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TAUNSA BARRAGE/KOT ADDU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz 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

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has stated that the attempts are being made to weaken the country on the linguistic basis.

He asserted that the terrorists have no nation or tribe, they are just terrorists. He said that Balochistan has left behind than other provinces. However, the incumbent government is endeavouring to bring before. He stressed that the next phase of Kachhi canal should be completed with "Shahbaz speed" to so irrigate 700,000 to 800,000 acres of land of the province.

The Chief Minister stated so while addressing the inauguration ceremony

of the Kachhi canal project in Taunsa, on Friday. It may be mentioned here that the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was the chief guest at the ceremony. The Chief Minister said that Punjab is the land which has given space to all people living in Pakistan including Balochs. He said that the people from all over the country do business, farming and get education in Punjab. He said that he is thankful to the people and government of Punjab. He said that Pakistan is like a bouquet, the people, who are hatching conspiracy against it and are killing Punjabi brothers, are anti state and enemies. He said that any Baloch has not killed any Punjabi rather the terrorists martyred the innocent Pakistanis.

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

The Chief Minister said that although, Balochistan has left behind than other provinces, but it would move ahead because of the efforts of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. He pointed out that Kachhi canal project has been continued for 2002, however, it couldn't be completed yet.

He said that the province has no need of the line canal. But the provincial government can't afford its repair time and again.

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

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

The prime minister, addressing the inauguration of the Restoration of

Kachhi Canal damaged by 2022 floods, said whether it was the Kashmir issue, the United Nations or the UN Security Council, Saudi Arabia always acted as Pakistan's advocate and benefactor, as the Kingdom also bailed out Pakistan recently to seek IMF program.

"Despite this, such venom-spitting is an unforgivable crime. I as the prime minister of Pakistan want to announce that the

nation will break any hand trying to undermine the Pakistan-Saudi friendship. This is not a joke. The allegation is beyond understanding. The largest national interest is being "slaughtered" to serve the short-term political interest," he remarked after inaugurating the project that will irrigate over 715,000 acres of land in Balochistan and revive life in the area turned barren after the floods.

The prime minister told the ceremony also attended by federal ministers Attaullah Tarar, Ahsan Iqbal, Awais Leghari and Dr Musaddik Malik, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, and Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti, that during the last 77 years, Saudi Arabia attached no strings or preconditions to its support to Pakistan and the current leadership had

also asked its administration to invest in Pakistan as MoUs worth billions of dollars had already been signed.

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.

Visits Peshawar: COAS resolves to hunt down enemies of peace to ensure lasting stability and security

RAWALPINDI (APP): General Syed Asim Munir, NI(M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) on Friday visited Peshawar, as a follow up of the National Apex Committee meeting held on November 19 and prelude to Provincial Apex Committee meeting to be held soon.

The COAS was provided a comprehensive briefing on the prevailing security situation and the progress of ongoing counter-terrorism operations in the region, said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news. Chief Minister KPK and field commanders were also present at the occasion.

Paying profound tribute to the Shuhada and

Ghazis, the COAS emphasized the unparalleled sacrifices being rendered for the defense of the motherland. He remarked that these sacrifices served as a cornerstone of national resilience, inspiring and unwavering dedication of the armed forces and of law enforcement agencies.

The COAS commended the high morale, operational readiness, and unyielding commitment of the troops in effectively countering all forms of threats.

He reiterated the Army's firm resolve to dismantle hostile terrorist networks and eradicate the illegal spectrum undermining national security.



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

Bajwa denies Saudi role in Imran's ouster

Monitoring Desk
LAHORE: Refuting Bushra Bibi's statement about Saudi government's role in the ouster of former premier Imran Khan, ex-army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa said Pakistan and Saudi Arabia held friendly ties during the PTI regime.

Talking to a private TV channel, the former army chief termed Bushra Bibi's statement a pack of lies. He asked how a friendly country could interfere in Pakistan's internal affairs.

He pointed out that the OIC summit was held in Islamabad on March 21, 2022, questioning whether there had been any tension in the ties between both countries, would Saudi Arabia have allowed the summit to take place in Pakistan.

