Doors of CM House are open for special persons: "Kumak Programme" to be

redesigned & expanded for support of persons with

disabilities: Chief Minister

Announces 100 percent increase in educational

scholarships for persons with disabilities; ramps

to be established in all government buildings;

pink scooties to be provided to special women

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of Chief Minister House are

open for them every time.

take the representatives of

disabled persons on board

in the policies to be framed

by the provincial govern-

would be finalized for the

disabled persons within 20

days, adding that separate

budget would be allocated

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He also announced to

He said that the rules

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PM underscore need for strong political will, global leadership to tackle water crisis

Says our duty to ensure that these rivers, lakes and aquifers that have nourished civilisations for centuries must not be reduced to tales of the past; Also underscored the importance of ensuring

the sustainable management of water resources worldwide RIYADH (APP): Prime serve, and Adapt" here ex-Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday underscored the need for strong political will, and global leadership to overcome the water crisis posing existential threat to the nations around the globe.

The prime minister, addressing the One Water Summit on the Margins of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP-16) under the theme "Restore, Pre-sustainability

pressed his profound gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, France, and Kazakhstan, as well as the World Bank for organizing the timely summit, to deliberate upon, one of humanity's most pressing challenges: water security.

He said that water was the lifeblood of the planet; a cornerstone of economic development, food security, environmental

"This life-sustaining resource, however, is coming under increasing stress. Nearly half of the world's population is facing, water scarcity, for at least part of the year. Billions remain, without clean drinking water, as water pollution, is rising, at alarming levels, he added.

The prime minister underlined that the water resources were fast depleting

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RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir during the field training exercise near Narowal and Sialkot.

Chairs 8th Senate meeting of Turbat University:

Governor Balochistan calls for making serious measures to stop brain drainage

derlined the need to make serious decisions for stop-

ping brain drainage. He said that our very qualified and experienced Ph.D scholars would not go to abroad leaving the public sector universities by ensuring timely payment of salaries and providing necessary facilities

Otherwise, brain drain would cast negative impacts on educational standard and research output.

This can also affect the process of inspiring new students to get admissions in the higher educational in-

The Governor was chairing meeting of the 8th Senate meeting of University of Turbat here on

Those who were present in the meeting were

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Governor
Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar
Khan Mandokhail has unKhan Mandok versity, Professor Dr Gul Hasan, Principal Secretary to Governor, Ĥashim Khan Ghilzai, Engineer Ahmed Farooq Bazai from Higher Education Commission. besides the representatives of Education and Finance

> departments. The Governor expressed satisfaction over the performance of University of Turbat. However, adding he stressed to bring more improvement in

He said that quality education is the best source of changing lives of the people and their bright

future.

He said that the universities are not mere places of learning but are also major centers of creative ideas, modern approach and solution to the collective issues



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Irfan Neziroglu, Ambassador of Turkiye called on Minister for Defence & Defence Production, Khawaja Muhammad Asif.

FIA identifies 924 social media accounts in 'anti-state propaganda' crackdown

QUETTA (APP): Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) Cyber Crime Wing in Balochistan has launched a significant crackdown against individuals involved in anti-state propaganda on social media. Under the leadership of Director Imran Maĥmood, the operation has gained momentum, identifying 924 suspicious social media accounts over the past three months.

The accounts flagged by the agency include 487 on Facebook, 190 on TikTok, 147 on Twitter, 88 on Instagram, and 12 on other platforms. Details of these accounts have been forwarded to the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), which has already blocked 312 ac-

established a dedicated

team to monitor and analyze social media activities, using advanced technology to track suspicious behaviors across various platforms, including Facebook and TikTok.

Investigations are underway into 14 cases registered against individuals linked to these activities. The FIA also revealed that 28 social media applications could be exploited by anti-state elements for propaganda and anonymous

communication Director Mahmood emphasized the agency's commitment to combating such activities, stating that no leniency would be shown to those undermining the state's interests. "All available resources are being deployed The Cyber Crime Wing to apprehend the culprits,

Imran says he still holds trump card close to his chest'

RAWALPINDI (INP): Af-Aleema Khan, sister of incarcerated party founder Imran Khan, said on Tuesday that her brother "still holds trump card close to his chest"

"PTI founder told me that he would not reveal his trump card right now, Aleema told reporters after meeting the former premier at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail, where he has been incarcerated for more than one year.

She said that she waited for six hours yesterday but she was not permitted to meet Imran'

Aleema also dismissed rumours about the PT founder's deteriorating health conditions, saying that he is "totally fine".

AJKSC suspends controversial presidential ordinance

MUZAFFARABAD (Online): Azad Kashmir Supreme Court has suspended controversial presidential ordinance of AJK government. A full court presided over by Chief Justice Raja Saeed Akram Khan of AJK SC heard the petition. The court issued order for suspending presidential ordinance after preliminary hearing.

The court on the appeal of bar council and civil society restrained government from promulgating

It is pertinent to mention here that under the ordinance it was necessary to obtain permission from DC a week before any protest and public meeting or procession. Under ordinance no unregistered party or organization was entitled to file

application for protest. All bar associations and political parties had rejected this ordinance.



the One-Water Summit.

Armed forces fully capable of safeguarding territorial integrity, says COAS

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M) affirmed that the Pakistan Armed Forces, with the resolute support of the nation, are fully capable of safeguarding the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our beloved motherland against the entire spectrum of threats

In his interaction with the participants of field training exercise near Narowal, Sialkot, he em-phasized the critical importance of maintaining constant preparedness to counter any potential threats posed by adversaries, said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release.

The COAS visited troops participating in a field training exercise near Narowal and Sialkot. He was given a comprehensive brief on the objectives and

conduct of the exercise, which aimed to refine professional skills and battlefield procedures essential for addressing emerging operational challenges.

During the exercise, integrated fire and maneuver operations were conducted by various elements, including Armour, Infantry, Mechanized Infantry, Artillery, Air Defence, Army Aviation and Anti-Tank Guided Missile units.

The exercise also demonstrated the effective employment of electronic warfare capabilities and information operations designed to disrupt enemy communications and counter disinformation strategies in a modern battlefield environment.

The COAS spent the day in the field alongside the troops, commending their training standards, operational readiness and high state of morale.

Govt proposes 5-year jail, Rs1m fine for spreading fake news

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has proposed a five-year imprisonment or a fine of Rs1 million for individuals found guilty of deliberately spreading fake news, as part of initial amendments to the cybercrime law, a private tv channel reported on Tues-

The draft introduces significant changes to the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (PECA), including the establishment of a Digital Rights Protection Authority (DRPA) with extensive powers to block or remove online content deemed harmful to public safety or state inter-

According to the draft, spreading false information, inciting fear, or disrupting peace through online platforms could lead to severe penalties.

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bilateral coop.

in all spheres

Deputy Prime Minister and

Foreign Minister Senator

Muhammad Ishaq Dar on Tuesday held a bilateral

meeting with Iranian coun-

terpart Abbas Aragchi

wherein both countries

agreed to deepen bilateral

cooperation in all spheres.

on the sidelines of the meet-

ing of the Council of Min-

isters of the Economic Co-

operation Organisation

they exchanged views on

areas of mutual interest and

the latest regional and glo-

ister arrived here on Mon-

day to attend the moot

where he would reiterate

Pakistan's commitment to

the ECO Charter and high-

light the potential of greater

connectivity in the ECO

region, through the devel-

opment of road and rail net-

works; liberalization of visa

regimes and simplification

Mild earthquake

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QUETTA (APP): A mild

earthquake of magnitude

3.2 shook Quetta and

nearby areas on Tuesday,

prompting residents to

rush out of buildings in

news channel, the Seismo-

logical department said that

the earthquake occurred at

a depth of 13 kilometers and

the epicenter is yet to be

identified.

According to a private

of border procedures.

bal developments.

During the meeting,

The deputy prime min-

(ÉCO) being held here.

The meeting was held

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Independent Report

OUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has

announced wholehearted

patronage of the persons

with disabilities adding that the "Kumak" Programme

would be expanded for sup-

port of the persons with

disabilities. He said that

this programme would be

resigned and improved fur-

He said that that doors

OUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti addressing a ceremony held in connection with World Disable Day.

Missing persons case:

Regular or joint session of parliament be summoned and matter be resolved: SC

SLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) constitutional bench while issuing notice to Attorney General (AG), interior ministry and other respondents oint session of parliament be summoned and the problem be resolved. SC constitutional bench

presided over by Justice Amin ud Din Khan took up the case for hearing Tues-

Justice Mandokhail remarked naand summoning reports tion and court are looking from all respective institu- to parliamentarians. In my tions in missing persons view the case of missing case has observed regular or persons is very important. persons is very important. The cases of missing persons are running in high

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PTI trying to hoodwink masses through false narrative of bodies: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): bullets directly on the pro-Federal Minister for Infornation, Broadcasting, Naional Heritage and Culture ttaullah Tarar said on Tuesday that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was trying o hoodwink the people hrough fake narrative and

Lambasting Pakistan Гehreek-e-Insaf, in a media talk, he said that the party was creating a false narraive of firing on the protest-

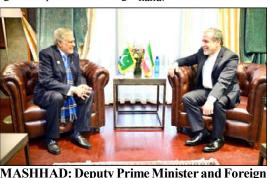
He once again challenged the PTI to present a single piece of evidence showing a law enforcement

testers

"There is not a single video in which law enforcement agencies person can be seen directly firing upon protesters. They have all kinds of videos but there is no video evidence (of direct firing) as this never took place", he maintained.

The minister said that a video of a man running away in which he was saying that he hit by a gunshot, went viral.

Attaullah Tarar said the same person in another video was claiming that he had got an injury on his agencies personnel firing hand.



Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar holds meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Aragchi on the sidelines of ECO, Council of Ministers meeting.

GoB spokesman explains news about "under age" candidate of Usta Muhammad

Independent Report

QUETTA: The spokesman, Government of Balochistan, Shahid Rind has explained the news gone viral on the social media about low age of a candidate appeared for job in Education Department Usta Muhammad.

In an official statement issued here on Tuesday, the spokesman said that Education Department has conducted investigation about the story, according to which, the candidate namely Muhammad Jameel son of Abdul Latif qualified

for the junior drawing master on merit. The date of birth of candidate is actually 20th September, 1999, but it was written as 2009 by typing mistake in the documents compiled at the district level, he added. In this regard, all the

documents were scrutinized by Education Department. However, all the documents are present for evidence, which can be necked

He said that there are clear directives of the Chief Minister Balochistan that no compromise would be made on merit.



Plan's Coordination Committee meeting.

206 terrorists killed in 7984 IBOs till October

Govt for enhancing coordination between NACTA, provinces

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chaired an important meeting of the National Action Plan (NAP) Coordination Committee in Islamabad on Tuesday. During the meeting, it was decided to enhance coordination between the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) and the provinces. The minister said that a National Fusion Center has been established for effective coordination.

According to the briefing, 206 terrorists have been killed in 7984 intelligencebased operations till October this year. During the meeting, it was decided to take comprehensive measures to prevent the activities of banned terrorist organizations on social media. In this regard, with the cooperation of Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), the accounts of terrorist groups will be will take steps under a comprehensive strategy to stop the usage of illegal SIMs. The top officials of all relevant institutions, including PTA, were directed to present an effective mechanism in the next meeting. The interior minister

condemned the recent inci-

dents of terrorism in

Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. emphasised that full cooperation would be provided to improve the professional capabilities of the Counter-Terrorism Forces in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to deal with terrorism, adding that the police and Frontier Constabulary would be strengthened. He underscored that everyone had to work together to improve the law and order situation. He said that along with increasing capacity, the police of all provinces should be equipped with modern



and senior officers of all departments attending dinner hosted by Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti.

Pakistan's blind team becomes **T20 World Cup champions**

Captain Ali with 72, Safdar with 47 help Pakistan clinch the title, remaining undefeated throughout tournament.

clinched trophy of the Blind T20 Cricket World after beating Bangladesh by 10 wickets in the final at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Tues-

Batting first, Bangladesh put a modest total of 139 on the board for the loss of seven wickets, with Arif Hussain emerging as the top scorer with 54 runs.

Pakistan bowler Babar Ali took three scalps, whereas Motiullah and Mohammad Salman grabbed one wicket apiece.

Pakistan blind team reached the target of 140 in merely 11 overs without

any hurdle. Openers Nisar Ali (72) and Mohammad saw India triumph. this on winning the T20 World Safdar's (47) unbroken partnership guided the their neighbours. Green Shirts towards a 10wicket win.

This victory marks a historic achievement for Pakistan, as they lift the Blind T20 World Cup for the first time in the tournament's history.

The competition, which began in 2012, had seen India dominate the previous editions, with the Men in Blue winning the title in all three previous tournaments. The first edition,

played in India in 2012, saw India defeat Pakistan by 29 runs in the final. The sec-

saw India triumph, this time by 9 wickets against

The third edition, held in India in 2022, again saw India take the trophy, this time beating Bangladesh in the final.

However, this year, Pakistan broke the trend, lifting the trophy in the fourth edition of the Blind T20 World Cup, which took place in their home country. Their victory over Bangladesh not only ended India's dominance but also marked a milestone in the history of blind cricket.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Nagvi congratulated the

tion. The Indus Water

Treaty, which governs, the

sharing of the Indus Basin's

waters, is one example of

witnessed unprecedented

challenges in the recent

years, due to a number of

factors, including construc-

tion of upstream dams,

whereas its effective func-

tioning was key to main-

taining regional peace and

also shed light on the 'Re-

charge Pakistan' initiative

that aimed to address, cli-

mate induced, flood risks,

pacts, through ecosystem

a 'National Drought Plan

that identifies, the most

drought affected areas, and

proposes, effective re-

sponse mechanisms, to

drought in these areas," he

proposed a six-point agenda

at the global level to over-

come water-related chal-

need of international coop-

eration and collaboration, to

ensure availability and

sustainable management of

water and sanitation for

all", as provided for in the

SDG-6, exchange of

knowledge and expertise,

as well as transfer of tech-

nologies on innovative

water management on

priority, adequate fund-

ing for climate-resilient in-

frastructure, and overcom-

ing financing gap-a criti-

cal challenge for climate

vulnerable countries, frame-

works for transparency,

data sharing, and regional

cooperation, to avoid

conflicts, and promote

water sharing, invest-ment in skills develop-

ment, research, and insti-

tutional strengthening, to

tackle water challenges, at

national and global levels

and finally, a strong po-

litical will, and global lead-

ership, to overcome the wa-

The prime minister

He advocated for the

"We are also finalizing

The prime minister

He added that the treaty

such an arrangement.



MULTAN: Pakistan Blind Cricket Team poses for a group photo with a trophy after their victory against the Bangladesh team during the 4th Blind T20 cricket World Cup 2024 played at Multan Cricket

Regular or joint session of....

