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Govt to put economy back on track: Khawaja Asif

Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif says the government was fully committed to invest time and energy to stabilize economy and put it back on track. PTI is trying to take credit for meeting the FATF's 34 action plans to ensure that Pakistan comes out of the grey list, however, it is a joint effort of all the stakeholders in this regard.



Pakistan is moving from geopolitics to geoeconomics: Senator Mushahid

Senator Mushahid Hussain says Pakistan is in a strategic location where huge transformations and transitions are taking place, the peaceful rise of China, and Pakistan endeavoring to be the hub of regional connectivity through CPEC, by making a transition from geopolitics to geo-economics. After 42 years of war in Afghanistan, which affected Pakistan directly, the country cannot be a party to any new conflict, confrontation, or a Cold War, as connectivity and cooperation are the need of the hour.

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Care

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on Utility Stores in Islamabad on Monday.



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TTP talks

Govt convenes parliamentary security body today

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has summoned an in-camera session of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security (PCNS) today (Tuesday) to give briefing on ongoing talks with banned outfit TTP, citing sources. The in-camera session of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security (PCNS) has been summoned tomorrow to give a briefing on TTP-government talks. The movement for summoning the PCNS in-camera session at the National Assembly (NA) Hall was presented by Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Javed Abbasi. The movement was approved by the NA lawmakers.

Sources told ARY News that the PCNS in-camera session is being summoned after PPP raised objections over the secrecy of the government's ongoing talks with the banned TTP.

Government unveils relief package for poor

PM Shehbaz says poor to get subsidy on five essential items at USC

Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz on Monday decided in principle to provide flour, ghee, cooking oil, pulses, rice and sugar at a low price to the poor segment of society for the next financial year. Presiding over a high-level meeting on utility stores in Islamabad on Monday, he said the poor segment of society is in dire need of relief at this time, and the government will take all measures in this regard. The Prime Minister also approved the expansion of utility stores network in Karachi. He asked the authorities concerned to present a comprehensive plan to increase the number of utility stores in Karachi within two weeks.

Shehbaz Sharif directed to make the subsidy system transparent and digital. He asked to create a comprehensive system by combining various types of subsidies. He

appreciated the initiatives of utility stores in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. He also appreciated the provision of targeted subsidy with the help of digital system. The meeting was briefed on the progress made on subsidy on utility stores, targeted subsidy to the poor, expansion of number of utility stores across the country and provision of low price flour in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The meeting was informed that the Utility Store Corporation is currently operating 3822 stores directly and 1380 franchises in the country. It was apprised that more than 300 new stores will be set up in Balochistan, Sindh, Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and Punjab by 30th of the next month. The meeting was briefed that under the relief package of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, 113 million deserving people have been benefited so far.

They have been given targeted subsidy of 60 rupees per kg on flour, 21 rupees on sugar, 250 rupees on ghee and 15-20 rupees on pulses and rice. The subsidy mechanism is digital whereas NADRA and the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation are

PM forms task force to oversee measures for minorities' rights protection

linked to the data. The meeting was further informed that supply of low price flour is being ensured at 942 utility stores in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. On the special directive of Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif, 1000 new selling points and 200 mobile stores are also being added.

In Balochistan, subsidized supply of essential commodities is being ensured not only utility stores but mobile stores have also been set up to ensure the supply to remote areas.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Monday approved the establishment of a task force to oversee the implementation of the measures for protection of minorities' rights. "Our non-Muslim citizens are part & parcel of our national fabric. I have approved the establishment of a task force on the rights of minorities," the prime minister said on Twitter.

He said the said task force, besides overseeing the implementation of measures about the rights of minorities, would also present quarterly report to him.

President rejects bill amending NAB Ordinance

Says proposed changes will demolish accountability

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has sent back the National Accountability (Amendment) Bill, 2022 unsigned to the Prime Minister's office, saying the bill, as passed by the parliament, was regressive in nature, and might promote corruption. The president said the bill also sent a message to the corrupt, who had amassed tremendous wealth and about which there was no doubt in the minds of the people of Pakistan that they were not accountable and free to continue plunder. "I believe the Bill as passed by the Parliament is regressive in nature, it will promote corruption by ensuring that the long arm of the law has been crippled," the president emphasized.

"Having weak accountability is against the basic rights of the people of Pakistan who are the suffering masses, and, therefore, it is also against the fundamentals of our Constitution," President Secretariat Press Wing in a press release on Monday quoted the president as saying. The presi-

dent lamented that the small man would be caught for petty crimes while the corrupt rich would remain free to continue with their abhorrent practices. The president said that it was sad that rather than structurally improving the institution, the enactment of these amendments was like demolishing the process of accountability without an alternate system being in place, making it sterile and allowing extractive institutions and practices to prosper.

"Weak laws, such as this one, create a facade of justice that blatantly hides a corrupt elite capture, and nations that accommodate such laws ensure very damaging exploitation of the common man perpetuating an unjust society," he added. The president reiterated that he personally followed, upheld and abided by the Constitution of Pakistan. "We must act upon the injunctions of the Quran and Sunnah, and above all, I am answerable to Allah and ask for His forgiveness.

ANP rejects KP Governorship

ISLAMABAD: The Awami National Party (ANP), an ally of the Shahbaz Sharif government, has refused from taking Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) governorship. The development comes after Member National Assembly (MNA) Ameer Haider Khan Hoti called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif here in Islamabad today. According to sources, during the meeting with PM Shehbaz, the ANP senior leader informed the prime minister about the party's stand on KP governorship post.

The meeting also discussed the overall political situation of the country.

Earlier it emerged that the Pakistan Muslim League

Nawaz (PML-N) government has excused the Maulana Fazlur Rehman-led Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) from giving Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) governorship. After the president's slot, Maulana Fazlur Rehman-led JUI-F lost the hope of getting KP governorship for supporting the ruling coalition parties, PML-N and Pakistan People's Party (PPP), sources said.

The ruling party, PML-N excused itself from giving the KP governor's slot to JUI-F and decided to keep the top position with it. PPP has also shown reservations over PML-N's decision to keep KP's governorship.

Very hopeful

IMF programme to be revived within two days: Miftah

Says tax exemption for people earning Rs1.2m yearly to remain in place

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Finance Minister Miftah Ismail on Monday said that he is hopeful that the stalled International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme would be revived within a day or two. Finance Minister said that the IMF has no objection over the government's step to increase in salaries of employees and give income tax exemption on 1.2 million income, adding that IMF programme would be revived within a day or two. Miftah Ismail further assured that the income rebate of 1.2 million will be maintained and the government will give relief to the poor and will implement more tax on the rich people.

Talking to journalists at Parliament House, the federal minister said that he was hopeful that an agreement with the global lender for the revival of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) would be reached within one or two



days. "IMF has no relation with the increase in salaries. Also, the tax exemption to the people earning below 1.2 million [annually] will remain in place," the finance minister said. In response to a question, Miftah Ismail pointed out that the IMF has nothing to do with the increase in salaries of employees by 15 per cent. "Also, the tax exemption to the people earning below 1.2 million [annually] will remain in place," he noted. The finance minister added that the incumbent government aims at taxing the wealthy and providing

relief to the poor through the budget for the fiscal year 2022-23.

