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Tarar accuses PTI's Murad Saeed

of leading armed protesters,

hiding in CM House Peshawar

Information Minister says there is a concerted effort to create a false narrative around the protests; Dares PTI to show video evidence of straight firing by LEAs on protestors; Govt followed IHC order to ensure law and order during PTI protest: Secretary Interior

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information,

Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Sunday dared the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

the LEAs against the protestors," said the minister while

The minister was flanked by Federal Secretary for

addressing a news conference.

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a press conference in Islamabad.

Info Minister slams PTI for spreading false propaganda

Officer among 2 soldiers martyred, 8 terrorists killed in separate KP operations

Eliminated militants were involved in numerous terrorist activities against security forces as well as innocent civilians; ISPR affirms forces determined to wipe out terrorism; Says "such sacrifices further strengthened our resolve."

RAWALPINDI (APP): Security Forces killed eight Khwarij terrorists and others 9 injured while a captain and a soldier embraced martyrdom in two separate operations conducted in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from November 29 to December

"An intelligence based operation was conducted in general area Baka Khel, Bannu District on the reported presence of khwarij. During the conduct of the operation, own troops effectively engaged the khwarij location and

Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release.

However, during the operation, Sepoy Iftikhar Hussain (Age: 29 years, resident of: District Jhang), having fought gallantly, embraced shahadat. "In another operation

conducted in general area Shagai, Khyber District, three Khwarij were sent to hell, while two were apprehended by the security forces," it further said.

resultantly killed five Din (Age: 25 years, resikhwarij, while nine khwarij dent of: District Lahore), the news release said.

got injured," said an Inter who was leading his troops from the front, fought bravely, paid the ultimate sacrifice and embraced shahadat.

These khwarij were involved in numerous terrorist activities against the security forces as well as innocent civilians.

"Sanitization operations are being conducted to eliminate any other kharji found in the area as security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the During an intense fire menace of terrorism from exchange, Captain the country and such sacri-Muhammad Zohaib Ud fices of our brave soldiers fur-

Ministry of Interior shares details of protest fiasco orchestrated by PTI

PTI violent protests caused Rs192b daily losses to economy; Army neither came in direct clash with PTI miscreants nor they were employed for riot control, says statement; KP govt's resources used without restraint in PTI's violent protests in Islamabad

The Islam-abad High Court (IHC) on November 21 directed the federal government to take all necessary measures to maintain law and order in the federal capital, says the handout issued by the Ministry of all the details of the protest

ISLAMABAD (APP): fiasco orchestrated by Pa- egation visit, PTI was ini kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

rected the Interior Minister to engage with the PTI leadership in this regard, says the handout adding that given the sensitivity of Interior on Sunday, sharing the Belarusian President and Chinese high-level del-

gains. Highlighting the in-

marginalized groups, in-

cluding the Hazara and

other ethnic communities,

he revealed that election

manipulation had deprived

these communities of their

current state of the coun-

try, saying it is engulfed in

despair and exploitation,

with national resources be-

ing looted and people's rights

denied. Dr. Baloch strongly

condemned the extremist vio-

lence against the Hazara

community and lamented

the lack of parliamentary

supremacy, judicial inde-

pendence, and genuine de-

mocracy in the country.

He further criticized the

rightful representation.

faced

justices



QUETTA: President National Party former chief minister Dr Abdul Malik addressing during a ceremony hosted by member Central Committee National Party Ramzan Hazara.

Dr. Malik says

NP continues its struggle for social change rather than mere political gains

QUETTA (Online): Presi- port, stating that the Nadent of National Party, Dr. tional Party continues its Abdul Malik Baloch, has struggle for social change criticized the dictatorial re- rather than mere political gimes of General Zia and General Musharraf, emphasizing their detrimental impact on democracy and civil rights in Pakistan.

He said this while speaking at a reception organized by National Party's Alamdaar Road and Hazara Town units to honor the party's central and provincial cabinet members, he lamented the 8th February elections, claiming the public mandate was stolen, and a powerless assembly was brought into existence to suppress political forces and public interests.

Dr. Baloch expressed gratitude to Hazara community elders and other diverse groups for their sup-

tially asked to postpone the protest but on their persistence to continue with the protest, PTI was subsequently offered Sngjhani area as a designated location. In this regard, out of the ordinary and at odd timings, meetings were also Continued on page 2

Dar to represent Pakistan at ECO meeting in Iran

SLAMABAD (Online) Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar will leave for Iran tomorrow to attend 28th meeting of Council of Ministers of Economic Cooperation Organization.

In his address at the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister will reiterate Pakistan's commitment to ECO charter and highlight potential of greater connectivity in region through development of rail and road networks, liberalization of visa regimes and simplification of border proce-

Four terrorists killed as police thwart attack in Mianwali

MIAWALI (INP): In a significant operation, Mianwali police successfully foiled a major Khwarij attack on the Chapri Police Station, killing four heavily armed militants.

According to a police spokesperson, over 20 Khwarij militants launched an assault on the station, using heavy weaponry. The attack resulted in an intense exchange of gunfire between

the militants and the police. Despite the heavy firepower of the assailants, the brave officers managed to repel the Khwarij, ensuring the safety of the entire station staff. However, two police personnel sustained minor injuries during the confrontation

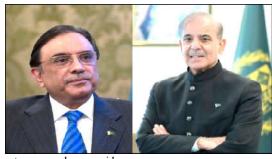
President, PM reaffirm resolve to eliminate terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday praised the security forces for their successful opera-tions in Bannu and Khyber districts.

They commended their bravery for eliminating eight

Khawarij terrorists and arresting eleven others injured in two separate operations.

The president and prime minister paid tributes to Shaheed Captain Muhammad Zohaibuddin and soldier Iftikhar Hussain, who were martyred during the operations, and acknowledged their sacrifices, President Secretariat Press Wing and PM Office Media Wing, in sepa



President Zardari emphasized that the sacrifices of martyrs for the country's security would not be in vain and that the entire nation would remember the sacrifices of those who laid down their lives for the mother-Continued on page 2

Sindhi Culture is culture of peace, love, traditions & solidarity:

CM Bugti calls for celebrating important days of all nationalities at national level to promote peace

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stressed that there is a need to celebrate the important days of all nationalities at national level in order to promote our peaceful mutual survival so that they could play their role in development and

prosperity of the country.
This, the Chief Minister stated in a felicitation message issued here on Sindhi Culture Day ob-

served on Sunday. Mir Sarfraz Bugti conand brothers on the Sindhi consciousness.

colour of joys in life of the people. He said that the culture of Pakistan is a bouquet of different cultures and the Sindhi Culture is also prominent in that bouquet. The Chief Minister also

Culture Day and said that

the culture spreads the

said Sindhi Culture is the culture of peace, love, traditions and solidarity, which is included in the an cient cultures of the world.

He said that it is our top priority to keep all cultures of Pakistan alive and motivate our young generation gratulated the Sindhi sisters towards the knowledge and

UoB's faculty members, students visit FC HQs (North), meet IGFC

Independent Report QUETTA: The faculty nembers and students of University of Balochistan (UoB) visited the Frontier Corps (FC) Headquarters

Balochistan (North) here. During the visit, the faculty members and students of UoB visited monument of the martyrs and presented salute to them.

They also paid tributes to sacrifices of the martyrs rendered for establishing peace. Meanwhile, they also met the IG FC.

Later, the members of delegation were briefed about the border management, security as well as the anti-smuggling and narcotics cial media, but they got right initiatives of FC besides

other public welfare. After the briefing, IGFO answered the questions in detail which were posed by the students.

Speaking to them, IGFC called them the guarantor of peace and development of Pakistan and Balochistan.

The faculty members and students on the occasion termed their visit to FC Headquarters as very useful. They said that they got very useful information during the visit. They said that year-old Army and FC is taking certain measures for security of the province. They said that a lot of wrong information was being spread on the so-



QUETTA: People are wearing traditional clothes as they are holding celebration on the occasion of Sindhi Cultural Day, at Quetta press club.

to share the video evidence with the public which could that shown how the PTI protestors used guns, shells and marbles against the LEAs. prove that the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) had opened straight firing on its protestors who descended on Islamabad a couple of days ago. "I have shared the video evidence that show how a person from the protest told the protestors to open indication in the protest protestors." Tarar categorically rejected the propaganda being peddled by the PTI on the social media regarding the direct firing on protestors, saying it was the PTI which brought professional criminals and Afghan Nationals to discriminate firing on the police. Now, I challenge the PTI to share one video of straight firing or live ammunition by the protest to ensure that there would be a bloodshed in

the whole city.

He said Murad Saeed, who was hiding in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister House, was also present in

Interior Khurram Ali Agha, IG Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir

Rizvi and Chief Commissioner Islamabad Ali Randhawa. Different videos were palyed during the press conference

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LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif attending funeral of Captain Muhammed Zohaib-ud-Din Shaheed.

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Sharif in Lahore.

PM attends funeral prayer of Shaheed Capt. **Zohabi-ud-Din**

LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday attended the funeral prayer of Captain Muhammed o-ud-Din Shaheed

The funeral prayer was attended by Corps Commander Lahore Lt. General Sved Aamer Raza, senior civil and military officials, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister met with the family of shaheed captain and expressed his condolence.

He paid tribute to shaheed Captain Muhammed Zohaib-ud-Din who had fought valiantly with Khawarii terrorists, adding that the entire nation was proud of his sacrifice and saluted him.

Shaheed captain had embraced martyrdom on November 30 during the conduct of an intelligence based operation in Shagai, District Khyber. Three Khawarij were sent to hell while two others were arrested

Ex-MNAAli Hassan Gilani dies in road accident

BAHAWALPUR (APP): Former MNA Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gilani and another person died while three others were injured in a road accident in the wee hours here on Sunday, official sources in Rescue 1122

They received a phone call at their Ahmadpur East rescue station which said that a collision had occurred between a car and a minitruck on Ahmadpur-Uch road near Nabi Pur village. A mini-truck loaded with cattle was parked on the roadside when a car hit it, resulting in injuries to five persons. They said that 52ex-MNA . Makhdoom Ali Hassan Gilani, a resident of tehsil Ahmadpur East riding the car, suffered critical internal injuries and died on the

During the meeting, Barrister Malik congratu-Pakistanis. He also highlated the Prime Minister for lighted that with the retreat his tireless efforts in restorof disruptive groups, relief ing investor confidence and efforts for the public will reviving the national gain further momentum. economy. Prime Minister Barrister Amjad Malik

OPC Punjab official

meets PM in Lahore

Chairperson Overseas Pa- Shehbaz Sharif stated that

(OPC) Punjab and Chief Coordinator of Interna- very dear to him, and the appointments in the Min-

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Amjad Malik, held a special meeting with Prime
Minister of Pakistan Mian

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Shehbaz Sharif congratuthanked Prime Minister lated Barrister Amjad Malik Shehbaz Sharif and assured on assuming the position of Vice Chairperson of OPC Punjab and emphasized that the federal and provincial governments would work together to resolve the issues faced by overseas Pa-

him that OPC Punjab and OPF would collaborate to resolve the issues of overseas Pakistanis. He also congratulated the government for stimulating the economyandboosting the stock exchange to new heights.

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commitment to addressing

the problems of overseas



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister of Pakistan and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar is lighting traditional oil lamp at Sri Lanka stall during Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association (PFOWA) charity bazaar 2024 at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Federal Capital.

Commissioner says Major crackdown conducted against narcotics in Chaman, K. Abdullah and Pishin

Independent Report QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Shafqaat has stated that major operation was conducted against the narcotics and cultivation of poppy in different areas of the province mainly Chaman, Killa Abdullah and

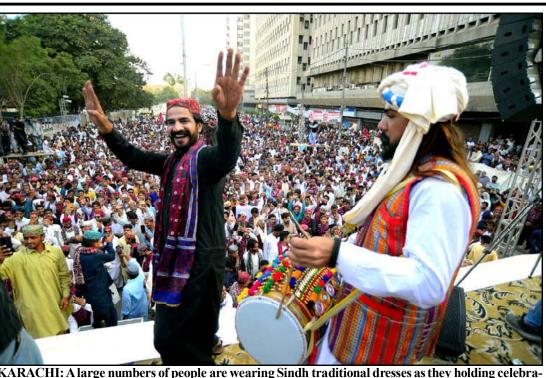
Pishin districts. During the operation, the narcotics and poppy of worth Rs. 1 billion were seized and destroyed, informed the Commissioner Quetta while addressing an awareness seminar on prevention of the narcotics organized at the Civil Secretariat's auditorium the other day.

The Secretary Excise and Taxation, Government of Balochistan, Syed Zafar Bokhari, Regional Director of Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) Balochistan, Briga-

dier Adnan Danish, religious personalities, representatives of the civil society were present on the occasion. The Commissioner Quetta also informed that some 60 factories manufacturing narcotics were also sealed and several persons were arrested during different anti-drug operation in various areas.

He said that no one would be spared involved in the illicit trade of drugs at all. He said that the lands of those cultivating poppy would be taken in government's custody besides cancelling / blocking their national identity cards, local certificates and bank accounts.

The Secretary Excise and Taxation, on the occasion said that full-fledged campaign would be launched against cultivation of the poppy in province.



KARACHI: A large numbers of people are wearing Sindh traditional dresses as they holding celebration demonstration on the occasion of Sindhi Culture Day held at Karachi press club.

Abrar, Sufiyan star as Zimbabwe snared in Pakistan's spin web

Tayyab, Irfan register unbeaten 65-run partnership to push their team's total past 160-run mark

Sports DeskBULAWAYO: Abrar Ahmed and Sufiyan Muqeem spun Pakistan to a 57-run victory over Zimbabwe in the first T20I of the three-match series at Queens Sports Club on

Chasing a 164-run target, Zimbabwe's batting unit unfolded on a meagre 108 in the 15.3 overs despite brisk knocks by skipper Sikandar Raza and opener Tadiwanashe

The home side had a shaky start to the pursuit as they lost two wickets inside three overs with just 18 runs on the board.

But, a quickfire knock by Marumani had kept Zimbabwe on track until his agonizing dismissal in the ninth over. He scored 33 off just 20 balls, laced with four fours

His dismissal opened the floodgates as the home side slipped from 77/2 to 108 all out despite a gutsy 39-run knock by Raza during the collapse.

For Pakistan, Abrar Ahmed and Sufiyan Muqeem claimed three wickets each, followed by Haris Rauf with two, while Jahandad Khan chipped in with one scalp.

Opting to bat first, the Men in Green got off to an unwanted start to their innings as they lost young opener Omair Bin Yousuf as he fell victim to Richard Ngarava in the third over after scoring 16 off 13 deliveries with the help of two boundaries including a six.

Walking out to bat at number three, Usman Khan took the reins of Pakistan's batting expedition with a defiant knock.

He was also involved in two crucial partnerships with Saim Ayub (24) and captain Salman Ali Agha before finally perishing in the 13th over with 91 runs on the

The right-handed batter remained the joint top-scorer for Pakistan with a 30-ball 39, studded with two fours and as many sixes. Following his dismissal, Sikandar Raza reduced Pa-

kistan to 100/4 in 14.2 overs by getting rid of Agha, who played a scratchy 13 from 19 balls. Following the slump, Tayyab and Muhammad Irfan

Khan registered an unbeaten 65-run partnership to push their team's total past the 160-run mark.

Tayyab struck five boundaries including a six on his way to an unbeaten 35 off 29 deliveries, while Irfan made 27 not out from 15 balls.