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on winning the T20 World

strated exceptional perfor-

mance throughout the tour-

nament and achieved the

honour of becoming T20

World Champions," said

forts, Naqvi highlighted the

outstanding batting perfor-

mances by captain Nisar

Ali and Muhammad Safdar

that secured the victory in

Praising the team's ef-

'The players demon-

Cup final.

the final.

courts and SC. Thousands of people are missing. Here Aitzaz Ahsan and Latif Khosa like politicians are standing. Parliament has to find out solution to this problem.

Justice Naeem Afghan remarked the motive for recording statements of the recovered persons was this if any one from army is involved then it should be written to GHQ for their court martial. If other institutions are involved then order for initiating proceedings against responsible persons be issued. If any case of missing persons has to be made example then be courageous.

Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Javed Iqbal said missing persons issue has been discussed in the cabinet and cabinet has constituted sub - committee which will present its recommendations to cabinet. Government wants to address missing persons matter finally.

Justice Jamal Mandokhail remarked the issue of missing persons will not be resolved through making statements.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar questioned missing persons commission has made how many recoveries

Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi remarked has missing persons commission any data who made the persons missing. Did the missing persons who returned tell

who lifted them. Justice Mandokhail remarked the

missing persons tell nothing when they return. They say they had gone Northern areas for rest. Advocate Latif Khosa

said country has become deep state.
Justice

Mandokhail said to Latif Khosa not to talk about politics in the court. The regular or joint session of parliament be summoned and the problem be resolved therein. Counsel Aitzaz Ahsan

said parliament has no judicial powers. Justice Musarrat Hilali

remarked " Khosa Sahb people of your PTI were also lifted Latif Khosa said yes

I people were also lifted. Justice Musarrat Hilali questioned did they tell on return who lifted them.

Justice Naeem Afghan remarked people ruin and vilify state in some cases of missing persons. War of independence is also running in the name of missing persons. No one is ready to stand in system. Faisal Siddiqui said 350

persons went missing after assurance from Attorney General (AG). State officials are disobeying previous orders of court.

Barrister Aitzaz Ahsan said the missing persons who have been recovered from anchor homes be summoned. Justice Amin ud Din remarked we will call them too.

Pakistan's pride:

Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali decorated with SK Presidential Award for agricultural innovation

significant recognition of his contributions to the fields of Agricultural science, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), has been awarded the Presidential Award by the South Korean government.

The prestigious ceremony took place in Seoul, where Korean Prime Minister, H.E Han Duck-soo presented the award to Dr. Ali, underscoring the importance of his work in advancing scientific knowledge and technological innovation in agriculture. Dr. Ali stands out as the only scientist among the recipient to receive this distinguished recognition, making him the sole recipient in the field of science and technology. Dr. Ali's achievement is particularly noteworthy, as he stands out as the only Pakistani scientist to receive this accolade in a highly competitive international context.

A reception was also held by PARC to commemorate the prestigious award. Agricultural scientists from across the country participated in the ceremony. The speakers from

ISLAMABAD (PR): In a scientific community con-search work and developed gratulated and commended four (04) high yielding and Dr. Ali for achieving this honor on behalf of the institution and the nation as a whole. In his address, Chairman PARC expressed gratitude to the government of the Republic of Korea for dous efforts in high-tech this recognition as well as for its continuous support of Pakistan's agriculture ment of Pakistan's 1st sector. He also acknowledged the contributions of the scientists and researchers of PARC in achieving ease free indigenous potato this honor. Dr. Ali also emphasized at elevating research standards to bring the council at par with the international research institutions. Throughout his career, Dr. Ali has achieved significant milestones in agricultural science. In his recent work, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali established state-of-the art National Institute for Genomics and Advanced

Biotechnology (NIGAB),

a high-tech center at

tist he continued his re-

longer shelf-life banana varieties, four genome-based rice varieties and numerous crop varieties.

Dr. Ali, as Chairman, PARC has done tremenscientific infrastructure development like establishspeed breeding facility at NARC, country's first aeroponic facility for disseed production, hi-tech farm machinery institute. and so many other diverse research initiatives including CRISPR-Cas, innovative animal breeding techniques, DNA recombinant vaccine development and identification of novel genes for economically important traits. Remarkably, Dr Ali has also been recently awarded with Sitara-e-Imtiaz (S.I) by the government of Pakistan in recognition of his countless NARC. As a leading scien-contributions in the field of agricultural science.

Muqam reviews progress of development projects in GB

mitigate, the impact of Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, Engr Amir Mugam on Tuesday reviewed the progress of development projects in GB and to resolve their

problems on priority basis. The meeting held on the special instructions of the prime minister and was attended by Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan, Chairman

"Kumak

Programme"....

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for them in next financial

views were expressed and

announcements made by

Chief Minister while ad-

dressing the ceremony ar-

ranged marking the Inter-

national Day of Persons

with disabilities by the

Social Welfare Department

here at a local hotel on

Minister for Social Wel-

fare, Wali Muhammad

Noorzai, Commissioner

Hamza Shafqaat, Director

General NADRA, other

high ups of Social Welfare

Department, representa-

tives of civil society and

persons with disabilities

along with their families

The Advisor to Chief

Muhammad

These and similar other

year's budget.

Tuesday.

Quetta,

was formulated to ensure timely completion of various development projects in Gilgit-Baltistan. The meeting directed to issue the tender for the water

ISLAMABAD (APP): WAPDA Gen (Retd) Sajjad complete the tender for the sanitation and sewerage scheme in four months. The federal minister instructed the authorities con-

cerned to complete the tenders of the schemes under PC-1 under the approved development projects within two months and to submit Revise PC-1 immediately so that the projects could be approved by the Ministry of Planning and or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Executive Engineer Buildings Zhob invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work Name of Work's Construction of shelterless GGPS TORA KHULA, BADANZAI, RAHIM DAD KHOSTI, District Zhob TSE-242512599153

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Phone no: 3013763038 Email: farooqtareen2018@gmail.com

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7 days after the supply order

Sales Tax Certificate The bidding firm must not be currently black listed by any

procuring agency of Pakistan Bidder must ensures the Delivery of time on its letter head that as per requirement the bidder must be able to provide relief items within

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PDMA office before one day of opening of the tender 9 JV is permissible

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France Emmanuel Macron on the sidelines of One-Water Summit PM underscore need for strong political will...

RIYADH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif meets President of

Continued from page 1 and degrading which was displacing millions, and causing, unprecedented de-

struction. This is not a distant threat, but an alarm bell, for collective action. Pakistan is no stranger to these challenges. Our rivers, glaciers and aquifers are increasingly vulnerable to the impact of climate change, and population growth," he

He apprised the leaders at the summit that Pakistan was still grappling with the 2022, catastrophic floods, that caused, widespread damage, to its water resources and irrigation sector, in addition to affecting, millions of lives and liveli-

At the same time, he said droughts posed an ecosystems. equally potent threat to the

"Nearly 70% of our to transboundary cooperaland consists of arid and semi-arid areas, and around 30% of our population, is directly affected by drought-like conditions. Projected temperature increases in Pakistan, are significantly higher, than the

global average," he added. Minister Prime Shehbaz highlighted that such catastrophic disasters and challenges were likely to scale up further in the absence of concerted international actions as it was one of the top ten countries, most vulnerable due to cli-

mate change. Commenting on the transboundary water man- and mitigate drought imagement, he said that water transcended political based adaptations. boundaries, connecting nations and fostering shared

"Pakistan, therefore,

attaches great importance 🕮 اشتہار برائے بھرتی بلوچستان صوبائی لیویز فورس شلع چمن 🕲 ڈائز مکٹوریٹ جزل، بلوچشان لیویز فورس، کوئیڈکو بلوچشان صوبائی لیویز فورس (ڈسٹرکٹ پرایر) ضلع چین کے لوکل اڈ ومیسائل کے حال افراد سے درخواستیں مطلوب ہیں۔خواہشمندخوا تین وحصرات مورخہ 30 دممبر <u>202</u>4ء تک یی درخواسیس بمعرتصد این شده کاغذات اور دوعد دقصاو برے جمراه و یکی مشنر، چس کے دفتر میں جمع کراسکتے ہیں۔ نمبرشار نامآسای تعدادآسای تعلیمی قابلیت و تجربه

1 ليويزسان (BPS-7) 114 لياس اسكول ميويكيت كااشخان ياس مو زائلا (1) برائے مرداً ميدوار قد قدف 4 الحج - چهاتی 32-33 الحج-دوز 12 منت ش 2 كلومبر عرك كم ے كم حد 18سال اور زيادہ سے زيادہ 30سال عركى مقرر حديث كى قتم كى كوئى رعايت نيس دى جا ينگی۔(2) برائے خواتین اُمیدوار قد 5 نٹ2 ایٹے۔عمر کی کم سے کم حد 18 سال اور زیادہ سے زیادہ 30 سال عمر کی مقرر صدیش کسی تشم کی کوئی رعایت نہیں دی جا لیگی۔(3) پہلے سے حاضر سروس ملاز بین (جن کی عمر 18 سے 30سال کے درمیان ہو) این محکمہ کے توسط سے بمعہ NOC درخواست ارسال کریں۔(4) ہرأميدوارايك ے زیادہ آسامیوں کے لئے الگ درخواشیں جح کرانے کا پابند ہے . (5) ناتکمل، غیرتفیدیق شدہ کاغذات منسلک لرنے کی صورت اور مقررہ تاریخ کے گزرنے کے بعد موصول ہونے والی درخواسیں زیر غور نہیں ہسکیں گی 66) وفتری جانچ پڑتال کے بعد اہل امیدواروں کے ٹمیٹ اورانٹرویو کی تاریخ سے بذریعہ اخبار مطلع کرے گا۔(7) میسٹ انظرویو کے وقت امیددار اپنا اصل کمپیوٹرائزڈ شاختی کارڈ بمداصل لوکل اڈو میسائل اور تعلیمی شِيقَكِيث (متعلقه پورڈ ویو نیورٹی سے تصدیق شدہ) اینے ہمراہ لائٹیں (8)غلط معلومات اورجعلی اسناد جمع کرانے والوں کے خلاف قانونی کروائی عمل میں لائی جائیگی .(9) آسامیوں کی تعداد میں کمی بیشی ہوسکتی ہے(10)تح ریں متحان اور زبانی انٹرو یو کیلیئے آنے والوں کو کسی بھی قتم کا سفری خرج نہیں دیا جائے گا (11) کا میاب ہونے او لے امیدواروں کوصوبہ بلوچتان کے کمی بھی ضلع میں تعینات کیا جاسکتا ہے، علاوہ اس کے وہ لیویز کے کمی بھی ونگ بوقت ضرورت ڈیوٹی سرانجام دینے کے پابند ہو نگے اورڈ ائر میٹوریٹ جزل، بلوچشان لیویز فورس، کوئٹر کی آسامیوں _ک برتی ہونے والے اُمیدوار کو ڈائر بکٹوریٹ جزل ، ہلوچتان کیویز فورس، کوئٹہ میں ہی ڈیوٹی سرانجام دینی ہو گی۔ نوٹ: (1) حکومت بلوچستان کے حکم نامے کے مطابق تمام آسامیوں میں خواتین اور اقلیت کونہ %5 مختفر ہوگا جبکہ منسٹریل کیڈرکی آسامیوں میں معذر ورا فراد کیلیے% فیصد کویڈ مختص ہوگا.(2) جن اُمیدواروں نے پہلے



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(4) **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

شتهراشتها PRQ No.118/17-07-2023 کتحت و پی مکشنر حجن کے

The Deputy Director, Agriculture (On Farm Water Management) Loralai, invites sealed Tender/Bid for execution of various development schemes under the following project of PSDP 2024-25 under CSR-2018 from interested contractors/firm with the Bid Security @ 2% of estimated cost/offered rate in shape of Call Deposit (Refundable). The non-refundable Tender Form Fee Rs.1500/-to be deposited in any National Bank of Pakistan Branch situated in Balochistan Province through Green Bank Challan in a head of account (C03136) (verified by the District Accounts Officer).

TSE No. 242512600673 and Bid Security 2% E/Cost CONSTRUCTION OF FARM PONDS, DEVELOPMENT OF DUG WELLS, INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PUMPING SYSTEM ON FARM PONDS & DUG

WELLS PROVISION OF FRUIT PLANTS, OILSEEDS / PULSES & FODDER WITH LAND PREPERATION IN DISTRICT LORALAI [Z2019.1958] Procurements shall be made under BPP Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn-over of at least 24,000,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE04(v) (Irrigation Only), CE09(ii) (Water Supply), CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), EE11(ii) (Solar Energy). Income Tax Registration certificate is required The bidding firm must submit Income Tax Return of Taxation Year 2024 The Bidding Firm must submit Audit Report / Audit Balance Sheet of FY 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 The bidding Firm must submit Company's latest Bank Account Statement or Bank Credit Line Certificate. The bidding firm must submit the Tender Fee in the Head of Account C03136 on Green Challan duly verified by District Treasury. Method of Procurement: Single Stage-Two Envelope Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security (2%) in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee (Bank's certificate is mandatory) in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be downloaded from BPPRA website. Bid Validity Period: 90 days Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication, during office hours of any working day. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders should be submitted on 18 December, 2024 till 11:00 AM Sharp at the office of the undersigned. Tender opening: The Technical Proposals will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 PM. Stamp Duty: The successful bidder must submit the Stamp Duty in shape

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of Judicial Stamp Paper or Special Adhesive Stamps as per policy. Address: Office the Deputy Director

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participated in the ceremony. Besides the non-governmental organizations working for rights of the special persons including persons with disabilities participated in the ceremony. The theme was:

"amplifying the leadership

of persons with disabilities

for an inclusive and sustainable future. The Chief Minister maintained that the special persons are important part of our society, and as such they would not be left alone and all out facilities would be provided to them.

He said that he fully realizes that how much pain and agony, they face in the society.

He on the occasion directed to remove all the speed breakers to facilitate the persons with disabiliGhani, GB Ministers and other senior officials, said a press release. Decisions were taken on important issues in the meeting and a comprehensive strategy

scheme within two months, while it was decided to Development soon.

ANNUAL RATE OF CONTRACTING The Procuring Agency for Goods and Services invites applications

from eligible Applicants for supply of following items. TSE-242511597721 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB.

