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**Barkat Rice Mills** 

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

Pakistan is moving from geopolitics to geoeconomics: Senator Mushahid

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

#### 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

B Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz on Monday decided in prinrice to the poor segment of society 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 comprehensive system by combin-

and Balochistan. He also appreciated the provision of targeted on the progress made on subsidy Ministry of Poverty Alleviation are for the next financial year. Presiding 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 meetthe subsidy system transparent ing was briefed that under the relief and digital. He asked to create a package of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, 113 million deserving

ty stores in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa subsidy of 60 rupees per kg on flour, 21 rupees on sugar, 250 rupees on ghee and 15-20 rupees on pulses ciple to provide flour, ghee, cooking subsidy with the help of digital and rice. The subsidy mechanism supply of essential commodities oil, pulses, rice and sugar at a low system. The meeting was briefed is digital whereas NADRA and the is being ensured not only utility

> 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. ing various types of subsidies. He people have been benefited so far. On the special directive of Prime

appreciated the initiatives of utili- They have been given targeted Minister Shehbaz Sharif, 1000 new selling points and 200 mobile stores are also being added.

In Balochistan, subsidized stores but mobile stores have also been set up to ensure the supply to

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

Dr Arif Alvi has sent back man would be caught for petty 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- for His forgiveness.

ISLAMABAD: President dent lamented that the small 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

## **ANP rejects KP** Governorship

ISLAMABAD: The Awami Nawaz (PML-N) govern-National Party (ANP), an ally ment has excused the Maulaof the Shahbaz Sharif govern- na Fazlur Rehman-led Jamiat ment, has refused from taking Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) 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 from giving Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) governorship. After the president's slot, Maulana Fazlur Rehmanled 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.

#### S 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 Mifath 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 further assured that the

with the global lender for noted. The finance minister the revival of the Extended added that the incumbent Fund Facility (EFF) would be reached within one or two the wealthy and providing 2022-23.



with the increase in salaries. Also, the tax exemption to the people earning below 1.2 million Cannuday or two. Miftah Ismail ally will remain in place," the finance minister said. income rebate of 1.2 million In response to a question, will be maintained and the Miftah Ismail pointed out government will give relief to that the IMF has nothing to the poor and will implement do with the increase in salamore tax on the rich people. ries of employees by 15 per Talking to journalists at cent. "Also, the tax exemp-Parliament House, the feder- tion to the people earning al minister said that he was below 1.2 million Cannualhopeful that an agreement ly will remain in place," he

relief to the poor through the budget for the fiscal year The Fund still has reser-

vations 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 government aims at taxing

#### 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 Majlise-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-Q) 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



of previous government, inflation in the country touched the new heights and country ranked in fourth in the world. Due to rigidness 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

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 Bukhari 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

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.

## The Spokesman

#### Welfare

Islamabad: Chairman Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust Akhtar CHaurdhar called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz



**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 Shehbaz 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 National Assembly (NA) session. A session of the National Assembly was held under the chairmanship of Speaker Raja Pervez 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. ment', he added.

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 the proceedings of the House during 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 Fazl ur 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 govern-

#### 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.

#### S Ordinance

#### LHC rejects PTI, PML-2.plea

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday refused to provide immediate relief to Speaker Punjab Assembly Parvez Elaĥi 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 ongo $ing\,when\,the\,governor\,is sued\,an$ 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

#### **S** 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 post

ed 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 Saeed, among others.

The PTI leaders grant-

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

#### 跨 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 the allegations were base-



less. He pleaded with the court to send his clients on iudicial 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 politically motivated and Elahi in a money launder-

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 Mazharin 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.

rejecting the plea.

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 Suharwardy 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

#### Sometimes No accountability

## New NAB law will protect white collar criminals: Imran Khan

#### PTI observes black day against amended NAB Law

saf (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 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 jailed while the rich are not held account-

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-In- NRO. PMLN s Dastgir confirmed this," able. Today, with this amended NAB law, we are heading towards destruction by removing white-collar criminals from accountability," he added.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-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 resist-Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) had said ance against the amendment and further societies are destroyed when the poor are 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

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 Pesha-



#### **Spokesman Report**

PESHAWAR: Senator Dost Muhammed 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, Shaktoi, Lattaka, Janata, Marobi, 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.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas, Mst. Razia Jan d/o Syed Alam co.allottee of plot No. 7-A Block-B, Area Development Scheme. Attock have appointed General Power of Attorney to Ali Akbar s/o Aziz Khan vide registered deed at No. 505/4 dated 07-08-2021 from Sub Registrar, Hazro. The General Power of attorney wish to transfer share of the above mentioned plot to M/s (1). Muhammad Shafique (2) Muhammad Raees (3). Muhammad Saddique (4). syed Rizwar (Sons) of Syued Alam.

