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**GoB** grants

relaxation in upper age limits

upto 43 years Independent Report

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has granted general relaxation in upper age limits upto 43

years in favour of the fresh

candidates and serving government servants.

notification issued here by

Services and General Ad-

ministration Department

on Wednesday, the general

relaxation has been granted to the fresh candidates

and serving government

servants in he upper age

According to an official



limits with effect from QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over a high level meeting June 24, 2024 to June 23, regarding Provincial Action Plan. 2025.

### CM chairs meeting on formulation of Provincial Action Plan: High level meeting decides to make steps for prevention of terrorism, crimes, extortion & smuggling effective

Sarfraz Bugti directs to evolve concrete strategy for elimination of terrorism and crimes without any confusion; calls for inclusion of modern technology in strategy for making PAP more effective; says restoration of peace is first priority as sustainable development conditional with peace

#### Independent Report

QUETTA: The high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has decided to make steps for prevention of terrorism, crimes, extortion and smuggling more effective in the province.

The meeting attended by the Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Home, Shahab Shah, Inspector General of Police, Moazzam Jah Ansar and other concerned high ups discussed the formulation of Provincial Action Plan able for coping with the criminals, accused and sus-(PAP) here on Wednesday.

The Chief Secretary crimes

In addition to this, he Balochistan briefed the meeting about PAP and the measures being taken for good governance and restoration of peace in the province. He informed that comprehensive strategy is be-

the occasion directed to the ing prepared for improving concerned quarters to pregovernance and restoration pare concrete strategy for of peace in the province. elimination of terrorism and

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister directed to include modern technology in the proposed strategy for making the PAP effective. He said that increase in ensure coordinated mea-

also stressed that it is also necessary to get to the depth of the crimes by putting the investigation process on modern lines. The Chief Minister on

crimes without any confu-

keep strict vigil of the profiling of criminal elements. Besides, he also directed to sures by the security forces professional capacity of the for information about the security forces is unavoidchallenges of terrorism and pected persons in the prov-

ince

### 4 terrorists, including high value target, killed in **Kech operation: ISPR**

#### Says Sana alias Baru was highly wanted by law enforcement agencies

RAWALPINDI (APP): Se- suicide bombers, for so rorists including a high value target, terrorist ring leader Sana @ Baru in intelligence based operation ((IBO) on Tuesday night in general area Balgatar of Kech District on reported presence of terrorists.

"During conduct of the operation, after an intense fire exchange between own troops and the terrorists. four terrorists including a High Value Target, Terrorsion. He also directed to ist ring leader Sana @ Baru were killed," said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release. "He was a focal re-

cruitment agent, especially get in the operation.



Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday paid tribute to security forces for a successful intelligence-based operation against terrorists in District Kech, Balochistan. The president and

prime minister lauded the bravery and professionalism of the security forces for killing four terrorists including a high value tar-

## **COP29** Climate Action Summit Pak calls for grant-based climate finance; fulfillment of earlier pledges

Pakistan needs international support to deliver climate ambitions," says PM Shehbaz, calling for grants, not loans; Stresses some of the countries have already faced calamities and "some will if we do not act"



BAKU (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday sensitizing the global community on the risks posed by climate change and the vulnerabilities of developing countries, called for grant-based climate finance that should not add to the debt burden of

the developing nations. The prime minister, addressing the High-Level

Segment of the "World Leaders' Climate Action Summit" of the 29th Con-

Imran has given final call for

protest on Nov 24 ISLAMABAD (Online): Aleema Khan sister of PTI founder has said Imran Khan has given final call for

CM meets

Governor

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor

Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar

Khan Mandokhail and

Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz

Bugti have agreed upon en-

gaging in mutual consulta-

tion and remaining in con-

tinuous coordination for the

sake of best interest of the

protest on November 24. PTI founder has said lawyers should come out for the sake of Supreme Court. Civil society, farmers and students should come out for protest, she said this while talking to media men outside Adiala jail Wednesday. She said people should come out for voicing protest against the stolen mandate, unjust

ducive environment to avert

calamities like the one faced "I strongly feel, that cliby Pakistan in the form of 2022 floods which left millions of the people homeless, millions of house and acre of land submerged, and almost 1700 people derstanding loud and clear dead.



**BAKU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif** meets President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev on the sidelines of COP29 Climate Action Summit.

Pakistan, Azerbaijan vow to strengthen strategic partnership

ference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) here, called for fulfilling the pledges of COP27 and COP28 as well as those made in Paris 10 years ago.

mate finance must be grantbased and not add to the debt burden of vulnerable developing countries. Here is the opportunity that the standing crops destroyed, COP29 should make an un-

Azerbaijan and expressed

optimism about further en-

hancing cooperation in vari-

ous fields, including tech-nology sharing and joint

ventures in renewable en-

ergy. On the sidelines of

the World Leaders Climate

Action Summit (COP-29),

Sharif held a productive bi-

lateral meeting with Presi-

dent of the Republic of

Shehbaz Sharif congratu-

lated President Aliyev on

Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev.

Prime

Muhammad

Prime

Minister

Shehbaz

failed to stop the rise in emissions and catastrophic global warming. The Paris pledges made 10 years ago have yet to see the light of the day," the prime minister said. He viewed that the COP29 would help understand the calamities already faced by some of the countries and others might face if counter-measures were not taken to create a con-

that we will have to fulfill

those financial pledges of

COP27 and COP28... Ten

years ago in Paris, we had

### **Enforcement of RTI Act to be** ensured in Balochistan very soon, assures Governor

formation"

**Independent Report OUETTA:** The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that formation of Information Commission is in final stages in Balochistan on pattern of federation and other provinces, and adding he assured that enforcement of the RTI Act would be ensured very soon.

The Governor was speaking to the delegation of Center for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI), Islamabad who called on him under leadership of its Director General, Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui here at the Governor House on Wednesday.

Also present in the meeting were included Mehboob Qadir Shah, and other provinces

Monis Kainat, Imran Khan and Principal Secretary to Governor, Muhammad

visited Quetta's Trauma Hashim Khan Ghilzai. Center to inquire about the Speaking on the occahealth of those injured in sion, Governor said that it is necessary for policy incident. making, budget making and

planning that the common vishes for their recovery men is not only fully aware of it but their perand expressed sympathy to the families of the martyrs

sonal opinions are also in-Speaking to the media, cluding in it so as to ensure he said that terrorists deimplementation on the reserve no leniency and exquirements of "Right to Inpressed the government's resolve to bring those who He said that the right

threaten national integrity to information is a constiand sovereignty to justice. tutional right of the people, He acknowledged the and in this context, formacrucial role of security tion of the information forces in combating terrorcommission is also in final ism. It is everyone's shared stages in Balochistan on responsibility to work topattern of the federation gether to eliminate terrorsm and counter hostile ele-

ments He also highlighted Balochistan's strategic importance as the gateway to Central Asia. He said that the province's progress toward economic development, stressing that cowardly acts, such as the railway station attack, cannot weaken their resolve.

**Cop martyred** in targeted

**QUETTA: Deputy Chairman Senate Syedal Khan** Nassar and Provincial Minister for C&W Mir PESHAWAR (APP): A po-Saleem Ahmed Khosa enquiring about health of lice official, identified as injured of Railway Station bomb blast at Trauma Qudratullah, was shot dead by unidentified motorcycle riders near his home here on Wednesday.

Praises successful operation in Kech: According to district CM appreciates effective role of police spokesman the official was leaving his house security forces for elimination for personal errands when the assailants opened fire at of terrorists in Balochistan him and managed to escape.

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz has appreciated the successful operation of the security forces against terrorists in Kech and said that the forces are playing effective role for elimination of the terrorists

Center

In an official statement issued here on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said that the terrorists were neutralized during a successful operation in Kerch.

