger but poor segments of society. Wider roads benefit those who have cars and other forms of transport.

poor more. If approximately 6m children live in Lahore and the majority of them need to go to school in the morning, with little or no public transport, imagine the amount of fuel that is burnt and the level of pollution that is produced when these children move from home to school and at midday when they move back. No wonder Lahore's peak traffic hours are when school-time begins and when it ends, rather than when officetime starts and ends for the day. The rich have made their own schools and hospitals in the private sector. The consequences,

in terms of pollution, sho-uld not surprise us. What is even sadder is there is not much acknowledgement of this even now. We are not saying we will invest more in public transport and try to restrict private transport. Instead, the government is just trying to incentivise a shift to hybrid and electric ve-

of a proportion of children Closing schools and and some impact on polsaving that they can conlution levels, but it will tinue to educate online have a significant impact does not work for most on schooling and schoolchildren. As we witnessed ing outcomes. The impact So, the government at the time of the Covid- on pollution levels, even chose to widen the roads

of underpasses and overpasses were put on social media to say 'this is not Paris, it is Lahore'

Killing fields

While the PTI-run gov-

ernment in KP continues to depict itself as the last gions. remaining bastion of de-

mocracy in the country, pitched against the governments at the centre and other federating units, many parts of the province have once again become killing fields. Target killers roam called smuggling. They free in Bannu, Waziristan personnel and ordinary almost daily affair. Religiously inspired militants is an eye-catching number

now familiar category of Bloodletting Kurram district reached unprecedented proportions a couple of weeks ago as local property diswere instrumentalised by milisectarian tensions at will. And yesterday, a bus of near Parachinar resulting sectors.

In such cases, neither used to hearing that the the chief minister of KP nor the prime and interior minister at the centre proanyone with even cursory vide the general public knowledge of the current violence in KP underformation let alone chart stands that this is just a out a strategy to deal with handy catchphrase for a power game that is largely a situation spiralling completely out of control. economic resources. All we get are tired

condemnations of 'terrortrade across the Pak-Afism', with none of our cighan and Pak-Iran borders vilian political leaders implicates states, miliever saying openly that tants, and a host of other economic players. Simthe resurgence of miliply decrying 'smuggling' tancy might have had to Neither is anyone willing to antagonise any of Pakistan's big external patrons, namely the US, Gulf kingdoms and China, all of whom are part of

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar the geopolitical games the deliberate reduction that underlie both current of this complex political and previous waves of economy to 'national seviolence in Pakhtun recurity'. The PML-N and

There are also im- PPP have shown that portant organic factors in they will do everything the re-emergence of the to appease those higher Pakistani Taliban and above them in the politiother militant groups. cal food chain, both at They are entrenched ecohome and abroad, so they nomic players in border are not about to bell the trade, or what is routinely cat. But if the anti-establishment posture of the extort money from trans-PTI — and the otherporters and shop owners in many of the Pakhtun tribal districts. I noted above that they take advantage of property disputes, particularly over agricultural land. Finally, these players have also developed big stakes in the extraction of a host of natural resources, including pine nuts, timber, mineral deposits, etc. attacks.

Geopolitical The wranglings amongst all the big players in this sordid story also revolve around the desire to either exclusively control economic flows, or to at the very least ensure that competitors do not establish monopolies in trade, mining, construction and other In Pakistan we are

only thing that matters is national security, but badly. An anti-establishment politics is not about displacing those curabout social control and rently at the helm so that

the next player can lurch The contraband towards yet another crisis of what is fundamentally an anti-people and anti-nature system. Such a politics must be based on a programme for lasting peace, centred

and putting up a fence here and there protects the big profiteers while destroying the livelihoods of the large number of small operators reliant on this trade. Politi-

cal violence is then both cause and consequence of Dawn them need to go to school in the morning, with little or no public transport, imagine the amount of fuel that is burnt and the level

It makes the life of pedestrians harder. Lack of investment in public transport hurt the poor more. Lack of investment in the of pollution that is pro-duced when these children and education hurt the disproportionately pay

hicles. Again, the devel opment model, by design, rem-ains the same: a policy for the benefit of the rich while the poor

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created a new world. On Iqbal's philosophy could be an elixir for creating and the other hand, the world sustaining global peace. The is so miserable that "It is ongoing genocide of Palesas if the day of doom had tinians by Israel and its alcome upon the earth, in lies is a heinous crime which each looks after the safety of his own skin.' against humanity that has been stoking the boiling After over eight decades, there has been no moral cauldron of conflicts in the progress. Middle East, which would embroil the entire world fore the start of WWII, and cause World War III. If Iqbal asked a crucial ques-WWIII occurs, it would be tion: is this goi-ng to be the

a nuclear war. In Why Social Justice Matters (2005), poli--tical philosopher Brian Barry predic-ted that life on earth would be almost wip-ed out by 2100 either by nuclear holocaust or ecological decay. Is this just a prediction or a stark reality humanity faces? Cert-ainly, under the dark clouds of violence, war, or terrorism across the world, a clear threat of nuclear holocaust hangs over us.

Some argue that Iqbal is a radical philosopher who supports warfare. This argument is wrong because Iqbal's philosophy liberates humanity from exploitation, humiliation, colonialism, and imperialism through positive human action. Iqbal's ideal individual is creative, dynamic, empirically informed, and a creator of a just and peaceful world.

In a new year message, 'Brotherhood of necessary for creating Man', broadcast from All India Radio, Lahore, on Jan 1, 1938, Iqbal not only described the sociopolitical conditions of the world at the time but also presented a manifesto for global peace. With this manifesto, Iqbal can be placed among the first-rank peace theorists of the 20th century, including Albert Schweitzer, Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Mahatma Gandhi, tral ideals of Islam -

Mandela. In 'Brotherhood of Man', Iqbal's argum-e---nt states that on the one hand, human be--ings have made

remarkable progress in sci- is the brotherhood of man, which is above race, naence and technology, which tionality, colour or language.

Indeed, the idea of the brotherhood of human beings provides a foundation for human unity, which eventually causes peaceful coexistence in the world. Iqbal envisages that false ideologies are en-Historically, just beemies of global peace. He argues that until and un-

less the shackles of so-cal-led democracy, accu-r-sed naend of all progress and evotionalism, and degraded lution of human civilisation? Indubitably, im--perialism are des-troyed, there is no WWII de--v--astated hupossibility of the good life killing in which the ideals of liberty, equality, and fraterventional and nuclear arsenity are realised

Iqbal correctly argues Iqbal fosters the crethat an ideology cannot ation and sustainability of promote peace if it causes positive peace. Negative humiliation, exploitation, peace refers to the absence or exclusion. Only that of war, while positive ideology can succeed that peace refers to the presexpresses reverence for ence of life-promoting valhumanity, transcending ues and activities. Only religion, culture, colour, or positive peace is sustainlanguage because the able. Iqbal writes: "Rewhole world is the 'fammember, man can be mainily' of God: all human betained on this earth only ings are God's creatures. by honouring mankind, and

To create eternal this world will remain a peace on earth, global leadbattleground of ferocious ers must stop the crimes beasts of prey unless and against humanity, particuuntil the educational forces larly in Palestine and held of the whole world are di-Kashmir, before WWIII rected to inculcating in man breaks out and makes Brian Barry's prediction According to Iqbal, about the extinction of life 'honouring mankind' is come true.

Political leaders must have the moral and that global peace is imposintellectual vision to prosible un--less educational mote the values of unity institutions impart the ethrather than division, coics of 'honouring/ respect operation rather than for humankind', which I conflict, dialogue rather prefer to term 'reverence than war, and above all, for hum-anity'. Thus, all humanistic education states must educate their rather than the indoctripeople about the ethics of nation of racism, colour, reverence for humanity caste, or creed. for peaceful global coex-

At the end of 'Brotherhood of Man', Iqbal of-fers a prayer: "God Al-Highlighting the cenmighty may grant humanequality, freedom, and ity to those who are in solidarity — Iqbal accenplaces of power and govtuates the significance of ernment and teach them to brotherhood. He articucherish [hu]mankind." lates: "Only one unity is Courtesy Dawn dependable, and that unity

on economic redistribution, dismantling the es-Martin Luther King, Eqbal Ahmad, and Nelson tablishment-centric political order, and a nonaligned foreign policy that privileges mutual co-

operation with our neighbours. -- Courtesy

wise firebrand KP chief minister — is more than just a façade, we should expect more critical ref-lection on the epidemic of violence in Pakhtun tribal and other distr-i-cts. Indeed, the chief minister him-self hails from D.I. Khan, which is at the crossroads of so many recent underlying

problem is the militarised and imperialised structure of power in this country. The power of the religious right - and militant groups especially — is a direct offshoot of this structure. The somewhat absurd spectacle of one federating unit's official state apparatus engaging in mass protests against the centre should not distract us from the fact that the prevailing structure of oower is floundering

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PPP alliance with PML-N is of compulsion, not of love: Governor

nor Punjab Sardar Salim Haider Khan has said PPP alliance with PML-N is of compulsion rather than of love.