S.No Name of Items Quantity Required Document Fee 52101511-Rubberorvinylmats

52121501-Quilts

52121502-Comforters

52121505-Pillows

Sales Tax Certificate

52152016-Domesticdinnerset

6 52141809-Solarrechargeablelights

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules-2014. Eligibility of Applicants:

FactorDescriptions

MillionPKR(JV) Presence in Active Tax Payer List

3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity(JV)235

5 The bidding firm must not be currently black listed by any procuring agency of Pakistan 6 Bidder must ensures the Delivery of time on its letter head that as

per requirement the bidder must be able to provide relief items within 7 days after the supply order 7 Supplies must be made at most reasonable prices for bulk order

which must be below the Trade price of that product/s 8 Bid security should be Rs. 2.00 Million which shall be reached at

PDMA office before one day of opening of the tende

9 JV is permissible 10 The bidder must have credit line facility of Rs.80.00Million

Annual Rate Of Contracting Documents: The Annual Rate Of Contracting documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned In the form of: (The NIP &Annual Rate Of Contracting Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk) Issuance of Annual Rate Of Contracting Documents: From the date of publication of NIP to 18 December, 2024 12:00 PM d u r i n g office hours on working days Last Date of Application submission: The Annual Rate Of Contracting must be submitted latest by 18 December, 2024 till 11:00 AM at the office of the undersigned. Annual Rate Of Contracting Opening: All Annual Rate Of Contracting will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 PM Address: Grain Silos Sheikh Manda Airport road Quetta ThePre-Qualification Documents can be downloaded from E-SubmissionBPPRAWebsite (www.bppra.gob.pk). Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 18 December, 2024 through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on sam day at12:00PM on EPPSSystem

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Minister hosts Chinese delegation to foster collaborative healthcare and skill development initiatives

seas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development convened a meeting with a Chinese delegation to explore collaborative opportunities in the realms of cal stores. Reports will be healthcare and skill devel-

Chinese delegation lead by Ms Scarlet, head, OPH, Healthcare project cilitating the direct delivpresented a comprehensive proposal by GAREA Group, a renowned provider of integrated solutions for digital products and services in primary healthcare, said a press release.

The proposed project endeavors to provide affordable healthcare services to remote areas through the strategic deployment of AI-based cloud computing, thereby reducing costs and enhancing access to accurate diagnoses. A notable feature of the project is the introduction of a portable diagnostic machine, capable of diagnosing 7-8 types of

cessibility. Furthermore, the project's digital platform will enable seamless communication between patients, doctors, and medidirectly shared with doctors on the panel, and prescriptions will be shared with medical stores, faery of medication to patients. This initiative has already yielded promising results in Indonesia, where it has augmented doctors' earnings by increasing the daily patient check-up ra-

tio from 8 to 37. The Minister expressed unequivocal support for the initiatives, underscoring the government's unwavering commitment to equipping individuals with evolving demands of the delegation also introduced the three levels of certification: Huawei Certified ICT

ISLAMABAD (APP): cantly reduce transporta-Federal Minister for Over-tion costs and increase ac-ICT Professional (HCIP) 1 month course, and Huawei Certified ICT Expert (HCIE) 6 months course. The Minister acknowledged the project as a significant investment from China's Ministry of Education and reiterated the government's focus on skill development as a vital catalyst for economic

The meeting culmi-

nated in a consensus to for-

malize the partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between OPH and the Ministry of Health. This MoU will serve as a foundational framework for coordinated efforts, aligning both ministries toward shared objectives of skill development and healthcare advanceadvanced skills to meet the ment. The Minister reaffirmed that such partnerglobal labor market. The ships are instrumental in upgrading the skillsets of Pakistanis, thereby enhancing their competitiveness in



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Chaudhry Salik Hussain, met with a Chinese delegation led by Ms. Scarlet, Head OPH Health Care Project.

Pak to lead global dialogue on Space Applications with ICAST 2025

The Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Re-Commission (SUPARCO) and the Institute of Space Technology (IST) Tuesday announced the International Conference on Applications of of the most pressing chal-Space Science and Technology (ICAST 2025), sched-uled to take place from sustainability and cutting-November 18 to 20, 2025, edge advancements, the This groundbreaking conference is set to become the largest gathering of space science and technology experts ever hosted in Pakistan, bringing together renowned global leaders, visionary researchers, and pioneering industry professionals under the theme "Space for

Sustainable Development." ICAST 2025 represents the fusion of the rich legacies of IST's International Conference on Aerospace Science and Engineer- Technologies.

ing (ICASE) and SUPARCO's International Conference on Space (ICS). This collaboration establishes a transformative platform for advancing space science, fostering innovation, and addressing some lenges of our time. With its

conference underscores Pakistan's commitment to becoming a major player in the international space community. According to the IST, the conference will delve into a wide range of topics across eight thematic tracks, including Aeronautics and Astronautics, Satellite Technology, Positioning, Navigation and Timing, Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Science, Environmental Science and Climate Change, Information and Communication

Chairman CDA meets with investors to discuss open auction of hotel plots

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Develop-ment Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, on Tuesday met with a delegation of investors here to discuss the upcoming open auction of prime hotel plots in Islamabad.

During the meeting, Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa highlighted the critical need for international-standard five-star hotels in Islamabad to cater to the growing demand for hospitality services.

He emphasized that this initiative would play a pivotal role in enhancing the city's capacity to host national and international events, and tourism, thereby boosting the local economy and global recognition of Islamabad as a premier destination.

To address this, CDA is offering five-star hotel plots for open auction, marking a significant opportunity to promote the hotel industry and meet the increasing demands for high-quality accommoda-

sought-after and prime lo-

an ideal opportunity for incenters, and service apart-

pation in the auction.

tions in the city. The investors were given a detailed briefing regarding the specific hotel plots being offered for auction, plots number 6 and 8. located in Sector F-5, one of Islamabad's most

These plots present vestors to develop worldclass hotels, commercial ments, which will not only cater to the growing demand for luxury accommodation but also contribute to the expansion of Islamabad's business and tourism sec-

Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa further outlined the investor-friendly terms that have been introduced to encourage partici-

arrested 229 murder suspects in 11 months ISLAMABAD (APP):

HIU teams

Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police's Homicide Unit (HIU) police teams resolved 99 murder cases in the past 11 months including 21 blind murder cases and arrested 229 culprits.

The police spokesperson on Tuesday said that HIU police teams had completed the investigation of 99 murder cases and forwarded complete challans to the relevant courts.

DIG Syed Ali Raza assigned special tasks to the Homicide Unit, to resolve murder cases and provide justice to victims' families. He said that it was the responsibility of police to arrest the killers of innocent people and provide justice to the bereaved families.

He directed to give priority to investigation of murder cases and book the culprits. He also directed all SDPOs and SHOs to further enhance their professional capabilities for combating crimes and ensure the protection of life and property of citizens.

British envoy, CDA Chairman, explore collaborative avenues

ISLAMABAD (APP): British Deputy High Commissioner Matt Cannell met with Muhammad Ali Randhawa, Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), here on Tuesday to discuss areas of mutual interest and opportunities for enhanced cooperation.

Chairman Randhawa warmly welcomed Mr Cannell and highlighted Islamabad's commitment to fostering partnerships with the UK. During the meeting, he underscored the importance of collaboration in education, healthcare, climate change, and sustainable urban development.

The Chairman also emphasised the need to strengthen people-topeople connections and social sector initiatives.



ISLAMABAD: Artist brief about her art work to chief Guest Jamal Shah, renowned visual artist and cultural icon during exhibition titled A Flight of Two Half Birds" Travelling Solo Exhibition by Amna Walayat Opens at PNCA National Art Gallery.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Sayedaal Khan calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Google strengthens commitment to Pakistan's digital economy, online safety

ISLAMABAD (APP): ment to fostering economic Google's Government Affairs and Public Policy vation. Gardner also high-Lead for South Asia Kyle Gardner on Tuesday called on Minister of State/Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Media Fahd Haroon, at his office to discuss ongoing and future efforts to support Pakistan's digital economy and address key challenges related to online safety and cybersecurity

According to a news release, Gardner outlined Google's continued investment in Pakistan's digital ecosystem, emphasizing the company's commitlighted the importance of collaboration between the with the Pakistani governpublic and private sectors to address pressing issues such as online safety, digital literacy, and the protection of cultural values in the rapidly evolving digital landscape.
After the points dis-

cussed, among other topics of interest, the conversation also covered challenges related to cybersecurity, including the protection of users from cyber threats, as well as ongoing efforts to ensure that online plat-

literacy, increasing access to information, and promoting the responsible use of technology in Pakistan PPP committed to create an equitable society for

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has reaffirmed his party's unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive and equitable society for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

In a message on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, he highlighted that his party has always been at the forefront of advocating for the rights of marginalized communities, including PWDs.

Endorsing the 2024 theme, "Amplifying the leadership of persons with

and sustainable future," he emphasized the importance of recognizing the leadership and contributions of PWDs in building a better

"From ensuring job quotas to implementing inclusive education policies, we have consistently worked to empower PWDs and integrate them as equal contributors to society," he He urged that provid-

ing equal opportunities and access to public infrastructure, healthcare, and education for PWDs is not just a legal obligation but a moral duty of any progressive

Inclusion Framework"

(GMSIF) is the first of its

kind in the Asia-Pacific re-

gion, aiming for full gender

and social inclusion in the

project is to make the elec-

toral process more inclusive

and accessible for women,

minorities, people with dis-

abilities, and transgender

volves reviewing and revis-

ing electoral laws, policies,

The framework in-

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electoral process.

individuals.



PWDs: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Human Rights Mrs. Saba Sadiq attended and delivered a speech in an event organized by the Ministry of Human Rights to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at NIRM.

ECP unveils framework to enhance gender inclusion in electoral process

ISLAMABAD (APP): Mainstreaming and Social Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday unveiled the "Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Framework" (GMSIF) to promote gender equality and inclusivity in elections.

framework. The which will be in effect from 2024 to 2028, focuses on marginalized communities, aiming to ensure a more inclusive electoral

process. Omar Hamid Khan, Secretary of the Election Commission of Pakistan, stated that the newly ing electoral law launched "Gender and procedures."

PRCS marks Intl **Day of Persons** with Disabilities ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) joined the global community in observing the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, celebrated under the theme, "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future." In his message on this occasion, Chairman PRCS Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari emphasized the importance of fostering inclusivity and empowering individuals with disabilities to take on leadership roles. "At PRCS, we believe that no one should be left behind. Persons with disabilities are integral to our society, and their voices, leadership, and contributions are essential to

building a sustainable and inclusive future. Guided by the principle of 'Nothing About Us Without Us, PRCS is committed to creating opportunities and removing barriers so they can lead their lives with dignity

and purpose", he stated.
The PRCS has been at the forefront of supporting vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities, through its comprehensive Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) program. From providing assistive devices and livelihood support to organizing awareness sessions, the PRCS is actively working to alleviate the challenges faced by individuals with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities.

FIA foils fake visa scam at I'abad airport, arrests key suspects

ment and local stakehold-

ers to build a safer and more

inclusive digital ecosystem

that fosters innovation, re-

spects cultural values, and

enhances the overall digital

experience for users across the country," said Kyle Gardner. Both parties ex-

pressed their continued

support for initiatives

aimed at enhancing digital

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Immigration Unit carried out a major operation at Islamabad International Airport, successfully preventing two passengers from traveling abroad using forged documents. The suspects, identified as Wajid Ali and Irfan Khan, were attempting to board flight QR633 to Poland with counterfeit visas affixed to their passports. Forensic analysis conducted by the Second Line Office revealed that the visas lacked essential security features, confirming their fraudulent nature. The suspects, residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, were immediately offloaded and handed over to the Anti-Human Trafficking Circle.

PWDs need facilities to tackle pertaining challenges

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Pakistan Disabled Foundation, Shahid Memon underscored the need for the provision of all required facilities to persons with disabilities (PWDs) to tackle challenges around.

Addressing the participants here on Tuesday on the eve of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, he stressed that for the reduction of troubles in the lives of PWDs, "it is need of the hour to facilitate them in importing duty-free vehicles like motorcycles,

He said that concessions should also be given to the physically challenged ditional Director General of people who wanted to the Gender Wing, explained travel by plane, railway, that the main goal of the and public transport.

He also highlighted the issues faced by PWDs in banks and called to take immediate steps to eliminate those.

Livestock insurance scheme launched for leopard conservation in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP) World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan) and Jubilee General Insurance Company Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to protect common and snow leopards in Pakistan and improve local livelihoods, here on Tuesday.

The initiative is designed to address human wildlife conflict, especially between the local communities and leopards in the northern areas of the country, where it will offer insurance coverage to live-stock owners. The pilot programme will be imple mented in select parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) where attacks on livestocl by wildlife have become a major cause of conflict threatening both the livelihood of local communities.

SC dismisses petition against rejection of nomination papers of presidential candidate

Supreme Court (SC) constitutional bench while dismissing the petition against rejection of nomination papers of presidential candidate Asghar Ali Mubarak has imposed fine amounting to Rs 20000 on him.

A 6-member SC constitutional bench under Justice Amin ud Din Khan took up for hearing the case against rejection of nomination papers of presidential candidate Asghar Ali Mubarak.

filed petition under 184/3. What public interest is involved therein.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar remarked why did you not resort to high

Justice Amin ud Din Khan remarked the petition has become in- fructuous

The court dismissed the petition filed by petitioner Asghar Ali Mubarak with fine. The court ordered the amount of penalty be deposited in national trea-Jamal sury and receipt be pre-Mandokhail remarked "you sented in the court.

IHC stays action against ex-DG NAB

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday stopped the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) from taking legal action against its former Director General (DG) Shahzad Saleem on alleged misconduct and served notices to respondents.

IHC's Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir heard the case against initiation of inquiry and charge-sheet against mer DG NAB on alleged misconduct.

The petitioner's lawyer prayed to the court to stop the bureau from taking legal action against his client and clare the inquiry against him as illegal.

The court stopped the action of NAB against the petitioner till the judgment on the case and also served notices to NAB for December 16.

The court also sought a complete inquiry report and para-wise comments against the plea. The petitioner's lawyer said that the bureau had already conducted an inquiry into the matter previously and closed it.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf exchanging views with Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan, Irfan Neziroglu at Naval Headquarters.

IGP Islamabad says: Protection of life and property of citizens is of utmost priority

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According merit. to details, Inspector General of Police (IGP) ers to recruit educated Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir youth who are dedicated to

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He directed the offic-Rizvi chaired important meetings at the Central Police force, in order to ensure (CPO) the safety of citizens' lives Islamabad. DIG Security/ and property and to provide them with all neces-



Jawad Tariq, DG Safe City Shakir Hussain Dawar, AIG Operations/Establishment Abdul Haq Umrani, SSP Safe City Muhammad Shoaib Khan, and other police officers were present at these meetings.

IGP Islamabad reviewed the ongoing recruitment process in the Islamabad Police. He issued orders to all officers to complete the recruitment process as soon as possible, tion Wing.

sary facilities

He also reviewed the performance of Safe City Islamabad. The DG Safe City briefed IGP Islamabad about the overall performance of the Safe City Command and Control Centre.

