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Balochistan Assembly adopts resolution about ban on PTI amidst Opposition's boycott

Resolution demanded of the federal government to ensure immediate ban on the PTI on spreading anarchy and making an attempt to quarrel the security forces with the general public

Independent Report QUETTA:

Balochistan Assembly has adopted a joint resolution demanding of the federal government to ban the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) immediately. However, the members of Opposition parties staged walk out of the session.

The Provincial Minister Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa tabled the resolution while the Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai was in the chair. on Thursday afternoon.

manded of the federal gov-

The spreading anarchy and making an attempt to quarrel the security forces with the general public.

The resolution mentioned that the party, which create chaos and anarchy on May 9, has once again been carrying out violent acts in the country.

The resolution denounced the resolution adopted in the KP assembly against the security forces. The resolution said

ate ban on the PTI on PTI may be ended. While the members

from treasury benches spoke in favour of the resolution, the members belonging to Opposition parties vehemently opposed it. They also boycotted the

Earlier, the newly elected member of provincial assembly from Sibi Sardarzada Kohyar Khan Domki took oath in the session. The Speaker administered oath to Sardarzada



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding law and order situation.

PM congratulates nation as PSX hits 100,000 milestone for first time

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday felicitated the entire nation as the 100index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange hits the milestone of 100,000 points for the first time.

The prime minister, in a statement, said the stock market surge reflected the confidence of the business community and investors in the government's economic

Lauding the efforts by the government's economic team for the promotion of investment in the country, he said that he had pledged with the nation to take allout measures for economic stability and national devel-

The prime minister said that the government's sacrifice of its politics to save the country from the default did

The positive trend (in the stock market) returned with the return of the insurgent group. The enemies of the country's stability are once again attempting to derail the country," Prime Minister Shehbaz remarked.

He said that besides further reduction in inflation, the policy rate has been brought down to 15% and remittances were on an upward trajectory.



Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti shaking hand with MPA Nawab Muhammad Aslam Khan Raisani. MPA Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch is also present.

Majority of federal cabinet members supports to impose governor rule in KP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Majority of federal cabinet has supported to impose

governor rule in KP. According to government sources only one point agenda came under discussion in federal cabinet meet-

ing held under Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif. Law ministry and Attorney General gave their opinion to federal cabinet

They told the cabinet KP itself created justification for imposition of governor rule by mounting federation. Government employees and state machinery were used.

As per sources government has decided to make consultation with PPP. Qaumi Watan Party and ANP before slapping govfor imposing governor rule ernor rule in KP.

Petrol, diesel prices likely to go up by Rs3 per litre

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has recommended increasing the prices of petrol

and diesel by Rs 3 and Rs 2.87 per litre, respectively.

According to sources well placed in OGRA, if approved, the price of petrol will rise from Rs 248.38 to Rs 251.38 per litre, while high-speed diesel will increase from Rs 255.14 to Rs 258.01 per litre. The sources said that the proposal also includes a minor reduction of Rs 0.11 per litre for kerosene oil and Rs 0.04 per litre for light-speed diesel.

The final decision on these adjustments will be made on November 30, with global crude oil price fluctuations being a key factor influencing the move.

PM welcomes announcement of ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah

ISLAMABAD (APP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday welcomed the announcement of ceasefire between Israel and Lebanese group Hezbollah.

In his post on X, the orime minister hoped that the announcement will lead to a permanent cessation of hostilities in Lebanon

"We wish the people of Lebanon peace and security in the country," the prime ninister said.

One soldier martyred, four inured in

Turbat attack

Independent Report QUETTA: A series of seven explosions rocked Apsar Turbat at around 9 a.m. on Thursday, followed by heavy gunfire. According to official sources, the attack targeted a convoy of security forces, leaving one soldier dead and four others injured, including a passerby woman.

The martyred soldier has been identified as Shahid Zamzan, while injured personnel include Shams and Amanullah. Civilians injured in the attack were Khan Bibi, wife of Shah Meer, and Faraz, son of Shah Mehr, residents of

Security forces and law enforcement agencies promptly arrived at the scene, initiating an investigation and a search opera-

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti addressters and MPAs are also present.

ing protestors to end 12 day sit-in against kidnapping of Musawar Khan Kakar. Speaker Balochistan Assembly, opposition leader, provincial minis-

Govt to establish Anti-Riots

Force to combat violence: PM

"These so-called revolutionaries are making sinister attempts to destroy the country and spread chaos," says Shahbaz Sharif

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said that the government will establish an Anti-Riots Force in Islamabad and across the country to combat future attempts to create violence and unrest in the country

This force will be equipped with professional training and necessary equipment, on the lines of international standards.

Legal actions will be taken against those who damage public and private property, along with armed individuals, the prime minister said.

Chairing a meeting to review law and order situation in the country, the

ISLAMABAD (APP): that a comprehensive strategy be developed to prevent any future attempts to march towards Islamabad or any other city for personal or political gains.

He emphasized that those who attempted to bankrupt the country to save their government were brought to justice. The prime minister

was briefed on the recent protests across the country, where demonstrators targeted government property and attacked Rangers and police personnel. The government, he

said demonstrated restraint by preventing armed individuals from spreading chaos under the guise of peaceful protests.

He said during the mobilization of these disruptive elements, several security forces' personnel were injured and martyred.

said, "Instead of following

legal procedures, repeated

efforts were made to create

chaos by mobilizing forces

towards Islamabad, at-

tempting to spread unrest

across the country."

"How can these individuals claim to be revolutionary when they are attempting to destroy the nation and create chaos?" the prime minister questioned

He directed that immediate legal action be taken against the elements involved in the violent mol



QUETTA: A delegation of Rakshan Mekran Border Trade Alliance Balochistan led by Haji Khalil Diyani meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

4 khwarij terrorists killed including ring leader in IBO in Bagh: ISPR

President, PM pay tribute to security forces for successful operation against terrorists

RAWALPINDI (APP): Security Forces killed four khwarij terrorists including their ring leader Batoor and another three sustained injuries in intelligence based operation (IBO) in general area Bagh Khyber District.

"During the conduct of operation, own troops effectively engaged khwarii location, as a result of which, four khwarij including Kharji ring leader Batoor, were sent to hell, while three Khwarij got injured," said an Inter Services Public Relations

(ISPR) news release. "Sanitization operation is being conducted to eliminate any other Kharji found in the area, as security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe-out the menace of terrorism from country.

the country," it further said. Meanwhile President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday paid tribute to the personnel and officers of the security forces for conducting successful operation against the terrorists in Bagh area of Khyber dis-

In their separate statements, the president and the prime minister appreciated the professional abilities of the security forces for killing four Khawarij and arresting three others. President Zardari also

lauded the role of security forces in eliminating the menace of terrorism from the country. He expressed the

nation's resolve to eliminate the terrorism from the Pakistan and its integrity very dear to us, Mehmood Khan:

Nawab Raisani opposes PTI ban resolution

QUETTA (UNA): Former Chief Minister Balochistan and MPA Nawab Aslam Raisani has strongly opposed the resolution seeking a ban on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), emphasizing that such measures undermine democratic principles

Speaking in the Balochistan Assembly, Nawab Raisani criticized Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) for pushing the resolution against PTI, stating, "today, they speak of banning PTI; tomorrow, another party could face the same fate."

Raisani called on the state to abandon its reliance on military operations in Balochistan and instead engage in meaningful dialogue with the Pashtun and Baloch communities. "Seventy years of using force has not brought peace to the

Cloudy weather, light rain, snow forecast for Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): The Met Office has forecast cloudy weather with chance of rain, thunderstorm, light snow over mountains in Balochistan including Quetta, Zhob, Shiran, Ziarat, Pishin, Killa Saifullah, Killa Abdullah, Musakhail, Kalat and Surab districts during next 24 hours. Partly cloudy weather with light rain is also likely in Kharan, Khuzdar, panjgur, Ketch. Turbat, Chagai and Noshki during same period.

According to the Met Office, the minimum temperature in Quetta was recorded at 2.5 degree centigrade and 0.5 degree centigrade in Kalat on Thursday.

dharna at Unity Chowk CM reiterates Govt.'s resolve for safe recovery of kidnapped child

Dharna committee ends 10-day long

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has assured to the family members of the kidnapped child, Muhammad Musawar Kakar that his government would continue it's efforts

for his safe recovery. The Chief Minister said that whole Balochistan is with family of the kidnapped child.

He also assured that the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) formed for recovery of the child would keep on updating him about the progress in the case.

This assurance was made by the Chief Minister while speaking to the family members of Muhammad Musawar Kakar and participants of dharna committee at the dharna staged at the Unity Chowk on Thursday.

It may be mentioned here that Chief Minister reached at dharna to meet the family members of the kidnapped child.
The Chief Minister urged them to end their

On standing assurance of the Chief Minister, the dharna was deferred for 10

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that it feels that the kidnapped child is just his own. He said that he is in contact with the family of kidnapped child from the day first.

He said that there happens to be no other option except protest in case of such incidents. He said that every one has right of protest in democracy.

However, negotiations are the best solution to the issues, he added.

He said that the efforts remain continued if the negotiations would not be successful even. Later, the roads were opened following the visit of Chief Minister to dharna point.



Mr.Attaullah Tarar, Federal Minister for Information& Broadcasting briefing the representatives of International media alongwith Mr.Ahsen Igbal, Federal Minister for planning& development in İslamabad.

No direct firing, no fatality during LEAs operation against PTI mob: Tarar

PTI founder not a political prisoner, facing corruption, violence charges: Ahsan Iqbal

SLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Thursday stated categorically that no direct firing was done by the law enforcement agencies during operation to flush out Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf protestors.

Talking to foreign media, along with Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal, he said that there was clear policy of the government hat no direct firing will be

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QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa presenting joint resolution in Balochistan Assembly.

Tribal Jirga held in border town Chaman:

All resources being mobilized for establishing peace, protection of Pak-Afghan border, says IGFC **Independent Report** ministration and FC par-

QUETTA: The Inspector General of Frontier Corps FC) Balochistan (North), Major General Abid Mazhar has stated that all resources are being mobilized for establishment of peace and protection of the Pak-Afghan border in The IGFC (North) was

addressing the tribal jirga held in Chaman on Thurs-

The tribal elders as well as the officials of civil ad- Afghan border.

ticipated in the tribal Jirga. The matters about Pak-Afghan border management, security situation and others were discussed in the tribal Jirga. The tribal elders appre-

ciated the efforts of FC for maintaining law and order and social services in the area. They assured that they are standing with the Pak army and FC for elimination of terrorism and the matters related to the Pak-

Senior journalist Mati Ullah Jan arrested

Journalists to go on strike country wide if Matiullah is not released: PFUJ

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad Police have arrested senior journalist Mati Ullah Jan at E-9 check

According to FIR, the police signaled his car to stop at Islamabad barricade. Constable Mudassar who was on duty was injured being hit by car.

As soon as the car

station Margalla.

halted, Mati Ullah Jan snatched weapons from the constable and threatened to

As per FIA Mati Ullah

in was intoxicated. Case has been registered against Mati Ullah Jan. He has been shifted to police

According to FIR legal Continued on page 2

Chairman PkMAP demands inquiry into alleged killing and disappearances of PTI workers in Islamabad's incident **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chairman

Pashtoonkhaw Awami Party (PkMAP) and Head of Tehreek Tahafuz Aayeen-e-Pakistan, Mehmood Khan Achakzai has stressed that judiciary should take suo moto notice of Islamabad incident demanding probe into the alleged killings of vorkers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) durng its protest in Islamabad.

He also demanded of

Sharif to get the founder of

PTI, Imran Khan release.

Prime

Muhammad

Minister

Shahbaz



He noted with concern that several persons are missing after Islamabad's incident and stressed that the solution of the same should be found out, as this method would

not work He also asked the rulers to tender apology to the families of those children, who were killed Islamabad.

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PM reaffirms unwavering support for just cause of Palestine, demands immediate ceasefire

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed the unwavering support of the people and Government of Pakistan for the just cause of Palestine and the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determina-

"We will continue to stand by you in your just and rightful pursuit of peace, dignity, and right to self-determination," the prime minister said in his message in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

This year marks a deeply disturbing moment in the history of Palestine in the wake of Israel's brutal aggression in Gaza and the West Bank since October 7, 2023. In one of the gravest human tragedies of our time, Israel has carried out the blatant slaughter of over 43,000 innocent men,

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

women, and children in the occupied Palestine, the prime minister said

He emphasized that the

Palestinian people had been

bravely enduring a campaign of unending genocidal violence with indiscriminate attacks, ethnic cleansing, and collective punishment that constitute a flagrant violation of human dignity, human rights, and international law. "In fact, Israel's violations of international humanitarian law has crippled the humanitarian response in Gaza, intensifying the suffering of its

besieged population. Pakistan calls upon the international community to act swiftly and decisively, to impose an immediate halt to Israel's atrocities, including the indiscriminate attacks on civilians, hospitals, schools, and critical infrastructure. The repeated assaults on humanitarian aid convoys and essential ser-

Governor Kundi invites PTIP to join APC

e-Insaf Parliamentarian (PTIP) Mehmood Khan and extended invitation to attend All

Parties Conference (APC) focused on the law and order situation and province's rights with federal government. The APC, will be held in the first week of December here at

Governor House, to bring together political leaders from various parties to discuss the

commitment to addressing the pressing issues that have been affecting the stability of

political figures in order to curb increasing violence and ensure a safer environment for

ing all political leaders to voice their concerns and offer potential solutions. In re-

sponse, Mehmood Khan assured his party's representation and said the Governor's

visit underlined the importance of unity and collaboration in tackling the challenges facing

the province, particularly in light of recent developments in the law and order situation.

commitment to deepening

cooperation in trade, tech-

cerns over regional chal-

lenges, including the unre-

solved Kashmir issue and its

implications for regional

stability. He emphasized the

need for international atten-

tion on human rights viola-

tions in Indian Illegally Oc-

cupied Jammu and Kashmir

cerns, Zaidi reaffirmed

Pakistan's commitment to

addressing climate change

and facilitating legal migra-

tion pathways in collabora-

tion with the EU. He called

for collective efforts to ad-

dress humanitarian and se-

curity issues in Afghanistan,

particularly terrorism ema-

nating from Afghan soil.

Highlighting global con-

Zaidi expressed con-

nology, and culture.

The Governor extended invitation of the presence at the APC highlighting the

During the meeting, they deliberated on strategies to enhance coordination between

The Governor said that the APC will provide a platform for open dialogue, allow-

rising concerns over security and governance in the province

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in

a meeting with World Bank Country Director for

Pakistan highlights regional,

global issues at DSAS

meeting in Strasbourg

Pakistan South Asia Najy Benhassine.