Equitable Development - A pathway to inclusive prosperity

uitable urban-rural development remains the most pressing challenges for nation's socio-economic progress as this divide perpetuates inequality, undermines merit and stifles na-

This dilemma persists since decades as people in most of rural areas of the country remain backward, less educated and less paid for lacking jobs and business opportunities with millions spending their lives in abject poverty.

Like other parts of the country, socio-economic imbalances in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, pounded by corruption and nepotism have also landed rural people in vicious cycle of poverty and unemployment with majority still lacking quality education, healthcare, housing, clean drinking water and sustainable livelihoods. This inequality not only hampers economic growth by placing extraordinary pressure on urban infrastructure due to massive mass influx.

"The development gap between rural and urban communities has fostered a fragmented society where rural populations feel increasingly alienated from clean water to improve liv-

Malik, former Chairman of Economics Department, University of Peshawar.

He said a marginal segment control majority of national wealth with a vest majority still struggling for basic needs. "This unjust distribution of wealth exacerbates poverty and unemployment, especially in ru-

As urban growth in the country swelled to 36.4% in 2017 from 32.5% in 1998, majority of country's population (63.6%) still reside in rural areas. "Migration from rural to urban areas has further strained urban systems while rural communities continued to be overlooked in terms of investment and policy attention," Prof Malik com-

He also mentioned to revenue collection in terms of urban rural divide and claimed that Pakistan's cities generate about 55% of country's GDP and contribute 95% of federal tax revenues with Karachi alone generating 12-15% of GDP and 55% of federal taxes.

"Even then there is need to invest in rural infrastructure especially roads, schools, healthcare and the urban centers," re- ing standards of people and cent."

marked Prof. Zilakat Ali stimulate economic growth in remote areas including merged tribal districts," he

> Since majority of our population reside in rural areas, the governments should focus on modernizing agriculture by introducing latest techniques, access to credit and improve market linkages, Prof. Malik said. "Such initiatives may help create jobs, reduce dependence on subsistence farming and improve pro-

> Dr. Ibrahim Khan, former Director Elementary and Secondary Schools states that major reason for urban-rural gap is poor education infrastructure and roads. In 2024, approximately 22.8 million children across Pakistan and 4.7 million in KP are out of schools with rural areas dispropor

> tionately affected. "Situation is more worrisome in former FATA regions due to poor education infrastructure, rampant poverty and cultural barriers that prevent many children especially girls, from attending school after primary," he said. "Only 37% of girls in former FATA are enrolled at primary school but at secondary level, this



SOHBATPUR: Commissioner Naseerabad Division Moinur Rehman Khan being briefed by MS Dr. Abdul Fateh Khosa during his visit to District Headquarter Hospital.

Ministry of Interior shares details of....

the protest and led an armed group that wielded guns, shells and glass marbles which were recovered from them later on their arrest from the front-

No personnel of the LEA is allowed for the live ammunition, he said, adding that the fake videos and pictures were being created to cover up their humiliation and political failure from the so called final call

He said that the Pakistan Institute of the Medical Sciences (PIMS) and Poly Clinic had already issued their press releases that clearly stated that no death occurred due to the firing of the law enforcement agencies.

"Likewise, we are calling them out for their fake propaganda and communicating the fact to the people through different channels,' he added.

He said the armed protestors were being identified through video evidence as there were a large number of people who were directly involved in creating chaos and anarchy in the

The minister underlined the need for effective prosecution of those involved in challenging the writ of the state and martyring and injuring the personnel of different

LEAs.
"We had received the intelligence reports that an attempt was being made to create chaos, anarchy and killing under the garb of the so called final call so that some political scores could

be made over dead bodies.' He said the government had indicated time and again

Continued from page 1 during different press conferences that they wanted the dead bodies to achieve ulterior motives and for that matter, they used tax payer money and resources of the

KPK government. The minister said the Government had proposed them to hold the protest at the Sangjani area but they were hell bent on holding the protest at D-chowk which is just near to the red zone where the Belarusian President was staying.

He said that the PTI had a track record to stage violent protests in the country and had been giving a call for protest whenever there was a visit of foreign delegation in the country, citing the recent protests by the party at the time SCO summit which was attended by 12 coun-

tries' prime ministers. He said the visit of the Chinese Prime Minister got delayed for seven months and the PTV came under attack just due to the PTI protests in the past. SSP Asmatullah Janejo was attacked and beaten by the PTI during 2014 protest that showed their mindset to pressurize the state by

showing violence. "States never bow down before anyone," he said, adding that the government of Pakistan would maintain the writ of state and law and order at all cost by ensuring the safety of the public.

În Paris, London and Washington DC, the governments proposed the areas for protests, he said, asking whether any civilized country allowed the protestors to wield AK-47 guns and possessed shells and glass marbles during the "The purpose of their

protest is to get dead bod-

ies, derail peace and sabo-

tage economy," he re-They have no public agenda, he said paying tribute to the people of KP who rejected their so called

Interior Secretary Capt Muhammad Khurram Agha on Sunday said that on November 21, Islamabad High Court (IHC) had issued directives to the federal government to maintain law and order in the federal capital at any cost.

Addressing a press conference here at the Press In formation Department (PID), the Secretary said the High Court also directed the Minister for Interior to engage the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf lead ership regarding the main-

tenance of law and order. He further said that because of the visit of the Belarusian president and a high-level Chinese delegation, as well as the law and order situation in Kurram the PTI was repeatedly asked to postpone its pro

The Secretary said that the High Court had upheld the right to protest while emphasizing the need to adhere to legal requirements. He mentioned that in the Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act, it was clearly written that protesters were required to submit an application at least seven days in advance, and after that, the District Magistrate would designate a suitable location for the demonstration. The PTI leadership was repeatedly informed about this legal re-

quirement, but no applica

tion was submitted

Pakistani twins honored in Riyadh: A tale of medical marvel, Pak-Saudi friendship

ISLAMABAD, (APP): The inspiring journey of Fatima and Mashael, Pakistani conjoined twins separated in a surgery in 2016 under the directives of Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, reached a remarkable milestone as they were honored guests at the International Conference on Conjoined Twins recently held in Riyadh.

The story of Pakistani Siamese twins reflects not only the brilliance of medical science but also the enduring bond between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

The twins, joined at the lower chest and abdomen, underwent a complex sixstage procedure involving 20 doctors and specialists. The operation, supervised Rabeeah, advisor to the program's legacy.

Saudi Royal Court and head of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), lasted seven hours and was declared an 80% success beforehand.

At the conference, Riyadh Governor Prince Faisal bin Bandar, representing King Salman, celebrated the achievements of the Saudi Con joined Twins Program 'Since 1990, the program has reviewed 143 cases from 26 countries, successfully separating 61 pairs of conjoined twins," he shared. He emphasized that the initiative is unparalleled globally and highlighted Saudi Arabia's proposal to designate November 24 as World Conjoined Twins by Dr. Abdullah Al- Day - a tribute to the

Ministry of Interior shares....

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allowed between PTI leadership and its founder. On the contrary and inspite of the extraordinary concessions extended, PTI violated the court's orders blatantly and instead of holding protest at designated place (Sangjani), unlawfully breached entry towards the Red Zone of Islamabad. Throughout the protest

march from Peshawar to Red Zone Islamabad, violent protestors of PTI aggressively engaged LEAs and all sorts of other weaponry including steel sling shots, stun grenades, tear gas shells and nail studded batons to force their way to Red Zone Islamabad. This violent protest was primarily orchestrated and logistically & financially sustained and supported by the resources of the government of KP. Alarmingly, PTI's protest included violent and trained miscreant elements including many illegal Afghan nationals who spearheaded the riots and violent activities throughout the march. These miscreants, employed as vio-

lent vanguard, comprised of approximately 1500 hard core fighters working directly under absconder and proclaimed offender Murad Saeed. This vanguard group, using militant tactics violently attacked the LEAs and breached the blocks with the help of government machinery paving the way for the second wave of vehicles and protestors to cross. It must be noted that LEAs personnel, despite sustaining grievous injuries, exhibited high de-

by trained miscreants. During this, a vehicle also ran over Rangers personnel performing duty at a check post in Islamabad, resulting in the shahadat of three Rangers soldiers and critical injuries to five. Besides, during the violent protest, one policeman embraced shahadat and 232 LEAs personnel were also

tion in Quetta.

grievously injured by these miscreants. This violent mob not only attacked security forces but also set multiple police vehicles on fire, showcased firearms, burnt trees and police tents, damaged properties and created terror among the common citizens.

Pakistan Army was deployed in Islamabad under Article 245 of the Constitution only to secure key government installations and foreign diplomats in the sensitive Red Zone while ensuring secure environrepeatedly using fire arms ment for high-profile foreign dignitaries visiting the

country. On 26 November, as protesting miscreants reached Red Zone, violating the lawful orders of the IHC, the situation escalated and they directly clashed multiple times with LEAs using fire arms, tear gas shells, stun grenades, steel slingshots and nail-studded batons etc.

LEAs comprising Police and Rangers were employed without live ammunition to disperse this violent mob while the Army neither came in direct clash with these miscreants not employed for riot control During this process, the armed guards of the protesting leaders and the hardcore armed miscreants resorted to indiscriminate firing. The leadership under the cover of such self-induced violence instead of controlling the violent mob fled from the area. Once the area had been cleared from the violent protestors and miscreants, a site media visit was also promptly undertaken by both the Information Minister and Minister gree of restraint against for Interior followed by the these violent protesters led press talks. Unfortunately. the social media accounts of PTI resorted to planned and coordinated massive fake propaganda of deaths caused by LEAs so as to divert attention from this senseless, violent and failed activity The major hospitals of the Capital city after due diligence rubbished reports of alleged gunshots and casualties inflicted by LEAs.

QUETTA: Heavy machinery is busy in picked up garbage under the supervi-

sion of Anwar Lehri, Deputy Director Sanitation at Mali Bagh Transfer Sta-

QUETTA: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Balochistan Chief, Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference, in Quetta. **Bodybuilder** Ahsan clinches another Intl

Gold for Pakistan ISLAMABAD Pakistan's renowned bodybuilder, Ahsan Aslam, on Sunday has added another international gold medal to his name, making the nation proud once again.

According to a private news channel, he won gold medal competing in the Men's Physique category at a championship held in Thailand.

Aslam outshone over 800 athletes from around the globe to secure the top position. He had previously won

a gold medâl in the Únited States just two months ago, raising the country's flag high on the global stage. The achievement has

been celebrated widely with fans and sports enthusiasts lauding Aslam's dedication and excellence in bodybuilding.

His consistent performances are inspiring a new generation of athletes in Pakistan to pursue international success.

Former Asian Squash Champion **Danish Atlas** Khan meets Governor Kundi

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi has said that we are working on a comprehensive strategy for the development of all sports, including squash, to provide opportunities for young people to showcase

their talents He said this during a meeting with renowned squash player and former Asian champion, Danish Atlas Khan, recipient of the Sitara-e-Imtiaz, here at Govemor House.

During the meeting discussion focused on the promotion of sports and the training of young athletes.

Danish Atlas Khan highlighted the issues facing in squash Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and emphasized the need for efforts to nurture the talents of young

He pointed out that Peshawar, in particular, has produced several world champions in squash, but there is a need for more facilities and government support to further promote the



The rest of the Nepal LAHORE: In a major batters struggled against

achievement, Pakistan blind cricket team on

Opening

from 14 balls.

off 21 deliveries. He was

Paudel's gutsy knock.

The middle-order

batter waged a lone

battle for Nepal with a

cautious 40 off 42 balls

and remained the top-

scorer, followed by

Ramesh Baniyan, who

a ruthless Pakistan's bowling attack as none Sunday inflicted a huof them could amass miliating 10-wicket defeat on Nepal to reach double figures. Mati Ŭllah was the Blind T20 World Cup standout bowler for Pa-

2024 final at Multan kistan, registering eco-Cricket Stadium. nomical bowling fig-Chasing a modest ures of 3/5 in his four 95-run target, the home overs, while Badar comfortably Munir chipped in with knocked the winning one scalp. runs in just 5.3 overs The Green Shirts without losing a wicket.

will face either Sri batter Lanka or Bangladesh in Kamran Akhtar came the Blind T20 World out all guns blazing in Cup 2024 final, schedthe run chase as he uled to be played at the smashed 13 boundaries same venue on Tuesday. including a six on his way to an unbeaten 63

Pakistan's squad for Blind T20 World Cup

supported by fellow B1 Category: Zafar opener Babar Ali, who Muhammad Igbal, made a brisk 32 not out Idrees Saleem, Muhammad Shahzaib, Batting first, Nepal Fakhar Abbas. only managed 94/7 in Muhammad Asif, and the allotted 20 overs de-Muhammad Salman Durgadatta

B2 Category: Nisar Ali ©, Badar Munir (vc), Babar Ali, Nematullah, and Haroon Khan

В3 Category: Muhammad Safdar, Kamran Akhtar, Akmal Hayat Nasir, Talha Igbal, and Matiullah



SWABI: Jeeps are on their way during the Indus River Water Cross Race organized by Tourism Corporation Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (TCKP) and Frontier 4x4 Club, at Hund in Swabi.

President, PM reaffirm...

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He reiterated the commitment to continue operations till the eradication of terrorism and assured the nation that they would stand with their brave security forces in the fight against terrorism. The president also prayed for the elevation of the martyrs' souls and patience for their families.

The prime minister rayed for the high ranks of the Shaheed personnel of the Pakistan Army and a grant of patience for the pereaved families.

The fight against terrorism would continue till the complete eradication of this menace from the country, he press release quoted the rime minister as saying.

The officers and personnel of the Pakistan Army were protecting the

country from its enemies without caring for their lives, he added.

The prime minister said the entire nation, including him, was proud of the brave officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army, adding the Pakistani nation could never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs.

He said the nefarious designs of terrorists and enemies of the country to spread chaos in Pakistan would never succeed.

The brave and coura-

geous young men who sacrificed their future for this country and their families, filled with the spirit of sacrifice, were the pride of the entire Pakistani nation he observed. The prime minister reiterated that the entire nation stood shoulder to shoulder with their armed forces in this fight against terror-

pleted written tests, dem-

onstrating the vast scale of

unprecedented

the recruitment initiative

achievement underscores

HSA's ability to efficiently

handle large-scale recruit-

ment while upholding high

standards of accuracy and

reliability.

Reflecting on this achievement, Chief Exam-

iner and Director of Qual-

Pakistan's youth to get global recognition through PM's youth skill program: Rana

ISLAMABAD (APP): with market-driven skills, Chairman of Prime thereby enhancing their Minister's Youth Program, Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan Sunday reiterated the government's resolve to empower Pakistan's youth, emphasizing the importance of skill-based education in enabling young girls and boys to gain global recognition.

In an exclusive talk with PTV news channel, the Chairman said Pakistan's youth are poised to gain global recognition through the Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (PMYSDP).

This initiative aims to equip young people with market-driven conventional and high-tech skills required for career progression, ultimately bringing their capacity at par with international standards, he

This initiative aligns with the Prime Minister's vision to equip the youth youth

employability and contributing to the country's economic growth, Rana Mashhood Ahmad said. The PM skill program

promotes inclusivity, striving for gender equality, inclusiveness of differently abled young individuals, marginalized youth and empowering youth workers engaged in the informal sector. The Prime Minister's Youth Programme is taking a significant step forward by introducing international certifications for various skill programs, he said, adding that these programs include artificial intelligence, digitalization e-gaming or esports electrician, plumbing, solar system, UPS installation mechanics, marketing, repairing, beautician courses and digital marketing all designed to boost

global recognition and con-

sumption of Pakistani

empower young Pakistani girls and boys with marketdriven conventional and high-tech skills, bringing their capacity at par with international standards, he

This move is expected to increase the employability of Pakistani youth, both locally and internationally, he mentioned.