He said that the efficiency of Safe City should be increased, and maximum technical support should be provided to the Investiga-

Proportional representation proposed to enhance political equity

Grand National Dialogue, held on Tuesday, proposed adopting proportional representation to promote political inclusivity, strengthening local governments, and ensuring the equitable distribution of public resources through provincial NFCs. The event, which included a seminar and the launch of the book Grand National Dialogue, brought together ten Dialogue partners who had engaged in discussions on eleven critical national issues over the past two years. The book encapsulates the collective insights and recommendations of renowned experts, academics, think tanks, and young students from all

provinces. This intellectual endeavor culminated in the publication of the book Grand National Dialogue, a compilation of the shared wisdom of prominent sectoral specialists, academic figures, members of the think tank community, and a diverse cohort of students from across Pakistan.

Presided over by former Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary Am-

ISLAMABAD (APP): bassador Inam ul Haq, the The participants of the event was organized by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), said a press

The opening session featured a summary of the takeaways of the Grand National Dialogue and the formal book launch followed by two working sessions of debate on the eleven topic that included Political & Governance System, National Identity and Cohesion, Foreign Policy, economic Security, Extremism/Militancy Population Control & Food

Security, Water Security, Education, Health Security, Energy & Power Security, and Climate Change. The dialogue partners like LUMS, ISSI, IRS, Health Services University, IIUI, Pakistan Council for Research on Water Resources (PCRWR), and COMSATS University Islamabad raised several important points during the working sessions, including the need for implementation of national counter extremism policies, establishment of Pakistan Revenue Board, raising of health and education spending to the UN and

WHO recommended 5%.

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Competing narratives

While the state may have succeeded in beating back PTI supporters from the capital's tional Herald, the newspared zone last week, the battle of narratives between both sides with regard to the deaths that reportedly occurred during the confrontation contin-

The PML-N-led government insists no PTI supporters were killed by law enforcers, while the latter remains adamant that its activists were targeted by the state. The federal information minister told a press conference that no PTI worker was killed during the clashes, while accusing the Imran Khan-led party of spreading fake images and videos on social media to support its narrative. Moreover, the government says four security personnel died in the violence and around 190 were injured while confronting protesters.

While figures quoted by PTI leaders and supporters initially varied greatly, the party now says that 12 supporters died in the melee, and that the state is hiding the truth. It is also a fact that the administration is worried about the PTI narrative on social media, which is why it has formed a joint task force to trace those behind the "massive malicious campaign",

In the midst of these claims and counter-claims, instead of focusing all its energies on hunting down the PTI's keyboard warriors, the state would be better off supporting a transparent investigation into the reported deaths. While diers was killed and 16 others injured. Internet and countering take news is essen- phone services remained tial, it is more important to suspended in Gwadar. The BYC claimed its young ascertain if there were actual leaders were also disapdeaths during the confrontation. The reported deaths of media came across videos from holding the jirga and law enforcers must also be probed.

Therefore, a judicial commission acceptable to both sides can be formed to conduct an impartial inquiry into the matter. This would put to rest rumours and ensure that justice is served.

It is also important for the government as well as the opposition to agree to some rules of engagement regarding future protests. The right to protest is part and parcel of the democratic process, but some SOPs need to be hammered out and agreed to by all parties so that future demonstrations do lights', Karachi became not end in bloodshed.

Also, the prime minister has suggested the creation of a special anti-riot squad. If this after Afghanistan. Simplan goes ahead, the state plistically, we took to the idea of training and fundneeds to give clear guidelines regarding where and how this driven, as mujahideen, and squad is to be deployed, while having them cross the its core mandate should be handling volatile situations prolong their rule; the through non-lethal means. The government's efforts to project the PTI's protest campaign as 'anti-state' also needs a rethink. As stated above, all parties and groups have a constitutional right to peacefully assemble.

Criticism of the government, therefore, cannot automatically be treated as criticism of the state, as this gives licence to the administration to brand all opposition parties and critical groups as 'anti-national'. A clear demarcation is required between anti-government protests, and anti-state activities.

Are Gandhis equipped for the fight?

Jawed Naqvi

Priyanka Gandhi is the orand new Congress MP being watched with interest and hope. She won the by-election from Wayanad in Kerala with a massive majority and she has to hit the ground running. India

Nehru wrote the lines above the masthead of Naper he published from Lucknow: "The nation is in peril. Defend it with all your might." The lines remained around for months after the 1962 China war had ended. The peril this time around is domestic. Would Priyanka Gandhi be

equal to the task? There aren't too many choices around in any case. Could she lean on her ability to communicate with ordinary men and women as seen in recent election campaigns to join the battle or perhaps even lead it? Recalling the family tragedy of assassinations she frequently resorts to may need to be abandoned for a wider aperture on the life-threatening crisis India is facing. Sympathy is needed by the masses just as sombrely.

as well as energise the Congress party, which has hit the panic buttons with baffling defeats suffered in Harvana Maharashtra assembly elections. A detailed and

objective analysis of the sweep Maharashtra indicates a concerted tinkering of the mandate, with money power, polarising lies and spect EVMs.

Therefore, strategies for 'winning elections' may not be the immediate task before the youngest member of the Gandhi trio in parliament.

Ensuring that elections, which are the heart of democracy, are not stolen as is evidently happening has become an existential challenge for the party and the country alike. Reinforcing electoral probity no longer seems feasible to be left to the state machinery, including the election commission. It would require nothing short of a mass movement to put Indian democracy back on its

The compulsions for clinging to power are immensely high for the ruling

Priyanka seems to establishment. Foreign in-have the talent to stabilise establishment erests, too, are inevitably plex as India, it does seem going to be ranged to subvert the people's will, particularly given India's lead in shoring up the BRICS path to sovereignty and equal opportunities to the Global South

> The notorious maidan events used to derail and manufacture false outcomes would not be too difficult to stage in a fractured polity that India is being turned into. The need to stem the rot is therefore equally paramount for the people and for the parties that still believe in the future of a sure-footed democracy. Do Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi find themselves equipped for the enormous challenge? While the jury is out, the Gandhis may wish to cast an inward gaze to see if they have the intellectual depth, experience and fortitude needed to lead a virtual second independence movement, short of which Indian democracy looks

> Sonia Gandhi retired to the Rajya Sabha in April, leaving the responsibilities of daily combat in the Lok Sabha to her children and

odd that the main opposition group struggles to find talent outside the Gandhi family. Ideally, the catchment area for talent should be more widespread.

It is a given that it's there, but it needs to be ascertained in the course of the struggles ahead. It needs to be stated though that without the presence of the Gandhis at the helm, the party could disintegrate, ripe to be cannibalised by wily interests in no time. Who can forget the chilling phone call in which a leading tycoon was heard describing the Congress as his shop. Fortunately, many unidentified agents of business houses the late Rajiv Gandhi had warned of have been eased out from the party, but others have cuously stayed on.

Rahul has made his mark as a forceful leader of the opposition, targeting issues of corruption and crony capitalism with conviction. He has embraced the farmers' struggle against the vagaries of a free market economy. The farmers are not asking for their feckless allies. For a anything more than what

talist countries get as sub-

also become an articulate advocate for a greater share in political and economic governance for lower-caste groups, the OBCs, who comprise over half the population. If Priyanka and he succeed in galvanising the party, to capture the imagination of the masses as is thought they could, the Gandhis would earn the gratitude of compatriots who are groping in the dark for relief from Narendra Modi's unending misrule.

Modi's contempt for India's democracy and its founding fathers is legendary. According to him, there was only darkness before

Nehru had messed up the country with misplaced liberalism and imported science. Gandhiji has been reduced to a symbol of cleanliness drives that show leaders sweeping perfectly clean footpaths. Under Nehru, no one knew about Gandhiji, Modi claims. It was Richard Attenborough's awardwinning movie that familiarised the world with

tary was a battalion of losers before Modi staged Rahul Gandhi has cross-border raids to discipline an erring neighbour. He also got Sheikh Hasina to stop mentioning Indira Gandhi's name when he went to Dhaka to celebrate this or that event

At home, Muslimbashing is peaking. The supreme court has allowed zealots to dig up mosques and Sufi shrines to claim alleged remnants of demolished temples. The pervasive rot can be arrested in a democracy. But free and fair elections are the nub The Congress evolved as a successful movement under Gandhiji's watch. Nehru groomed it into a party. But he gnashed his teeth to put up with party satraps whose power came from the fact that they were deeply communal, incorrigibly feudal, unscientific and also corrupt.

The US indictment of Gautam Adani was not needed to feel the stench The filth is pervasive. And it's protected by the system that subverts democracy by rigging elections. Who could clean the swamp? Priyanka? Rahul? -- Courtesy Dawn

Fear of the people

Arifa Noor

Some months ago, the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) called a jirga in Gwadar. The aim was to highlight the many challenges of Balochistan such as underdevelopment and state excesses, including enforced disappearances.

Then came the reaction. First, the permission to hold the gathering in Gwadar was denied — the infamous NOC — because of 'law and order'. When the date approached, the roads were blocked as people began travelling to the venue in caravans and BYC volunteers alleged harassment. Travellers were stopped at security check posts and clashes broke out.

According to one story in the international press, the BYC said, a group travelling from Mastung was fired upon while the security forces peared for a short while. Those of us using social in which uniformed people were seen firing at vehicles, though these remain 'unverified' in the eyes of the state. What viewers believe or don't believe is another

Though the protest was called off after a few days, the chief minister later claimed the protesters had been offered a different venue but insisted on Gwadar. Difficult protesters, them. The incident took place in July.

In October, Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement, another grassroots, rights-based movement like the BYC, called a jirga. Their objective, like the Baloch, was to discuss the challenges facing the Pakhtuns, ie, security, violation of constitutional rights and political au-

Then came another reaction. The government banned the group. The Balochistan and KP governments placed the names Fourth Schedule. The lata notification barring employees and officials from attending the event. The Peshawar High Court also restrained the organisation

told the police to ensure security.

Camps being set up by the PTM were attacked by police, according to reports. The tents were burnt down, tear gas was used, and people arrested. Eventually, three activists died, after which the authorities rushed in to defuse the situation.

As with the BYC jirga, mainstream news channels ignored the event, while the print media covered it sketchily. For those interested and invested in the event, social media was the place to find out what happened.

Unlike, PTM and BYC, the PTI is a mainstream political party which takes part in electoral politics and mainstream politics. But despite its electoral politics, the PTI, like the other two, is also heavily invested in street protests.

When it announced its recent march to Islamabad of PTM activists on the on Nov 24, the reaction was not too dissimilar to what had happened earlier. It was denied permission to hold a gathering, its people were harassed and arrested, before and during the dharna. Roads were blocked and cities besieged.

Coverage was limited. Then, the dharna ended in the excessive use of force by the state and deaths of innocent people, which the government is denying, a denial which has about as many believers as the

PML-N has voters. Despite the differences between these three organisations, there is a pattern here. All three are led by charismatic leaders who are perhaps the most popular in the country; ew would deny that Mahrang Baloch and Manzoor Pashteen enjoy immense support, even though it remains untested in elections. Imran Khan and his party have established their popularity in elections. All three have

emerged as leaders in a rap-

idly changing society. Perhaps this is why all three are seen to pose an existential threat to the state or the powers that be. And unlike the PTI, whose mistakes up to Nov 24 are PTM jirgas underlines the fact that the state's reaction might have little to do tagonist is behaving. If the

treated no differently, then how likely is the possibility of the PTI being 'welcomed' in Islamabad had it just acted differently or done this or that?

Of course, the three organisations, their emergence and progression are different too. This is not to deny that or to equate their suffering and grievances but to point out that at some level, the status quo within is similarly threatened by any force which symbolises change, a change which is now pushing at the political system to give space and voice to the change at society's level. At the same time, it

is worth considering why parties organisations which are genuinely popular are agitating for their demands and rights outside of parto take part in politics, for at some level it remembers how parliaments profront and centre of any vided legitimacy to mili- anywhere other than on discussion, the treatment tary operations (and the the streets. But the events Wazir); the BYC sees the fate of parties and politicians such as Dr Abdul Malik who stuck to the electoral process; and the sibility will be one BYC and PTM jirgas were PTI has been left with player's alone.

little space for political

The latter won elections and was then deprived of its victory; it went to the tribunals only to have the judges changed; it went to the courts to get its reserved seats and the apex court was changed when the judgment favoured the PTI; and its leaders get bail only to be arrested in another case. When it tried to block the 26th Amendment by talking to political parties, parliamentarians were picked up and forced to vote. Even those who blame the PTI for not forming alliances with political forces, base their argument on the assumption that a broad-based alliance would create more pressure on the streets — even these critics don't think the solution lies in parlia-

Personally, there is little hope that the present to the dread that this resolution will not come with out consuming more lives.

New normals

Tasneem Noorani Namaz is the time to take

a break from worldly matters to stand before Allah and seek His mercy and guidance. But despite one's best efforts, thoughts wander to mundane matters — as they do to the unintended consequences of the events taking place in our country.

In the 1980s, the MQM was created to take care of the monopoly of a party in Karachi. For the next 30 years, we saw the MQM's new culture of violence in Karachi impeding the city's economic, physical and social growth. From the 'city of the world's second most unsafe city after Caracas.

In the 1970s, we had to fight fears of the Soviets invading our country ing civilians, religiously inclined or financially western border. It was a win-win. Rulers could country and rulers could get dollars. Everyone was happy. The unintended impact was the introduction of drugs and the Kalashnikov culture, which have flourished

We also saw that after the USSR's withdrawal, while we expected the mujahideen to return to their mundane village life, they, having become used to power and pelf,

morphed into the Taliban. While we encouraged the Afghan Taliban to destabilise and then take Afghanistan from the US, we expected the Pakistani Taliban to melt away and forget about the power they enjoyed. Now the Taliban, our own handiwork, whether it was through educating them in our madressahs or giving them arms and training,

are not in our control. They are actively involved in destabilising Pakistan.