The Fund still has reservations over Rs9.5 trillion expenditures projected by the authorities for the next fiscal year. The revenue measures in the budget, according to IMF estimates, are also insufficient to deliver slightly over Rs7 trillion target. The government took the toughest measures to end fuel subsidies and hiked the POL (petrol, oil, lubricants) prices up to unprecedented levels in order to convince the Fund to revive the programme. However, the IMF is still insisting on doing more knowingly that Islamabad has turned into a "desperate borrower" mainly owing to the depletion of foreign currency reserves.

The finance minister told journalists that the government aims at taxing the wealthy and providing relief to the poor through the budget for the fiscal year 2022-23.

Rupee shoots past 209 against US dollar

KARACHI: In line with market expectations, the Pakistani rupee has plunged further and crossed the 210 threshold against the US dollar in the interbank market during intra-day trade for the first time in the interbank market on Monday. The domestic currency closed at Rs209.96 against the greenback in the interbank market after losing Rs1.21, or 0.65%, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). This is the seventh consecutive working day of free-fall in the rupee, losing approximately Rs6, or over 3%, to date.

The central bank has seemed helpless in controlling the speculative fall in the rupee as demand for the greenback continues to soar due to quarter-end payments pressure. The currency will continue to fall until Pakistan manages to strike a staff-level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The analyst was of the view that the investors' confidence is completely shattered which can only be strengthened by positive development on the IMF front.

NA budget debate

MNAs for taxing non-productive items

ISLAMABAD: Legislators in the National Assembly on Monday underlined the need for increasing the revenue generation by imposing taxes on the imports of luxury goods and non-productive items used by the privileged class. They asked for improving the quality of local products to meet the standards of imported items and subsequent encouragement to 'Made in Pakistan' brand. Participating in debate on the Federal Budget 2022-23, Aliya Kamran of Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal Pakistan (MMAP) suggested the government to tax the luxury items and issue entry-tickets to private vehicles in congested areas of different cities.

Expressing concern over growing national debts, she said heavy taxes were collected from the poor, but it was unfortunate that the privileged class got maximum benefit of the foreign loans. Hussain Elahi of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) expressed concern over the rising inflation and prices of petroleum products and electricity. He said increasing trend in the prices of essential goods had made life of the common man more miserable and called upon the government to fulfill its all commitments to protect and safeguard the underprivileged segments of the society.

Member National Assembly of PML-N, Tahira Bakhari said that due



to maladministration and negligence of previous government, inflation in the country touched the new heights and country ranked in fourth in the world. Due to rigidity of Imran Khan over 6 million people lost their jobs and national debt reached its highest as compared to the debt taken during the last 70 years. Tahira Bakhari said that collation government, despite the fiscal and financial constraints, had presented a balanced budget and tried to facilitate the common man in the country.

She further said that all the political forces must put their collective efforts for ending the dark tenure of last government. The MNA also appreciated the relief measures proposed by the government for government employees and increasing the pension by 15%, asserting that it would help the inflation-stricken people to meet their expenses.

In order to reduce the reliance on the fossil fuel, the MNA Tahira Bakhari credited the government for withdrawing the duties on the import of solar panels, also adding that it would help to reduce energy load shedding from the country.

She lauded the government efforts for introducing special measures for the development of the agriculture sector in the country which would help in enhancing the agriculture output. The PML(N) lawmaker also proposed the government to establish special child care hospitals at all district headquarters level or by installing units in existing hospitals. She also proposed the government to exempt duties and taxes on import of infant feed and milk and other products used. She also asked for providing business opportunities for women in order to make them financially independent.

Welfare

Islamabad: Chairman Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust Akhtar Chaudhary called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf at Parliament House.



Photo: PID

Crop-insurance

Small farmers should be facilitated at door steps: CM Hamza

Hina Rabbani calls on CM Punjab

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz Sharif on Monday sought a comprehensive plan for providing interest-free, soft loans to small farmers on the pattern of Akhuwat and directed to consult the Bank of Punjab as well. He chaired a meeting at his office on Monday which was attended by Provincial Minister Sardar Awais Leghari, Bilal Yasin MPA, political assistants, administrative secretaries, commissioner Lahore and others.

The supply and demand of vegetables were reviewed and the participants also deliberated on reducing the exploitative role of middlemen. It was decided to immediately transpose auction supervisory staff and reconstitute market committees across Punjab. The CM directed to induct the best human resources in market committees for desired results and inquired the agriculture secretary about the performance of agriculture research institutes as agriculture productivity could not be boosted without research.



Hamza Shahbaz said a comprehensive report should be submitted about the work done by the agri research institutes in recent years and suggested to obtain the services of the experts from private sector. A crop-insurance plan should also be devised; he said and directed to take timely steps with regard to import of onions and tomatoes to overcome the shortage in coming days. He further said that standard of facilities in markets would be

improved and work should be done on an emergent basis for providing essential items at inexpensive prices to the people.

He also sought a report about cleanliness arrangements and other facilities in markets across the province, adding that videos and pictures be sent to his office till night. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar called on Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz Sharif here at CM office on Monday. During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest and the development made for exit from the grey list of FATF (Financial Action Task Force). The CM appreciated the efforts put forth by Hina Rabbani Khar and her team members over the positive progress made by Pakistan in coming out of the grey list.

"The positive progress is a collective success and it is hoped that after the visit of the FATF team Pakistan would return to the white list," he added. MNA Raza Rabbani Khar, Provincial Ministers Syed Ali Haider Gillani, Sardar Awais Leghari, and MPA Makhdoom Syed Usman Mehmood were also present.

Govt urges PTI to attend NA proceedings

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday invited Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawmakers to take part in the proceedings of the House during the National Assembly (NA) session. A session of the National Assembly was held under the chairmanship of Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf. Speaking in the session, Federal Minister Ayaz Sadiq made it clear to the PTI Chairman Imran Khan that he could not hold elections in the country by pressurizing the government. He further invited PTI to join them in the House saying that, "We invite them to the House like before. It's been enough of besmirching, now let's sit in the House."

Ayaz Sadiq further said that the notification on both NAB and election laws will be issued tomorrow.

He added the President proved himself to be a PTI worker by not signing the aforementioned bills. The Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader Hussain Elahi addressing the National Assembly said where are those people who were holding protests and staging sit-ins on the petrol prices hike in the past but now they have stitched their lips over the historical inflation and petrol price hike.

Rebuking the current government, he said that Bilawal Bhutto, Maryam Nawaz, and Maulana Fazlur Rahman marched towards Islamabad but the PTI government had not stopped them. While the incumbent government brutally tortured the PTI protestors. People have understood that the current inflation is due to the 'imported government', he added.

Rs753m scam

Ex-WAPDA chief appears before NAB

LAHORE: Former Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Chairman Lt Gen (retd) Muzammil Hussain Monday appeared before the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) office today where he was interrogated about corruption worth Rs753 million in the Tarbela Fourth Hydropower project. "All allegations levelled against me are false," Hussain said while speaking to journalists outside the NAB office, where he stayed for around two hours. The former chairman questioned how the corruption figure was of Rs753 million when the cost of the project was Rs750 million.

"No premature payments were made to contractors and the project was completed ahead of the scheduled time," he said, adding that the cost was also recovered after the production of electricity started. Regarding political involvement, in this case, Hussain rejected all speculations saying that no political motive was involved. "A complaint was lodged against me and the NAB considered it necessary to verify the news," he added. The former chairman clarified that he had answered all questions during the course of investigation, adding that he wasn't given any sort of questionnaire.

