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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnessing ex-

shipping and logistics sec-

improving digital customs controls, developing dedi-

cated freight rail corridors,

upgrading Pakistan's mari-

time fleet and marine ser-

vices, and Pakistan's inter-

delegation, the prime minis-

ter expressed gratitude to

UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum for

their steadfast support to

Pakistan. He underlined that

the fraternal Pakistan and

UAE ties were rooted in

shared history and culture.

highlighted the comprehen-

sive economic partnership

between the two nations

across sectors such as trade,

energy, and investment,

which had contributed to

growth and prosperity in

QUETTA: Police officials restore baton charge and fired tear gas to repel

both countries.

The prime minister

In the meeting with the

national airports.

The MoUs are aimed at

change of MoUs between Pakistan and Abu Dhabi Ports.

Pakistan, AD Ports sign

MoUs for collaboration in

rail, airport, maritime sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan and Abu Dhabi Ports

Group on Friday signed four

Memorandums of Under-

standing (MoUs) to enhance

collaboration in multiple

fields including rail, airport

infrastructure and maritime

as a high-level delegation of UAE investors led by UAE Minister of State for For-

eign Trade Dr. Thani bin

Ahmed Al Zeyoudi called

on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

here, according to a PM Of-fice press release. The prime

minister witnessed the ex-

change of MoUs relating to

the ministries of maritime

affairs, aviation, railways

and Federal Board of Rev-

enue with the Abu Dhabi

(AD) Ports Group.
As per MoUs, Pakistan

and AD Ports Group will explore potential collabora-

tion in customs, rail, airport

infrastructure and maritime

The MoUs were signed

shipping and logistics.

PM unveils three-month electricity relief package for winter season

Package offers household consumers a flat rate of Rs26.07 per unit for additional electricity use in Dec-Feb; PM believes package will "ensure that industries and business will run smoothly and our economy will be strong.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday unveiled a three-month Electricity Relief Package for the winter season providing a relief of up to Rs26.7 per unit for domestic, Rs15.5 for industrial and Rs22.71 for commercial consumers.

The prime minister, addressing an event to commemorate the birth anniver- unit in the three months of sary of Allama Muhammad Igbal being celebrated on November 9 here, told the gathering of ministers, stu-

in force from December 2024 to February 2025.

"Under the package, the domestic consumers will get a relief of up to Rs 26.7 per unit for their power consumption surpassing 200 units of the protected category. It will help them save Rs11.42 to Rs26 per winter," the prime minister

Similarly, the industrial sector will save 18-37% or

ISLAMABAD (APP): dents, and artists that the Rs 5.27 to Rs 15.5 per unit relief package would remain under the package to help boost industrial production, growth and livelihoods. The commercial consumers will be given a 34-47% saving or Rs 13.46 to Rs 22.71 per unit sub-

sidy in the package.
Prime Minister Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the package would stimulate a quantum jump in the country's economic progress by boosting agri-

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ISLAMABAD: The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman Supreme Judicial council Justice Yahya Afridi presiding over the meeting of Supreme Judicial Council at Supreme court of Pakistan.

SJC decides to meet monthly for clearing backlog

Council (SJC) decided on Friday to meet monthly for The Council clearing the backlog more the proposal of the Regis-

It was also agreed that in case of frivolous complaints against judges, action would be taken against the complainants in accordance

with the law A meeting of the Supreme Judicial Council was held here under the chairmanshin of Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman Supreme Judicial Council, Justice Yahva Afridi. The meeting was attended by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Aamir Farooq, Chief Justice Islamabad High Court and Muhammad Kakar, Chief Justice High

agenda items. The council discussed in detail the is-

federal capital.

Federal Minister for Infor-

mation, Broadcasting, Na-

tional Heritage and Culture

Attaullah Tarar on Friday

said the national economy

had not only been stabilised

but now it was on the path

of growth despite Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf tactics to

ference, he said economic

stability and growth had

now started to benefit com-

mon man. He said the price

of wheat and flour and pe-

Addressing a press con-

create disorder and chaos.

ISLAMABAD (APP): sue of rule-making of the The Supreme Judicial Council and establishment

The Council agreed to making process of the Council should be undertaken and a draft should be placed before the Council in the next meeting. The Council authorized the chairman to hire the services of a competent individual with proven ability to work as Secretary of the Council for three months who would be tasked to assist the Council in conducting its meetings, oversee rule making exercises. and firm up infrastructure and human resource reguirements of the Council's secretariat. The Council

of Islamabad High Court.

Justice Hashim also discussed the agenda items regarding amendments in the code of con-Court of Balochistan. The council took up duct of Judges under Article for consideration various 209(8) of the Constitution and the letter of six judges

ISLAMABAD: H.E Brig General Hojjatollah

Qoreishi Deputy Minister for Defence of Islamic

Republic of Iran Called on Minister for Defence &

Defence Production, Khawaja Muhammad Asif in

Despite PTI's tactics for

chaos, economy on path

of growth now: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister was working day

Iqbal Day to be observed today

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The nation will observe Iqbal Day on Saturday (today) to honor the 147th birth anniversary of the renowned poet, Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal. The government has declared a public holiday nationwide to celebrate the

Born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877, Dr. Iqbal is fondly remembered as the "Poet of the East."

JCP nominates all judges of SHC for Constitutional **Benches**

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) on Friday nominated all existing judges of Sindh High Court (SHC) as judges of constitutional benches for expeditious disposal of the existing huge backlog of

This arrangement will remain effective until 24th November 2024. The matter will again be taken by the commission on 25th November. The second meeting of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan, constituted under the 26 Constitutional Amendment, was held in the Supreme Court here.

Commissioner inaugurates process of computerization of route permits of goods transport Independent Report

QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Shafqaat formally inaugurated the process of computerization of route permits of goods transport in the Division. The Secretary Regional Transport Author-

issuance of the computer-

ized route permits. He said

that the issuance of com-

puterized route permits

would help prevent the fake

route permits besides facili-

tating the transporters and general public.

ity, Quetta, Manzoor Ahmed briefed the Commis-He said a United Arab sioner about the process. Emirates delegation would He informed that the be visiting Pakistan to disroute permits of rickshaws cuss prospects for investare already being computment. He said due to the eferized in Quetta. Besides, forts of the Prime Ministhe process of computerter, Saudi Arabia, UAE and ization of route permits of Qatar were investing in Pathe goods transport has kistan whereas Azerbaijan been started. Speaking on had also announced 2 bilthe occasion, Commislion dollars investment in sioner appreciated perfor-Pakistan. mance of Secretary RTA on

troleum products had mark-"The Prime Minister edly decreased in addition will leave for Saudi Arabia to reduced electricity tariff. Currently, all economic on November 10 to particiindicators were positive and pate in the Riyadh Summit foreign exchange reserves on the issue of Palestine. A had crossed \$ 11 billion detailed discussion will be mark, besides enhanced forheld on the situation in the eign remittances, he added. Middle East at the Riyadh He said that the Prime Summit", he said

and night to improvise the

economy and milestones

achieved on the economic

front were the outcome of

his efforts.

militancy and join the national mainstream, stating that "the state aims to make us responsible citizens, while terrorists mislead innocent Blyouth and use them against the state for their own ulterior motives."

Speaking at a press conference in Quetta, Aziz revealed he encountered another young man in the mountains whose image was once displayed at rallies by the Baloch Solidar-Committee.

Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Counter Terrorism Department DIG

his journey, recounting that he initially received his education in Quetta before attending college in Sibi and later securing a scholarship to study political science at Punjab University, where he was in his third semester. He mentioned that during his time at Punjab University, he became acquainted with some students affiliated with the Baloch Council who persuaded him to join the

denied permission for Quetta rally At least 12 people, including a journalist

injured; Dozens of PTI activists arrested

Clashes erupt as PTI

Independent Report QUETTA: Tensions escalated in Quetta as police spite this, PTI supporters clashed with Pakistan attempted to enter the ground, leading to confronporters, turning the city into a battleground. At least 12 people, including a journalist, were injured as police deployed tear gas to disperse protesters. Doz-ens of PTI activists were arrested, while the Red Zone and the main gate of the hockey ground were sealed off with containers, disrupting traffic and creating hardships for patients trying to reach hospitals.

CM orders inquiry

into road & dev.

scheme in Chitkan

Bazaar Panjgur

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QUETTA: The Chief

Minister Balochistan,

Mir Sarfraz Bugti has

issued orders to the

Anti-Corruption Estab-

lishment for conduct-

ing inquiry into the old

diesel Mandi road to Faiz

Muhammad Chowk De-

velopment scheme in

cial hand out issued

here the other day, the Anti-Corruption Éstab-

lishment has sought re-

port about the projects

from the concerned au-

letter issued by the

Anti-Corruption Estab-

lishment, an inspection

team has been formed

under leadership of

Deputy Director, Anti

Corruption, Makran

Air Chief calls on

Prime Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Chief of the Air Staff Air

Chief Marshal Zaheer

Ahmed Baber Sidhu on Fri-

day called on Prime Minis-

In the meeting, they

discussed the professional

matters pertaining to the

Pakistan Air Force, accord-

ing to a PM Office press

ATC accepts bail

plea of PTI

founder in May 9

ing torching PML-N office

in Lahore came up for hear-

ing in ATC Lahore Friday.

ing the plea of PTI founder

lawyers for giving more ar-

guments said to counsel

Suleman Safdar " you have

already given your argu-

ments. Time will be wasted

by giving the arguments re-

The court while reject-

ter Shehbaz Sharif here.

As per the official

According to an offi-

Chitkan

Panjgur.

thorities.

PTI had planned a rally at the Quetta hockey ground, but heavy police contingents surrounded the area and blocked all routes with containers.

The local administration had denied PTI permission to hold the rally, citing security concerns and an

Syed Sadiq Agha under 3 MPO (Maintenance of Public Order), placing him under house arrest and cutting off his communication. The situation in Quetta remains tense as police continue to restrict movement around key areas, including routes leading to the

ongoing public service exam

at the Ayub Stadium. De-

According to Civil

Hospital spokesman

Waseem Baig, 12 injured

individuals were brought to

the trauma center for treat-

ment. Journalist Khalique

Khan sustained injuries in

the clashes as well. Police

also detained PTI leader

tations and arrests.

Governor and Chief Minister's House, exacerbating traffic and limiting hospital access for patients.



OUETTA: MNA Jamal Shah Kakar meeting with Balochistan Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan

Good governance provides true basis to rule of law, maintains **Governor Balochistan**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that good governance provides true basis to the rule of law and it is the timely social justice which ensures participation in social and economic activities along with the protection of human rights. The Governor Mandokhail said that the developed countries of

the world keep the public interest in the center of their projects and policies and hear the voice of their citizens and resolve their genu-

Not only this, they also take concrete measures for

are the bright examples of the good governance to fol-

The Governor was speaking on occasion of the hearing of complaints of the applicants and different departments submitting their applications in the provincial ombudsman, here at the Governor House on Friday.

The Governor on the occasion stressed that transparency, answerability and participation are needed for ensuring good governance. He also stressed that

we have to make all the public institutions answerable for the public needs and



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshall Zaheer Ahmad Babar Sidhu called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

WASAEU announces to end strike after successful dialogue with administration

Independent Report

QUETTA: The WASA Employees Union announced to end the week-long strike after successful dialogue with the district administration, here on Friday.

According to details, the Additional Deputy Commisioner (Revenue), Muhammad Waqar Kakar along with Managing Director of WASA, Hamid Latif Rana held negotiations with the representatives of WASA Union.

During the course of negotiations, the Union apprised the district administration about their issues. The biggest issue was payment of the salaries, on which MD WASA assured to release the amount for salaries. The WASA Employees Union thanked the district administration and MD on the assurance made regarding acceptance of their demands. With this, they announced to end their strike. They also announced to resume work in all offices of WASA and supply water in the city on regular basis.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding digitalization of domicile certificates

protesters during the Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally, in Quetta **Banned outfit member** surrenders, condemns militant activities

'BLA misled me to kill innocents': Former terrorist Talat Aziz

QUETTA (APP): In a sig- Aitezaz Ahmad Goraya, nificant development, Talat Aziz, a former member of the banned Baloch Libera-

and Balochistan government spokesperson Shahid Rind were also present on tion Army (BLA), on Frithe occasion.



Provincial Minister

related 4 cases LAHORE (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore has accepted bail plea of PTI founder in 4 cases related to May 9 incident Bail pleas from PTI founder in four cases includ-

peatedly. Now there should be decision on bail pleas. banned organization and Prosecutor General eventually led him to the Punjab said PTI Founder made the narrative if he is arrested then this all has to

mountains. After experienc-Continued on page 2

Haris, Saim star as Pakistan thrash hosts by 9 wickets in 2nd ODI, level series 1-1

ADELIDE (INP): Haris opener, who was happy to Rauf and Saim Ayub were the big contributors as Pakistan defeated Australia by nine wickets on Friday in the second ODI played at

With little pressure thanks to the modest 164run target to chase, Pakistan openers Ayub and Abdullah Shafique were wary in the opening exchanges, with just one boundary coming off the bat in the first seven

However, once they got comfortable, runs flowed, with the young Saim the far more aggressive of the two. He took his chances, which paid off more often then not, with the lefty bringing up his half century at the end of the 15th over.

Ayub eventually finished with 82 off 71 balls laced with five boundaries and six maximums. He missed out on his maiden ODI ton when Adam Zampa had him caught in

Shafique, the other grabbed a scalp each.

The Pakistan Information

Commission (PIC) has is-

sued a show cause notice

to the Chief Executive Of-

ficer of K-Electric for fail-

ing to comply with the

commission's order to fur-

nish information requested

by a citizen under the Right

of Access to Information

Despite the PIC's order, dated October 7, 2024,

K-Electric has yet to fully

comply, leading the com-

mission to take additional

action to enforce transpar-

with a citizen's request for

specific information regard-

ing K-Electric's handling of

electricity theft cases. The

citizen has sought details on

theft cases registered

through FIRs in K-

Electric's Tipu Sultan area,

reasons for the cancellation

of certain FIRs, and infor-

mation on compromised

cases where K-Electric al-

lowed installments or re-

stored electricity connec-

tions. Additionally, the ap-

pellant requested data on

individuals granted bail for

electricity theft, including

certified copies of relevant

hearing, Abdullah Langa,

Public Relations Officer for

K-Electric, appeared before

the Commission, present-

During the October 7

court judgments.

Act, 2017.

take the back seat when Ayub was having his way ished with an unbeaten 64 off 69 deliveries.