He said that the successful operation against

terrorists is a firm resolve of the government against terrorism.

He said that we have already told that the terrorists would be taken to task. He said that the anti state elements faced failure due to the timely action of the security forces in Kech.

He said that the critics of law and order should appreciate such successful perations

He said that the whole nation is standing with its brave forces against terrorism

**Syedaal visits** Quetta, condemns **Railway Station** bomb blast SLAMABAD (APP) Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan Wednesday

the recent railway station He extended his best

> Independent Report QUETTA: The newly elected President of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Mian Rauf Ata Advocate called on the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti here on Wednesday. During the course of

meeting, they discussed different matters including those related to the welfare of lawyers community.

Both the leaders were of the view that supremacy of parliament and constitution is supreme and that no compromise would be made

Privatisation Commission Board of Pakistan has reattack

> proval The decision came dur-

ing a meeting led by Aleem Khan, which re-



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat briefs media men regarding Quetta campaign. Director General Public Relations Balochistan Muhammad Noor Khetran is also present

massive arrests and 26th constitutional amendment. Nation has to decide oday either they have to live under martial law or in freedom. PTI founder has given final call for protest on November 24, she held.

**QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir** Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti meeting with Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

President SCBA meets CM Balochistan, both vow: No compromise to be made on independence of judiciary, to work for welfare of lawyers

on independence of judi-

in Quetta On this, the President of SCBA, Rauf Ata thanked the Chief Minister.

ister congratulated Mian Rauf Ata on his election as President SCBA and expressed best wishes for him.

#### **Privatisation board rejects** bid for PIA, proposes new plan for airline sale

ISLAMABAD (INP): The viewed several privatisation initiatives and approved key recommendations. Addressing the meeting on Wednesday, Khan stressed that all privatisation efforts, including those for PIA, must adhere to legal protocols while prioritising the national interest. The final decision on

the privatisation of institutions like PIA rests with the Privatisation Minister cabinet committee," he stated

ciary. They also expressed province. They were in a meeting here at the Governor's their resolve to work for House on Wednesday. welfare of the lawyers com-The Chief Minister munity. The Chief Minisvisited Governor's House ter assured cooperation for to meet the Governor. the Supreme Court Bar As-During the course of sociation Housing Project meeting, there was discussion on the overall situation

of law and order as well as the continuing development process and matters Earlier, the Chief Minof mutual interests.

> Pak, Morocco deep desire to cement bilateral

cooperation ISLAMÄ́BAD (APP): Pakistan and Morocco have expressed deep desire to consolidate the existing ties focusing on collaborative training programs, joint military exercises and industrial cooperation.

The desire was expressed in a meeting between Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu and Inspector Royal Moroccan Air Force Major General Mohammed Gadih in Islamabad on Wednesday.

The Air Chief reiterated his resolve to strengthening military partnership through full collaboration in joint training initiatives in the entire spectrum of air power application, which will include basic and tactical level training for Moroccan Air Force personnel In his remarks, Major

General Mohammed Gadih lauded the technological advancement of Pakistan Air Force and expressed the desire of Moroccan Air Force to learn from aerospace industrial strides of Pakistan Air Force in order to enhance its operational capabilities.

BAKU (APP): Prime Minsuccessful holding of the ister Muhammad Shehbaz World Leaders Climate Ac-Sharif on Wednesday tion Summit in Baku, praised the strong ties be-Azerbaijan. tween Pakistan and

He commended President Aliyev's vision and commitment to enhance international cooperation to address challenges posed by climate change, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister assured him that Pakistan being itself among the most affected countries due to climate change despite its negligible contributions, was committed to work with Azerbaijan and the in-Minister ternational community on climate change related challenges.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu exchanging views with Major General Mohammed Gadih, Inspector Royal Moroccan Air Force during meeting held at Air Headquarters in Islamabad.

### SSGC launches winter safety campaign; cautions customers to use gas wisely

QUETTA (APP): Sui Southern Gas Company launched its 2024-25 Winter Safety Awareness campaign in a session that was attended by religious scholars and media representatives from Balochistan region in large num-bers. The event was held at the Quetta Press Club.



In his keynote address, SSGC's Acting Senior General Manager Abdul Waheed Jumani, emphasized that protecting human lives is a noble act.

He advised the residents of colder regions in Balochistan to exercise caution while using gas-powered appliances and added that numerous steps have been taken in utility management to minimize difficulties for consumers.

Jumani assured attendees that the gas-related issues highlighted during the session would be addressed and appropriate recommendations will be submitted to the senior management.

jected the latest bid for Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and presented new proposals for the airline's

privatisation, which will now be forwarded to the cabinet committee and the federal cabinet for ap-



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OPINION



**United stance** 

Beyond rhetoric, unity is rare within the Muslim world. Yet it was reassuring to see Muslim states speak with one voice at the extraordinary OIC-Arab League summit in Riyadh on Monday, specifically concerning the genocidal wars that Israel has unleashed in Palestine and Lebanon.

Although it would have been better if the Muslim bloc had announced practical measures to punish Israel and its supporters for their murder of tens of thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians, in the current circumstances, even coming together on one platform to denounce the genocidal violence is an achievement. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman vowed to stand by "our brothers in Palestine and Lebanon", while warning Israel to respect Iran's sovereignty.

In view of the acrimony that has often marked ties between the kingdom and the Islamic republic, this show of solidarity is creditable. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif sought an arms embargo against Israel; indeed, such an embargo, as well as Muslim states' freezing of economic and diplomatic ties with Israel, should have happened as soon as Tel Aviv began its butchery in Gaza. The summit also reiterated the need for Israel to vacate all occupied Arab land, including the held Palestinian territories and the Golan Heights.

As the Muslim-Arab bloc was pledging solidarity with Palestine in Riyadh, the Israelis were busy pouring cold water over any prospect of a sovereign Palestinian state. The new Israeli foreign minister said that statehood was not a "realistic" position, while Tel Aviv's extremist finance minister has asserted that plans are ready to annex the occupied West Bank. This is a clear message that the Israelis are not ready for peace and Tel Aviv's bloodthirsty, expansionist policies will continue.

Moreover, Donald Trump is assembling a mortifying line-up of pro-Israel, anti-Iran hawks to head positions in the UN and the State Department. It is safe to say that peace-making will not be a priority, unless this 'peace' entails total capitulation of the Arab side.

Exactly 50 years ago, Yasser Arafat told the world while speaking at the UN that he held forth an olive branch as well as a freedom fighter's gun. "Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand," Arafat warned. Sadly, in their arrogance, the Israelis have effectively cut off the hand holding the olive branch, which has left the Palestinians clasping only a gun. What occurred on Oct 7, 2023, was the result of the Israelis repeatedly dismissing the olive branch. Today, Gaza is a massive graveyard, Lebanon is on fire and the entire Middle East is on the brink of a conflagration. The only solution is for Israel to stop its slaughter, and recognise the reality that Palestine cannot be erased.