Responding to a query, Rana Mashhood highlighted that Pakistan is becoming a hub for skill based education, attracting students from over 20 countries. These international students are visiting Pakistan to acquire high-end skills in various fields, including technology, vocational training and entrepreneurship, he added.

This influx of international students is a testament to the quality of education and training being offered in Pakistan, he men tioned



tion check to Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar during Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association (PFOWA) charity bazaar 2024 at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Federal Capital.

Interfaith dialogue to bring scholars from seven religions on one platform

ISLAMABAD (Online): Despite the general perception of religion as a source of division, it holds immense transformative potential to address global challenges and promote unity in a divided world. In this regard, interfaith dialogue and cooperation remain essential for countering polarization. By working toward common goals, religious communities can demonstrate the enduring relevance of faith in tackling issues of inequality and

Aimed at fostering this understanding, Insti-tute of Policy Studies (IPS) is collaborating with Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), University of Management & Technology (UMT), Lahore, Gift University, Gujranwala, Islamic Foundation, UK, and The Markfield Institute of Higher Education, UK, in holding an international seminar on 'The Role of Religions in Fostering Peace, Harmony, and Justice' on December 4, 2024.

The event will bring together prominent international and local speakers representing seven major faiths, i.e. Islam, Hinduism,

Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, and Baha'ism, alongside scholars, religious leaders, policymakers, and civil society representatives. The seminar is timely

as the contemporary global landscape, marked by fastpaced changes in lifestyles, thought patterns, and decision-making criteria, is witnessing a growing skepti-cism toward religiosity. Since the dawn of the industrial age and now entering the Fifth Industrial Revolution, the relevance of religion has been overshadowed by modernism, postmodernism, and the dominance of science and technology. In this environment, religion is often viewed as unnecessary or divisive.

However, while societal advancements promise progress, they have also deepened humanity's struggles with justice, peace, and harmony. Rising conflicts rooted in racial, ethnic, and national divisions, as well as the intensifving fight for resources, threaten the social fabric. These challenges underscore the need to recognize and amplify religion's po-

tential as a unifying force.

counter prevailing narratives by highlighting shared principles of compassion. justice, unity, and peace inherent in all major religions. It will provide a platform for academics, religious leaders, and policymakers to explore how these values, practiced through mutual understanding and respect, can transcend divisions of race, color, caste and nationality to build a cohesive global society. The seminar will fea-

The seminar aims to

ture a diverse lineup of prominent international and local speakers, including academics, researchers. and religious leaders Through keynote speeches. panel discussions, and interactive sessions, the event will focus on key topics such as the shared ethical teachings of religions on peace, justice, and harmony, the role of interfaith dialogue in fostering mutua respect and reconciliation. best practices from global examples of religious cooperation contributing to social cohesion, and strategies to address contemporary challenges such as social divisions, extremism, and injustice through

interfaith collaboration.



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the country's well-being

Chief Minister Ali Amin values

Gandapur, were accused of

He further added that the PTI's leadership is responsible for inciting violence and hatred among their supporters, which is damaging the country's so-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cial fabric and democratic

Pakistan's Northern

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's northern regions have transformed into a breathtaking winter wonderland, mesmerizing tourists and locals alike where Naran and Kaghan, two popular tourist destinations, received heavy snowfall, turning them into a paradise for winter sports

A report aired by a private news channel said that the snow-clad mountains, trees and roads presented a picturesque view,

the northern regions has transformed the area into a winter wonderland, with snow-capped peaks, frozen

having an amazing time here," he added. Another tourist commented, "We have never seen snowfall before, so this is a thrilling experience for

> but the scenery is totally worth it.' The local administration and tour operators will also take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of tourists, including clearing roads and providing emergency ser-

> "Naran and Kaghan are truly heaven on earth, the snowfall has made them even more beautiful." said a tourist from abroad



ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Sved Ali Nasir Rizvi, presides over important meeting at CPO, regarding maintaining peace and tranquility, improving the investigation system. **IGP Islamabad orders** swift arrest of fugitives, enhances security measures

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, presided over an important meeting on Sunday at Central Police Officer, Islamabad regarding maintaining peace and tranquility, improving the investigation system, and ensuring the arrest of wanted suspects in ongo-

A public relation officer told APP that the meeting was attended by DIG Headquarters and Security Jawad Tariq, AIG Establishment Abdul Haq Umrani, and AIG Investigation and Complaints Syed Inayat Ali Shah.

During the meeting, IG Islamabad reviewed the investigation system and examined pending cases. He directed officers to make investigations more effective and ensure the arrest of fugitives in ongoing cases.

IG Rizvi said that, in line with modern demands, the investigation process is being equipped with advanced techniques. All officers are directed to resolve

ongoing cases based on

The purpose of renewing the investigation wing is to ensure timely and merit-based completion of investigations, improve the handling of criminal cases, and tighten the noose around criminals, aiming to eliminate crime from society, he added.

Additionally, during the meeting, the IG Islamabad emphasized enhancing security measures to maintain peace in Islamabad. He directed that checks at the city's entry and exit points be made more effective.

The security of the city will be further reinforced by ensuring surveillance and monitoring through the high-tech Safe City cameras.

Moreover, officers stationed at security checkpoints were instructed to improve security, maintain a strict watch on suspicious vehicles and individuals. and ensure the use of all safety gadgets, including bulletproof jackets and hel-



ISLAMABAD: Students pose for group photo during the Alumni Evening of Model College for Girls

Mehwish becomes PIA's first female flying spanner engineer

ISLAMABAD (APP): Mehwish Anwar has made history by becoming the first female flying spanner engineer in Pakistan International Airlines (PIA).

According to a PIA spokesperson, she completed her inaugural flight coverage, marking a significant milestone in the national carrier's history pri vate news channel reported.

The groundbreaking flight took place from Islamabad to Sukkur, where Mehwish ensured seamless engineering operations during the journey.

"Mehwish Anwar's unwavering dedication, hard work, and consistency have set a remarkable example for others", he said and added that her achievement has been hailed as a beacon of progress for women in the aviation industry

Speaker NA condoles death of Former MNA

ISLAMABAD (Online) Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has expressed deep shock and grief over the tragic death of Makhdoom Syed Hasan Gilani, member former National Assembly, and father of Makhdoom Samiullah Gilani MNA in a road accident. The Speaker National Assembly paid rich tributes to the services of late former MNA. The Speaker in a condolence message to the family of late former MNA prayed for highest place of the departed soul in Jannah.

Civil society activists have strongly denounced India's use of state terrorism as an official policy in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, stating that the Modi-led Indian regime has intensified repression to suppress the Kashmiri struggle for right to self-de-

termination.

ISLAMABAD (APP): came to power, particularly following the revocation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. They highlight that killings, arrests, torture, property seizures, and dismissal of employees have become routine in the terri-

ISLAMABAD: Students from different colleges and universities are taking

part in Margalla Hills Trail-5 cleanup drive during the 14th Pakistan Moun-

tain Festival organized by Devcom-Pakistan on the eve of International Moun-

Civil society activists condemn

escalating state terrorism in IIOJK

Since the revocation

of Article 370, more than 940 Kashmiris have been martyred by Indian troops, tured. The Modi regime has also targeted public and private properties, using dra-

against humanity, emphasizing the need for global action to protect the rights and dignity of the Kashmiri people.

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policies of the Indian gov-

ernment aim to erase

Kashmir's identity and

subdue its people's legiti-

mate demand for the right

the activists. The activists

called on the international

community to hold India

to self-determination," said

"The Hindutva-driven

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police arrested 166 absconders, proclaimed offenders and target offenders involved in heinous crimes during the ongoing week. A public relations of ficer told APP that special tasks were assigned to all senior police officials to ensure the arrest of proclaimed offenders and absconders involved in different criminal activities in

dealt with iron hands

166 absconders involved in heinous crime arrested

egory-A during the ongoing week. DIG Syed Ali Raza

accountable for its crimes Media Service, activists arwith over 25,365 individugue that IIOJK has been als arrested and 2,449 tor-

According to Kashmir gripped by a new wave of state-sponsored oppression since Narendra Modi

–An imperative to sustainable development Since, women are also empathetic, this quality may also make them better

> feminine issue and their "Women have the abil-

ity to wear many hats within their role. They often have a more balancing role in their career, household and taking guidance from others to perform bet-

ies like ours, commonly men at executive positions shy to indulge in sensitive feminine issues. Therefore, when there is a female executive especially at a women dominated institution or department, people of same genre can freely discuss sensitive issues and

leaders and help quickly adjust themselves to new situations. In addition, they have better communication skills and can have meaningful conversation with stakeholders making them better understand their

of the importance of gen der-diverse leadership for inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

are empowered to lead, everyone benefits. Decades of studies have shown women leaders helping to increase productivity, enhance collaboration, inspire organizational dedication and improve fairness," opined Chairperson Pakistan Academy of Letters Dr Najiba

the federal capital.

During the crackdown. the Islamabad Police teams have arrested a66 absconders, proclaimed offenders and target offenders including 55 from catsaid that the Islamabad Police is taking all possible steps to eradicate the crime from the city and those involved in heinous crimes and illegal activities will be

HSA completes screening for over 150,000 paramedical candidates in five hospitals hand skills, while over 100,000 candidates com-

This

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Health Services Academy (HSA) has completed its first large-scale recruitment drive for paramedical staff across Islamabad's five major teaching hospitals, marking a significant mile-stone in the city's healthcare sector.

Over 150,000 candidates participated in skill and written tests during this historic initiative, setting new benchmarks for transparent and effective recruit-The recruitment

aimed to fill critical posi-tions at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), District Health Office (DHO) Islamabad, Federal Medical College (FMC), Federal Government Polyclinic, and the National Institute of Reha-Medicine bilitation (NIRM). The screening process began with skill tests in early November, followed by written tests, completing all stages within three months of meticulous planning and execution, showcasing HSA's dedication to fairness and preci-Approximately 48,000 candidates under-

ity Assurance at HSA, Nadeem Sajjad Kayani lauded the exceptional teamwork across sections, including secrecy, verification, venue management. and security. He expressed gratitude to Professor Dr. Shahzad Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor of HSA,Professor Dr. Abdullah Khan and the Ministry of National Health Services for their

unwavering supporthroughout the process. HSA integrated advanced technologies like Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) systems for efficient and precise results grading while maintaining quota-based categorization. Public sector institutions,

went specialized evaluaincluding the police, Secretions for typing and short- tariat Training Institutes. NUAL CHARITY BAZAAR



ing Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association (PFOWA) charity bazaar 2024 at Ministry of Forèign Affairs, in the Federal Capital.

PTI's chaotic politics

ISLAMABAD (APP): PML-N Senator Dr Afnan Ullah Khan Sunday stated that the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) was damaging the country's reputation with false claims and prioritizing their agenda over

He suggested they country's national interests

over their personal gains.

Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan, while speaking to a private news channel, accused the PTI of blackmailing the state by politicizing dead bodies, despite having

no video evidence to support their claims. Afnan Ullah further criticized the PTI leadership for abandoning their supporters during a recent protest in Islamabad, adding that the PTI leadership, in-cluding Bushra Bibi and

retreating from the scene, leaving their supporters to face the consequences alone. Senator urged the PTI to shun its chaotic approach to politics and refrain from damaging Pakistan's reputation with false narratives and work should not compromise the towards the betterment of the country. Pakistan's economy is on the path to recovery, but the PTI's nefarious agenda may jeopardize this progress, potentially leading to the country's downfall, he added. Senator accused the PTI of promoting a culture of violence and intolerance in the country.

regions transformed into winter wonderland: report

king and ice skating. The temperatures in the region dropped significantly, with some areas experiencing temperatures as "It is a dream come true to see Naran and Kaghan covered in snow,' said a tourist. 'The scenery is enthusiasts and nature lovbreathtaking, and we are

attracting a large number of tourists from across the us. The roads are slippery, country. The recent snowfall in

lakes and picturesque valleys Popular destinations

like Naran, Kaghan, Hunza and Skardu are now more alluring than ever, offering a range of activities such as skiing, snowboarding, trek-

ISLAMABAD: People making drawing on the cheek during their visit to different stalls in Annual Christmas Market under the auspices of the German Embassy in Islamabad at a local hotel.

an era of gender diversity where the culture of inclusivity emerges as a trend for sustainable development, women's representation in leadership positions and raising a breed of well-educated and trained women folk has become crucial for na-

As women participation in policy making and execution, is now a global known fact, creating more and more education and leadership opportunities for female segment in countries like Pakistan where half of population comprises women, is an enormous challenge. Better gender balance

in business leadership is also inextricably linked with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under United Nations (SDG 5); attainment of gender equality, is impossible without women's sizable representation at

By ignoring their vibrant participation, the na-

Women empowerment-ISLAMABAD (APP): In tions' not only lack revered values of justice, harmony and tolerance but also overall development and a sense of security against intolerant behaviors of male dominating societies.

Women representation in different walks of life including economy, policymaking and management is important to ensure gender equality," remarked Fouzia Khan Bhittani, an educationist from Quaid-i-Azam University. "Traditionally in societies like ours, policies about women are formulated by men. The question is; how such policies formulated without representation of women, can be fruitful as women know more about their is-

She said women can bring different perspectives and viewpoints in decisionmaking ensuring innovative and better solutions for communities. "Their integration in decision making and policies for their welfare and economic independence, can address multiple societal problems.

In this context she quoted the example of domestic violence where the women are subjected to a coercive living only because of their economic dependence on male family mem-

"When they are solely dependent on male members and are not financially self-sufficient, they are obviously on a weaker side, Fouzia Khan said. "Having women in leadership positions can provide them opportunity to contribute in nation building and breaking the shackles of stereotype thinking about their position and abilities in families and society as a whole

She said it is commonly observed that in many cases women executives deliver much better than the male hierarchy. 'But, for elevating them to this pinnacle, we need a realistic thinking about women, provide them better education, training and employment facilities.'

As women comprise

half of our population,

keeping them away from education, training and better executive opportunities means that we are making half of our population nonproductive and irrelevant to national progress.

Female doctors, teachers, jurists, executives and even preachers can have better understanding of redressal and pave way for building a society offering equal and congenial living for our half of population.

ter," Fouzia Khan said. In conservative societ-

viewpoint. A report issued by International Finance Corporation (IFC) also refers to an increased understanding

'When more women

"Different experiences provide us with different strengths, skills and perspectives.

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Flying ban reversal

The European Aviation Safety Agency has finally lifted the ban on flights of the national flag carrier to and from Europe after more than four years. Nevertheless, it will take months and potentially heavy investment in new planes before the airline can resume operations on lucrative European routes. The ban on PIA flights to the UK is yet to be revoked.

Still, celebrations are in order since the EU ban has been lifted after repeated failures of the Civil Aviation Authority since 2020 to address EASA's safety concerns. The European aviation watchdog has apparently "re-estab. lished sufficient confidence in the [CAA's] oversight capabilities". The decision to approve the resumption of commercial operations was based on the CAA's "significant efforts".

However, EASA clarified that the EU states would continue monitoring through the "prioritisation of ramp inspections of the air carriers certified in Pakistan and their them heroes or villains will crew to ensure compliance with aviation regulations and standards and identify safety concerns and trends before they become a threat".