"If PPP becomes minus then the premiership can sustain no more. Governor is a constitutional post and in principle chief minister has to come to governor but despite it I myself went to meet Chief Minister (CM). We want things are done on merit and PPP be consulted being

ally. 6 months have passed

nor she made any consultainformed his leadership tion, he said this while addressing participants of President of Pakistan, Asif National Security Work-shop under National De-Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari about the fence University Islamabad situation in Punjab. He said that as per tradition Chief Friday

Minister should have vis-Í tried to make contact with CM by telephone sevited the Governor, adding that he broke that barrier and went to the Chief Mineral time but zero response came every time. Deadlock ister himself. He said that took place. I don't deem it he assured Chief Minister proper to go to her now, he that being coalition partners

they should work together He said that PPP didn't forge alliance with PML-N out of love, but out Peoples' Party only wants

added.

LAHORE (Online): Gover-nor Punjab Sardar Salim nor she made any consulta-Governor said that he has Punjab Governor said that he has Punjab Governor said that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari played a key role in getting the 26th Constitutional Amendment passed. Punjab Governor said that the experience of alliance with the PML-N in the past was a bitter experience. He further stated that we ex-pected that the PML-N would have learnt lessons from the past. He said that despite written agreements and consultative meetings, no implementation has taken place so far.



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LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in a group photo with participants of the 26th National Security Workshop organized by the National Defense University Islamabad at **Governor House**

CM Sindh intensifies efforts to

Bushra Bibi's remarks about brotherly Muslim nation disgraceful: Azma

LAHORE (APP): Provin- founder and Bushra Bibi Bushra Bibi made a disgraceful statement about brotherly Islamic country on the directions of the PTI founder.

She said that mentioning of this lie while making planning for May-24 chaos was undoubtedly a conspiracy against the country. The agenda of founder PTI and Bushra Bibi was the putting the country's forsame as that of Israel.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab

Health Minister Khawaja

Salman Rafique reaffirmed

the government's commit-

ment to transparency in the

ongoing hospitals revamp-

ing project, stressing that

there would be no compro-

mise on quality and

marks while presiding over

a meeting at the Specialized

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e as that of Israel. She said that the PTI leged. **Minister promises** transparency in hospitals revamping project

Pakistan. As a prime minister, the PTI founder took Pakistan's relations with Saudi Arabia, China, and the United States to a delicate point.

sion-making body of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), met with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah at the Chief Minister's House to review and discuss the province's progress in eradicating polio. Led by Chair Dr Chris Elias, the POB commended the Sindh government's unwavering commitment to combating polio despite

Polio Oversight Board

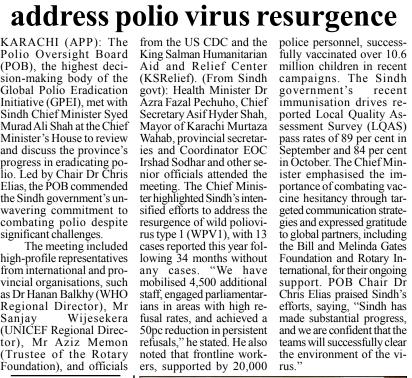
(POB), the highest deci-

significant challenges. The meeting included high-profile representatives from international and provincial organisations, such as Dr Hanan Balkhy (WHO Regional Director), Mr Sanjay Wijesekera (UNICEF Regional Director), Mr Aziz Memon (Trustee of the Rotary Foundation), and officials

Two killed, four others injured as

roof collapsed RENALA KHURD (APP): A mother and daughter on Friday died, and three brothers and father received injuries as the roof of their old house collapsed in Village 19/1 RA. According to rescue sources, the roof suddenly caved in, due to which a woman, namely Abida Bibi, and his daughter Iffat were killed on the spot. While three brothers, including 6-year-old Anas, Ibrahim, 5-year-old Ali.

King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief). (From Sindh govt): Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, Mayor of Karachi Murtaza Wahab, provincial secretaries and Coordinator EOC Irshad Sodhar and other senior officials attended the meeting. The Chief Minister highlighted Sindh's intensified efforts to address the resurgence of wild poliovi-rus type 1 (WPV1), with 13 cases reported this year following 34 months without any cases. "We have mobilised 4,500 additional staff, engaged parliamentarians in areas with high refusal rates, and achieved a 50pc reduction in persistent refusals," he stated. He also noted that frontline work- the environment of the viers, supported by 20,000 rus.



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LAHORE: British High Commissioner Jane Marriott meeting with Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs Řamesh Singh Arora.

Minister Arora tells British HC Punjab govt protecting religious minorities fully

BAHAWALPUR: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visits the residence of Federal Minister for Housing & Works, Riaz Hussain Pirzada to offer condolences on the sad demise of his brother Sajjad Hussain Pirzada.

CM reviews 'Apni Chhat, Apna Ghar' programme

LAHORE (APP): Punjab on the progress of the tions have been fully pro-Chief Minister Maryam scheme, with 927 appli-Nawaz Sharif has expressed her unwavering commitment to fulfilling the promise of providing affordable housing to the underprivileged and urged the relevant authorities to expedite completion of the Apni Chhat Apna Ghar Programme'. directed

Speaking at a special review meeting here on Friday, she said the programme was not just a slogan but a tangible effort to improve the lives of the common man. "Apni Chhat Apna Ghar is a dream for every citizen, and we are determined to make it a reality." she affirmed

The CM was updated

cessed. She highlighted the success of the digital porcants having received their first installment of loans. tal, which has seen over She informed that more 600,000 registered users than 800 houses under the and more than 325,000 apinitiative are nearing completion. "Ensure that plications for house construction. the second installment With ambitious targets payments are made promptly to help these families move forward," she in place, the programme aims to build 47,000 homes by June 2025 and 100,000

by December 2025. As a CM Maryam Nawaz gesture of appreciation, the CM approved the presenwas further briefed that over 50,000 applicants' tation of furniture and household items as gifts for data had been transferred to Akhuwat Foundation for the first five homeowners verification. Of these, 38,000 applicants have been verified, with more than 20.900 submitting the necessary documentation. As of now, 8,424 applica-

who complete their houses. the importance of completing the revamping projects Additionally, she granted in various government in-principle approval to a new initiative for 3-Marla teaching hospitals of plots, starting with 666 plots in Chishtian. Lahore on time. He stated

Two friends

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cial Information Minister had gone to extreme limits Azma Bokhari has said that in their animosity towards

The PTI founder used every tactic to isolate Pakistan internationally. Now, Bushra Bibi, following in her husband's footsteps, is

instructed to expedite work to ensure the convenience of patients visiting govern-ment hospitals. "Revamping projects are being prioritised, and their continuous monitoring is being

conducted to maintain high standards," he said. During the meeting, Khawaja Salman Rafique reviewed the latest progress on the projects underway in nine teaching hospitals, including Services Hospital, Nawaz Sharif Hospital Yaki Gate, Mian Munshi Hospital, Lady Aitchison Hospital, Mayo Hospital, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital Kot Khawaja Saeed Hospital, Jinnah Hospital, and that contractors had been General Hospital.

parents to vaccinate children against diphtheria PESHAWAR (APP): Two

the situation.

to curb the spread

KP Health Advisor urges

Advisor, Health Ihtesham Ali on Friday said that adequate supplies of anti-diphtheria serum were available across the province and urged parents to take their children to the nearest healthcare centres for vaccination.

Responding to media reports on the worsening diphtheria outbreak in the province, he emphasised the critical need for vaccination to control the situation.

In statement, а Ihtesham shared that a comprehensive report on the outbreak had been presented to raise awareness

close friends were killed and PESHAWAR (APP): among the public and me-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's dia about the severity of another injured when their alleged rivals fired at them the disease.

inside a general store in Swabi district on Friday He stressed that the situation could be brought morning Police said two friends under control unless parents ensure their children named Jawad and Fawad were vaccinated against and owner of the shop, Umair were fired at by the diphtheria and 11 other preventable diseases.

assailants inside the shop, which police said was a The health advisor also disclosed that 26 likely result of an old rivalry between the deceased deaths had been reported and attackers. across the province due to diphtheria this year, adding

13 dead in that the disease's rapid transmission from one child **Punjab** road to another could aggravate accidents He urged parents to LAHORE (APP): At least 13 people were killed and immediately vaccinate their

children and maintain social 1,518 others injured in distancing as key measures 1,453 road traffic accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours

As many as 622 people with serious injuries effort to strengthen the Diswere shifted to different hospitals, while 896 with pute Resolution Councils minor injuries were treated (DRC) of Mardan Diviat the incident site by the sion, a consultative workrescue medical teams. shop was held on Friday

The data analysis that was attended by DRC showed that 869 drivers, 62 representatives from underage drivers, 166 pe-Mardan, destrians, and 496 passen-Charsadda and Swabi at gers were among the victims Police Lines Mardan orgaof road crashes. The statisnized by Peace & Justice tics showed that 286 acci-Network (PJN) in collabodents were reported in ration with UNDP Paki-Lahore, which affected 303 stan people, placing the provin-Pakhtunkhwa Police. cial capital at top of the list,

The activity was held through the EU-funded followed by Faisalabad with 121 accidents.