## **Trumped again**

Mahir Ali the polls and the main-Donkeys are reputed to be stream media projected, stubborn beasts. That but they might have made possible misinterpretation amends that bolstered of their instinct for selftheir support two years preservation later. No such luck. Biden characterises a party that did propose some healthy has utilised Equus measures on the ecoasinusas a symbol since nomic and renewable en-Andrew Jackson emergy fronts, but they made braced a hostile descripno immediate difference to tion of himself as a jackmost of those who were ass back in 1828. suffering from the conse-The Democrats' elec-

quences of the Covid pantion symbol might be an demic and its inflationary insult to a species whose aftermath. The Democrats ofintelligence has been un-

derrated since donkeys fered no alternative to the were domesticated 6,000 status quo beyond years ago, but its tradigradual improvement over tional implications accuthe years, bolstered by rately reflect the party pundits who proclaimed hierarchy's mindset after that the economy was last week's devastating going gangbusters, with rising employment and de-The post-mortems clining inflation. Too

began pouring in as soon many voters did not feel as it became obvious that the joy that Harris sought Kamala Harris had been to project, recalling that trounced by Donald their grocery bills were Trump. Yesterday, the lower before Biden took president-elect was due to over. Among the many be hosted in the Oval Ofpromises Trump is unfice by a man who had delikely to fulfil, he vowed scribed him as a dire threat to bring down grocery bills, cut taxes and end all Joe Biden's claim wars

wasn't exactly inaccurate, Back in 2016, he but it ignored his own emerged as a potential party's contribution to the disruptor of a status quo promotion of plutocracy. that wasn't working for It may not have been initimost Americans. He could ated by the Democrats, not reclaim the perch in but they ran with the 2020, after four years in trend power. That he was able exe-mplified by the to achieve a far more con-Reagan administration. vincing victory than eight Bill Clinton and years ago is a testament Barack Obama lent their to the decrepitude of the imagined heft to the Har-Democrats

ris campaign, and both ig-That does not only nored the issues whereby mean that Biden ought to their presidencies led, rehave ruled himself out a spectively, to George W. couple of years ago on the Bush and Trump. The basis of his senescence, Clinton presidency did but also that his succesnot deviate all that much sor should have diverged from the Reagan era, and from a self-defeating formula by offering viable al-ternatives to both an Obama effectively purthe neoconservatism and economy whose supposneoliberalism of his Reedly thriving aspects are publican predecessor. not trickling down to most voters, and to a foreign

No one can claim with any certainty that the policy that involves pro-2024 result would have been different had Biden rope and promoting a rying out his threatened butted out after the 2022 midterm elections, in which the Democrats did stead, on slamming abroad. -- Courtesy Dawn

not fare quite as badly as Trump and saying that she wasn't Biden — the latter of which was obvious given her gender and ethnicity, but less so when it came to her ideology. Much of the Democratic elite that has ridiculed Bernie Sanders for accurately claiming that the working class was only returning the favour when deserted De--mocrats have also claimed that Har-ris ran a wonderful campaign but

was der-ailed by unavoidable obstacles. That's nonsense. It's true she had only 100 days to stake her claim, thanks to her geriatric chieftain's obduracy and his party's inexplicable obeisance, but Obama.

tently reminds the electorate that real wages haven't increased since the 1970s, the minimum wage is far too low, and it's a travesty that so many citizens of the world's richest nation live in poverty despite full-time jobs, and struggle to pay their medical bills and education debts. While the Republicans' ridiculous response is to privatise everything, the Democrats are petrified by the prospect of proposing anything more than a bit

of neoliberalism. It's

gressive. genocide in the Middle atrocities at home and his East. Harris focused, in- promised peacemaking

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nation's within.

With each passing day, Pakistan's most talented and educated young women and men are increasingly making the difficult decision to leave the country. They don't just depart but take with them the very skills, ideas, passion, commitment, empathy, and optimism that could the beginning of 2022, reportedly over a million highly qualified professionals have left the trying everything they this crisis even harder to bear is the truth that, in

# **Finding inspiration**

tion of 66m children).

Jawad Ahmed

every 100 children, 36 In a country where the are never enrolled in priyoung have hardly anymary school; and from those who do get a thing to look forward to, where ministers and adchance to begin their visers on youth affairs academic journeys, only 55pc are able to comare not really in their 'youth', and where the plete Grade 5 — the state has continuously state fails 65 of every disappointed the aspira-100 children within the tions of some of first 10 years of their brightest lives in this 77-year-old minds, it is very difficult country. to find inspiration from

the region, the world's fifth most populous nation spends 1.5pc of its GDP on education — a drop from 2.4pc. These numbers tell us the trajectory of this country's fate in the coming years; evidence and decadelong economic research world's nations has rehave transformed our ally progressed without thing for the most collective future. Since investing in its people marginalised chi-ldren and developing its human capital Everyday phrases 'no one cares'; 'this country, perhaps after country will stay as it is'; 'there isn't anything could. But what makes that we can do'; 'the university-going stupowers that be won't al-

grow'; 'we're corrupt to their departure, they are not abandoning Pakithe core'; 'the governstan, but are, in fact, callment doesn't do anying out for all of us to thing'; 'the establishreflect, to act, and to ment plays its games'; change. our votes get stolen;

Despite a wrecked and 'the state doesn't economy, fragile secu- honour its commitment rity, and suppressed to citizens' - won't do free speech rights, we any good to the people still have individuals of this country. In fact, and organisations in- whatever little hope is vesting in Pakistan's fu- left for the ones who are ture and the generations destined to stay and to come. Most of these survive in Pakistan will agents of change are also vanish deeply invested in the youth and in a Pakistan response to the chalthat values talent, integlenges we face, it is in the best interest of all of rity, and potential. Education is one such area Pakistan's citizens within and outside of that can give this nation some hope. the country —

champion the right of Pakistan's education system has remained in a state of perpetual crisis. The official number for out-ofsociety and not only school children is 26.2m become their voice but (40 per cent of the total also act on their behalf school-going popula- when they can

One such example This means that out of and an inspiration for young and old in this country is 27-year-old Wall Street-based financial analyst Tabarak Rehman. On Nov 3, Tabarak embarked on a journey to become the first-ever person to run 1,600 kilometres across Pakistan. He is doing this to create awareness and make an impact on the education of 7,000 With the second Pakistani children who lowest literacy rate in might have otherwise remained out of school.

With his run, he is trying to raise \$1m for the education nonprofit The Ci-tizens Foun-da-t-ion. We have ob--served across so--cial media platforms that Taba-rak's venture has initiated a show that none of the disc-o-urse on 'what and how' to do someof our nat---ion.

Such ventures have the potential to bring society onto one platform for a single cause, with college- and dents, young profeslow this country to sionals, corporate leaders, civil servants, philan-thropists, and industrialists within and outside Pakistan discussing the educational crisis in the countrv

> Discussion itself is the starting point of overcoming such a grave challenge and leads to further responsive civic activism.

If Pakistan is to find its way forward, it will be because we collectively For a stronger civic recognise the power of this new generation – their struggles, their dreams, and their resilience. The question is not whether we can afford to listen and reto spond to these young fundamental educa- voices but whether we tion for the youngest can afford not to. members of Pakistan Nadeem Hussain is the co-author of Agents of Change and The Economy of Modern Sindh. -- Courtesy Dawn

her rallying cries consisted of little more than hollow platitudes, and her oratorical skills don't match those of Barack Sanders consis-

of tinkering on the edges easy to empathise with the likeliest victims of Trump's non-consecutive second

term, an achievement previously pulled off only by Grover Cleveland in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. And he was a Democrat back when the Republican Party was relatively pro-Trump's unpredictability means we can only wait and see longing a nasty war in Eu- how far he will go in car-

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# Rana for exploiting olive potential to cut edible oil imports

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Minister for National Food and Security Rana Tanveer oil, which is then significant growth, with here on Wednesday stressed the need for exploit the potential of olive oil production and health benefits. reduce dependence on edible oil imports.

Summit 2024, the minister minister stressed the need emphasized the country's sector, urging the need of processing, packaging, and marketing to attract customers.

for

investors meet Punjab

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The minister said that research was crucial to the becomes excited because growth of any sector, so for developing the export", he added. research to enhance its development.