Besides causing reputational damage, the ban, which came in the wake of a fatal PIA plane crash in Karachi, followed by a scandal over alleged fake pilot licences sparked by the claims | freed, vindicated and posof the then aviation minister, has cost the airline an annual revenue loss of nearly Rs40bn. It was also one of the Rs40bn was the state, with all the might at its disposal. It was prepared to thwart was prepared to thwart demands of those who were killed as some PTI several reasons for the what it saw as a con- had marched on the fed- leaders acknowledged or government's failed attempt to privatise the national carrier which, in its view, was what was missing was a plausibly large numbers in their hundreds claimed a month ago when only one bidder showed up to buy the airline for a paltry Rs10bn for a 60pc stake in the company, against the asking price of am proposing a new ail-Rs85bn. Undoubtedly, the resumption of flights to profitable European routes is be- making light of our situation. On the contrary, I'm ing seen as a recovery point asking we recognise how for the air carrier and may lead many to call for cancel- litical affiliation or even a ling plans to sell it off and lack or interest in politics. It requires recognition and turn it around by investing in then treatment, one of EU operations under a new winch is moonising powerful nations to impose management.

Similar efforts made by successive governments in the last one decade to resurrect PIA have amply exposed them because their soluthe futility of such exercises. There are many, including the incumbent privatisation minister, who have argued that we (re)connected with to the last attempt to sell the becoming a source of illa-jor conflict in families and airline was structured in such a way as to scare away potential investors. Many influential leaders of the ruling about the dollar-prolifer-PML-N are not in favour of ating disinformation indisinvesting the airline. But dustry per se; it is about its impact that, along with only the naive can expect the a curb on our liberties, is Dr Pam Ramsden which reinstatement of European operations to help restore PIA's profitability. The reasons that have brought PIA to this pass are many, and even that amazing to bedeep-rooted. At best, the new gin with. development can only help the government fetch a better re- level because we do not sponse from bidders when get good governance or balanced, fair information the airline is put up for auction again. It is, therefore, advisable that the authorities due to "low AQI no PTI" continue to focus on selling (mank you reepu sanao carious F15D is a wenfor this joke on X) but our established phenomthe company rather than in- stress levels begin when enon". The vulnerable are vesting public money in its resting public money in its bling infrastructure. Social media doesn't them. Until then though, I fleet to resume its European Friends in Lahore say the come with a warning, like fear we will remain in this operations.

Spoiling the youth potential

Muhammad **Amir Rana**

Political parties in Pakistan generally do not have a plan to engage the youth in constructive activities to capitalise on their potential. The exception is the PTI. which has mobilised a large segment of the youth to fuel an agitation movement in the country. Nevertheless, the party's approach stems from its focus on its leader Imran Khan's personality, rather than a deep connection between the youth and democratic values, rights, freedom, and hope. In their comparison of

PTI-led activism with the recent student movement in Bangladesh which led to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina Wajed, political commentators overlooked several vital points. First, the student movement was centred on the pursuit of rights and freedoms, which Sheikh Ha--sina's government had curbed. The movement was not sudden but the result of a continuing dialogue and debate about the situation in Bangladesh, which primarily took place on university campuses, with Dhaka University as the

platforms amplified the impact of these discussions, but they were essentially underpinned by robust intellectual discourse.

It was Gen Z — all too

often stereotyped as selfcentred — which actually came up with compelling arguments for change and successfully executed plans and strategies, drawing strength from marginalised segments. By contrast, PTI-led youth lacks activism organisation and strong intellectual discourse of the stumovement

Bangladesh. In fact, it is mainly jobless youth from KP that constitute the bulk of the party's street power. Moreover, the PTI lacks strong organisational roots on campuses, which has limited its ability to foster sustained youth engagement. A more fitting com-

parison for the student movement in Bangladesh might be drawn with the Jammu and Kashmir Joint Awami Action Com-mittee and the Awami Action Committee of Gilgit-Baltistan, which effectively mobilised the public against the government's efforts to eliminate subsidies. Moreover, political and ideologi-

with movements like the Haq Do Tehreek in Gwadar and the Baloch Yakiheti Committee, led by Mehrang Baloch, which have galvanised marginalised segments around the issue of rights and the missing per-

What unites the youth around Imran Khan is his consistent narrative and political rhetoric, coupled with his populist leadership style. For many, he represents a heroic figure, a symbol of resistance against the establishment, and a beacon of hope in a political landscape where mainstream parties have compromised mainly with the establishment. Most importantly, he serves as a symbol of change for the growing middle class of Pakistan, a demographic burdened by the demands of the country's 59 per cent

vouth bulge However, the PTI is similar to other political parties in the country, many of which have transformed into political dynasties. Power and leadership within the PTI are increasingly concentrated around Imran Khan and his family, with crucial decisions made only with his consent. Despite widespread public support, the party needs a solid organisational structure and an effective secondary leadership capable of uniting its cadre when the top leadership is absent

The PTI often displays overconfidence, as evident in its 'solo flight' approach when it holds protests. It prefers this to building consensus with rival political parties. Its agitation revolves around Imran Khan's release from jail, instead of broader democratic principles. Even its stance on judicial independence has been selective as evidenced by its approach to the 26th Amendment to the Constitution.

While Pakistan does have potential for a vibrant student movement to evolve, there are three major constraints in the way. First, the PTI is channelling youth energy into populist ideas and cultish loyalty, which erodes the potential for open dialogue among the youth. Second, the establishment has taken control of university campuses, and has managed to restrict spaces meant for intellectual debate and activism. Religious activities — spearheaded by groups such as

Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan, and even some banned ones are given prominence. Unfortu-nately, this has also impacted faculty members. who have either come under these groups' influe-nce or surrendered their indepen-

dence to es--tablishment. Even a mid-level official of the establishment can effectively control a university, with the teaching staff and administrators unable to challenge

his authority. The powers that be along with other state insti-t-u----tions and political parties have undermined Pak-istani youth's potential. Two key factors should be mentioned: their fear of a youth-led movement for change and their lack of vision regarding the constructive harnessing and channelling of the you-th's potential. In brief, the power elites are fo--c-used only on safeguarding their own interests. They send their children abroad for education or enrol them in one of the handful of exclusive elite institutions in the country, with little to no concern for the broader quality of education, the fut-ure of the youth, or the development

the Tableeghi Jamaat, the of a knowledge-based economy. Their primary focus remains on controlling the youth rather than empowering them.

Those who call the

shots in Pakistan follow a template similar to Sheikh Hasina's in Bangladesh. In her case, she first subdued the media through severe censorship, then eliminated opponents. political brought the judiciary under her control, and forged alliances with the military While their may some differences in sequence, the overall process here is strikingly similar, with the ruling parties reinforcing such practices. But despite such parallels with Bangladesh, the power elites here do not perceive the emergence of a similar nationwide movement, given their tight grip on university campuses, the fragmentation of rights movements on ethnic and nationalist lines, and the limited potential for a unified uprising. The PTI, perhaps unintentionally, plays into the strategy of those who wield actual power by keeping the youth engaged in futile political activities and diverting their energy from constructive efforts.

An ode to the political

Abbas Nasir

Pakistan's history is replete with the heroism of political workers who have repeatedly demonstrated that their commitment to democratic ideals is total and that they will risk life, limb, and liberty for their cause.

Whether you call depend on your point of reference. Ergo, many of you will see the political workers who reached D-Chowk in Islamabad on the call of their leadership as valiant heroes.

Valiant heroes because they defied all the odds and overcame every obstacle in their path to keep what they thought was a tryst with destiny. A rendezvous which, they believed, would result in their jailed leader being sibly en route to the corridors of power once again.

spiracy to destabilise the eral capital. With the top many more, including im-

path of growth. So, the troublemakers, the 'miscreants' had to be

There was never any doubt about the intent of either the political worker or the state; both were hell-bent on having their way a week ago today, and neither was prepared to give an inch. There was no way the state would allow the painstakingly crafted hybrid structure to

were no less adamant that they would snatch away the mandate stolen from them in February this year. In between these two extreme positions, what was missing? What was missing was the leadership on whose call the workers had reached the federal capital in droves.

What was missing was a strategy on how to At the other hand force the government,

now showing signs of a credible second-tier leadrevival and was on the ership, which could have guided and steered the protest in a direction where the goals could have been attained.

Instead, what happened was that a large section of the protesters was encouraged to head to Islamabad's politically significant venue D-Chowk, where they were to remain, along with their leaders, 'till Imran Khan was freed and brought to the venue'

This supercharged The political workers the worker. What happened next is public knowledge. As night fell, the protest leaders, who seemed unbending and unprepared to consider a sit-in at any venue other than D-Chowk, inexplicably drove away (they never got to D-Chowk anyway as they'd promised) from not just the protest but the capital itself.

And soon after, the law-enforcement personing the KP chief minister, is not the issue. For me, and I am sure for you, the killing of one political worker is one too many.

Because the life and aspirations of every political worker represent hope. Yes, unlike many of Pakistan's chattering classes whose members hold forth ad nauseam in their well-appointed drawing rooms and exclusive social media chat groups, political workers put their money where their mouth

They take to the streets in pursuit of their ideals, amid teargas, lathi charge, rubber bullets and even live fire and they dare to dream a dream and continue undeterred. One can be sure there are always those who break the law and display a propensity to

vinced that the vast ma- died protecting her, with jority of the protesters their rights. Yes, they cause. may be committed to a don't wish to press for critics on social media ing whether it is PTI or their demands through have been accused of do-

violent means. In fact, from my own

recollection of the MRD movement of the 1980s. which I first witnessed as a student and then as a journalist, the story of the political worker is one of dreaming a dream and offering sacrifices, even their lives, as they pursue their dreams.

Just look at those who formed a protective cordon around Benazir Bhutto, despite knowing she was on the terrorists' hit list as became clear from the mayhem in October 2007 in Karachi when her procession was bombed. Even that bombing

and mass murder did not dissuade the loyal workers who were guarding her with their own bodies and lives and not weapons when she was assassinated Rawalpindi in December But I remain con- the same year. Dozens

no hesitation or greed. wish to peacefully assert Just their dedication to a So, it isn't 'blaming leader or an ideology but the victim' as some PTI

Success of Quetta's public-private waste management initiative:

ing by those sympathetic to the party. I ask where were the leaders who had pledged to the workers to keep a tryst with destiny in D-Chowk but did not even perfunctorily try to keep their end of the bargain? Yes, I know the state is brutal but they should not have left the worker alone.

- Courtesy Dawn

And so alone that so far, I have seen just one leader of the PTI offering fateha at the grave of one of the party's fallen workers. A party that controls so much of the narrative and has all the modern communications tools at its disposal has been very short in sharing images where the leaders are displaying sympathy

with the affected families. I do hope, and this goes for all political parties, that the workers, the cannon fodder, should not let their ideals become a weakness to be tapped into, even exploited, by compromised political leaders. And sadly, for democracy and Pakistan the number of

Our own PTSD

Muna Khan

ment unique to Pakistanis: Perpetual-Traumatic Stress Disorder. I am not making light of our situathis PTSD unites us, irrespective of income or polack of interest in politics. which is mobilising powchange on social media platforms and AI companies' incentives. They will not self-regulate. And I don't want any Pakistani tion to everything is to ban

gone from being the place becoming a source of madisinformation. It is an uncontrollable beast that no

But this column isn't We are in a perpetual state of traumatic disorder caused by the uncertainty of when the internet will return to normal, for ex-

This state of anxiety has reached a perpetual from the government or media. Karachi may be a instance, a combat vetbetter city at the moment eran," asked the BBC. (thank you Teepu Sahab we step out into a crum-Islamabad is in some form

of lockdown every day. Fear rules KP and Balochistan every day. And this is without them turning on screens.

Who is responsible for this constant form of their content. anxiety? Will banning the PTI cure us of these ail-

There are plenty of studies to show how ex- PTI protesters. No one is posure to TV following mass traumatic events violence, war, natural disasters, disease outbreaks — leads to post-traumatic stress disorder. They can result in health issues like depression, which can be National Institute of government to regulate Health. In the last decade, studies show anxiety is heightened among people who use social media more In almost two de- than those who don't. Socades, social media has cial media is responsible for young peoples' mental health troubles. It is responsible for the increasing polarity in societies the world over.

The trouble is not the we all know. It is a failure to address these issues that causes this perpetual state. No one paid heed to the warning signs like a 2015 study in the UK by making us ... umm ... ill. suggested that watching gruesome videos and images online at home could lead to the same types of symptoms most associated with combat veterample. And normal wasn't ans. Its publication caused a lot of controversy at a time before TikTok or 'fake news' was a phenom-

> "How could someone who merely watches events on a screen suffer the same problems as, for One expert replied "vicarious PTSD is a wellespecially susceptible. harmful content. In fact,

it lures you in knowing the harmful consequences. Unesco said on Thursday that 62 per cent of social media influencers do not verify

You see this play out on our streets every day like the controversy around the number of dead willing to believe anyone. Also notice how no one is even talking about the documented deaths in Kurram. Our PTSD is also selective.

The trouble is we are left to fend for ourselves a lifelong issue, says the in the ab--sence of adequate services, from utility to health to information. We have limited access to resources to help us. A two-day wellness festival in Karachi offers lots of options to help you deal with a number of issues — if you can afford it. Imagine if this was offered as a national

For that, you'd need studies documenting what to have a government which prioritises the healthcare industry in the same manner it spends locking up dissidents.

Imagine living in a country where you feel cared for, secure knowing that a lockdown won't deprive you of access to essentials. Of equal import is knowing the information you receive is fair, accurate and responsible. People are turning to social media because traditional media has over the years eroded public trust. The last few months have shown us the violent consequences

disinformation campaigns. Maybe, they can be the wake-up call for journalists to unite and come up with strategies to win back public trust. I am hopeful people will return to news outlets because social media will trick them and fail smog is killing them. traditional media, about perpetual state. -- Cour-

By Arbab Imran

Quetta, the provincial capital of Balochistan, has long struggled with the complex and multifaceted issue of solid waste management. On one hand, the city faces a shortage of resources, while on the other, inefficiencies rooted in bureaucracy, political unions, and external influences have hindered the effective use of the available resources. For years, these challenges have prevented Quetta from addressing the growing piles of garan eyesore and a pub-

lic health concern.

However, in an am-

bitious move to resolve this issue without requiring additional resources from the government, the provincial authorities have turned to a public-private partnership model. This approach, which was officially announced in March, aimed to tap into the efficiency and sector to tackle a problem that the public sector had struggled to The journey to manage for years. The reach this point has assumption was clear: the private sector, unencumbered by the red tape and inefficiencies often found in government-run projects, would bring new life and efficiency to Quetta's waste management system.

The decision was bold. By August, the torious. The success of project was officially inaugurated, and within a few short months, Quetta's solid waste management system ing the speed and scale was undergoing a massive overhaul. The cess project's timeline was ambitious—perhaps is not just about num-

ment planned for one area of the city to be fully handed over to the private sector by December. This goal ies. Lahore, for into implement a similar waste management still working to develop a workable approach.

Despite

these

hurdles, the team in Quetta, with the sup-port of the Chief office, Minister's bage that have become moved forward with enthusiasm. The results, as of yesterday, have been nothing short of under the name Safa Quetta (a public-private partnership), successfully collected 1,500 single day. This is a remarkable achievement—previously, the highest tonnage ever collected in the same agility of the private area by the Metropolitan Corporation was just 290 tonnes.

been nothing less than a rollercoaster. From protests and legal chalproject, to resistance from various stakeholders, the path was far from smooth. However, against all odds, the initiative has emerged vic-Safa Quetta has stunned critics and detractors alike, with many now acknowledgof the project's suc-

A silent revolution in the making overly so. The govern- bers. It is a testament to the power of collaboration between the public and private sectors and the transformative potential of innovative seemed daunting when solutions. The efficompared to the ciency and scale at struggles of other cit- which Safa Quetta has operated demonstrate stance, took four years that, with the right leadership and vision, seemingly insurmountable model, and Peshawar is problems can be still working to develop solved. The swift progress in waste collection in such a short span is a silent revolution in the making—one that will significantly improve the cleanliness and health of the city.