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KARACHI: Shiite Muslims chant slogans during a protest to condemn the sectarian killing by unidentified gunmen open fire on vehicles carrying Shiite Muslims in Parachinar, Kurram, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in Karachi.

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PJN, UNDP hold workshop on **Strengthening Dispute Resolution Councils in Mardan Division**

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MARDAN (APP): In an aimed at making justice more accessible and inclu-Khyber in Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. The DRCs are on Friday, an Alternative Dispute

Resolution (ADR) forum established under the KP Police Act 2017 and provide alternative dispute resolution services at the police station, subdivision, and district level. A statu-Day. tory forum, the DRC pro-

vides services to the masses at the grass root level enabling citizens to benefit from out of court services "Deliver Justice Project" for dispute resolution.

Global moot urges for collective action to mitigate climate change

Red Cross and Red Cres-

A thought-provoking

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MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): A global conference of experts titled 'Empowering Communities: The Case for Locally Led Adaptation in Climate Resilience', hosted in Azerbaijan's Baku city, emphasized the urgent need for collective action against climate change to mitigate

the impacts of disasters. Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, addressed special event hosted in the Pakistan Pavilion during the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, says a message reaching and released to the

cent Societies (IFRC), national societies, and other key humanitarian stakea distinguished forum at a holders. panel discussion featured distinguished speakers, in-

cluding Member Managing Board Jamaican Red Cross Audrey Mullings, Ms. media here on Friday Ninni Ikkala Nyman, and

The event saw the Manzoor Ali from IFRC participation of prominent Head of Delegation German figures, including Romina Red Cross in Pakistan Asif Aman, and PRCS Deputy Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister Director Climate Change on Climate Change and En-Sajjad Ali, who focused on vironmental Coordination, the significance of locally Senator Samina Mumtaz driven adaptation strategies. Zehri, representatives from Chairman of PRCS the German Red Cross, the Sardar Shahid Ahmed International Federation of

Laghari was the keynote speaker of this exclusive session. In his remarks, Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari underscored PRCS's extensive humanitarian work in Pakistan, especially during the 2022 monsoon floods.

He gave the details regarding the organization's ongoing recovery programs and proactive measures.

UAE CG calls on Sindh Governor KARACHI (APP): Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan

Tessori met with the Consul General of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bakheet Ateeq Al-Rumaithi ter holidays.

During the meeting at Governor House, the Consul General extended an invitation to the Governor Sindh to attend a ceremony commemorating the UAE's 53rd National

Governor Kamran Khan Tessori acknowledged the UAE's unwavering support to Pakistan during challenging times and emphasized the opportunities available for UÂE investors in Sindh's promising sectors.

AHORE (APP): Punjab Rights and Minorities Af-Minister for Minorities fairs, aimed at improving Ramesh Singh Arora met the socio-economic status British High Commissioner of religious minorities, with to Pakistan Jane Marriott a special focus on educahere on Friday and informed tion, vocational training, her that the provincial govand digital literacy. The minernment was protecting all ister informed Ms. Marriott rights of the religious mithat the Punjab government norities in the province.

was set to issue Minority The meeting also dis-Cards, a significant step tocussed various initiatives wards empowering and aimed at addressing the resupporting the minority ligious minorities' issues. community in the province. Additionally, he shared the The minister provided an overview of the steps taken news of the Punjab Chief by the Punjab government Minister's announcement of to uplift religious minorities a laptop distribution scheme and promote their economic through the HEC, which is development. He highset to benefit religious milighted the five-year stratenorities by providing them gic plan implemented by with modern educational the Department of Human tools.

LHC orders schools to provide student transport after winter break

LAHORE (APP): The During the proceed-Lahore High Court (LHC) ings, the court emphasized on Friday ordered all that students should use schools to provide picktransportation arranged by and-drop transport services the schools. "Schools that do not adhere to this direcfor students after the wintive will face closure, and Justice Shahid Karim no school should inform issued the orders while hear-

parents that it does not hold ing petitions filed by responsibility for stu-Haroon Farooq and others dents," the court further against ineffective measures stated. to control smog. The pro-The court ordered the ceedings were attended by transport authorities to de-Deputy Attorney General velop a vehicle fitness Asad Ali Bajwa, the Direcpolicy within 15 days, tor General of the Minismandating vehicle inspectry of Climate Change, and tions every three months. a member of the Environment Commission, who

The transport department should issue fitness certificates and maintain a comprehensive database of all public and private buses.

also presented a report on

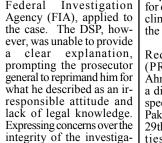
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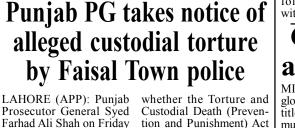
court orders

HYDERABAD: Torchbearers NGO's activists hold a Torch rally in connection with the Tolerance March held on 23rd November.

tion and Punishment) Act 2022, which mandates that cases involving custodial torture fall under the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Investigation

tion, the prosecutor general questioned the impartiality of a sub-inspector.





HYDERABAD: Muttahida Qaumi Movement

(MQM-P) Leader, Sabir Hussain Qaimkhani

addresses to media persons during press

conference, at Hyderabad press club.

took notice of a serious in-

cident involving alleged il-

legal detention and custo-

dial torture of a lawyer and

his brother by Faisal Town

eral summoned the investi-

gating officer and Deputy

Superintendent of Police

(DSP) for a detailed review

of the case records and in-

vestigation progress, under Section 10©(3) of the Punjab Criminal Prosecu-

the investigation, the pros-

ecutor general questioned

During a briefing on

tion Service Act 2006.

The prosecutor gen-

police in Lahore.



Ahsan vows to increase ports' efficiency, boost trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday reaffirmed the government's strong commitment to strengthening seaports' efficiency, boosting trade and ensuring sustainable economic development in the country.

He expressed this resolve while chairing a consultative meeting on enhancing the efficiency of Karachi ports by improving hinterland connectivity.

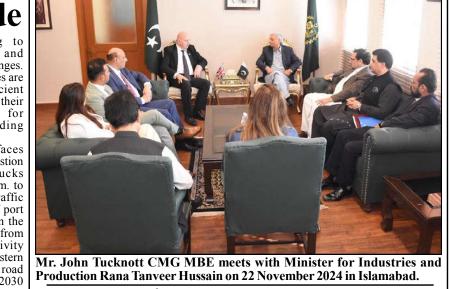
Among others, the meeting was attended by Secretary Planning Awais Manzur Sumra, Member Infrastructure Waqas Anwar, CEO of the Public Partnership Private Authority, besides senior representatives from the Ministries of Maritime Affairs. Communications. Aviation rail access to Karachi Port Railwavs. Division and Commerce was underutilized, with Division a news release nearly all cargo transported

via road, leading to During the meeting, congestion Member Infrastructure environmental challenges Waqas Anwar presented a "Existing rail facilities are detailed briefing on insufficient for efficient improving port efficiency, providing a progress update goods transfer due to their limited capacity for from the Ministry of loading and unloading Maritime Affairs regarding operations ? a committee constituted by Karachi Port faces

the Prime Minister's Office significant road congestion to address cross-cutting due to ban on trucks issues at Karachi Port. movement from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., affecting traffic He highlighted that Pakistan's merchandise flow into and out of port trade as a percentage of areas. Port Qasim, on the GDP stood at 26 percent, other hand, benefits from significantly lower than the better road connectivity global average of 44 percent. "From 2015 to 2020, Pakistan's ports (N-5 and M-9 via Eastern Bypass) but may face road access congestion by 2030 handled over 3 million if rail connectivity is not TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) of improved. To address these challenges, the container traffic annually, Member Infrastructure with approximately twoproposed short and longthirds managed at Karachi's term measures. The shortterm measures include three terminals and the implementing 24/7 port remainder at Port Oasim." He pointed out that operations

scheduling freight truck movements to reduce congestion

while



Jam reviews quarterly trade figures, future trade strategy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan on Fridav reviewed quarterly trade figures and stressed to execution of the 'Export-Led Growth Strategy.' Federal Minister for

Commerce Jam Kamal Khan (JK) chaired a highlevel meeting to review Pakistan's quarterly trade figures, where he was briefed on the latest trends in international trade and strategies being devised to bolster exports, said a press release issued here.

During the meeting, was also discussed. nmerce officials Strategies to mitigate these Commerce

Sindh Governor invites

Oman investors to explore

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overview of trade performance with key trading partners, highlighting emerging export destinations and newly introduced export items. The briefing also covered practical suggestions to enhance market access and

barriers, ensuring Pakistani products reach a broader global audience. The impact of external factors, such as global economic fluctuations and geopolitical uncertainties,

provided a comprehensive challenges and sustain export growth were presented for consideration.