In the 1980s, we were seen to support Kashmiri fighters infiltrating occupied Kashmir, recounterinsurgency action by the Indian state, which led to the brutalisation of ordinary Kashmiris, and diluted the sacrifices of the genuine freedom fight-

In the 2020s, in order to neutralise a political party, we have again hit upon the idea of using the faceless force of the state to bring everyone in line, whether it be a defiant politician, an independent judge or a cheeky policeman. While the temptation to use force in all its forms, without actually killing anyone, is tempting for the state,

there will be unintended consequences like before. The first new normal is the militarisation of the police. Earlier, police officials, while entertaining the wishes of the rulers, always had at the back of their mind the thought that any excesses committed by them could land them in trouble with their department or that the courts could hold them accountable. Now that amne-sty, medical cover and compensation to their families have been assured at the highest level, the level of brutality is un-

precedented. This new norm where the police force is fixed on obliterating government's political opponents will come to

aunt future oppositions. The second new normal is a unique way of arresting a person to ensure punishment before trial, by raiding the home of the victim and traumatising his family, without regard to the unwritten norms of the sanctity of home and family, which had hitherto been assured in our culture. The destruction of

furniture, electronics, windows, crockery, vehicles et al, is the norm now, while there is no mention of this method of punishment in any law

The third new normal is multiple FIRs and arrest of undesirable persons. Pre-viously, a person was charged, arrested and given bail if the court felt that keeping him/her in jail was not legally justified. That disc-retion has been taken away. That is why the state does not find any need to incarcerate anyone under the MPO, which apart from procedural requirements and no provision for arbitrary arrests by the government, has a maximum limit for the detention pe-

The fourth new normal is the most serious feature, and a forebearer, of a lawless society. The Supreme Court is, by definition, the highest and most powerful forum and final arbitrator in the state. Its rulings have the effect of law. In this case, in order to tide over shortterm exigencies, we disobeyed the court's unambiguous orders of holding elections in provinces, followed by disregarding the order of the full court (the highest conceivable forum) in the case of special seats. While life goes on as normal, this expediency will come home to

Imagine a hotly contested football match with 80,000 fans equally divided between the two sides, watching a match where one team refuses to obey the red card shown by the referee, and continues to play with the expelled, or insists that a goal scored on an offside cannot be refused. You will certainly see a free for all amongst the fans in the stadium to 'settle' the problem. We need to prevent that from happening here. -- Courtesy Dawn

Rashid Amjad There are indeed signs that the economy is stabilising. The PSX share index has, for the first time, crossed 100,000 points. The rupee-dollar exchange rate has rema-ined stable over the entire year despite speculation to the contrary. The inflation rate has come tumbling down to around six per cent when even the most optimistic projection was of near double this number. The recurring dreaded current account deficit has turned positive with a spurt in exports and a windfall rise in remittances, albeit with con-

trolled imports. These are all positive developments. But will this trend continue? Most importantly, if it does will it ignite sustained high growth, or as is the case with many developing countries, will it end up in the low-growth equilibrium trap of macro stability without growth?

While the government has taken full credit for stabilising the economy, these developments are of course not just the result of its efforts. To start with, the slowing down in the rate of inflation is global after the end of Covid-19 which sent consumers on a worldwide spending spree. This decline has also been helped by stable oil prices.

As to the stock market, it is firmly in the hands of a few speculators. And past booms have fizzled out at the same speed as stocks have climbed! In any case, hardly any new companies have been listed on the stock market over the last year.

The increase in remittances is indeed welcome but the government should beware that amongst its most likely causes is the return of

poverty to Pakistan after declining, a situation worsened by the current government policy of not fulfilling its commitment to buy wheat at a minimum support price and pushing up rural poverty as prices fell to half this promised price. As growth slows down and subsidies on essential items are removed, unemwill rise further and the government will be hardpressed to find the resources to increase direct still not materialised. income support to the

There is then always

fear that as stabilisation measures kick in and aggregate demand is compressed, the economy could slip into a deep recession. The lull in the housing and real estate market if it collapses could create a vacuum force, to make a dent in which could push the economy in this direction as the collapse of the housing market had done earlier in Japan and more recently in China. This will push the government into a conundrum, leaving it little room for manoeuvre given the tight fiscal constraints the IMF programme has imposed on it. The government should be prepared for such an eventuality.

On the external front, there are already serious concerns building up of global economic uncertainty as Donald Trump takes office next month. While the dollar will, in all probability, strengthen given his announced trade curbs on imports from China, Canada and Mexico in the first instance, a major trade war can erupt with each economy adopting policies designed to protect its own interests. As in the past, this could trigger a global recession which would hurt developing countries including

Economic growth We must also renearly two decades of its member that despite improvements in our current account balance we are still vulnerable to external shocks. We possess under three months of foreign exchange reserves to finance imports and a significant gap this financial year in the foreign exchange external balance (including debt repayments). Despite high exployment and poverty pectations, foreign investment (Saudi Arabia) and promised debt rollovers (China) have

> The real question is that even if the economy stabili-ses as it has many times before will it ignite higher gro-wth with poverty reduction?

> The targeted 3pc growth for this year is less than half of what the country needs, in view of its population and labour rising poverty and malnutrition. Though growth is expected to pick up in subsequent years, it will still be much less than required and much lower than what India has posted (over 7pc) in the last three years.

There are emerging green shoots (for example, IT and AI) which could serve as drivers of economic growth. But it is already difficult to get our ruling elite to pay their due taxes and well-nigh impossible to get them, or for that matter any foreign investor, to risk investments in the current political milieu. Few can blame them after the recent events.

out of the interdependent political and economic dead ends is a political détente, or what former Mushahid Hussain has termed a 'cooling off' period, in the current confrontation between the major stakeholders. But have we ever learnt from our past mistakes? -- Courtesy Dawn

The only way to get

Chairs cabinet meeting CM Maryma approves special package for security personnel martyred, injured by PTI mob

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif chaired 20th meeting of the provincial cabinet to discuss and decide on major agenda

provincial cabinet strongly condemned brutal violence and attacks on police and rangers during PTI's violent protest on November 24, and offered Fateha for the security personnel martyred in the

The cabinet approved special packages for those martyred and injured in the protest. These packages include a total of Rs 29 million for the martyred constable of Punjab Police, a Rs 01 million each for police and rangers personnel injured in the fractured due to the arrangements.

brutal violence of PTI merciless violence of PTI The CM said that

injured during the brutal protest of PTI workers, most of them are in critical condition. She said it is shameful to see the never seen such a display condition of the injured personnel undergoing treatment at CMH Rawalpindi, and to note that their killers are our people. She highlighted

beaten by groups with nailed sticks and rifle butts, adding that the skulls, legs and arms of the personnel undergoing treatment at

workers' mob. The SP was beaten so mercilessly with 172 police personnel were nailed sticks that his skull and brain were damaged and his eye was swollen, she said The CM said, "I have

policeman was shot at close range, which went through his body." She lamented that the constable seeing the violence, the brutality of PTI workers is of PTI workers has little of PTI workers has little children. A special force of The CM said the 10,000 trained security security personnel were personnel will be established in Punjab to combat riots. Attacks on Dera Ghazi Khan and Mianwali check posts have increased. She directed to CMH Rawalpindi were improve the security

Governor

KP visits

Data Darbar

Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Faisal Karim Kundi on

Tuesday visited Data Darbar, the shrine of famous Sufi saint Hazrat Ali Bin Usman Hajveri,

commonly known as Data

laid a 'chaddar' of flowers

on the grave and along with

devotees also prayed for

peace in the country.

Ummah.

the devotees.

Faisal Karim Kundi

Prayers were also

Later on, Faisal

offered for the welfare and

wellbeing of Muslim

sacred sites as an integral

part of the country's

cultural and social heritage.

in providing spiritual

Couple, three

in Bahawalpur

BAHAWALPUR (APP) Unidentified armed mer

shot dead a couple and their three children in the

Shashmahi canal road area

Official sources in

the suburbs

the Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122)

said that they received a

phone call on their

helpline by a man that

three to four persons had

been found unconscious in

their home in Model Avenue, Shashmahi canal

the phone call was the

neighbour of the victim

family

The person who made

Bahawalpur city.

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BAHAWALPUR: Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani along with former Governor Makhdoom Ahmad Mahmood offering condolence with the family of former MNA Makhdoom Hassan Gilani over his demise at Uch

Punjab Governor says: Elimination of drug trafficking in educational institutions is first priority

Independent Report

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the elimination of drug trafficking in educational Mujahid Alam at Lawrence College Ghora Gali Murree. A large number of faculty members, teachers and students of the college were present on the

occasion. Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the young generation is the asset of the country. Along with education, He said that moral education and character building is also

important for them. He said that it is the international level.

responsibility of teachers to involve students in Governor Punjab said that a political leadership involving the young institutions is the first generation in subversive priority. He stated this activities is tantamount to today while addressing the anti-nationalism. He said farewell ceremony of that the young generation Principal Brigadier (Rtd) rejected the politics of rejected the politics of the progress and stability violence. He expressed of Pakistan and durable hope that the youth will play a positive role in the development of the country

Governor Punjab further said that Lawrence College, Ghora Gali is an ancient educational institution He said that the students who have graduated from this great educational institution are rendering outstanding services not only at national but also at



KARACHI: Smoke rises as fire fighters struggle to control a fire which broke out in a multi-story Rimpa Plaza building at MA Jinnah Road.

Minister highlights Punjab govt measures for special persons

LAHORE (APP): The persons. He mentioned Punjab Social Welfare and Bait-ul-Mal Department organised a prestigious ceremony on International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event, held at a local hotel, was attended by Provincial Minister for Social Welfare and Bait-ul-Mal Punjab, Sohail Shaukat Butt, as the chief guest. The ceremony was attended by Secretary Social Welfare Javed Akhtar Mahmood, DG Sikandar Zishan, and other department officials. Representatives from international organizations, including the British Council, FCDO, UNFPA, Awaz II, NGOs, and special persons, also participated

enthusiastically. Addressing attendees, Provincial Minister Sohail Shaukat Butt highlighted that for the first time in Punjab's unique programme, the Humqat Card, was launched under the leadership of the chief minister to benefit special that so far, 40,000 special persons have been issued Humqat Cards, with an additional individuals to be supported in the second phase.

Sohail Shaukat Butt elaborated that after thorough verification at their doorsteps, special persons have provided with financial assistance of Rs. 10,500 each. A grant of Rs1 billion has been allocated for the provision of assistive devices to special persons. Through the Humqat Card, special persons can travel for free on the Metro Bus, and steps are being taken to provide a 50% discount on private transport fares.

He further informed that 700 applications have been received from special girls for collective weddings under the Dhee Rani Programme. DG Social Welfare Punjab, Sikandar Zeeshan, said that the department is continuously striving to protect the rights of persons with disabilities

KP CM Gandapur asks of brutality, cruelty and violence in my life. A on students' grooming

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief expressed pride in Minister (CM) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Tuesday asked the public of the private sector, he said "No government can be said will be and private universities in the province to focus on students' grooming apart from traditional education to firmly counter the national and international challenges

challenges.

Addressing the fourth convocation of Iqra National University on Tuesday, he urged students to embrace challenges, remain resilient, and learn from setbacks. "One failure cannot stop your progress; keep moving forward with faith and determination," he added.

He emphasized the importance of celebrating others' successes, calling it a hallmark of great individuals.

The CM lauded Iqra
National University for its rapid progress

universities to focus

said, "No government can progress without public and private sector support. I fully support the private sector to groom our youth for national and international competition.

the CM Later awarded degrees and medals to graduating students.

A total of 438 graduates were conferred degrees in various disciplines, including 280 Bachelor's, 120 Master's, and 38 PhD degrees. Additionally, 34 students received gold medals for outstanding accordence.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Syed Qasim Ali Shah along with others take keen interest at stall during celebration ceremony in connection of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, held at Nishtar Hall in Peshawar.

Senate Chairman visits Uch Sharif, condoles death of ex-MINA

BAHAWALPUR (APP): Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani visited the shrine of Hazrat Mahboob Subhani in Uch Sharif on Tuesday.

Karim also distributed "Langar" (free meal) among He offered prayers and laid a floral wreath at Speaking on the the shrine. He also visited occasion, the governor highlighted the significance the shrines of other elders from his family. The Gilani of spiritual figures and families from Multan, Uch Sharif, and Jamal Din Wali offered condolences on the death of former MNA Sved He emphasized their role Ali Hassan Gilani and performed the ceremonial solace to people and fostering social harmony. turban tying for his nephew Syed Ghaus Moeenuddin Gilani. Former Punjab Governor Makhdoom Ahmad Mahmood, Syed Iftikharchildren shot dead

Pak Shaheed, Abul Hasan Jamal Din Gilani, MNA Sami-ul-Hassan Sved Gilani, Peer Kot Mithan Sharif Amir Kureja, Syed Sohail Gilani, and others were also present.

Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, along with former Punjab Governor Makhdoom Ahmad Mahmood, offered condolences to the family of the late Syed Ali Hassan Gilani, which included his uncle Syed Zafar Hassan Gilani, his brother MNA Syed Sami-ul-Hassan Gilani, cousin MPA Sved Amir Ali Shah Gilani, and Makhdoom Syed Sohail Gilani. Yusuf Řaza Gilani stated that the services of Sved Ali Hassan Gilani to the local community will always be remembered.

custodian of Hazrat Musa PA speaker visits **Sundas Foundation**

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Assembly (PA) Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan on Tuesday visited the Sundas Foundation, where he toured its various departments.

ul-Hassan Gilani, Syed

Ahmad Mujtaba Gilani, the

During his visit, he met with patients under treatment, distributed gifts among them, and spent time with their families.

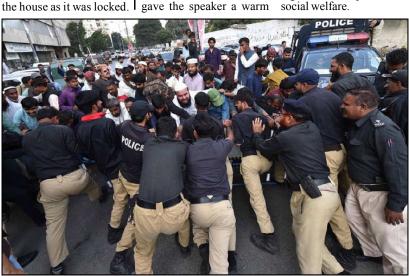
The PA speaker encouraged the children and boosted their morale.

Sundas Foundation A team and three directors - Suhail Warraich ambulance vehicles reached and Khalid Abbas Dar the scene and broke into

welcome and provided a detailed briefing on the Foundation's services, particularly its mission to provide free treatment to children suffering from thalassemia hemophilia.

commemorative shield was also presented to the speaker in recognition of his visit.

While commending Sundas Foundation's efforts, the PA speaker said that the services of Sundas Foundation were a significant step towards social welfare.



KARACHI: A group of visually impaired individuals protesting for job quotas in the government sector were stop Forcibly by Police outside the Karachi Press Club in Karachi as world celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

CM Murad Shah says: Sindh become 1st province in Asia to rebuild houses for flood affected people

KARACHI (APP): A Sindh has taken the lead for commendable delegation from the Young Parliamentarians Forum bridge, almost 32 km long, young political leads to the commendable towards are provided by the com (YPF), led by President Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar, MNA, met with Sindh CM Sindh Government's Syed Murad Ali Shah to commitment for provision discuss coordination of free medical facilities among legislative bodies, across the province and youth welfare, and the role of Young Parliamentarians in addressing issues like political polarization, populism, and fake news.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif presides over the 20th meeting of Punjab Cabinet.

Sindh Chief Minister extended a warm welcome to the YPF delegation and lauded YPF's for safeguarding the youth rights and ensuring their welfare, saying that the Sindh Government has become the 1st province in Asia to rebuild houses for flood affected people.

especially in the far-flung He underscored the significance of youth as a substantial part of Pakistan's population and their vital role in national progress. He emphasized importance of collaboration between federal and provincial

legislatures to address shared challenges. He termed the establishment of YPF in the Sindh Provincial Assembly as a His public.