Haris Rauf grabbed a five- A number of their batters for and was the pick of the Pakistan pacers, who bowled out Australia at a mere 163 runs in just 35 on Monday saw Pakistan overs. The Rawalpindi-born pacer, who had picked up three wickets in the 1st ODI defeat as well, was again at his devastating best as he ripped through the Aussie middle order after the hosts were invited to bat first by toss winner Mohammad Rizwan. Rauf's demolition job was facilitated by Shaheen Shah Afridi, who had removed both the Fraser-McGurk and Mat-

spell with the new ball. In the end, Rauf finished with 5 wickets, Afridi with three, while Shah and Mohammad Hasnain

Provincial Advisor for Trade and Industry Mir Ali Hassan Zehri inspecting

from disclosure, claiming

the requested data would

compromise individual pri-

vacy, endanger safety, and

potentially damage the

company's economic inter-

ined K-Electric's claims but

found them inadequate to

justify withholding the in-

formation. The PIC deter-

mined that the information

sought should not be ex-

empted on grounds of con-

that it does not qualify as a

"public body" under the

Right of Access to Informa-

tion Act. The company's

response cited the federal

of 24.36% in K-Electric,

claiming that the govern-

ment holds no influence

over its daily operations.

decision-making, or man-

agement. The Commission,

however, dismissed this

defense, noting that K-Elec-

tric performs public ser-

vices and receives govern-

ment subsidies, thereby

classifying it as a public

body under the Act. The

Commission also rejected

K-Electric's procedural ob-

jection regarding the two-

member quorum of the

Commission, referencing

the Right of Access to In-

government's limited stake

In a new argument pre-

fidentiality.

The case originated hearing, K-Electric asserted

The Commission exam-

grid station during his visit to Bostan Industrial Estate.

PIC serves show-cause

notice to CEO K-Electric

ISLAMABAD (APP): stance sought exemption

five-wicket ODI haul of Rauf's career and he was with the Aussie bowlers, fin- named the player of the match for his feat.

For Australia, Steven Earlier, fast bowler Smith top scored with 35 got into doubles figures but failed to stay at the crease for long. The opening ODI narrowly lose in what was a low scoring encounter.

Before today's win Pakistan had not won an ODI in Australia since January 2017 when the then captain Mohammad Hafeez had inspired the

side to a rare victory. Rizwan equals world record with 6 catches, drops the 7thIt was also busy and productive day Aussie openers, Jake behind the wickets for captain Rizwan, who grabbed thew Short, in his opening a world record equalling six catches and could have had a seventh in the end, only for him to drop a skier of fered by Adam Zampa off the bowling of Naseem Shah in the 34th over.

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PM unveils...

Continued from page 1

culture, industrial produc-

tivity, business activity and

mitments and vision of the

current government were

being translated into ac-

tions through the relief pack-

age that would become the

harbinger of improved eco-

IMF for permitting the

government to announce the

package, he also com-

mended the cabinet mem-

bers and relevant senior of-

ficers for their efforts and

teamwork in working out

Day celebration, he moti-

vated the youth and chil-

dren to remain resolute in

their ambition to achieve a

glorious future for the na-

government's achievements

on the economic front,

Prime Minister Shehbaz

informed that the foreign

remittances in the first quar-

ter of the current fiscal year

were record high as the

overseas Pakistanis had

sent \$8 billion in remit-

tances to the country. The

Pakistani diasporas were

the real ambassadors of the

country offshore protecting

the national interests and

Allama Muhammad Iqbal

for his revolutionary phi-

losophy that motivated

Muslims and non-Muslims

ent verses of the poems of

Allama Iqbal that advocated

for reawakening the pas-

sion of leadership, integrity,

commitment, determina-

tion, courage, hard work,

empathy, self-confidence

and compassion to emerge

as a leading nation in the

also highlighted the current

government's efforts in re-

viving the national economy

as it was determined to

provide the best education

facilities to its youth in

fields of AI, IT, vocational

training, and emerging tech-

nologies that would help

them regain the glorious sta-

economic situation was im-

proving as the inflation rate

was down to 6.7% from

32%, policy rate down to

15% and expressed the

hope that the indicators

would boost investment,

exports, development in

agriculture, liveliĥoods and

produced by the Ministry

of Information and Broad-

casting played featuring

the life and philosophy

of Allama Iqbal. Re-

nowned singer Shehzad

Roy and Dr Masooma

Awan sang the famous

poems of Iqbal while the

young singers Mahnoor

Altaf and Ashir Sultan re-

cited "Lab Pe Aati he Dua

Ban Ke Tamanna Meri" - a

famous hymn written by

Allama Iqbal.

A short documentary

businesses.

He mentioned that the

tus of the nation.

The prime minister

world.

He also recited differ-

all across the world.

He paid tribute to Dr

prestige, he added.

Highlighting

Coming to the Iqbal

Besides thanking the

nomic resilience.

He said that the com-

mately fled.

vices and legacy of Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Pakistan's national poet, whose vision and thoughts kindled the spirit of in-

to safeguard their rights," Gillani said. Dr Iqbal's work

united the Muslims of "On this Day, we the Subcontinent and pay tribute to the ser- his thoughts and

operations by the CTD,

police, levies, and other

agencies resulted in the kill-ing of three BLA members

and the arrest of two oth-

ing, and the arrested mem-

bers are being questioned,

with further operations un-

derway in Duki, Loralai,

and surrounding areas.

Investigations are ongo-

speeches motivated them to wage a struggle to achieve a separate country for them, he said. Iqbal, he said championed Muslim rights and political representation in British India, laying the groundwork for creatng an independent homeland for the Muslims of the Subcontinent. His message emphasized Islamic values, advocating for spiritual and cultural revival, which has shaped Pakistan's identity. His vision continues to resonate with youth, guiding and educating them to uphold Pakistan's values and strive for

PM congratulates **Green Shirts over ODI** win against Australia

progress, he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday congratulated the Pakistan cricket team for winning the second one-day international

match against Australia. "Congratulations on yet another exceptional game! We knew you had it in you! Proud of our cricket team on the impressive win against Australia," the prime minister wrote on his X timeline.

He lauded the efforts by Chairman of Pakistan Cricket Board Mohsin Naqvi and the entire team for their great efforts.

The prime minister also appreciated Captain | nior high ups. Mohammad Rizwan for grabbing six catches, Saim Ayub for scoring 82 runs

Resolution shows

world what IIOJK

people want: Omar

SRINAGAR (INP): Chief

Minister of Indian illegally

occupied Jammu and Kash-

mir Ömar Abdullah has said

that the resolution passed

by the legislative assembly

on the restoration of the

special status of the erst-

while state has told the

world what the people of

Media Service, the Jammu

and Kashmir Assembly on

Wednesday passed a reso-

lution asking the Indian gov-

ernment to work out a con-

stitutional mechanism for

restoring the special status

According to Kashmir

Kashmir want.

outsourcing solid waste management: Shafqaat QUETTA (APP): Commisninety percent satisfaction over the privatization of sioner Quetta Division, Quetta Solid Waste Man-Hamza Sĥafqaat on Friday agement process. said the beauty of the valley city Quetta was restoring as cleanliness situation

Quetta's cleanliness improved after

started improving after billion to the provincial govoutsourcing of Quetta Solid Waste Management as the private sector also perin Quetta. formed it's best in achieving cleanliness targets.
Talking to APP, he said the process of out-sourcing Quetta Waste Management produced per day by the city due to the shortage of

system was agreed upon in November last year but the plan was executed on August 14 this year after meeting the requirements to make the city clean.

Hamza Shafqaat said that the solid waste management project converted on Public Private Partner-ship (PPP) mode was being evaluated by international well reputed audit firm to ensure transparency and eliminate of corruption. The Administrator said

that the international audit firms have expressed their

To a question on Solid Waste Management Waste Management Project, he said it cost Rs 4

ernment to dispose of garbage of three million tons The QMC was unable to collect the total waste

staff and equipment. "A total of 700 sanitary workers were carrying out cleanliness work in the city of four million people," he

"Till the end of this year, the target of clean and neat Quetta will be achieved," the commissioner

hoped. The Administrator said that in the agreement, four months time period was fixed as the transition period which was minimum as compared to the privatization of Lahore waste management and others.

7th meeting of academic council of UoG held



Independent Report

promote departmental development.

The Vice Chancellor on GWADAR: The 7th meetthe occasion highlighted ing of Academic Council of three-years performance of University of Gwadar the UoG. (UoG) was held at the Con-He also reiterated his ference Room of CPEC

resolve to bring more improvement in the University's affairs. Meanwhile, certain important decisions were made during the course of meeting.

The meeting approved Institutional Affiliation Policy 2024 of the Higher Education Commission and special courses of fisheries partment.

Similarly, the members were also selected for the demic and policy matters faculty council and rewith the aim to improve search board of the Univer-

Study Center, Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute, on Friday.

The Vice Chancellor of UoB, Professor Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir presided over the meeting, which was attended by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Manzoor Ahmed, Registrar of UoB. Dolat Khan, besides other concerned se- sector in the Zoology de-

The meeting discussed educational standard and sity.

TENDER NOTICE

TSE-242511586853 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The NATURAL CALAMITIES & OTHER DISASTERS (REL invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on

Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 3% Name of Work/s CONSTRUCTION OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT 31,040,108 VILLAGES IN EACH DIVISIONAL HEAD QUARTERS

(PDMA) PHASE-III UNIT ZHOBAT LORALAI **PACKAGE IV** Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 21,728,075 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is EE11(ii) (Solar Energy). Attach Report Copy No Demand Certificate fromFBR Attach Certificate Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 3% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 25 November, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 25 November, 2024 till 12:00 PM . Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM Address: Grain Silos Sheikh Manda Air

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2. ٹینڈرفارم ایڈمن سیکٹن سے ملخ -/1000 (نا قابل والیوی) صبح 9 بجے سے شام 4 بجے تک مورند 11 نومبر سے 26 نومبر تک (علاوہ تعطیلات) حاصل کر سکتے

3. اظہار ولچین (Expression of Interest) کے کا غذات درج ذیل پیتہ پر مورخہ 26 نومبر 11:00 بج تک جمع کرواسکتے ہیں۔ جواسی دن 11:30

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meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail. Gillani urges nation to renew pledge to follow Iqbal's teachings for better Pakistan

QUETTA: A delegation led by President GTA Zhob Syed Mashhood Shah

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani urged the nation to renew its commitment to follow the teaching of Allama Iqbal, the ideological founder of Pakistan, and work for the unity, peace and prosperity of Pakistan.

In his message on the Birth Anniversary of Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal (November 9th), the Acting President called for embodying Allama's ideals amid continued strides for building a better future for the

dependence among Muslims of the Subcontinent. A philosopher of the East, Iqbal's ideas paved the way for the creation of an independent country. His address at the annual session of the All-India Muslim League in 1930 was an interpretation of the demand of Muslims

Banned outfit member.... Continued from page 1 70) in Musa Khel, where 22 innocent people were ing the situation there, he martyred. He stated that realized he had made a wrong choice and ultifollowing the incident, joint

He expressed his commitment to living as a Pakistani, emphasizing, "I am a Pakistani and want to remain one." He added that he had met a young man in the mountains whose image was previously displayed in protests by the Baloch Solidarity Committee.

Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran condemned terrorism, noting that the government of Balochistan has allocated an unprecedented educational budget to open doors for the youth of Balochistan even to prestigious institutions worldwide.

Khetran described the state as a nurturing force, aiming to bring youth closer to the nation.

a recent terrorist attack on

the National Highway (N-

DIG CTD Aitezaz Ahmad Goraya recounted

Goraya pointed out that those involved in the Musa Khel attack also engaged in extortion in Duki, using women and children as shields. Government spokes-person Shahid Rind high-

lighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, the provincial government has detional

vised an action plan focus- | steering the team as well as | different important acaing on improving educainstitutions, healthcare facilities, and and Haris Rauf for a "sengovernance in Balochistan. sational" five-wicket haul.

TURBAT: Provincial Secretary Women Development Saira Atta visiting B Care Center at Government Girls Degree College.

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Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2% S.No Name of Work/s CONSTRUCTION OF QUARTER & BOUNDARY 14,286,000 WALLAT POPULATION WELFARE OFFICE

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING GBPS 14,084,000 ALAUDIN SHAH KAREZ LORALAI.PSDP NO 6278 Z2024.2543. TSE-242511587123

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Govt establishes first-ever "Cascade" service center to streamline services for foreign nationals

terior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Friday inaugurated the state-of-the-art 'Cascade' service center in Islamabad's Diplomatic Enclave, a facility aimed at providing a range of essential services to the diplomatic community and foreign nationals under one roof. This is the first time such a comprehensive service center has been established in the history of the Diplomatic Enclave, aligning with the government's focus on enhancing the convenience and safety of diplomats and foreign resi-

According to Minister

Naqvi, the Cascade service cade center will also facili-center will offer over a tate foreign citizens by ofdozen services for foreign nationals and diplomats, eliminating the need for them to navigate multiple offices across the capital. Among the services available are the issuance and renewal of driving licenses, character certificates, police verification, reporting of missing persons, and tenant registration. These services are expected to significantly ease administrative processes for diplomats and international visitors, providing them with faster, centralized access to essential resources.

tate foreign citizens by offering additional services like registration for foreigners, domestic staff, and volunteers, vehicle verification, and access to copies of First Information Reports (FIRs). Minister Naqvi emphasized that these services are intended to streamline processes and improve the overall experience for foreign nationals residing in or visiting

"This service center is a reflection of our commitment to creating a secure, welcoming environment for diplomats and international visitors," said Naqvi during

He added that the initiative aligns with the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to prioritize the comfort and security of foreign esentatives

Naqvi also shared that over 1,500 police and FC personnel, along with 20 dedicated police vehicles, are stationed at the Diplomatic Enclave to ensure the highest standards of security. In his address, Naqvi stated, "Beautifying the Diplomatic Enclave and the entire capital is part of our mission, as we look to project Islamabad as a modern, secure, and visitorfriendly capital."



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi inaugurating Cascade Facilitation Center in Diplomatic Enclave Islamabad.

Furthermore, the Cas-

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Housing & Works, Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada chaired the 36th Executive Board Meeting of the Federal Government Employees Housing Authority in federal capital.

Pirzada orders formation of committee to resolve **FGEHA plot disputes**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada on Friday directed the formation of a committee with members from FGEHA, CDA, Finance and Law division to resolve the longstanding FGEHA plot disputes through amicable negotia-

Chairing the 36th Executive Board Meeting of Federal Government Employees Housing Authority (FGEHA) at the Ministry of Housing & Works in Islamabad, the minister instructed that FGEHA's also discussed.

claims with Capital Development Authority (CDA) and other federal institutions be resolved through direct discussions, rather than engaging in costly litigation, in accordance with the Prime Minister's direc-

The auction of commercial plots in sectors 24-B, 25-B, 19-C, and Scheme 33 at Gulzar-e-Hijri. Karachi, as well as the remaining plots to be allo-cated by CDA to FGEHA in sector I-8 and the 10% under the Islamabad Land Disposal Regulations, were

Skill development program **NAVTTC** empowers 71,618 marginalized youth in Sindh, Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Under the Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (PMYSDP), the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) has successfully provided skill development training to 71,618 marginalized youth across the underdeveloped regions of Sindh and Balochistan from 2020 to 2024.