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



war, 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

#### 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.



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



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,

The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Guest Irfan Print Pack Pakistan Exhibi-Iqbal Sheikh, President tion have played a pivotal the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & industries, providing busi-Industry (FPCCI), Saleem ness, employment oppor-Khan Tanoli - CEO FAKT tunities and uplifting the Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd. and economy of Pakistan." other renowned industry

"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-theart machinery and technology. He further added that exhibitions like 3P Plas role in strengthening our

The mega exhibition received an overwhelm-On this occasion, Pres- ing response, more than aging industry.

ident FPCCI stated that 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 Pack-

#### 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 Leishmaiasis was very less among masses and its infection was increasing with passage of

## 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 databacked 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 Prop-Tech platform. The support of the policymakers and regulators is especially very encouraging. It's still a long way to go sivity to the real estate ecosys-

promising, with exciting times

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 inclufor us but the future is really tem. Abdullah Khan, Chief

Product Officer at DAO Prop-Tech, 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."

#### 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 unde 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

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.

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

#### **Staff Reporter**



KARACHI: Salman Aslam, President, Korangi Asso $ciation\ of\ Trade$ 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

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

and made the decision conditional to

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 PAKI-STAN 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 Paki stan, 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

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

#### 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.



## PAEC chairman for transforming Pakistan into science, tech hub

ic 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-ofthe-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



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

Age Homes. He became very emotional addressing recalled the efforts of his own when he was discussing those children 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.

## 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 difficul-



ties 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

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

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, docu-

mentaries, 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, Brahvi, 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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## **World Refugee Day**

orld 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  $commitment\ towards\ \bar{finding}\ sustainable\ solutions\ for$ 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.

## Pakistan's Judiciary & the Conflicting Notion of Judicial Activism

Areej Sajjad, Barira Sajjad, Muhammad bin Hashim, Nishwah Pervez, Bibi Nabila Kanwal & Sidra Batool

udicial 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 Musharaff's authoritarian rule. Adliya Bachao Tehreek was founded by a group of lawyers; for the first time in Pakistani 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 when 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 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 Bhoon and CJP Bandial 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-theway 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 Bhoon 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

and kite flying, Hajj corruption, their resignations. The lawyers of more of a circumstance than it pocketed may have to serve juvie PTI established that institutions is an equation. There comes a were united to outcast Imran point where a wrong needs to be 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

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 riches" is perhaps the last piece of the puzzle that fully completes the picture of judicial activism and portrays the realest, 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

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 contortionists, 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



My Words My Talk....

## Khwaja Pervez; A poet of real film life

since morning and around 10 o'clock I got a call from Khwaja Mubashir that Abaji was calling. Immediately I reached the VIP room of Gora Ward Khwaja 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 Khwaja 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 ja Sahib also did BA from the same 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

some friends and when I reached tor Wali was also studying. He was a home, I saw the time. It was about one o'clock. I washed my hands and started eating. When I picked him up, on his name also appeared in the title of the other hand, he told me that Abaji was no more, he was dead. He had 1956. After that, Khawaja Pervez was taken a morsel of food and leaned to associated with various film compa-

20, 2011. The day was hot 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 Khwaja Pervaiz Sahib but after matriculating from Muslim Model School in 1993, when I joined the literary festivals of Pak Tea House, then I met Khwaja 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 Khawacollege 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 parohad one or two personalities with him. dy but later turned to serious recita-After leaving Gora ward, I met tion. In this college, the son of direcgood friend of Khwaja Pervez After which you became his assistant and the movie Gaddi Gadda. This is about

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 mery 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 Hoshyar Puri, Fayyaz Hashmi, Habib Jalib, Hamita Ali Shair, Baba Alam Siah Posh and Hazeen 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 relation-"Anura" which was released in 1970. non-film songs Countless songs have

have not forgotten the June one side. He had cardiac arrest. The nies. He also worked as an actor in a Sun wey Balori akh walia after which been composed for him by composer 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 vou. Mehdi Hassan agreed to this. There was

rushed 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 ship became famous with the song films while the number of cassette and

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

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

and Rai Bibar came.