Tanveer said that sector's development.

the UAE and Europe met

Provincial Minister for

Industries and Commerce

Chaudhry Shafay Hussain

(PBIT)

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currently Pakistan's imports 70-80% of edible olive oil offers numerous Pakistan's market. With

current reliance on The Speaking at Olive imported edible oil, the Pakistan Olive Summit sustainable national and international vast potential for olive substitute, highlighting the experts, policymakers, potential for olive oil production to meet local demands and drive exports. industry "As we hear the word

Under the theme export the government we want to enhance our agricultural sector, there is He praised the efforts summit emphasized a need to undertake of Dr. Tariq and Azmat Pakistan's potential to He praised the efforts Awan, two government

**Overseas Pakistani** 

olive sector is poised to processed into unhealthy Rana Tanveer outlining ghee while in contrast, ambitious plans to transform the country into a major player in the global

Al Baraka 2024 brought together key and industry leaders to advance Pakistan's olive

"Developing a Safe, Sustainable & Ready-to-Export Supply Chain of the Olive Sector," the emerge as a significant officials driving the olive player in the global olive

market Gold prices up by Rs.1,400 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold increased by Rs.1,400 and was sold at Rs.271,900 on Wednesday against its sale at Rs.

in the province. reported. Provincial Minister here at Punjab Board of apprised the delegation Investment & Trade that 18 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been

industries minister LAHORE (APP): A and the Investors group delegation of overseas indicated to make Pakistanis investors from investment of US \$ 50 million in the EV (electric 270,500, All Sindh Sarafa vehicles) and other sectors Jewellers Association

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also went up by Rs.1,200 to Rs.233,111 from Rs. 231,911 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold increased to Rs.213,685 from Rs. 212,584.

office on established in Punjab meeting while seven more SEZs discussed investment projects are in the opportunities in Punjab pipeline.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Privatisation, Investment and Communication Abdul Aleem Khan chairing 227th meeting of Privatisation **Commission Board.** 



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan meets with the World Bank team to discuss strategies for boosting Pakistan's export competitiveness and strengthening trade policies, emphasizing a Whole-of-Government approach for export-led growth.

## **Gilani calls for creating** more social cohesiveness to boost investors' confidence

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate and former Prime Minister, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Wednesday called for

across Pakistan.

administration

enhancing

collection

to

modernize Pakistan's tax

infrastructure. FBR is

reinforcing its commitment

tax

and

revenue

through

advancing

advanced digital solutions.

said a news release. This

said a press release. He said that new creating more social cohesiveness to boost realities are shaping the investors' confidence and world at large, and we are strengthening democratic living in an era of alliances, credentials. Addressing the including those that are inaugural session of breeding conflict and Margalla Dialogue 2024, of militarization such as AUKUS and QUAD in the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) here, he region and beyond. The

equip youth with education to make them a capable Pakistan looks forward to more democratisation, and workforce in a changing and an inclusive order where in competitive world order,

#### economic resilience and security decorum come to adjust transitional changes. He referred to the Founder of the Nation,

Muhammad Ali Jinnah and said that "Pakistan is the pivot of the world," and even our existence at such an important geographic crossroads had proved vitality for our neighbours.

#### PSX gains 130 points to close at 93,355 points ISLAMABAD (APP):

The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend on Wednesday, gaining 130.86 points, a positive change of 0.14 percent, closing at 93,355.43 points as compared to 93,224.56 points on the last trading day.

A total of 807,067,924 shares were traded during the day as compared to 792,904,878 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 31.688 billion against Rs. 30.788 billion on the last trading day.

## Jam, World Bank advance agenda for export competitiveness

ISLAMABAD (APP): competitiveness and the Federal Minister for Ease of Doing Business for Commerce Jam Kamal exporters. Khan and World Bank team This

strategy on Wednesday met to emphasizes export-led growth by providing crucial enabling factors discuss Pakistan's export reform agenda, focusing on such as financing, liquidity strategies to enhance export support, reduced input competitiveness and streamline enabling policies. costs, and regulatory The discussion also facilitation to empower addressed how the World Pakistan's export sector.

The World Bank reiterated its support for initiatives under the Pakistan's Trade and country program, said a press Investment Officers (TIOs) stationed in Missions Jam Kamal Khan abroad and its commitment highlighted the Whole-ofto collaborating on Government approach to knowledge-sharing export enhancement, which initiatives to strengthen promotes a unified policy Pakistan's global trade framework to improve connections.

### **Qurrat ul Ain says:** Flat electricity tariff relief under winter package should be extended to SMEs

Ul Ain, Acting President, disadvantaged as compared FPCCI, has demanded that to the larger industrial - while the apex body

Bank can support these

release issued here.

broader

Independent Report this conditionality; ARACHI: Ms. Qurrat therefore, they will remain disadurate and as compared units. Additionally, the



appreciates the announcement of winter package – the relief in the electricity tariff announced under it should be made available to small & medium enterprises (SMEs) as well through withdrawing the condition of 100,000 units consumption in the corresponding period of last year; and, resultantly, only applying the Rs. 26 / kWh tariff to the incremental units consumed after that threshold. Ms. Ourrat Ul Ain, Acting President, The two UISS-FPCCI, explained that contributors keeping the cost of doing business high

government will also not get full results of its winter package in industrial production and exports as the limitations in the applicability of the winter package will create impediments in fully materializing the impetus offered for trade and industry. Acting FPCCI Chief highlighted that 100 textile units are already closed in Faisalabad due to burgeoning cost of doing business and lack of ease of doing business parameters in the country.



friendly online payments, introduced the New accessible directly from taxpayers' bank accounts Payment Creation System, via internet banking, ATMs, and mobile namely ePayment 2.0. available within the IRIS 2.0 portal, an advanced banking, eliminating the platform designed to simplify tax payment visits.

need for physical bank processes for taxpayers ePayment 2.0 marks a significant advancement In line with the vision in revenue management of the government to

covering a wide range of taxes, including Income Tax, Sales Tax, Federal Excise Duty, Withholding Taxes. and Earlier, taxpayers used a separate ePayment

system outside IRIS 2.0,

requiring them to switch

between portals.

ndependent

## National News

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## Number of field hospitals, **'Clinics on Wheels' to be** increased: CM Punjab

Wheels."

(APP): the Governor emphasized

Khyber the importance of the

region.

He expressed these Development Authority in

soon

activities

views during a meeting with Peshawar, which is a delegation from the Kohat expected to be completed

business community in

fostering trade and

industrial growth in the

the Federal Government

had allocated funds for the

establishment of an Expo

Center by the Trade

He highlighted that

... Additionally, the

Federal Minister for

Information has approved

the establishment of a hall

for cultural activities.

which will further promote

the province's heritage and

SIFC: Governor Kundi

Nawaz promised on Wednesday that "all of people. resources will be spent on welfare of people and we will provide treatment facilities at the doorstep of

every citizen". While noting that free of more than 30,000 and best treatment at the doorsteps of more than 5. 3 million patients across Punjab had been provided in just 148 days, she added that good treatment, medicines and tests were the right of those living in

the villages also. number of field hospitals providing services in semi-

Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim

Kundi, on Wednesday said

that efforts are underway to

highlight the issues of the

province especially of

southern districts in Special

Investment Facilitation

Council (SIFC) regarding

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry, led by the chamber's president and

Vice President of the

Federation of Pakistan

Chambers of Commerce and

Industry (FPCCI), Rashid

During the discussion,

Ahmad Pracha

trade and business.