According to official sources, a total of 49,888 youth in Sindh and 21.730 youth in Balochistan benefitted from skill scholarships, enabling them to gain valuable technical expertise and improve their employment prospects. The program aimed at uplifting youth in these regions and fostering inclusive growth.



kistan, Jane Marriott addressing the 10th Islamabad Literature Festival at Federal Capital.

nities for the youth of the structive purposes and

launch a new initiative Hunarmand Programme, "Benazir Hunarmand women beneficiaries and

for them"

program.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Benazir In-

come Support Programme

(BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid Friday said that

BISP has set a target to cre-

ate employment opportu-

country by imparting them

skill-based training.
"BISP would soon

Programme" to impart skill-

based training to the youth

for their employability, en-

abling them to contribute

positively to the country's

economy", she said during

a press conference, along

Rubina Khalid says:

BISP sets target to achieve youth

employability through upcoming

Benazir Hunarmand Programme

"Pakistan is a country hav-

create job opportunities

women beneficiaries and

their children will be given

skill-based training to im-

prove their economic con-

ditions and create space for

new participants in the

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ing major chunk of youth programme. "It is a matter population which is of pride for us that interna-

directionless. This is the tional development organi-

high time to focus on zations recognize the BISP

positively engaging their energies towards constructive purposes and scoio-Economic Registry-

The chairperson said party monitoring programs

Speaker, Dv **Speaker** condole death of Khizar

ISLAMABAD (APP) Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, on Friday expressed deep sorrow over demise of Khizar Hayat Haraj, father of Member of National Assembly Raza Hayat Haraj.

In his condolence message to Raza Hayat Haraj, the Speaker extended heartfelt sympathies with family, and said it was a irreplaceable loss of a parent as a profound grief for the

family.

He offered condolences to Raza Hayat Haraj and his family, sharing their sorrow during this difficult

Ten outlaws arrested; weapons, drugs recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police apprehended 10 outlaws involved in different criminal activities including drug peddling, and possessing illegal ammunition from their possession

A police spokesperson said that the ICT Police Karachi Company, Golra, Phulgran, Tarnol and Shams Colony police stations teams took legal action against the accused involved in drug peddling and possessing illegal

He said the police teams also arrested six accused namely Parvaiz, Shah Rukh, Amir Šhahzad, Sardar Adnan, Aziz Islam and Farhan Ullah and recovered 1,773 liquor bottles, 900 gram hashish, 530 gram heroin and two 30 bore pistols with ammunition from their possession.

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ternational standards and

the success of the pro-

gram depends on this data-

deserving individuals through modern and scien-

tific methods, the trust of

international partners, and

the transparency of third-

The identification of

Senate body urges disciplinary actions against SSP Kashmore

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges on Friday urged the disciplinary actions against the SSP Kashmore for not receiving telephone call of Senator Saifullah Abro, who submitted Privilege Motion against SSP.

The meeting chaired by Committee Chairman Senator Taj Haider, in reference to the Privilege Motion submitted by Senator Saifullah Abro against the SSP Kashmore, Abro stated that he attempted to contact the SSP over 50 times, including notifying the SSP's office, but received no response, said a press release. He expressed concern over the daily kidnappings in the region,

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: According

to the details, the Inspector General of Police (IGP)

Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir

Rizvi, held a Khuli

Katchery at the Central

Police Office Islamabad, a

During the katchery,

He said that resolving

public relations officer said.

he listened to the issues of

citizens and police officers

and issued directives on the

citizens' issues on merit is

our top priority. Negligence

and carelessness in duties

will not be tolerated. Any

citizen facing any issue re-

lated to the police can come

to the Khuli Katchery. My

office is always open for my citizens, the IGP said.

(IHC) has directed super-

intendent Adiala jail to ar-

range meeting of PTI founder Imran Khan with

party leaders on Tuesday.

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commission to settle dis-

pute between Jail authori-

Ishaq remarked who will

meet PTI founder. Dispute

between Jail authorities and

PTI founder coordinators

has come to fore. Family

friends and the lawyers

who want to meet PTI

founder will file list in the

court. I will constitute com-

mission. Superintendent

Adiala jail will get list from

PTI founder and send it to

the Advocate General (AG)

Islamabad. It is hoped the

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Judge Sardar Ejaz

IG Islamabad further

directed the concerned of- merit.

IHC directs supdt Adiala jail

to arrange meeting of Imran

with party leaders on Tuesday

ISLAMABAD (Online): send the copy of upcoming

Islamabad High Court list to secretary PTI

spot for their resolution.

emphasizing that Kashmore has become a hub for criminal activity. In the last three days alone, 10 people have been abducted. he added. He further apprised the committee of a case in which a local police inspector demanded a ransom of Rs 10 million and four iPhones for a victim's release. The senator emphasized that this incident is part of a disturbing pattern of lawlessness in the region, where such heinous crimes have become alarmingly frequent and remain unaddressed by local authorities.

Taj Haider recommended that the Committee escalate the matter to the Sindh chief minister and urged for disciplinary action against the SSP Kashmore, given the seri-

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Suleman Akram Raja.

The contempt of

court plea on not arranging

meeting with PTI founder

Imran Khan despite court's

orders came up for hearing.

Ishaq Khan heard the peti-

tion. Faisal Farid Chaudhry

counsel for PTI founder, su-

perintendent Adiala jail

Abdul Ghafoor Anjum and

Advocate General (AG)

Ayyaz Shaukat appeared in

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but meeting was not ar-

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Adiala road was blocked a

day before. Common man

been filed in this contempt

of court case. We have made

it clear in our reply that

there are three coordinators

as per court's order. No list

has been given to us that

AG said reply has

is also affected.

Faisal Chaudhry advo-

the court,

Justice Sardar Ejaz

sis, he added.

tral Police Office.

ousness and frequency of such incidents. He also advised that the recommendation be shared with the IG and relevant officials.

Senator Saifullah Abro, supporting this approach, suggested that the Committee address the issue with the Establishment Division, noting that criminal activity in these four districts is damaging Sindh's reputation.

Additionally, Privilege Motion moved by Senator Saadia Abbasi in the Senate on 09-09-2024 addressed an article titled 'The Stealth Cost of Legislature' published in Daily Dawn, authored by the Assistant Chief (Policy) of PIDE, Islamabad, with the presence of both the former and current Vice Chancellors of PIDE.

IGP Islamabad holds Amir Muqam slams PTI's khuli katchery self-serving

ISLAMABAD (APP): the stipulated time frame and report back to the Cen-Federal Minister Engr Amir Muqam Friday He directed all SDPOs strongly condemned Ali and SHOs to adhere to the Amin Gandapur's statedesignated office hours and ments as "irresponsible" and lambasted the Pakistan prioritize resolving citizens' Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI On this occasion, the party for prioritizing Imran IG Islamabad said that the Khan's personal interests Islamabad Police are taking over the welfare of Khyber

agenda

Pakhtunkhwa citizens. In an exclusive interview with a private news channel, Engr. Amir Muqam stated that PTI's sole genda is to secure Imran Khan's release from jail however, he emphasized that Pakistan is an independent nation with its own constitution and laws where individuals like Imran Khan must face the courts and accept accountability

CDA conducts anti encroachment drive on multiple locations

for their actions.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Capital Development Authority (CDA) has conducted an anti-encroachment drive on multiple locations in the federal capital on Friday.

The CDA's Enforce-

ment team, supported by the ICT Magistrate, Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA), and ICT Police reclaimed public spaces from unauthorized extensions and vendors.

The operation led to the demolition of 16 illegal sheds in Al-Habib Market, Sector G-7, with materials seized by wheel dozer.

Responding to public feedback, CDA fûrther cleared unlawful vendo setups near Islamaba Model School in G-6/2.

Industrial Area police arrest 2000 outlaws, recovers 69m

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police, the Industrial Area Zone police teams, have conducted effective actions against criminal elements in the federal capital over the past 10 months to maintain peace and security which resulted in significant arrests and

A public relations of-ficer told APP on Friday that, during this period, the Industrial Årea Zone police teams arrested 2,000 individuals involved in various criminal activities and recovered stolen items worth over 69 million rupees. Additionally, 340 sus-

pects from 106 criminal gangs involved in robbery theft, burglary, and vehicle and motorcycle theft were apprehended. Police teams also recovered cash

Govt. envisions new era of economic, cultural revival for country: Musadik

ISLAMABAD (APP): wards its goal of standing Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr. Musadik Malik, said on Friday that the government's vision is to comprehensively transform Pakistan, encompassing not only economic progress but also cultural, social, and artistic growth. "Our approach is ho-

listic, embracing every facet of society, from the economy to art, sports, Sufi traditions, and religious culture," he said. While speaking to a

private news channel at Pakistan Cultural Week at the annual Riyadh Season, he said that the country was progressing steadily toamong the world's great

outh to remain hopeful. The spirit of Pakistan is connected to its youth This is a transformational time for the country, an era of progress in economy, IT,

and investment," he added Our children should focus on skill-based education, as the world is advancing with modern learning techniques," he said. The minister highlighted the importance of skilled education, encouraging young people to pursue modern educational paths that are globally competitive.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary of the National Heritage and Culture Division, Hassan Nasir Jamy, addresses during the opening ceremony of the 'Annual Ten-Day Folk Festival Lok Mela at Lok Virsa in the federal capital.

Iqbal inspired unit, self-determination among Muslims: Ayaz

National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Friday while paying a rich tribute to Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal his poetry served as a beacon light for Muslims, encouraging them to pursue their goals with determina-

In his message on his 147th birth anniversary, he said that Muslims of the sub-continent under the visionary leadership of Allama Muhammad Iqbal succeeded in achieving a separate homeland. He added that Allama Iqbal's message emphasizes unity, discipline, and faith, and by following his teachings our

ISLAMABAD (APP): country can overcome the current challenges.

The Speaker urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from Iqbal's thoughts and to play a constructive role in the socioeconomic development of the country.

He emphasized that the best way to honour Allama Iqbal's legacy is by promoting justice, tolerance, brotherhood, and discipline in society. Additionally, he highlighted the importance of incorporating Iqbal's teachings into the educational curriculum to educate the generations to come with his profound ideas and vision.



ISLAMABAD: An artist writing poetry on a paper in connection with birthday of National Poet Allama Muhammad lqbal, at his workplace in Lk Virsa, in the Federal Capital.

Romina emphasizes vital role of collective action to tackle climate change

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam Friday emphasized the critical need for collective ambition to tackle climate change, stressing a holistic approach and societal cooperation are vital.

Talking to a private news channel, Romina Khurshid Alam stressed that addressing climate change's far-reaching consequences demands a profound transformation across all sectors, encompassing environmental, economic and social dimensions. This sweeping change requires bold action from governments, businesses and individuals to mitigate the devastating impacts of climate change, she added.

Alam also emphasized tackling climate change,

stating that recognizing their potential is crucial for shaping a sustainable future.

By empowering youth, we can unlock innovative solutions, advocacy and community involvement that drive climate action, she said, adding, the government has already taken steps to address climate change, including promoting gender equity and population management to boost climate resilience.

Responding to a question, she said continuing on the path to green growth is vital, and it is equally important to strengthen existing partnerships and form new ones to share knowledge and achieve shared objectives. This collaborative approach will enable us to tackle climate change effectively, promote sustainthe critical role of youth in able development and ensure a resilient future.

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Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament Lodges Islamabad

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IHK resolution

If the Indian state is serious about its democratic credentials, then it should listen to the voices emanating from held Kashmir's legislature calling for a restoration of the region's special status.

On Wednesday, IHK's assembly, which was elected last month after a decade, passed a non-binding resolution calling for the safeguarding of the disputed territory's "identity, culture and rights".

Though the resolution, piloted by the pro-India National Conference, which now rules IHK in a coalition with Congress, made no explicit reference to Article 370, the message to Delhi was clear. "The assembly has done its job," said Omar Abdullah, IHK's chief minister. Mr Abdullah had during the election campaign pledged to restore Article 370, discarded by India in August 2019, as well as the held tween Sindh and Punjab. region's statehood.

Last month's election results, as well as the recently passed resolution, clearly show that the people of held province Sindh's chief Kashmir are not happy with ster have condemned the New Delhi's snatching of their limited autonomy, and want India to reverse these dubious moves. The Indian prime minister has said statehood would be restored, though other ire of the public members of his cabinet have said Article 370 is 'done' and 'dead'.

While statehood, and the unity of held Kashmir — India has broken up IHK into two union territories of Jammu and nomic Council) for further Kashmir, and Ladakh — are prompted a perturbed a precursor to the far bigger important, the special status granted to the disputed territory under Articles 370 and 35A must also be restored. If most of India's north-eastern states can continue to have a special constitutional status, to protect their culture and diversity, why is the BJP-led government being so rigid when it comes to occupied Kashmir?

Post-Aug 2019, there has been a conscious effort to change IHK's demographic profile, and obliterate its unique identity. That is why nearly all political forces there — from give them 'names' (2:31). pro-independence parties to those in New Delhi's good books — are united in their demand for a restoration of the held territory's special status.

Along with meeting a key demand of the Kashmiri people, reinstating the aforesaid articles would also help improve India's ties with Pakistan. After the Modi government made that mastery of the uniits controversial move to strip IHK of its unique status, bilateral ties quickly nosedived. Therefore, if the BJP administration were to shed its rigidity the laws of, and thus on the matter and listen to the ture or in the Quranic ter-Kashmiris, it could pave the way for the resumption of the political process in IHK, along with removing a key obstacle tive world order. in improving ties with Pakistan.

Hardliners in New Delhi may be telling themselves that the Kashmir question has been resolved, but the reality suggests otherwise. The IHK assembly resolution, in fact, offers New Delhi a face-saving option to restore Kashmir's autonomy, as the administration can say it is jective reality and employ only responding to popular demand. Should India choose to ignore this demand, disaffection in IHK will only increase.