Looking ahead,

Quetta's waste management problems will transformative. The soon be a thing of the project, which operates past. In just a few months, the unsightly heaps of garbage that have plagued the city for decades will be tonnes of waste in a cleared, and the solid waste management system will be far more efficient and sustainable. With Safa Quetta leading the way, this model has the potential to resolve waste management issues in Quetta for decades to come. The success of this project is a lesson for other cities facing similar challenges. It shows lenges, including writ that with the right blend petitions against the of innovation, private sector efficiency, and strong political will, seemingly impossible tasks can be achieved. What began as a risky experiment has now turned into a shining example of how public-private partnerships can successfully tackle complex urban issues. It is clear that Quetta, under this partnership, is well on its way to becoming a This achievement cleaner, healthier city for its residents.

We must resolve our own issues; no other country or province can do this for us

Governor Kundi chairs 'grand jirga' to restore peace in Kurram

KOHAT (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, expressed his commitment to restoring peace in Kurram district and stressed the need for local efforts in resolving the security challenges.

Speaking at a grand jirga of political leaders and tribal elders in Kohat, Kundi said, "I am ready to go to Kurram and sit with the jirga for as many days as they ask. We must resolve our own issues; no other country or province can do this for us."

The grand jirga was

attended by various political figures, including the use of social media to Federal Minister Engineer Amir Muqam, Awami identifying the elements

Iftikhar Hussain, PPP peace Provincial President Muhammad Ali Shah Bacha, Jamaat-e-Islami's Professor Ibrahim, Qaumi Watan Party's Sikandar Hayat Khan Sherpao, National Democratic Movement's Bushra Gohar, former Federal Minister Sajid Hussain Tori, Kohat Mayor Qari Sher Zaman, Ibn-e-Ali, Ahmed Ibrahim Pracha, Asif Pracha, Haji Noor Jat, Maulana Abdullah Wahid,

Commissioner Kohat, Motasim Billah Shah, moderated the event.

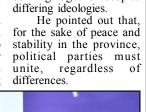
and other tribal elders.

Governor Kundi emphasized the need to end spread hatred and called for

community.

He urged public cooperation with security forces to carry out join operations aimed at disarming the province. "We cannot bring food and medicine to the area, but I issued instructions to the Red Crescent Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to provide all possible aid while I was on my Umrah trip," he added.Praising the Kurram Peace Jirga members Kundi acknowledged the political leadership for coming together despite

for the sake of peace and stability in the province, political parties must unite, regardless



Two killed in

separate violent

incidents in

DI Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN

(APP): Two people were killed in separate incidents

of violence in different

areas of Dera Ismail Khan,

police said on Sunday.

According details, the

first incident took place on Dera-Chashma road where

a man was killed by

unknown armed men in the

limits of Shorkot police

station. Amjad son of

Muhammad Afzal, a resident of Himmat,

reported to police that he along with his two brothers

namely Aziz Ulah alias

Bugti and Sana Ullah were

travelling from Dera city towards their home on a

motorcycle when two

unknown men riding

another bike intercepted

them and opened fire. As a

result his brother Aziz

Ullah alias Bugti died on

the spot. The assailants

escaped from the scene.

Furthermore.

informed the police that

they had enmity in their native village Paharpur.

Maa Boli

Punjabi poetry

forum set up

SARGODHA (APP): The

foundation of Bazm Gul Aadab Pakistan and Awami

Mushaira organized by

Anjum Arts Society was

laid during a ceremony at

PML-N Chaudhry Rahim

Dad, Station in-charge APP

Sargodha Makhdoom Shah

Latif, Advocate High Court

Ghulam Shabbir, Advocate

Malik Shahid Hamid

Riyaz Ahmed and Syed

Ulfat Hussain Kazmi On

this occasion. Founder and

Chairman Syed Iqbal

Hassan Kazmi aka Bali

Shah, President Syed Fazal

Shah, Vice President

The special guests of



Federal Minister For Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, receiving the honorary shield from the Rector of the University during the convocation ceremony at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences Chinnot - Faisalabad Campus.

Governor pledges to protect, promote cultural values of Sindh

Sunday pledged to protect of the province. and promote the cultural values, traditions, and congratulate the people of language of the province. the province.

He said, 'We pledge

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Sindhi Culture Day, he Governor Mohammed wished a very happy Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori on Culture Day to the people

today to promote the Culture Day, the people of culture of Sindh province the province wear Sindhi and spread it around the world.' On the occasion of their love for their culture.

PTI leaders at new heights of cowardice: Azma

Information Minister behind PTI's downfall are Azma Bokhari has said that the current leadership of she added. The media the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is at the lowest how Ali Amin Gandapur level of cowardice.

said the PTI is hiding its and stones by their own disgrace and infamy behind fake news and rumours. She said, "Those who ran away, leaving the workers behind, now have no shame in talking about their

She said that Bibi alone was enough to attacking the federation harm the PTI founder and with mobs does not lead to his party.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab an NRO. The real culprits Gandapur and Bushra Bibi, around the world witnessed and Bushra Bibi's vehicles In a statement, she were attacked with sticks workers. Those who are now making provocative statements should be ashamed of themselves, she

> maintained. The Information Minister added that Bushra

Technical support for restoration of religious sites discussed

(APP): Provincial Minister for Minorities Ramesh Singh Arora chaired a significant meeting at the National College of Arts (NCA) on Sunday, where discussions focused on the technical support required for the upgradation of religious

including Gurdwaras, churches, and other places of spiritual importance. The meeting was

attended by NCA Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Murtaza Jafferi and faculty members of the institution. During the meeting, Arora emphasized the importance of collaboration with thirdparty experts to provide technical input and support for the restoration and preservation of these places of worship, religious sites, ensuring their historical and cultural significance is maintained for future



HYDERABAD: Large number of people enjoying the performance of folksinger during the Sindhi Cultural Day celebrations at Sindh Museum. | country.

KOHAT: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi speaking at a grand jirga of political leaders and tribal elders in

KP CM inaugurates CTD investigation, Intelligence block

Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Sunday visited the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Headquarters here and inaugurated the newly constructed Investigation and Intelligence Block.

The facility is equipped with state-ofan auditorium, conference rooms, a library, offices, and advanced technological infrastructure.

During the visit, CM

Gandapur received a detailed briefing on the provincial government's initiatives to enhance

praised the progress made in forensic labs, with further enhancements,

also been provided with bulletproof vehicles. jammers, drones, night vision devices, and thermal guns to effectively seal with terrorists. On the occasion it

was said that CTD's significant achievements include a 50 percent increase in convictions and the-art amenities, including a rise in remand durations from an average of 1.4 days to 25 days. In 2024, courts rejected 123 bail applications, up from 55 in 2022.

The Chief Minister commended the CTD for its effective operations, stating, "In 2023, the CTD setup in KP was minimal. CTD's capacity. setup in KP was minimal.
CM Gandapur He announced an additional advanced equipment and expert personnel now in place. including bomb-proof vehicles, sniper rifles, and high-tech kits.

Peace, love and brotherhood is identity of Sindh: CM Murad

KARACHI (APP): Chief tradition of Sindh. He said, Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday said that the identity of Sindh was peace, love and brotherhood.

their culture. He wished Day of Culture to the heirs of the great Sindhi civilization living all over

'I am proud that I was born in Sindh, the land of Sufis.' He said, 'I and my family had frequent opportunities to serve Sindh, which I consider an On the Sindh Culture
Day, he said that the nations were defined by

On the Sindh Culture
Sindh, which I consider an honor.' Murad was of the view that celebrating the view that celebrating the great civilization of Sindh

was always a joy.
'We are determined to makeing Sindh a cradle of the world. The Chief peace, and bring back the Minister said that the great era of Sindhi hospitality was an integral civilization, 'he remarked.

GCU campus to be inaugurated in Chiniot this month: Minister education to materialize development of the

Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh said that GC University campus will be inaugurated in Chiniot this month to provide quality education to people.

Addressing the 8th convocation of FAST University Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus on Sunday, he said that quality education was prerequisite for progress and prosperity. "Therefore, government is concentrating on the provision of quality

CPWB rescued 42 child beggars

in November

MULTAN (APP): The Child Protection Bureau (CPWB) intensified its

anti-begging initiatives and rescue operations throughout November and

42 children were taken into protective custody.

that children were successfully reunited with

their families. He said the

children taken into custody

persons, and other vulnerable individuals.

Rescue operations were

conducted at various

locations across the city,

with additional support from the Child Help Line

(1121), which received

calls regarding children in need of protection.

beggars,

missing

included

runaways,

This was disclosed by CPWB spokesperson Naveed Mukhtar. He added

progress and prosperity,"

He said that Pakistan was bestowed with huge resources. "There is immense potential in the country due to which Pakistan remained ahead of India for 40 years in national progress. Now a temporary break occurred in national development but this issue would be resolved very soon," he

He said that national

our personal vendetta and prefer to national interests", he added. He said that Pakistan was passing through a

crucial stage as more than 100 million people were living near or below the poverty line. However, the government under dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sherif will overcome this issue by promoting quality education and providing this facility at doorsteps of



HYDERABAD: Members of National Peace Committee for Interfaith Harmony are wearing Sindh traditional dresses as they holding celebration rally on the occasion of Sindhi Culture Day, at Hyderabad press club.

CM felicitate Sindhi people on culture day

Nawaz Sharif conveyed her heartfelt of Sindh and reiterated that congratulations to the its cultural richness is not people of Sindh and the only an asset to the

Sindh Cultural Day being for celebrated on Sunday, the celebration hardworking and hospitable Sindhi people, offering heartfelt greetings from the people of Punjab.

She emphasized the importance of Sindh's rich cultural heritage, noting that its vibrant symbols such as the Ajrak and Sindhi cap, along with the region's captivating music and Pakistan. minister highlighted the significance of Sindh's ancient and beautiful civilization, which she described as a source of attraction and admiration for all. She also pointed out the uniqueness and diversity of Sindhi culture, praising it for its added,"Services distinctiveness and communities active in the contribution to the eradication and treatment distinctiveness and

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Pakistan. CM Maryam Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz expressed her pride has in the rich cultural tapestry community province but to the entire country. She further In her message on conveyed her best wishes

CM acknowledged the preservation of Sindh's cultural Meanwhile, AIDS is a major social and economic problem, everyone will have to make efforts for its prevention," said Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif in her message on World AIDS Day. She added,"Our resolve is to make AIDSpoetry, greatly enhance the affected people productive beauty of citizens of the state The chief through treatment and

guidance.' highlighted,"AIDS patients deserve sympathy, not hatred." Madam Chief Minister said,"Inequality in access to AIDS prevention, testing and treatment must be eliminated.

communities active in the

LAHORE: Citizens visiting parks on holiday in

PA speaker says: Right to govern belongs to elected representatives

certificate distribution ceremony at Jamia Salfia.

Khan has said the right to govern the country belongs elected representatives of the public.

Punjab Arts Council the ceremony were Divisional Vice President certificate distribution

ceremony at Jamia Salfia Faisalabad as the chief guest on Sunday, he said it was unacceptable to burn anyone's house under the media release issued here. Malik Ahmad

LAHORE (APP): Punjab stressed that acts of Assembly (PA) Speaker vandalism and arson in the Malik Muhammad Ahmad name of politics would not be tolerated as politics was not about chaos and unrest but a means to serve the

FAISALABAD: Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Ahmad Khan is addressing

He commended the Attending a prize and country's institutions and law-enforcement agencies for maintaining law and order, stating that they deserve appreciation for their efforts and sacrifices. He made it clear that acts guise of dissent, said a of vandalism under the guise of politics would not be tolerated.

SHO among 2 suspended for corruption

FAISALABAD (APP): Two police officers including Station House Officer (SHO) of FIEDMC police station have been station have been suspended on charge of abuse of powers and corruption

A police spokesman said here on Sunday that City Police Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil had received complaints against SHO Ahmad Ammar and Ghulam Muharrar Mujtaba. He ordered an

The inquiry officer found both police officers guilty of abuse of powers and corruption.

multicultural fabric of of AIDS.

Harnessing youth potential for nation building

MULTAN (APP): With approximately one third of country's population falling in 15-29 years bracket out of total 64% below 30 years, the coming years will pose serious challenges to governments for harnessing this potential amidst fluctuating economic situation.

opportunities make the youth easily lured by vested interests and extremists to sabotage activities. So, this bulge can only be fruitful if political parties ensure continuity of policies, cordial atmosphere to education

overall political will for a

strong democracy in the

Statistics and findings of experts reveal that out have positive impact if of over 60 million young Pakistanis between 15-29 years of age, a vast majority either is illiterate or left schools and colleges prior to reaching 12th standard with a marginal number out of whom more than half still searching for

Like many other parts education and employment of the world, being young in Pakistan is also both exciting and frustrating. The space for young in Pakistani society is vast and full of possibilities if the potential in different sectors of economy is fully exploited. But there are fears as well in view of a major chunk generally being intolerant as recently seen in protests of political parties.

The youth bulge can economy is strong enough to absorb new entrants in the labor force. Otherwise, the idle and frustrated youth would raise the incidence of crime, violence and embrace radical political and religious views.

"Our educated youth is mostly zealous in pursuit of career building and excelling in practical life," stated Prof. Anwaar Ahmad Khan, Former head of National Language Authority.

"They become

mature once in practical life and like to be productive, if groomed properly. Earning livelihood and leading a respectable life is always their foremost priority.'

limited resources and opportunities amidst growing poverty, they detract from their mission and engage in different unhealthy activities," Prof. Anwar said. "Therefore, we need comprehensive strategies to harness this potential through access to education employment."

Before exploring the significance of youth involvement in nationbuilding, the challenges of formulating better strategies and policies must be addressed. For fostering participation in fruitful activities, we must heed youth's demand of justice

and merit in all arena of

"But, when they have constrained by established norms and more open to creative solutions that may lead them to innovative ideas in technology, climate change, healthcare and social justice," noted Senior Lawyer Chuadhry Waqas

Anjum. "Democracy also thrives when its citizens especially youth actively engage in political process. But, this needs awareness that emanates from literacy otherwise they can be swayed by any extremist political entity or sectarian factions," he pleaded.

"Empowering them through education, entrepreneurship and employment would help them contribute directly to nation's "Youth are often less development," Waqas said.

stated. He cited examples

and Indonesia, where

enhanced local production

of high-yielding seeds.

circumvent the lengthy

process of developing new

cultivars while ensuring

affordable access to high-

yield seeds, ultimately

boosting crop productivity

scope of corporate farming,

he noted the need for

capital investment in land

acquisition, agricultural

"Corporate farming can

also expand the cultivated

area, increasing oilseed

Highlighting

and farm incomes.

development,

irrigation

Standing public-private on Food, partnerships with foreign

collaborators

'FDI in corporate

farming vital

for food security'

of Pakistan Chamber of from countries like India

LAHORE (APP): Convener of the Federation

Commerce and Industry's

Committee on Food,

Shahid Imran, emphasised

the importance of foreign

direct investment (FDI) in

corporate farming as a

means to counter food

insecurity and meet the

population's staple food

of progressive farmers led

by Chaudhry Shaheer Asif

Arain from Sahiwal, here on

Sunday, he underscored the

critical need for FDI to

bolster Pakistan's agriculture sector and

foreign exchange reserves.

investment to bridge its

current investment gap,

improve agricultural and

substantial

Pakistan requires

foreign

create jobs, increase substantial

exports, and generate exchange," he said.

industrial production, production and saving

Talking to a delegation

Shaza Fatima pledges to revamp Internet infrastructure

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for IT and Telecoms Shaza Fatima Khawaja Sunday pledged to revamp the country's internet infrastructure, vowing to restore optimal internet speeds and bolster the telecom sector's infrastructure.