STRASBOURG (APP):

Charge d'affaires of the Pa-

kistan Mission to the Eu-

ropean Union, Faraz Zaidi

highlighted the regional and

global issues during the Del-

egation for Relations with

the Countries of South Asia

(DSAS) meeting in

by Ambassadors from South

Asia, marked the first en-

gagement with the newly

elected European Parlia-

ment. In his address, Zaidi

emphasized the strategic im-

portance of South Asia and

its immense economic po-

tential. He underscored

Pakistan's long-standing

partnership with the Euro-

pean Union, highlighting the

success of GSP Plus as a

mutually beneficial scheme.

He reiterated Pakistan's

The meeting, attended

Strasbourg on Thursday.

The failure to hold Israel accountable for these grave war crimes and violations of human rights will perpetuate the impunity, with which Israel has unleashed its destruction in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon.

The prime minister added that Pakistan also called for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza and stresses the urgency of ensuring unhindered humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) must receive the full support of the international community, both in funding and protection, to meet the growing needs of Palestinian refugees. We strongly condemn any attempt, including recent legislative efforts in Israel, to undermine UNRWA's criti-

Govt to establish...

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for further improvements in

the prosecution system.

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also called for bringing to

justice those responsible

for inciting public agitation,

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General, and other senior

The meeting was at-

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SCP considers steps including feedback mechanism for improving justice system

ISLAMABAD (APP): Reaffirming his commitment to improving service delivery and expanding access to justice, the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, presided over a meeting on Thursday at the Supreme Court of Pa-PESHAWAR (APP):Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Thursday visited the residence of former Chief Minister and President of Pakistan Tehreek-

The first meeting was attended by Justice Ayesha . Malik and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan, along with Mr. Muhammad Salim Khan, Registrar, of the Supreme Court, Mr. Sher Shah, a renowned development expert, and other core

The agenda focused on

reform areas, including IT advancements, case management improvements, human resource optimization, capacity building, training initiatives and broader public consultation via feedback mechanism. The Chief Justice and

QUETTA: Provincial Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, MPAs Nawab

Muhammad Aslam Khan Raisani, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch and Dr. Ashok

Kumar talking before start of Balochistan Assembly session.

the judges acknowledged the significant progress made in these domains and commended the team for their dedication.

They also gave them a node to proceed in the matter with a few constructive suggestions to enhance the reform initiatives and ensure their support for effective implementa-

DC inaugurates building at Girls High School in Nasirabad

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Naseerabad Munir Ahmed Khan Kakar inaugurated the newly completed building at Government Girls Abdul Wahab Soomro High School under the auspices of foreign Non Government Organization (NGOs).

The school principal and other officers were present on the occasion.

The DC said that after the establishment of the building, the difficulties being faced by the children in the teaching process in this school would now be re-

He said that the construction of classrooms for

providing education to girls is a good omen adding that the district administration would make every effort to ensure all possible support to all NGOs taking steps in the public interest so that they could take steps in the concern of the people in a better sense. The efforts of NGOs, especially in the field of education and health are commendable and in this regard, they will give priority to similar projects in the future so that maxi-

PM expresses grief over devastating floods in Malaysia

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the devastating floods in Malaysia.

In a statement, he expressed solidarity with Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim and the people of Malaysia.

The Prime Minister said Pakistan and Malaysia are longstanding, close and brotherly nations. He said Malaysian Prime Minister is a friend of Pakistan, and in this time of crisis, Pakistan will not leave them alone. He said Pakistan

stands with the people of Malaysia in this time of grief.

Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan will do whatever it can to assist its Malaysian brothers and sisters in this time of dis-

He highlighted that the adverse effects of climate change are affecting the entire world, stressing the need for collective action to mitigate its im



Delegation level meeting between Pakistan National Assembly led by Speaker HE Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Russian Federation Council led by HE Ms Valentina Matviyenko in Moscow.

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federal capital.

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martyred by their own

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release of their leader jailed

in several cases including

ghan criminals during the

PTI protest. Afghanistan is

the Afghan citizens doing in

party in Islamabad? Are

scale operations were con-

ducted from 2013 to 2017,

peace was restored to

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and

Sindh metropolis Karachi

and incidents of terrorism

decreased in entire country.

But when the PTI was

brought into power in 2018,

the Founding Chairman

PTI who was the prime

brought back the Taliban,

He said that a large-

they allowed to do so?"

Abbottabad City.

Islamabad.

He told the media that

He said there was no

They had no public de-

'We arrested 37 Af-

No direct firing, no fatality...

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done on protestors.

The minister said that there were no fatalities in Attaullah Tarar, Prime the operation and both ma-Minister's Advisor Rana jor hospitals of the Capital Sanaullah, the Attorney

Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences and Polyclinic had issued statements that no dead bodies were brought there. Besides, the Ministry

of National Health Services also issued a statement denying PTI's claims that its workers were killed in security forces' firing. The minister stated that a list circulating on social media regarding the death of protesters was declared fake.

The minister said that the federal capital was besieged for the past several days by the miscreants belonging to a political party and this was not the first time they had done so.

Attaullah Tarar said that the PTI activists wanted to disrupt peace in Islamabad.

He said that the Belarusian President and his delegation was present in the red zone when the PTI protestors besieged the capital.

corruption, he added. The minister said that the miscreants had modern weapons, tear gas shells, stones and slingshots with them and they were targetour friendly country. The question arises, what were ing the law enforcement agencies personnel. the protest of the political He informed the foreign

media that Islamabad High Court had ordered that there would be no protest of any kind but they openly violated the court orders.

The miscreants violated the red zone and tried to wreak havoc with the country when the economy was doing well.

"We offered them to protest at Sangjani near the capital where they could protest peacefully but they rejected the offer as peaceful protest was not their

He said two days ago, The wave of terrorism, a footage was released in he said was going on in which professionals in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but protesters could be seen firthe chief minister of the

shells, pellet guns. restoration of law and or-Tarar said that four der there. He said that 50 persons Rangers and two police personnel were martyred were killed in Kurram Disby miscreant attacks. He trict of the KP and they asked on whose hands the were besieging Islamabad. blood of these martyrs "There is only one percould be found.

son responsible for terror-He said the security ism in the country who is forces performed their duty promoting violence," he maintained. and established peace in the

He contended that PTI The minister lamented was the party that always that a false narrative was used religion as a tool. created on social media Referring to a recent

province had no interest in

statement of the spouse of Imran Khan, he asked what was purpose of making a statement against Saudi Arabia. He said their objective

was to play with the reli-

gious sentiments of the

people of the country and exploit religion for their political purposes. He said that the miscreants ransacked media

houses and attacked media professionals performing their duties. Replying to the ques-

tions of the media, he said that the PTI was suffering from internal differences as many top leaders of the party including Atif Khan, Shehram Tarakai, Asad Qaiser, Hamad Azhar and Sheikh Waqas Akram were not present. The minister said there

was clear rift between Aleema Khan and Bushra Bibi who intended to stage a coup in the party.

He remarked that the PTI had the habit of putting its flag on the dead bodies of ordinary citizens and declare them as its workers. He stated that there were no fatalities in the law enforcement agencies opminister of the country, eration to flush out protestors near D Chowk

Pakistan thrash Zimbabwe by 99 runs to clinch ODI series

BULAWAYO (INP): Pakistan on Thursday defeated Zimbabwe by 99 runs in third and final game to secure the ODI series by 2-1

in Bulawayo Chasing a 304-run target, the hosts were bundled out for 204 in 41st over. Zimbabwe suffered early blows after part-timer bowler Saim Ayub claimed two wickets in third over by removing opener Joylord Gumbie for five and Dion Myers for four

Spinner Abrar Ahmed removed Tadiwanshe Marumani for 24 runs in ninth over. At this stage, skipper Craig Ervine smashed a fifty to reduce press on his side before Aamer Jamal picked his wicket. Sean Williams made 24 runs while Brian from middle order scored 37 to pace up the chase but Pakistan bowlers managed to restrict them to 204. Earlier, Pakistan elected

toss and posted 303 runs on

the board for the loss of six

Kamran Ghulam scored his maiden century (103) featuring four sixes and 10 fours. Abdullah Shafique scored 50 runs, Mohammad Rizwan 37, Saim Ayub 31 while Salman Agha contributed 30 runs to set a reason-

able target for the host. Tayyab Tahir, batting for the first time in ODI career, scored useful 29 (not out) runs off 16 balls, helping Pakistan to surpass the 300-run mark.

Irfan Niazi scored three runs, while Aamir Jamal remained not out on five runs.

Sikandar Raza and Richard Ngarava claimed 2 wickets apiece, while Blessing Muzarabani and Faraz Akram took one wicket each. Muhammad Rizwan said no changes had been made to the team that had won the second match. He said young talent had been given a chance in the ongoing seto bat first after winning the ries so that they could help in the Champions Trophy.



PESHAWAR: Federal Minister SAFRON Engr. Amir Muqam meets Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi at Governor House.

PAEC Chairman

Pakistan harnesses nuclear technology in various sectors to improve citizen's lives

ISLAMABAD (APP): clean and carbon neutral en-The Chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), Dr. Raja Despite our low contribution to global carbon emissions, Pakistan is one Ali Raza Anwar Thursday stated that Pakistan is efof the most vulnerable countries to climate change. fectively leveraging nuclear Pakistan is the 15th science and technology across various sectors, in-

rial Conference on Nuclear

Science, Technology and

Applications and the Tech-

Programme concluded at

IAEA HQs, Vienna, Aus-

tria. Presenting Pakistan's

National Statement, the

chairman PAEC, stated that

presently humanity is fac-

ing a host of different and

challenging problems such as climate change, water and

food scarcity, ever increas-

ing energy needs and envi-

ronmental degradation at a

fast pace. He said that the

solution to these problems

is through the applications

of nuclear science and tech-

nology in different aspects

of our lives for the betterment

and adversely affected by

climate change is utilizing

nuclear technologies to

lessen the impact such as

setting up Nuclear Power

Pakistan being severely

of mankind and the globe.

Cooperation

most water-stressed councluding healthcare, agricultry in the world thus making water resource manageture, and energy, while also addressing climate change ment as another challenge. challenges to enhance the Applications of nuclear techniques have been instruquality of life for its citi-

mental in addressing water He was addressing the scarcity and thereby imthree-day IAEA Ministeproving water quality

Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology (PINSTECH), the premier R&D institute of the country, is engaged in close collaboration with the Agency on water resource management and has recently been designated as IAEA Collaborating Center in this critical area. In order to promote

clean sources of energy in the country, Pakistan is following a policy of promoting nuclear power in the country. The current installed capacity of nuclear power is 3,530 MW, while another unit with the capacity of 1,200 MW is under construction phase. Chairman PAEC stated that to ensure human health, particularly in the realm of cancer care, PAEC is operating nineteen Cancer Hospitals across Pakistan, catering to a large number of Generation Plants to acquire cancer patients each year.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi talking with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti during Assembly session.

Balochistan Assembly adopts...

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leaders extended congratulation to the newly elected MPA, and hoped that he would follow footsteps of his late fa-Sardarzada Kohyar

Domki on the occasion thanked the people of his constituency who voted him to become MPA. Meanwhile, on a

point of order, the MPA belonging to National Party, Mir Rehmat Saleh Baloch demanded of the Chief Minister to issue orders for arrest of the accused involved in killing of a party worker in Bhag area of Kachhi.

The Chief Minister assured that every possible steps would be taken for arrest of the

Later, the assembly adopted a resolution about the use of explosive material for mining.

The resolution was tabled by the Provincial Minister for Health, Muhammad Bakht Kakar.

Speaking on the resolution about explosive materials in the mines, Chief Minister said that the resolution would allow us to make legislation on it. He said that three provinces have already adopted the resolution on the matter, and we have made legislation on it.

Meanwhile, the draft law of Balochistan Security of Vulnerable Establishment. The draft law was tabled by the Provincial Minister Health.

Similarly, another resolution about the welfare of disables, orphans and widows was also adopted in the sesoisn.

Later, the session was adjourned for an indefinite period.

Chairman PkMAP demands inquiry into....

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He said that Pakistan and it's integrity is very dear to us. We want that the international organizations of human rights should probe into the Islamabad's incident.

He also expressed condolence with the bereaved families of those killed in Islamabad, on behalf of his party and TTAP.

He also said that Pakistan is in crisis while there is a threat to region's peace. Therefore, if this country has to be steered out of crisis, only solution to it lies in supremacy of constitu-

These and similar other views were expressed by Mehmood Khan Achakzai while addressing a crowded press conference at Quetta Press Club on Thursday.

The leaders of PkMAP Dr. Hamid Khan Achakzai, Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal, Abdul Qahar Wadhan and others were also present.

The Chairman PkMAP on the occasion alleged that the mandate of people was snatched in the February 8 general elections through might and money.

He said that the Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq them. violated the constitution with support of PPP as he referred to the passage of 26th amendment. He said that there were also reservations of the province on

the amendment. He said that the people may think good or bad for the founder of PTI, but millions of people voted him

in the elections. He referred to the PTI's protest of November 24 in bullets were fired targeting its workers during the protest. He said that according to PTI walas, their workers received bullets in their

He said that it is not acceptable to make an at- ter with the modern tech-

officials

the PTI.

tempt to harass the people. nology.

Chairman PkMAP also condemned the incidents of killing of people and coal mine workers in Musakhail and Duki and criticized the government for its failure in provision of security to

To a query regarding resolution being presented in the provincial assembly of Balochistan for banning

He said that there's no value and importance of the resolution in the assembly. which came into being through might and money. He also alleged that the provincial assembly has no

public mandate. About the incident of Islamabad saying that the kidnapping of 10-year old child from Quetta, Mehmood Khan Achakzai said that the agencies of country are not too weak to trace a child. He said that the agencies find even a pin from the muddy wa-



OUETTA: Metropolitan Chief Officer, Attaullah Bazai presides over a municipal properties meeting held at his office in Quetta.

successful holding of the

Champions Trophy.
The Bangladeshi High

Commissioner praised the

performance of the Paki-

Pakistan, Bangladesh to strengthen bilateral relations: Interior Minister

Mohsin Naqvi met with Bangladeshi Ĥigh Commissioner Muhammad Ruhul Siddique

During the meeting, bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest including the promotion of cricket in Pakistan and Bangladesh were discussed. The Bangladeshi High

Commissioner expressed his best wishes for Pakistan regarding holding the Cham-

Interior Minister said that he will soon visit Bangladesh on the Prime Minister's special instructions. He said that the purpose of the visit is to strengthen the bilateral relations. He stated that Pakistan and Bangladesh have

stan cricket team in the Test series against England and the T20 series against Australia. He said that the Palong-standing brotherly rekistani cricket team has imlations. He added that Pasupport kistan is keen to further Bangladesh. He said that Bangladesh highly values advance relations with Bangladesh in various the brotherly relations with fields. Mohsin Naqvi said Pakistan, and there are ex-

The Bangladeshi High Commissioner said that the posting in Pakistan has

been the best part of his career and he has received immense love. He emphasized that Pakistan is considered one of the best duty stations in the diplomatic community. The meeting was also attended by the Special Secretary and Additional Secretary Interior, Commandant Frontier Constabulary, Chief Commissioner, IG Islamabad Police.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Chairman of the Prime

Minister Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood

Ahmed Khan on Thursday

emphasized the significant

role of the PMYP Loan

Scheme in fostering eco-

nomic growth by empow-

that as many as Rs 13.116 billion had been distributed

among 21,294 entrepre-

neurial youth in the last

three months from August

to October under the Prime

Minister's Youth Business

Islamabad High Court Bar Association (IHCBA) has

written a letter to US presi-

dent for pardoning and re-leasing Dr Aafia Siddiqui

besides expressing grave

concern over her miserable

condition. IHCBA wrote an

open letter to US president

Biden and a copy of this

letter has been sent to lead-

Aafia case is one among the

most tragic incidents of his-

tory. Human rights viola-

tions were committed

and law were neglected dur-

ing the process from initial

therein mercilessly

The letter said Dr

Rules and regulations

ers of Aafia Movement.

and Agriculture Loan banks.