Ordinance

LHC rejects PTI, PML-Q plea

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday refused to provide immediate relief to Speaker Punjab Assembly Parvez Elahi and PTI after it refused to issue a stay against an ordinance from Governor Baligh Ur Rehman, limiting the powers of the speaker of the assembly. The court has summoned advocate general Punjab for assistance and issued notices to the Punjab government and others for June 24. Justice Sajid Mehmood Sethi during the hearing on a petition filed by Parvez Elahi and Sibtain Khan said that they would decide on the matter once the government submits its replies. Former advocate general Punjab Advocate Ahmed Awais said that the assembly session was ongoing when the governor issued an ordinance on June 14. "The powers of the speaker have been limited and were given to the secretary law through the ordinance," the plea stated. It said that ordinance was against the constitution and rules and procedures of the assembly. He pleaded to issue a stay order against the ordinance unless a final decision is being announced. "Since it is an ordinance, therefore it is important to listen to the other party," the Lahore High Court judge said while rejecting the plea.

Long march

IHC grants interim bail to PTI leaders

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad court granted on Monday interim bail to senior PTI leaders for vandalism that took place during the party's "Azadi March" to Islamabad on May 25. Police had booked around 11 PTI leaders in a case pertaining to violence at the Kohsar police station in which the court had reserved its verdict. A decision on case no 425 of the same station has been postponed.

The PTI leaders granted pre-arrest bail include former planning minister Asad Umar, ex-deputy speaker National Assembly Qasim Khan Suri, Senator Faisal Javed, former interior minister Sheikh Rasheed, ex-defence minister Pervez Khatak, PTI Vice-President Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Shehryar Afridi, Ali Mohammad Khan, Sheraz Basharat, Raja Khurram Nawaz and Murad Saad, among others.

During the hearing, the judge inquired about the investigation on the cases registered under Tarnol, Golra and I-9 police stations. The judge directed all stakeholders to become a part of the investigation. Qasim Khan Suri, Shehryar Afridi, Ali Mohammad Khan, Asad Umar, Faisal Javed appeared in court today. Speaking to journalists outside the court, Umar said the party will continue to protest until the people get relief. "The government is currently giving relief to itself and there is no doubt that the coalition government has come into power for the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO)," he added.

Money laundering

Moonis's co-accused sent on 14-day judicial remand

Bureau Report

LAHORE: A local court has sent co-accused on 14-day judicial remand in connection with a money laundering case against Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PML-Q) leader Moonis Elahi. The co-accused Muhammad Nawaz Bhatti and Mazhar Abbas have been produced before the court today after the completion of their four-day physical remand. According to the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Rs253 billion had been transferred to the personal bank accounts of the co-accused and later they transacted the money to the third account.

The co-accused lawyer apprised the court that the money laundering case against his clients was politically motivated and the allegations were base-



less. He pleaded with the court to send his clients on judicial remand. Earlier, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had formally launched a money-laundering probe against the former federal minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader Moonis Elahi. FIA Lahore had registered a case against Moonis Elahi in a money laundering case.

The PML-Q stalwart is accused of making properties abroad by allegedly sending money through Hundi and Hawala, the FIA said. The FIA had also arrested two close associates of the secretary Punjab Assembly - Nawaz Bhatti and Mazhar - in a case related to money laundering. Moonis is the son of Pervaiz Elahi, a senior leader of the PML-Q and Punjab Assembly speaker.

Senate budget debate

Senators demand more relief for masses in budget

Staff Report

ISLAMABAD: The senators on Monday demanded more relief for the masses in the federal budget 2022-23 through focusing on various welfare schemes and including remote areas of Balochistan in free solar panel scheme, crucial for improvement in the energy sector. Participating in the debate on Finance Bill 2022-23, Senator Naseema Ehsan recommended that the contributory pension system should be adopted in the country, and that there should be complete ban on the import of un-essential foreign products. She said the tax net should be expanded by bringing more people in its fold.

Senator Abida Azeem said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif had announced to give free solar systems to the people in Gwadar, which was good initiative. She demanded that the scheme should be extended to Pashin, Chaman and other areas of Balochistan to facilitate more people of the province. She also called for provision of maximum relief to the people of Balochistan in the current budget,



particularly for special subsidy to the poor in electricity and gas bills.

Senator Dr Sania Nishtar raised various questions regarding the federal budget. She claimed that there were no political motives behind the Ehsaas project, which was purely based on transparency to provide maximum relief to the masses. Some 31 percent beneficiaries of the programme belonged to Sindh. Senator Khalida Ateeb said maximum relief should be provided to the low income people in the budget. Karachi was deprived of drinking water and the government should give priority to resolving the

problems being faced by the people of mega city, she added. She recommended increasing budget for the health sector.

Senator Kesho Bhai alleged the PTI government had ignored Tharparkar during its four years tenure. It had made empty claims, but practically did nothing for the masses and today the country was facing economic crisis due to its mis-governance. She recommended that the use of solar energy should be promoted to overcome the power crisis in the country. The government should create more employment opportunities for the youth, she added.

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed recommended that after merger of erstwhile FATA, the share of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the National Finance Commission (NFC) should be increased. He also stressed on expanding the tax net for increasing revenue collection. Senators Kamran Murtafa, Dr Zarqa Suhrawardy Taimur and Seemi Ezdi also took part in the debate. Later, the House was adjourned till Tuesday as lack of quorum was pointed out by Senator Seemi Ezdi.

No accountability

New NAB law will protect white collar criminals: Imran Khan

PTI observes black day against amended NAB Law

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan while declaring June 20 a black day said that the National Accountability (Amendment) Bill 2022 will protect white collar criminals from accountability. In a series of Tweets on Monday, the former prime minister highlighted that Rs1,100 billion of the Rs1,200 billion that was being investigated by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) would now be out of its jurisdiction.

"Entire economy and political system of Pakistan was derailed through US-backed regime change conspiracy simply to give this cabal of crooks another

NRO. PMLN's Dastgir confirmed this," said Khan. "Today, with this one amended NAB law we are heading towards destruction by removing white collar criminals from accountability," he wrote.

The PTI chairman further noted that at a time when Pakistan's economy had stabilised and was moving towards sustainable growth of 6%, the conspirators chose to destabilise Pakistan by sending the economy into a tailspin and dropping a price bomb on people — "just to give these criminals NRO". "Our Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) had said societies are destroyed when the poor are jailed while the rich are not held account-

able. Today, with this amended NAB law, we are heading towards destruction by removing white-collar criminals from accountability," he added.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) observed black day on Monday with former prime minister Imran Khan saying that the looters have amended NAB law to nullify corruption cases worth Rs1200 billion against them. Heading a meeting over the passage of the accountability bill, the PTI chairman directed the party leaders to offer resistance against the amendment and further ordered Fawad Chaudhry to convey to the nation the conspiracy behind it.



The spokespersons of the party were also directed to bring the matter into debates during talk shows in order to highlight it effectively. "I have been pointing out that their only purpose to ascend to power is getting an NRO-II and after changes in NAB law it is a formal

process to bury accountability process in the country," he said. He lamented that allowing big thieves to loot national wealth is the major cause behind poverty in developing countries.