YPF President Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar praised the Chief Minister for his hospitality and support.

young political leaders.

in Aisa. He apprised the YPF delegation about Sindh Government's commitment for provision federal and provincial governments is essential for sustainable development. YPF will continue to play a key role in addressing youth issues and ensuring their welfare. He also reiterated the Sindh government's commitment to focusing on youth education and training providing essential healthcare facilities, and delivering basic services to

the public

HC's grave saluted on his death anniversary

FAISALABAD (APP): A police contingent of Chak Jhumra police station has saluted the grave of a martyred Head Constable (HC) Muhammad Jameel on the occasion of his death anniversary, here on Tuesdav

Police spokesman said that on the direction of City Police Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil, the police team visited the graveyard and presented a salute to the grave of martyred police head constable Muhammad Jameel in recognition of his services rendered for the police department.

The police contingent also offered "Fateha" for the departed soul and laid down rose bouquet on the grave in addition to distributing gifts among his family members. spokesman added.

Punjab Maryam Nawaz LAHORE (Online): case No 863/24 registered

Contempt of court petition

filed in LHC against CM

Contempt of court petition has been filed against Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Maryam Nawaz in Lahore High Court (LHC). PTI leader Akmal

Khan filed contempt of court petition against CM Punjab through advocate Khurram Latif for harassing him despite court's orders. CM Punjab Maryam Nawaz, IG Punjab police, CCPO Lahore and others

on November 22 for continuously. stopping to harass him respondents are violating illegally and on the same day Islampura police abducted him illegally outside Sessions court. The petitioner was shown

in police station Rang

Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) discharged him from the case on November 23 but the Islam Pura police again arrested him in evening on November 23 in case No 3691/24 illegally. ATC discharged him from

this case on November 25, On November 26 Police station Shafiq Abad arrested him in case No have been respondents in made 4250/24 illegally. Sessions court discharged him from petition. The petitioner has this case. Counsel for taken plea in the petition petitioner said local police that LHC had issued order is harassing petitioner November 22 court's order deliberately. It is requested those who are involved in non compliance of court's orders be dealt with to have been arrested in sternly as per law.



LAHORE: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi visits family of martyred Capt. Muhammad Zohaibuddin and offers Fateha.

ATC acquits accused in 8-year-old murder case

LAHORE (APP): An antiterrorism court (ATC) on Tuesday acquitted a man accused of murdering two children in Liaquatabad eight years ago.ATC Judge Manzer Ali Gill announced the verdict on conclusion of arguments from both sides. The court held that the prosecution failed to substantiate the charges against the accused, Haroon Masih, who was brought to court from jail for the hearing.

The case dates back to 2016, when Liaquatabad police registered an FIR against Masih, alleging his involvement in the killing of two children.

AIOU provides free education to persons with disabilities: VC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is making every possible effort to bring prosperity and convenience to the lives of persons with disabilities. To help them lead dignified and successful lives, the university offers free education from matriculation to PhD level," said the Vice-Chancellor of AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, in his statement on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Development Program was

against gender based violence starts PESHAWAR (APP): UN academia, government, and

16 days of campaign

Women Pakistan's Rolling Resistance: Theatre on Wheels campaign made its impactful stop on Tuesday the Institute of Management Sciences (IMS) as part of the global 16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign started

the theme "Koi Jawaaz Nahi (No Excuse), leverages the transformative power of theatre to spark dialogue and mobilize collective

The campaign, under

action GBV. together leaders from a press release issued here.

civil society.
Zainab Qaiser Khan, Head of Peshawar Office, UN Women Pakistan, reiterated the campaign's transformative vision: "Through innovative platforms like Rolling Resistance, we aim to foster empathy, challenge harmful norms, and inspire

GBV was not just a women's issue; it was a human rights crisis affecting every facet of society. Globally, one in three women experiences The event brought violence in her lifetime, said

Ch Shafay chairs meeting regarding promotion of technical education

Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain here Tuesday chaired a meeting to review various matters, improving the standard of technical education, upgrading (Technical Education and Vocational Authority) institutions, and collaborations with other organizations. Progress on the Chief Minister's

LAHORE

also reviewed. Chairman TEVTA, Brigadier Muhammad Khokhar, GM Operations Aamir Aziz, Dr. Shahbaz Shamsi of the Prime Minister's Youth Program, and other relevant officers attended the meeting. Representatives of the Saylani Welfare Trust, including Afzal Chandia and Muhammad participated via video link. The Saylani Welfare Trust expressed interest in investing in projects promoting

Ahsan congratulates PSX for stellar 60% growth in 2024

congratulated the Pakistan achieving over 60% growth

gong striking ceremony on Tuesday, Ahsan Iqbal lauded the exchange's performance, stating it to lag behind showcased Pakistan's economically," he said, resilience and economic calling for strategic

During his address, Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the importance of four key factors for national development: peace, political stability, consistent policies, and commitment to reforms. He noted that without creating

Planning, Development, would be futile. "Pakistan Allama Iqbal as the nation survival. approaches its centenary in 2047. "We cannot afford

> He highlighted the terrorism, shift from the political ideologies of the 20th

announced the forthcoming Pakistan National

competition of the 21st

(APP): a conducive ecosystem, Transformation Plan, Federal Minister for even the best intentions emphasizing the need for export-led growth and the and Special Initiatives
Ahsan Iqbal, on behalf of the Prime Minister, stressed. Reflecting on noted that no Pakistani Pakistan's long-term goals, company currently exceeds Stock Exchange (PSX) on Ahsan Iqbal underlined the a \$2 billion valuation, need to honor the vision of stressing the importance of O24. Quaid-e-Azam connecting with global Speaking at the PSX Muhammad Ali Jinnah and supply chains for economic

> Recounting past achievements, Ahsan Iqbal recalled that when the PML-N assumed office in 2013, the country faced severe crises, including shortages, and target killings in Karachi. He century to the economic added that the PML-N restored peace, controlled tury. load-shedding, and The minister also advanced the China-



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Prof Ahsan Iqbal addressing to gong striking ceremony during the visit at the Pakistan Stock Exchange PSX.

Shaza Fatima says: Govt providing opportunities to youth in IT, other Sectors

and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, on Tuesday reaffirmed the government's commitment to providing opportunities

sectors, including IT. Digitization would reduce bureaucratic hurdles and significantly enhance and hard work. The efficiency in the country she said while speaking at the UNDP Digital Skills Graduation Ceremony for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

She highlighted the pivotal role of young people in national development.

Minister of State for government is offering a Information Technology range of IT courses to equip students with essential skills.

The minister said training programs are being conducted to familiarize youth with diverse ITrelated fields, encouraging them to contribute to society through dedication minister underscored the government's dedication to advancing the IT sector by leveraging all available resources. S h e stressed that digitization

remains a top priority, aiming to provide online access to services to streamline processes and

She also highlighted importance of specialized courses, such as cloud computing and artificial intelligence, in driving the digitization agenda. She elaborated on the "One Patient, One ID" initiative, explaining that patients' medical records would be accessible online, enabling healthcare providers to retrieve their complete history using their ID card.

She said that the system would help save a patient's entire medical record, which would be accessible across all hospitals operating in the federal capital.

Gold prices increase by Rs 700

Sarafa Association reported.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also went up by Rs 600 to Rs 235,940 from Rs 235,340 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold increased to Rs

bilateral connectivity

Pakistan, Russia

discuss expansion of

prospects of expanding

bilateral connectivity

which would not only

benefit Pakistan and

Khan Leghari is on a visit

to Moscow to co-chair the

9th session of Pakistan-

Sardar Awais Ahmed

Minister for Energy Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Sardar Awais Legahri appreciated the growing Legahri and Russian level of cooperation Minister for Transport Mr. between Pakistan and Roman Starovoyt, in a meeting held here Tuesday, positively assessed the

The two sides took stock of all bilateral cooperation projects in the transport sector including road, rail and air, it further said. Both Russia but also the entire sides agreed to continue contacts and enhance cooperation.

Awais Legahri also invited Russian minister Russia IGC, said a press Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State/Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Media Fahd Haroon meeting with Kyle Gardner, Head of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Google South Asian

ICCI, OBF-UK agree to coordinate business events to boost exports

ISLAMABAD (APP): A jointly organize business delegation from the events that would Overseas Business Forum- showcase Pakistan's UK (OBF), led by its export-oriented products Chairman Farooq Khan, visited the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Tuesday.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by ICCI President Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, Senior Vice President Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, Vice President Mehmood Chaudhry, and other ICCI

members, said a press The meeting focused on strategies to enhance

Pakistan's exports, with the aim of improving the country's foreign exchange

and facilitate business-tobusiness (B2B) meetings.

To ensure smooth coordination, the ICCI and OBF-UK decided to appoint focal persons for

the respective tasks.

President Nasir
Mansoor Qureshi
highlighted that ICCI is one of Pakistan's leading chambers, with over 10,000 members representing dustries and businesses.

He emphasized the Chamber's role in bridging the gap between the business community and government officials, earnings. Working towards Both parties agreed to country's economic. working towards the

per tola ISLAMABAD (APP):

The price of 24 karat per tola gold increased by Rs 700 and was sold at Rs 275,200 on Tuesday against its sale at

Rs 274,500, All Sindh **Jewellers**

216,278 from Rs 215,728.

PTCL partners with Mumtaz city to empower 2,000 homes with flagship high-speed internet

ISLAMABAD: Country's leading ICT services provider, Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has signed a strategic agreement with Mumtaz City to revolutionize connectivity for its residents and businesses through its premium and flagship internet service, Flash Fiber.

This collaboration highlights the shared vision of PTCL and Mumtaz City to



deliver a modern connectivity infrastructure that fosters seamless digital experiences and accelerates technological progress in one of Pakistan's rapidly growing urban

Under the terms of the agreement, PTCL will take on the comprehensive design, development, and deployment of a state-of-the-art optical fiber network across

This advanced infrastructure will provide high-speed internet access to 2,500 plus homes and high-rise structures, delivering unmatched connectivity and high-capacity networks that cater to the demands of modern living. This deployment is a key step towards empowering the Mumtaz City community with high-speed internet

The signing ceremony was attended by Nauman Durrani, VP Business Operations North, Salman Ali Bajwa, VP Sales PTCL, and Aqil Jamal Butt, Chief Executive, Mumtaz City, along with senior officials from both sides.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Four ships, MSC Silavana-VIII, DM Bea, Iolaos and Pacific ERA carrying Container, Palm oil, Coal and MO Gas, berthed at Oasim International Container Terminal, Liquid Cargo Pakistan Terminal, International Terminal and FOTCO Terminal respectively on Monday. Meanwhile another containers ship 'Maersk Newark' also arrived at outer anchorage on today Morning.Nine ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships, MSC Silavana-VIII and AL JASRA left the port on today morning, while three more ships, YANNIS PITTAS, ABDULLAH M and ANACOLUS are expected to sail on today afternoon.Cargo volume of 94,501 tonnes, comprising 51,676 tonnes imports cargo and 42,825 tonnes export cargo carried in 2,321 Containers (270 TEUs Imports.

Railways earn Rs. 33b in five months

ISLAMABAD (APP): efficiency and strategic Pakistan Railways has achieved an unprecedented earning of over Rs. 33 billion during the initial five months of the current financial year 2024-25 with the untiring efforts of the department, despite facing several financial

challenges.
"The department has earned this revenue from passengers and freight Pakistan trains, while surpassing the target through the consistent efforts and hard work of the Railway workers," official sources in the Ministry told APP. Pakistan Railways

has achieved a historic financial milestone through generating Rs. 33 billion revenue over the past five months, reflecting a 14 percent year-on-year growth compared to Rs. 29 billion during the same period last year.

"This marks an incremental gain of over Rs enhanced operational

revenue optimization," the sources revealed.

The performance follows a record-breaking financial year 2023-24, during which Pakistan Railways earned Rs. 88 billion in revenue, a 40 percent increase from Rs. 63 billion in the previous year.

The sources said Railways surpassed its initial revenue target of Rs. 73 billion, earning Rs. 47 billion from passenger trains, Rs. 28 billion from goods vehicles, and over Rs. 13 billion from land and other sources

About the Main Line-I (ML-I), they highlighted that groundwork for the ML-1 project, a key infrastructure initiative, is set to commence by next year, signaling long-term growth and profitability for

the organization. 'This achievement is four billion, attributed to a testament to the hard work of our employees.



RUSSIA: Pakistani Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari meets Russian Minister for Transport Mr. Roman Starovoyt on the occasion of 9th session of Pak-Russia IGC.

Secretary General visits SAARC agriculture centre

DHAKA (PR): The research and information Secretary General of network in SAARC SAARC Ambassador Md. Member States; exchange Golam Sarwar visited today Dhaka-based SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) and received briefing on the Centre's accomplishments and future plans. SAC Director (SAC) and received collection and dissemination of a c t i v i t i e s, accomplishments and future plans. SAC Director and effective farm Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid and his team welcomed the Secretary General at the introduction of emerging

Director highlighted that

the Centre is dedicated to

addressing the challenges

related to low productivity,

livelihood, impacts of

transboundary diseases,

and trade barriers in

agriculture, among other

from the earlier SAARC

Agricultural Information

Centre, SAC is mandated

to work to promote

agricultural research and

Advisor to Chief Minister

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on

Finance, Muzzammil

Aslam, emphasized that

the second phase of the

China-Pakistan Economic

Corridor (CPEC) will usher

in a transformative era of

industrial and economic

development in Pakistan.

organized by the Chinese

Cultural Center, China

Window and hosted by

City University, Peshawar,

he highlighted the immense

potential of this phase to

reshape the country's

financial and industrial

attended by a diverse

students, academics and

professionals, featured

seminar,

including

landscape.

audience,

Speaking at a seminar

Renamed in 2007

priority domains.

change,

development as well as technology

transfer of agriculture development

technology in the region.

The Centre is facilitating upscaling these activities.

Muzzammil terms

CPEC's 2ndphase catalyst

for economic growth

climate

of regionally generated technical information to

practices as well as development

The SAC Director

also highlighted that

exchange of germplasm of

high yielding crops and

livestock, and transfer of

climate smart practices and

technical knowhow have

been the programmes of

high interest to SAARC

Member States. Following

the briefing, His Excellency

the Secretary General of

SAARC appreciated the

impactful works done by

the Centre in the vital areas

of agriculture research.

Khan, Professor Dr Gulzar

Jalal, President of the

Women's Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

Rabia Basri and China

Window Administrator

light on CPEC's strategic

importance and the

opportunities it brings to

uplift the nation's

stressed the importance of

The speakers shed

Aslam

Amjad Aziz Malik.