"My ministry is leaving no stone unturned to ensure seamless continuity in the industry. The recent surge in cyber attacks has put us on high alert and we are taking swift and decisive action to address these challenges and fortify our digital defenses," she said in an Interview with a private news channel.

Shaza Khawaja also reaffirmed government's commitment for protecting IT and Telecom industry, citing it as a top priority. To achieve this goal, the government is upgrading existing systems and acknowledged including enhancing tower intensity, broadening broadband internet access and tackling pressing cybersecurity concerns to provide better coverage, boost economic growth and ensure a secure online environment for citizens,

Responding to a query, the minister said that the Ministry of Interior will instruct the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to probe and resolve issues faced by citizens when sending videos while ensuring overall 100% internet speed remains unaffected.

The minister revealed that in the event of any issues, the Interior Minister reaches out to the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) for

LAHORE: Citizens are buying second-hand warm jackets and warm clothes

compared to brand-new

their quality is better than

the brand-new items with

secondhand children's

not fit well in the next

Hamdan said he came to the

market to purchase large-

sized shoes which are not

easily available in regular

them to be of good quality,'

forward to every year,"

shop in Rawalpindi.

in Lahore.

student

Another customer,

goods, as the garments often do

"Jackets and sweaters

Parents also find

in Kotwali Chowk of the provincial capital on holidays.

Secondhand items

in high demand as

winter approaches

ISLAMABAD (APP): As even kitchenware as they

the winter season can be purchased at approaches, there has been relatively lower prices

woollen goods, blankets are in the most demand and

are preferring to purchase clothing a practical choice

Peshawar Mor Sunday visitor, Ibrahim.

Shopkeepers at the a long shelf life," said one

Visitors to the market stores. "I bought shoes six expressed their preference months before and found

'Desi Food Fever'

grips Punjab cities as

winters approaches

a noticeable increase in the

demand for secondhand

items including clothes,

and shoes at Sunday Bazar

Bazar reported that due to

high inflation, consumers

believing them to be of

better quality and imported. "The consumers

believe that second-hand

stuff is imported and has a

fine quality," said a

for secondhand clothing,

ISLAMABAD (APP): As

the winter months

continue, Desi breakfast

shops across the country

are expected to remain

hubs of joy and tradition,

serving up delicious,

warming meals that bring

families and friends

together especially on

Private news channel, with

the winter season sets in,

breakfast shops across

Punjab cities are cashing in

on the Desi food craze.

The shops are witnessing

a surge in demand for

breakfast dishes such as

Saag, halwa puri, nihari,

and Siri Paye, keema

shops are attributing the

increased demand to the

cold weather, which is

making people crave warm

and comforting food, the

The owners of these

Pakistani

A report aired by a

weekends.

traditional

jackets, shawls, shoes and he added.

shopkeeper.

focusing on key areas, challenges exist, but government is diligently working to addressthem.

She emphasized that every citizen has the right to express their opinions and while digital platforms opportunities for selfexpression, temporary unavailability does not stifle citizens

Responding another query, the minister stated that the government is currently upgrading its web management system with a focus on enhancing cybersecurity measures to effectively counter and control cyber attacks and terrorist activities.

freedom of speech.

The minister also announced that the government plans to expand 4G and 5G internet services across Pakistan by

Shaza urges

business users,

freelancers to

continue

registering IPs

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Minister of State for IT and

Telecommunication Shaza

Fatima Khawaja Sunday

urged business users and

freelancers to continue

registering their IPs for

uninterrupted VPN access.

noted that the government

is fully aware of the

importance of secure

are underway to simplify

the process of activating

and using VPNs, but for

the time being, the

situation will remain unchanged. "We strongly

urge users to continue

registering their IPs through the website of

Telecommunication

Authority (PTA)", she

Agri. dept

added.

akistan

communications

In a statement, she

She said that efforts



ISLAMABAD: German Ambassador to Pakistan Alfred Grannas participate in Annual Christmas Market under the auspices of the German embassy in Islamabad at a local hotel in the Federal Capital.

Diversification vital for growth: Iftikhar Malik

growth and resilience. He said in today's

interconnected world,

economies are increasingly

interdependent.

LAHORE (APP): SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik has said that diversification of economic activities across various sectors including technology, renewable agriculture, manufacturing can shield added.
Pakistan from the

uncertainties of global In a statement issued economy, diversification of

investing in diverse sectors, we can mitigate risks associated with economic downturns in specific industries," he He said more over, diversification fosters innovation entrepreneurship. here on Sunday, he said as Encouraging a wide range

Pakistan continues to of industries not only navigate the complexities creates job opportunities of the international but also nurtures a culture creativity can prove to be a pivotal strategy for sustainable innovation is a driving

force behind economic progress, and diverse industries provide a fertile ground for new ideas and inventions. "We can build a

robust and resilient economy that can withstand the challenges of the modern world while fostering sustainable development prosperity for all citizens of Pakistan," he added.

Iftikhar Malik said additionally diversification enhances our global competitiveness as a varied economic base allows us to cater to a broader range international markets.

Farmers advised to remove weeds from gram crop

SARGODHA (APP) Farmers have been advised to remove weeds from gram crop to get bumper yield. A spokesman for the Agriculture (Extension) Department said on Sunday that weeds were very dangerous for gram crop; therefore, farmers should remove all types of weeds from their crops.He said that growers should prefer hoeing [Godi] with rotary-weeder instead of using spray for weed



ISLAMABAD: Vendors displaying seasonal fruits to attract the customers at Sunday Bazaar,

PARC introduced 10 high-yielding pulses seed varieties during current year

ISLAMABAD Chairman Agriculture Research Council (PARC) Dr Ghulam Muhammad Ali has said that the Variety Evaluation Committee of the Council during current year has approved 10 high yielding pulses varieties to poost output of pulses in

the country. Talking to APP here pulses play a crucial role adding that Pakistan needs

which was 0.263 million Institute, AARI.

(APP): tons against the total Pakistan requirement of 0.180 million tons", he said.

These ten highyielding pulse varieties are poised to revolutionize the pulse output, adding that now the country is focusing on increasing the production of other pulse crops, such as chickpea, lentil and mash bean.

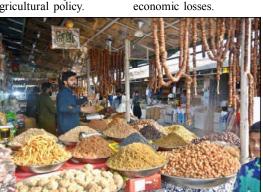
Out on Sunday, he said that recommended 10 pulses varieties included 05 in global food security and chickpeas and 01 mung nutrition of the country, bean variety of NIAB, Faisalabad, 01 lentil and 01 1.56 million tons of pulses mung bean variety of Pulses Research Program, "We have become NARC, Islamabad, he said self-sufficient in mung production during 2021-22 adding that 01 mung bean variety by Pulses Research

Memon for bringing reforms in Pakistan's agriculture sector

Small Traders & Small Muhammad Saleem Memon has stressed the need for bringing reforms in Pakistan's agriculture sector.

communicated to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, the HCSTSI President urged the formulation of a 25comprehensive could lead to further agricultural policy.

RABAD (APP): This proposed policy President of aims to address the impacts Hyderabad Chamber of of climate change and promote strategic crop (HCSTSI), planning to ensure sustainable agricultural development. In his statement Saleem Memon highlighted the significant role of agriculture in Pakistan's economy, contributing 20% to the GDP and providing livelihoods for 40% of the population, However, he pointed out that the sector faces numerous challenges and ignoring these issues



ISLAMABAD: Vendors displaying dry fruit to attract the customers at Sunday Bazaar,

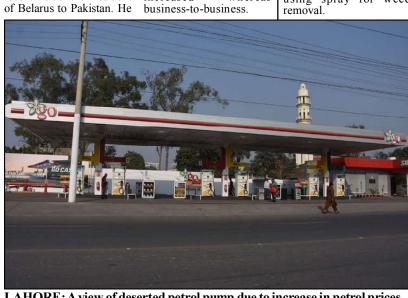
Call to increase trade with Belarus

SARGODHA (APP): Pakistan and Belarus can cooperate in agriculture, food, edible oil, electric vehicles and other sectors, whereas installation of its agriculture

machinery could help increase orange cultivation in Sargodha region. These views were expressed by Khawaja Yasir Qayyum, President Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in a brief interview to APP on the recent visit of the President

said that in Pakistan, Belarusian tractors are considered a symbol of sustainability and strength. Steps should be taken for their manufacturing in transfer of technology from increase its production should be made in joint dairy, agricultural products Pakistan to Belarus can be increased

Pakistan. Through the Belarus, Pakistan can capacity and investment projects. Export of meat, and paper products from whereas



LAHORE: A view of deserted petrol pump due to increase in petrol prices.

achieves surplus wheat sowing in Lodhran dist

LODHRAN (APP): The tradition that we look agriculture department has said a regular customer at a achieved a surplus wheat popular Desi breakfast

target as wheat was sown over 398,000 acres of 'There is nothing like a warm, delicious breakfast land against the set target to bring the family together of 396,000 acres for on a cold winter's district Lodhran this year. morning," said a customer Talking to APP here on Sunday, Deputy Director "I love the smell of Agriculture Malik Zafar saag and halwa puri wafting said that wheat sowing of through the air," said 'Grow More Wheat campaign remained successful.He said the Muhammad Ahmed, a Punjab teams of department were Shopkeepers are also present in the field to guide thrilled with the surge in and motivate farmers for demand for Desi breakfast maximum sowing to meet dishes during the winter food security in the

> He further informed that 16.5 million acres wheat sowing target was set for Punjab province during the current year. The agriculture official further informed that the provincial government.

Pakistani food exporters extend Malaysian visit amid positive response

Encouraged by the Allah, Pakistani products enthusiastic response from meet international Malaysian buyers, a standards and are delegation of Pakistani exceptional in taste," he Malaysian buyers, a standards exporters has food extended their two-week visit by an additional week to capitalize on the growing interest and finalize trade agreements. According to a

Sunday from Kuala Lumpur, Saif Ur Rehman, the delegation leader, shared that the group has been successfully showcasing Pakistan's diverse and high-quality food products, particularly varieties of Nimko, which

message received on

(APP): attention. "By the grace of remarked.

The extended visit aims to strengthen bilateral trade ties, explore new market opportunities, and foster collaborations that could lead to increased export volumes. This initiative reflects Pakistan's commitment to expanding its footprint in Malaysia's food market while boosting economic relations between the two nations.

During the visit, the delegation participated in business-to-business

Road safety measures during sugarcane season

SARGODHA (APP): As the sugarcane harvesting season approaches, the district emergency service Rescue 1122 has issued guidelines to prevent accidents, caused by overloaded tractor trolleys on roads.

It says that after the harvest, tractor-trolleys are often overloaded while carrying sugarcane to mills. creating dangerous traffic issues that result in frequent accidents. Thus, it has outlined several precautionary measures to reduce the risk of accidents.

As part of the precautionary measures, tractor drivers and owners have been urged to choose less congested routes.

have garnered significant meetings and product Peshawar Morr. WFP in partnership with govt ensures people have access to safe, health food: Ms Coco

ISLAMABAD (APP): World Food Program Country Director Ms Coco Ushiyama has said that the WFP in collaboration with the government and other partners is working to ensure that people have access to safe and healthy food.

"Access to nutritious and affordable food remains a critical issue in Pakistan, especially in rural and underserved areas and the World Food Program (WFP) is working to address these challenges, focusing accessibility food on

affordability as part of its broader efforts to support the fundamental right to food," she told APP in an interview Elaborating on her

organization's work, she said WFP's approach is rooted in partnerships and by joining forces with organizations like the Food Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), WFP works on both policy community levels.

This includes contributing to food

policy discussions and initiative, WFP is seeing advocating for stronger social protection systems, she said, adding that at the community level, WFP collaborates with local governments to ensure that people have access to safe, nutritious food.

She said that one of WFP's key initiatives is the Benazir Nashonuma Program—a nationwide effort to prevent stunting.

She said this program combines health and nutrition services to support mothers and children, especially those under two years old, and security and nutrition adding that through this

promising results in tackling stunting and improving nutritional outcomes. WFP is also working on school meal programs and has recently launched a new initiative in Balochistan, she said, adding that this program provides schoolchildren with locally grown, nutritious meals, improving their health and supporting their education. These meals not only keep children in school but also

enhance their ability to

learn, contributing to long-

development, she added.

term

human capital

WFP brings decades of experience in school meal programmes. implemented in over 100 countries. These initiatives are effective in increasing school attendance. retention, and learning outcomes. The impact goes beyond education, as better health and nutrition are directly linked to a child's ability to focus and succeed academically.

She said integrating school meals with broader health and hygiene efforts, WFP ensures a comprehensive approach to development.



"Winter is our busiest

season," said the owner of

a popular Desi breakfast

shop in Lahore and added,

"People come from all over

to enjoy our traditional

breakfast dishes, and we

are happy to oblige."

ISLAMABAD: Visitors are visiting on Turkey stall during Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association (PFOWA) charity bazaar 2024 at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Federal Capital.



51ST DEATH ANNIVERSAY OF KHAN ABDUL **SAMAD KHAN ACHAKZAI**

The Pashtun Question:

Khan Shaheed Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai's fierce battle against cultural erasure, structural violence, and marginalization

By Niazbeen

Achakzai, also known as Khan Shaheed, was a Pashtun political leader whose life and work symbolize the struggle against both colonial and neo-colonial forms of oppression. Born in 1907 in Inayat Ullah Karez, Kila Abdullah

his commitment to Pashtun autonomy, democracy, and the rejection of authoritarianism offers a comprehensive narrative for understanding the complex nature of state power and its impact on marginalized Nations, particularly within Pakistan. Khan Shaheed's activism and ideology, when viewed through the lens of political science theories, provide crucial insights into the nature of the Pakistani

Abdul Samad Khan and suppress their political agency. Frantz Fanon's theory also sheds light on this dynamic, highlighting how colonial rule dehumanized indigenous populations through systemic violence and legal mechanisms designed to maintain control. In resistance, Khan Shaheed's formation of the Anjuman-e-Watan in 1938. the first political party in Pashtun history, directly challenged these oppressive structures. His advocacy for self-governance, educa-tion, and political rights sought to dismantle the colonial narrative and restore the autonomy denied by laws like the FCR, making his efforts a profound act of defiance against both imperial control and dehuman-

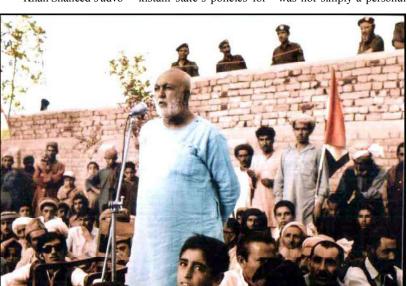
With the creation of this policy amalgamated all

tives to justify harsh laws Pashtun language, cultural that recognized its ethnic rights, and autonomy exemplifies Foucault's concept of biopolitics, where power operates through institutions like the military, education, and media to regulate and assimilate identities. Khan Shaheed's struggle, seen through these theoretical lenses, was not just against political oppression but also against the state's attempt to erase the Pashtun Nation's distinct cultural and political identity. His resistance embodied a challenge to the systemic mechanisms of control and the homogenizing impulses of a neo-colonial

> Khan Shaheed's vehement opposition to the One Unit scheme exemplified his commitment to federalism. Introduced in the 1955.