Running banks and airlines

Faisal Bari

The provinces are already running banks: Bank of Punjab, Sindh Bank and Bank of Khyber. Balochistan is the only province that does not have a bank of its own, but given the precedent, it is bound to go for one as soon as it

KP and Punjab recently said they would be interested in running their airline as well. A good question to ask here is why. Why should the provinces have their own banks or be running air-

The federal government is already battling with state-owned enterprises. It has quite a few that are making losses, some even in industries where profits are very possible. Private sector firms make profits in this

The government has talking privatising all SOEs, in particular the loss-making ones, and has been under pressure to do it quickly to manage the fiscal deficit. There seems to be pressure from the

IMF and other lenders and donors as well to do been accused of indulging in financial corrupiates well, to provide goods and donors as well to do it. This is why the privatisation process for PIA has been prioritised the day over the last six-odd months. Given all this, why would the prov-

inces want to buy or set up and run airlines? Why do provinces need to run banks and airlines? There are plenty of private sector alternatives available in these areas. At one point in time, it might have been the case that the Pakistani economy was too small or that entrepreneurs did not have the capital to set up banks any different if a provor airlines or did not have ince owns an airline? the requisite knowhow What can provincial gov-

about the management of

such businesses. We live

line? Better knowledge? in a different time now. Better understanding of There are quite a few local and multinational the business? What is the players in these busiadvantage here? They nesses; why would the might stipulate, as they provinces want to come have done in the case of provincial finances and into this space? Take the case of banks, that provincial banks. What do provinbusinesses should go cial banks add to the through that airline, but how does that help? It banking landscape? All provincial banks have just creates another li-

The government and to provide even the ba-

ernments bring to the

table if they run an air-

ing in financial corrup-tion at the behest of the and services that have the political leadership of

Provincial governbe the right of individuments do not have any als. For example, Article 25A of the Constitution advantage in terms of knowledge or market unasserts that the state shall provide free and derstanding that they could bring to the bankcompulsory education to ing sector. Why should all five-to-16-year-olds they have banks then? in the country. This is in And of course, provincial the basic rights section banks have been used to of the Constitution. It is fund pet projects or a right of citizens to have friends of political leadthis free education and it ers. This is exactly what is an obligation too, as it is wrong with the provis compulsory to be proinces having banks. vided that education. The Will the situation be state should provide it. But we also know that

> on providing schooling for children rather than think of owning and running banks and airlines? The same is more or less the case for health, including public health. Though access to health services is not recognised as a basic right in our Constitution, we are failing, terribly, in Pakistan

and welfare. We do not provide safe drinking water to all citizens, we cannot even inoculate all element of public good to them or are considered to of our children (Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries in the world right now that have not been able to eliminate the poliovirus); 40 per cent of our children are malnourished and most of the poor are provided very low-quality preventive healthcare facilities, if at all, in the But in no province,

despite the announcement of an education emergency by the prime minister this year, are there any ongoing efforts that are even remotely likely to address the issues that have been mentioned here. And yet, the provinces want to run airlines and are putting their efforts into running The provinces have

been trying to improve the quality of service in education, health, water and sanitation and other areas, but have, by and large, not been able to do much for many years. For the last 10 to 15 years, them, over time, have state have a responsibil- sics of decent healthcare the provinces have been

expanding services and improving the quality of services through publicprivate partnerships as well. And with success in education (largely in Punjab) and health (largely in Sindh), the PPPs have been expanding quite rapidly.

Recently in Punjab, the government seemed to have decided to place a total of 12,000 or 13,000, out of some 35,000 primary schools under PPPs. Teachers, parts of the educational bureaucracy, and other stakeholders have been criticising the government for 'privatising education. But, whether or not we see it as privatisation, the fact remains that the government has been unable to manage schools and has looked for help from the private sector to run its schools, and the same government wants to run banks and airlines!

Should the provinces run banks and airlines? The answer seems to be obvious. They should not. But logic, efficiency and optimality seldom win the day in Pakistan.

Watering Cholistan

Naseer Memon

The first phase of the Cholistan Canal project has stirred fresh acrimony be-Sindh's government, political parties and civil society are denouncing the project. The criticism has found expression in protest rallies, sit-ins and seminars in the minister and irrigation minproject in unambiguous terms. But despite this criticism from the PPP-led provincial government itself, the project was endorsed by the president, the former PPP co-chairperson, in July this year, drawing the

The province's objections were overruled at a meeting of the Central Development Working Party last month. The CDWP disregarded Sindh's dissent and referred the project to Ecnec (the Executive Committee of the National Eco- network is just the first nario, the lower riparian press his concerns to Fed-Ahsan Iqbal. The Sindh government had earlier submitted a summary to the same area.

Council of Common Interests, challenging the project on technical grounds. According to the Sindh government, the CDWP and Ecnec should not consider the project until the CCI takes a decision on Sindh's position.

been in trouble at one

point or another. All of

The Cholistan Canal is designed to divert 4,120 cusecs of water from Sulemanki Barrage on the Sutlej river to Fort Abbas, which lies at a distance of 176 kilometres. It will feed the 120km-long Marot Canal, which will transport the water eastward. This canal will fan out to irrigate 452,000 acres of desert land in Cholistan through 452km of distributaries and minor channels. The multipronged project costing Rs211 billion also entails capacity enhancement of three upstream inter-river link canals — Rasool-Qadirabad, Qadirabad-Baloki and Baloki-Sulemanki. This sprawling However, in such a scephase of the Smaller within Punjab itself would flood in the Sutlej was Greater Cholistan scheme. The pending second phase eral Planning Minister of the Cholistan Canal project aims to irrigate another 744,000 acres in the

The Indus River Svstem Authority had issued a water availability certificate for the scheme in January 2024. The member representing Sindh contested the move but he was outvoted by a 4:1 majority. The province, however, asserts that Irsa has no such mandate, therefore the water avail-

ability certificate is invalid.

The scheme originally designed as a flood canal was subsequently converted into a perennial canal. In a pre-CDWP meeting, the federal Planning Commission had raised questions regarding the availability of water during the non-flood months. Since no water had been allocated for the Cholistan Canal in the interprovincial Water Apportionment Accord, it appeared logical for Punjab to divert some of its allocated water to feed this canal during the non-flood months. from the Punjab government on the adjustment of the existing canal allocations to create water allowances for the new ca-

nal system. The original plan showed the most flows during July and August, the monsoon months.

approximately 26 million

five-to-16-year-olds are

not in schools in Paki-

stan. Should the state not

focus its attention more

Developing a canal command area on the basis of unreliable flood flows is a questionable proposition. In the wake of climate change, it is difficult to predict flood flows. Obviously such a vast command area cannot be left parched during years when drought-like conditions persist. Sindh has raised apprehensions that during the dry years, the command area of the Cholistan Canal will be irrigated by the Mangla reservoir through upgraded link canals and the deficit downstream would be compensated by diverting water from the Indus through the Chashma-Jhelum and Taunsa-

Panjnad canals. The Planning Commission also echoed similar concerns. Last year's Cholistan scheme which is also confront water short- atypical. The Sutlej reages. The Planning Com- ceived floodwater from Inmission sought details dia due to intense rainfall during Aug 10-14 that raised the water to an

Pong dams discharged 80,000 and 100,000 cusecs of water respectively. The flood reached Pakistan and wreaked havoc in Kasur, Okara, Pakpattan, Lodhran, Bahawalnagar, Vehari and Bahawalpur. It

was the largest flooding by

the Sutlej in 35 years.

Such rare floods should

not form the basis of feasibility for a flood canal. The flow data of the eastern rivers (Sutlej, Ravi and Beas) has reflected consistently dwindling discharges. The average flow in these rivers was 9.35 MAF during 1976-98 that declined to 2.96 MAF during 1999-2022. Surplus flows below Kotri Barrage have also declined drastically. From the period 2000-01 to 2022-23, there were 10 dry years when less than 8.6 MAF of water was discharged below Kotri — the minimum quantum of flow recomexperts. This indicates that the Indus river basin is ex-

Declining flows to the Indus have already alarming level in the two wreaked ecological havoc major dams, Bhakra on the Indus Delta. In (Sutlej) and Pong (Beas 2005, a panel of interna-

periencing frequent dry

river). The Bhakra and tional experts studied the minimum water requirements for sustaining the Indus Delta ecosystem. It recommended the release of at least 8.6 MAF of water every year below Kotri Barrage. Sustaining the delta requires a certain amount of sediment to reach the shoreline to push against the upward sea movement. In the pre-Tarbela Dam years, 400 million tonnes of sediment flowed below Kotri Barrage, which was reduced to a mere 126 million tonnes post-Tarbela. Before the dam was built, the Indus Delta was increasing by 30 metres annually due to silt deposition. The process has now been reversed and the sea has encroached on previously fertile land in Thatta, Sujawal and Badin districts. Climate change can further aggravate the situation. A World Bank report, Pakistan's Water Economy Running Dry mended by international reads, "the glacial reservoirs will be empty, and there are likely to be dramatic decreases in river flows conceivably by a terrifying 30pc to 40pc in the Indus Basin". Amid such an uncertain hydro future. planning large-scale irriga-

Islamic learning

Ghulam Shabbir

Man's superiority over all creatures lies in his faculty of creative knowledge, which the heavens. despite their heights, the mountains, despite their firmness, and the earth, despite its vastness, refused to take on (Quran 33:72). This points to the faculty to discern the properties of things and This is man's inherent capability to unravel the mysteries of the universe and employ the same for his mastery over nature. Thus his mastery of the universe was a foregone conclusion. What matters most is to wield this mastery responsibly, for knowledge is a doubleedged sword, prone to be used both for salutary and destructive ends.

Therefore, man's real test lies in 'mastering' verse. So, 'al-amana' or the 'trust' which the universe trembled to bear, according to late Islamic scholar and thinker Fazlur Rahman, was to discover achieve mastery over, naminology, to know the names' of all things and then use this mastery under the human initiative — to create a posi-To the Quran, all

knowledge — intellectual, scientific or intuitive comes from God. It sets high value on knowledge and excludes no category of learning whatsoever, with the overriding principle that this knowledge should be utilised through proper and constructive channels. Man's essential task is to reconstruct a scientific picture of the obthe same to create a healthy moral order. So. to engage in scientific pursuit without harnessing it for the creation of a

just moral order — to

know the 'names' without utilising them would be, in the words of the Quran, 'abath' or a vain, dangerous, indeed Satanic pursuit.

Pristine Islam combined metaphysics and social reality — the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) religious experience concerned both monotheism and socioeconomic justice. With an inherent symbiotic relationship, both monotheism and socioeconomic reforms assume fusion and flow like a seamless singular stream from the inner unity of the Quran and the immaculate conduct of the Prophet. Closer examination reveals that it was not monotheism but rather its entailing social reforms that invoked a vehement reaction from the Makkan oligarchy for they were least bothered by the monotheism of the Hanifs certain Makkans who arrived at monotheism through self-deliberation not linked with social

reforms. Islam, unlike the ancient world, combined metaphysics and social reality. Earlier, the streams of pure intellect and transcendentalism had flowed independently despite the coexistence of Jews and Greeks for a considerable period of time at Alexandria. To Christianity, excepting the gospels, everything was futile.

Islam focused on the fusion of religious and positive knowledge; it made history a field of divine activity to objectify moral values.

The Quran inspired Muslims to pursue all branches of knowledge irrespective of the dichotomy of the sacred and the profane and to utilise the same for the benefit of mankind.

Born out of a violent break with its past, the modern West will seek no negotiation with any

spiritual system or moral ideology. In such a situation, what else but the Quran can steer the world out of its crisis? For Islam was the only genuine movement in history which ethically 'oriented' the raw materials of history rather than compromised with them under the convenient cover of secularism. Later, vested interests broke the fusion of metaphysics and social reality. Orthodoxy's nexus with dictators led to the dichotomy of state and religion, while many Sufis' neutr-ality to social phenomena triggered personal-ism' at the cost of collectivism. Ever since, orthodox religious knowledge is quarantined in the ma--dressah, having no organic link with the positive knowledge of the external world.

The world of Islam in contradistinction to the 'material' West and the 'spiritual' East stands as 'gold median community' (2:143) tasked with arbitrating their conflicts. On this premise, Iqbal has said: "Although we [Muslims] are coiled up in ourselves like a bud; should we perish, the whole garden [of the world] must perish."

Dr Fazlur Rahman similarly challenged the West along the lines that you can ignore the law of gravity but Islam cannot be ignored. Muslims have become prisoners of the past and if they do not take the initiative to rediscover Islam, their fu-

Muslims owe it to themselves and to the world at large to recover the fusion of moral values and social phenomena by the crystal-clear Weltanschauung of the Quran. This would be a potent step for them to assume the steering wheel of history. For how long must the Muslim faith remain in the grip of the

Aasim Sajjad

Of all the congratulatory messages which poured in from the world's political leaders when it became clear that Donald Trump had, in the end, quite comfortably defeated Kamala Harris in the US presidential election, the tweet by Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari stood out.

The young scion of the PPP called Trump's victory an anti-war vote, reflecting the desire of the US electorate for global

The reference was obviously to Palestine and the ongoing Israeli genocide which has been backed unflinchingly by the Biden-Harris administration. But Trump did not win because he is anti-war. Some voters may have punished Harris over Palestine, but the Democratic Party's failings extend beyond foreign wars. Bilawal's pleasantries about a peaceful future for the world were also hyperbole because Trump is anything but a man of peace.

The real quandary is making sense of how Bilawal, who claims to be 'progressive', is making common cause with an arch-conservative Trump

Let there be no mistake: Trump is not about to dismantle the huge military-industrial complex that undergirds US imperialist power across the world. Among other things, Trump is firmly committed to Zionism, and is unmistakably anti-China.

But it is also not to be understated that Trump has spouted consistent rhetoric about unnecessary spending on wars abroad his slogan of 'Make America Great Again' reflects a relatively insular vision involving less warmaking around the world. blocking immigration, and generating industrial jobs

Which ideology?

The far right thrives Akhtar

on slogans, of course. Trump did not do a lot of things he had claimed he would during his first term. But this is all the more reason for us to think about why certain slogans continue to garner him — and many other similar political leaders — the support that they do. The fact that a far-right Republican leader is able and willing to call for a rollback of America's foreign wars is an indicator of how muddled the contemporary ideological landscape has

Ideological confusion is reaching fever pitch in this country too. Look no further than Bilawal and the PPP — a leader and party that still claims, every once so often, to be committed to leftist ideals. When election season rolls around, the slogan 'roti, kapra aur makan' magically reappears. Even the word 'socialism' sometimes drips off the tongue of PPP leaders. The party also burnishes its other progressive' credentials like its opposition to the weaponisation of religion and its unparalleled com-

mitment to democracy. But these claims have virtually no connection to the PPP's actual politics. At present, the PPP and PML-N are competing to prove their loyalty to the military establishment. The PPP runs the Balochistan government which is presiding over the continuing brutalisation of Baloch youth. A few weeks ago, the Sindh government ordered a violent crackdown progressives who were protesting the mob lynchmerkot, Sindh

Earlier, Ali Wazir who is now doing rounds in Punjab's jails — spent months incarcerated under the watch of the Sindh government. And as far as

by rolling back outsourcing Pakistan's internal class war is concerned, the PPP makes no bones about the fact that it is far more committed to the IMF, big landed families, real estate moguls and other profiteers than it is to the proverbial worker and peas-

tion schemes is not wise.

Let's take this analogy back to America. The preliminary details about who voted for Trump and Harris are remarkable insofar as they confirm that the Democratic Party with its comparatively pro-labour history — has largely abandoned the working class, the latter voting in significant numbers for Trump. Even nonwhite Latino and Black working people rejected the Democratic Party despite Trump's persistent anti-immigrant rhetoric.