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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## Russians advance, Zelenskiy expects escalation

European Union to decide on Ukraine membership bid

KYIV: Russian forces captured territory along a frontline river in eastern Ukraine on Monday, and President Volodymyr Zelenskiy predicted Moscow would escalate attacks ahead of a summit of European leaders expected to welcome Kyiv's bid to

Moscow's separatist proxies claimed to have captured Toshkivka, a town on the mostly Ukrainian-held western bank of the Siverskyi Donets river, south of Sievierodonetsk, which has become the main battlefield city in recent weeks.

Ukraine acknowledged that Moscow had success in Toshkivka and said the Russians were trying to gain a foothold there to make a breakthrough into the wider, Ukrainian-held pocket of the eastern Donbas region. It also confirmed a Russian claim to have advanced technology to the outpost. captured Metyolkine on Sievierodonetsk's eastern outskirts.



of its hostile activities," Zelenskiy said in a Sunday nightly video address. "We

are preparing. We are ready." Moscow, for its part, threatened to take unspecified action to retaliate against EU member Lithuania for banning transport of basic goods to Kaliningrad, a Russian outpost on the Baltic Sea surrounded by EU territory. The Lithuanian ban, which took effect on Saturday, blocks shipments of coal, metals, construction materials and

Russia's foreign ministry summoned Lithuania's top diplomat and demand-"Obviously, this week we should ed Vilnius reverse the "openly hostile" expect from Russia an intensification move immediately, or else Russia

protect its national interests." Lithuania said it was required to enforce the ban under sanctions imposed by the EU.

Explosions could be heard in Odesa, Ukraine's biggest Black Sea port, after air raid sirens blared, city authorities said, giving no immediate details of what had been hit.

The Russian-installed leader of Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014, said Kyiv had struck Black Sea drilling platforms owned by a Crimean oil company.

EU leaders at a summit later this week are expected to give their blessing to Ukraine becoming an official candidate to join, a decision that will be marked as a triumph in Kyiv.

Though it would take years for Ukraine to enter the EU, for the bloc to reach deep into the heart of the former Soviet Union would bring about one of Europe's biggest economic and social transformations since the Cold War. Ukraine applied to join just four days

"reserves the right to take actions to after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his troops across the border in February.

> Putin says the "special military operation" is aimed at disarming a neighbour Russia views as a threat and protecting Russian speakers there. Kyiv believes Moscow's true aim is to restore control over Ukraine and erase its national identity.

In the strongest step yet proposed of post-Soviet Russia.

skiy's signature to become law, "are designed to help Ukrainian authors share quality content with the widest possible audiences, which after the Russian invasion do not accept any Russian creative product on a physical level", Culture Minister Oleksandr Tkachenko said.

## Gustavo Petro elected president of Colombia

narrowly won a runoff election over a political outsider millionaire Sunday, enous people, women, youth." ushering in a new era of politics for Colombia by becoming the country's first leftist president.

Petro, a senator in his third attempt to win the presidency, got 50.48% of the votes, while real estate magnate Rodolfo Hernández had 47.26%, with almost all ballots counted, according to results released by election authorities.

Petro's victory underlined a drastic change in presidential politics for a country that has long marginalized the left for its perceived association with the armed conflict. Petro himself was once a rebel with the now-defunct M-19 movement and was granted amnesty after being jailed for his involvement

"Today is a day of celebration for the people. Let them celebrate the first popular victory," Petro tweeted. "May so many sufferings be cushioned in the joy that today floods the heart of the

"From this government that is begin-

BOGOTA: Former rebel Gustavo Petro those who have raised arms but also to erning centrist and right-leaning politi-"that silent majority of peasants, Indig-

> Outgoing conservative President Iván Duque congratulated Petro shortly after results were announced, and Hernández quickly conceded his defeat.