Lauding the efforts of Commerce officers, Jam Kamal emphasized the central role of the Ministry of Commerce in advancing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's vision of an address technical trade export-led growth strategy. He stated, "The success of our economy

depends on a strong export base. This demands serious commitment and collaborative efforts from all stakeholders, including provinces and relevant departments.'

Increase in fish production imperative to meet food needs: FCCI

FAISALABAD (APP) Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) President Rehan Naseem Bharara said on Friday fish production must be enhanced to meet domestic food needs by encouraging establishment of new fish farms in

Punjab. In a message issued here on Friday, he said that fish is a rich source of protein but it has to be imported from other riverine areas to meet

activity at

Port Qasim

Shipping activity was

report at the port where

five ships, Jaru Bhum, X-

more ships, Milaha Ras

(APP):

KARACHI

PBBC chairman, Rana discuss to increase coop. in industrial, agri sectors

Chairman of Pakistan-Britain Business Council (PBBC) John Tucknott CMG MBE on Friday met Minister for with Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain and discussed ways and means to increase cooperation in diverse fields including industry and agriculture.

said a news release.

OMMERCENEWS

ISLAMABAD (APP): Advisor for Trade and Government Relations Saima Amjad, Director of Trade and Investment Waqar Ullah and Chief Coordinator for UK and Pakistan Umaimah Riaz.

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Rana Tanveer emphasized that both countries should increase trade volume and highlighted the potential During the meeting, for British companies to the two sides also agreed invest in the electric vehicle to work together to further manufacturing sector.

enhance the trade relations John Tucknott agreed between Pakistan and the to enhance bilateral United Kingdom (UK), relations in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

The PBBC delegation The meeting was also includes the Council's CEO attended by Secretary of the Ministry of Industries Rashid Iqbal, Head of Trade and Investment UK Saif Anjum and Director Adeel Khan, Senior General Mukhtar Ahmed.



RAWALPINDI: President Chamber of Commerce, Usman Shaukat addressing a press conference at the Chamber Building.

Farmers sowing wheat on maximum area to be rewarded

LAHORE (APP): Punjab that in the division wheat Agriculture Minister Syed sowing process had been Ashiq Hussain Kirmani completed on 730,000 said on Friday that Punjab acres of land. Chief Minister had introduced historic prize relevant authorities to

package for wheat growers. meet wheat sowing targets He said this while in all districts of the presiding over the meeting province. He said that regarding wheat cultivation Punjab Chief Minister at Sahiwal commissioner Kisan Card had been launched for facility of office, said a press release issued here.

small farmers. Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that He said that farmers purchase of agriculture who would cultivate wheat on maximum area would be inputs worth more than Rs given prizes worth billion 23 billion had been carried out through Kisan card.

He directed the

of rupees. Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that free Punjab Agriculture Secretary Iftikhar Ali 1.000 tractors and 1.000 Sahoo said that the month laser land levelers would be of November was very provided through balloting. important for wheat He said that for cultivation. He directed Sahiwal division wheat field teams to speed up cultivation target of guidance of farmers 920,000 acres of land had regarding ti been set. The minister said cultivation of wheat. timely

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning; Development & Special Initiatives; Ahsan Iqbal; chairing a high-level consultative meeting on enhancing the efficiency of Karachi ports by improving hinterland connectivity.

Punjab Governor says: **Business community** is the backbone of the country's economy

Lahore (Online): Governor down to single digits. He Punjab Sardar Saleem said that continuity of Haider Khan attended the ceremony organized by the Federation of Pakistan country's Chambers of Commerce Governor Puniab said that and Industry at the it is a sorry state of affairs Governor House Lahore as that despite being an the chief guest. The agricultural country, we are ceremony was attended by importing food items. the newly elected presidents and group leaders of all the chambers of commerce and industry, small chambers, women's chambers and joint chambers. Addressing the emony, Governor ceremony, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem IPPs. Haider Khan said that the business community is the backbone of the country's economy. He said industrial growth fosters social and economic development in the country. Governor Punjab said that the economic indicators of the country we will not be needing the are improving. He said that support of IMF. Governor Punjab further said that the country's interest rate has come down to 15 percent tax system should be and inflation has also come simplified.

policies is very important for the development of the economy market stood at Rs

Khan Tessori hosted a **Rupee** gains meeting at Governor House with the Consul General of 20 paisa Oman, Eng Sami Abdullah against USD Al Khanjari, accompanied by a six-member delegation ISLAMABAD (APP) investors. of Pakistani rupee on Friday discussion revolved around appreciated by 20 paisa against the US dollar in the enhancing Pakistan-Oman bilateral relations, boosting interbank trading and closed at Rs 277.75 against investment and trade including the IDEAS 2024 the previous day's closing exhibition The Governor Sindh

of Rs 277.95 However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of

Rs

The price of Euro

Kamran Khan Tessori Omani investors to explore the dollar in the open

278.80

opportunities in Sindh KARACHI (APP): The investment opportunities Governor of Sindh Kamran in Sindh, emphasizing the province's attractive sectors. He highlighted Sindh's well-educated, experienced, and hardworking vouth workforce as a significant asset for prospective investments. He further expressed Pakistan's keen interest in strengthening trade ties with Oman. Omani Consul General Eng Sami Abdullah

Al Khanjari conveyed the delegation's interest in extended an invitation to investing across various domestic requirements. sectors in Sindh

Governor Punjab said that and respectively. at present about 25 million (2.5 crore) sacks are lying decreased by Rs 1.54 to close at Rs 291.35 against outside in warehouses which are likely to spoil. the last day's closing of Rs Governor Punjab said that 292.89, according to the State Bank of Pakistan our industries are currently suffering due to

(SBP) The Japanese yen He said that due to remained unchanged and closed at Rs 1.79, whereas the efforts of FPCCI and Gohar Ijaz, situation of five IPPs has improved. Governor Punjab said that a decrease of Rs 2.04 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which like Russia, we also have to build strength to deal traded at Rs 349.36 as with IPPs. He said that compared to the last day' things are getting better and closing of Rs 351.40. will improve furthest and

The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal decreased by 05 and 07 paisa to close at Rs 75.62 and Rs 73.94 respectively.

Gold prices up by Rs.2,500 per tola ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per

tola gold increased by Rs.2,500 and was sold at Rs.280,500 on Friday against its sale at Rs. 278,000, All Sindh Sarafa

Jewellers Association reported. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also went up by Rs.2,143 to Rs.240,483 from Rs. week.

238,340 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold increased to Rs.220,443 from Rs. 218,479. The price of per tola

and ten gram silver remained constant at Rs.3,450 and Rs.2,957 respectively. The price of gold in

the international market increased by \$25 to \$2,693 \$2,668. from the groups Association reported.

increase of 0.91 per cent and went up to 318.40 points from last week's 315.52 points. SPI The consumption groups of Rs 17,732 to 22,888; Rs

22,889-29,517; Rs 29,518-44,175 and above Rs 44,175, increased by 0.85 percent, 0.72 percent, 0.70

respectively During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 17 (33.33%) items increased, 11 (21.57%) items decreased and 23 (45.10%) items remained stable.

The items, which recorded major decrease in their average prices on a week-on-week basis included chicken (2.97%). pulse gram (1.70%), LPG (0.80%), pulse masoor (0.62%), rice basmati broken (0.40%), sugar (0.27%), wheat flour (0.25%), pulse mash

SBP injects Rs2.37 trillion in the market

KARACHI (APP): The tenor cumulatively offering State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs2,369.5 billion in the market through reverse repo purchase and Shariah Mudarabah based Open tenor offering total amount on November 22, 2024 for 7-day and 28-day tenors and accepted total 25 bids cumulatively amounting to Rs2,220.5 billion.

an amount of Rs2.239. billion at the rate of return ranging between 15.04 to 15.08 percent while 3 bids Compliant were received for the 28-day of Rs120.5 billion at the rate of return ranging between 15.06 to 15.07 %. The central bank accepted the entire amount offered through all the 3 bids for 28-day tenor -Rs.120.5 billion- at the 15.06% rate of return while an amount of 2,100 billion offered through 18 bids for 7-dav

The central bank tenor was accepted by the received 18 bids for 7-day central bank at 15.04% rate.



KARACHI: Vice Chairman Balochistan Board of Investment Bilal Khan Kakar presenting shield to former Minister of Punjab SM Tanveer. Former caretaker Chief Minister Alauddin Marri, Mian Zahid Hussain and others are also present.

stability means national growth: LCCI president

Chamber of Commerce and Mian Abuzar Shad has said stability is crucial for national growth. As the largest province of Pakistan, Punjab holds a unique and central role in driving the nation's economic progress, given its vast resources, industrial capacity and dynamic business community.

He expressed these views while talking to MPA Saadia Taimoor, according to LCCI spokesman here Fridav. Mian Abuzar Shad said that the province's agricultural and industrial

LAHORE (APP): Lahore contributions make it a cornerstone of the national Industry (LCCI) President economy and ensuring its economic stability directly that Punjab's economic translates into sustainable growth and development at the national level.