"On one hand they [the government] are unable to stabilize the country while on the other hand, they are bent on getting relief in corruption cases," he said and lamented that the corrupt ruling lot has ruined the social values of the nation. Khan said that he had struggled for 26 years for bringing the corrupt lot under the law and strengthening the accountability process and would now resist their move to get NRO at every level.

Mystic saints played vital role in spreading message of Islam: AJK PM

Says since ages people have been receiving guidance and blessings from these great personalities

MIRPUR: Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan Sunday said that the saints had played a key role in spreading the message of Islam and strengthening the relationship between God and the mankind.

"Since ages people have been receiving guidance and blessings from these great personalities and it continues to this day", the PM said this while talking to Syed Muhammad Sabteen Gilani famously known as Taj Agha the son of renowned spiritual personality late Syed Muhammad Ameer Shah Qadri Gilani alias Maulvi Ji in KPK's metropolis Peshawar, the AJK PM office told media here.



AJK ministers Abdul Majeed Khan, Dewan Ali Khan Chughtai, Chaudhry Ali Shan Soni, former Assembly candidates Mir Atiqur Rehman, Ahmed Saghir, Sardar Saghir Baig and Khawaja Shafiq were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, the Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan and his team got a glimpse of holy relics of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the Kaaba.

On this occasion, special prayers were offered for the health and well-being of the AJK PM Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan and his team. APP

SECP unveils ESG Regulatory Roadmap for sustainable capital markets

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: In order to encourage environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices and introduce a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has published a position paper on ESG Regulatory Roadmap.

SECP considers sustainability as a priority in its regulatory agenda. Through Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019, based on comply or explain approach, board of directors are required to have ESG policy in place and disclose implementation of ESG initiatives.

ESG considerations are gaining traction as investors and companies are seeking long term value and alignment with sustainability and climate-related objectives. SECP recognizes the importance of consolidated, inclusive and concentrated efforts towards sustainable ecosystem. The proposed ESG roadmap is the first step in gaining understanding, setting momentum in achieving key milestones and way forward through an inclusive approach to embrace ESG best practices for sustainable capital markets.

It is expected that this roadmap will provide impetus for active engagement with all stakeholders and bring more clarity on long-term objectives and priorities under ESG regulatory regime.

Awareness of Monkeypox is need of time, says Principal SIMS

Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Principal Services Institute of Medical Sciences Professor Dr. Farooq Afzal says that awareness of Monkeypox is need of time. He said that after the initial effects of the disease, there may be pain in the body for up to two days and swelling in the bones.

The disease can be easily controlled with precaution and timely treatment. During his speech in conference held at sims he added that it is our duty to educate students and other on this topics.

Former Principal Fatima Jinnah Medical College Prof. Dr. Abdul Majeed Chaudhry participated in the event as a special guest and during his speech he gave a lecture on professionalism and ethics in medical sciences. During the conference, Dr. Sobia Qazi talked about the symptoms of Monkeypox and its treatment and also informed the audience about the Monkeypox vaccine.

In her talk, Prof. Tayyaba Waseem briefed the students and the audience on the experiences of women pregnancy outside the uterus and Prof. Zahid Rafique about the experiences of TB in the spinal cord of children in the hospital. End of the conference Prof. Abdul Majeed was presented a bouquet of flowers by Prof. Tayyaba Waseem. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nadeem Aslam was present on the occasion.

Gwadar's 300MW coal power plant to end energy scarcity by 2023

ISLAMABAD: The longstanding issue of Gwadar city due to growing energy scarcity would end by October, 2023 after the completion of the 300megawatts coal-fired power plant.

The 300-megawatt (MW) coal-fired Gwadar Power Plant would cater the needs of some 150,000 local people by the end of 2023 under the 2050 Master Plan of Gwadar, said an official source while sharing exclusive updates of the project. The power plant was one of the key energy projects under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), he added. The project is aimed at improving reliability on local power supply that would help to resolve power outages in current economic development and urban expansion in Gwadar region.

According to the official source, they were currently spending millions of dollars per annum to generate electricity from diesel generator. The official also hoped that the discussed plant would be operationalized soon to solve the port's power scarcity issues. Power plant is of great significance to deepening the energy cooperation between China and Pakistan, boosting the development of the Belt and Road Initiative, improving the overall power structure of Balochistan, and promoting local economic development in Gwadar Port. All major projects under CPEC in Gwadar, including Gwadar Power Plant, the New Gwadar International Airport Project, the China Pak Friendship Hospital, China-Pak Technical and Vocational Institute in Gwadar, the Gwadar East-bay Expressway Project, Gwadar Free Zone, and Gwadar Port would become a shining pearl in the region. APP

PMD indicates chances of rain at few places

LAHORE: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has indicated chances of dust/thunderstorm-rain in Gilgit Baltistan, Kashmir, upper Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Potohar region during the next 24 hours.

According to the synoptic situation, continental air was prevailing over most parts of the country. A shallow westerly wave was present over upper parts of the country.

Mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country, while very hot in south Punjab and upper Sindh.

During the last 24 hours, the weather remained hot and dry in most parts of the country, while very hot in plain areas.

However, rain-wind-thunderstorm occurred in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir, Potohar region and Gilgit Baltistan.

The rainfall recorded during the period was Gilgit Baltistan: Astore 10 mm, Bunji 04, Bagrote, Chillas 03, Gilgit 02 Punjab: Murree 07, Chakwal 01, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Cherat 03, Kalam 02 and Kashmir: Rawalakot 01 mm.

Senator Dost M. Mehsud for establishing network of small dams

Spokesman Report

PESHAWAR: Senator Dost Muhammad Mehsud has called for establishing a network of small dams meant for power and irrigation purposes in South Waziristan to generate viable socio-economic activities. He underlined a dire need for establishing Dams on priority on the main perennial Streams like Bader Lagad, Makin Stream, Tanga, Oss pass, Tangai budinzi, Ladha, Kotkai, Torwham, Shak-toi, Lattaka, Janata, Maro-bi, Shahur, Mullai Khan, Jandola, etc to harness the water both for Irrigation and power purposes. The installation of power Turbines in these Dams can generate enough electricity to meet the growing needs of the local population instead of getting the expensive electricity from WAPDA. Moreover, he called for establishing small dams in water stressed areas where the population is dependent upon the rain and flood water for Irrigation purposes.

Protest

RAWALPINDI: PTI workers led by its leader of PP-17 Sajid Ali Qureshi holding a protest rally against inflation and price-hike in the country.



Photo: Spokesman

16th Int'l 3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan exhibition begins



Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The 16th International 3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan-Country's Pioneer and Biggest Exhibition for Plastic, Printing and Packaging industry organized by FAKT Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd. opened its doors on 29th May 2022 at Expo Centre, Lahore.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Guest Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Saleem Khan Tanoli - CEO FAKT Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd. and other renowned industry names.

On this occasion, President FPCCI stated that "FAKT Exhibitions has taken a wonderful initiative by organizing 3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan Exhibition, which will provide a rewarding opportunity for Plastic, Printing and Packaging industry to demonstrate state-of-the-art machinery and technology. He further added that exhibitions like 3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan Exhibition have played a pivotal role in strengthening our industries, providing business, employment opportunities and uplifting the economy of Pakistan."