Once upon a time, to be on the left meant to oppose unbridled capitalist profiteering, imperialist wars and to stand with the lower orders of society Today, it is the far right that is rhetorically aligning itself with such positions, and successfully tapping into the rage of working people by peddling hate. Meanwhile, the historic social-democratic parties who could once claim to represent the class rage of the lower orders are left only to appeal to a vacuous identity politics and lament the racism and misogyny of the right. Is there still the possibility of an ideological politics of a left-progressive vintage that reclaims class and imperialism from the hatemongers while also offering meaningful horizons on other pressing matters like the

ecological crisis?
We must hold out the hope that there is, but such a politics will only crystallise when the so-called 'pro--gressive' old guard is exposed and displaced by genuinely antiestablishment forces. -Courtesy Dawn

Horse & Cattle Show kicked off in Peshawar

Peshawar and will continue entertaining activities. from November 8 to November 10.

Chief Minister of jump and an air gliding Khyber Pakhtunkhwa display which captivated Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur the audience. The event inaugurated the event also featured traditional organized under the music and dance auspices of the Khyber performances presented Pakhtunkhwa Sports Department here on Friday.

The ceremony was attended by Corps Commander Peshawar Lt.General Umar Ahmad Bukhari, Provincial Sports Minister Syed Fakhar Jahan, Ministers Meena Khan Afridi,Fazal Hakim Khan, Pakhtunyar Khan, Commissioner Peshawar Riaz Khan Mehsud, Secretary of Sports Secretary of Sports games including Matiullah Khan, DG Pegging, kabaddi.

PESHAWAR (APP): The Sports Abdul Nasir, first-ever three-day members of the assembly, cultural show in Khyber senior government cultural show in Khyber senior government Pakhtunkhwa's history officials, athletes, and commenced formally at the numerous spectators who Sher Khan Stadium in enjoyed a variety of The

commenced with a free-fall display which captivated by bands of Frontier Corps North parties while dog and camel races and a horse dance display were also part of the first day events. Other attractions included the release of one thousand pigeons release in the air. martial art performance, a family festival and a vintage car show.

During these three days various traditional



FAISALABAD: A painter applies the final touches to a portrait of Allama Muhammad Iqbal in preparation for his birth anniversary celebrations

Minister visits Tablighi congregation venue

LAHORE (APP): In the second phase of the the congregation route and the congregation route and Raiwind congregation, on surrounding security the instructions of Chief arrangements
Minister Punjab Maryam directed the Nawaz Sharif, Provincial Minister for Law and Communications Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharth visited the Raiwind congregation site. DIG Operations Faisal kamran

also accompanied him. During the visit SP Saddar Zahoor Ahmed briefed the provincial minister. The minister met with the organizers of the Raiwind congregation and received a detailed briefing the event.

arrangements and directed the DIG Operations to ensure foolproof security.

The provincial minister also assessed other administrative matters at the congregation, including encroachments, cleanliness initiatives, and food points. He stated that the best arrangements have been made for the participants to ensure they experience comfort and convenience throughout



LAHORE: Gypsy families protesting against the demolition of their huts by their LDA in the Provincial Capital.

Punjab govt committed to gender equality, healthcare access: Khawaja Imran

Secondary Healthcare, Khawaia Imran Nazir. affirmed the government's commitment to eliminating gender-based violence and equitable ensuring healthcare access for all. Addressing a seminar on Friday, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), the minister highlighted the importance of gender equality, non-discriminatory healthcare, and human rights within the public health sector.

The seminar aimed to raise public awareness about human rights. violence against women, and access to healthcare services. Khawaja Imran emphasized that, according to WHO statistics, nearly half of the world's population lacks access to basic healthcare services. He noted that factors like gender inequality and discrimination are significant barriers to public healthcare access.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab is to establish a healthy Minister for Primary and society by removing all social disparities through

> Reproductive, Maternal. Newborn & Child Health) program, he called it a potential game-changer for improving maternal and child health in the province. The minister further acknowledged the pervasive issue of corruption in society, calling for collective action to address it.

He also emphasized the need to foster a culture of love, respect, and gender equality, advocating for societal changes to ensure women are treated with dignity. "Islam has granted more rights to women than 'The vision of the any other religion," he

accessible healthcare services," he stated, adding that the government is implementing transformative changes in hospital systems to provide quality healthcare to the public.

Highlighting the Department of Health's IRMNCH (Integrated

key factor in the

Razi Ahmad and Adeel Hashmi, the driving force behind Faiz Ghar, officially signed the MOU between Alhamra and Faiz Ghar.



LAHORE: Chairperson Women Protection Authority Hina Pervez Butt addressing a seminar on Advancing Gender Equality, Human Rights and mainstreaming health sector across Punjab.



LAHORE: The Officers of 36th Senior Management Course from 16 different departments led by Chief Instructor NEPA Islamabad, Dr. Samreen Zahra in a group photo with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

Kundi says Bushra, Gandapur running parallel govts in KP

Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi Friday visited the Punjab Social Protection Authority (PSPA) and discussed its

PPP Central Punjab General Secretary Hassan Murtaza, Vice Chairperson PSPA Jahan Ara Wattoo, CEO PSPA and others Chairperson Jahan Ara governor about the Punjab Social Protection Authority and its functioning. She said that the department run many programmes for poor, transgender and elderly people with the support of the Punjab government. She also briefed him about Punjab

Nayee Zindagi Programme, Punjab Human Capital Investment Project and other programmes. The governor appreciated the initiatives by the department and promised of his full support. Kundi said that he was very happy to come to the Punjab Social Protection were present. Vice Authority. "It is a very important program of the Wattoo briefed the Punjab government for the welfare of the poor. Benazir Income Support Program is also running successfully and in this context the Punjab government is taking it forward by creating Punjab Social Security Authority,"

he maintained. He also congratulated

LAHORE (APP): Khyber Social Economic Registry, the entire PSPA team, announcing rewards for them and also appreciated the Punjab government for supporting departments. Talking to media persons, the governor said, "If supporters believe that the PTI founder is not involved in any wrongdoing then he will be released."He said that provincial governments are supporting their poor people, adding that Balochistan is also watching it. "There should be a healthy trend in the provinces. Roads are blocked in Parachinar due to which medicines could



Faraz, Sadaqat Abbasi

Raja Arshid Hafeez, Wasiq

Qayyum Abbasi, Col

(Retd) Ajmal Sabir, federal

and provincial ministers,

members of assemblies and

other accused including

PTI founder were to be

indicted on Friday. But

indictment could not be

framed due to non holding

case was adjourned till

acquittal plea of Sheikh

Rashid his counsel took the

plea that Sheikh Rashid is

not nominated in the FIR.

He was involved after 6

witnesses are included in

police challan. But not a

single witness has leveled

involvement of Sheikh

Rashid. IG Punjab and RPO

Rawalpindi too have filed

report in high court.

Statements of 94

November 16.

allegation

The hearing of the

During the hearing of

of hearing of case in jail.

LAHORE: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, poses for a group photo with officials of the Punjab Social Protection Authority during his visit to the Punjab Social Protection Authority (PSPS).

RAWALPINDI (Online):

Judge Amjid Ali Shah of

Anti Terrorism Court

(ATC) Rawalpindi has

fixed November 16 for

attack case due to non

completion of attendance of

all the accused including

former foreign minister and

copies of case among the

remaining accused persons

and adjourned the hearing

reserved judgment on

acquittal plea of former

federal minister Sheikh

Rashid which is likely to

be announced on next

court Jail administration

presented report on

telephonic contact between

PTI founder and his sons.

Gul, Raja Basharat, Shibli

Under the orders of

Umar Ayoub, Zartaj

of the case.

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The court distributed

court has

PTI former chairman

indictment in GHQ

ATC fixes Nov 16 for

indictment of PTI founder,

Major General | **Shamraiz** assumes charges as DG others in GHQ attack case **Rangers Sindh**

KARACHI (APP): Major Muhammad General Shamraiz assumed the charge as Director General (DG) Pakistan Rangers Sindh on Friday.

According spokesman for Rangers, the change of command ceremony was held at the Rangers headquarters, where outgoing DG Rangers Major General Azhar Waqas (Hilal-e-Imtiaz Military) handed over the command to Muhammad Shamraiz.

Faiz Ghar, Alhamra sign MoU

AHORE (APP): The Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra) and Faiz Ghar held a ceremony to sign a Memorandum Understanding (MOU) to promote language, literature, and the fine

Chairman Board of Governors of Lahore Arts Council Razi Ahmad said that Alhamra's mission is being successfully realised. He emphasised that the core objective of all their efforts is to introduce the world to their cultural values. He further noted that his strong working relationship with Alhamra's Executive Director, Sarah Rashid, is

institution's positive impact and successful teamwork.

Chairman Alhamra

CHINIOT: A view of dense of fog on Friday morning

progress and prosperity. Revered visionary leaders like Allam Dr Muhammad with philosophical and acumen, cover major aspects of human life, providing a path to successful future and build a nation to excel

09, 1977 at Sialkot in literature,

Sheikh Noor Muhammad's family, Allama Muhammad Iqbal became a great visionary poet and philosopher who dreamt a separate homeland for the Muslims of subcontinent

moment his footsteps.

Born on November Iqbal, a luminary in

truck accident in Upper Kohistan KOHÎSTAN (APP): At

Two dead in

least two passengers on Friday died when a truck fell into a ravine near the Lotar Police Station Upper Kohistan. Under the supervision of District Emergency Officer Engineer Khaliq Dad, Rescue 1122 teams arrived promptly at the scene and conducted a search and recovery operation.

According to reports, two men identified as Asif Khan, son of Muhammad Rashid, and Shahid Khan, son of Khalid Khan, both residents of Swat, were killed in the crash.

The Rescue 1122 team recovered the bodies and shifted them to the Rural Health Center (RHC) in Dassu for further

LHC orders to close markets at 8pm in Punjab

LAHORE (Online): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday issued orders for Justice Shahid Karim on Friday issued orders for Punjab at 8pm and stopping entry of cars, buses and other heavy been stopped from entering traffic to Lahore in into city. Fine amounting connection with eradication to Rs 50000 be imposed on

Justice Shahid Karim of the LHC conducted hearing of the case regarding eradication of smog and air pollution in

biggest contributors of smog, Dolphin police and police men be deployed for controlling traffic. On every hearing we kept on saying government to take steps

to control smog.

closing markets across remarked if notices have

smoke emitting buses.

How can the vehicle go on road without fitness certificate. Transport department should take

The court remarked The court remarked we are taking these steps "Trucks and trailers are the to help government. Government is perhaps not seeing court's orders with good looks.

If there is pressure of government on DC and others then they will work. The administration should take review of smog



PESHAWAR: A paratrooper commander presents the national flag to Chief Minister KP, Ali Amin Gandapur, at a horse and cattle show organized by the Directorate General of Sports Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at Col Sher Khan Stadium.

Purpose of civil service is to serve the public as a civil servant: Governor

led by Chief Instructor institutions can be NEPA Islamabad, Dr. increased by improving Samreen Zahra called on Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore.

purpose of civil service is to serve the public and as a Punjab also answered the civil servant, public service questions of the officers. should be your priority. He said that the development Earlier, Chief Instructor NEPA Islamabad should be your priority. He of the country and the Dr. Samreen Zahra briefed nation lies

Management Course from Governor Punjab said that 16 different departments the performance of the public service delivery. He expressed the hope that the officers would use all their abilities to provide Speaking on this occasion, Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the Haider Khan On this occasion, Governor

LAHORE (Online): The supremacy of merit and the about the aims and Officers of 36th Senior strength of the institutions. objectives of the 36th objectives of the 36th Senior Management

Apart from that, Governor Punjab paid tributes to Allama Muhammad Iqbal on the occasion of Iqbal Day and said that Allama Iqbal awakened the spirit of freedom among the Muslims subcontinent through his poetry and presented the concept of a separate homeland.

He said that his philosophy itself is a torch for the entire humanity and in the Governor Punjab in detail especially for the youth.



LAHORE: A delegation of senior actors of stage meeting with Punjab Minister for Information Azma Bukhari.

CS issues message on **Iqbal Day**

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry in his message on Iqbal's Day, said on Friday that as we celebrate the birthday of our national poet, Allama Muhammad İqbal, I urge the youth to delve into his profound philosophy of Khudi and purposefulness

"Iqbal's vision of a dynamic Muslim society, rooted in Islam's universal teachings, serves as a beacon for social equality and justice, he said. The Chief Secretary

said as architects of a prosperous future, our youth possess limitless potential. "On this Iqbal Day, I

urge you to harness your

Azma Bokhari stresses for responsible behavior, cross-border cooperation to handle smog issue

Friday emphasized the need for responsible Minister is taking bold behavior from society and steps to tackle pollution between Pakistan and India to tackle the smog issue, efforts for resolution. In an exclusive interview with a private news channel, the minister highlighted the PML-N government's She said we are commitment to maintaining positive relationships with neighboring country India, adding that this approach control has led Pakistan to address emissions.

ISLAMABAD (APP): the pressing issue of smog Punjab Minister for with them. The Punjab Information Azma Bokhari government, under the strict directions of the Chief a comprehensive approach caused by brick kilns, adding, We are drawing inspiration from Beijing's which requires collective successful strategy, where industries are being relocated outside city limits and violators are

She said we are working tirelessly to strengthen regulatory frameworks to monitor and industrial

Iqbal's philosophy: A beacon of light nation

PESHAWAR (APP): Amidst challenges of changing world dynamics in education, politics, economy, societal and other arena of life, the vision of great leaders provide as beacon of light for nations to compete internationally and pave way for their

indigenously and earning laurels globally.

that appeared on world map in the shape of

Pakistan.

With the meanings of his name 'Good Fortune,' Allama Iqbal's birthday is celebrated on November 09 their every year, symbolizing a opportunity to benefit from his teachings and reach a respectable pinnacle after treading on

Allama Muhammad

philosophy and politics, also known as 'Poet of the East' is honored world over with colleges and universities within the country and abroad having dedicated departments teaching 'Iqbaliat.'

"Iqbal's poetry transcended borders, making him a respected figure from Asia to Middle East and Europe to America. His ability to inspire and awaken Muslim youth in British India was a glaring testament to his genius, said Prof. Dr Naushad Khan, former Vice Chancellor, Islamia College

"He also carried religion, forward the renaissance Allah and humanity and collective wellbeing.

movement started by great educationist, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. Struggle for a separate homeland for Muslims of sub-continent waged by Quaid-e-Azam explained 'selfhood Muhammad Ali Jinnah was also a vision of Allama

address in 1930," he said. Dr Naushad said Allama Muhammad Iqbal had sparked the flame of resistance colonialism, encouraging Muslims to stand up for their rights and identity through peaceful struggle. "His poetry often delved into profound symbols like 'Shaheen' (eagle), the concept of Khudi (Self)' the relationship between

Iqbal revealed at Allahabad

of Islam, as outlined in the Holy Quran.'

The iconic poet in his book Asrar e Khudi, significance with an aim of a person's self-realization, believing in one's own abilities and mutual coexistence

Dr Khushad also refers to five key attributes of Dr Iqbal's Shaheen farsightedness, fearlessness, independence contemplation and resilience, noting these qualities as reflective of his belief empowerment and a sense of responsibility toward

Finance Minister says: Digitization, key

requisite for driving

economic growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): transparency, plug leakages

and improve services.