IHCBA writes letter to

US president seeking pardon,

release of Dr Aafia Siddiqui

ISLAMABAD (Online): arrest to hearing of the case.

Talking to APP, he said

ering the youth.

Rana Mashhood says:

Rs 13.116 bln distributed

during last three months

under PM loan scheme

"Empowering youth

is key to driving economic development and ensuring

a prosperous future for our nation," he said and added

that under this program, in-

terest-free loans of Rs 0.5

million were being provided to youth under Tier One

programme, while loans of

Rs 0.5 mln to Rs 1.5 mln

under Tier 2 at 5 per cent

interest rate and loans of Rs

1.5 mln to Rs 7.5 mln were

being given to youth under

Tier 3 at 7 per cent interest rate through 15 different

Medical record of Dr

Dr Aafia endured such

Dr Aafia was kept

US kept on opposing

Aafia depicts she has been

subjected to intense mental

attitude and treatment

which runs contrary to US

from meeting her children.

Such steps are against ba-

sic human rights and rights

violence against children for

long time and despite it such

inhuman treatment was

meted out to Dr Aafia.

These contradictions can

become cause of defamation

for US all over the world.

ISLAMABAD: A view of traffic Jam at blue area.

He said the scope of

the repairs includes inter-

nal and external painting of

worn-out shutters, bath-

room repairs with all nec-

essary accessories, replace-

ment of glass panes, and

roof treatment. To a ques-

tion, the official said that

the Federal Government

Employees Housing Au-

thority (FGEHA) is ac-

tively conducting opera-

tions against unauthorized

of prisoner.

and physical torture.



ISLAMABAD: Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan, Dr. Reza Amiri Moghadadam condoles with the Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mian Raiz Hussain Pirzada on the passing of his brother.

that all preparations are cellent people to people ties

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, senior police officers and a large number of police officers attending the funeral prayer of Islamabad Police CTD special squad officer Safdar Hussain Shah at Police Lines Headquarters Islamabad.

Funeral prayer of Constable Safdar Hussain Shah offered at Police Lines Headquarters

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The funeral prayer of Islamabad Police Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) special squad officer Safdar Hussain Shah offered at Police Lines Headquarters Islamabad.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, senior police officers and a large number of police officers offered the funeral prayer.

A smartly turned-out contingent of the police personnel presented a guard of honour. IGP Islamabad and

flower wreaths and recited fatiha. Police officers shouldered the coffins and later the body was sent to his respective native town.

IGP Islamabad condoled with the family of the deceased and said that Islamabad Police stands with the bereaved family and will take care of them in every possible way.

He also issued orders to the senior police officers to provide full support to the family of the deceased, saving that every officer of the police force is a valuable asset for me, their famisenior police officers lies will be taken care of in draped the coffins with every way.

CDA unveils ambitious plans for 5-star hotels, luxury housing in I'abad

The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has announced an ambitious plan to auction premium commercial plots for the development of 5-star hotels and launch residential plots in the scenic Sector

The initiative, unveiled during a meeting chaired by CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa, on Thursday aims to attract significant investments from both local and overseas Pakistanis.

The meeting, attended by CDA board members and senior officers, highlighted two prime plots earmarked for international bidding, specifically targeting overseas Pakistanis and global investors.

The bidding for these luxury hotel plots is set to conclude on 17 December 2024, and officials emphasised investorfriendly terms to maximise participation.

The CDA has introduced flexible payment plans, streamlined conditions, and various incentives to encourage invest-

Chairman Randhawa endorsed these measures, describing them as pivotal to transforming Islamabad into a global hub for tourism, business, and modern urban living.

"We are committed to positioning Islamabad as a beacon of luxury and progress, offering unparal-leled opportunities for in-

PTI put on notice in contempt of court plea filed by traders

Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notice to PTI on contempt of court petition filed by traders for staging protest despite court's orders.

The court has sought reply from PTI on next hear-

The contempt of court plea against PTI for staging protest despite court's orders came up for hearing before Chief Justice (CJ)IHC Aamer Farooq Thursday. The court issued no-

tice to PTI and sought reply in next week.

ing notice to interior secretary, chief commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and IG Police Islamabad adjourned the hearing of the

It is pertinent to mention here that Traders Association of Jinnah Super Market F-7 has filed contempt of court petition against PTI,

A day earlier traders of Jinnah super market F-7 had resorted to IHC against PTI protest.

Interior secretary and others were made respondents in the petition.

Dastgir condemns PTI violent politics

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa kistan Muslim League (N) senior leader Khurram Dastgir Thursday strongly condemned the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's destructive agenda and blackmailing tactics, stating that these actions will no longer be tolerated.

In an interview with a private news channel, he said that conspiring against the state will not be tolerated and that such actions will be terminated at all

The government will not hesitate to take decisive action against anyone found guilty of undermining national security or engaging in anti-state activities, he

He demanded that the P11 respect the democratic system and desist from its violent activities, which have compromised the security of Islamabad and put its residents at risk.

Dastgir emphasized that the protection of citizens is of paramount importance, and his government will not tolerate any compromise on their secu-

He reiterated that the government is committed to ensuring that the fundamental rights of citizens.

Motorway police reunite lost boy with father

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) reunited a 12year-old boy with his fam-

ily here on Tuesday.

According to NHMP
North Zone spokesman
Muhammad Saqib, while patrolling, the motorway police found a boy near Swaldheer, Mardan area in distress

The child was wearing school uniform and upon questioning informed that he had gone to take food during school break time and a stranger put him in his car and after travelling some distance dropped him

off on the motorway.

The NHMP took the child into protective custody and started searching for his family. Finally, the child's father contacted with NHMP and the motorway handed over the boy to his father who thanked and hailed the performance of the NHMP for



PWD demands additional

Rs 135 mln for repair

work of govt flats in G-8

135 million to complete the all flats, replacement of

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan Public Works Department (PWD) has de-

manded an additional Rs

repair and renovation of

government flats and blocks in Sector G-8, Islamabad.

tially completed repair and

renovation works in G-8,

the project will only be fi-

nalized once the required

funds are made available, an

official in the department

The PWD has par-

ISLAMABAD (APP): is to control and regulate Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BEOE), an attached department of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD) have canceled 807 licences of Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) due to the public complaints.

An official source told APP here on Thursday, he said that 5104 OEPs were registered with BEOE 2760 valid, 832 surrendered, 9 invalid and 668 expired.

He said that BEOE was working very effi-ciently to provide maximum relief and support to the citizen of the country.

He said that the main function of this department emigration under the Emigration Ordinance, 1979, and promote the Emigration of Pakistani Citizens.

It is also the responsibility to look after the emigrants' interests and welfare and advise the Federal Government on emigration policies and procedures.

Monitoring and supervision of Overseas Ém-Promoters ployment through 7 Protectorates of **Emigrants Offices and Pro**cessing of Overseas Employment Promoters (OEP) Licences, he added.

BEOE also provides the platform for pre-departure briefing to Emigrants and mandatory Insurance coverage to Pakistani work-

Meeting held to review progress on investment, privatization ISLAMABAD (APP): In M9 in the communications

a high-level Pakistani delegation to Azerbaijan, an important review meeting was held under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Board Investment, Privatization and Com-

munications Aleem Khan to ascertain the progress on investment and privatization issues. Pakistan's Ambassa-

dor to Azerbaijan Qasim Mohi Uddin also attended the meeting via video link apprised that Azerbaijani Government institutions are keen in investing in Pakistan on a "G2G" model and take part in privatization of institu-

He said that the investment from Azerbaijan is also under consideration in two motorways M6 and

AIOU extends enrollment deadline

till Dec 5 ISLAMABAD (APP) Allama Iqbal University(AIOU) has extended the enrollment deadline for its continue students till December 5. According to the AIOU, due to the recent law and order situation, some students of the University were unable to enroll themselves. They requested the Vice-Chancellor to provide them a special chance to enroll and save their

semester from being wasted.

PAS-ANSO

Intl Conference

on Emerging

Pathogens

to be held in

December

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa

kistan Academy of Sciences

(PAS), in collaboration

with the Alliance of Na-

tional and International Sci-

ence Organizations for the

Belt and Road Regions

(ANSO), is set to host a

conference on 'Understand-

ing and Mitigating the Threat of Emerging Patho-

gens: Opportunities and

Challenges' on December

This conference aims to

address the growing global

challenge posed by emerg-

ing pathogens and their sig

nificant impact on public

health, ecosystems, and

zoonotic diseases, respon-

sible for 75 percent of

emerging infections in hu-

mans, the event will bring

together leading scientists

policymakers, and health

professionals from across

the globe to discuss strate-

gies for surveillance, pre

vention, and management.

aimed at enhancing under-

standing of global disease

dynamics, considering the

impact of globalization,

travel, trade and the envi

delve into critical themes.

including Understanding

pathogen transmission from wildlife to humans;

Developing effective disease surveillance and report-

The conference will

ronment.

ing systems.

The conference is also

With a focus on

economies.

According to the PAS

sector of Pakistan. He said that he is keen to quickly resolve investment issues with Central Asian Countries and the purpose of today's follow-up meeting is also to review the progress made in this re-

Aleem Khan asked the Ambassador to complete his Embassy's homework before the meeting of Joint Commission being held the two countries on December & 25, this year.

He added that he wanted to move forward through coordinated measures in all the three sectors of Privatization, Investment and Communication for which he will soon the meeting separately with the Ambassadors of Tur-Azerbaijan and

Uzbekistan.

to be a gateway for Pakistan to access Eastern Europe for which we have to make our efforts. He said that Pakistan's representation in the COP 29 held in Baku, Azerbaijan this month was prominent in the presentation by our

The federal secretaries of the privatization and communications departments and the Chairman of the National Highway Authority briefed the meeting regarding their departments and assured to deal with bilateral issues expeditiously in the light of the instructions of Federal Minister.

The meeting also decided to nominate a Focal Person from each department for Pakistan-



ISLAMABAD: Students on the way to their school following the reopening of educational institutions

Pakistan needs a cornea donation campaign: AST

Thursday advocated for a state-backed cornea donation campaign to decrease reliance on imports as more than 300,000 individuals were currently on transplant waiting lists.

Talking to the media, AST President Maj Gen (Retired) Rehmat Khan stated that bridging the imbalance requires an awareness campaign, enabling local donations to assist needy individuals in becoming productive citizens.

He said those awaiting transplants could be reintegrated as productive members of society if we plant have access to one.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Al- can have enough local docorneal tissue could be attributed to several factors, including insufficient awareness, reluctance to donate, demographic and systemic influences such as age, gender, education, cultural considerations, and the availability of surgeons and operating facilities. Despite nearly 185,000 corneal transplants, approximately 12.7 million individuals remain on the waiting list for transplants. He added that estimates suggest that only 1 in 70 individuals requiring a trans-

Indian forces arrest dozens in IIOJK amid intensified crackdown

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indian forces have arrested dozens of people during a series of sweeping cordon and search operations and raids across multiple districts of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kash-

According to the Kashmir Media Service, in Kathua district, the operations were carried out by personnel from the Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the Special Operations Group (SOG),

youths were arrested in areas such as Malhar, Bani, upper reaches of Billawar, Kana Chack, Haria Chack Spral Pain, Chack Wajir, and Lahbiu in the district. Several electronic devices were also seized during the raids.

Further operations were launched by joint teams of the Indian Army, paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force and police in the districts of Kishtwar, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Udhampur, and Reasi, targeting both rural and urban areas, including and the Village Defense Guards (VDGs). At least 10 dential neighborhoods. foothill habitations and resi-

National Police Academy delegation visits Safe City Islamabad

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, the Mid-Ca-

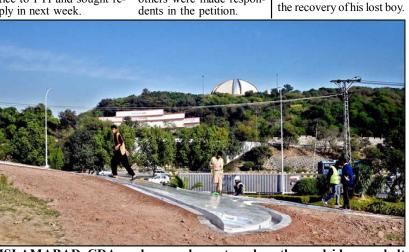
reer Management Course delegation from National Police Academy (NPA) Islamabad visited Safe City Islamabad, a public relations officer said.

He said that, the delegation visits the command and control center, the data hub unit, modern technology-equipped cameras, and the police operations center hall. They were fully briefed about the procedures and advantages of this project.

Furthermore, the delegation was informed that Safe City Islamabad is playing a significant role in various departments through

modern techniques, including the Police Operations Center, Emergency Control Center, Data Hub Unit, Dispatch Control Center, E-Challan System, and the "Pucar-15" helpline. The delegation was

also apprised of the functionality and benefits of the Safe City cameras in the city. The modern cameras of Safe City are playing a crucial role in ensuring the safety of the city and preventing crimes and safeguarding the lives and property of citizens. Face recognition cameras have been installed at the entry and exit points of the city which are playing an important role in identifying suspicious elements, he maintained.



ISLAMABAD: CDA workers are busy at work on the roadside greenbelt near Zero Point in the Federal Capital.

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A hasty retreat

Political immaturity has cost the PTI dearly once again. It appears things may not have come to this had Bushra Bibi, leading her first protest, listened to those around her instead of insisting on leading shipments stuck the crowds to D-Chowk.

As it turned out, the party sished product ready for leadership was forced to beat vet another furtive retreat, which has greatly demoralised its cadres. Their disgruntlement is the price that the party must pay for failing to manage expectations and provisioning adequately for all contingencies when it decided to march on the capital.

It had previously been pointed out that it was a mistake for the PTI to turn its protest in Islamabad into a 'do or die' moment and that this would create difficulties | Violence in Kurram has for its own leadership if things did not pan out as expected. Though the party was able to gain much Mandori. ground over the course of three days, its strength women and children. In reproved brittle once the state venge attacks, Baggan market in Lower Kurram was unleashed its power in full.

However, the government would be wise not to gloat. Nor should it contemplate extending its campaign of violence against the PTI and its leaders, thinking that it now has the upper hand. Enough is enough. It would be a mistake to underestimate the general discontentment in the public against the state and its repressive policies. Much harm Kabul. has already been caused to Kurram became a launching national unity by the authorities' mishandling of this protest march and the violence that surrounded it.