The mega exhibition received an overwhelming response, more than 150 companies participated from 15 countries like Austria, China, Denmark, Deutschland, Germany, Italy, Netherland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Vietnam and UK etc. The exhibitors displayed a wide and exquisite range of innovative machinery, technology and solutions for Plastic, Printing and Packaging industry.

3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan Exhibition will last till 31st May 2022 and is expected to attract around 10,000 trade visitors, providing them an ideal opportunity to meet with the leading local and international companies of Plastic, Printing and Packaging industry.

KP issues public advisory for protection from Leishmaniasis

PESHAWAR: The Health Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has issued advisory for general public regarding protection from Leishmaniasis, a skin disease caused through bite of sandfly that starts from a lesion and turns into a large skin ulcer.

A colored advertisement has been issued in prominent national dailies of the country containing advises and remedial measure from the skin disease which is not only painful but is also considered as stigma because of the scar and disfigurement it causes on face or other infected parts of body.

The advisory issued to apprise people about protective measures that should be adopted specially in rural settlements where this sand fly is found, says Salauddin Marwat, Entomologist Integrated Vector Control and Management Programme KP.

Talking to APP, Salauddin informed that awareness about Leishmaniasis was very less among masses and its infection was increasing with passage of time.

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Deputy Director/Secretary Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency District Housing Committee Attock Ph: No. 051-5191753

DAO PropTech bags 'PropTech Innovation Award 2022'

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: DAO PropTech is Pakistan's fastest-growing real estate technology platform. Aiming to introduce a data-backed approach in the real estate sector, it is playing its part in making real estate investments accessible for everyone.

DAO PropTech was invited to the Aiwan-e-Sadr, where they were given the "PropTech Innovation Award" by the President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi. Jawad Nayyar, the Founder and Chief Vision Officer at DAO PropTech received the award on behalf of the organization. In the post-ceremony interview, Nayyar said, "This



award belongs to the team at DAO PropTech, who believe in our vision and are on path towards building Pakistan's fastest growing, digital PropTech platform. The support of the policymakers and regulators is especially very encouraging. It's still a long way to go for us but the future is really

promising, with exciting times ahead."

In addition to the presidential award, DAO PropTech received a special recognition award at the RCCI Technology Expo 2022, for its efforts to bring transparency and inclusivity to the real estate ecosystem. Abdullah Khan, Chief

Product Officer at DAO PropTech, received the award on behalf of the organization. He thanked the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry for organizing such expos. He said, "I feel elated that our vision to bring financial freedom to the masses is being recognized and appreciated. In less than 2 years, DAO PropTech has evolved from an idea to an established technology platform trusted by thousands of investors. Events like the RCCI technology expo are a great platform for forward-thinking companies to showcase their innovation. The day isn't far when Pakistan will be the hub of technology and innovation."

KATI felicitates on possibility of getting out of FATF's gray list

Staff Reporter



KARACHI: Salman Aslam, President, Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), has expressed gratification over the possibility of Pakistan being

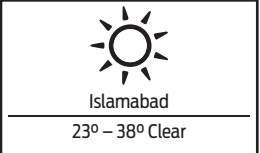
removed from the gray list by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). He said that the government of Pakistan and the military leadership had worked out a comprehensive strategy that was commendable. Pakistan proved that it is a peaceful country that promotes peace and brotherhood despite all the problems by fulfilling the FATF's 27 conditions initially and then further additional conditions as well. He said that it was worrisome that the FATF did not immediately remove Pakistan from the gray list

and made the decision conditional to the report after the visit of its team to Pakistan and review of the situation. The move suggests that the enemy is still lobbying.

President KATI said that the threat to Pakistan has not been averted yet. The visit of the FATF team to Pakistan in October this year is of utmost importance. The next president of FATF is of Indian descent.

Salman Aslam said that the government and all institutions should be careful to thwart the conspiracy of the enemy. He said that India would do its utmost to prevent Pakistan from being removed from the gray list.

President KATI said that in such a scenario, all political parties and other stakeholders should pay attention to the visit of the FATF team keeping differences aside. Salman Aslam hoped that soon Pakistan will be removed from the gray list after which the image of Pakistan globally will improve having a direct impact on the economy.



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Inspire Pakistan takes pride in serving refugees

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: World Refugee Day is an annual commemoration celebrated on 20th June each year, established by the United Nations to recognize and to ensure that the world stands with Refugees. Refugees are, without doubt, the most vulnerable people in the world. They deserve the same standard of treatment as the nationals of the country where they have sought refuge.

We at INSPIRE PAKISTAN believe in and call them heroes and celebrate this day to honor the strength and courage of these heroes for their struggle and resilience in the face of conflict.

Inspire Pakistan takes pride in serving refugees by empowering their youth through education in protecting their right to education and also through provision of protection services to them alongside UNHCR in Pakistan. We not only aim at but also strive for taking corrective measures in order to ensure that the Refugee Rights are being protected and taking necessary steps there, helping in their progress and development for the welfare of Afghan Refugees during their temporary stay in Pakistan.

"Fleeing war and conflict to seek refuge is a basic human right of every individual endorsed in not only the international human rights protection instruments but also in the constitution of Pakistan, 1973. We salute the struggle of Afghan refugees and stand by them in upholding their rights. We thank UNHCR in Pakistan as well as the people and government of Pakistan for their cooperation and support to the cause of protecting Afghan refugees in Pakistan, "noted Mr. Qaiser M. Siddiqui, CEO and Co - Founder Inspire Pakistan.

Rana Tanveer sees off first batch of Pakistani Students to China

The Minister says it is our national duty to facilitate the youth in their pursuit of knowledge

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain visited the Islamabad Airport to see off the first batch of Pakistani students going back to China after the imposition of travel restrictions due to COVID-19. Federal Minister along with senior officials of the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training and HEC met with the students going to China.

Federal Minister congratulated the students on their return to China to complete their education. He said that it is our national duty to facilitate the youth in their pursuit of knowledge. He acknowledged that the students have been facing difficulties for two years and had contacted HEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of FE&PT. He said that Ministry of FE&PT took lead in this matter and approached the relevant Chinese authorities, PIA and Civil Aviation Authority to resolve this matter on urgent basis. He praised PIA that despite busy Haj schedule they managed a flight for the Pakistani students.

Rana Tanveer said that today 105 students are returning and soon the rest will also be able to fly back. He acknowl-



edged the efforts of Secretary Education Ms. Naheed, S Durani and ED HEC Ms Shaista Sohail for their contribution towards resolution of this issue.

Federal Minister said that a round of deliberations were held between all relevant stakeholders including Chinese Embassy, Islamabad Pakistan, MoFEPT, HEC and MoFA to address the subject issue of 5,832 students who provided their particulars online to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad (MoFA). Three phases for completion were decided according to the following plan: Priority-I, 492 students who were due to complete their degree programs in 2019-20 and 2020-21. Priority-II, 1,529 students who were to complete their degrees in 2022. Prior-

ity-III, 3,196 remaining students due to complete their degrees in 2023 onwards.

Federal Minister said that all 105 students have completed the procedural requirements for the ISB-XIY charter flight. He continued that InshAllah they will land safely in XIY and resume their studies.

Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain said that the issues of Pakistani students are of utmost importance and reiterated his resolve to ensure that the concerns of the Pakistani students will be addressed on priority basis. At the end he congratulated his team for this success and wished the students best of luck for their future endeavours.