He described the use

of data analytics as vital to

have a fact-based

discussion rather than

harassment around FBR's

efforts for revenue

generation and resource

mobilisation. He noted

that for the current fiscal

year, the federal tax

revenues have increased by

29 per cent and 600,000

new filers have also been

added to FBR's system

thus far, however added

there was a long way to go

to scale up the tax-to-GDP

ratio, currently languishing

at 8 to 9 per cent, to a decent 13.5 per cent by the

time the International

Monetary Fund (IMF)

programme is completed. Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb also reiterated

the government's resolve

to move ahead with its

privatisation programme,

saying the government was

clear that anything that

could be done in the

private sector, had to be

handled by the private

sector to allow it to drive

Federal Minister for

inance and Revenue,

Senator Muhammad

Aurangzeb, on Friday

described digitization of

economy as a key requisite

for driving economic

growth and mobilizing

ample resources for

growing development

requirements to end

country's reliance on

He made

statement during a meeting

with a delegation of Veon

Group at Finance Division,

according to press release

issued by finance ministry.

led by Augie K. Fabela,

founder and chairman of

the Board Veon Group,

Kaan Terzioglu, Group

CEO VEON, Ms. Marine

Babayan, Group Director

of Corporate Affairs

VEON and Aamir Ibrahim,

CEO Jazz, were also

the Minister reiterated the

government's resolve for

tax reforms with a focus on

people-processed

During the meeting,

present.

The delegation was

persistent financing.

Govt resolved to achieve \$25 bln IT exports target in three years: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): connectivity even in remote Group in IT, digitisation highlighting the government's efforts to promote the telecommunications sector, telecommunication sector reiterated his resolve to meet the target of \$25 billion in IT exports in the next three years.

The prime minister, in a meeting with a fivemember delegation of telecommunications and VEON Group led by Chairman Augie K Fabela here, said that the government was taking measures to introduce 5G internet service to provide fast and reliable internet

Friday would also help the government realise its vision of Digital Pakistan, added. had a significant role in promoting a cashless and digital economy, he said

and lauded the services of VEON Group's subsidiary Jazz in Pakistan's financial technology sectors, according to a PM Office press release.

government was willing to senior officers attended the collaborate with VEON

areas. The 5G services and artificial intelligence. The members of the delegation appreciated the government's efforts for economic stability and said that Pakistan had become an important investment

destination for the IT and

telecom sector.

Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunications Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervaiz Prime Minister Coordinator to PM Rana Shehbaz said that the Ehsan Afzal and relevant Coordinator to PM Rana

Rupee gains

21 paisa

against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP)

against the US dollar in the

interbank trading and closed at Rs 277.73 against

the previous day's closing

to the Forex Association of

Pakistan (FAP), the buying

and selling rates of the

dollar in the open market stood at Rs 277.30 and Rs

increased by 03 paisa to

close at Rs 298.94 against

the last day's closing of Rs

298.91, according to the

State Bank of Pakistan

went up by 02 paisa and

an increase of 23 paisa was

rate of the British Pound,

which traded at Rs359.54

as compared to the last

the Emirates Dirham and

Port Qasim

The exchange rate of

day's closing of Rs359.31

The Japanese yen

The price of Euro

278.80 respectively.

However, according



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of VEON Group calls on Prime Minister

Pak-Malaysia agrees to renegotiate bilateral FTA in near future: Malaysian HC

ISLAMABAD (APP): On event hosted by the high Friday, the Commissioner Dato' Malaysia,

Mohammad Azhar Mazlan said that Malaysia and Pakistan have agreed to renegotiate the bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and renegotiation process will start soon.

Commissioner said that from Pakistan's side Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan will shortly participate in the dialogue process in this regard to renegotiate the bilateral FTA and there will be a also discussion between the two countries on other economic and

He said this at an and this Agreement is the

LAHORE (APP): Punjab

Chief Minister Maryam

Nawaz Sharif has

introduced a reward package worth billions of

rupees for the farmers to

get more wheat production

announced free tractors

and land levelers for wheat-

farmers, according to which

1000 land levelers will be

given free of charge to

those who cultivate wheat

on an area of ??12 to 25

acres. Likewise, on an area

farmers will get 1000 green

Sharif said, "We will not

leave the farmers of Punjab

alone, we will give full

support, the farmers are

our brothers, we will take

all possible measures for

CM Maryam Nawaz

tractors absolutely free.

The Chief Minister

in the province.

CM announces free

tractors, levelers

for farmers

of??more than 25 acres, the through lottery. In this

Commission of Malaysia, Islamabad which was attended by more than 50 prominent Pakistani industry leaders and stakeholders.

The event was organized as a follow-up to the recent official visit of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim to Pakistan in October 2024, with a particular focus on enhancing trade, investment, and business collaborations between the two countries.

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) for Closer Economic and trade ties between Pakistan and Malaysia was signed on November 08, 2007 at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

their development." She

said that prosperity of the farmers and restoration of

agriculture in Punjab is the

first priority, wheat-farmers are being provided free standard badges, fertilizers and pesticides

through Kissan Card.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif said

that in a few months, a record project has been

launched for farmers,

tractors and land levelers

connection, agricultural helpline can be called on

further said that wheat

Agriculture's website and

Facebook for free tractors

The Chief Minister

visit

0800-17000.

farmers can

and land levelers.

two brotherly Countries and members of OIC. This agreement is

Pakistan's comprehensive incorporating trade in goods, trade in services, investment and Economic cooperation Malaysia's first bilateral FTA with any South Asian

In his remarks, Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan affirmed the High Commission commitment to fostering a conducive environment for business partnerships and highlighted the importance of leveraging the outcomes of Malaysia's Prime Minister visit to boost economic cooperation.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold increased by Rs.2,000 and was sold at Rs.278,800 on Friday compared to its sale at Rs. 276,800 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs.1,715 to Rs.239,026 from Rs. 237,311 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold which has no precedent in history. while wheat-farmers will be given green wheat-farmers will be given green which has no precedent in which has no precedent in history. While wheat-farmers will be given green since the properties of the properti Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs.3,300 and Rs.2,829.21 respectively.

Association reported

Gold prices increase by **Rs.2,000** per tola

The price of gold in the international market increased by \$21 to \$2,683 from \$2,662 last day, the



BAHAWALPUR: An elderly man busy in making baskets from palm leaves on his roadside setup in

Ambassador Hashmi sees tremendous opportunity for Pak trade growth at CIIE

(APP): especially small and Pakistan's Ambassador to medium-sized enterprises China, Khalil Hashmi, (SMEs). As the eemphasized the immense commerce industry is potential for Pakistani making an increasingly businesses to expand their significant contribution to reach in China through the China GDP, the ongoing 7th China ambassador urged International Import Expo Pakistani businesses to (CIIE) held in Shanghai.

He highlighted the Expo as an invaluable platform for developing countries like Pakistan to showcase their products and establish connections with Chinese consumers and businesses.

Over two dozen Pakistani companies are present at this year Expo, showcasing a range of traditional handicrafts, textiles, and agricultural goods, including well-known rice and clothing brands he told China Economic Net (CEN).

Ambassador Hashmi underscored that China economic approach, which combines openness with provides a powerful avenue for Pakistani companies, import partnerships.

explore online platforms to boost their visibility and sales within this expansive market. He expressed his hopes for more sectors to follow suit, encouraging Pakistani enterprises in food, electronics, and IT to take advantage of this dynamic marketplace, and to innovate and partner the Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) for support in accessing this

vast opportunity. Ambassador Hashmi said at last year CIIE, over 3,400 exhibitors and 410,000 professional visitors have registered to attend the event, including a substantial number of business leaders and investors interested in

Under the program,

Rs one million to Rs five

million interest-free loans

would be given to clusters

of three to five youth

between the ages of 18 and

35 which would be repaid

under a flexible schedule of

the program would be launched in collaboration

The second phase of

eight years.

KP Govt inks agreement with BoK, AMB for provision of loans

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Department of Youth Affairs on Friday signed agreement with Bank of Khyber (BoK) and Akhut Bank Microfinance (AMB) for provision of

PESHAWAR (APP): The

interest free loans to youth under Ehsaas program. In this regard, a ceremony was held at the Chief Minister House here

in which the Chief Minister launched the online portal. According to a press release issued by the CM Secretariat, the three billion rupees Ehsaas Youth

Program was a three-year project. This consisted of two phases, it said adding that one billion

and ten crore rupees had been allocated in the current budget for the first phase.

with Akhut Microfinance Bank, which would cost Rs two billion. Under this program, people aged between 18 to 40 years could apply for Interest-free loans ranging from one lac to five lac rupees for small-scale

businesses. The government had allocated 15 percent quota for young women and 2.5 percent for persons with disabilities.



LAHORE: A street vendor displays fresh, tempting guavas on his cart, enticing passersby in Township in the provincial capital.

Shah meeting with Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan. **Governor SBP calls for** enhanced credit allocation to climate-resilient projects Pakistani rupee on Friday appreciated by 21 paisa

Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Jameel Friday, Ahmed. emphasized the need to substantially increase credit allocation to projects that enhance climate resilience and promote en viron mentally sustainable growth.

"It is essential that we leverage our financial sector's potential to align with the global shift toward sustainability, thereby contributing to both our national priorities and international commitments," he said while addressing an event Financing and Green Pakistan.

The Governor's main themes i.e, Pakistan's elaborated change and urgency of Pakistan effectively tackling this macroeconomic challenges, contextualized Pakistan's by SBP.

KARACHI (APP): The vulnerability to climate change, highlighting the progress made so far and the role of stakeholders, especially policymakers and the financial services industry, in developing viable solutions. The Governor highlighted the global urgency to address climate change, citing massive natural disasters such as the catastrophic floods in 2022, which caused economic losses of approximately \$30 billion

LAHORE: A delegation of Traders from Lahore led by its keader Azmat

in Pakistan. Jameel Ahmad reiterated Pakistan's commitment to the Paris Agreement, which includes titled "Enabling Green reducing emissions by 15 closed at Rs1.82, whereas percent by 2030, with an Bonds via Credit additional 35 percent Enhancement Solutions," reduction contingent upon organized by InfraZamin external financing. He also noted plans to generate 60 percent of all energy from address focused on two renewable sources and main themes i.e, Pakistan's elaborated on the vulnerability to climate significant strides made by

the Saudi Riyal came down despite by 06 and 05 paisa to close at Rs75.61 and Rs73.93, He and the critical role played respectively. **CCP** issues report on Shipping activity at state of competition

in Power Sector ISLAMABAD (APP): and strategic challenges The Competition faced by the Pakistan's Commission of Pakistan power sector, which has power sector, which has long been dominated by SOEs. The report includes (CCP) has officially released its detailed research report titled CCP's comprehensive Oasim 'State of Competition in recommendations to the Key Markets in address multiple challenges Pakistan: Power Sector." facing the power sector. The report highlights These recommendations the significant presence aim to remove barriers to entry, reduce inefficiencies, and impact of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) on

power sector, offering strategic insights for participation alongside fostering a more competitive market SOEs.
The key findings of environment, said a press release issued here. Chairman of CCP, Dr. transmission Kabir Ahmed Sidhu, in his message emphasized the critical role of a

competitive power sector in driving economic growth market dynamics. and ensuring affordable energy for consumers. This report is a monopolistic structures, testament to CCP's outdated infrastructure, commitment to promoting and fair competition and

addressing

market inefficiencies in every Implementation of the Competitive Trading sector of the economy," he stated. The report outlines Bilateral Contracts Market

create competition within the marketplace encourages private sector

> the report include, the dominance of SOEs in distribution segments leave hardly any space for private entities, thus create entry barriers, limiting capital

requirements geographical challenges hinder new market entrants.

KARACHI (APP): Seven ships, Jaru Bhum, Atlantic Ibis, Team Bravo, Eva Pearl, Khairpur, Dravin and Malamir scheduled to load/offload Container, Rice, Chemicals, Mogas, LPG and Coal, berthed at International Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Engro Vopak Terminal, FOTCO Oil Terminal, Sui Southern Gas Terminal and Pakistan International Terminal respectively on Thursday.

Meanwhile another ship 'East Wind-1' carrying Soya Been Seed also arrived at outer anchorage on same day.

Eleven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships Jaru Bhum, Atlantic Ibis and PH Giang Minh are left the port on today morning, while two more ships, EVA Pearl and AU Taurus are expected to sail on today afternoon.

Cargo volume of 90,320 tonnes, comprising 62,792 tonnes imports cargo and 27,528 tonnes export cargo carried in ,902 Containers (754



Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, held a meeting with a Veon Group delegation, led by Founder and Chairman of the Board of Veon Group, Mr. Augie K. Fabela, at the Finance Division in

Weekly inflation up by 0.24 percent

measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), went up by 0.24 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on November 7, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review in the above-

ISLAMABAD (APP): as compared to 319.40 The weekly inflation, points during the past

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 13.89 per cent. The weekly SPI with

the base year 2015-16 =100 covers 17 urban centres and 51 essential mentioned group was items for all expenditure recorded at 320.17 points groups.

PSX continues with bullish trend, gains 771 more points

The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bullish trend on Friday, gaining 771.19 more points, a positive change of 0.83 percent, closing at 93,291.68 points as compared to 92,520.49 points on the last trading day.

total 763.255.174 shares were traded during the day as unchanged.

ISLAMABAD (APP): compared to 678,788,064 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 30.206 billion against Rs. 24.827 billion on the last trading

> companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 243 of them recorded gains and 146 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 57 companies remained

As many as 446

SBP injects **over Rs9.62** trillion in the market

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs9,620.2 billion in the market through reverse repo purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operation (OMO) on

According to OMO results issued here, the SBP conducted Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on November 08, 2024 for 7 day and 28-day tenors and accepted total 46 bids cumulatively amounting to Rs9,498.7 billion.

The central bank received 20 bids for 7-day tenor cumulatively offering an amount of Rs2,486.75 billion at the rate of return ranging between 15.05 to 15.11 percent while 26 bids were received for the 28day tenor offering total amount of Rs7,011.95 billion at the rate of return ranging between 15.04 to 15.12 %.

The central bank accepted the entire amount offered through all the 20 bids for 7-day tenor at

(CTBCM) model. the structural, regulatory, TEUs Imports& 1,148

RAWALPINDI: A shopkeeper arranges garlands and festive decorations. ready to welcome customers seeking to celebrate in style as the wedding season kicking off in the twin cities.

Putin said remarks

'What was said about

Trump had made during the

election campaign about

Ukraine and restoring rela-

tions with Russia deserved

the desire to restore rela-

tions with Russia, to bring

about the end of the Ukrai

nian crisis, in my opinion

this deserves attention at

campaigning that he could

bring peace in Ukraine within 24 hours if elected, but has given few details on how here.

details on how he would

seek to end the biggest land war in Europe since World War II.

The 72-year-old Kremlin chief gave just one note of caution: "I do not have been a contract of the contract of

know what is going to hap-

Trump said during

least," said Putin.