In his

Muzzammil

economy.

dollar in the open market stood at Rs 277.40 and Rs frontier technologies in 278.90 respectively. The price of Euro In his briefing, the agriculture sector. decreased by 2 paisa to the last day's closing of Rs 291.99, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

The Japanese yen remained unchanged and closed at Rs 1.85, whereas a decrease of 51 paisa was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound which traded at Rs 352.19 as compared to the last

Rupee gains

11 pasia

against dollar

SLAMABAD (APP)

Pakistani rupee on

Tuesday appreciated by 11

paisa against the US dollar

in the interbank trading and

closed at Rs 277.86 against

the previous day's closing

to the Forex Association of

Pakistan (FAP), the buying

and selling rates of the

However, according

of Rs 277.97.

day's closing of Rs 352.70. The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal decreased by 04 paisa each to close at Rs75.64 and Rs73.95 respectively.

PSX stays bullish, gains 1,284 more points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bullish trend on Tuesday, gaining 1,284.13 points more points, a positive change of 1.24 percent, closing at 104,559.07 points as compared to 103,274.95 points on the last trading

A total of 1,766,474,377 shares were traded during the day as compared to 1,556,252,523 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 56.624 billion against Rs. 47.097 billion on the

last trading day. As many as 465 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 271 of them recorded gains and 160 sustained losses. whereas the share price of 34 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading leveraging the expertise of companies were Cnergyico PK with 246,707,903 Chinese investors and industrialists to expedite shares at Rs 6.72 per share, Pakistan's journey toward WorldCall Telecom with sustainable development. 89,419,070 shares at Rs "Factories in the Rashkai Economic Zone 1.47 per share and Hascol Petrol with 87,024,698 are already operational and their positive impacts will shares at Rs.14.68 per

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) here on Tuesday hosted its second Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Conference on the occasion of the International Day for Persons With businesses Disabilities (PWDs).

GUJRANWALA: Ambassador of Indonesia,

Rahmat Hindiarta addresses to business

community during his visit to Gujranwala

OICCI organizes

conference for

empowerment of PWDs

Business Centre (GBC), in Gujranwala.

The event convened a diverse group of CEOs, HR heads, business leaders, and policymakers for impactful discussions advocating for the inclusion of the PWDs in the workforce.

Themed "Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive, Sustainable the event Future" highlighted the imperative for businesses to adopt accessible and inclusive workplace practices. In his opening remarks, OICCI Managing Committee member Ahmed Khan Bozai, emphasized the importance of addressing sustainable strategies.

systemic barriers that hinder PWD inclusion. He stated, "True inclusion goes beyond breaking barriers – it's about building a workplace culture that values the strengths of every individual. When embrace diversity, they not only unlock innovation but also create environments where everyone feels they truly belong and can contribute meaningfully."

conference The focused on four key areas for fostering inclusion: addressing barriers to PWD employment, improving policies recruitment practices, enhancing accessible workplace infrastructure, and strengthening national policies through public-private partnerships. These key areas provided a roadmap for businesses to overcome

CEO Telenor Pakistan honored with **WEPs** award

ISLAMABAD (APP): with the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Telenor Pakistan Khurrum Ashfaque has been recognized with the prestigious UN Women 2024 Asia-Pacific Women's **Empowerment Principles** (WEPs) Award in the Leadership Commitment category.

According to a news release this accolade underscores his steadfast dedication to fostering a workplace culture that prioritizes gender equality and inclusivity.

Under the leadership of Khurrum Ashfaque, Telenor Pakistan successfully implemented a robust suite of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion enhanced daycare (DEI) initiatives in line transport allowances.

strategic objectives. Notable programs such as "Naya Aghaaz" female returning professionals and "Parvaaz" for female sales trainees were introduced to increase female

representation across the

organization. Additionally, tailored initiatives "EmpowHer for Today" and "EmpowHer to Lead" were developed to enhance the skills and leadership capabilities of women at various career stages. These initiatives, alongside the implementation of policies such as flexible work arrangements and enhanced daycare and



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France's Macron, Saudi crown prince sign strategic partnership, call for Lebanon elections

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RIYADH: French President Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman signed a strategic partnership on Monday aimed at deepening bilateral ties and de-escalating conflict in the Middle East, including Lebanon, where the two leaders called for presidential elections. The French leader arrived in Saudi Arabia on Monday for a three-day state visit just as a political crisis threatens to topple the French government.

After a meeting with Prince Mohammed, the de facto ruler of the oil-rich Gulf kingdom, Macron's office announced the signing of a new partnership aimed at improving cooperation in "defence, energy transition, culture, mobility between the two countries". The two leaders also 'agreed to make every effort to contribute to de-escalation in the region", including helping to consolidate the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon. 'Together, they called

for the holding of presidential elections in Lebanon

with the aim of bringing the successful, it would oust and carrying out the reforms necessary for the stability and security of the country," the statement from Macron's office said.

Macron touched down in Riyadh in the afternoon, where he was greeted by an honour guard of sword-holding servicemen and celebratory cannon fire as he disembarked from his plane.

He did not comment

on the political situation in France as he arrived.

Macron's visit began as France's less than threemonth-old minority government faced the prospect of being forced out by a vote of no confidence in the coming days.

The far-right National Rally party said it would vote to oust Michel Barnier's government after the prime minister used an executive tool to push through a social security budget bill without parliamentary approval.

expected to back the motion, which could be held Lebanon at the "heart of the as early as Wednesday. If

Lebanese people together the government that was appointed in September after snap polls.

Macron's three-day stay also coincides with a flare-up of violence in Syria, where anti-government rebels have seized Aleppo, the country's second-largest city.

The fighting in Syria follows France's brokering of a ceasefire in neighbouring Lebanon, where Israel has been fighting Hezbollah. Macron's state visit is

the first by a French president to Saudi Arabia since Jacques Chirac in 2006, cementing what the presidency calls a "very close relationship". In 2021, Macron be-

came one of the first Western leaders to meet Prince Mohammed in Saudi Arabia after the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at Riyadh's consulate in Istanbul.

The French president and Prince Mohammed will see how they "work to-The left-wing is also gether" on the conflicts shaking the region, with



tions like mine and the future of our planet," said Vanuatu's representative for climate change, Ralph Regenvanu.

French President Emmanuel Macron meets with Saudi's Crown Prince

Mohammed Bin Salman during an official visit in Riyadh.

ICJ opens hearing on

climate change

Monitoring Desk

THE HAGUE: The future

of the planet is at stake dur-

ing hearings at the top

United Nations court, a

representative for Vanuatu

said on Monday, opening a

historic case that aims to set

a legal framework on how

countries should tackle cli-

tries and organisations are

set to present before the

More than 100 coun-

mate change.

"This may well be the most consequential case in the history of humanity,' Regenvanu told the 15judge bench in the panelled hall of the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Activists hope the ICJ opinion will have farreaching legal consequences in the fight against climate change, impacting ongoing court cases as well as domestic and international leg-

proceedings will reverberate across generations, de- islation. White House defends Biden pardoning son

as criticism mounts

Monitoring Desk ASHINGTON:

White House said on Monday that President Joe Biden pardoned his son Hunter in part to protect him from future persecution from political opponents, but his move drew fierce criticism, with some Democrats saying it undermined public trust in the rule of law.

Biden, a Democrat whose term ends on January 20 when Republican President-elect Donald Trump takes office, signed an unconditional pardon

Yemen's

for Hunter Biden on Sunday and said he believed his son had been selectively prosecuted and targeted unfairly by the president's political opponents.

Biden said in the past

that he would not pardon his son, including to ABC News in June when he was asked if he would rule it out and replied "yes." His surprise move was panned by his Republican political opposition, but also by Democrats who said it eroded trust in the judicial

Putin is 'not interested in peace,' says NATO chief **Monitoring Desk**

ATHENS: NATO's new chief on Tuesday drew a grim picture of Russia's leadership, saying that President Vladimir Putin is not interested in peace.'

Referring to the Ukraine war that Russia launched in February 2022. Secretary General Mark Rutte Rutte said: "He is pressing on, trying to take more territory. Because he thinks he can break Jkraine's resolve."

Ukraine is entering another crucial winter. And Russia's aggression shows no sign of abating.

Russia claims it took control of 2 more settlements in eastern Ukraine **Monitoring Desk**

ISTANBUL: Russia on Tuesday claimed that it took control of two more settlements amid its ongoing offensive in eastern Ukraine. Russian forces captured the village of Romanivka, about 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) south of the city of Kurakhove, a key stronghold of Ukrainian forces in the Donetsk region that houses a thermal power plant, according to a Defense Ministry statement.

South Korea President Yoon declares martial law, slams domestic opponents

Monitoring Desk

SEOUL: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law in a surprise late-night TV address on Tuesday, slamming domestic political opponents and sending shockwaves through the country.

Yoon said opposition parties had taken the parliamentary process hostage. He vowed to eradicate "shameless pro-North Korean antistate forces" and said he had no choice but to take the measure to safeguard constitutional order. Yonhap news agency cited the military as saying activities by parliament and political parties would be banned, and that media and publishers would be under the control of the martial law command.

Yoon did not cite any specific threat from the officials, his spokesman nuclear-armed North, in- said in a text message.

stead focusing on his do-mestic political opponents. It is the first time since 1980 that martial law has been declared in South Korea. South Korea has had a series of authoritarian leaders early in its history but has been considered democratic since the 1980s.

The Korean won was down sharply against the US dollar. A central bank official said it was preparing measures to stabilise the market if needed. South Korea's parliament, with 190 of its 300 members present, passed a motion requiring the martial law declared by President Yoon to be lifted, live TV showed. Finance Minister Choi Sang-mok has convened an emergency meet-

Ukraine says it will not accept any alternatives to full membership in NATO

Monitoring Desk

STANBUL: Ukraine on Tuesday said that it will not accept any alternatives to Kyiv's full membership in NATO, pointing to the "failure" of the 1994 Budapest Memorandum which will mark the 30th anniversary since its signing later this week.

"With the bitter experience of the Budapest crease in security threats Memorandum behind us, we will not accept any alternatives, surrogates or substitutes for Ukraine's full membership in NATO," a Ukrainian Foreign Ministry statement

It said that Kyiv is convinced that the only real security guarantee for Ukraine is its membership to NATO, adding that inviting the country to join the alliance will deprive Moscow of its "illusions about the possibility of hindering Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration."

The statement argued that not providing Ukraine

with effective security guarantees in the 1990s was a "strategic mistake" that Russia "exploited" and that the Budapest Memorandum failed to prevent the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. "Failure of the

Budapest Memorandum to fulfill its functions has led to a catastrophic innot only for Ukraine, but also for other countries and regions, including Europe, the Euro-Atlantic area, Central and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and international peace and security in general," it fur-ther said. The ministry also defined the Budapest Memorandum as a "monument to short-sightedness in strategic security decision-making.

'It should serve as a reminder to the current leaders of the Euro-Atlantic community that building a European security architecture at the expense of Ukraine's interests.



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol delivers a speech to declare martial law in Seoul, South Korea.

Thailand, Malaysia brace for fresh wave of floods as water levels ease

Monitoring Desk KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia and Thailand are facing a second wave of heavy rain and potential ter this year for a fourth with President Xi Jinping on Tuesday, the Chinese leader reiterated that China flooding this week, authorities said on Monday, even as some displaced residents were able to return home and the worst floods in decades began receding in some areas.

Since last week, 27 people have died and more than half a million households in the neighbouring Southeast Asian countries have been hit by torrential rain and flooding that authorities say have been the most severe in years.

The immediate situation has improved in some areas and water levels have eased, according to government data on Monday.

Ghana's economic crisis looms over impending elections

Monitoring Desk GHANA: After serving in Ghana's police force for over three decades, pensioner Emmanuel Amey-Wemegah had a clear retirement plan: invest part of his pension benefits in government bonds, complete the construction of his house, and buy a car. All was going according to plan until Jan 6, 2023, when he received a

Ghana was restructuring bonds he held. "I started sweating," said Amey-Wemegah, 63, recalling the uncertainty and fear that gripped him and other bondholders. The retired chief inspector is one of thousands of Gha-

call from his bank that

In pivot from India, Nepal PM seeks economic support from China **Monitoring Desk** Tuesday had been previ-

ously agreed.

state media.

During Oli's meeting

would help Nepal trans-

form from a landlocked

country into a "land-

linked" one, and would

continue to support

Nepal's economic develop-

ment "to the best of its abil-

ity", according to Chinese

signed up for Xi's Belt and

Road Initiative aimed at

building China's infrastruc-

Kathmandu, which

NEW DELHI: Nepal's veteran communist politician time, sought to kick-start infrastructure projects with Beijing this week amid a pivot away from India's sphere of influence.

Oli arrived in China on Monday for a four-day visit, his first to a foreign country since his July swearing-in, and breaking tradition by not making New Delhi, with which Kathmandu has centuries-old ties, his initial port

ture and trade links with the Oli has so far been greeted by familiar pledges project has yet been impleof assistance, but no new mented since an initial pact was inked in 2017, despite investment.

The nine deals that being keen to break ground Nepal signed with China on on projects.

Vietnam court upholds death sentence for tycoon Truong My Lan in \$12bn fraud case

Vietnam on Tuesday upheld a death sentence for real estate tycoon Truong My Lan after rejecting her appeal against a conviction for embezzlement and bribery in a high-profile \$12 billion fraud case, state media re-

ported. Lan, the chairwoman of real estate developer Van Thinh Phat Holdings nace" Group, was sentenced to in what was Vietnam's biggest financial fraud case on record.

there was no basis to reduce ported online newspaper VnExpress.

Monitoring Desk
HO CHI MINH: A court in three-quarters of the money embezzled while on death row, it is possible the sentence could be commuted to life imprisonment, the report said.

> She is one of the most famous business executives and state officials jailed in the communist country's lengthy anti-graft campaign known as "Blazing Fur-"The consequences

death in April for her role Lan caused are unprecedented in the history of litigation and the amount of money embezzled is The High People's unprecedentedly large Court in southern Ho Chi and unrecoverable," the Minh City determined prosecution was quoted as saying at the appeal Lan's death sentence, re- hearing by state-run online newspaper VietnamNet.



Supporters of Georgia's opposition parties gather to protest against the new government's decision to suspend the European Union accession talks and refuse budgetary grants until 2028, in Tbilisi.

Houthis say targeted Israel with missile **Monitoring Desk** SANAA: Yemen's Houth rebels said they fired a missile at central Israel on Sun-

day (Dec 1), as Israeli forces announced they had intercepted a "projectile".

The Iran-backed rebels "carried out a targeting operation against a vital target" in the Tel Aviv area using a "hypersonic mis-

sile", a Houthi statement said. An Israeli armed forces statement said: "One projectile launched from Yemen was intercepted by the IAF prior to its crossing into Israeli

Iraqi militias to 'reinforce' pro-Assad forces

territory.'