Refugee Day

ISLAMABAD: June 20- Federal Minister for SAFRON, Senator Muhammad Talha posing for a group photograph along with Afghan young artists during a ceremony on the eve of World Refugee Day at a local hotel organized by (UNHCR) and Ministry of SAFRON, in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

PAEC chairman for transforming Pakistan into science, tech hub

RAWALPINDI: Chairman Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) Dr Raja Ali Raza on Monday emphasized the importance of sustained and dedicated work in all sectors of science and technology to help transform the country into a developed society.

Addressing the inaugural session of 47th International Nathiagali Summer College (INSC) on Physics and Contemporary Needs, he said maximizing international cooperation and building bridges to the world scientific community will be an important element in that endeavour.

"The increasing level of interaction with foreign R&D institutions like European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (AS-ICTP), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP) and Synchrotron-light for Experimental



Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) will help the country to accelerate the process of transforming Pakistan into a dynamic hub for science and technology," he noted

He expressed the hope that the collaboration with these institutes will continue to increase for the mutual benefit of all of us, and it will continue to foster the growth of science and technology in the country.

The PAEC chairman urged the youth to pursue scientific knowledge to become

useful, productive and a rational citizen of a modern Pakistan.

"It is our duty to introduce young people to the challenges of the modern world, besides providing an ample opportunity to grow so they can serve the nation in a best way," he remarked. The PAEC, he said was engaged in multidisciplinary programs. In case of electricity generation, 4 Nuclear Power Plants at Chashma are contributing 1330 MW and two power plants in Karachi are contributing 2200 MW of electricity to the National grid.

In the health sector, he said 19 nuclear medical centers were providing state-of-the-art nuclear techniques for diagnostics and treatment of cancer to about 80% of reported cancer patients in Pakistan. Existing cancer hospitals are being upgraded where new blocks are being constructed and new state of the arts equipment are being installed, he maintained. APP

NSU celebrates parents' efforts in Islamic Teaching

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The NSU celebrated a magnificent event of Parent's Day as a symbol of respect and appreciation to the lifelong and selfless commitment of the parents. On this occasion students of NSU presented speeches, religious examples, and short documentary to express their gratitude for parents. NSU students stressed on the particular versus of Holly Quran that

"And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff", and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word". [Qur'aan 17:23]

Chief guest of the event, Mr. Shakeel, Head of Edhi Foundation, Islamabad shared his experiences at the Eidhi Old



Age Homes. He became very emotional when he was discussing those children who abandon their parents in old age. He further said that parents are the blessing of Allah, they should be treated with kind as parents do to the kids in their childhood.

In the end of the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor, National Skills University Islamabad, while

addressing recalled the efforts of his own parents. He gave the whole credit of his success to the prayers of his mother. He advised the students and staff to acknowledge the struggle of their parents by their words and acts of kindness. He announced to introduce the culture of meeting with parents residing in old age homes who are abandoned by some unfortunate children.

Health Corner

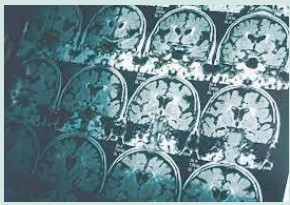
Single brain scan can diagnose Alzheimer's disease

ISLAMABAD: The research uses machine learning technology to look at structural features within the brain, including in regions not previously associated with Alzheimer's. The advantage of the technique is its simplicity and the fact that it can identify the disease at an early stage when it can be very difficult to diagnose.

Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, getting a diagnosis quickly at an early stage helps patients. It allows them to access help and support, get treatment to manage their symptoms and plan for the future. Being able to accurately identify patients at an early stage of the disease will also help researchers to understand the brain changes that trigger the disease, and support development and trials of new treatments.

The research is published in the Nature Portfolio Journal, Communications Medicine, and funded through the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Imperial Biomedical Research Centre.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, affecting over half a million people in the UK. Although most people with Alzheimer's disease develop it after the age of 65, people under this age can develop it too. The most frequent symptoms of dementia are memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem solving and language.



Doctors currently use a raft of tests to diagnose Alzheimer's disease, including memory and cognitive tests and brain scans. The scans are used to check for protein deposits in the brain and shrinkage of the hippocampus, the area of the brain linked to memory. All of these tests can take several weeks, both to arrange and to process.

The new approach requires just one of these — a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) brain scan taken on a standard 1.5 Tesla machine, which is commonly found in most hospitals.

The researchers adapted an algorithm developed for use in classifying cancer tumours, and applied it to the brain. They divided the brain into 115 regions and allocated 660 different features, such as size, shape and texture, to assess each region. They then trained the algorithm to identify where changes to these features could accurately predict the existence of Alzheimer's disease.

Using data from the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, the team tested their approach on brain scans from over 400 patients with early and later stage Alzheimer's, healthy controls and patients with other neurological conditions, including frontotemporal dementia and Parkinson's disease. They also tested it with data from over 80 patients undergoing diagnostic tests for Alzheimer's at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.

They found that in 98 per cent of cases, the MRI-based machine learning system alone could accurately predict whether the patient had Alzheimer's disease or not. It was also able to distinguish between early and late-stage Alzheimer's with fairly high accuracy, in 79 per cent of patients.

Professor Eric Aboagye, from Imperial's Department of Surgery and Cancer, who led the research, said: "Currently no other simple and widely available methods can predict Alzheimer's disease with this level of accuracy, so our research is an important step forward. Many patients who present with Alzheimer's at memory clinics do also have other neurological conditions, but even within this group our system could pick out those patients who had Alzheimer's from those who did not. (Courtesy: Science Daily)

Celebrations of Pakistan

Radio Pakistan launches series of programmes

To mark Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Pakistan

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Radio Pakistan has launched a series of programmes to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Pakistan to highlight the progress made by the country since its inception in different fields, sensitize the young generation about the rationale behind creation of Pakistan, and promote patriotism and national harmony.

The programmes include talk-shows, interviews, reports, documentaries, quiz competitions and excerpts from the speeches of the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and other prominent leaders of Independence Movement.

Through these programmes, the News and Current Affairs and Programme wings will highlight the history of Pakistan, important events, achievements and noted contributions by various personalities in different fields over the past 75 years.

Radio Pakistan is airing different programmes on the subject from all its stations and units across the country. "Radio Shows" will be held as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Azadi Melas in connection with the Independence Day celebrations are also going to be held all over the country in Punjabi, Sindhi, Balochi, Pashto, Saraiki, Brahui, Hindko, Balti, Shina and Pahari languages.

NHMP will launch demerit point system

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Under Inspector General Khalid Mahmood's direction, NHMP will launch a demerit point system. The system will rely on a national driving license repository (NLDR) of over 8 million driving licenses. Demerit points for various violations are defined in the National Highways Safety Ordinance 2000 (Section 86).

Driving licenses shall be suspended, as per the law, when demerit points exceed twenty within two years. NHMP officers can now retrieve prior violations and challans through the violator's CNIC, telephone number, and license number.

This initiative is a part of the "#NoMore" campaign, whereby a zero-tolerance enforcement regime has been introduced with the help of technological innovations like well-equipped spotters, next-generation speed cameras, drones, body-worn cameras and intelligent management systems for public service vehicles (PSVs). The demerit point system brings NHMP's enforcement mechanisms to the best international standards and will reduce the number of violations on our national highways and motorways.