PESHAWAR

Governor

LAHORE (APP): Punjab and 'Clinics on Wheels' urban and congested areas Chief Minister Maryam would be further increased across Punjab. to ensure ease and service

She added,"15 Clinics on Wheels and 3 Maryam Nawaz said, ultrasound vehicles are "We are daily monitoring busy in semi-urban and the performance of Clinic congested areas of Lahore, on Wheels and Field whereas more than Hospitals where an average 736,000 people received treatment from the field patients benefit from the hospital in remote areas of services every day. She Punjab.' flagged,"More underscored,"Medical 100,000 people in the consultation, tests and ultrasound facilities are also villages were provided free available at the Clinic on lab test facility through the field hospitals, and more

The CM said,"202 than 46,000 people from Clinic on Wheels vans and The CM said that 42 ultrasound plus vans are the facility of free X-ray and ultrasound tests.

of Bajaur district,

his house blasted with big

bang near Tehsil Mamond

receiving reports rushed to

the site and shifted the

search operation to trace

dead to nearby hospital.

The police team after

Police have started

Wednesday

the culprits.

area

# **Efforts underway to** highlight KP's issues in

remote villages were given Man killed in Bajaur bomb blast

incident BAJAUR (APP): A man was killed in a bomb blast other officials. incident that took place

She

than

During the visit, the near Tehsil Mamond area Chief Minister inaugurated a newly constructed tv channels quoting gymnasium at the Peshawar Board, which has police reported on been built at a cost of PKR According to details, 160 million.

The gymnasium is a man lost his life when a bomb planted outside of

Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin

Khan Gandapur on

#### Wednesday visited the fitness gym, and wrestling. This state-of-the-art facility will benefit Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Peshawar Board, accompanied by Provincial Minister for Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai, and

**CM KP** participate in

ceremony at BISE

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief equipped with various

boards.

## LDA City to launch **Business Bay, Education City zones: Bilal Yaseen**

Minister for Housing and Urban Development Bilal Yaseen on Wednesday announced introducing work new initiatives, saying that the "LDA City will soon launch the Business Bay and Education City

zones", aimed at providing modern business and educational infrastructure.

"Four major planned roads, along with a motorway, will also be passing through LDA City and it would become a premier residential hub for Lahore's residents, said by Bilal Yaseen during his developments.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab visit to LDA City project

and President Lahore Tax Bar Shehbaz Siddique at Governor House.

sports facilities, including

site on Wednesday to review the progress of ongoing development

The minister was briefed by the Director-General of LDA, Tahir Farooq and Chief Engineer Israr Saeed, regarding the development efforts at the site. During the visit, DG

LDA Tahir Farooq highlighted the rapid pace of

ATC extends interim bail of **6 PTI workers** taxation system. in May-9 cases LAHORE (APP): An antiterrorism court (ATC) on

boxing, karate, taekwondo, table tennis, bodybuilding, Wednesday extended the interim bail of six Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers until December 14 in connection with three cases related to the May 9

> The ATC judge conducted proceedings on the pre-arrest bail applications of the accused, who were present in court to mark their attendance.

During the hearing, police requested additional to complete time investigations into the

#### Veda Bus Service from Nishtar-I to phase-II

#### inaugurated

MULTAN (APP): The Veda Bus Service, a new transit initiative aimed at easing transportation between Nishtar Hospital-I and Nishtar Hospital phase-II, has officially launched in Multan here on Wednesday.

The service was inaugurated by the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) South Punjab, Fawad Hashim Rabbani who also took a journey on the bus to experience the service firsthand.

## Dire need to take better measures to prevent tax evasion: Governor

Tax Bar, Rana Munir Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore. Tax reforms and measures to bring people into the tax net were discussed. Speaking on the LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in a group photo occasion, Governor Punjab with delegation led by Patron Chief Pakistan Tax Bar, Rana Munir Ahmed Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that no state can provide public welfare, economic development, infrastructure and services without an effective

Independent Report need to take better LAHORE: A delegation led measures to prevent tax by Patron Chief Pakistan evasion, for which the scope of the tax net needs Ahmed and President to be expanded. Governor Lahore Tax Bar Shehbaz Punjab said that payment Siddique met with Governor of tax is the moral and legal responsibility of all of us. He said that the people are ready to pay taxes, but the government has to simplify the system and impose taxes in consultation with the business community.

He said that the implementation of the plan presented by President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari regarding taxation on the agricultural sector will strengthen the country's He said that there is a economy.



KARACHI: Smoke billows as a fire blazes at Plastic Factory site area Ghani Chowrangi in Karachi.

### **PTI always indulging** in protests, sit-ins, chaos: Azma Bokhari

LAHORE (APP): life in London. Provincial Information Minister Azma Bokhari has said that Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) has always been indulging in protests, sit-ins, rallies and chaos.

She said that prosperity returning to Pakistan was unacceptable to the 'chaos' party. She said those who incessantly chanted 'thief, thief' had now been caught redhanded in their own

family's corruption. The information minister said the 'disruptive' group had used the nation's youth for their power lust, and development projects while their own children in every sector of the were enjoying a luxurious province, she added.

The minister said that PTI's politics had now been reduced to street-level politics. "Nawaz Sharif had once said, 'We will build roads, and you will just measure them'," she recalled former premier's statement. The development in

Punjab is not being accepted and tolerated by the PTI, she added.

Azma said that CM Maryam Nawaz had taken Punjab historic and revolutionary steps in Punjab. In just a few months, she introduced relief packages

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Khawaja Salman Rafique presides over the high level meeting at Specialized Healthcare and Medical **Education Department.** 

students, teachers, staff, and the local community. It will also host riots. competitions between various colleges and Furthermore, the Chief Minister attended the prize distribution ceremony for the All Pakistan Inter-Boards



# Israeli forces kill 22 people in Gaza, force new displacement in the north

is now Israel.

ing office last month.

Washington sees Indo-

nesia, the most populous

country in Southeast Asia

as an important partner in a

region where its rival Beijing

has deep trade and invest-

ment ties. Indonesia is also

the world's most populous

Muslim-majority country.

While China is a key eco

metals from its mines.

a maritime development

deal with Beijing.

Indonesian president meets

Biden and speaks with

Trump, pledges cooperation

Prabowo

**Monitoring Desk** CAIRO: Israeli military strikes killed at least 22 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, as Israeli forces deepened their incursion into Beit Hanoun town in the north, forcing most remaining residents to leave. Residents said Israeli forces besieged shelters housing displaced families and the remaining population, which some estimated at a few thousand, ordering them to head south through a checkpoint separating two towns and a refugee camp in the north from Gaza City.

Men were held for questioning, while women and children were allowed to continue towards Gaza City, residents and Palestinian medics said.

Israel's campaign in the north of Gaza, and the evacuation of tens of thousands of Palestinians from the area, has fueled claims from Palestinians that it is clearing the airstrikes the day before, the

**Monitoring Desk** 

JAKARTA: Indonesia's

Subianto met with US

President Joe Biden at the

White House and offered

his congratulations to

President-elect Donald

Trump by phone during an

official visit to Washington.

to strengthen Indonesian-

United States relationship,

and I would like to work

towards this end that we

have a strong cooperation,"

said he will pursue a non-

aligned foreign policy, met

with Biden in the Oval Of-

fice after posting a video of

ton straight from China,

where he had met with

President Xi Jinping on his

first overseas trip since tak-

said Prabowo.

his call to Trump.