Monitoring Desk AMMAN: Hundreds of fighters from Iraqi militias crossed into Syria on Sunday night to help Damascus take back Aleppo from anti-government fighters who seized the city last week. Over 300 fighters, primarily from the Badr and Nujabaa groups, crossed late on Sunday using a dirt

road to avoid the offi-

cial border crossing,

two Iraqi security sources said. "These are fresh reinforcements being sent to aid our comrades on the front lines in the north," a senior Syrian military source said, adding the fighters had crossed in small groups to avoid air strikes.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said on Monday Syria's military was capable of confronting its opponents but, referring to the regional militia groups Tehran backs. he added that "resistance groups will help and Iran will provide any support needed".

Syrian govern-ment and Russian warplanes intensified attacks on Monday in areas held by fighters belonging to the Hayat Tahrir Al Sham (HTS) group in the northwest.



Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif on Tuesday directed

the authorities concerned to

take all-out measures to

strictly punish the protest-

ors who martyred and in-

jured the personnel of law

enforcement agencies and damaged public properties during the sit-ins in Islamabad.

The prime minister,

chairing the meeting of the

task force formed to inves-

tigate the riots in the No-

vember 24 sit-in in the fed-

eral capital, said that the

progress on legal action

against the rioters would be

Islamabad by the insur-

gents during the official visit of the Belarusian

president caused great em-

barrassment for the coun-

He said the attack on

reviewed weekly.

PM for punishing rioters who

martyred LEAs personnel,

damaged public properties

The prime minister

said that a world-class anti-

riot force would be raised

in the country to meet the

contemporary require-

ments. By establishing a

forensic lab, the Islamabad

Safe City would be upgraded to international stan-

dards for which all necessary resources would be

utilized. In the briefing, the

prime minister was told

that the weapons, car-

tridges, shells and other

pieces of evidence had been

collected from the crime

scene those would be sent

for forensic analysis. The

identification process of the

rioters is also being carried

out swiftly, who would later be produced before

courts. Interior Minister

Mohsin Naqvi, Economic

Affairs Minister Ahad

Cheema, Law Minister

Azam Nazeer Tarra.

DPM Dar stresses effective implementation of ECO trade agreement for regional prosperity

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar on Tuesday urged the member states to ensure effective implementation of the Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement (ECOTA) to help strengthen regional security and economic prosperity through mutually beneficial intra-regional trade.

"However, It is a matter of great concern that the ECO region, comprising an area of 8 million square kilometers and half a billion population - roughly 15% of the World population, has intra-regional trade of, unfortunately, less than 8% of region's aggregate, and only about 2 % in global trade, which is in stark con-

where the intra-regional trade stands above 70%, and the ASEAN, where it is around 23%," the deputy prime minister said addressing the 28th Meeting of ECO Council of Ministers (COM) being hosted here. He said the ECOTA was a landmark intra-regional preferential trade agreement, which was conceptualized exactly in line with the founding and fun-damental goals of the organization to create amenable and conducive conditions for the promotion of sustainable economic development of the region, aiming at joint welfare and wellbeing of member states. "ECOTA primarily

aims to lower tariffs in our

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initia-

tives, Prof Ahsan Iqbal addressing at the opening ceremony of the World

of the highway, he said and

added that sea has eroded

thousands acres of land in

coastal areas of Sindh and

the project will play a sig-

nificant role in preserving

the land from sea intrusion.

League N and the Pakistan

Peoples Party once considered arch rivals in the po-

litical arena of the country.

are now working in unison

on agenda of development,

economic stability, solidar-ity and integrity of Pakistan

under the Charter of De-

stated.
"We may have politi-

cal differences and we con-

development of coastal ar- test elections against each | ing law and order, and pro-

other but on the matters of

national solidarity, integrity

and development and

growth of the country, we

put all the differences

away, sit on a table and

HONG KONG: Federal Ombudsman Ijaz Ahmed Qureshi addressing Inter-

national Ombudsmen Conference 2024 on eve of 35th anniversary of estab-

tion of Ombudsman in The strengthening democracy, good governance and the

and efficient service deliv-

ery constitute the most es-

sential features of the Sus-

tainable Development

Goals (SDGs), he added. He further said that these

goals have a direct bearing

on the role and functions of

Ombudsman institutions

working to build peaceful

and inclusive societies, ac-

countable institutions at all

levels and providing easy

access to justice. He added

that the scope of work of

Ombudsman institutions is

witnessing speedy expan-

sion and now includes is-

sues like the climate change,

business rights, public ac-

cessibility and inclusivity.

Good administration

work jointly," he noted.

The Pakistan Muslim

Islamic Finance Forum hosted by IBA.

ning, Development and

Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal, during a visit of Sindh

Coastal Highway on Tuesday, said that the project

would help addressing the

issue of sea intrusion and

opening growth avenues in coastal areas of the prov-

inspected the construction process of Sindh Coastal

Highway at Gharo and also received a briefing from the

talking to media at the oc-

casion, said that federal gov-

ernment was working for

eas of Sindh in collabora-

The project has been

lishment of Ombudsman office

Independent Report

Wafaqi Mohtasib (Om-

budsman), Mr. Ejaz Ahmad

Qureshi has said that ad-

dressing maladministration

and protection of human

rights is inextricably linked

to good governance, ac-

International Ombudsman

Summit - 2024 in Hong

Kong organized on the eve

of the 35th anniversary of

the establishment of the

Office of the Ombudsman

in Hong Kong, China. Mr.

Qureshi, who is the current

President of the 47-mem-

ber strong Asian Ombuds-

man Association (AOA),

said that the United Na-

tions, too, recognizes the

importance of the institu-

He was addressing the

ISLAMABAD:

countability

inclusivity.

Wafaqi Mohtasib addresses

International Ombudsman

Summit-2024 at Hong Kong

Ombudsmanship has taken firm roots in

Pakistan; Calls for greater sharing of

experiences and best practices amongst

Ombuds Institutions

and

rule of law.

tion with the provincial

initiated by the Sindh gov-

ernment and federal govern-

ment has pledged to com-

officers concerned.

government.

The federal minister

Sindh Coastal Highway to

help developing coastal belt,

impeding sea erosion: Ahsan

KARACHI (APP): The plete a 37 kilometer section of the highway, he said and

The minister while mocracy, Ahsan Iqbal

trast to other regional region over an agreed groupings such as the EU timeframe and provides an timeframe and provides an excellent platform for the promotion of our region's economic interests by trade promotion and facilitation. Despite a considerable period since its inception, it is yet to see day the light of implementation. So far, only five member states have signed the agreement," he added. Dar said that as the coordinating country on ECOTA, Pakistan attached great importance to its early implementation, and urged all member states to take a broader and more holistic view of the matter. The deputy prime minister told the gathering that ECO Vision 2025" adopted during the 13th ECO Summit in Islamabad in 2017 was a key document that

Levies force

foils WAPDA

cable theft in

Musakhel

Independent Report

MUSAKHEL : Levies

Force personnel from the

Tungi Sar post have appre-

hended thieves involved in stealing WAPDA cables in

the area. The thieves were

caught red-handed while

loading the stolen cables

onto a rickshaw. The op-

eration was carried out on

the directives of Deputy

Commissioner Jamiluddin

Mando Khel, who had re-

ceived a complaint from

WAPDA authorities. The

Levies Force sprang into

action, successfully foiling

Deputy Commissioner

Jamiluddin Mando Khel

emphasized that maintain-

tecting citizens from

thieves, is a top priority. He

warned that no compro-

mises will be made in deal-

ing with criminals, and

those found guilty will face

PM lauds

Senate's role

for national

solidarity,

provincial

harmony

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif on Tuesday highlighting the legislation by

the Senate for public welfare, said that the upper

house was playing a vibrant

role in promoting national

solidarity and provincial

said this in a meeting with

Deputy Chairman of Sen-

ate Senator Syedaal Khan

discussed the country's

overall political situation,

according to a PM Office press release.

Imran twitter

account is being

used for organized

propaganda: Vawda

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Senator Faisal Vawda has

claimed twitter account of

Imran Khan is being used

for organized propaganda

while he himself is not run-

ning twitter handle. BB, her

associates and people like

Qasim Soori have hatched

conspiracy to declare Imran

Khan mad and kill him. On

X he said in a statement this

is the same propaganda

which I am mentioning that

Bibi, her associates and people

like Qasim Soori have hatched

conspiracy from declaring

Khan to killing him.

who called on him here.

The prime minister

In the meeting, they

harmony

severe punishment.

the theft attempt.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meet ing of Task Force established in view of recent law and order situation.

Bugti directs high ups to ensure speedy work on development projects make sure transparency and public requirements in public sector development programme; directs to prepare

mentation on the projects of Health and Education departments and directed to ensure speedy work on the projects making sure transparency and public requirements in the public sector development programme

Those who were in attendance were included the Provincial Minister for Planning and Development, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Provincial Minister Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, spokesman of Provincial Government,

Principal Secretary, Babar Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Development, Hafiz Abdul Basit, Secretary Finance, Imran Zarkoon and other con-

about the development projects and allocated resources for them by the high ups of Planning and

opment projects for Washuk district. It was directed prepare comprehensive strategy in this regard.

year by removing variances.

Shahid Rind, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, the PSDP anyway, the Chief Minister directed maintaining the resources allocated for projects should be made compatible ending wrong traditions of

> nology for review of the transparency in PSDP besides keeping strict vigil on its all stages. He conveyed to the

P&D Department not to make any scheme based or personal gains or commis sion part of the PSDP.

He warned that stern action would be taken against any "babu" (official) who was found any irregu-

He stressed that the benefits of development must reach common men of

D-Chowk protest:

ATC issues

written order

for arrest

warrants of

PTI founder

& others

ISLAMABAD (Online)

Anti Terrorism Court

(ATC) Islamabad has is-

sued written order in con-

nection with arrest war-

Judge Tahir Abbas

Name of chairman

Police has mentioned

Ali Amin Gandapur as



Provincial Minister for Communication and Works Attaullah Khosa in a group photo with Federal Minister for Commerce and Industry Jam Kamal Khan

Cochlear implant surgery starts in ENT Unit, Head & Neck **Surgery Dept of SPHHQ**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Cochlear implant surgery has been started in the ENT Unit-III, Head and Neck Surgery department of the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital Quetta (SPHHQ) here.

The Provincial Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar formally inaugurated the rare facility of the cochlear implant surgery in the

Two surgeries of were conducted for the first time in history of Balochistan.

The senior ENT specialist, Professor Dr. Muhammad Umar Farooq performed the successful surgeries of cochlear implant along with his team in the ENT Unit-III of the major teaching hospital of Quetta.

The Provincial

highly appreciated the entire team of SPHHQ including Medical Superintendent, Dr. Noorullah Musakhail, ENT department's head, Dr. Sher Zaman Mandokhail and all other concerned on launching successful cochlear implants in the Hospital.

Speaking on the asion, Bakht occasion, Muhammad Kakar said that the service of cochlear implant was desperately needed in Quetta for the chilthe cochlear implant dren, otherwise deprived of the hearing by birth. He said that the patients would have the facility of cochlear implant totally free of cost in Quetta, for otherwise, they are compelled to go to major

cities of the country. Earlier, Professor Sher Mandokhail briefed the Minister about the facility of cochlear im-



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti giving away shield to DG NADRA Balochistan Kashif Iqbal during a ceremony held in connection with World Disable Day.

CM expresses discontentment over implementation on projects of **Health & Education sectors**

comprehensive strategy for 5year development projects

Independent Report

OUETTA: The Chief Minster Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has expressed discontentment over imple-(PSDP).

The Chief Minister was chairing review meeting on progress of the development projects here on

toon and other con-ed high ups. He also directed to in-the meeting was troduce the modern techcerned high ups.

Development Depart-The meeting was agreed on five-year devel-

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister directed to improve the PSDP of last

In addition to this, transparency and public the province.

QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Health Bakht Muhammad Kakar talking with mediamen after inaugurating cochlear implant surgery in the ENT Unit-III, Head and Neck Surgery department of the Sandeman Provincial Head quarter Hospital Quetta (SPHHQ).

Registered on PCP CS directs secretaries to pay special attention on removing grievances of people

Independent Report OUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Oadir Khan has directed to all administrative secretaries to pay special on the file trekking system and removing public grievances registered on the Pakistan Citi-

zen Portal (PCP). The Chief Secretary also directed to address the pending and overdue cases immediately.besides ensuring completion of the development projects in province within the stipulated time. He said that the province would progress with completion of the development projects.

responsibility of the officers to work for the public welfare. The Chief Secretary was presiding over meeting of the secretaries committee here on Tuesday. The meeting discussed about the file trekking system, IPMS, development

rants of PTI founder, Ali projects and other impor-Amin Gandapur, Bushra tant matters. The meeting Bibi and others in the case was attended by the Addirelated to D-Chowk protional Chief Secretary Development, Hafiz Abdul Basit, Additional Chief Sec-Sipra has issued one page retary Home, Shahab Ali order in respect of 96 ac-Shah, Ghulam Nabi Baloch, cused persons. Senior Member Board of Revenue, Qambar Dashti PTI barrister Gohar is not and all secretaries of the included in the written orprovincial government deder of arrest warrants partments. while name of Ali Amin Gandapur is mentioned in the order.



ISLAMABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari exchanging views with Jiang Zaidong, Chinese Ambassador during meeting held at Zardari House in Islamabad.

Govt mobilizing all available resources to resolve public issues, says Faisal Jamali

wholehearted endeavour of the government to provide basic healthcare facilities and clean drinking water to the people besides establishing road network.

ficers during meeting in Usta Muhammad on Tues-Also present on the

The Minister was

district offices.

MPA instead of chief min ister in their plea.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Livestock Department, Sardarzada Faisal Khan Jamali had stated that the government is mobilizing all available resources to resolve the issues being faced by the

people. In this regard, it is

speaking to the district of-

occasion was Deputy Commissioner Muhammad,

The district officers informed the Minister about the issues being faced by them.

Sardarzada Faisal Jamali exhorted the officers to perform their duties with dedication to resolve the issues being faced by general public. He said that it is nec-

essary for the officers to ensure their attendance at their respective duty places so that the people may not face any inconvenience to get their issues resolved.

He said that Usta Muhammad is facing issues because of the newly established district, but all out efforts would be made to resolve them. He said that the buildings and manpower are needed for the

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وزارت اطلاعات ونشریات کے ڈائیریکٹر و پریس قونصلر، قونصلیٹ جزل آف پاکستان دبئ محمل صالح کے مرحوم والد کے ایصال تواب کیلئے درجہ ذیل شیر ول کے تحت

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