Diabetes, heart disease increase dementia risk: Study

ISLAMABAD: People with diabetes, heart disease or stroke have doubled the risk of developing dementia, finds a study.

Type 2 diabetes, heart diseases (ischemic heart disease, heart failure or atrial fibrillation) and stroke, so-called cardiometabolic diseases, are some of the main risk factors for dementia.

The presence of more than one cardiometabolic disease accelerated the speed of cognitive decline and doubled the risk of cognitive impairment and dementia, expediting their development by two years. The magnitude of the risk was increased with a greater number of diseases, revealed the study published in the journal, Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association. APP

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Pakistan's Judiciary & the Conflicting Notion of Judicial Activism

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Judicial Activism is an emerging notion that may be characterized as the Legislature's active engagement in the state's constitutional concerns. It is a process of law construction in which judges rely on their own thinking in determining matters of proceedings. Judicial activism began in 2007 with the Lawyers Movement, which intended to restore Iftikhar Chaudhry, the then-Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), who had been dismissed by General Musharraf's authoritarian rule. Adliya Bachao Tehreek was founded by a group of lawyers; for the first time in Pakistan's history, lawyers have abandoned their competing party connections and created an unparalleled alliance. Pakistan's historic judicial system is flawed to meet modern expectations, and the divide between wealthy and poor is expanding. In societies where administrations are poor, judicial activism has found an easy ground. In countries where the government apparatus is mostly ineffective or inattentive to citizen concerns, the *Suo Motu* is useful. People applauded the Supreme Court's decisions in situations where they directly benefit, such as labour exploitation, brutal treatment in prisons

and kite flying, Hajj corruption, and cases of missing individuals. The use of judicial activism in governance is becoming more common. Initially, this involvement was restricted to constitutional issues, but it is increasingly becoming more prevalent in public affairs. In the name of judicial review, the court has been known to order the administration to reverse its judgments. The courts' time and effort was squandered since the expected results were not achieved. Their attempt to set sugar, gasoline and power prices in history failed miserably. On a day when cases aren't normally heard, CJP ensured that article 95 was in process. When the matter of no-confidence was initially rejected against PM Imran; President Bhutto and CJP Bhandal took to themselves to block any follow-up constitutional steps. CJP's order – which was taken on a Sunday – urged multiple judges to share their ideas and opinions after the matter's dismissal. The Supreme Court strictly limited all entities to take any out-of-the-way action and advised them to comply with the court's constitutional decision. This was Sindh High Court Bar Association v/s Federation of Pakistan. Courts followed on Ex-PM's no-confidence motion by ordering the NA to complete the process – on a Saturday. The NA did not pursue any such process till the end of Saturday which led President Bhutto to take a strict decision demanding Supreme and High Courts to comply and failure of compliance shall lead to a military coup in the country. The opening of courts led Asad Qaiser and Qasim Suri to tender

their resignations. The lawyers of PTI established that institutions were united to outcast Imran Khan, who later admitted that their relationship with the courts was not friendly during the entire tenure. The courts were reached out via the circular which allows the Litigant to reach IHC any time in urgent matters. Conclusively, not only the media danced a tough time who had been involved in building narratives against Imran Khan, but also the Civil Liberties took the fall for it, due to PTI's government not dealing with them properly. If the country's criminal justice system is ever to be improved, the names Ghulam Sarwar and Ghulam Qadir must not be forgotten. The story of the two brothers is appalling even by the depressing standards of a defective judicial system: they did not survive to see their death sentences reversed on review by the Supreme Court because they were hanged by the law before the appeals could be resolved. The fact that a year has passed between the execution and the Supreme Court's announcement of the acquittal ruling adds to the shocking and gruesome travesty of justice, implying underlying abnormalities and a basic lack of cooperation between the legal and penal systems. There have been a number of similar incidents in Pakistan's history that were dealt with once it became clear that weeping over spilled milk was pointless and that their judgment was no longer required. Un-serving justice is the new cool. Now that one thinks about it, the situation is pretty straight. It's not even

more of a circumstance than it is an equation. There comes a point where a wrong needs to be corrected. A certain set of regulations and protocol gets into circulation. One must know that perhaps the most basic protocol of justice is its timely provision. Justice isn't a luxury that it has deemed to become in the recent days of our lives, but rather the most basic of all or needs – perhaps associated with our security needs. The un-timely action and spinning of the wheels take the aim further apart, and much of the decisions that have been taken after their due time and have lost their purpose within the lag. Had the decisions been taken in a respected time frame which not only would have allowed for witnesses and evidence to have remained intact and fresh, but also would have paid sufficient respect to the wronged that their voice is not unheard or made unheard after listening. The picture of the courts, justice, and the accused would have been much different if the decisions would have been taken on time. Rather, much of the decisions would have looked much different, beautiful, and sensible if they had been taken on time. Pakistan's judicial standards must be improved to protect fundamental human rights. The legendary proverb "Bitches of the rich" is perhaps the last piece of the puzzle that fully completes the picture of judicial activism and portrays the realtest, most precise image – of the concept. The hefty-pocketed culprits are deemed to have had "their own reasons" to have committed a proven offense while the empty

pocketed may have to serve justice in order to actually prove their innocence. Riches get a deluxe package to actually serve their time whilst the poor walks on thorns to basically take upon the trial that he had nothing to do with. All this and much more evidence points in the direction that justice is a luxury affordable by the rich alone. Courts had gotten busy in other transactions instead of serving justice. Superior courts' verdicts create precedents for lower courts when they deviate from their given tasks for political or personal reasons. Judicial activism, along with the judiciaries insatiable need to increase the extent of its authority, has seriously harmed the judiciary's public image. The judiciary's rising appetite for power, along with its political contortions, has generated serious doubts about its capacity to rule properly and without bias. If quick action is not done to prevent the uninvited growth of judicial prerogative, this might result in a significant loss of public faith in the sanctity of these institutions. The judiciary is the state's weakest organ. It only becomes powerful when others put their trust in it. The credibility of the Courts and judicial activism is based on such confidence. Judges must work hard to maintain their credibility. Judiciary shouldn't have to yield to pressure from the public; rather, they should resist it. The ability of judicial activism to withstand populist pressure without compromising integrity is what gives it respect. In conclusion, judiciary should maintain their credibility.