Khan Shaheed's advo-

Khan Shaheed society. Khan Shaheed's Pashto were consistently bolic movement for unity strongly criticized the Patime in prison, therefore, reflected in the written and progress, redefining the kistani state's policies for was not simply a personal



glecting key sectors like

education, healthcare, and

economic development.

The state's policies re-

flected a hegemonic narra-

tive that prioritized secu-

rity and centralized power,

marginalizing peripheral re-

gions like Pashtun areas. In

response, Khan Shaheed

advocated for a federal Pa-

kistan with decentralized

power and provincial au-

tonomy, calling for a reallo-

cation of resources toward

aimed to challenge the domi-

nant ideology of militariza-

power structures, offering

an alternative vision for

social welfare. His efforts

cacy for Pashtun autonomy, a unified Pashtun province, control over natu- citizens, ral resources, and the rec-marginalized Pashtuns. His ognition of Pashto as an official language resonates deeply with theories of self-determination, federalism, and the Pashtun question in Pakistan. His vision reflects democratic federalist principles, akin to John Locke's idea that legitimate government derives from the consent of the governed, and the state's duty is to protect individual rights and cultural identities. Additionally, his stance aligns with ethno-federalism, as proposed by Will Kymlicka, which argues that political systems should accommodate the distinct cultural identities of ethnic groups.

lenged centralization and sought to preserve Pashtun culture and language within Pakistan's political framemulticultural societies. Beyond political autonomy, Khan Shaheed's struggle was a fight for cultural survival and identity in a state that often viewed Pashtuns as peripheral. His Political with the theory of structural violence, as the state's failure to recognize Pashto in education and public administration perpetuates a system of cultural erasure, denying Pashtun children challenges the hegemonic

Khan Shaheed chal-

sacrifice but an act of defiprioritizing military spending over the welfare of its ance against the authoritarespecially ian state and a broader resistance against Pakistan's critique, framed through transition into a garrison Antonio Gramsci's theory of hegemony, emphasized how the ruling elites maintained control by focusing on militarization and ne-

Khan Shaheed's initiative to introduce a distinct Pashto orthography and reduce the influence of Arabic and Persian on the language can be examined through the lens of phonological theory, which studies the organization of sounds within a language. By advocating for an orthography that prioritized Pashto's native phonemes, he aimed to create a writing system that accurately represented the unique sounds and patterns of the language, rather than imposing foreign phonological structures. This approach not only preserved the integrity of Pashto's sound system but also reinforced its cultural independence. His extensive translation work further contributed to this

word, fostering a stronger connection between its spoken and written forms. Khan Shaheed's com-

mitment to non-violence reflects his belief in the power of peaceful resistance, can be analyzed through Gene Sharp's theory of challenging oppressive regimes. Through actions like his 21-day hunger strike, Demonstrations Khan Shaheed directly confronted the state's injustices and highlighted its authoritarian nature. His use of non-violent methods not only exposed the regime's reliance on force but also demonstrated his dedication to democratic principles, showing that peaceful resistance could effectively challenge and undermine state power.

Khan Shaheed's social and political reforms can be analyzed through Pierre Bourdieu's theory of social fields, as he sought to transform Pashtun society by challenging entrenched hierarchies of tribalism, patriarchy, and colonial influence. Within the social field, he redefined power dynamics by advocating for gender equity, such as promoting education for both boys and girls—even enrolling his daughter in a boys' school—and urging Pashtun families to grant daughters their rightful share of inheritance. These efforts disrupted the gendered and economic structures that perpetuated inequality, fostering a more equitable and unified society. Politically, Khan Shaheed re-shaped the fragmented tribal landscape by uniting Pashtuns into a cohesive nation, transcending individual tribal identities to create a collective identity. By pioneering the first political party in this context, effort by ensuring that the he transformed the politi-

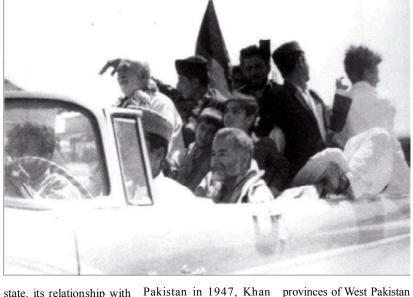
structures of power and solidarity among Pashtuns. Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai's life and politi-

cal struggle exemplify the

tension between centraliza-

tion and federalism, be-

tween authoritarianism and democracy, and between the exploitation of ethnic nations and the pursuit of selfdetermination. As a political leader, intellectual, and activist, he founded the first Pashtun political party, Anjuman-i-Watan, in 1939, and launched Istiqlal, a newspaper that became a symbol of Pashtun nationalism. His advocacy for Pashtun rights was grounded in his belief in a federal, democratic Pakistan where regional autonomy was respected, and ethnic nations like the Pashtuns could govern their own affairs. His opposition to the One Unit scheme and his tireless efforts to preserve Pashtun identity and culture through his political activism were marked by personal sacrifice, including spending over 22 years in prison under both British and Pakistani rule. Khan Shaheed's journey was cut short on December 2, 1973, when an unknown assassin threw a grenade into his Quetta residence, taking his life and silencing a fierce advocate for Pashtun Rights. His commitment to the political process, even in the face of immense adversity, demonstrated his determination to challenge oppressive regimes and advocate for the political and cultural self-determination of marginalized nations in Pakistan. His enduring legacy continues to inspire the fight for a more democratic, inclusive, and just Pakistan, emphasizing the need for Civilian Supremacy, Supremacy of Constitution and the pro-



state, its relationship with its diverse populations, and the constant struggle for political autonomy and jus-

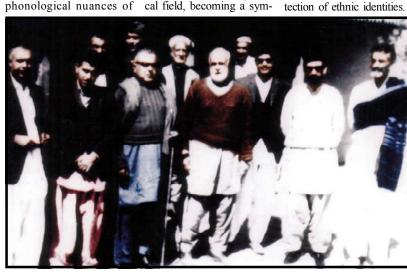
Under British colonial rule, Pashtuns were subjected to the oppressive Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR), a legal framework that denied them fundamental rights and institutionalized their subjugation. The FCR enforced collective punishment, holding entire communities responsible for the actions of individuals, and stripped Pashtuns of political representation, treating them as subjects of a peripheral zone of empire. This aligns with Edward theory

Orientalism, as the British administration perpetuated stereotypes of Pashtuns as "warlike" and "uncivilized," using these narra- groups. The suppression of call for a pluralistic state roots, and heritage

Pakistan in 1947, Khan Shaheed hoped for a break from colonial oppression, but quickly realized that the new state preserved many of the same imperial structures, albeit under a different guise. His efforts Kwame Nkrumah's con-Pakistan inherited a centralized, militarized, and elitist political system that continued to marginalize regional identities, particularly those of the Pashtuns Khan Shaheed's resistance also aligns with Michel Foucault's theory of governmentality, as he opposed the state's use of

into a single administrative unit, effectively suppressing regional identities. For Khan Shaheed, the scheme symbolized an authoritarian effort to erase ethnic diversity in the name of can be analyzed through national unity. Scholars like Taylor's belief in the recog-K.C. Wheare have argued nition of cultural rights as cept of neo-colonialism, as that federalism thrives on central to justice in decentralization and respect for regional autonomy—principles that the One Unit scheme outrightly violated. Khan Shaheed's alternative vision for Pakistan proposed a democratic federal system. activism also intersects where provinces retained control over key areas such as education, health, and power not only to govern natural resources, leaving through coercion but to only defense and foreign shape the behavior, identi- affairs to the central govties, and cultural expres- ernment. His rejection of sions of marginalized centralization was a clarion access to their history,

tion and confronting the systemic inequality perpetuated by the state's priwork, embodying Charles orities. During General Ayub Khan's martial law, Khan Shaheed's resistance was more pronounced. Unlike many political leaders, who sought compromises with the military regime, Khan Shaheed remained steadfast in his opposition, even when it meant spending nearly nine years in prison. His refusal to bend to authoritarian pressure exemplifies Antonio Gramsci's concept of the "organic intellectual." Gramsci defined this figure as someone who



among his people when free, and in prison he would keep himself again in deeper thoughts as every philoso-Pashtun Afghan cultural pher involve in questioning identity and unity point where thoughts and logics and reasoning in solitude. If we guess his wisdom that has a sheer outcome of can find more momentum practice and it is a mixture of thoughts and practice,

thoughts.

Therefore his autobiography written in the days of his life sentence imprisonment is one of the biggest account putting his thoughts in a nutshell on politics, freedom, crime, love, spiritualism, psychology, media, economy, philosophy, society, literature, art and much more. This biography is no doubt an asset for the students and scholars of the above mentioned subjects because even in 21st century when technology is everywhere one cannot observe society that deeply the way he did. But for him his love of motherland and commitment for freedom would surely have made it pos-

basis of a separate Muslim country. He questions that the said party had questioned the existence of the India on the basis of freedoms for fellow Muslim now where all those claims

The said statement is

the crux of vision this statesman holds in a nutshell where social contract in Pakistan the freedom of Pashtuns and other nations Baloch, Saindhi, Siraiki and Punjabi through a federal democracy, constitution and equality is possible is the foremost logically preboth needed for concrete sented Pashtun national ideas based school of and other oppressed nations national question of the country's history. And remain on his ground against the propaganda and illogical blames on the nationalist leadership across

the country. Khan Shaheed spent his 33 years (comprising 50 % of his life 66 years) behind the bars first in the colonial prisons then in Pakistan through military dictatorships and martial law. He never surrendered to the oppression based states structures because he believed in God, and rest of the subjects were changing by the passing moments. His study and beliefs in the peaceful religion, Pashtun Afghan national question made him bold that is how he kept his people enlightened through natural, scientific and political wisdom, one can firmly state that such examples in modern political science based movement is rare in the history Pashtun Afghan motherland.

Babo Sb, an elder from district Ziarat who used to be a young man in 1960s narrates the stories of the socialists and capitalists' projects based division among Afghans and the over throw of the King Zahir Shah by Dawood—a young and hard guy inspired from the socialist leanings, shocked Khan Shaheed. Because he was of the view was a system based on the evolutionary process of the Afghan society, abrupt political change in the state structure would bring bloodshed and division among our people for decades.

Babo Sb says though Khan Shaheed's approach was questioned by the newly educated socialist Pashtun lot living in Pakistan, on "socialism vs capitalism" caused division in Afghanistan, which included me kept us in blind following of the exported ideas. But Khan Shaheed's vision was more concrete and no doubt this conflict installed in the Afghan society brought here bloodshed, social, cultural and political division till the day that caused millions of lives and paved the way for more invasions from neighbors and global powers and wars till these lines are written. Today again we are paying tribute to the Pashtun Afghan national hero Khan Shaheed Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai whose ideology was based on the Afghan culture amalgamated with the peaceful beliefs of Islam, sovereignty, equality, unity, non-violence and a big no to the interference of invaders and interference from the neighbors in Afghanistan, creating a ground for national equality for all in Pakistan through a democratic federation of nations. Khan Shaheed's ideology and political national thoughts are living in the form of Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party and its chairman Mahmood Khan Achakzai who's following the footsteps of his statesman father and openly defend the sovereignty of Afghanistan that the Afghan Kingdom in a time.

Khan Shaheed Abdul Samad Achakzai: A legacy of nonviolence and democracy

By Malik Achakzai

It was an inner wisdom, a call from the natural process and support of God, as per his mentioned words. when "I started thinking the national question for freedom and liberty. As a result of these conclusions I considered the British colonialism as one of the core reason of our slavery, colonialism and invasion into our a structure that has invaded motherland, neither I had read any philosophy nor was inspired from political thinkers, but sheer spiritual From Socrates and mental process of my be-

It is possible that the

used to have good marks in my classes. But whenever I would ask them what would be the outcome of my higher studies". Their reply used to be "a better iob in the colonial structure". Therefore, "I rejected to become an employee of the British colonial machine in the first place because, I never wanted to be part of my motherland and enslaved my people while looting, exploiting their natural resources".

Plato till the day, if we have a look on the horizon of vaders.

these responses become their life long way to practice them till they reach their destiny. And these are the grounds of applied researches as well in the modern era we live in. Therefore,

Shaheed Abdul Samad Khan Ackhakzai (1907-1973) when opened his eves in Innayatullah Karez, Gulistan a Tehsil of Quetta, he observed that his motherland was ruled by the Colonial British, his people the Pashtuns and rest of the nations in the sub-continent lived under the colonial in-



keen observation of the society, people, imposed slavery and living in a situation worse than animals would have been the reasons nature creates minds and souls to pave ways for liberation and freedom, and become someone's ideology and lifelong mission and struggle

As he narrates that in the beginning "people would convince me to go for higher education because I

philosophical school of thoughts, ideologies and political movements they have sprung through the masses in time and space whenever needed. As human nature, when someone open his/her eves they start observing the surroundings. society, nature and universe and then create questions and keep struggling to find responses to those questions. Once they find these responses, then they make

The British had invaded Afghanistan and the area he lived in was cut off from Kandahar Afghanistan through an imposed British Gandamak treaty (the regions from Sibbi, Pishin, Harnai, Zhob, Ouetta and a small portion of the Khyber Agency in 18079) were called through a misnomer British Balochistan instead of the then proposed name as British Afghanistan. While the re-

cently named Khyber the Mosque—one of the Pakhtunkhwa province was having the same fate and had named (North West Frontier Province), the Federal Administered Tribal regions (FATA) were kept through another treaty and political agent involvement, and all of them cut-off from each other.

This is the reason how nature decides the fate of and these frames and strucoccupied nations and create brains within them who sacrifice lives for the freedom of their land and people with a committed self. And these figures like Mansoor, keep their slogans up even at the moment of their last breathe. These figures are

rarely born or selected by

nature, and even in child-

hood they think and decide differently. Khan Shaheed narrates his thoughts in his biography that in the beginning he had decided to remain calm, peaceful and nonviolent no matter what happens, because he was having the reasons and sense based ideology. He had decided that if his elder brother, who is taking care of him and love him, go in a feud with his relatives, Khan Shaheed will not count himself in their fights—this is rare in a tribal social structure of the Pashtuns living across the region for millennials. As he mission of liberation from the powerful colonial structure through a facts and logics based ideology. Khan Shaheed had

planned and started his political career in his young age through the Ouranic verses translation in Pashto to his awareness fellow worshippers from

ture is nurtured by humans through their experiences with the nature through evolutionary process of the society. And it becomes a collective social psychology tures of that are owned become an easy way of communication and understandings. This way, he wanted to aware them through their liberation, history, and culture and unite them for anticolonialism based national movement. He was threatened by the political agent on the following days and warned of the consequences, as he

had already decided and

was aware of it and with a

smile accepted the conse-

quences as an "enlightened

than anywhere else. As cul-

soul" do in the venture of historical voyages. Though the colonial regime that had enslaved Pashtuns started to torture Khan Shaheed through imprisonment, torture and house arrests but it resulted vice versa. He started to believe more in his national identity based ideology, language, culture, history and the society, and would visionary see his destiny nearer by every passing is totally focused on his moment. And that is how every torture was accepted with open hands for the reason of freedom and liberty—one of the sacred cause of human life

> He kept ideological through speeches and writings

throughout humankind his-

sible to debate things in an encyclopedic way. After the partition of the sub-continent Khan Shaheed statement to the Lahore High Court in 1956 is another political wisdom based debate that questions the state structure without naming the 23rd March 1940s resolution titled, "Pakistan resolution" by Muslim League. One of the party that struggled on the

Deputy Prime Minister and

Mohammad Ishaq Dar on

Sunday inaugurated the

Charity Bazaar organized

by the Pakistan Foreign

Office Women's Associa-

tion (PFOWA). Cultural

stalls from various foreign

embassies were displayed

at the event held at the For-

eign Office. The Bazaar,

aimed at supporting under-

privileged communities,

brought together diplomats

and their families, show-

tries, through their food and

handicrafts, and help in

charitable causes being per-

captivating blend of diverse

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DPM Dar inaugurates

Charity Bazaar at

Foreign Office

(APP):

Minister

Political stability imperative for economic growth: Qaiser

tive for economic growth and we must realize a difference between politics and violent protestation, said Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh.