He said that Punjab's economic performance is not just a provincial matter, it sets the tone for the overall economic trajectory of Pakistan. Strengthening Punjab's economy is equivalent to securing the future of the

entire country. The discussion also focused on leveraging Punjab's potential by fostering collaboration between the government and the private sector.

more cost-effective fuel alternative," he added. He said, "The construction will include a 24.58-kilometer loop-line and an 18-kilometer double line track extending from Bin Qasim railway station to Port Qasim, with additional 4.20 kilometers of loop-lines designed to

LAHORE: Sikh pilgrims from abroad shop for

decorative historical handicrafts near Delhi Gate.

PR to construct rail line

connecting Thar Coal

mines to Port Qasim

ISLAMABAD (APP): industries like cement and

Pakistan Railways (PR) is textiles by providing a

the

planning

economic

to

'The department has

construction a 105 kilo-

metre railway line that will

intend to link Thar Coal

mines with the Port Qasim.

already awarded the contract

which will schedule to

complete by October 2025,'

an official in the Ministry

said, "The aim for

aligns with broader

coal transportation across the country." The official

said, "The project is a joint

venture which is financed

by both the Sindh and

federal governments.

of Railways told APP. He handle significant freight bolstering the nation's bulk volumes." transportation capabilities, completion of the project, he said, "The rail network growth is expected to have the objectives and facilitate capacity to transport 10 million tons of coal annually, shifting the country's power generation reliance from imported to domestic coal sources." He said, "The project will see

"The new rail link from Islamkot to Chhor will facilitate in coal transportation across the country, supporting key and new Chhor station.

the establishment of seven new railway stations along the route, with two major stations at Thar coal mines

After the

up by 0.67 percent ISLAMABAD (APP): consumption group of up The weekly inflation, to Rs 17,732 witnessed measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), went

up by 0.67 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on November 21, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 324.11 points

and Industry at the Governor House.

Weekly inflation

as compared to 321.94 points during the past As compared to the

corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an

increase of 4.92 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16 =100 covers 17 urban

centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure

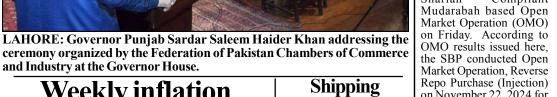
SPI for the lowest (0.23%) and rice irri-6/9



Federal Minister for Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan in the signing event of successful privatization of Services International Hotel Lahore.

Terminal and Engro Elengy Terminal respectively on Thursday. percent and 0.61 percent ships, Aqua-1, Corona, OM Singapore, Angelina,

hours. A total of thirteen ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them five ships, X-Press Salween, Jaru Bhum, Navios Tempo, Kualalumpur and Izumo Hermes are left the port on today morning, while five





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10 killed in attack

on Sufi shrine

in Afghanistan:

interior ministry

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KABUL: Ten people were

killed when a gunman

opened fire on a Sufi shrine

in Afghanistan's northern

Baghlan province, an inte-

rior ministry spokesman told AFP on Friday.

taking part in a weekly

ritual at a shrine in a remote

area of Nahrin district, kill-

ing 10 people," the ministry's Abdul Matin

who knew victims of the attack, told AFP that wor-

shippers had gathered at the Sayed Pacha Agha shrine

chant when "a man shot at

the dozen worshippers",

he said on condition of ano-

nymity. "When people ar-

rived for morning prayers, they discovered the bod-

ies," he added. Attacks regu-

larly target Sufis during ritu-

als or gatherings in Afghani-

stan, a country with a very

large Muslim majority but

where the Taliban authori-

ties impose a strict inter-

pretation of Islamic law, or

Sharia, which is different

people, including children,

were killed in an explosion

that targeted a Sufi mosque

during Friday prayers in

attacks has fallen since the

Taliban authorities returned

Adani shares

rally in India

after founder's

US charges

Wednesday's bomb-

Kunduz province.

to power in 2021.

In April 2022, 33

The number of bomb

from Sufism.

on Thursday evening.

A Nahrin resident,

They had begun a Sufi

Qani said.

'A man fired on Sufis

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Over 60 feared dead as Israel bombs homes in Gaza

sive on Oct 5.

ingly desperate.

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: The Israeli military bombed at least five crowded homes in northern Gaza early with many casualties buried beneath the rubble, Palestinian health officials said, as troops deepened an incursion along the territory's northern edge. Rescue operations were under way in the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahiya, medics said. Hamas media put the number of fatalities at 66, most of whom it said had not been recovered.

Hussam Abu Safiya, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahiya, one of three medical facilities barely operational in the besieged northern area, said at least 200 people lived in the residential district that was bombed in Beit Lahiya and that many people remained missing. Abu Safiya said medics were recovering injured people and treating them on-site because they had no ambulance vehicles to move them to hospitals.

Even if the injured make it to hospital, many

then die because of a lack northern Gaza, people reof medical supplie and main under a tight siege. specialised surgeons after They run for their lives in Israel detained or expelled vicious circles and have most of the medical staff, been deprived of humani-Abu Safiya said. tarian aid for more than 40

days now," he said in a post Israeli operations in Gaza have focused for on X. "Across Gaza, the weeks on the northern edge delivery of the little aid alof the territory, where the military has laid siege to lowed in has become overly complex including because three major towns and orof insecure routes," he added. The administration dered residents to flee. Resiof US President Joe Biden dents in the three towns ----Jabalia, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun — said Israeli forces had destroyed hundreds of houses in since they began the latest offenassistance. Palestinians say Israel

appears determined to dethat Israel had made progress and was not impopulate the area permapeding aid to Gaza. Many nently to create a buffer aid groups disagreed. zone along the northern

Adding to the chal-lenges, armed gangs have stepped up looting of aid trucks, contributing to spiedge of Gaza, which Israel denies. Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), said on Thursday that 80 per cent of the Gaza Strip is now high-risk, with many people increas-

They are trapped with no safe place to go. In past week.



Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Israeli strikes ralling prices of essential killed at least 47 people in food items such as flour. eastern Lebanon, a Leba-The price of a 25kg sack of nese official said, pressing flour, if available, has risen the campaign against the to 700 shekels (\$186) from Iran-backed Hezbollah 50 shekels (\$13) over the group as a US mediator sought to advance ceasefire

talks in Israel. US mediator Amos Hochstein, who said a ceasefire was "within our grasp" during a visit to Lebanon on Tuesday, met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Israel Katz. There were no immediate statements.

least 47 were killed and 22 Indicating there were still gaps to close, a senior wounded in Israeli strikes Lebanese official told in the Baalbek region.

Ukraine launches UK Storm Shadow cruise missiles into Russia, a day after using US ATACMS

Reuters that Beirut had

sought changes to the U.S.

ceasefire proposal, to in-

clude ensuring a speedier withdrawal of Israeli forces

the most serious attempt

yet to end the conflict be-

tween Israel and the heavily

armed, Iran-backed Hezbollah, part of the re-

gional spillover of the Gaza

war that erupted more than

a year ago. Bachir Khodr, gover-nor of Lebanon's Baalbek-

Hermel province, said at

Moscow has said the

use of Western weapons to

flict. Kyiv says it needs the

The diplomacy marks

from south Lebanon.

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KYIV: Ukraine fired a volley of British Storm strike Russian territory far Shadow cruise missiles into from the border would be a Russia the latest new Westmajor escalation in the conern weapon it has been permitted to use on Russian capability to defend itself targets a day after it fired US ATACMS missiles. by hitting Russian rear

bases used to support Moscow's invasion, which entered its 1,000th day this The strikes were widely reported by Russian war correspondents on week. Accounts of Russian Telegram and confirmed by war correspondents on an official on condition of Telegram posted video they said included the sound of anonymity. A spokesperson for Ukraine's General the missiles striking Kursk Staff said he had no inforregion, which borders northeastern Ukraine.



Putin says Ukraine war is going global

US-made HIMARS on Nov **Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: President 21, Putin added. "From that moment,

Vladimir Putin said on as we have repeatedly un-Thursday that the Ukraine war was escalating towards derscored, a regional cona global conflict after the flict in Ukraine previously United States and Britain provoked by the West has allowed Ukraine to hit Rusacquired elements of a glosia with their weapons, and bal character," Putin said in warned the West that Mosan address to the nation carcow could strike back. ried by state television. The United States,

Russia, Putin said, had Putin said, was pushing the responded to the use of US and British missiles by firworld towards a global coning a new kind of hypersonic medium-range ballistic missile at a Ukrainian military facility. More could follow, Putin warned. He said civilians

would be warned ahead of further strikes with such weapons. After approval from the administration of President Joe Biden, Ukraine struck Russia with six US-made ATACMS on Nov 19 and with British Storm Shadow missiles and

lation of aggressive actions, we will also respond decisively and in a mirror manner," he said. Putin said the Ukrainian missile attack with ATACMS had failed to inflict any serious damage. But the Storm Shadow at-

flict. "And in case of esca-

tack on Kursk region on Nov 21 had been directed at a command point and led to deaths and injuries, Putin said.