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives. Whoever they are, people forced to flee should be treated with dignity. Anyone can seek protection, regardless of who they are or what they believe. It is non-negotiable: seeking safety is a human right. Wherever they come from, people forced to flee should be welcomed. Refugees come from all over the globe. To get out of harm's way, they might take a plane, a boat, or travel on foot. What remains universal is the right to seek safety. Whenever people are forced to flee, they have a right to be protected. Whatever the threat – war, violence, persecution – everyone deserves protection. Everyone has a right to be safe. Refugees often face lot of difficulties after leaving their homes. They do not have a place to live and might settle in refugee camps without any possessions. They starve without food or water for days. They face violence, and suffer from diseases, trauma, mental illnesses and despair. World Refugee Day is a means to create awareness among common public about the hardships of Refugees. This day is important and helps in raising support and help for refugees. Pakistan joins the international community in commemorating the World Refugee Day. While observing this Day, we express our solidarity with refugees all around the world. This Day behoves us to reflect on the drivers of forced displacements and to reaffirm our commitment towards finding sustainable solutions for refugee situations, including through conflict prevention and resolution. This Day is also an occasion to reiterate our collective resolve for refugee protection under the principle of international burden- and responsibility-sharing. Pakistan has shouldered the responsibility of one of the largest and most protracted refugee situations in the world for over four decades. Pakistan continues to host more than 3 million Afghans. Another 0.4 million Rohingyas have also found refuge in Pakistan. The people of Pakistan have demonstrated exemplary generosity, hospitality and compassion towards the refugees in the country, showcased in Pakistan's inclusive policies on health, education and livelihoods, including during the COVID-19 response. As new situations emerge around the globe, the long-standing Afghan refugee situation must not be forgotten by the international community. There is a need for renewed international commitment, especially in the context of COVID-compounded socio-economic and health challenges, through regular, predictable and adequate financing for Afghan refugees including their safe and dignified return. It is equally important to undertake necessary measures for the stability and sustainable socio-economic development of Afghanistan, in order to avert the possibility of any future refugee exodus from the country. On this Day, Pakistan pays special tribute to UNHCR – the United Nations refugee agency – for its commendable work in support of refugees and host communities throughout the world. Pakistan looks forward to further strengthen its valuable partnership with UNHCR. We call on the international community to support the Organization in its efforts towards durable solutions for refugees worldwide.



My Words My Talk....

Khawaja Pervez; A poet of real film life

I have not forgotten the June 20, 2011. The day was hot since morning and around 10 o'clock I got a call from Khawaja Mubashir that Abaji was calling. Immediately I reached the VIP room of Gora Ward Khawaja Pervez was staying in this room of Gora Ward for many days due to ill health. A large number of people used to come to visit him day and night. I was talking to N. I greeted him and Khawaja Sahib gestured me to sit closer. I sat down and he started talking again. There was a domestic problem at that time. They said, "This is your brother too. If I am not here, take care of him. He has to ask for tea, water and food." I ate and said, "That's why I called you. If you want to go home, then go. Come in the evening. I got out of there. He used to eat his food between 12 and 1 o'clock and I have never seen him eat alone. He always had one or two personalities with him. After leaving Gora ward, I met some friends and when I reached home, I saw the time. It was about one o'clock. I washed my hands and started eating. When I picked him up, on the other hand, he told me that Abaji was no more, he was dead. He had taken a morsel of food and leaned to

one side. He had cardiac arrest. The doctors tried their best but he could not restore his heartbeat. He was buried in Mayani Sahib on the same day after Isha prayers. I don't know when I first met Khawaja Pervaiz Sahib but after matriculating from Muslim Model School in 1993, when I joined the literary festivals of Pak Tea House, then I met Khawaja Pervaiz. The editor was a friend of Fanoos and he used to visit our house often but by the 90's his visits had diminished due to his busy schedule. It was during this period that I started to get acquainted with him. I used to meet him daily till June 20, 2011. In those days he was studying in Dayal Singh College and Khawaja Sahib also did BA from the same college i.e. he was also my senior college fellow and according to him he started poetry. From the Literary Society of the same college, he used to write poetry based on parody but later turned to serious recitation. In this college, the son of director Wali was also studying. He was a good friend of Khawaja Pervez After which you became his assistant and his name also appeared in the title of the movie Gaddi Gadda. This is about 1956. After that, Khawaja Pervez was associated with various film compa-

nies. He also worked as an actor in a film clerk and was also a scriptwriter for many films. – Khawaja Pervez's first film song was sung by singer Mala, composed by lyric master Inayat Hussain, apart from dialogues and screenplays, many of his songs were also the result of Khawaja Pervez's strong pen. Tum hi hu mehboob merey which was sung separately by Masood Rana Masood Rana and Irene Parveen. In the same movie they sang this super hit ghazal with Mehdi Hassan: – This was the era when on the horizon of Pakistan film industry there were personalities like Tanveer Naqvi, Qateel Shafai, Saifuddin Saif, Tufail Hoshiyar Puri, Fayyaz Hashmi, Habib Jalib, Hamita Ali Shair, Baba Alam Siah Posh and Hazreen Qadri. Pervez not only made a name for himself but also made it more famous through his art. He had a relationship with Queen Tarun Noorjahan in the same period but this relationship became famous with the song "Anura" which was released in 1970.

Sun wey Balori akh walia after which Khawaja Pervez wrote the most songs for Queen Tarun Noorjahan. He had told me that the number of these film and non-film songs is close to 10,000. Khawaja Pervaiz Sahib once told me that a Punjabi movie was being made with music director Wazir Afzal. We wanted to sing a song of this movie with Mehdi Hassan but he was afraid to sing in Punjabi so I told him. With great difficulty he agreed and said: Khan Sahib, if you do not sing this song during rehearsal, then we will not force you. Mehdi Hassan agreed to this. There was a rush in the recording studio who wanted to see Mehdi Hassan sing in Punjabi. After the fame of this song, Mehdi Sahib sang many Punjabi songs which were recorded for different films. Khawaja Pervez wrote the most songs in Pakistani films. He wrote popular songs equally popular in Urdu and Punjabi films. According to statistics, he wrote more than 1200 songs for more than 500 films while the number of cassette and non-film songs Countless songs have

been composed for him by composer M. Ashraf in his own melodies while Masood Rana and Queen Tarun Noor Jahan have recorded most of his songs while every musician and singer of that era has sung songs written by him. Gained fame, after the death of my father in 2004, I was in exile for a living, then Khawaja Pervez Sahib took my hand and handed it over to Azeem Nazir Sahib who was the controller news of his news channel in those days. Azeem Nazir Sahib I was given the beat of showbiz and health education which I am working on till today. With all these people he saw the golden age of the film industry and worked hard and I also had the distinction that I During his childhood and later, he met film personalities and even hosted them at the meeting of Khawaja Sahib where Queen Tarun Noor Jahan, Mehdi Hassan, Daljit Mirza, musician Wajahat Attar and Raj Bibar came. The Gora Ward of the mayo Hospital contains the stories of many historical figures. Until the 90's, every prominent person of Pakistan had a medical problem and he entered here. For this, lunch was prepared from the house of Khawaja Pervez Sahib. These personalities included Habib Jalib, Khazin

Qadri, Sultan Rahi, Muhammad Ali, Riaz Shahid, Agha Shorash Kashmiri and other important personalities. I went to Dr. Adnan Rao to get Khawaja Sahib admitted in this Gora Ward. He immediately seated him in his room and arranged a room for him. At that time Dr. Zahid Pervez was the Medical Superintendent of Mayo Hospital. Upon finding out about the admission, they immediately shifted us to the VIP room. All the treatment was done in the light of the orders of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Throughout the day, his room was crowded with themed people, while at night, stage drama artists and others came to take care of him. Yeh Aate. Khawaja Pervez was awarded the award in 2000 by Nef Deck, a subsidiary of the Government of Pakistan, for being the greatest film poet of the century. I was treating wounds in ganga ram hospital where The dispenser, Shoaib, who was 57 at that time was singing a song of noor jeha song mast hwa pore di He said that this song is written by Khawaja Pervez which includes all the pains I have gone through.

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