Putin praises Trump,

says Russia is ready

for dialogue

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Vladimir Putin on Thursday

(Nov 7) congratulated

Donald Trump on winning

the US election, praised

him for showing courage

when a gunman tried to as-

sassinate him, and said

Moscow was ready for dia-

logue with the Republican

marks since Trump's win,

Putin said Trump had acted

like a real man during an

assassination attempt on

him while he was speaking

at a campaign rally in Penn-

opinion, in a very correct

way, courageously, like a

real man," Putin said at the

Valdai discussion club in the

Russian Black Sea resort of

Sochi. "I take this oppor-

"He behaved, in my

In his first public re-

president-elect.

sylvania in July.

on his election."

attention

Nearly 70% of verified Gaza war dead women and children, UN rights office says

Monitoring Desk GENEVA: The U.N. Human Rights Office said on Friday nearly 70% of the fatalities it has verified in the Gaza war were women and children, and condemned what it called a systematic violation of the fundamental principles of interna-

tional humanitarian law. The U.N. tally since the start of the war, in which Israel's military is fighting Hamas militants, includes only fatalities it has managed to verify with three sources, and counting

The 8,119 victims verified is a much lower number than the toll of over 43,000 provided by Palestinian health authorities for the 13month-old war. But the U.N. breakdown of the victims' age and gender backs the Palestinian assertion that women and children represent a large portion of those killed in the war.

This finding indicates "a systematic violation of and seized more than 250 lar to the Palestinian toll.

ian law, including distinc- in Gaza tion and proportionality, the U.N. rights office said in a statement accompanying the 32-page report.

"It is essential that national law through credible and impartial judicial bodies and that, in the meantime, all relevant information and evidence are collected and preserved," United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not immeby Reuters for comment on the report's findings.

Israel's military, which began its offensive in response to the Oct. 7, 2023 attack in which Hamas fighters killed about 1,200 he thought the final U.N. people in southern Israel tally was likely to be simi-

Newly appointed German Finance Minister Joerg Kukies stands next to Transport

and Justice Minister Volker Wissing, and his predecessor, Christian Lindner.

time when Germany is suf-

(CDU) leader Friedrich

Merz, whose alliance with

Scholz's alliance with the

'The decision taken

Greens and the liberal Free

last night... is the end of

the coalition government and thus the end of this leg-

islative period," Merz said

adding that there was "ab-

lay the confidence vote un-

the court once South Africa

had submitted a document

supporting its claims,

decision to intervene in the

South African case was

based on detailed and rigor-

ous legal analysis," Martin

told lawmakers in the Irish

supporter of the work of

the court and is deeply

committed to international

"over 750 pages of text,

supported by exhibits and

annexes of over 4,000

pages", said the office of

"Ireland is a strong

parliament, the Dail.

"The government's

which it did on Monday.

Democrats had "failed".

Christian Democrats

German chancellor

urged to call vote after

coalition collapses

battled Olaf Scholz faced fering economic distress

Donald Trump celebrated Bavaria's CSU is leading in his return to the White opinion polls, said

But the conservative solutely no reason" to de-

Ireland to join S.Africa

ICJ 'genocide' case

against Israel

heavy pressure on Thurs- and global volatility.

Monitoring Desk

BERLIN: Germany's em-

day to quickly call elec-

tions after his unruly coa-

lition collapsed just as

House.

The centre-left chan-

cellor has vowed to cling on in a minority govern-

ment for now, and to ask

for a confidence vote in

January that would likely

lead to snap elections in

Monitoring Desk

DUBLIN: Ireland intends

to join South Africa's case

against Israel at the Inter-

national Court of Justice

before the end of the year,

its foreign minister said on

comments came as the Irish

parliament passed a non-

binding motion agreeing

that "genocide is being per-

petrated before our eyes by

cember brought a case be-

fore the ICJ, arguing that the

war in Gaza breached the

1948 United Nations Geno-

cide Convention, an accu-

sation Israel has strongly

added their weight to the

proceedings, including

Spain, Bolivia, Colombia,

Mexico, Turkey, Chile and

Several nations have

South Africa in De-

İsrael in Gaza'

Micheal Martin's

opposition is pressing to lay the con hold the key vote next week til January

the fundamental principles hostages, says it takes care of international humanitar- to avoid harming civilians

It has said approximately one civilian has been killed for every fighter, a ratio it blames on Hamas, saying the Palestinian milithere is due reckoning with tant group uses civilian farespect to the allegations of cilities. Hamas has denied serious violations of inter- using civilians and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, as human shields.

Ajith Sunghay, Head of the UN Human Rights Office for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, told reporters at a briefing in Geneva that the fatalities included in the report were verified by three sources such as neighbours, family members, local NGOs, hosdiately respond to a request pital records or U.N. staff on the ground.

"The numbers are, of course, massive compared to previous years, so we do need time to catch up and verify", he said, adding that

Pentagon

pledges 'orderly'

transition of

power to Trump

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: US De-

fence Secretary Lloyd Aus-

tin told troops in a memo

released on Thursday that

the Pentagon was commit-

ted to an orderly transition

to the incoming administra-

tion of Donald Trump, and

that the military would not

get involved in politics and

was ready to carry out "all

president on Tuesday, cap-

ping a remarkable comeback

four years after he was voted

out of the White House and

ushering in a new US lead-

ership likely to test the re-

silience of democratic insti-

tutions at home and relations

abroad. During an interview

last month, Trump was

asked if he was expecting

"chaos" on Election Day

and he appeared to suggest

the military could be de-

Trump was elected

lawful orders".



Gerapetritis give statements to the press at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Yoon Suk Yeol says Seoul-Washington alliance will strike back if North Korea attempts nuclear attack

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol said the country was prepared in its alliance with the United States to strike back if North Korea attempted a nuclear attack against it, Newsweek reported on Friday. Yoon also said South Korea could rely on US nuclear weapons to defend the country and did not need its own, according to the US magazine.

"I believe that it would be irrational for them to decide to wage a nuclear attack against the Republic of Korea and should they do so the nuclear-based ROK-U.S. alliance will immediately strike North Korea with the US nuclear weapon," Newsweek cited Yoon as saying. North Korea flexed its military muscle with the test of a huge new solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile dubbed Hwasong-19 on Oct. 31, amid accusations from Washington and Seoul that it has deployed troops to aid Russia in Ukraine.

Yoon, a conservative, has taken a harder line than his recent predecessors on North Korea

Greece, Turkey to keep talking on maritime boundaries agenda, ministers say

Monitoring Desk ATHENS: Greece and Tur-

key still disagree on the extent of issues needing to be tackled over the designation of their maritime boundaries but talks will continue, the Greek and Turkish foreign ministers said after meeting on Friday

Neighbours Greece and Turkey, NATO allies but historic foes, have long been at odds over issues including where their continental shelves start and end, energy resources, migration, flights over the Aegean Sea, and the ethnically partitioned island of Cyprus. After years of tensions, the two countries agreed in December last year on a roadmap to reboot relations.

Greek Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, who met in Athens on Friday, have been exploring whether the two nations can start talks aimed at demarcating their maritime boundaries.

3 killed, UN peacekeepers wounded in Israel strikes

the army said.

preparing scenarios to anticipate

Monitoring Desk official said on Friday.

The head of the agency, Febrio Kacaribu, said the scenarios were mitigate negative imopportunities under a Trump administration.

further details.

Lebanon says

Monitoring Desk SIDON: The Lebanese army said an Israeli strike on a vehicle near a checkpoint in the southern city of Sidon on Thursday killed three people and wounded troops and UN peacekeepers.

"The Israeli enemy targeted a car while it was passing through the Awali checkpoint," the main northern entrance to Sidon,

Indonesia Trump's policies

JAKARTA: Indonesia has prepared scenarios to anticipate the impact of potential policies from US president-elect Donald Trump, a finance ministry

ministry's fiscal policy designed not only to pacts, but also to find

He did not provide

Facing Trump's return, EU confronts economic challenges Monitoring Desk BUDAPEST: Confronted Draghi warned the 27-counagony" of decline.

tunity to congratulate him pen now. I have no clue.'

with the return of Donald Trump, EU leaders on Friday are set to commit to deeply reform Europe's economy and tackle challenges highlighted by a

blockbuster report. Ex-European Central Bank head Mario Draghi was tasked last year with preparing the report that would steer the direction of the next five years of the EU's executive arm.

The big takeaway? Europe must invest up to 800 billion euros (\$863 billion) more a year to avoid falling further behind the United States.

But with Germany mired in political turmoil, divergent national interests and bitter disagreements over how to face the challenges head on, there is no guarantee that the EU will be able to step up to the

If the European Union report's recommendations published in September, encourage big spending.

try bloc would face a "slow

His report has taken on greater urgency, experts say, with Trump's resounding comeback in Tuesday's US election.

On the campaign trail, Trump repeatedly pro-fessed his love for tariffs and threatened to punish Europe for taking advantage of the United States with higher duties. "The Draghi report itself, in a way, becomes even more interesting and urgent in relation to this outcome, said Ian Lesser, vice president at the German Marshall Fund of the United States

think tank. There is a lot in Draghi's 400-page tome for the leaders to digest before lunch. Besides his call for more investment to improve economic output, Draghi controversially called for common borrowing - an idea torpedoed by Germany – as well as redoes not take heed of his forming the EU's approach

Three killed, 66 injured in Mozambique opposition protest, hospital says

Monitoring Desk

Mozambique's largest hospital said on Friday that at least three people were killed and 66 injured during clashes between police and protesters the previous day over a disputed election.

The fatalities add to at least 18 people killed in earlier protests since the Oct 9 poll, which the opposition claims was rigged. Some groups have given a higher toll, with Mozambique's Centre for Democracy and Human Rights reporting 34 deaths overall. Thursday's protests were the biggest Mozambique has ever seen against Frelimo, the party that has ruled the southern African state since 1975 and was declared winner of last month's election by a landslide. Civil society groups and international observers

democratic standards, and the country's Constitutional Council has requested clarification from the electoral commission on discrepancies in the vote count. Frelimo has not responded to requests for comment.
"Of the 66 injured, 57

were possibly caused by firearms, four were caused by falls, three were injured by physical aggression and two were injured by sharp weapons," said Dino Lopes, director of the adult emergency service at Maputo Central Hospital. Most of the victims were between 25 and 35 years old, with others as young as 15, he told a press conference. Thousands of people took to the streets of the capital Maputo on Thursday chanting "Frelimo must fall", barricading streets with burning tires and said the vote did not meet throwing rocks.

ployed against citizens. Qantas plane returns to Sydney airport due to 'engine failure'

Monitoring Desk SYDNEY: A Qantas plane made an emergency landing on Friday due to engine failure soon after taking off from Australia's Sydney Airport, sparking a grassfire on a nearby runway and

causing several flights to be

law and accountability." diverted. South Africa an-The Qantas flight, nounced on Monday that QF520, was bound for Brisbane and was circling it had filed a so-called memorial with the ICJ claimfor a "short period of time" ing "evidence" of a "genobefore landing safely at cide" committed by Israel Sydney Airport, Qantas in the Gaza Strip. Chief Pilot Captain Rich-The document cannot ard Tobiano said in a statebe made public but was

"Qantas engineers have conducted a preliminary inspection of the engine and confirmed it was a contained engine failure,"



director of the Ivan Vazov National Theatre, as they try to enter the building to protest the premiere of "Arms and the Man" play, directed by John Malkovich,

Undocumented immigrants in US 'terrified' as Trump returns

Monitoring Desk PHOENIX: Since learning that Donald Trump will return to the White House, undocumented immigrant Angel Palazuelos has struggled to sleep.

The 22-year-old, a graduate student in biomedical engineering who lives in Phoenix, Arizona, is haunted by the incoming president's promises of mass deportations. "I was terrified," said Palazuelos, reflecting on the moment he heard the news. "I am in fear of being deported, of immigrants.

losing everything that I've worked so hard for, and, most importantly, being separated from my family. Born in Mexico, he has lived in the United States

since he was four years old. He is one of the country's so-called "Dreamers," a term for migrants who were brought into the country as children and never obtained US citizenship. Throughout the election campaign, Palazuelos heard Trump re-

peatedly rail against illegal

Taiwan coast guard to harness 'people power' to report Chinese activity

Monitoring Desk
TAIPEI: Taiwan's coast

wan officials say is part of a "grey zone" strategy that guard said on Friday it would offer rewards worth thousands of dollars for spotting Chinese activity at sea, including warships or

submarines, saying it was harnessing "people power" to boost its own limited workforce. Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, has complained for the past

five years of stepped up Chinese military activity, and the Taiwanese coast guard has increasingly been involved in patrolling sea China's coast guard's

involvement in these activi-

ties has grown, which Tai-

stops short of war and aims to enforce what China calls its right to manage and control the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan's coast guard said there was a growing

threat at sea. "The coast guard has limited manpower and there is endless people power at sea," it said in a statement.

'In order to build a dense notification network at sea and along the coast, and to eliminate grey area attacks, the coast guard calls on Taiwan's people to raise their awareness of maritime security and stay alert to the abnormal activities.

2024 'virtually certain' to be hottest year on record **Monitoring Desk**

PARIS: This year is "virtually certain" to be the hottest in recorded history with warming above 1.5C, EU climate monitor Copernicus said on Thursday, days before nations are due to gather for crunch UN climate talks.

The European agency said the world was passing a "new milestone" of temperature records that should be a call to accelerate action to cut planet-heating emissions at the UN negotiations in Azerbaijan next week. Last month, marked by deadly flooding in Spain and Hurricane Milton in the United States, was the second hottest October on record with average global temperatures second only to the same period in 2023.

Indonesian volcano spews ash 10 km high, thousands evacuate **Monitoring Desk**

JAKARTA: Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki erupted several times on Friday, belching volcanic ash that rose up to 10 km (32,800 ft) into the sky, officials said, following a big eruption on Sunday night that killed nine people.

The eruption on the island of Flores in the province of East Nusa Tenggara has damaged more than 2,000 houses and caused thousands to evacuate.

Iran downplays Trump victory but wary of US policy change Monitoring Desk president,"

TEHRAN: After Donald Trump's re-election, Iran has projected indifference, officially stating it expects no fundamental shift in US policy, especially on sanctions or the Middle East's However, Trump is

set to return to the White House in January—after defeating US Vice President Kamala Harris in Tuesday's election—at a delicate time for Tehran whose allies in the region have suffered severe blows in conflicts with Israel.

Trump's victory came with the Middle East in turmoil after the outbreak of the Gaza war in October 2023, triggered by the unprecedented attack by Iranbacked Palestinian militant group Hamas on Israel.

That war has now spread to Lebanon, where Israel is battling Hezbollah, another ally of Iran which itself has now twice launched attacks on Israel, in April and October, using

drones and missiles. "Iran traditionally takes a 'wait and see' approach following the election of a new American

president," said John Ghazvinian, who authored a book on US-Iran history.