At least 150 people killed in violence in Haitian capital in past week: UN

and about 20,000 forced to Monitoring Desk flee their homes over the past week," Turk's state-GENEVA: Soaring violence

in Port-au-Prince since last week has left at least 150 people dead, bringing the number of deaths in Haiti this year to over 4,500, the United Nations said Wednesday. "The latest upsurge in

violence in Haiti's capital is a harbinger of worse to come," UN rights chief Volker Turk warned in a statement.

"The gang violence must be promptly halted. Haiti must not be allowed to descend further into chaos

Violence has intensified dramatically in Port-au-Prince since November 11, as a coalition of gangs pushes for full control of the Haitian capital. Well-armed gangs conpolice.

trol some 80 percent of the city, routinely targeting ci-vilians despite a Kenyan-led international force that has been deployed to help the outgunned police restore some government order.

"At least 150 people have been killed, 92 injured some control.

ment said. In addition, "Port-au-Prince's estimated four million people are practically being held hostage as gangs now control all the main roads in and out of the capi-

> The Haitian capital has seen renewed fighting in the last week from Viv Ansanm, an alliance of gangs that in February helped oust former prime minister Ariel Henry.

> Turk said that at least 55 percent of the deaths from simultaneous and apparently coordinated attacks in the capital resulted from exchanges of fire between gang members and

He also highlighted reports of a rise in mob lynchings. Authorities said Tuesday that police and civilian self-defence groups had killed 28 gang members in Port-au-Prince after an overnight operation as the

China blames US policy

Defence Minister

Wednesday.

Thursday.

challenges.

from holding accounts.

society that accessing so-

cial media is not the defin-

ing feature of growing up in

Australia," Rowland told

acknowledgement that

something must be done in

the immediate term to help

"There is wide

Parliament.

added.



Palestinians gather to receive aid, including food supplies provided by the World Food Program, outside a United Nations distribution center, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip.

US Senate rejects Father jailed for bids to block military sales to Israel

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The US Senate voted overwhelm-voted present. Seventy-

ingly to block three resolu- eight opposed a second tions that would have measure, which would have halted the transfer of some stopped the shipment of

20 years over raping teenage adoptive daughter Monitoring Desk PARIS: A court in south-

east France on Friday senmation. tenced a man to 20 years in jail for raping his teenage daughter and offering her up

The case echoed the

The court convicted

to strangers for sex for

US weapons to Israel, in- mortar rounds, while 19 troduced by progressives supported it and one voted concerned about the human present. rights catastrophe faced by Palestinians in Gaza.

favour came from the joint direct attack muni-Democratic caucus, while "no" votes came from both Democrats and Republicans, underscoring the divide within President Biden's Democratic party over policy toward Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government.

Seventy-nine of the 100 senators voted against advancing a resolution that

All of the votes in have stopped shipments of tions (JDAMS) kits, with 17 in favour and one voting present. The kits, which convert a standard unguided bomb using fins and a GPS guidance system into a guided weapon, are made by Boeing. The "resolutions of disapproval" were

filed by Senator Bernie Sanders, a progressive independent who caucuses would have blocked sales of with Democrats. Howard Lutnick's China ties draw fire after Trump taps

him to lead US in trade, tariffs

said.

ongoing high-profile trial And 80 voted against that has shocked the nation a third measure that would in which 51 men are accused of raping Gisele Pelicot, drugged by her husband so he could invite strangers to their home to abuse her. the 38-year-old father in the southeastern Var region of forcing sexual acts on his daughter from the age of 13.

Prosecutor Estelle Bois described how the father exercised total control over the young girl, his adoptive daughter. He also

years.

Bomb squad sent to London's **Gatwick Airport** as terminal evacuated

Monitoring Desk

NEW YORK: Investment banker Howard Lutnick's exposure to China came into sharp relief on Wednesday, after Republican Presidentelect Donald Trump tapped him to lead the agencies that have become the tip of the spear in the US-China trade war.

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The financial services firms helmed by Lutnick have profited from ties to China, from BGC Group, which has a joint venture in Beijing with Chinese-stateowned China Credit Trust, to Cantor Fitzgerald, which has helped take Chinese firms public in the United States.

The financial ties raise Lutnick could be unduly influenced by Beijing when

making decisions about whether to impose fresh LONDON: British police tariffs and export curbs on sent a bomb disposal team China as United States to London's Gatwick Air-Trade Representative and Commerce Secretary, lawmakers and ethics experts "Mr Lutnick's con-

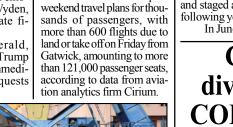
flicts of interest in China appear to be substantial. terminal. How can the American people expect someone who is on the Chinese government's payroll to help level the playing field with China for working Americans?" asked Democratic Senator Ron Wyden, who chairs the Senate fi-

nance committee. Cantor Fitzgerald,

port after a suspected prohibited item was found in luggage, authorities said on Friday, following the earlier evacuation of a passenger Gatwick, Britain's second busiest airport, is located about 30 miles south of London. It said earlier it had evacuated a large part of its South

terminal, citing a security incident. The incident disrupted weekend travel plans for thousands of passengers, with more than 600 flights due to

land or take off on Friday from Gatwick, amounting to more





Migrants, who were intercepted at sea and later detained at a reception facility in Albania, board an Italian coast guard vessel to leave for Italy after a court in Rome overturned their detention orders, in Shengjin, Albania.

court hears the case of pro-Palestinian NGOs who are suing the Dutch state, a staunch ally of Israel, for failing to prevent an alleged genocide in Gaza and what they say are other Israeli violations of international law, in The Hague.

Mali junta leader fires prime minister days after he criticizes the military regime

Monitoring Desk BAMAKO: Mali's junta leader fired Prime Minister Choguel Maïga and the government on Wednesday, days after Maïga criticized the military regime. nounced yet. The move was an-

nounced in a presidential decree issued by Gen. Assimi Goita, Mali's leader, and read on state television channel ORTM. Mali has been ruled by military leaders since a junta seized power in 2020 and staged another coup the following year. In June 2022, the junta wards.

Climate funding divisions laid bare as **COP29 deadline looms**

content spilled into the open on Thursday at a UN climate summit in Baku, as a proposal for a new global finance deal offered two vastly different options that left no one happy as the closing deadline neared. The key goal of COP29 is to agree how much money richer developed countries should provide poorer developing ones to help them said European Union climate commissioner Wopke fight climate change, a criti-

cal plank in efforts to limit the damage caused by rising global temperatures. But getting a deal on

the money has proved slow going at the talks in Azerbaijan's capital, and

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Shares in promised a return to civilian rule by March 2024, Indian billionaire Gautam but later postponed elec-Adani's conglomerate raltions. No date has been set lied on Friday to pare the yet for the presidential previous day's frenzied election. A new prime minsell-off sparked by US ister has not been ancharges alleging the tycoon paid more than \$250 mil-Maïga, who was aplion in bribes to secure lu-

pointed by the military two crative government conyears ago, accused the junta tracts. of postponing the elections without informing him and shell indictment in New said confusion around an York accused Adani and end to the transition could multiple subordinates of pose "serious challenges deliberately misleading inand the risk of going backternational investors as part

of the bribery scheme. Adani, once the world's second-richest man, is a close ally of Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi and critics have long accused him of improperly benefitting from their relationship.

Shares in Adani Enterprises, his conglomerate's main listed unit, rose nearly four per cent in morning trade, while its listed ports and power subsidiaries posted smaller gains. A heavy sell-off of

Adani stocks on Thursday triggered multiple trading halts and even after Friday's bounce, Adani Enterprises has lost around 20pc of its market capitalisation since the in-

dictment was released. Adani Group issued a stiff denial of the charges against its directors on Thursday, describing them as "baseless" and announcclown show, because when ing it would pursue "all we get to the last minute. possible legal recourse".

on Taiwan for defence leaders not meeting

Monitoring Desk towards the island can restore military-to-military BEIJING: China's defence ministry blamed the United talks at the defense minis-States' stance on Taiwan for ter level between the two countries. its minister not meeting his US counterpart during a

The failure to meet is "entirely the responsibility" of the US, the Chinese spokesperson said.

Dong Jun turned down US Defense Secretary Lloyd The spokesperson Austin's request to meet also urged the US to "imduring a gathering of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) defense minismediately correct its mistakes" and strive to create favourable conditions for high-level military exters, US officials said on changes between the two "The U.S. side cansides

not undermine China's China views democore interests on the Taicratically governed Taiwan wan issue while engaging as its territory, a claim that with the Chinese military Taiwan's government reas if nothing is wrong," a jects.