> "I accept the result, as it should be, if we want our institutions to be firm," Hernández said in a video on social media. "I sincerely hope that this decision is beneficial for everyone.



Colombia also elected its first Black woman to be vice president. Petro's running mate, Francia Márquez, is a lawyer and environmental leader whose opposition to illegal mining has resulted in threats and a grenade attack in 2019.

The vote came amid widespread ning there will never be political perse-discontent over rising inequality, inflacution or legal persecution, there will tion and violence — factors that led

cians and choose two outsiders in Latin America's third-most populous nation.

Petro's showing was the latest leftist political victory in Latin America fueled by voters' desire for change. Chile, Peru and Honduras elected leftist presidents in 2021, and in Brazil, former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is leading the polls for this year's presidential election.

"What I do think it shows is that the strategy of fear, hate and stigmatization towards the left no longer works as a policy to win voters," said Elizabeth Dickinson, senior analyst for Colombia at the firm International Crisis Group.

But the results were an immediate reason to fret for some voters whose closest reference to a leftist government is the troubled neighboring Venezuela.

"We hope that Mr. Gustavo Petro complies with what was said in his government plan, that he leads this country to greatness, which we need so much, and that (he) ends corruption," said Karin Ardila García, a Hernández supporter in the north-central city of Bucaramanga. "That he does not lead to communism, to socialism, to a war where they continue to kill us in Colomonly be respect and dialogue," he said, voters in the election's first round last bia. ... (H)e does not lead us to anothadding that he will listen to not only month to turn their backs on long-gov- er Venezuela, Cuba, Argentina, Chile."

#### Indian troops martyr three Kashmiri youth in IIOJK



SRINAGAR: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism, martyred three more Kashmiri youth in the territory on

One of the two youth martyred by Indian troops and paramilitary forces in the garb of a so-called cordon and search operation in Lolab area of Kupwara district was already in the custody of Indian army. He was brought to the operation site and shot dead by the troops in a fake

A third youth was martyred by the troops during a cordon and search operation at Chatapora area of Pulwama district.

Pertinently, the death toll of martyrs, killed by Indian troops during cordon and search operation reached to seven during past 24 hours in the Kashmir valley.

Indian brutalities spanning over a period of the past thirty-three years have forced the Kashmiris to abandon their homes in occupied Jammu and Kashmir and live a refugee life outside of the territory.

A report released by Kashmir Media Service on World Refugee Day on Monday, said when the world is observing the day across the globe, over forty thousand Kashmiris are spending a homeless life.

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims in Jammu alone were expelled by Dogra Army and Hindu fanatics in 1947. Over 2.5 million people took refuge in AJK, Pakistan and in the UK since 1947.

The report maintained that the IIOJK's Muslim majority has been facing threat to its existence due to the forced expulsion, which is aimed at changing the territory's demography and turning it into a Hindu

The report while urging the global community to take notice of India's nefarious and anti-Kashmir designs in IIOJK said that Kashmiri people are suffering because of the unresolved Kashmir dispute.

by Kyiv to enforce a cultural break with Moscow, the Ukrainian parliament passed bills on Sunday that would ban the publication of books or the public broadcast of music by citizens

The measures, which require Zelen-

#### AJK President meets Catherine West



👺 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: British shadow Foreign Minister Catherine West called on President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry in London. On the occasion, Catherine West told the AJK president that the ongoing Indian atrocities in Occupied Kashmir and the issue of Yasin Malik would be raised in this week's session of the British Parliament.

Meanwhile, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry in a meeting with the Speaker and members of the British Parliament gave a detailed briefing on the Kashmir issue, ongoing human rights violations by India in occupied Kashmir and the case of Yasin Malik. Earlier, when the President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry arrived at the British Parliament House of Commons, Rehman Chishti, a member of the British ruling party and a member of the British Parliament of Kashmiri descent, introduced him to members of British parliament and speaker house of commons Lindsey Hoyle.

#### Demolition of Muslims' homes in India denounced

TEXAS: American Muslim scholar and civil rights leader Imam Omar Suleiman has denounced the alarming rise of Islamophobia, illegal arrests and demolition of Muslim homes in India.