"I will work very hard

Prabowo, who has

He arrived in Washing-

President

area for use as a buffer zone United States' top diplomat and potentially for a return said it's time to end the war.

reverse the 2005 with-48, a resident of Beit drawal of settlers from Gaza. Hardliners in his Lahiya, who arrived in Gaza City on Wednesday. government have talked "North Gaza is being openly about going back.

turned into a large buffer It said forces have zone, Israel is carrying out killed hundreds of Hamas ethnic cleansing under the militants in Jabalia, Beit sight and hearing of the im-potent world," he told Reuters via a chat app. Lahiya and Beit Hanoun during its new military offensive, which began more than a month ago. Hamas Saed was referring to the 1948 Middle East Arab- and the Islamic Jihad Israeli war which gave birth armed wing claimed killing several Israeli soldiers dur-

to the state of Israel and saw the displacement of huning ambushes and antidreds of thousands of Paltank rocket fire. Efforts by Arab meestinians from their home towns and villages in what diators, Qatar and Egypt,

backed by the United As funeral prayers were held on Wednesday in States, have so far failed to end the war in Gaza, with central Gaza, for Palestin-Hamas and Israel trading ians killed in Israeli the blame for the lack of progress.

people lived. Kyrgyzstan makes arrests it fired missiles at an air base near Tel Aviv, following a over suspected wave of Israeli air strikes on the group's south Beirut coup attempt bastion

ahead of local Since September 23, elections **Monitoring Desk** 

BISHKEK: Police in the Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan have arrested and charged seven people on suspicion of organising mass riots to overthrow the government ahead of local elections on Sunday.

nomic partner for Indonesia Jakarta has also become a The interior ministry big buyer of US arms, and it said in a statement on Tueswants to sell the West more day the individuals were suspected of using sports At the White House, games and other competi-Biden said the two leaders tions in the capital Bishkek were discussing climate, conflict in the Middle East to foment a riot. "Under the guise of national sports and the South China Sea. games, they intended to call Indonesia said on for acts of violence, were Monday it does not recoggoing to put forward unconnize China's claims over the stitutional calls, (and) vast majority of the South destabilise the situation for China Sea, despite signing the further violent seizure

of power on November 17," the ministry said.

across the country **Monitoring Desk** south Beirut and in the east and south of the country. On September 30, it sent in BEIRUT: Lebanon said Israeli strikes killed 11 people ground troops. across the country Tues-"The Ísraeli enemy day, including five in a rare

strike on Baalshmay killed five people," the health minattack on a house east of Beirut, where a security istry said in an initial report. official said displaced referring to a mountain village east of Beirut, outside The Iran-backed Hezbollah's traditional Hezbollah group also said

strongholds. The security official, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter, said the "Israeli strike targeted a house

Israel has stepped up its where displaced people bombing campaign in Lebanon, mainly targeting lived, including women Hezbollah strongholds in and children".

### US opens missile base in **Poland** as Trump presidency looms over NATO **Monitoring Desk**

and Warsaw says it shows WARSAW: The United Poland's military alliance States will officially open a with Washington remains new air defence base in solid, whoever is in the northern Poland on White House. "It took a Wednesday, as Warsaw while, but this construction seeks to reassure citizens proves the geostrategic rethat NATO guarantees their solve of the United States,' security amid jitters after Polish Foreign Minister Donald Trump's presiden-Radoslaw Sikorski said in a tial election victory. video posted to X on Tues-

Situated in the town of day. Polish President Redzikowo near the Baltic Andrzej Duda, a conservacoast, the base has been in tive who has stressed his the works since the 2000s warm ties with Trump

US says it intends to shore up support for Ukraine until Trump takes office **Monitoring Desk** 

BRUSSELS: President Joe Biden intends to bolster U.S. military support to Ukraine in the final months of his administration, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday, after Russia launched a sophisticated missile and drone attack on Kyiv.

The U.S. will "continue to shore up everything we're doing for Ukraine to make sure that it can effectively defend itself against this Russian aggression."

#### **US** imposes sanctions on Sudanese paramilitary commander **Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTON: The US on Tuesday imposed sanctions on a commander of Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, accusing him of being involved in human rights abuses in West Darfur, as Washington increases pressure over the war in the African nation.

The US Treasury Dethe Golan Heights. partment in a statement said Abdel Rahman Juma Israel is embroiled in a Barkalla led the RSF's cammultifront war, settlement paign in West Darfur. advocates believe Trump's

#### **Triumphant Trump** returns to White House to meet Biden **Monitoring Desk** at 11am (1600 GMT) -

WASHINGTON: Donald and push for continued support for Ukraine. "He believes in the Trump will make a triumphant return to the White House to meet President Joe Biden on Wednesday, in the Republican's first visit since departing amid a cloud of scandal nearly four years ago.

Trump's meeting with Biden comes as he moves swiftly to name his top team, including the world's richest man Elon Musk as head of a new group aimed at slashing government waste. Democrat Biden invited his sworn rival to meet in the Oval Office — despite the fact that Trump, who has consistently refused to admit his 2020 election loss, never afforded Biden the same courtesy. Biden, 81, is expected

to urge a smooth transition of power in the encounter dent Trump is thinking."

apparent in last week's

popped bottles of cham-

heart of the occupied terri-

Instagram. The winery said

capital and moving the U.S.

Embassy there, and recog-

This time around, as

president-elect.

Israel's West Bank settlers hope Trump's return will pave the way for major settlement expansion Monitoring Desk

history of fervent support BEIT EL: As Donald could translate into their Trump's victory became supreme goal: Israeli annexation of the West Bank - a U.S. elections, Jewish West move that critics say would smother any remaining Bank settlement advocates hopes for Palestinian statepagne and danced to the hood. Some are even gunning for resettling Gaza un-Bee Gees at a winery in the der a Trump administra-

tory, according to a post on "God willing, the year 2025 will be the year of it was rolling out a special edition red named for the sovereignty in Judea and Samaria," Israeli Finance Minister and settlement Settlement supporters firebrand Bezalel Smotrich believe they have plenty of reasons to celebrate. Not said Monday, referring to the West Bank by its biblionly did the expansion of housing for Jews in the West Bank soar past prevical name, in comments that sparked international upous records during Trump's roar. He said he would first term, but his adminismake sure the government lobbies the Trump admintration took unprecedented istration on the idea. Israel steps to support Israel's territorial claims, including captured the West Bank, along with east Jerusalem recognizing Jerusalem as its and the Gaza Strip in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians want those nizing Israel's annexation of territories for their hopedfor future state. Israel annexed east Jerusalem in a move most of the international community.

norms. He believes in our institutions," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said on Tuesday when asked why Biden was inviting Trump. 'The American people deserve this. They deserve

a peaceful transfer of power." US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said Biden would go over top foreign policy issues when he meets Trump including US support for Kviv against Russia, which Trump has criticised. "The president will have the chance to explain to President Trump how he sees things, where they stand. and talk to President Trump about how Presi-



Lebanon says 11

killed in Israel strikes

International News

U.S. President Joe Biden meets with President-elect Donald Trump in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, U.S.

#### The Israeli military of Jewish settlers. "The scenes of the has denied any such inten-1948 catastrophe are being tion, and Prime Minister repeated. Israel is repeating Benjamin Netanyahu has said he does not want to its massacres, displacement and destruction," said Saed,

### Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

### Thursday November 14, 2024

## **PM reiterates resolve** to ensure safety of **Chinese nationals**

ister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday met with Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang on the sidelines of the Climate Action Summit of COP-29 and discussed the bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and China

Referring to the recent visit of the Chinese Premier to Pakistan, the prime minister said that China was a long-standing friend of Pakistan and a new era of strengthening relations between the two countries had begun.

Highlighting the steps taken by the government ment and prosperity of for the security of the Chi- the peoples of the two nese nationals in Pakistan,

BAKU (APP): Prime Min- he said that the government of Pakistan was taking all possible steps to ensure the security of Chinese nation-

He also highlighted the steps taken by the government to completely eradicate the menace of terrorism and reiterated that the government was committed to root out terrorism from the country

The Chinese vice premier expressed his desire to work with Pakistan to overcome security challenges and further expand Pak-China cooperation for the develop-



countries

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of China, Mr. Jiang Zaidong, giving a gift hamper to the winner of the Chinese Speech Contest 2024 at National University of Modern Languages (NUML) in federal capital.