As our history bears witness, beating a major political party into submission can yield fleeting victories, but it causes lasting harm. The ruling parties should be The floods in Pakistan in 2022 highlighted the urwary that a new normal has been set for how protests mate action. Over 1,700 may be dealt with in the future. Today, they may be beneficiaries of this new isn't just coming — it's policy; tomorrow, they will already here, and Pakistan likely find themselves in its crosshairs. This reality crosshairs.

There is an urgent need for all stakeholders to move towards a political settlement of the crises facing Pakistan. The two sides in this conflict need to realise that their positions are not tenable: repression, censorship, violence and continuous agitation will only continue to bleed the country and lishes frameworks for both weaken it further. Unless they agree to abide by a rules-based order, the space for public participation in the political process will continue to shrink until, eventually, all political parties lose their relevance for the people.

The unhealthy obsession with 'crushing' political opponents, which has grown unchecked over the past decade, has led the country down a very dark path. It is cial pathway to sustainunfortunate that democratic transitions were repeatedly sabotaged during this period, as it could have allowed this field. Pakistan's earlier extrend to be arrested and reversed. Now, it seems it is up to a handful of individuals to set things right. The nation remains at their mercy.

Facing popular upheavals

Khurram Husain

The state may have succeeded in pushing the protesters back from the streets of the capital on Tuesday night, but consider what it took to make that happen.

Even before the crowds had departed, the scale of the lockdown in Punjab was perhaps unprecedented, even compared to the pandemic. Speak with industry owners across the province and listen to the stories of whether of raw material coming into factories or finshipment to the port and you will get a sense of how far-reaching the lockdown was.

The state won the showdown, there Is no doubt about that. But in order to win, they had to literally paralyse the largest province in the country, as well as its industrial heartland. Let's not bother tallying up the losses the few days of shutdown in-

are all going to suffer on account of the manifest growing. The popular appeal of the PTI—a party weakness of the state that the protest exposed.

This is the first time I have seen state authorities compelled to use so much violence to secure the streets of the capital. It is also the first time I have seen such extreme and stringent measures to ensure nobody from Puniab could come out to join the protest. Lockdowns were required to keep the pandemic at bay. They were also required to clear the air in the wake of the smog emergency

But nowhere did the state move with such decisive speed to implement a near chokehold on the province, paralysing all intercity movement as well as digital traffic, as it did when a protest call needed to be thwarted. Given all that it took to contain the protest and then to beat it back, it can be asked whether or not the state's is a Pyrrhic victory.

The mobs being mobilised are getting larger flicted on industry. Those and larger with time. The are puny by comparison to amount of effort required the long-term losses we to beat them back is also

that many allege runs on fake news churned out by robust disinformation machines — increases the repression they are subiected to. As it stands, this sounds like a losing battle.

In order to maintain its upper hand, the state has had to undertake a massive crackdown on the party's followers and leaders, assemble a vast and unwieldy coalition of unlikely partners, concentrate power in the hands of the executive, dilute the independence of the judiciary, bring in draconian laws to regulate the internet, and hold people in custody without charge for prolonged periods. And after doing all this, they still had to fight it out in the streets of the capital, on the edge of the Red Zone itself, with bullets and tear gas.

If people in the state are feeling triumphant right now, they should note that the trajectory of their power is trending in the opposite direction.

This is why it is important to understand that, — livelihood, opportu-contrary to the saying nity, liberty — will neces-

made famous by that scene in the Game of Thrones, power is not power. In truth the protest march earlier this week was a demonstration of massive popular power, despite the fact that it ended in the way it

For a ruler of a country in the modern era, power is the ability to provide livelihoods to his people, first and foremost. It is only after this has been secured that all other elements begin to kick in. Power is certainly the ability to protect the territory of the state, but in order to do so the ruler needs revenues because that sort of protection is expensive, especially in modern times. And those revenues come from the system of livelihoods that the country operates.

The economic welfare of the people is intimately linked with the power of the ruler. A system of rule that leaves its own people increasingly impoverished, increasingly deprived of the basic elements of modern life

itself. And as part of this struggle, the people who rule the country where such a dysfunctional system operates will seek external patrons to help them meet the costs of their own rule at home.

The protests have been beaten back, and the leadership of the PTI cut very sorry figure through the whole episode. Many leaders were conspicuous by their absence, and those who came either left early or fled at the very moment of truth that they said they were leading their own followers towards. There is little doubt

that there will be an internal reckoning within the party in the days to come as rival factions blame each other for the humiliating ending. The party's vanguard has been bruised, its leadership humiliated

But the party will bounce back from this setback like it has from every other setback so far. The reason is because the wellsprings of discontentment that provide it with

its most vital fuel are still functioning, and so long as that is the case, all it takes is a story after every setback to refuel and prepare for the next encounter.

Even if the party is defeated — let's say by a wide-ranging crackdown across KP, following the imposition of governor's rule, (assuming it comes to that) — the challenge it poses to power today will reappear under a different name, a different banner. Force alone is not sufficient to fend off this chal-

This presents the ruler with a conundrum. How do you defeat an adversary that only gains in strength from every blow that you inflict on it? There is no simple answer here, but there is a simple truth to keep in mind in such a situation.

The powers of the state alone cannot fend off this challenge. Ultimately you can only fight lies with truth and despair with hope. And these are not dispensed as charity or as commands. - Cour-

Kurram carnage

Sohail Habib

spiked in frequency and magnitude recently. Fresh clashes erupted on Nov 21, when passenger vehicles were ambushed near

Forty-four persons lost their lives, including burnt to ashes with a further loss of 40 people. Prior to this sectarian carnage, 49 persons were killed in clashes in July, 46 in September and 16 in October.

To understand the current crisis, the peculiar characteristics of the Kurram region merit an in-depth analysis. Firstly, Kurram remained strategically important during the Great Game because of its unique geography jutting into Afghanistan — also referred to as the 'Parrot's Beak' and thus located at the shortest distance from

pad for the mujahideen into Afghanistan in the 1980s. Jaji and Tora Bora, bordering Kurram, remained the headquarters of Osama Bin Laden where he established

the training camp, mas'ada the lion's den — for his fighters. OBL and Sufi Muhammad escaped via Parachinar after the US invasion post 9/11.

Secondly, Kurram district has a history of sectarian tensions dating back to before partition. In 1938, when sectarian clashes flared up in Lucknow, some tribesmen of Kurram intended to proceed there to support their respective sect but their movement was resisted in Kurram by the rival sect and thus the foundation of sectarian tensions was laid in Kurram.

After partition, the first sectarian conflict erupted in 1961 at Sadda during the Muharram procession. In 1971, clashes took place over the construction of a mosque minaret in Parachinar. Subsequently, recurring sectarian conflicts were witnessed during 1987, 1996, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2020, 2022 and 2023 for various reasons.

Thirdly, in the merged district of Kurram, unresolved disputes frequently morph into sectarian strife. Although disputes exist between the Mehsud and Wazir tribes in South Kurram. The areas identi-

Waziristan and between the Dawar and Wazir tribes in North Waziristan, they rarely spread beyond a certain area due to the absence of sectarian underpinnings. However, in Kurram district, unresolved disputes of land, forest, water and minerals flare up when sectarian tendencies blend with

the clashes. Currently, major land disputes exist either within one common area like Balishkhel, Bushera and Taida or between two rival villages like Pewar (Shia) and Gido (Sunni); and Ghoz Garhi (Sunni) and Kunj Alizai (Shia). Similarly, a water dispute exists between the Kharoti (Sunni) and Pewar villages and a forest dispute between Badama (Shia) and the Parachamkani (Sunni) vil-

Interestingly, the British carried out the first land settlement in Kurram in 1901, followed by a second one in 1943-44. After an interlude of many decades, the KP government established a Land Commission in 2021 for the settlement of the unmeasured disputed land (shamilat) of Gido, Pewar, Boshera, Dandar, and Ghoz Gari in Upper

fied for settlement in Lower Kurram include the Balishkhel, Shurko and Sadda shamilat. Until now, 500,000 kanals (62,500 acres) of 33 mouzas are settled and digitised and the report sent to the provincial government for imple-

mentation.

Fourthly, the demography of Kurram district is unique. It is the only district of KP where the Shia community is in a majority. This majority is more pronounced in Upper Kurram and its headquarters Parachinar. However, movement from Upper Kurram to the rest of the province is possible through Lower Kurram which is predominantly Sunni. This route remains closed during violence. Residents previously used to travel via Gardez and Nangarhar to reach

Peshawar in Pakistan. Fifthly, two important events of 1979 — the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the revolution in Iran — have influenced the sectarian landscape by providing an ideological foundation. Moreover, the conflict zones of Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq have tails both short- and longupgraded skills of violence

hardened fighters of these conflict zones displayed their skills during violence in Kurram but the latest weapons, too, are seen in local clashes. Elements of proscribed organisations like the Lashkar-i-Jhangvi, the Sipah-i-Sahaba, Sipah Muhammad Pakistan, the Islamic State group, the Ghazi Force, Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, and the Zainabyoun Brigade gravitate to Kurram during sectarian infighting.

Sixthly, funding from both foreign sympathisers and local supporters is fuelling the sectarian violence. Seventhly, under FCR regulations the clause of collective responsibility forced the tribes to ensure security on the roads in their territory. After the merger of Fata with KP, it is for only the government and security forces to ensure peace. Moreover, the tar-

geted killing of maliks has depleted tribal wisdom, rendering the jirga system dysfunctional. Finally, hard-line digital warriors add fuel to sectarian fires through fake news and propaganda on social media. The way forward en-

locally. Not only have war- step towards stability is to rative law, and arbitration.

enforce deweaponisation. In one of the most weaponised areas of Waziristan, the military deweaponised the Mehsud area. deweaponisation drive in Kurram district is the need of the hour. Secondly, the report of the Land Settlement Commission regarding

the disputes of Upper and Lower Kurram has been submitted to the provincial government where it remains pending. This needs urgent implementation. Moreover, the land disputes of Central Kurram also need to be settled by the commission on a priority basis. Thirdly, to improve governance, the best officers should be deputed in the district administration, police, prosecution, judiciary and the Kurram Militia.

The latter needs to spearhead the exercise in winning the hearts and minds of the local populace. Fourthly, an elaborate alternative dispute resolution mechanism is required to focus on minor disputes which morph into crimes and violence The ADR platform of the 2019 Local Government Act can be helpful in resolving local issues through negoterm solutions. The first tiation, mediation, collabo-

Carbon potential

Qurat ul ain Siddiqui

gent need for effective clilives lost and a staggering \$30 billion in damages served as a brutal wakesits squarely in its hits particularly hard in a country where agricultural prosperity and human survival are intricately linked to climate patterns.

While no policy can reverse Pakistan's immense losses, Islamabad must move forward with solutions to safeguard future generations. The National Carbon Market Policy (NCMP) is a crucial step in our broader strategy to build climate resilience and prevent further disasters. It estabvoluntary and compliance-based carbon trading across the energy, agriculture, waste management, and forestry sectors.

Carbon markets offer a way to balance environmental protection with economic development and transform our forests, agricultural practices, and even waste management into valuable assets. It's like turning environmental responsibilities into economic opportunities while adhering to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. For a developing nation like Pakistan, this represents a cruable development that doesn't compromise our

economic aspirations. Also, we're not complete newcomers to this perience with the Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol showed us what's possible. Projects in landfill gas recovery, afforestation, and initiatives like the Delta Blue Carbon

Project have demonstrated the opportunity to lever-

age natural ecosystems for climate solutions. Not only has the Delta Blue Carbon Project helped sequester significant carbon, has also improved coastal resilience. Of course, the path

ahead will have its challenges. We need to improve our ability to measure and verify carbon reductions; for that, our institutions and infrastructure require strengthening. Moreover, a limited understanding of carbon markets among stakeholders continues to hinder adequate participation, while volatile carbon prices add to market uncertainties — challenges the NCMP is now ex-

pected to address. Several countries provide instructive examples for Pakistan's carbon market development. Kenya's Agricultural Carbon Project demonstrates effective integration of sustainable farming practices with carbon credit generation, creating a viable model for rural devel-Similarly, etnam's implementation of the REDD+ strategy

has channelled international funding into largescale forestry projects, leading to measurable reductions in deforestation and improved carbon stock management. These cases offer valuable insights into overcoming implementation challenges and illustrate the potential benefits of well-structured carbon market mechanisms. Pakistan's climate goals are ambitious: a 50 per cent emissions reduction by 2030, with 15pc from domestic efforts and 35pc reliant on international support. This includes sourcing 60pc of

power from renewables

and having 30pc of new

vehicles to be electric.

Achieving this is challeng-

ing, but carbon markets

could provide crucial fund-

ing and expertise. Carbon markets offer multiple developmental co-benefits beyond emissions reduction. Forest protection initiatives,

while generating carbon credits, also create emoloy-ment, biodiversity, strengthen natural defences against climate impacts. Similarly, improved waste management systems reduce methane emissions while ad--vancing urban sanitation and public health objectives. These benefits are vital for Pa--kistan given the

country's multifaceted development chal--lenges. Pakistan's pot-ential for carb--on sequestration projects is substantial. With strategic plann-ing, initiatives like afforestation and improved landuse practices can yield verifiable carbon credits, enabling monetisation while supporting environmental goals. The country's diverse geography, from coastal mangroves to mountain forests, presents ample opportunities to attract international investment in

these projects. Getting this right won't be easy. It will require well-defined rules and effective monitoring systems. To get there, addressing institutional and technical barriers directly will be essential, with transparency and accountability required to build trust with international partners and ensure the credibility of our carbon credits

Ultimately, carbon markets are far from a silver bullet without targeted development of renewable energy infrastructure, electrification of transportation, and moving towards sustainable fuels. For Pakistan, this moment calls for a careful balance between environmental and economic priorities, as pressures mount on both fronts. -- Courtesy Dawn

F.S. Aijazuddin

The main title is misleading: Dear Mr Jinnah. It implies a familiarity between the book's author Salman Faruqui and the Quaid. In fact, Faruqui was only eight years old in 1947, when he and his family migrated from Patiala state to settle in Sukkur and then in Karachi. He had a forceful academic career and as a student leader in Hyderabad. he interacted with H.S. Suhrawardy and Z.A. Bhutto (then a minister in Ayub Khan's cabinet).

Faruqui sat for the CSS exam in 1961 and after an initial hiccup (he was too outspoken during his viva voce interview, preferring democracy to dictatorship), he was offered the lesser' Pakistan Customs & Excise Service. He joined it in 1964, then spent his career in sight of those in power — from Ayub Khan's time until Asif Ali Zardari.

One is reminded of the Teflon durability of another public figure — the Russian Ana-stas Mikoyan. He remained a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee, surviving at that height for 53 years (from 1923 to 1976). Mikoyan served Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev and Brezhnev. A contemporary wit suggested once that if one wanted to know who ruled in the Kremlin, look on either side of Mikoyan.