CJP extends jail reforms initiative to KP

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr Justice Yahya Afridi has underscored the need for a just and equitable criminal justice system.

The Chief Justice PHC Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim highlighted the lack of rehabilitation facilities for the convicts in the province, stressing the need to develop 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.

The meeting also focused on the LJCP's proposed National Jail Reform Policy, which aligns with international standards, including the Nelson Mandela Rules, Bangkok Rules, and Beijing Rules.

This policy aims to ensure the humane and rehabilitative management of correctional facilities across Pakistan. Participants expressed strong support for the proposal, emphasizing the importance of alterna

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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 Security Forces on Friday killed four terrorists in three separate engagements in Balochistan.

"An intelligence based operation was conducted in Awaran District on reported presence of terrorists. During the conduct of operation, after intense fire exchange, two terrorists were successfully neutralized; both high value targets identified as Niaz @ Ghuman and Zareef @ Shah Jahan," said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release.

In another operation in

Dera Bugti District, own troops effectively neutralised one terrorist, it further said.

In yet another engagement in Kech District, own troops, while conducting an intelligence based operation, killed another terrorist.

"The killed terrorists were involved in numerous terrorist activities against security forces as well as the innocent civilians and were highly wanted by the law enforcement agencies," it said.

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

CM satisfied with successful operations of forces

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has expressed satisfaction over the successful operations carried out by the security forces in different areas of the province.

In a statement issued here on Friday, the Chief Minister said that the successful operations were carried out against terrorists in Dera Bugti, Awaran and Kech districts.

He said that the successful operations of security forces against terrorists are the proof of the stable writ of state. He pledged that the security forces and masses would defeat the terrorism together.

In addition to this, protection of common men and rule of law would also be ensured by completely restoring peace in Balochistan.

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

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has announced to increase the quota of new yearly admissions in all cadet colleges of the province.

He said that we would keep on the progress so as to continue the sustainable development of all cadet colleges.

The Governor announced that the quota of admissions in every cadet college of the province would be increased from 70 to 100.

Besides, 10 seats would also be allocated for students of the district

where the cadet college is situated.

He stressed that we have to mobilize all the available resources to meet the target for the cadet colleges have been established.

He said that we would keep on the progress so as to continue the sustainable development of all cadet colleges.

The Governor was chairing the 18th meeting of Board of Directors of Cadet Colleges of Balochistan here on Friday.

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.

Khan further highlighted Saudi Arabia's support during a 2022 OIC foreign ministers' summit in Islamabad, which he said demonstrated the 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 protest.

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 mobile in Quetta.

A police van was attacked with a grenade in west by-pass brewery chowk in Quetta, according to Police. Rescue and Police teams reached the explosion site after getting information of the incident.

As per Rescue sources, the injured police officer was shifted to hospital for medical aid.

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



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

PM constitutes committee to resolve PPP's concerns

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday constituted a committee to ensure cooperation in political and other matters, and to resolve the issues between Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). The members of the committee include Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Naeze Tarar, and Minister for Economic Affairs Ahmad Khan Cheema.

Other members include Minister of State for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Engineer Amir Muqam, Prime Minister's Advisor Rana Sanaulah, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly Malik Ahmad Khan, Senior Minister of Punjab Marriyum Aurangzeb, Khawaja Saad Rafique, Jaffer Khan Mandokhel, and Bashir Ahmed Memon.



QUETTA: 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 recovering the 10-year Musawar kidnapped on November 15 from the

Patel Bagh area.

They said that the government has miserably failed to protect life and property of the general public in the province. They said that the incidents of kidnapping are occurring in the broad day light, but the government seems helpless over the situation.

They demanded of the government to act immediately and ensure safe recovery of the kidnapped child, otherwise, their protest would remain continued.

The leader of dharna committee and provincial President of Pashtoonkhaw National Awami Party, Nasrullah Zairay on the occasion announced that wheel jam strike would be observed on highways of the province on November 25.



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 Public Relations (ISPR).

On his arrival, a smartly turned-out contingent of Pakistan Air Force presented Guard of Honour to General Tan Sri Dato Sri Mohd Asghar Khan bin Goriman Khan.

During the meeting, Chief of the Air Staff highlighted the robust bilateral defence ties that exist between Pakistan and Malaysia.