### Naqvi seeks global cooperation to combat human trafficking

ISLAMABAD (APP): In- cused in these meetings. The terior Minister Mohsin Naqvi says human trafficking has become a complex and a multi-faceted challenge and requires global response as no country can tackle it single-handedly.

He said this while holding meetings with Swiss Migration Minister Chirstine Schraner Burner, EU Migration and Home Affairs Chief Johannes Luchner, International Centre for Migration Policy Development Head Michael Spindelegger in Hungary today.

The issues of mutual interest, including combating irregular migration and Process Ministerial Conferhuman trafficking were fo-

leaders emphasized the need for joint actions to address these challenges.

Mohsin Naqvi welcomed cooperation from the European Union and migration policy development organizations, noting that sustainable actions today can create a better future for upcoming generations.

He also stressed the importance of enhanced collaboration between delegations and institutions, specialized training for officers from relevant institutions

Meanwhile Minister for interior Mohsin Naqvi attended the 7th Budapest ence in Hungary.

presenting resolution of Pakistan in 1940. The independence of Baitul Maqddas is part of faith of every Muslim, he added



BAKU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif met Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang, on the sidelines of COP29 Climate Action Summit in Baku.

#### 451 out of 1021 registered complaints at complaint cell redressed: **Chief Minister directs authorities** to resolve issues of general public by redressing grievances

Mir Sarfraz Bugti warns action would be taken against departments showing irresponsibility on not attending public complaints

plaints

their redressal.

plaint cell.

**Independent Report** UETTA: The Chief Minster Balochistan. Mir Sarfraz Bugti has directed to the concerned authorities to resolve the issues of general public by redressing their grievances.

He warned that action would be taken against

**People of** Palestine consider Pak their second home: Envoy

SLAMABAD (Online): J Amir Hafiz Naeem un Rehman has met Palestinambassador ian Islamabad.

He welcomed newly ppointed ambassador of Palestine in Islamabad.

JI Amir said we stand shoulder to should with people of Palestine in their struggle for independence of Palestine.

Our Palestine policy is what was of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and was announced by Indian Muslims while

Palestinian ambassa-

progress of redressal of the those departments showing grievances by directing con-tacting the citizens over irresponsibility on not attending the public comtelephone. He also issued directives to the complaint The Chief Minister was chairing a meeting in cell to resolve certain comthe CM's complaint cell plaints.

here on Wednesday. He re-Meanwhile, the con-cerned officers of CM comviewed the public complaints registered at the CM's complaint cell beplaint cell briefed the Chief Minister about overall funcsides progress made for tioning of the cell. It was informed that a

total of 1021 complaints were registered in the CM's He also reviewed different areas of Quetta on the video link and got veri-fied the complaints re-dressed through the comcomplaint cell established in the CM's secretariat. While 451 complaints were addressed, 88 were found The Chief Minister unsubstantiated. Similarly,

on the occasion also got him action is being taken on 482 acquainted about the complaints.



**QUETTA:** President Supreme Court Bar Association Atta Rauf Advocate meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ähmed Bugti.

### **UNFPA**, Population Council report give direction for future challenges: Ahsan

suggestions related to over-

Minister Ahsan Iqbal was

the chief guest at the launch of "Pakistan 2025" study

by Population Council and

which he presented in 1997, he said that he had prepared

the vision after getting in-

spired from the vision of

Malaysia and China. "Un-

fortunately, two years later

martial law was imposed

and Pakistan became de-

pendent on foreign aid." The

path to progress got bro-

ken due to many hurdles,

the minister said. "How-

ever it is a proud achieve-

ment for the country that

Pakistan became the first

country in South Asia to

conduct a digital census.

Federal Minister for

Citing his Vision 2010

population.

UNFPA held.

## **CPEC upgraded version to** expand cooperation in various fields: Chinese ambassador

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong on Wednesday said that China will continue to work with Pakistan to focus on building an upgraded version of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to further consolidate and expand practical cooperation in various fields between the two countries.

During question and answer session with students at National University of Modern Language (NUML), the ambassador said that the upgraded ver-sion of CPEC will continuously further improve the all-weather strategic cooperation level between China and Pakistan, and better help Pakistan develop its economy and improve

people's livelihood. He said that the Chi-nese President Xi Jinping and the leaders of Pakistan have led the development of bilateral relations, set the positioning of China-Paki-

stan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership, and carried forward the construction of the CPEC from basic layout to a new stage of building an 'upgraded version

Jiang Zaidong said, We are willing to work with Pakistan to better implement the consensus, and speed up the building of a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era.'

He said that in international and regional affairs, China and Pakistan have always maintained close coordination and cooperation to effectively safeguard international fairness and justice and the common interests of developing coun-

He added both countries are members of the Shanghai Cooperation Or-ganization (SCO) and the 'Global South'. "We are ready to strengthen unity and cooperation with Pakistan, usher in a new era of

joint self-reliance in the Global South', to respond to the unprecedented changes in a century for a universally beneficial and inclusive economic global-ization." The ambassador said that Pakistan has successfully hosted meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (Prime Ministers) of the SCO Member States. He added, Chinese Premier Li Qiang personally led a delegation to attend the meeting and officially visited Pakistan. "It reflects China's firm support for Pakistan and also highlights the huge potential for both parties to strengthen coop

ation. Jiang Zaidong said that in July this year, Chi-nese President Xi Jinping proposed at the SCO Astana Summit to build a common home of unity and mutual trust, peace and tranquility, prosperity and development, good neighborliness and friendship, fairness and justice



group photo along with participants during the Dissemination Seminar of Grade-VIII Report of 2023-24 held in Quetta.

#### Satisfied with performance of BEEF, orders right sizing: CM Bugti emphasizes on improving performance of public sector companies to increase revenue of provincial govt. the boards who may be-

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Min-ister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has emphasized on improving performance of the public sector companies, which have formed for income generation.

He said that the very objective behind formation of the companies is to increase the revenue of government

Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Secretary However, perfor-Mines and Minerals, Saidal mance of the companies made purely for increasing

Mineral Exploration Limcome source of improving ited, Balochistan Energy performance of the compa-Limited Company Balochistan Special Econies with a clear strategy having technical expertise. nomic Zones Industrial Es tates Development and Management Company and Balochistan Education Endowment Fund.

The meeting decided to reform the boards of public sector companies and appoint the Chief Executive Officers from the corporate sector, in order to improve their performance.

The Chief Minister

The Chief Minister was chairing the meeting held to review performance of the public sector universities here on Wednesday. Those who were present in the meeting were:

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on memorable period. He Wednesday met with Mr. WADA Mitsuhiro, the Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan, as he prepares to tinued economic growth, conclude his tenure in Pakistan.

During the meeting, nations across diverse sec-



Jam Kamal bids farewell to

Japanese Envoy, discusses

trade, industry collaboration

Minister Jam extended his tors, from technology to best wishes for the trade

Ambassador's upcoming assignment and recognized his contributions toward strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing trade ties between Japan and Pakistan, said a press release issued here.

Ambassador WADA expressed gratitude for the warmth and hospitality he between Pakistani and Japaexperienced throughout his nese businesses

Dar calls upon developed nations to honour climate finance pledges

BAKU (APP): Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday called on the developed nations to honour their climate finance pledges to provide accessible and grants-based climate financing to achieve developing counties' climate goals.

The deputy prime minister/ foreign minister attended a high-level event convened by the United and BRT mass transit sys-Secretary-General on 'Delivering Early Warnings for All (EW4All) and Addressing Extreme Heat' on the sidelines of the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framethe role of early warning work Convention on Climate Change (COP29).