Mikoyan, Faruqui learned early the principle of survival: "to be politically correct and reticent in his opinions". He realised that "for a bureaucrat in Pakistan aspiring to reach the top, the best strategy is often not to take risks and/or decisions but to be circumspect in voicing opinions and seeking safe jobs"

Faruqui's career became one of upward mobility. His 377-page narrative covers the years he spent in Sindh with G.M.

Haq, Benazir Bhutto, Moeen Qureshi, Nawaz tary general.

Sharif, and Zardari. assignment. He wanted verted to unprotected Faruqui to head a specialised unit to handle 'differently abled' children. (Zia had a challenged daughter.) Three colonels with such special children were assigned to help him.

Benazir Bhutto as prime minister quickly recognised Faruqui's ability to deliver. She asked him to visit London to learn how the British prime minister Margaret Thatcher organised her office at 10 Downing Street. Despite the well-oiled infrastructure available in Whitehall, Mrs Thatcher said that "at No.10, I have no junior ministers. There is just Dennis and I".

Such knowledge helped him handle the Bhutto-Zardari couple and also navigate the Bhutto-Ghulam Ishaq Khan-Farooq Leghari-Nawaz

Sharif whirlpools. During his fluid career in the ministries of communications, commerce, food & agriculture, water & power, and the Planning Commission, decisions taken during his stewardship have had continuing consequences. As Agatha Christie once wrote: "Old sins have long shadows.'

For instance, in communications, creation of PTCL and initiation of Gwadar port; in commerce, the Yellow Cab and Yellow Tractor schemes (Faruqui was not amused when his wife was offered a yellow BMW); in food & agriculture, locust control; in water & power, the unbundling of Wapda into 10 Discos, the opening of power generation to the IPPs, and the creation of a

top-heavy Nepra. The closing years of his career saw him as Musharraf's ambassadorat-large and depu--ty chairman of the Planning

Upward mobility under M.K. Junejo, Ziaul Commission, and later Zardari's personal secre-

Gen Zia gave the reached the age of young Faruqui a sensitive su--perannuation and remortality. He was forced to "run to several government offices to resolve his pension and medical reimbursement Appe-a---ls for help went unanswered. He learned, as an ordinary citizen, how life could be "a slow and un-ending descent into the

he-a-rt of darkness". His closeness to Zardari rescued him from that painful ob---livion. He was ap--pointed federal om--budsman in 2012. A mountain of 75,000 unresolved cases confronted him. The Supreme Court might envy the speed of his disposal of 324,000 cases in three years. He left the ombudsmanship in 2017. He quit Islamabad to settle in a mode-st 300-square yard house in Clifton, Karachi.

Faruqui's book closes with a letter beginning "Dear Mr Jinnah". It is his version of Milton's Paradise Lost. It bemoans the present state of governance conducted from "the edge of the precipice", with "irrational and enduring incompetence". Faruqui tells Jinnah that his paradise can be regained, our country made perfect by diligence hard work, and sound and just moral values'

Understandably, the book avoids mentioning friction between NAB and the two Faruqui brothers Salman and Usman (once chairman Pakistan Steel Mills). Nor does it allude to rumours about the much envied adhesion of the Faruqui family to power.

Now in the evening of his life, Faruqui might recognise his recollections in this early verse by the late Khaled Ahmed: "I saw through the filigree of poised self, my crumbling sunsets." -- Courtesy

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Punjab Governor says:

PPP always protected

the rights of minorities

Distributes rickshaws to the deserving people of the Christian community

Haider Khan attended the rickshaws will enable them

rickshaws at Governor Punjab said that the doors

House Lahore organized by of the Governor House are

Independent Report LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem

distribution ceremony of

Lahore Presbytery Church and Vice President of

guest. The ceremony was attended by Pastor Rehan

Anjum, Central Deputy

Christian community.

Speaking on the occasion,

Governor Punjab Sardar

Saleem Haider Khan said

that the Pakistan Peoples'

Party has always protected the rights of

minorities. He said that 100

rickshaws have been given

Munawar

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Chaudhry

CM orders outsourcing of solid waste management services across Punjab

Nawaz Sharif approved in principle outsourcing plan of Solid Waste Management Services in Waste

every tehsil of Punjab. Suthra Punjab App will also be launched for the facilitation of people. The CM will formally launch door-to-door waste collection campaign from monitoring committee will 3rd December across

She presided over a special meeting to review progress being made on "Zero Waste Mission" Suthra Punjab Programme.

It was apprised during the meeting that outsourcing of Solid Waste Management Services has been completed in 103 tehsils of Punjab while generated

ongoing expeditiously in additional 33 tehsils. It was apprised

during the meeting that trackers will be installed on monitor cleanliness. established at the provincial, district and tehsil level. A six-member Commissioners in every

It was informed ensure during the meeting that more than one lakh people will be provided distributed in every union employment owing to outsourcing of Solid Waste The Chief Minister Management Services. Additional

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi called

construction of a stage

Deputy Commissioner

Sukkur, Dr. MB Raja

Dharejo, briefed Provincial

Minister Syed Nasir

Hussain Shah on the

progress of the project and

Meanwhile, in Rohri, he

also inaugurated the Masan

Road and reviewed the

otner development works.

Sindh's emerging urban

center, where, alongside

trade, progress is also

being made in the fields of

education and health. The

establishment of world-

class universities and

hospitals has further

increased the city's

importance he said and

praised the efforts of PPP

Senior leader and MNA

Syed Khursheed Ahmed

Shah, stating that MBA

Syed Khursheed Ahmed

Shah initiated major

access to healthcare

major health projects, the

minister shared that the

Nawaz Sharif Institute of

Cancer Treatment and

Research, a state-of-the-

art facility with over 900

beds, is under construction

in Lahore. He also

announced that the Jinnah

Institute of Cardiology and

are being developed to

strengthen the province's

healthcare infrastructure.

efforts of Suraya Azeem Teaching Hospital,

administration for offering

Acknowledging the

minister the Nawaz Sharif Institute

Teaching

cause. He stated that under Khawaja Salman Rafique

Sharif, the provincial free medical services to the

the of Cardiology in Sargodha

Providing updates on

services across Punjab.

Salman lauds philanthropists

for contributing to alleviate

human sufferings

LAHORE (APP): Punjab committed to expanding

He said that Sukkur is

on by Shia Ulema Council representative delegation at Governor House.

LAHORE (APP): Chief outsourcing process is outsourcing of Solid Waste Minister Punjab Maryam ongoing expeditiously in Management Services. More than 21 thousand cleaning machinery and 83,000 cleaning equipment will be provided. Door-tothe vehicles deputed to door waste collection will be carried out from 15 lakh Monitoring system will be houses of Lahore due to outsourcing of Solid Waste Management.

was apprised in the meeting constituted under the that cleanliness will be headship of Assistant ensured in 500 markets and 400 villages of Lahore. 540 workers will be hired to cleanliness measures in Lahore.10 loader rickshaws will be

directed to maintain equal 87,000 cleanliness employments will be measures in every street to and town. She asserted



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan addressing the distribution ceremony of rickshaws at Governor House organized by Lahore Presbytery Church and Vice President of People's Party Minority Wing Central Punjab, Advin Sahutra.

Muqam calls on Kundi to discuss law and order situation in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): During the meeting, the unique challenges faced Federal Minister for the two leaders engaged in by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, SAFRON, Gilgit-Baltistan Engineer Amir Muqam, met with the Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, at the Governor House on Thursday and discussed various issues of the including province political, economic and law and order. The meeting focused on the worsening law and order situation in the province and the growing concerns regarding provincial rights with the

federal government.

LAHORE

religious

Provincial Minister for

Minorities Affairs Ramesh

Singh Arora chaired a

consultative meeting with

members of the Punjab

Assembly at his camp

on addressing the issues

faced by religious minority

communities in the

province and discussed

attended by Members of

possible solutions.

The meeting focused

The meeting was

the Provincial Assembly issued across Punjab.

in-depth discussions about and Kashmir Affairs, the escalating security challenges in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. where incidents of terrorism and militancy have been on the

> Engineer Muqam and Governor Kundi also deliberated on the province's demands for greater autonomy in managing its resources and ensuring equitable development. There were equitable calls for the federal government to take more decisive action to address

Augustine, Emmanuel Athar, Baba Felbous

Christopher, Shakeela

Arthur, Parliamentary

Secretary Sonia Asher,

Secretary of Human

Rights & Minority Affairs Ali Bahadur

Qazi, and other relevant

the minister praised Chief

Minister Punjab Maryam

Nawaz and mentioned that

on December 20, the "Minority Cards" will be

During the meeting,

Minister discusses

issues faced by

religious minorities

particularly in terms of security, infrastructure, economic development. Federal

Minister acknowledged the concerns raised by the Governor and assured him of the federal government's commitment to addressing the issues, particularly in regard to enhancing the province's security apparatus and ensuring that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa receives its due share of resources and rights within federation.

Tube-wells to be solarized in Tank's city: DC TANK (APP): Deputy

Commissioner Tanvir Khan haid that all tubewells in the city would be solarized to provide clean drinking water to residents

He expressed these views while addressing Kuli Katcher(open-court) held at his office to resolve problems of people at their doorstep.

He said that new tube wells would also be installed to improve access to clean drinking water for the city's residents.

He said the forum was being held so that the the opportunity to voice their concerns directly to the administration.

The participants raised several issues relating to NADRA (National Database and Registration Authority), Sui Gas supply, passport services, and water availability.

The DC assured the public of prompt action to resolve these pressing

People's Party Minority Wing Central Punjab, contribute to development of Pakistan Advin Sahutra as the chief together. Governor Punjab said that the way rickshaws Stephen, senior PPP leader and rations have been distributed to the deserving Manzoor, people today, it should always continue in the Secretary Information Pakistan Peoples' Party Punjab, Syed Shahid Shirazi and members of the same way. Talking to the media, Governor of Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that Kyber Pukhtoon Kua Chief Minister attacked his own country. He said that when this convoy left Peshawar,

stock exchange dropped significantly. Governor Punjab said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf should not show irresponsible.



FAISALABAD: Group photo of supporters with newly elected Secretary Sheikh Asghar.

New sanitation model to develop beautiful face of Punjab: Minister

LAHORE (APP): Local Minister Zeeshan Rafiq Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq has said that with the launch of the new sanitation system, a beautiful face of Punjab will be developed to help improve quality of life. In the first phase, the best sanitation services will be provided to 80.6 million population of the province,

he added.

Thursday. Secretary Local Government Shakeel Ahmed Mian, Special Secretary Asia Gul and CEO LWMC Babar Sahib

Din were also present. During meeting, the outsourcing of solid

of Chief Minister Maryam

Nawaz were reviewed.

said that the selection of contractors in 103 tehsils had been completed in the first phase.

"All preparations under the management of Lahore, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Bahawalpur, DG Khan and Faisalabad Waste Management Companies have been completed. He was addressing a Sargodha and Sahiwal video link meeting of CEOs waste management of waste management companies will be companies at the Civil outsourced in the next Secretariat here on phase", he said. Zeeshan Rafiq added that Chief Minister Nawaz would inaugurate this unique cleaning programme on Dec 3.

The minister directed the CEOs to conduct the cleanliness awareness the campaign and complete one-time zero waste in waste management and the future strategy under adding that the private 'Suthra Punjab' programme contractors will gradually improve their efficiency and services.



Phase-II to Secretary Information Tahir Raza Hamadani. Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari and Arshad Ansari are also present.

Six new judicial officers take oath

LAHORE (APP): Six

newly-appointed judicial officers of Punjab's district judiciary took the oath of their office on Thursday at a ceremony, held in the Lahore High Court (LHC). LHC Chief Justice Aaliya Neelum administered the

oath. The appointees include two additional district and sessions judges — Muhammad Basit Jamil and Maria Zaman — and four civil judges-cumiudicial magistrates -Ansah Yousaf, Noshaba Mushtaq, Intesam Safir, and Ahmad Hussain. Prominent figures attending the ceremony included LHC Registrar Abhar Gul Khan, Director General Judicial and Case Management Muhammad Tanveer Akbar, Session Judge Human Resources Muhammad Anwarul Haq,

and Director General

District Judiciary Malik

Ali Zulqarnain Awan.

PPP slams KP Govt over misuse of provincial resources for protests

PESHAWAR (APP): The was ruthlessly misusing provincial leadership of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) on Thursday strongly criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government for misusing the provincial resources on protests and rallies in other cities of the country.

Addressing a joint press conference at Peshawar Press Club, PPP provincial president Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Bacha along with other party leaders said that KP province was facing critical law and order situation but unfortunately the chief minister was engaged in protests and rallies.

He deplored that KP CM was mocking the people's mandate and instead of taking tangible measures for peace, development and public welfare in the province he gains.

the government resources. Bacha said that the criminal silence of KP government especially the CM on the unrest in Kurram tribal district was unacceptable.

He pointed out that many people have lost their lives in bloodshed in Kurram but the KP government had not taken any step to stop violence and fight in the area.

He said that Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur was responsible for killing of Pakhtun youth in violent protests. Muhammad

Bacha urged the workers and youth of PTI to hold their leadership especially KP CM accountable for making them fool in the name of revolution and Jihad for their personal

Nasir Shah lays foundation stone of Gate of Sukkur

Provincial Minister for Energy, Planning, and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Thursday visited Sukkur and Rohri where he inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various beautification projects in Sindh's thirdlargest commercial, cultural

Following the Sindh beautification of the Umer government's directives, Kass canal, along with the district administration Sukkur has expedited the work on the beautification projects of twin cities. According to details, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah laid the foundation stone of the 'Gate of Sukkur," which will be constructed near the city between the Khirthar and Dadu canals. This project also includes the construction of a beautiful

During the visit to the walking track in Sukkur, the Provincial Minister was given a detailed briefing on the development projects in beautification plans and the Sukkur.

Health Minister Khawaja

Salman Rafique praised the

role of philanthropists in

Pakistan, highlighting their

significant contributions to

remarks while addressing

the inauguration of a two-

day free medical camp at

Suraya Azeem Teaching

Hospital, Chauburji, on

government's full support

charitable initiative and

commended Jamaat-e-

Islami for their active

involvement in this noble

Minister Maryam Nawaz

department is

hospital's

the vision of Punjab Chief congratulated

Thursday.

expressed

He made these

alleviating human suffering.

Two killed, 14 injured as bus overturned in Sargodha

SARGODHA (APP): A tragic bus accident occurred in Sargodha on wee hours of Thursday, resulting in the deaths of at least two people on the spot while other 14 critical injured.

According to details, the incident took place on Faisalabad Road in the Mitha Masoom area of Sargodha when a bus traveling from Faisalabad to Bannu overturned due to excessive speeding, killing two people on the spot and injuring 14 others, a private news channel reported

Police and rescue teams quickly responded to the accident and transported the deceased and injured to the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital.

Rescue sources reported that several of the injured are in critical condition.