He says the method of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say in all state matters, is to observe 'what concrete actions the new administration takes (or doesn't take) as an indication of its approach to

During his first term from 2017, Trump pursued a "maximum pressure" strategy of punishing sanctions on Iran, driving tensions between the longtime adversaries to new

In December 2017 he recognised Jerusalem as Israel's capital and the following year moved the American embassy there. Trump also recognised Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in 1967 and later annexed.

"Trump has already crossed the red line that existed in the relations between Iran and the United States, as well as in the region itself," said foreign policy analyst Rahman Ghahremanpour.

Ireland had said it President People clean a muddy street in the aftermath of the flooding caused by heavy

rains in Massanassa, Valencia, Spain.

Mushahid presents 5-point action plan for Palestine-ME peace

Senator Mushahid Hussain Saved on Friday outlined a five-point action plan for Palestine and Middle East's beace and calls for Arab-OIC Emergency Summit on November 11 to take concrete steps to alleviate the sufferings of the Palestin-

In his keynote address at IPI Conference on Middle East here, the senator said the first step should be for Arab-OIC Emergency Summit on November 11 to take concrete steps to alleviate the sufferings of the Palestinian people and take the lead by forming an International Leaders Delegation, also comprising leaders from the Global South and Europe, including Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Turkiye, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Africa,

Algeria and Brazil, plus sembly.

This will send a powland (as they have recognized the State of Palestine) who should visit Washington immediately to meet President-elect Donald

new US President to reverse the one-sided American policy of blatantly supporting Israel, have ceasefire immediately, provide humanitarian assistance and to take steps for lasting peace through establishment of an independent Palestine State.

Second, he said that given their strong Navies, Turkiye, Pakistan and Indonesia should form a Joint Naval Humanitarian Flotilla for Peace to help break the Israeli blockade of Gaza affrom the UN General As- rent crisis'

erful and positive message to the oppressed Palestinian people that the Muslim Ummah is not an impotent entity, rather it has the vision and political will to They should urge the undertake concrete initia-

Third, recalling the

joint initiative of President Erdogan and Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir in 2019 to launch a global Media initiative to promote the perspective of the Muslim Ummah in the 'battle of ideas and narratives' Mushahid said 'now is the right time and opportunity for such an initiative as the Gaza Genocide has demonstrated how biased and one-sided the Western ter getting authorization media has been in the cur-



Federal Minister for Planning & Development Ahsan Iqbal chairing a highlevel meeting on the "Framework for Processing Concept Proposals for New Projects under the Pakistan-UK Education Gateway Phase 2" in Islamabad.

Planning Minister chairs meeting on Pakistan-UK **Education Gateway Phase-2**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Friday chaired a meeting on the "Framework for Processing Concept Proposals for New Projects under the Pakistan-UK Education Gateway Phase 2.

The meeting was attended by Higher Education Commission (HEC) chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, Member Science & Technology Dr Najeeb Ullah, and a senior representative from the British Council James Hampson, Country Director Pakistan. British Council and Sarah Parvez Head of Education,

During the meeting, officials from the relevant departments briefed participants on the achievements of the Pakistan-UK Education Gateway Phase 1, highlighting that the British Council successfully facilitated 21 Research Travel Grants and eight large-scale Research Partnership Grant projects.

In addition, research capacity-building training was provided to over 1,000 researchers and reviewers across Pakistan, and 51 universities received certification for their Office of Research, Innovation and The officials further

Phase 2 will provide structured fellowships for international faculty and focus impactful and commercialized research, promote leadership and governance for high performance, and fa-Commercialization (ORIC). cilitate capacity develop-



OUETTA: Activists of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) are holding protest demonstration against ban on PTI

For increasing water share from Hub dam **Commissioner Kalat** vows to speak to Sindh Govt. & WAPDA

Independent Report QUETTA: The Commissioner Kalat Division, Muhammad Naeem Bazai visited Hub on Friday.

During the visit, Commissioner Kalat inspected the water distribution site of Hub dam along with the Managing Director LIEDA, Deputy Commissioner Hub and the officers of Irrigation Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner said that Hub dam and canal is an important source of water to meet requirements of people and industries.

steps are needed for remodelling and de silting, he Industrial zone and urban stressed that it is our top localities.

priority to provide water to the people under Hub Master Plan.

holders to prepare the plan for industrial development and population of Hub dis-

catchment area of dam falls in the jurisdiction of speak to Sindh government the province from Hub

However, immediate bility of the Irrigation canal for supply of water to the

NA bans journalists from making videos

ISLAMABAD (INP): The bly sessions and meetings National Assembly Secretariat instituted a ban on video recording within Parliament House after lawmakers raised concerns about journalists recording their interviews and statements without consent, which were then shared on

social media. Working journalists often seek the views of Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) and record these interactions on their mobile phones in the corridors following asseminside the building.

He urged the stake-

He said that our water share is less despite the Balochistan. He vowed to and WAPDA high ups for increasing water share of

He said it is responsi-

inside building

of standing committees regarding various national and international issues. They frequently pose direct or challenging questions that may not align with the interests of the ruling parties. In addition to using this content for mainstream media, journalists also share it on social platforms. Concerned about the content being shared on social media, the National Assembly Secretariat prohibited

all forms of video recording

Pakistan-UK Education Gateway aimed to build on cesses of Phase 1. This next phase will drive further advancements in higher education research and development, enhancing the sector's productivity and its role in developing a skilled, ethical and globally competitive workforce.

PPL clarifies news regarding Sui Dev. and **Production**

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has clarified the status of Sui Development and Production Lease. The Company wishes to address recent news reports regarding Sui Development and Production Lease (D&PL), based on approvals from the Federal Cabinet and the Economic Coordination Committee. According to press release issued here on Friday, the Company emphasise that discussions with the relevant authorities and stakeholders remain positive and ongoing.

3-day educational Festival to begin in Chaman from November 12 **Independent Report**

QUETTA: Three-day Educational Festival is scheduled to be held from November 12 in Chaman. Different activities

engaging students of colleges of Chaman and other provinces would be organized in the Festival. These are included speech competitions, poster making contest, sports, national songs, science exhibition, awareness programme against the crimes and poetry session.
Needless to mention

here is that the Educational Festival is being held on special directives of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti. Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan and Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai under supervision of Commissioner Muhammad Ouetta. Shafqaat and Ĥamza Commissioner Deputy Chaman, Habib Ahmed

Bangulzai. The Deputy Commissioner Chaman informed that the programmes of the Chaman Educational Festival have been finalized. These programmes would be staged in the Government Girls College and Government Boys High Secondary School Chaman.



stani Flag at a ceremony to celebrate Allama Muhammad Iqbal's Birthday. **UN panel adopts four Pak** resolutions on strengthening regional, world peace

(INP): A key committee of the United Nations General Assembly has adopted Pakistan's four annual disarmament-related resolutions aimed at underpinning regional as well as interna-

tional peace and security.

Three of these resolutions, adopted yesterday 193-nation Assembly's First Committee (Disarmament and International Security), received overwhelming support from member states even as the global non-proliferation and disarmament regime is facing challenges. The texts are expected to come up for endorsement by the General Assembly next month.

The resolutions deal with regional disarmament, conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels as well as Confidence

Building Measures (CBMs) in the regional and sub-regional context. The resolutions titled,

have expressed apprecia-

tion for Pakistan's initia-

tives, over the years, to

promote the goals of re-

gional disarmament, con-

ventional arms control, and

Confidence Building Mea-

sures (CBMs). The resolu-

tions, they noted, recognize

the significance of and

complementarity between

regional and global ap-

proaches to arms control.

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els acknowledges that the

preservation of a balance in

States' defence capabilities

strengthens peace and sta-

No one can

separate

Kashmir from

Pakistan,

asserts Rana

M U Z A F F A R A B A D (INP): Chairman of the Par-

liamentary Kashmir Com-

mittee, Rana Qasim Noon,

reaffirmed that Kashmir i

Pakistan's jugular vein, and

Pakistan is the heart of

Kashmiris, asserting that no

power in the world can

Speaking to the media at the Martyrs' Memorial in Muzaffarabad, the capi-

tal of Azad Jammu and

Kashmir, Rana Qasim

Noon condemned India's

efforts to alter the demo-

graphic composition of In-

dian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir

Chinese, Pak

firms sign

\$156m MoUs

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BEIJING (INP): A dozen

memorandums of under-

standing (MoUs) totaling

\$156 million were signed

between Chinese and Paki

stani enterprises at the Pa

kistan-China B2B Invest-

ment Conference on Leather

and Footwear held in

marks, Acting Consul General of Pakistan in

Guangzhou, Sardar Muhammad, welcomed

participants, emphasising

Pakistan's potential for joint

According to China

ventures and investment.

Economic Net, he encour

aged attendees to capitalise

on the investment oppor-

tunities and incentives of-

fered by Pakistan.

In his opening re-

Guangzhou, China.

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separate the two.

rity and stability

"Regional disarmament" and "Confidence-building Measures in the regional and sub-regional context" were adopted by consen-The text titled, "Con-

ventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional level" received 179 votes in favour, with India voting against, the only country to do so, and its — Israel — abstained. The overwhelming

support for the resolution reflected the international $c \hspace{0.1cm} o \hspace{0.1cm} m \hspace{0.1cm} u \hspace{0.1cm} n \hspace{0.1cm} i \hspace{0.1cm} t \hspace{0.1cm} y$ acknowledgement Pakistan's advocacy for conventional arms control, restraint and balance in defence capabilities of States located in the same region or sub-region.



ing with Federal Minister for Commerce Jam

PCB undeterred by India's possible absence from **Champions Trophy: Naqvi**

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan free from politics, adding Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi said on Friday India had not officially communicated about 2025. Speaking to media, Naqvi said the Indian media had been reporting for two months that their team would not be travelling to Pakistan for the tournament. Referring to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), he said if anyone had any objections, they should convey the PCB in writing through proper channel. He said no discussions had taken place with the BCCI regarding the hybrid model, adding: "We are also not prepared for it". He

that preparations for the Champions Trophy would He said every particitheir non-participation in pating country of the tour-

the Champions Trophy nament desired that the event must be held in Pakistan. "I have held discussions with every country, and they all wish to play cricket in Pakistan," the PCB chief said. Earlier, Indian media reports claimed that the BCCI had refused to travel to Pakistan next year to play Champions Trophy cricket tournament. According to The Indian Express, "the Indian Cricket Board (BCCI), in a recent communication to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), have cited security concerns for the decision and expressed de-



CHAMAN: Provincial President ANP Asghar Khan Achakzai alongwith All Parties Tajir Lagri Ittehad addressing a Press conference.

Notices issued to owners to shift dairy farms from outside **Quetta city, says Commissioner**

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat has stated that the notices have been issued to owners of the dairy farms to shift their outlets from

Quetta city area to outside Speaking to media the other day, the Commissioner said that the administration has decided to shift some 400 dairy farms from outside Quetta city. In this regard, notices have also been issued to the owners of dairy farms, he main-

He said that the Live-

stock department and Quetta Development Authority (QDA) for provision of land to the dairy

He mentioned that 800 acres of land has also been identified for the dairy

However, this land has been illegally occupied by the encroachers, he noted adding that the operation is being launched to vacate the land from encroachment mafia. The commissioner

said that the dairy farms would be shifted to outside Quetta city after ending encroachment from there.

Steps being taken to protect expatriates' rights, address their issues: Acting President

Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday said that the government was taking all-out measures including the necessary legislation to protect the rights and address the problems being faced by overseas Pakistanis.

The acting president, in a meeting with the Chairman of Overseas Foundation Syed Qamar Raza who called on him here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, said that the passage of a bill by the parliament to establish special courts to protect the properties of overseas Pakistanis was a great step forward. Under the legislation, special courts would dispose of the cases related to courts.

ISLAMABAD (APP): the properties of overseas according to a President House press release.

Calling the expatriates a valuable asset of Pakistan, the acting president lauded their contribution to the country's economic development in the form of re-

mittances. Acting President Gilani emphasised the efforts to address the issues faced by overseas Pakistanis on priority.

Chairman of Overseas Foundation Syed Qamar Raza appreciated the government's efforts to rights, particularly the establishment of special



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Overseas Foundation, Syed Qamar Raza, called on the Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Bi-elections in PB-8 GoB requests to suspend mobile phone services in Sibi & Kachhi

Independent Report QUETTA:

Balochistan Home Department has requested the Ministry of Interior to suspend mobile phone services in the Sibi and Kachhi districts from 13 to 14 November, in light of the bi-elections in PB-8 constituency.

The move is aimed at maintaining law and order during the election period, according to the home department's letter sent to the interior ministry. The by-election for

PB-8 is scheduled to take place on November 14, with the Balochistan Home Department taking precautionary measures to ensure a secure and orderly voting process.

department has also recommended a temporary shutdown of PTCL services.

The Ministry of Inte-

rior has yet to confirm whether it will act on the ommendations This by-election follows the passing of

Balochistan's municipal minister, Sardar Sarfaraz nakar Domki. Domki, aged 55, died in September in Karachi after a prolonged battle with

lung and kidney disease. A prominent leader in Balochistan and the chief of the Domki tribe, Domki was elected to the Balochistan Assembly from PB-8 as a candidate of the Pakistan Peoples Party-Parliamentarians (PPP-P), Alongside the suspensecuring over 27,000 votes



QUETTA: Former MPA Shaheena Kakar meeting with Provincial Minister for Education Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani.

JCP nominates all judges of SHC for **Constitutional Benches**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) on Friday nominated all existing judges of Sindh High Court (SHC) as judges of constitutional benches for expeditious disposal of the existing huge backlog of cases.

This arrangement will He highlighted that remain effective until 24th seven Pakistani and 46 Chi-November 2024. The matnese companies particiter will again be taken by pated in over 150 business

The second meeting of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan, constituted under the 26 Constitutional Amendment, was held in the Supreme Court here.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman of the JCP to consider a single point agenda of formation of a Constitutional Bench the commission on 25th within the High Court of

CAREC ministers endorse climate change action plan, launch regional climate fund

Central Asia Regional Eco-Cooperation Change Action Plan (CCAP) and launched the CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF) to strengthen regional collaboration on climate resilience, low-carbon growth, and sustainable development.

According to ADB press release received here,

isterial Conference held in Astana. Ministers also en-(CAREC) Program have endorsed a new Climate of the CAREC 2030 Strategy, which recommended reinvigorating regional cooperation and enhancing operations toward climatesmart development and regional public goods, among others. "The approval of the CAREC Climate Change

Action Plan and the establishment of the Climate and ergy," Asakawa said.

ISLAMABAD (APP): the endorsement took place Member countries of the at the 23rd CAREC Min-paratory Fund are significant milestones in our collective efforts to address climate change," said Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masatsugu Asakawa, who delivered a keynote address at the con-

"By working to-gether, we can build resilient infrastructure, develop early warning systems, and create a greener future powered by renewable en-



GWADAR: Provincial Secretary Women Development Saira Atta, Vice Chancellor UoG Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, DG PDMA Jahanzeb Khan and other experts and speakers addressing participants of Tsunami Awareness seminar organized by Provincial