Talking to media persons on Sunday, he said that no decision had been made in the federal cabinet regarding imposing ban on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) or the imposition of governor's rule in KP. "Such measures have historically proven ineffective in fostering political stability," he said and urged political leaders to opt for dialogue as a path to resolve conflicts. He condemned violent

protests as counterproductive for any political party

and said that democracy had no room for violent politics. While acknowledging the right to protest, he stressed that demonstrations should not disrupt daily life. The minister highlighted the critical role of political stability in economic growth and said that without stability, Pakistan cannot achieve progress comparable to its neighboring countries.

He urged all political stakeholders to take a step back to improve the political environment. He emphasized that turmoil often hampered national development whenever the country was on the brink of economic progress. Reflecting

Pakistan's electoral history, Qaiser Sheikh pointed out

ter 1970. He highlighted Chiniot's central position in Punjab and its importance as a business hub. He expressed concern over Pakistan lagging behind its neighbors despite being a regional economic corridor with vast opportunities for development.

He stressed the need of unity among politicians the judiciary, and institutions and said that political infighting was the root cause of economic decline It is the time for all stake holders to prioritize na tional interests and work towards mutual understanding which is imperative for national progress and prosperity,

injured in

Kurram firing

incidents

KURRAM (INP): At least

six more people died, and

eight others were injured as

clashes and firing incidents

continuing at various places

in Kurram district of

Deputy Commis-sioner Javedullah Mehsud

has stated that the police

and forces contingents have

been deployed in several

areas adding that an effort

being made today to ensure

that in skirmishes and fir-

ing incidents over vehicles

130 people have been died

while 186 persons have

Afzal Khan has said that the

main highway from

Parachinar to Peshawar has

been closed for last 50

days. "Oil, edible items and

medicines have been un-

sustained injuries.

Hospital sources said

A social worker Mir

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar is visiting at a stall during Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association (PFOWA) charity bazaar 2024 at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Federal Capital.

'PCB, BCCI agree on hybrid model for Champions Trophy and future ICC tournaments'

LAHORE (INP): The Pakistan Cricket Board and the Board of Control for that it will also like the same Cricket in India have re- model to be applied for its tracted from their earlier stance, agreeing to play their future matches in ICC tournaments on a hybrid model and easing the way for next year's Champions Trophy to be held.

The two boards held

dialogue on Saturday after the International Cricket Council had convened a meeting on Friday and came to a consensus on a hybrid model for the Feb 19-March 9 Champions Trophy after the Indian government refused to allow its since it co-hosted the 1996

team to travel to Pakistan but the PCB has stressed team when tournaments are held on the other side of the border in the next three years. The final approval to the plan will have to be given by the ICC Board to ensure it is implemented fully. The PCB had been sticking to its President, PM condole

ODI World Cup — but has now sounded the BCCI not to expect any future favours. "Yes the past experience is bitter for Pakistan and the ICC has to give a solid guarantee that the hybrid model will be implemented in letter and spirit in future and no Pakistan team will go to India to play any matches of the ICC events and on the same pattern the Indian team will not come to Pakistan" a source in the PCB told. The source added that the ICC had asked the two cricket boards to reach at a decision with mutual understanding, before its Board takes any decision.

stance of not accepting the hybrid model after the Pakistan team went to India for last year's ODI World Cup. It expected India to do the same for the Champions Trophy — the first ICC tournament in Pakistan

the services of the late Ali

Hassan Gilani to democ-

racy and the Pakistan

Peoples Party. Prime Min-

ister Shehbaz Sharif on

Sunday expressed heartfelt

grief and sorrow over the

death of Pakistan People's

Party's former member of

the National Assembly

Makhdoom Syed Ali

Hassan Gilani in a traffic

accident. The prime minis-

ter, in a press statement is

sued by the PM Office, of-

fered his condolences to the

family members of the late

Syed Ali Hassan Gilani. He

prayed to Allah Almighty

to grant eternal peace to the

departed soul and grant

courage to the bereaved

family members to bear the

death of Syed Ali

Hassan Gilani

ISLAMABAD President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the passing away of former MNA of Pakistan Peoples Party Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gilani in a road ac-

The president extended his condolences to the family members of the late Syed Ali Hassan Gilani.

In a press statement ssued by the President House Media Wing, he prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace. He also prayed for the grant of courage to the bereaved family members to bear the loss with equanimity.

The president lauded loss with patience.

Raisani mourns tragic demise of Ali Gillani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-kistan People's Party (PPP) MNA Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani expressed deep sorrow and regret over the untimely death of former PPP MNA Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani, who passed away in a tragic traffic accident. In his condolence message, Raisani paid tribute to the late leader, highlighting his significant contributions to the party and his unwavering dedication to public service. Describing Gillani as a committed politician and a true advocate for the people's welfare. Raisani termed his passing a great loss for the PPP.

Sardar Khetran greets Sindhi people on **Culture Day Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has congratulated Sindhi people on eve of the Sindhi Culture Day.

In a message issued here on Sunday, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran said that it is a day of loving their culture and respecting culture of others. He said that Sindh

province is the hub of beautiful civilizations.

Sindhi people should make pledge to promote their language and traditions.

He stressed that

for eliminating eight terrorists in operations conducted in Bannu and Khyber districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to a press release issued by the Me-

dia Cell Bilawal House on Sunday, he said that the successful operation against terrorists was a source of pride for the nation. Paying tribute to Cap-

He extended his gratitude to the diplomatic community and the residents in Islamabad for their 'active and colorful participation'

experiences, fostering har-

mony and fraternity among

different nations," Ishaq

Dar added.

in today's event. "Wonderful to see that every country has done a great demonstration of the culture in their country, the food and different other articles which is a unique ex-

perience for the visitors.'

casing the rich cultural heri-He emphasized that tage of different countries. one of the aims of this event Speaking at the occawas to promote a better sion, the deputy prime understanding of the social, minister said that the bazaar cultural, and economic life of Pakistan. Towards this provided a great opportunity to the people of Islamabad and Rawalpindi end, he said PFOWA also arranges various events to visit the foreign office such as exhibitions, cultural and have a glimpse of the shows, and social meetings. rich culture of other coun-

DPM Ishaq Dar noted that the theme of today's event, 'Joining hands, Joining hearts' was very interesting. "It is a beautiful theme and apt under the current challenges which the whole globe is suffering.



Federal Minister For Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, talking to the Media persons during the Convocation ceremony at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Chiniot - Faisalabad Campus.

Indian troops martyr 9 Kashmiris in November

ISLAMABAD (APP): In- Safety Act (PSA) and the dian troops in their unabated acts of state terrorism in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJ&K), martyred nine Kashmiris, including a woman, in the month of November

According to Kashmir Media Service, four of those killed were victims of fake encounters and custo-

dial killings. During the month, 12 Kashmiris sustained critical injuries, while 160 people, mostly Hurriyat activists,

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), according to data released by the Research Section of These injuries and ar-

rests occurred during 196 cordon-and-search operations and house raids conducted by Indian troops across the territory.
The killings left three

children orphaned, and Indian forces damaged two houses during the operations. Additionally, the BJP-led Indian government nian laws like the Public 140 properties.

Bilawal lauds security forces for eliminating 8 terrorists in operations

ISLAMABAD (INP): tain Chairman of Pakistan Zoha Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has lauded the security forces

Zohaibuddin and Sepoy Iftikhar Hussain, who embraced martyrdom during the operation, he said, the terrorists responsible for the martyrdom of these brave sons of the nation will face a dreadful end. Bilawal Bhutto of-

fered prayers for the elevation of ranks of the martyred soldiers and expressed heartfelt condolences to their families, praying for their strength and patience in this time of



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar, MPA Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, Senator Abdul Quddus Bizenjo offering Fateha for departed soul of father of Special Secretary Health Shehak Baloch.

Heavy snowfall leads to closure of Kaghan Valley for tourists

KAGHAN (INP): The entry of tourists in Kaghan Valley was banned on Sunday following heavy snow-fall in Mansehra district.

Deputy Commis-sioner (DC) Khalid Iqbal said that the area between Kaghan and Naran had been closed for tourists as all hotels in the area had been closed, while the inclement weather had also resulted in the suspension of cellphone service as well as power supply in the area. "The road connecting Mansehra to Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) has been closed due to heavy snowfall,' he said, adding, "Police personnel manning the checkpoints over the mountains have been asked to abandon them." The deputy commissioner said that the land connection between Mansehra and GB lay severed since the beginning of November due to hostile weather.

Legal dimensions of Kashmir dispute discussed at Muzaffarabad workshop raja of Jammu and

(INP): The Kashmir Policy Research Institute (KPRI) organized the first workshop of its "Youth Dialogue Program" as part of the Kashmir Conflict series in Muzaffarabad. workshop The

Hussain Gilani, Altaf with the participants.

of the Kashmir issue, emphasizing that the Maha-

Kashmir's accession to India was not legally valid. He argued that the legal agreement between the British government and princely states had expired on August 15, 1947, invalidating the Instrument of Acces-He also noted that

both Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan had fought for their freedom, with the support of tribal forces and Pakistan's army. He criticized India's efforts to undermine UN resolutions and their inconsistent approach to the Kashmir issue.

Altaf Hussain Wani highlighted the ongoing human rights violations in Indian occupied Kashmir, stressing the need for a research-driven approach to expose the historical and current injustices faced by Kashmiris.

PISHIN: Chairman Public Accounts Committee and MPA Haji Asghar Ali Tareen inaugurating a road in Killil Malangabad. 6 more people Muqam announces died, eight

Parachinar victims PESHAWAR (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan,



and SAFRON, and President of PML-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Amir Mugam has announced compensation for all victims of recent incidents of violence in all stakeholders to unite for Parachinar on behalf of the federal government.

the damages, said a press foster unity.

release issued on Sunday.

Speaking at a grand jirga in Kohat, the minister stressed the importance of restoring peace in Parachinar for the greater

good of the country and its people. He expressed condolences on behalf of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the federal government over the tragic incidents. praying for the departed souls and the swift recovery of the injured. Muqam emphasized that the issue

a common resolution 'This is not just a pro-He has directed the vincial issue; it concerns the Kohat Commissioner to entire nation," he said and prepare a detailed report on highlighted his efforts to

Pakistanis continue to face problems as internet services slowed down significantly

compensation for

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- Google, disrupting both kistanis continue to face personal communication problems as internet services across the country have slowed down signifi-

As per details, the slow internet service is causing widespread disruptions in social media usage and

online work According to the report, popular platforms such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok have either been suspended or are operating at reduced speeds, leaving users frustrated with lim-

ited access. Reports indicate that the slowdown began on Saturday night and continvices, including PTCL and apps.

and professional tasks.

Users have particularly struggled with downloading content on WhatsApp.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has yet to issue a statement explaining the cause of the outage.

The reasons behind the disruptions remain unclear, adding to public frustration as the country faces ongoing internet reliability challenges.

People in Pakistan are facing slow internet speed after the government reportedly installed firewall to monitor anti-state conues to affect internet ser- tent on the social media

thieves, while 173 violators

ment has vowed to continue

the crackdown until the

menace of power theft ends

year, the then caretaker fed-

eral government announced

plans to launch a crackdown

across the country on elec-

tricity theft in a bid to re-

duce the ballooning circular

said that there are 10 distri-

bution companies in Paki-

stan that are facing a total

loss of Rs589 billion annu-

The power minister

debt in the power sector.

across the country.

The Pakistan govern-

On September 6, last

ban on **VPNs** after

PTA delays unregistered

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) had asked businesses, freelancers and information technology (IT) companies to register their VPNs by the end of November to ensure compliance with government regulations. While the original deadline ended on Saturday, officials say there will be an extension, though it remains unclear what the new deadline will be. In recent years, Pakistan has implemented measures to control online content, including social media restrictions drawing criticism from digital rights activists, who argue that such policies suppress free speech and hinder access to information.

deadline passes

ISLAMABAD (INP) Pakistan's telecom regulator has decided not to block unregistered Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) despite an earlier deadline expired on November 30.

Power theft: Pakistan recovers over Rs133b from defaulters ISLAMABAD (INP): The Rs920 mln from the power

Power Division has recovered over Rs133 billion during a countrywide power theft crackdown from September 2023 to date.

crackdown launched by the Pakistan government and military leadership's measures to restore the country's economy is now showing positive results.

According to the details, over 133 billion rupees have been recovered from individuals involved in power theft while over 87,516 electricity thieves

During last week, the power division recovered ally



OUETTA: DG Health Services Dr. Amin Khan Mandokhail presiding over a meeting, Program Coordinator MNCH Dr. Gul Sabeen and others are also present.

QUETTA: Different delegations meeting with Provincial Advisor for Environment and Climate Change Naseem ur Rehman Mulakhail. Efforts afoot to make Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Gyne Hospital Loralai: Amin Mandokhail

OUETTA (APP): Director Services Balochistan Dr General Health Services Balochistan Dr Amin Mandokhail said that the Health Department would make the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Gyne Hospital Loralai a model hospital for

the treatment of women. The meeting held under the chairmanship of Director General Health Services Balochistan Dr Amin Mandokhail, was informed that the plan of the establishment of Nutrition Stabilization and EPI Static Center at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Gyne Hospital Loralai would be executed soon. A meeting was held with the support of Maternal and Newborn Child Health Program (MNCH) regarding the functioning of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Gyne Hospital Loralai under the chairmanship of Amin Mandokhail. Amin said that the

operationalization of the Gyne Hospital Loralai will significantly reduce the number of maternity cases while the hospital will also provide uninterrupted medical facilities to women.

The Director General Health also said that with the rapid increase in the population ratio, the burden on the health centers has also been increased many times and along with this, primary health care hospitals are also being focused on in a phased manner. In this way, by strengthening healthcare at the primary level, the burden on the tertiary care hospitals will be significantly reduced, while Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Gyne Hospital Loralai will be the best Director General Health treatment center in the area.

Maulana Khalil Ahmed Mukhlis passes away

Independent Report QUETTA: The central Ameer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Pakistan (Nazarayati), Maulana Khalil Ahmed Mukhlis died

due to heart attack in Peshawar on Sunday morn-

According to the central Secretary Information, JUI-N, Syed Abdul Sattar Chishti, Maulana Khalil Ahmed Mukhlas suffered severe heart attack in week hours of Sunday, and could not survive it.

Meanwhile, the funeral prayer of Maulana Khalil Ahmed Mukhlis was

offered in Sawabi where he was laid to rest in the ancestral graveyard.

The acting Ameer of JUI-Nazrayati, Maulana Abdul Qadir Luni, Anjmal Qadri, Syed Abdul Sattar Chishti and other leaders have expressed grief and sorrow over the death of Maulana Mukhlis.

They also prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family, relatives, and the workers of JUI-N

MUZAFFARABAD

brought together youth leaders and students to discuss the complex dimensions of the Kashmir dis-Justice ® Manzoor

Hussain Wani, Chairman of the Kashmir Institute of International Relations, and Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajad Khan, Director of KPRI, delivered lectures on various aspects of the conflict, followed by a Q&A session

Justice Gilani discussed the legal dimensions