Commissioner

reviews PHA projects SARGODHA (APP): The Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) initiated

various development projects, including the restoration of Block 32 Park, construction of a new park in Iqbal Colony and beautification of the Islampura overhead bridge. During a visit on Thursday, Commissioner Jahanzaib Awan inspected the projects and instructed the highway department to immediately repair the damaged railing of the

Islampura bridge.
PHA D General Taugeer Haider Kazmi briefed the commissioner about projects and said a boundary wall for the Iqbal Colony Park was under construction while the walking track in Block 32 Park had been completed.

Additionally, 110 aesthetically designed planters have been placed on the Islampura overhead bridge as a part of the beautification drive



Sindhi Culture Day outside Press Club.

Police teams intensify crackdown on criminal elements

RAWALPINDI: Children leaving for their homes

after the schools reopened after being closed for

about 5 days by the administration due to the PTI

LAHORE (APP): In line activities. with Chief Minister Spo Maryam Nawaz Sharif's 'Safe Punjab vision', police teams continue their strict crackdown on criminal elements. Under the supervision of Inspector General of Police Punjab, Dr. Usman Anwar, police teams across all districts of the province, including Lahore, are carrying out operations against dangerous criminals without any

discrimination. As part of this ongoing crackdown, Punjab Police have arrested over 217,000 criminals

Punjab Police said that, this year, a total of 123,647 proclaimed offenders have been arrested across the province, including 22,396 of category 'A' and 101,251 of category 'B' Additionally, 61,238 court absconders apprehended, with 5,954 from category 'A' and 55,284 from category 'B'. During the operations, 32,453 target offenders (habitual criminals) were also arrested, including 13,624 from category 'A' and 18,829

Spokesperson for

wanted in various criminal category 'B'. **Meeting discusses** permanent flood prevention measures

LAHORE (APP): A meeting, chaired by Relief Commissioner Punjab Nabeel Javed, discussed flood prevention measures, here on Thursday.

officials, including Secretary Irrigation Wasif Khurshid, Additional Secretary Housing Umar Farooq, DĞ PDMA Irfan Ali, MD WASA Ghufran Ahmed, Government Syed Zahid Aziz, attended the meeting.

The ommissioner stressed that the Punjab government was implementing

comprehensive strategy to mitigate urban, rural, and river flooding. This plan involves coordinated efforts by the Irrigation Department, Local Government, and WASA, focusing on short, medium, and long-term solutions. These include the maintenance of river embankments, clearing of waterways, and mitigating damage caused by hill torrents. Nabeel Javed revealed that Rs. 7 billion had been requested from the government for the procurement of modern machinery to combat a floods.

PSX makes history as index crosses 100,000 milestone

Sindh Governor visits PSX, greets nation over crossing benchmark

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) made history on Thursday by closing all time high at 100,082.77 points as compared to 99,269.25 points on the previous day, with gain of 813.52 more points, a positive change of 0.82

traded during the day as 1,057,104,968 shares the previous trading day,

whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 39.776 billion against Rs.39.556 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 452
companies transacted their

shares in the stock market, 290 of them recorded gains and 118 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 44 companies remained unchanged.

shares at Rs 8.85 per share, K-Electric with 64,868,271 shares at Rs 5.40 per share and Bank Makramah with 64,868,271 shares at Rs.2.73 per share.

Unilever Pakistan A total of Rs.126.71 per share price, 1,164,794,139 shares were closing at Rs 19,494.84, whereas the runner-up was Service Industries Limited with Rs 51.21 rise in its per share price to Rs 1,226.69. Maize Rafhan

Company Products Limited witnessed a maximum decrease of Rs 110.75 per share closing at Rs 7m878.00 followed by PIA Holding Company LimitedB with Rs 21.70 decline to close at Rs.880.58.

The three top trading companies were Bank of Punjab with 179,225,089 on Thursday congratulated the nation, government, military leadership and the business community on the Pakistan Stock Exchange crossing the highest level of benchmark of KSE-100 Index to over 100,000 points for the first time in the history of the Stock Foods Limited witnessed a market. Governor Sindh maximum increase of also visited the Pakistan Stock Exchange and extended greetings to business leaders over this unprecedented

> achievement. Speaking to media at PSX, Governor Kamran Tessori said, "The credit for the high trading volume in the stock market goes to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir because the Army Chief is keen to



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi called on by Overseas Business Forum UK representative delegation at Governor House.

SECP aims for transparency, investor's confidence

ISLAMABAD (APP): ensure Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has aimed for greater transparency and confidence through effective

Exchange Commission of with pending court cases. Pakistan (SECP) through At the moment, 53 its centralized Supervision investigations and 30 number of cellular function continues to criminal complaints filed subscribers in the country oversight of capital markets and regulated businesses, said a press release issued here on Thursday. In a recent Commission meeting, a critical review of ongoing supervisory activities for regulated businesses was carried out, with a special pooled investment related businesses, such as mutual insurance companies and brokerage businesses. Measures were

also discussed to further

safeguarding investors against illegal deposit taking and investment schemes, said a press release issued here on

Commission emphasized following Operating Standard The Securities and Procedures to actively deal effective by the Commission are under stay order from

relevant courts. The Commission appreciated the recently concluded review of mutual fund industry, with the main objective of protecting the investors' interest. In line with international practices, the Commission aspires to have even stronger, supervisory model for pooled investment vehicles through use of technology

and modern techniques.



ISLAMABAD: An elderly person on the way pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with vegetables at Islamabad Fruit and Vegetables Market.

AJK's collapsed industrial sector **MCCI** tables healthy strategic plan to state govt for survival

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Mirpur AJK Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI), President Umar Shehzad Jiral has called upon the AJK government to take immediate steps for the survival of the local industrial sector through correcting the collapsed infrastructure of the Industry Estates in industrial districts of AJK.

He expressed these views while talking to a delegation of Kashmir Press Club Mirpur-AJK journalists team who met him under the leadership of the club's President, Syed Abid Hussain Shah.

"More than four hundred industrial units used to work in two industrial estates in Mirpur in the past which have shrinked to only fifty to sixty by now because of the poor policies of the authorities" Jiral underlined. The MCCI President observed that many more units were operative units

likely to stop working. "This is a very alarming situation and I have informed the AJK Chief Secretary time and again but still the result is zero. he added. The newly elected KPC president congratulated the newly elected office bearers of the MCCI and expressed his good wishes. Arif Zia, member of

the executive body of the chamber of commerce was also present on this occasion. He said that the issues of fire brigade, water supply, security arrangements and electricity in the local industrial estates could not be resolved so far.

He further said that one window-type swift measures indispensable to run the industry and attract investors, adding Individuals' jobs could be created through ensuring the survival of the existing

strengthen the country's

Telephone penetration:

Authority (PTA).
The PTA data also highlighted that by the end of September 2024, the had climbed to 193 million, with a mobile teledensity

Mobile broadband subscribers have grown to 139 million, achieving a mobile penetration rate of 56.96%, while overall broadband subscribers reached 142 million, reflecting a broadband penetration rate of 58.44%.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Seven Abdullah-M, ships, Maersk Cabo Verde, MSC Positano, CMA CGM Otello, Alba Gas, Hafnia Phoenix and Amis Glory scheduled to load/offload Rice, Container, LPG, Gasoline and Coal, berthed Multi-Purpose

International Container Terminal, Engro Vopak Terminal, FOTCO Oil Terminal and Multi-Purpose Terminal respectively Wednesday. Meanwhile

two more ships, Pacific Era and African Leopard with Mogas and Coal are also arrived at outer anchorage on same day.

Twelve ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a Liquefied Natural Gas carrier 'Al-Sheehaniya' left the port on today morning, while four more ships, Maersk Cabo Verde, CMA CGM Otello, MSC Positano and Valianta are expected to sail on Thursday. Cargo volume of 160,711 tonnes, comprising 111,907 tonnes imports cargo and 48,804 tonnes export cargo carried in 5,380 Containers (3,125 TEÚs Imports.

Treasure Group Insurance.

fixed subscribers reach 3 mln ISLAMABAD (APP):

The total number of fixed telephone subscribers has reached three million. representing a fixed teledensity of 1.10%, according to data of the P a k i s t a n Telecommunication

chickpeas after roosting at Firdous area. **Uzbekistan-Pak direct** flight to resume on Nov 29: Ambassador

PESHAWAR: Laborers busy in cleaning black

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan Alisher Tukhtayev on Thursday said that direct flights between Uzbekistan and Pakistan would resume on November 29 (tomorrow) for enhancing regional integration.

This flight, connecting the cities of Tashkent and Lahore, aims to further strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries, take trade and economic relations to a new level, and facilitate tourists. Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, Alisher Tukhtayev, told APP here. The ambassador said that this remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the personal initiative and unwavering support of Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

He said, "Because of the leadership and strategic vision of President Shavkat

QUETTA: Additional Secretary Finance Muhammad Arif Achakzai presides over the 53rd Board of

Mirziyoyev, September of this year, Uzbekistan has resumed the issuance of tourist visas for citizens of brotherly Pakistan." "This wise decision has not only facilitated easier travel between the people from both sides but has also strengthened the bonds of friendship and created new opportunities for mutual understanding, business collaboration, and peopleto-people connections between two nations," he said. Uzbek envoy said, "Direct flights will create new opportunities for tourists and businessmen, and Uzbekistan will also serve as a unique hub for Pakistan's citizens, including business chamber representatives. Ambassador Alisher Tukhtayev said, "The restoration of regular direct flights is not just about connecting Tashkent and Lahore; it is a strategic step to enhance the economic.

Pakistan and reaping the a one-window solution to benefits of advancement in companies and digital filing through of documents and other initiatives aimed at facilitating investors, such as the Central Gateway Portal and Emlaak Financials. While acknowledging the contribution of SECP in the launch of innovation, such as regulatory sandbox and Government

appreciated the steps being

taken by SECP to provide

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, listens to

the concerns of the Pakistan Carpet Manufacturers and Exporters

Association (PCMEA) delegation, led by Abdul Latif Malik, as they seek

Finance Minister lauds SECP

efforts for promoting EODB

SECP on efforts towards

ease of doing business in

digitalization of services,

and access to finance, said

a press release issued here

on areas related to market

SECP's initiatives towards

sustainability reporting

and investor education and

satisfaction with the SECP

initiative to launch the ESG

environment for both

political and economic

government to foster

private sector growth by

simplifying regulations and

enhancing access to

importance of long-term

policy stability to restore

investor confidence and

He also stressed the

sustainable

offering

He was also briefed

reforms.

technology

on Thursday.

development

regulatory

tariff and duty exemptions to support the struggling carpet industry.

ISLAMABAD (APP): briefed by the Chairman

team on upcoming protection and expressed

Govt urged to

incentivize private

sector growth

The minister was Sustain Portal.

Federal Minister for

Finance and Revenue.

Aurangzeb, on Thursday

appreciated the Security

and Exchange Commission

of Pakistan's (SECP) efforts for promoting ease of doing business (EODB) in Pakistan.

Finance and Revenue.

Aurangzeb, visited SECP,

Head Office in Islamabad,

said a press release issued

During the visit, he was briefed by the Chairman SECP, Akif

Saeed, and the management

initiatives, key reforms,

and achievements to date.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Islamabad

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (ICCI) Nasir

Mansoor Qureshi on

Thursday urged the

government to provide

conducive environment

and incentivize private

sector for achieving

economic growth and

stability in the country.

He emphasized the

addressing all political promote

issues and urged for economic growth.

importance of dialogue for

Federal Minister for

Muhammad

Senator

Muhammad

Securities (GDS), he efforts to promote startups. The minister expressed keen interest in highlighted the need to create liquidity in the secondary market. The minister emphasized the need for

creating awareness regarding positive initiatives taken by SECP to provide maximum benefit to stakeholders.

Pakistan's total liquid foreign reserves surge to \$ 16 billion

KARACHI (APP): The total liquid foreign reserves of Pakistan increased to US\$ 16,076.2 million as of November 22, 2024 while the SBP reserves kept surging steadily to 11,418.5 million.

The State Bank of Pakistan, informed in a statement issued here on Thursday, that total liquid to \$11,418.5 million during the week ended on 22-Nov-

Meanwhile, foreign reserves held by commercial banks were recorded as \$ 4,657.7 million, it added.

Total liquid foreign reserves held by the country, in the previous week ended on November 15, 2024, were \$ 15,967.7 Among them foreign

reserves held by the central bank were recorded as \$ 11,288 million while commercial banks held net reserves of \$ 4,679.7 million.

Rupee sheds 08 pasia against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee on Thursday depreciated by 08 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.04 against the previous day's closing of Rs 277.96.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 277.60 and Rs 279.10 respectively.

The price of Euro increased by 84 paisa to close at Rs 292.82 against

the last day's closing of Rs 291.98, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese yen

remained unchanged and closed at Rs 1.83, whereas an increase of Rs 1.55 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 351.74 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs 350.19. The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham

Governor Kundi says: Efforts of Overseas Business Forum UK to promote Pak products commendable

Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday lauded the efforts of Overseas Business Forum UK to promote Pakistani products and businesses in foreign countries.

A delegation led by Forum Chairman Muhammad Farooq Khan included former Vice President of the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry KP Anila Khalid, as well as OBF members Faisal Saboori, Samina Ahmad, Farooq Jan, and During the meeting,

discussions focused on the forum's efforts to promote Pakistani products and businesses in the UK and other countries. "Exports from KP are lower compared to Punjab

and Sindh, limiting the province's business opportunities on a global scale," the delegation highlighted.

expressed their desire to play a key role in showcasing KP's products

(APP): in the UK and other European countries, aiming strengthen province's economy.

Governor Karim Kundi appreciated the delegation's thoughts and emphasized the urgent need for serious measures to introduce Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's businesses to the global market.

"Facilitating the development of the tourism sector in the province is crucial for promoting business opportunities," stressed.

"The negative impact of the province's poor law and order situation on industry and business, but assured that the current government is committed to addressing this issue to benefit both the business community and the general public,'

the Governor also acknowledged.

Governor assured the delegation of full cooperation in boosting KP's exports and promoting local industries globally.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tesori along with MD Stock Exchange addressing a press conference at PSE, as Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSE) crosses benchmark share index 1,00,000 mark for the first time.