The U.S. is Taiwan's ministry spokesperson said in a statement on most important international backer and arms The remarks raised supplier, despite the lack questions over whether of forma only a change in US policy ognition. of formal diplomatic rec-

Australia's parliament considers legislation banning social media for under 16s

Monitoring Desk like a backdoor way to con-MELBOURNE: Australia's trol access to the Internet

by all Australians.' communications minister The bill has wide pointroduced a world-first law litical support. After it be-comes law, the platforms into Parliament on Thursday that would ban children under 16 from social media, would have one year to work out how to implement saying online safety was the age restriction. one of parents' toughest

"For too many young Michelle Rowland said TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, Reddit, X and Australians, social media can be harmful," Rowland said. "Almost two-thirds of 14- to 17-years-old Austra-Instagram were among the lians have viewed extremely platforms that would face harmful content online infines of up to 50 million Australian dollars (\$33 milcluding drug abuse, suicide or self-harm as well as violion) for systemic failures lent material. One quarter to prevent young children have been exposed to con-This bill seeks to set tent promoting unsafe eata new normative value in ing habits.'

Government research found that 95% of Australian care-givers find online safety to be one of their "toughest parenting chal-lenges," she said. Social media had a social responsibility and could do better in addressing harms on their platforms, she added.

prevent young teens and "This is about prochildren from being exposed tecting young people, not to streams of content unfilpunishing or isolating them, tered and infinite," she and letting parents know X owner Elon Musk that we're in their corner warned that Australia inwhen it comes to supporting their children's health tended to go further, posting on his platform: "Seems and wellbeing."

the latest draft of the negotiating text arrived several hours behind schedule as delegates entered, in theory, the closing 48 hours. With the summit set to wrap up on Friday, the new document showed much remains 'It is clearly unacceptable as it stands now,

undecided on key questions, such as what counts towards the annual figure, who pays and how much.

Hoekstra. Panama's lead negotiator, Juan Carlos Monterrey Gómez, told Reuters, all of this is turning into a tragic spectacle, a

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

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Ziarat Development Authority directed to ensure merit at every level: **GoB to develop Ziarat environment** friendly tourism place of Pakistan; seek national & international bids

CM announces to utilize buildings reserved for higher authorities under Public-Private Partnership mode for increasing resources of government; vows to make Ziarat Development Authority efficient institution, free from political influence

Chief

Independent Report OUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has decided to develop Ziarat environment-friendly tourism site of Pakistan and to seek the bids from the national and international companies for implementation on the project

The provincial government also decided to bring the Chief Minister's Anexy as well as Chief Secretary and Inspector General of Police Houses located in Ziarat under use for the tourism purposes.

Besides, the government rest houses and buildings would be used for the tourism purposes under Public-Private Partnership.

These decisions were made during a meeting of the

Ziarat Development Aucal influence, and adding he thority (ZDA) chaired by asserted that neither any political personality would Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz interfere in the affairs of ZDA nor we would let any Bugti here at the CM's secgovernment official take retariat on Friday morning. The Chief Secretary, commission.

Shakeel Qadir Khan, Addi-The Chief Minister tional Chief Secretary Desaid that all the political velopment, Hafiz Åbdul Basit and other concerned high ups were in atten-ZDA against merit. Addressing the meet-

ing, Chief Minister said that the buildings reserved for the higher authorities would be utilized under the Public-Private Partnership mode for increasing the reyears sources of government.

He reiterated the government's resolve to make the ZDA an efficient institution, free from politi-

personalities have voluntarily vowed that no interference would be made in the He made it clear that ZDA would operate as an independent body, and vowed that Ziarat would be introduced as unique tourism place in coming two

He also directed to the ZDA to ensure merit and transparency at every level we would provide all required resources for it.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Yousaf Raza Gillani along with Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Kakar, Senator from Baluchistan visited National Emergencies Op erations Center (NEOC) at NDMA Headquarters.

Crackdown continues for prevention of narcotics in Quetta Division, Hamza

Independent Report QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat has stated that every possible measures are being taken for prevention of narcotics in the division

The Commissioner said that joint crackdown is continued against cultivation of the narcotics as well as smuggling, sale and purchase of the drugs.

Deputy Commissioners of all districts of Quetta Division and other concerned

high ups Certain important decisions were made for prevention of narcotics and specially stoppage of cul-tivation of poppy and other narcotics in land

It was decided to arrest the grower found involved in cultivation of poppy. The land where the narcotics was cultivated day. He said Bushra Bibi has

Muqam strongly condemns

allegations against Saudia Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Federal

Minister for Kashmir Affairs Engineer Amir Muqam has strongly condemned the allegations against Saud Arabia. The minister said that

Bushra BiBi made false allegations against Pakistan's friends which was an old tactic of PTI, said a press release issued here on Fri-

OUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over meeting of Ziarat Development Authority.

Ahsan for timely completion of all ongoing PSDP projects

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of

ISLAMABAD (APP): sure the timely completion Minister for Planning, De- of all ongoing PSDP velopment and Special Iniprojects. tiatives Professor Ahsan Reviewing road infra-Iqbal on Friday chaired a structure projects of Balochistan amounting to meeting to assess the progress of projects being Rs400 billion, Ahsan Iqbal directed that these projects executed under the Public Development must be completed within Programme (PSDP) during three years. the current fiscal year. He said the government was committed to pri-

Senior officials of the Ministry of Planning prooritizing development inivided a detailed briefing on tiatives in Balochistan, inthe allocation, releases and cluding Balochistan three expenditure of funds for projects dualization of the Khuzdar-PSDP projects across the country, a news release Kuchlak section of National Highway, the dualization Addressing the meetand rehabilitation of the

Sector

said.

ing, the minister directed the Karachi-Quetta-Chaman ministry to develop a com- road from Karachi-Karoro prehensive strategy to en- & Wadh- Khuzdar and the

matters come to courts due ter quake

Oct 2005 quake affected persons case SC constitutional bench seeks progress report from federal, provincial govts

ISLAMABAD (Online): to bad governance. If de-Supreme Court (SC) conpartments do their respective jobs then the cases may stitutional bench while summoning progress rehave not come to courts. ports from the governments in October 2005 earth quake SC constitutional bench presided over by affected persons case has Justice Amin ud Din Khan remarked tell us who is retook up the case for hear-

sponsible for delay in the ing Friday. Justice Amin ud rehabilitation of affected Din remarked how much population and projects. funds came for quake affected persons. Compre-Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan while giving obserhensive report in regard to court's questions be filed. vation said the rehabilita-

Musarrat tion of the quake affected Justice Hilali remarked she herself persons was to be carried has seen the devastation of out with the cooperation of quake with her own eyes. federation and province. We cannot stop calamities but we can fight. The affected But nothing has been done in affected areas. persons are suffering hard-Justice ships due to bad gover-

Jamal Mandokhail remarked why nance of departments and forest land was allotted for their non cooperation. The construction of houses af-

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Ini-

tiatives Ahsan Iqbal chairing a review meeting to assess the progress of

As per the press re-

lease, it is an initiative un-

der the National Outreach

Program for Higher Educa-

tion Faculty in collabora-tion with HEC. Dynamic

modules presented by

NAHE on technology inte-

gration in higher education

and we as educators will

learn how to navigate the

emerging digital landscape

and post-learning environ-

said that students would ac-

quire the skills to design in-

novative teaching methods,

explore using various tools

effective speaking strate-

ment.

The press release

Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) projects for 2024-25.

sional Practice

NAHE launches National

Outreach Program for

dualization of Kararo Wadh Sectionand Kuchlak-Chaman Section at a total cost of Rs224 billion.

Other projects of M-8 include the construction of the Hoshab-Awaran-Khuzdar Section-II and Hoshab-Awaran-Kiwzer Package-I, Construction of the Gwadar-Ratodero road project and construction of Wangu Hills Tunnel at a total cost of Rs96 billion, and two projects for the dualization & Improvement of existing N-50 from Yarik-Sagu-Zhob Bypass at Rs. 76 billion cost; and Rehabilitation Upgradation of long Awaran-JhaliJao Road

worth Rs7 billion.

Pilgrims, under Govt scheme, to get airfare relief of **Rs 1.24 bln**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Inder the Government Scheme, will receive a sig-nificant benefit of Rs 1.24 billion in reduced airfare costs.

Intending Hajj pil-grims under the Government Hajj Scheme are set to benefit from a significant Rs. 1.24 billion reduction in airfare costs next year.

An official said on Friday that pilgrims paid Rs. 234,000 each for air travel last year, but this year, the cost has been reduced to Rs. 220,000 per person. This reduction will

provide a relief of Rs. Maulana 14,000 for each of the 89,605 pilgrims traveling under the government's that

KP plagued

by terrorism,

lawlessness,

says: ANP

Independent Report

PESHAWAR: The Awami

National Party (ANP) has

strongly condemned the re-

cent surge in terrorist at-

tacks and lawlessness in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, par-

ticularly in the Khyber district. In a statement, ANP

provincial president Mian

Iftikhar Hussain criticized

the provincial and federal

governments for their al-

leged lack of seriousness in

establishing peace and

eliminating terrorism. He

questioned the failure of the

FC, police, and army to

protect the convoy of in-

nocent passengers in

Khyber. Hussain demanded

a thorough investigation

into the incident, which he

claimed was an attempt to

spark sectarian violence. He

urged the authorities to ad-

dress the concerns and

doubts of the public. The

ANP leader lamented that

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had

been left at the mercy of ter-

rorists, with no one provid-

ing protection to the people.

scheme, ne added

Senate chairman explores NEOC, lauds tech-driven disaster response system

sponse.