He conveyed his warm wishes to Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force 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 provisioning of both basic and tactical level training for personnel of the Malaysian Air Force.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, on Friday, commended Pakistan's advanced disaster management systems and the use of technology to enhance response efforts.

Accompanied by Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar from Balochistan, the Chairman visited the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) at NDMA Headquarters.

Chairman Senate expressed his immense appreciation of the national miracle project-NEOC. He commended NEOC's potential to guide regional countries and all stakeholder partners to enable strategic climate diplomacy space globally.

He lauded the integration of advanced technology in disaster management and stated that proactive interface of artificial intelligence, disaster's modelling platforms and synergy of national responders is crucial

for timely and effective response.

He was specifically impressed by the dedication and expertise of young NDMA domain experts and leading the example.

Chairman Senate expressed their satisfaction over the disaster response mechanism and were appreciative of its compatibility with the evolving challenges.

A comprehensive capability exposition was conducted for the chairman and Kakar showcasing Pakistan's indigenous state-of-art, hub of disaster's early warning and response spectrum.

The session highlighted the critical necessity for utilization of tech-driven disaster projections and predictive analysis to transform Pakistan's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) cycle proactively in alignment with global standards and tech driven smart response framework.



QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer QESCO Engr. Shafiqat 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

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QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly adopted a resolution in recognition of the services of late former Member of Provincial Assembly and Minister, Maulana Allahdad Khairkhaw in a sitting here on Friday afternoon.

The Speaker, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai was in the chair.

Fateha was offered for the departed soul of late Maulana Allahdad Khairkhaw in the House as the Speaker pointed out that he (Maulana Khairkhaw) died on November 19.

Meanwhile, the member of Provincial Assembly, Mir Zabid Reki tabled resolution commending services of the late parliamentarian.

In the resolution, it was also urged the House to defer the session of assembly as per the rules. So, the resolution was adopted and this session of assembly was postponed till 03:00 PM, November 25, 2024.

Earlier, on a point of order, the MPA and former Chief Minister, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch pointed out that the government members don't come in the assembly. He said that we, the members of Opposition meet the requirement of quorum. He urged the chair to give ruling for the presence of government members in the House.

Pakistan-origin Royal Malaysian Air Chief visits hometown Haripur

HARIPUR (APP): General Tan Sri Dato' Sri 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 grandfather Malik Qalandar, grandmother and uncle Malik Yaqub. He also visited family 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.



QUETTA: Chairman PKMAP Mahmood 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 Minorities and Convener of World Minorities Alliance J Salik, in his petition, had pleaded the apex Court that minorities in Pakistan should be given an opportunity to elect their representatives to the parliament through a direct vote in general elections.

The counsel for the petitioner argued before the 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 petition.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, during the proceedings, remarked that fundamental rights are for all the citizens equally and separate voting for minorities may pave way to discrimination. Only the parliament has the authority to legislate if any such change is required.



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

Ahsan for timely completion of all ongoing PSDP projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday chaired a meeting to assess the progress of projects being executed under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) during the current fiscal year.

Senior officials of the Ministry of Planning provided a detailed briefing on the allocation, releases and expenditure of funds for PSDP projects across the country, a news release said.

Addressing the meeting, the minister directed the ministry to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure the timely completion of all ongoing PSDP projects.

Reviewing road infrastructure projects of Balochistan amounting to Rs400 billion, Ahsan Iqbal directed that these projects must be completed within three years.

He said the government was committed to prioritizing development initiatives in Balochistan, including Balochistan three projects of N-25 dualization of the Khuzdar-Kuchlak section of National Highway, the dualization and rehabilitation of the Karachi-Quetta-Chaman road from Karachi-Karoro & Wadh-Khuzdar and the

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Intending Hajj pilgrims, under the Government Scheme, will receive a significant benefit of Rs 1.24 billion in reduced airfare costs.

Intending Hajj pilgrims 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. 14,000 for each of the 89,605 pilgrims traveling under the government's scheme, he added.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) constitutional bench while summoning progress reports from the governments in October 2005 earthquake affected persons case remarked tell us who is responsible for delay in the rehabilitation of affected population and projects.

Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan while giving observation said the rehabilitation of the quake affected persons was to be carried out with the cooperation of federation and province. We cannot stop calamities but we can fight. The affected persons are suffering hardships due to bad governance of departments and their non cooperation. The matters come to courts due to bad governance. If departments do their respective jobs then the cases may have not come to courts.

SC constitutional bench presided over by Justice Amin ud Din Khan took up the case for hearing Friday. Justice Amin ud Din remarked how much funds came for quake affected persons. Comprehensive report in regard to court's questions be filed.

Justice Musarrat Hilali remarked she herself has seen the devastation of quake with her own eyes. But nothing has been done in affected areas.

Justice Jamal Mandokhail remarked why forest land was allotted for construction of houses after quake.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal chairing a review meeting to assess the progress of Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) projects for 2024-25.

KP plagued by terrorism, lawlessness, says: ANP

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PESHAWAR: The Awami National Party (ANP) has strongly condemned the recent surge in terrorist attacks and lawlessness in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, particularly in the Khyber district. In a statement, ANP provincial president Mian Ifkhar Hussain criticized the provincial and federal governments for their alleged lack of seriousness in establishing peace and eliminating terrorism. He questioned the failure of the FC, police, and army to protect the convoy of innocent 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 address the concerns and doubts of the public. The ANP leader lamented that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had been left at the mercy of terrorists, with no one providing protection to the people.

NAHE launches National Outreach Program for HEF at SBKWU
QUETTA (APP): National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) launched a four-week National Outreach Program for Higher Education Faculty (HEF) including Lecturers/Assistant Professors at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University (SBKWU) Quetta on Friday.

The event was inaugurated by Vice chancellor Dr. Rubina Mushtaq, Director NAHE Sulaiman Ahmed Focal person NAHE Sohail Raza Mangi, Registrar SBKWU registrar Dr. Rahila Manzoor and Coordinator Dr. Tahira Mengal, said press release issued here.

The program is intended for early career faculty of Public Sector universities.

It is a four-week learning program to accelerate the transfer of essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes in three dimensions of a successful career as a faculty member: (1) Teaching & Learning (2) Applied Research and (3) Professional Practice.

As per the press release, it is an initiative under the National Outreach Program for Higher Education Faculty in collaboration with HEC. Dynamic modules presented by NAHE on technology integration in higher education and we as educators will learn how to navigate the emerging digital landscape and post-learning environment. The press release said that students would acquire the skills to design innovative teaching methods, explore using various tools to enhance teaching and learning in a mobile world, while the Communication Skills module enables faculty to develop effective narratives for their presentations and teaching sessions. The program is designed to enable the integration and implementation of effective speaking strategies.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Haji Noor Muhammad Dummer, 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.

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

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QUETTA: 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 Anxey 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 Authority (ZDA) chaired by the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti here at the CM's secretariat on Friday morning.

The Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Development, Hafiz Abdul Basit and other concerned high ups were in attendance.

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

He reiterated the government's resolve to make the ZDA an efficient institution, free from political influence, and adding he asserted that neither any political personality would interfere in the affairs of ZDA nor we would let any government official take commission.

The Chief Minister said that all the political personalities have voluntarily vowed that no interference would be made in the ZDA against merit.

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 years.

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 Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) at NDMA Headquarters.

Muqam strongly condemns allegations against Saudia

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs Engineer Amir Muqam has strongly condemned the allegations against Saudi 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 Friday. He said Bushra Bibi has conspired to make Pakistanis unemployed abroad.

Earlier, Pakistanis in Saudi Arabia had become unemployed and imprisoned due to failed policies of PTI. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appealed to the Saudi leadership and obtained forgiveness in the past", the minister expressed.

Six motorway sections to be closed for maintenance
ISLAMABAD (APP): National 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: Lahore to Abdul Hakeem, M-4: Pindi Bhattian to Multan, M-14: Dera Ismail Khan to Hakka and M-11: Lahore to Sialkot would be closed.



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

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 Keach, said a news release.

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

The Speaker emphasized that the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the security forces in the war against terrorism.

"The nation is proud of the bravery and sacrifices of our security forces," he said.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): The 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 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.