Global agri-tech company devotes to optimize China, Pak agriculture coop model

BEIJING (APP): Plump China, told rice grains, full-bodied Economic Net. peppers, fragrant sesames... an endless inputs and production stream of visitors were full services to growers, Thursday, that total liquid foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank increased by \$131 million during to \$11,418.5 million during 2024 China International services to growers, bartering with entities in bartering with entities in bartering with entities in exchange for key agricultural products, Supply Chain Expo while linking China's (CISCE). "From high-agricultural product market agricultural product market quality seeds, premium demand and opening up the global upstream and agricultural inputs to the Agriculture Value Chain downstream chains, the AVC model has brought (AVC) comprehensive business, Syngenta Group practical benefits to is committed to building a farmers in Pakistan.' framework win-win Sesame cultivation in between China and Pakistan has tripled in the Pakistan, not only helping local farmers open up new sales channels as well as

increase their income, but

also enriching Chinese

consumers' dining tables,

and making China's oilseed

sources more diverse," a

staff at Syngenta Group

past five years. As most Pakistan sesame is for export, with more than 1/3 goes to China, AVC aims to link the quality sesame from Pakistani growers served by Syngenta with and cash crop import international value chain partners especially in



socks from roadside setup in a local market in **Provincial Capital.**

Masato Kanda elected as ADB President

Governors has elected unanimously Masato Kanda as ADB's 11th President.Kanda, 59, currently serves as Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, according to ADB press release received here Thursday.He will assume

office on 24 February succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa, who will leave office on 23 February 2025. Kanda will complete the unexpired term of President Asakawa, which ends on 23 November 2026. "Mr. extensive Kanda's experience in international finance and proven leadership in multilateral settings will serve ADB well in navigating complex global economic challenges and fostering international cooperation," said Chair of

ISLAMABAD (APP): the ADB Board of The Asian Development Governors and Governor Bank (ADB) Board of of the Bank of Italy Fabio Panetta. "The ADB Board of Governors looks forward to working with Mr. Kanda," Panetta added

According to press release, with nearly 4 decades of experience, Kanda has held key leadership roles at the Ministry of Finance of Japan, including Vice-Minister of Finance for International Affairs.

He has extensive experience in financial sector policy and macrofiscal policy, having served as Deputy Commissioner at the Financial Services Agency, Deputy Director-General of the Budget Bureau, and Deputy Vice-Minister for Policy Planning and Coordination. He is also a leading expert in education and science policy as well as university

Israel steps up bombing of central Gaza, strikes kill 21 people

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Israeli military strikes killed at least 21 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip on Thursday, medics said, as forces stepped up their bombardment of central areas and tanks pushed deeper into the north and south of the

The escalation came a day after Israel and Iranbacked Hezbollah began a ceasefire in Lebanon, halting more than a year of hostilities and raising hopes among many Palestinians in Gaza for a similar deal with Hamas, which rules the en-

Israel's military campaign - with the avowed intent of eradicating Hamas militants after the group's deadly raid on southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 - has laid waste to the enclave of

2.3 million people. 'I hope a ceasefire will happen like it did in Lebanon... I just want to take my children to see my land, my house, to see what they did to us, I want to live in

"God willing we will have a truce," she said, sitting in the courtyard of a school sheltering displaced families in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip.

The courtyard was filled with dirt and water streamed in from where people did their laundry. Clothes were airing outside classrooms as children played nearby.

"(Life) was beautiful (before the war)... Now there is nothing beautiful, it's all gone. Our houses are gone, our brothers are gone, and no one is left. Now we hardly get... one meal a day. We can't even get bread," Abu Hmeid told camp.

Announcing the Lebanon accord on Tuesday, U.S. President Joe Biden said he would now renew agreement in Gaza, urging Israel and Hamas to seize forts to negotiate a ceasefire continued tank fire.

Hmeid, a displaced woman and negotiations are now on

The ceasefire in the parallel conflict between İsrael and Hezbollah, an ally of Hamas, took effect before dawn on Wednesday, bringing a halt to hostilities that had escalated sharply in recent months and overshadowed the conflict in

In Nuseirat, one of Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, Israeli planes carried out several airstrikes, destroying a multi-storey building and hitting roads outside mosques. At least 11 people were killed in those strikes, according to health officials at Al-Awda Hospital in the

They said in a statement that dozens of families were trapped in their homes after some tanks advanced from the his push for a ceasefire northern area of the camp and that ambulance vehicles were unable to the moment. Months of ef- reach them because of

4 children

drown in Sri

Lanka as storm

heads to India

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COLOMBO: Šri Lankan

rescue teams said on Thurs-

day they had recovered

four drowned children killed

in a flash flood, with four

other people missing, after

torrential rains from a pow-

erful but slow-moving

storm now heading towards

people in Sri Lanka have

been forced to flee after their

cials said there was a "pos-

sibility" that the deep de-

pression over the south-

west Bay of Bengal could

develop into a cyclonic

equivalent of hurricanes in

the North Atlantic or ty-

phoons in the northwest-

Cyclones — the

homes were flooded.

More than 250,000

Indian weather offi-



destroyed in Israeli strikes in Tyre, Lebanon.

Nuclear attack unlikely despite Putin's warnings, **ŪS** intelligence says

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: The US decision to allow Ukraine to fire American weapons deeper into Russia has not increased the risk of a nuclear attack, which is unlikely, despite Russian President Vladimir Putin's increasingly bellicose statements, sources familiar with US intelligence told Reuters.

But Russia is likely to expand a campaign of sabotage against European targets to increase pressure on the West over its support for Kyiv, said two senior officials, a lawmaker and two congressional aides briefed on the matter. A series of intelligence

assessments over the past seven months have concluded nuclear escalation was unlikely to result from a decision to loosen restrictions on Ukraine's use of US weapons. That view has not changed following President Joe Biden's changed US stance this month on weapons, said the sources, who were granted anonymity to speak freely about sensitive intelligence

Malaysia PM says tens of thousands of people in six states hit by flooding

Monitoring Desk KUALA LUMPUR: More than 37,000 people have been affected by flooding

caused by torrential rain in six Malaysian states this week, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said on Thursday. Anwar told parliament 322 temporary shelters had been opened in the states of Kelantan, Terengganu, Kedah, Perlis, Johor and Perak to house those displaced by floods.

The north-eastern state of Kelantan, bordering Thailand, has been the worst hit, with 30,582 people from 9,223 families affected, Anwar said.

Floods are common on the eastern coast of Malaysia during the annual monsoon season from October until March, with thousands of people displaced each year.

The Meteorological Department on Wednesday issued a red alert warning for continuous heavy rain indicating dangerous levels of downpour - in Kelantan, Pahang and Terengganu

Ukraine flag appears on big screen during **Putin visit to** Kazakhstan **Monitoring Desk**

ASTANA: Kazakh police are investigating the brief appearance of the Ukrainian flag on a large LED screen in the capital city, Astana, during a visit there by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakhstan's interior ministry said on Thurs-

Ukraine's flag - with its horizontal bands of blue and yellow - briefly appeared late on Wednesday instead of the Russian

Germany offers re-deployment of Patriot air defence units to Poland

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: Germany has offered to re-deploy Patriot air defence systems to NATO ally Poland at the start of the new year, the German defence ministry said on Thursday.

The units could be deployed for up to six months, the ministry said in a statement.

"With this, we will protect a logistical hub in Poland which is of central importance for the delivery of materials to Ukraine, German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said.

Putin says Ukrainian infrastructure attack was revenge for Kyiv's strikes **Monitoring Desk** ance made up of ex-Soviet

Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that a massive Russian overnight attack on Ukrainian infrastructure was a response to Kyiv's attacks on Russian regions using longer-range Western

Ukrainian officials said that Russia had unleashed its second big attack on Ukraine's energy infrastructure this month on Thursday, cutting power to more than 1 million people in the west, south, and centre of the country.

Speaking in Astana, Kazakhstan, Putin told

'Tonight we con-

ducted a comprehensive strike using 90 missiles of similar classes and 100 drones. Seventeen targets

"These are military facilities, defence industry facilities and their support systems. Let me repeat once again: these strikes on our part also took place in response to the ongoing strikes (by Ukraine) on Russian territory with American ATACMS missiles. As I have already said many times, there will always be a response from members of a security alli- our side.'

Biden administration advancing US\$680 million arms sale to Israel, source says

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The

Biden administration is pushing ahead with a US\$680 million arms sales package to Israel, a US official familiar with the plan said on Wednesday (Nov 27), even as a US-brokered ceasefire in Lebanon between Israel and Lebanese armed group Hezbollah has come into effect.

The package, which was first reported by the Financial Times, includes thousands of joint direct attack munition kits (JDAMs) and hundreds of small-diameter bombs, according to the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The news comes less than a day after the ceasefire agreement ended the deadliest confrontation in years between Israel and the Iranbacked militant group. However, Israel is still fighting its other arch-foe, the Palestinian militant group Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

The package follows a US\$20 billion sale in August of fighter iets and other military equipment to Is-

Reuters reported in June that Washington,

Israel's biggest ally and weapons supplier, has sent Israel more than 10,000 highly destructive 2,000pound bombs and thousands of Hellfire missiles since the start of the Gaza war in October 2023.

In remarks late on Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu listed the need to replenish weapons stocks as one of the reasons for the ceasefire. "And I say it openly, it is no secret that there have been big delays in weapons and munitions deliveries. These delays will be resolved soon,'

The package has been in the works for several months. It was first brought to the congressional committees in September then submitted for review in October, the US official

The conversations about the sale had been going on even as a group of progressive US senators including Bernie Sanders introduced resolutions to block the sale of some US weapons to Israel over concerns about the humanitarian catastrophe faced by Palestinians in Gaza.

Ahead of Taiwan president's Hawaii trip, China says it will defeat secessionism

Monitoring Desk BEIJING/TAIPEI: China's military on Thursday vowed to defeat all attempts at secessionism and urged the United States not to send the wrong signals on Taiwan independence, ahead of a trip by Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te to Hawaii as part of a Pacific tour. China claims democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory and says Lai is a "separatist". Lai says only Taiwan's people can decide their future and has repeatedly offered talks with Beijing that have been rebuffed

China is likely to launch military drills in the coming days near Taiwan, using Lai's upcoming trip to the Pacific and scheduled stopovers in the United States as a pretext, according to assessments by Taiwan and regional security officials.

Asked at a monthly news briefing in Beijing battle plan exercise"

about Lai's visit to Hawaii and whether there could be a military response from China. Chinese Defence Ministry spokesperson Wu Qian said the United States should refrain from sending any wrong signals to the forces of "Taiwan independence".
"The

Chinese People's Liberation Army shoulders the sacred mission of safeguarding na-tional sovereignty and territorial integrity, and will resolutely defeat all secessionist attempts for 'Taiwan independence' and thwart all interference by external forces," he added.

Earlier on Thursday, Taiwan's air force command said that for a two-hour period starting from 5 a.m. (2100 GMT Wednesday) aircraft, ships and missile systems had carried out in an "overall air defence

Electric car sales are slowing in the US and Europe as both fans and skeptics share concerns

Monitoring Desk DETROIT: While sales of electric vehicles surge in

China, adoption of more environmentally friendly vehicles is stumbling in the United States and Europe as carmakers and governments struggle to meet years-old promises about affordability and charging stations Adding to those

headwinds: an incoming new U.S. president who has disparaged government support for electric ve-China is the exception.

Driven by government subsidies and mandates, vehicles with electric motors, including plug-in hybrids that combine electric and fossil fuel motors, topped 50% of sales in the month of July. Concerns about range,

charging infrastructure and higher prices are sore points among both electric car enthusiasts and skeptics in Europe and the U.S.

Solar panels power charging at Detlef Mueller-Salis' home in Mainz, Germany, so he thought he was all set to go electric. But range concerns, charging times and confusing charg-

ing payment methods have proved frustrating

So after four years, he and his wife sold their Porsche Taycan and Fiat 500 electrics and bought a BMW 5-Series and a Volkswagen Polo, both internal combustion.

The smaller Fiat could run 220 kilometers (136.70 miles) on a charge in summer and 180 in winter, he against said, manufacturer's specification of 320 kilometers. Constantly checking the battery before quick trips to visit grandchildren and elder parents grew annoy-

So did going on vacation with payment cards from five different charging plans. The Porsche took 30 minutes to charge instead of the 22 minutes advertised. not a huge difference but "not what the company promised," said Mueller-Salis, who is retired from a logistics company. Driving fast on the autobahn reduced range so that "you paid for it with charging time." Both retirees in their 70s, Ken and Roxanne Honevcutt mainly drive their used Kia Soul around

their town near Oakland.

Residents stand next to their houses damaged by a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, on the outskirts of Odesa, Ukraine.

Landslides in Indonesia's Sumatra kill at least 27, rescuers search for missing

Indian cybersecurity

firm silencing media,

says RSF

Monitoring Desk JAKARTA: Indonesian by a mudslide, he said, addrescuers are searching for ing he could not give an espassengers trapped in a timate for the number of minibus buried in mud af- affected people. ter flash floods and landslides hit several locations in North Sumatra province, killing at least 27, an offi-

cial said on Thursday. Torrential rain in the province since last week had caused flash floods and landslides in four different districts, Indonesia's disaster agency has said.

A landslide in a village in Deli Serdang on Wednesday killed seven and injured 20, Hadi Wahyudi, North Sumatra police spokesperson told Reuters.

Rescuers were looking for missing people, including those trapped in a minibus and other vehicles on a polling stations.

Monitoring Desk EW DELHI:

cvbersecurity firm co-

founded by an Indian entre-

preneur has become the bane

of investigative journalism

in several countries. Report-

ers Without Borders (RSF)

has said. It said whether

based in the US, Switzer-

land. France or India. any

media outlet investigating

the "ethical hacking" of

Appin, a company co-

founded by Indian investor

Rajat Khare, can expect let-

ters demanding they retract

their publication at best and

legal prosecution at worst.

pushback on journalism is

not uncommon, yet the

scale, impact and system-

atic nature of these letters

'This type of

hilly interprovince road hit

In other pla ers have found 20 dead during a search that started over the weekend. They are still searching for two missing.

"Today, we're focusing our search to find missing people and clearing the roads affected by the landslides," said Hadi, adding

excavators were deployed The landslides and flash floods damaged houses, mosques, and rice

Heavy rains also triggered floods in the provincial capital of Medan, forcing a delay in votes for a regional election in some

ing," RSF said in a press release. The RSF investiga-

tion discovered that at least

15 media outlets worldwide

received these notices, and

five have been subjected to

legal proceedings. The RSF

said it strongly condemns

these gag lawsuits. "Rajat Khare is ready to move

mountains to avoid associa-

tion with Appin, the

cybersecurity training cen-

tre he co-founded in 2003.

And for good reason: the New Delhi-based company

has been accused of selling

less-than-ethical hacking

services, according to well-

researched journalistic in-

vestigations from promi-

nent publications, including

the US magazine The New

Yorker and the British news

ern Pacific. Chinese defence probe for corruption

on Wednesday, which would make him the latest country's military. Citing current and former US offi-

minister faces **Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun has been placed under investigation

for corruption, a report said official to fall in a sweeping crackdown on graft in the cials familiar with the situation, British newspaper the Financial Times said the investigation into Dong was part of that broader probe into military corruption. If confirmed, Dong would be the third Chinese defence minister in a row to fall under investigation for corruption. Asked about the report at a regular briefing on Wednesday, Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman



out in Borobekra, Jiribam in the northeastern state of Manipur, India. US, Britain and others condemn escalating violence in Mozambique

Monitoring Desk JOHANNESBURG: The governments of the United States, Britain, Canada, Norway, and Switzerland jointly condemned the escalating violence against civilians in Mozambique, a southern African nation currently embroiled in weeks of post-election pro-

"We call on the Government of Mozambique to uphold the role of security forces to protect the people of Mozambique," the countries said in a joint statement.