SLAMABAD (APP): for timely and effective re-Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, on Frilay, commended Pakistan's advanced disaster management systems and the use of technology to enhance response efforts.

NDMA Headquarters.

space globally.

Chairman Senate ex-Accompanied by pressed their satisfaction Senator Manzoor Ahmed over the disaster response Kakar from Balochistan, mechanism and were apthe Chairman visited the preciative of its compatibil-National Emergency Opity with the evolving chalerations Center (NEOC) at lenges.

A comprehensive ca-Chairman Senate expability exposition was claimed his immense appreconducted for the chairman ciation of the national and Kakar showcasing miracle project- NEOC. He Pakistan's indigenous statecommended NEOC's poof-art, hub of disaster's tential to guide regional early warning and response countries and all stakespectrum.

He was specifically

impressed by the dedica-

tion and expertise of young

NDMA domain experts and

leading the example.

holder partners to enable The session highstrategic climate diplomacy lighted the critical necessity for utilization of tech-He lauded the integradriven disaster projections tion of advanced technology and predictive analysis to in disaster management and transform Pakistan's Distated that proactive intersaster Risk Reduction face of artificial intelligence, (DRR) cycle proactively in disaster's modelling platalignment with global stanforms and synergy of nadards and tech driven smart tional responders is crucial response framework



QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer QESCO Engr. Shafqat Ali meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

Services of late parliamentarian applauded: BA adopts resolution on death of Maulana Khairkhaw; session adjourned till November 25

Independent Report lution commending services QUETTA: of the late parliamentarian. The Balochistan Assembly adopted a resolution in recwas also urged the House ognition of the services of to defer the session of assembly as per the rules. So, late former Member of Provincial Assembly and Minthe resolution was adopted ister, Maulana Allahdad and thus session of assembly was postponed till 03:00 PM, November 25, Khairkhaw in a sitting here on Friday afternoon.

The Speaker, Captain 2024 Earlier, on a point of order, the MPA and former (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai was in the chair. Fateha was offered for Chief Minister, Dr. Abdul the departed soul of late Malik Baloch pointed out Allahdad that the government mem-Khairkhaw in the House as bers don't come in the asthe Speaker pointed out sembly. He said that we, the members of Opposition (Maulana

In the resolution, it

He said that several operations have been carried out against narcotics in all districts of the division especially in Pishin and Killa Abdullah.

He was chairing a meeting about prevention of further narcotics in Quetta Division here on Friday.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner Quetta, Agha Samiullah, Secretary Excise, Sector Commander ANF,

would also be confiscated conspired to make Pakiby the government. stanis unemployed abroad. In addition to this, the

narcotics on their lands.

Otherwise, stern action

would be taken against

them

QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Dr. Rubaba Khan

Buledi talking with MPA Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch

after conclusion of Balochistan Assembly session.

Speaker NA commends security

forces for successful operation

against terrorists in Balochistan

"Earlier, Pakistanis in national identity card, bank Saudi Arabia had become account and local certificate unemployed and imprisof the landlord would also oned due to failed policies be blocked, it was decided of PTI. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appealed to In this regard, the zamindars were asked to the Saudi leadership and obtained forgiveness in the refrain from cultivating the

pressed.

Six motorway

past", the minister ex-

sections to be closed for maintenance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Na tional Highways and Motorway Police on Friday announced that six sections of the motorways would be closed from Friday night at 8 pm due to maintenance and repair works. According to Motorway police North Zone spokesman, Muhammad Saqib, M-1: Islamabad to Peshawar, M-2: Islamabad to Lahore, M-3:

3: Lahore to Abdul Hakeem, M-4: Pindi Bhattian to Multan, M-14: Dera Ismail Khan to Hakld and M-11: Lahore to Sialkot would be closed.

to be held in Nasirabad on **Nov 26**

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Friday commended security forces for successful operations against terrorists in Balochistan. Ayaz Sadiq praised the

bravery and courage of security forces for their successful operations against terrorists in Awaran, Dera Bugti and Kech, said a news

ISLAMABAD (APP):

He appreciated the security personnel for eliminating highly wanted terrorist elements and bringing them to justice.

be organized under super-The Speaker emphavision of Nasirabad sized that the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder Deputy with the security forces in Munir Ahmed Kakar at the war against terrorism. Assembly Hall Dera Murad 'The nation is proud Jamali on November 26. of the bravery and sacrifices

of our security forces," he

U.S. Mission spokesman deplores Kurram attack that leaves several dead

said.

United States joins the Government of Pakistan in condemning the horrific attack in Kurram that killed dozens of innocent people and critically injured many

more. A statement issued by the U.S. Mission Spokesman, Janathan Lalley here on Friday said "Our sympathies and condolences go

out to the families and

PESHAWAR (APP): The loved ones of those who lost their lives, and we wish the injured a full and speedy recovery'

The Pakistani people deserve to live free from harm, danger, and threat, and to feel protected and secure in their daily lives. The United States will

remain a steadfast partner as Pakistan works to ensure the safety and security of all its citizens

Coordinator Dr. Tahira On special directive of Mengal, said press release Chief Minister, Chief Secretary Balochistan and Commissioner Division Nasirabad, the open court will be arranged in the area to address public issues. All relevant depart ment officials would attend the open court. The local

administration has urged the people to participate and of a successful career as a submit their complaints.

faculty member: (1) Teach-

Ahmed Focal person NAHE Sohail Raza Mangi,

Registrar SBKWU registrar

Dr. Rahila Manzoor and

through a direct vote in gen-QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar, Mir Asim Kurd Gailo, Parliamentary Secretaries, Mir Liaquat Lehri, Hadia Nawaz Baloch and MPAs Farah Azeem Shah, Salma Kakar and Shahida Rauf meeting with Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola.

gies.

Khairkhaw) died on No- meets the requirement of vember 19

he

ber of Provincial Assembly, ence of government mem-Mir Zabid Reki tabled reso- bers in the House.

quorum. He urged the chair Meanwhile, the mem- to give ruling for the pres-

Pakistan-origin Royal Malaysian Air Chief visits hometown Haripur

HARIPUR (APP): General Tan Sri Dato' Śri Mohd Asghar Khan, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), paid a heartfelt visit to his ancestral village, Beer, in District Haripur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Friday

District Police Officer (DPO) Haripur, Farhan Khan, confirmed the visit, stating that General Asghar Khan spent two hours in his ancestral village. During his visit, he offered Fatiha at the graves of his ancestors, including his grandfa-ther Malik Qalandar, grandmother and uncle Malik

ily homes and met with relatives who still reside in the area. General Asghar Khan, born on December 26, 1965, in Selangor, Malaysia, has ancestral roots in the Tanawal region, specifically the village of Beer.

He is the grandson of the late Malik Qalandar and the son of Goher Aman, both of whom belonged to this village. The visit held deep sentimental value for the General as he sought to reconnect with his roots and honor his family's legacy. General Asghar

Khan's trip to Pakistan coincided with his participation in the IDEAS 2024 Yaqub. He also visited fam-



QUETTA: Chairman PkMAP Mehmood Khan Achakzai meeting with Maulana Muhammad Khan Sherani at his residence.

SC rejects petition seeking direct vote for minorities

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court has rejected a petition seeking direct vote for minorities in general elections saying that all citizens were equal according to the Constitution and there was no precedent in world democracies of separate voting on the basis of religion. Former Minister for

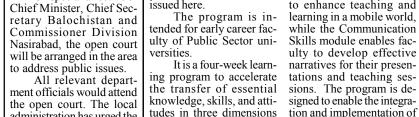
Court that there were 60 seats in the National Assembly for women while 10 for minorities but all the 70 seats are filled by the parliamentary parties through proportionate representation depriving minorities to elect their representatives through a direct vote.

The Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court, however rejected the Minorities and Convener of World Minorities Alliance petition. Justice J Salik, in his petition, had Muhammad Ali Mazhar, pleaded the apex Court that during the proceedings, reminorities in Pakistan marked that fundamental should be given an opporrights are for all the citizens tunity to elect their repreequally and separate voting sentatives to the parliament for minorities may pave way to discrimination. Only the parliament has the

eral elections. The counsel for the authority to legislate if any petitioner argued before the such change is required.

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HEF at SBKWU QUETTA (APP):National ing & Learning (2) Applied Academy of Higher Educa- Research and (3) Profes-Academy of Higher Educa-tion (NAHE) launched a four-week National Out-

reach Program for Higher Education Faculty (HEF) including Lecturers/Assis-**Open Court**

Commission

tant Professors at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University (SBKWU) Quetta on Friday. The event was inau-gurated by Vice chancellor OUETTA (APP): Khuli Dr. Rubina Mushtaq, Di-rector NAHE Sulaiman Kehchari (Open Court) will