Addressing the highrisk posed by rising heat. level event, the deputy stood united in their comprime minister/foreign minister reaffirmed Pakistan's mitment to safeguard the livelihood, lives, protect commitment to safeguarding lives and protecting communities and ensure communities from the unthat no one was left unpropredictable and severe imtected from the unpredictpacts of climate change. able and severe impacts.

by people of Pakistan and time in Pakistan, describing JI for Palestine cause sayhis stay as an enriching and ing people of Palestine consider Pakistan their second praised Pakistan's vibrant culture and highlighted the home. country's potential for connoting the productive col-

laboration between the two

The Osaka Expo

Jam Kamal Khan pro-

He emphasized the

importance of early warn-

ing systems for climate-in-

duced hazards, including floods, glacial lake out-

bursts, droughts, and ex-

treme heat. DPM/FM Dar

outlined Pakistan's key ini-

tiatives to reduce projected

greenhouse gas emissions

including Green Pakistan

Project, an Electric Vehicle

Policy, a large-scale man-

grove rehabilitation project,

tems across major cities.

EW4All înitiative in 2022.

system and the increasing

He said that they

2025, set to take place in

Japan, was a key topic of

posed organizing Business

to-Business (B2B) meetings

during the event in April

2025, creating opportuni

ties for trade collaboration

discussion

**PTA blocks** blasphemous. porn websites SLAMABAD (Online)

Pakistan Telecommunica tion Authority (PTA) has blocked websites spreading blasphemous and porn material

According to PTA spokesperson PTA is takng different steps to block blasphemous and immoral material. PTA has blocked 100183 blasphemous URL and 844008 obscene

websites so far. PTA is launching stern action against the websites spreading blasphemous and immoral material. PTA is too blocking such websites about which information is received from citizens and govern ment organizations.

It is noted with sor row attempts are made to seek access to 20 million obscene websites daily from across the country which are blocked on international gateway. People use VPNs to

websites on international gateway

# **CTD** eliminates

in Malakand PESHAWAR (APP): In a joint operation of Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Mardan and Malakand, three terrorists were eliminated

in Palai area o Malakand district, CTD Spokesman informed on Wednesday. The action taken on

He also appreciated intelligence-based informathe UN Secretary-General's tion in Shahkot Khugdar leadership in launching the area of Palai in the vicinity of Baizai police station in Dar said the meeting Malakand district was being held to discuss

During the action, the CTD officials conducted a raid on the hideout of terrorists in Palai where an encounter took place be-

tween the terrorists and police. During crossfire the Research, Mr. Abdul Raoof CTD police shot dead all Kakar, emphasized the significance of saffron cultivathe three terrorists, identition in the province and its fied as Zikriya, Abdullah global production. Dr. and Rizwan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives on Wednesday stated that the report launched by UNFPA and Population

Council gave future direction along with the tools needed to solve forthcoming challenges related to the growing population of Pakistan.

The minister said the report provides a detailed analysis of the recent census results and it gives future direction along with the tools needed to solve forthcoming challenges related to the growing population,

said a press release issued. "Pakistan 2025" study launched by UNFPA and Population Council presents challenges and

**QUETTA: Head of Federal Mohtasib Balochistan Region Tahira Parveen Baloch meeting with** Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai. Deputy Speaker Ghazala

### **ARI Balochistan promotes** saffron, broccoli cultivation

QUETTA: The Agriculture Research Institute (ARI) Balochistan recently hosted a seminar to highlight the potential of saffron and broccoli cultivation in the region. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Ali Akber, the esteemed Secretary of the Agriculture & Cooperatives Department, as the chief guest, Special Secretary Mr. Jahangir Khan Kakar and other distinguish guests from different renowned organizations, Departments and Universities. Renowned researchers from Agriculture Research, Agriculture Extension, the University of Balochistan. Women's University, and other prominent institu-

presentations, participants had the opportunity to visit saffron and broccoli

fields. Safffron collection and storage briefed by the concerned Director. Its potential of cultivation in Balochistan Province were also highlighted before the participants. A collaborative research work between ARI and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) were also visited by the Worthy Secretary Agriculture & Cooperatives and Special Secretary Mr. Jahangeer Khan tions were also invited. Di-Kakar. The Pistachio, rector General Agriculture Apple, Fodder, Wheat

Secretary Agriculture.

Muhammad Shakeel, Director of Special Crops, pro-vided detailed insights into the cultivation techniques, benefits, and medicinal properties of both saffron and broccoli. Following the

SWAT (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) se-nior leader Asad Qaiser has Grapes experiments of collaborative work were appreciated by the Worthy former Prime Minister.

revenue, has not been much satisfactory so far. Therefore, it is neces-

sary to make their performance more effective by utilizing the professional human resource.

He directed to adverformance of the public sectise the posts of new Chief tor companies including Executive Officers of the Balochistan Mineral Recompanies at the earliest source Limited, Balochistan and include such persons in

West African nations delegation visits NADRA Headquarters

ISLAMABÂD (APP): A high-level 12-member del egation from Burkina Faso Niger, Mali, and Senegal visited the headquarters of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) here on Wednesday.

The West African nations delegation is on an official visit to explore Pakistan's models of social protection, focusing on institutions such as the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and NADRA's pioneering data management infrastructure

During the visit, NADRA officials provided an in-depth briefing on their role as the custodian of Pakistan's national data repository.

Asad asserts Khan's imminent release, vows to continue

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expressed hope that PTI founder Imran Khan will be released soon, claiming that he cannot be kept in jail for much longer despite court orders. Speaking to a pri-vate TV Channel program, Oaiser criticized the current government, which he described as a product of Form 47, and accused it of operating in a manner that disregards the will of the people. Qaiser, who was part of a PTI delegation attempting to meet Khan in iail, revealed that the group had received an order from the Islamabad High Court allowing them to meet the

Khan Luni, Secretary Energy, Dawood Khan Bazai, Secretary Industries, Durra expressed satisfaction over the performance of BEEF Baloch, Chief Executive Officers of the public sector companies, and other concerned high ups. The Chief Secretary briefed about overall per-

and ordered right sizing in it. Addressing the meeting the Chief Minister said that some companies are formed for the service delivery under the government patronage while some are established for the purpose of profit.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti enquiring from a citizen about progress on complaint through video link at Complaint Cell.

### Gas production from Dera Bugti well begins with 5MMSCFD

QUETTA (INP): The Oil ing the additional gas supand Gas Development ply. OGDCL, the country's Limited largest exploration and pro-Company (OGDCL) has commenced duction company, holds gas production from a complete ownership of the Dera Bugti well, as connewly drilled well located firmed in its letter to the in Dera Bugti, Balochistan, says in media reports. PSX. On Nov 12, Pakistan

This development decided to stop the purchase of imported liquefied marks a significant contribution to Pakistan's natunatural gas (LNG) and reral gas output. direct it to domestic consumers, following a reduc-

According to a letter from OGDCL to the Pakition in electricity consumpstan Stock Exchange, the tion According to docu-ments from the Ministry of Uch-35 well is producing an impressive five million standard cubic feet of gas per Petroleum, providing LNG day (MMSCFD). The gas output has

to domestic consumers will require an investment of been successfully integrated Rs163 billion. Sources said into the Uch Gas Processthat the imported LNG is increasing pressure on pipeing Plant, which will aid in streamlining and distributlines on a daily basis.



QUETTA: Participants are enlightened candles to pay homage in the memory of Baloch Martyrs on the occasion of Baloch Martyrs Day organized by Voice for Baloch Missing Persons, in Quetta.

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