Public outrage has surged after last month's disputed election results, which sparked protests from opposition supporters.

People watch a funeral of Meiteis who were killed after ethnic violence broke

The opposition is contesting what they say is a fraudulent victory by Frelimo, the party that has governed Mozambique since 1975. The election result saw Frelimo extend its five-decade rule with its candidate, Daniel Chapo, succeeding President Filipe Nyusi to become Mozambique's fifth president since its indepen-

South Korea battles second day of heavy snow; five dead

Monitoring Desk

SEOUL: South Korea grappled with heavy snowfall for a second day on Thursday, with dozens of flights cancelled, ferry operations suspended and at least five people reported dead in a bitter winter, though conditions showed igns of easing

The winter snowfall was the third-heaviest in Seoul, the capital, since records began in 1907, the Yonhap news agency said, citing data from the city.

More than 40 cm (16 inches) of snow piled up in parts of Seoul by 8 am, forcing the cancellation of more than 140 flights, although weather officials

lifted heavy snow warnings in the capital's metropolitan area by 10 am on Thursday.

One person died and two were injured at a golf range after a net overladen with snow collapsed late on Wednesday, while another was killed in the similar collapse of a protective tent at a car park, media said

Traffic accidents on highways east of the capital killed at least two more, reports showed. Police said 11 people were injured on Wednesday evening in a 53-vehicle pile-up on a highway in the central city of Wonju in Gangwon province.

market, and all were found to be false alarms. Romanian top court asks for presidential election recount, Digi24 reports

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BUCHAREST: A Romanian

Indian airlines,

airports received

999 hoax bomb

threats so far

this year

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Airlines and airports in In-

dia received a total of 999

hoax bomb threats from the

14, nearly ten times more

start of this year until Nov

than in the whole of 2023

the country's deputy civil

domestic and international

flights were made mostly

through social media, dis-

rupting travel in the world's

fastest growing aviation

The threats to both

aviation minister told par

liament on Thursday.

NEW DELHI (Reuters)

top court will ask for a vote recount in the first round of the country's presidential election, Digi24 TV reported on Thursday citing court sources, after a shock victory for a far-right candidate. A spokesperson at the Constitutional Court declined to confirm or deny the report Having polled in single digits before Sunday's vote, independent far-right politician Calin Georgescu, 62 surged to a victory that questioned how such a surprise had been possible in the European Union.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo with the participants of the 26th National Security Workshop

ment to execute a compre- ence over strong perfor-

hensive "Charter of Economy", the prime min-

100,000 points on Thurs-

day, the prime minister said

this was the result of team

effort and close coordina-

tion among the federal gov-

ernment and various stake-

holders. "This is also about

business sentiments and we

believe that Pakistan is

slowly and steadily mov-

ing towards right direction.'

yesterday the stock market

witnessed a steep fall of

around 4000 points due to

Islamabad, however he said

as the situation became nor-

mal, the market rebounded

in next couple of days.

happened

He said the day before

PM vows to transform

Says national security directly linked with

economic security

ister said that in 2018, he

as an opposition leader,

also suggested the idea of

charter of economy and now

"We are fully prepared to

execute this idea". The prime minister, stressing the

need to privatize all the State

Own Entities (SOEs), said,

"The government's mandate

is only to facilitate the pri-

vate businesses." "We should

completely do away with the

businesses to save trillions

of rupees," he said adding

that all institutions were on

same page and he and the

Army chief were also fully

OUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding

Governor Balochistan urges

Philanthropists to take responsibility

of education of poor students

occasion was Principal Sec-

The Governor said

He said that it has al-

retary to Governor,

that the dignity of a real

leader lies in the capability

of considering every child

ways been his endeavour

and desire to financially

support the students

studying in all public sec-

tor universities and cam-

of the nation.

him here at the Governor puses in the province, and

Hashim Khan Ghilzai.

House on Thursday.

over a review meeting regarding Quetta Development Projects.

Facilitating the audi-

aligned on this issue.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Sharif on Thursday reiter-

ating the government re-

solve to transform

Pakistan's economic land-

scape, said that the national

security of the country had

direct linkages with the eco-

nomic security. "If we are

economically strong, our

exports are growing fast,

nomic security will auto-

matically strengthen our critical security," the prime

minister said while address-

ing the 26th National Secu-

rity Workshop of Defence

University. Emphasizing

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor

Balochistan, Jaffar Khan

Mandokhail has urged the

sponsibility of education of

the poor students, as by

doing so, we can contribute

in empowerment of our na-

tion. The Governor was

speaking to a delegation of

Balochistan University of

Information Technology,

Engineering and Manage-

ment Sciences (BUITEMS)

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philanthropists to take re-

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Calls for urgent ceasefire, end to genocide President condemns Israel's unabated aggression in Palestine

tional Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on Friday, President Asif Ali Zardari strongly condemned the unabated Israel's aggression and reiterated the call for the international community's role for an immediate ceasefire and end to the genocide of Palestinian people.

The global conscience cannot ignore the plight of millions who face unprecedented hardships due to Israeli occupation. We be-

cupation and disregard for international law is the biggest obstacle to achieving peace in the region" the president said in his message on the Day.

Urging the international community to act urgently and decisively to end the genocide of the Palestinian people, he reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering support for the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, as well as for the establishment of an independent, viable, and

cause

tinian cause, calling for an immediate ceasefire in

liance for the Implementa-

tion of the Two-State Solu-

tion" held today in Brus-

sels, Belgium. The first meeting of the Global Alli-

ance was held last year in

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi

Arabia, according to a press

release issued by the For-

CJP reviews

pending tax

cases situation

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Chief Justice of Paki-

stan chaired a meeting to

address pending tax cases before the Supreme Court.

tended by representatives

from the tax bar and the le-

gal team of the Federal

Board of Revenue (FBR),

Islamabad. Discussions fo-

cused on critical issues, proce-

dural modalities, and strategies

for the expeditious disposal of

tax-related cases. The Chief

Justice apprised the partici-

pants about the formation of

dedicated benches to hear tax

cases and stressed the impor-

tance of categorizing cases.

Participants of

7th Maritime

Security w'shop

visit NHOs

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The participants of 7th

Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW), led by

Commandant Pakistan

Navy War College, Rear

Admiral Azhar Mahmood, visited Naval Headquarters

ticipants received a briefing

on contemporary maritime

challenges and Pakistan

Navy's response strategies,

including its contributions

to maritime awareness and

socio-economic develop-

ment of coastal communi-

ties, said a press release is-

sued by Directorate Gen-

eral of Public Relations

The workshop par-

(NHQs) here Thursday.

The session was at-

The foreign secretary was addressing the second meeting of the "Global Al-

tine, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, based on the pre-1967 borders. 'We stand in solidarwith the resilient people

of Palestine in their rightful

struggle for freedom, dignity, and justice.' The president said the Day was commemorated at a time when the world was witnessing ethnic cleansing, the destruction of infrastructure and residential areas, and the sufferings and

displacement of Palestin-

ians in Gaza and other Oc-

ongoing genocidal military campaign. He highlighted that over the past one-year, Israeli actions, in blatant violation of international humanitarian law, had claimed more than 45,000 Palestinian lives, mostly women and children. He said that millions of Palestinians were being deliberately denied life-saving humanitarian assistance by Israel by obstructing the vital work of the United Nations Relief and Works

Agency for Palestine



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf addressing the participants of 7th Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-7) during visit to Naval Headquarters.

COAS attends closing ceremony FS reaffirms Pak Army clinches Pakistan's Championship Trophy in unwavering support for 44th PARA Central meet **Palestinian**

closing ceremony of 44th ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistan Army Rifle Asso-Foreign Secretary Amna ciation (PAŘA) Central Baloch on Thursday reaf Meet was held on Thursday at Army Marksmaning support for the Pales-

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Federal Rifle Association, Lahore Garrison Shooting Gallery (LGSG) and civilians participated in the competition.

COAS and Chief of the



Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The mega shooting event was conducted from 14 October to 28 November 2024.

Over 2000 firers from Civil Armed Forces includ-

shal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, who was the Guest of Honor at the ceremony, awarded trophies and medals to the award winners and runners up in each cat-

In the Inter Services Army, Navy, Air Force, matches, Pakistan Army won three contests includ ing Rangers (Sindh & ing CJCSC, COAS and Punjab), teams ex Punjab, CNS matches, while Paki-Khyber stan Air Force won CAS Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, contest.

BEEF organizes orientation, PhD facilitation session to guide aspiring scholars

QUETTA (APP): The Program. Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) took a significant step towards nurturing Balochistan's intellectual capital by organizing an Orientation and PhD Facilitation Session BUITEMS University.

The event aimed to guide aspiring scholars on securing admissions to prestigious universities Minister's PhD Scholarship

The session featured insightful presentations by Muhammad Ahsan Achakzai, Director of BUITEMS Financial Aid Office, and Dr. Kamran Sami, Director of ORIC.

They provided a comprehensive overview of the application process, highlighting key strategies to increase the chances of accepworldwide under the Chief tance at top-tier institutions.



PESHAWAR: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON Engr. Amir Muqam addressing a press conference at his residence.

(Navy). **Amir Muqam says** PTI's final protest call at Islamabad miserably failed after people kept distance

misscall. Addressing a press conference here, Engr Amir Muqam said that people of KP have kept distance from the protest call due to an irrational de-

lease of the PTI founder. He said that PTI founder was an accused and would have to face courts

mands especially about re-

PTI to bring its leaders to

the Parliament and ousted others was totally childish, he added. Muqam claimed that

Pakistan had suffered huge loss due to agitation of PTI that kept life at Islamabad paralyzed for three days.

Expressing condo-lences over the losses and

said the Government and security forces leadership showed maximum restraint that averted bloodshed in the Federal Capital.

He said the people of Khyber Pakthunkhwa were left alone at D Chowk Islamabad by the PTI.

Despite using of KP Government machinery, he said that PTI could not bring out even 9000 workers against 9lac claims. He claimed that Af-

ghan refugees were brought after PTI workers rejected the call. He said that even PTI

lawmakers disassociated themselves from the pro-

CM directs to complete ongoing development projects of country's economic landscape

QDP at the earliest Independent Report rector of Quetta Develop-QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has directed to complete the ongoing development projects of Quetta Development Package (QDP) at the earliest.

He asserted that no compromise would be made on standard of work on the development projects.

The Chief Minister was chairing the review

meeting about development

projects being executed un-

der the QDP here at CM's secretariat on Thursday. The Provincial Minister for Planning and Development, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary ment Package and other concerned high ups were in attendance at the meeting. Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister directed

to speed up work on the projects of Quetta Package. During the course of meeting, it was informed that the work on Sariab road and Radio Pakistan road has been completed. The inauguration of the roads would be made in start of next month, it was told. The Chief Minister directed to prepare a viable project for beautification of Quetta airport road and submit a report

He on the occasion warned that no compromise would be made on quality of development work

thereon within two weeks.

Development, Project Di-Ban on PTI could set dangerous precedent, warns Dr. Malik Baloch

QUETTA (UNA): National Party leader and Balochistan Assembly member Dr. Malik Baloch has opposed the resolution to ban PTI, calling it unconstitutional and a threat to democratic norms. "If PTI is banned today, a resolu-tion to ban PPP could emerge tomorrow," he warned while addressing

the assembly. Dr. Baloch highlighted past incidents of political suppression during martial like Muslim League. "Some those bans then are now part of PML-N. Similarly, those pushing for PTI's ban today may join PTI tomorrow," he remarked.

Reflecting on his party's struggle for autonomy in Balochistan, Dr. Baloch reaffirmed his commitment to democratic principles, urging the opposition leader to condemn the resolution. "This assembly should protect democratic



MOSCOW: Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadio and Chairman Russian State Duma, Vvacheslav Voldodin signing agreement on cooperation.

Pak, Russia parliaments signed historic agreement to enhance cooperation

ISLAMABAD (Online): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Chairman State Duma signed a historic Agreement to extend parliamentary cooperation between State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and the National Assembly of the Islamic

Republic of Pakistan in Moscow today. The Agreement was signed here in Moscow by Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and his counterpart H.E. Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the Russian State Duma. The Agreement aims enhance ties between the two legislative bodies and

through parliamentary committees, commissions and parliamentary Friend-

ship groups. In his opening remarks, Mr Sadiq noted that with Mr. Volodin he has long ties of friendship and while with some members of the Russian delegation he had been in close contacts for more than a decade. He also thanked Mr. Volodin for accepting invitation to visit Pakistan.

Speaker Sadiq expressed gratitude to Mr. Volodin for his support to the initiative of Pakistan to convene Speakers' Conference. The sides agreed to hold its fourth Session in establish permanent coop- Moscow in 2025.

162 teachers appointed on merit in Pishin, says DC

would be marked improvement in the education sector with recruitments to be

ration of merit has been the vision of Chief Minister Balochistan from the day ers on the basis of merit. merit is the topmost prior-

QUETTA: Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai administering oath to newly elected MPA Sardarzada Mir Kohyar Khan Domki. Khosa vows to timely complete ongoing projects

Balochistan Minister for Communications and Works (C&W) Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa on Thursday said that provincial government's first priority is to timely complete on-going projects and to a high

He said that the improvement of infrastructure in the province, development and prosperity depend on the better performance of the C&W Depart-

views while presiding over a meeting on the progress of ongoing development projects in the C&W Department, Naseerabad

nications and Works Lal Jan Jafar, Additional Secretary for Communications and Works Ehsanullah Tareen, Chief Engineer Road Sibi Zone, Mir Ahmed Mengal, Technical Adviser Mukhtiar Ahmed Kakar, besides engineers and officers of Naseerabad Division Road and Building and other high officials were also present in the

Secretary for Commu-

Nazar urges teachers to ensure provision of quality education

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that every student deserves

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He said that we think

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The Governor assured

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Also present on the essary facilities and oppor-

Balochistan Ombudsman Nazar Muhammad Baloch urged the teachers that they should ensure the provision of quality education to the students by bringing all their

capabilities to bear. He expressed these views while visiting the College of Agriculture (Baleley), Quetta.

He was accompanied by Director Ombudsman Saeed Shahwani and Director Noorul Amin Zehri inspected various departments of the college and reviewed the teaching process. The Provincial Ombudsman was given a detailed briefing by the Principal of the College of Agriculture, Dr. Sardar Waseem Baran regarding the problems being faced by the college. The Provincial Ombudsman also met the aca-

Independent Report QUETTA: The Deputy Commissioner Pishin, Zahid Khan has stated that as many as 162 teachers have been recruited on merit in Pishin district, as per the vision of Chief Minister,

He said that the resto-

QUETTA: Provincial Ministers and MPAs expressing their views on point of order during Balochistan Assembly session