 $Imam\ Omar\ Suleiman\ addressing\ a\ protest\ gathering\ in\ Dallas,\ Texas,$ on the rise of Islamophobia and demolition of Muslim homes in India, said it is the responsibility of all Muslims and the people of conscience to stand against this, as genocide affects the whole world order. In India, the Muslims who are threatened with genocide account for one-tenth of the world's Muslim population, he added.

He also condemned those fascist regimes for collectively dehumanizing Muslims. "India and Israel apply the exact same actions of dehumanization. India calls it citizenship act; Israel calls it the Jewish state

"If you consider the Israel model, then expect the Palestinian resistance. Expect that spirit to come up. Because we have Razan al-Najjar in Palestine and we have Afreen and Muskaan in India", he added.

The leader also criticised the Republicans, Democrats, Trump, Ob and Joe Biden as human rights violation enablers, for welcoming Modi, "the butcher of Gujarat", who was once banned in the country. He said, "We know we are comfortable over here. We know it is very

easy for us to raise our voices over here, but we are inspired by those young people that are raising their voices over there and we stand with them." The crowd also remembered Mudassir and Sahil, two Muslim youth, who were killed in Ranchi, India, after police opened fire to break tens

of thousands of Muslim protesters.

#### EU nations push for new Russia sanctions

LUXEMBOURG: Several European Union countries are pushing to start work on a new package of sanctions against Russia and Belarus for the invasion of Ukraine and also want to grant more military support to Kyiv, according to diplomats and a draft document.

About one-third of the 27 EU governments, mostly Nordic and eastern states, want the EU Commission to begin work on a seventh round of sanctions, diplomats said.

The latest version of the draft conclusions of a summit of EU leaders to be held later this week does not include a reference to new sanctions but diplomats said the text, dated June 15 and seen by Reuters, was likely to be tweaked after a meeting of EU envoys late on Monday.

Germany and a few other states prefer to focus now on applying existing sanctions and closing loopholes, rather than embark on the complex process of agreeing fresh measures, diplomats said.

After weeks of wrangling, the EU last month agreed to its sixth round of restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus since the start of the war in Ukraine, which included an oil ban and sanctions on shipping and banks. Limiting or reducing import of gas from Russia is considered too sensitive at the moment, given EU's high reliance on this source of energy from Moscow, officials said.

## Millions in Bangladesh, India await relief

DHAKA: Authorities in India remained without electricity. and Bangladesh struggled Monday to deliver food and drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people evacuated from their homes in days of flooding that have submerged wide swaths of the countries.

The floods triggered by monsoon rains have killed more than a dozen people, marooned millions and flooded millions of houses.

In Sylhet in northeastern Bangladesh along the Surma River, villagers waded through streets flooded up to their knees. One man stood shop, where the top shelves were crammed with items in water. Local TV said millions

Enamur Rahman, junior minister for disaster and

relief, said up to 100,000 people have been evacuated in the worst-hit districts, including Sylhet. About 4 million are marooned, the United News of Bangladesh said. Flooding also ravaged

India's northeastern Assam state, where two policemen involved in rescue operations were washed away by floodwaters on Sunday, state officials said. They said about 200,000 people were taking shelter in 700 relief camps. in the doorway of his flooded Water in all major rivers in the state was above danger levels.

an effort to keep them above reeling from massive floods after torrential rains over the

past few weeks caused the the room has dropped a bit. Brahmaputra River to break its banks, leaving millions of homes underwater and severing transport links.

The Brahmaputra flows from Tibet through India and into Bangladesh, with a nearly 800-kilometer (500-mile) journey through Assam.

Major roads in affected regions of Bangladesh were submerged, leaving people stranded. In a country with a history of climate change-induced disasters, many expressed frustration that authorities haven't done more locally.

"There isn't much to say Assam has already been about the situation. You can see the water with your own eyes. The water level inside

It used to be up to my waist," said Muhit Ahmed, owner of a grocery shop in Sylhet.

Bangladesh called in soldiers on Friday to help evacuate people, but Ahmed said he hasn't seen any yet. "We are in a great disas-

ter. Neither the Sylhet City Corporation nor anyone else came here to inquire about us," he said. "I am trying to save my belongings as much as I can. We don't have the ability to do any more now.

The national Flood Forecasting and Warning Center said on Sunday that flooding in the northeastern districts of Sunamganj and Sylhet could

## Macron alliance projected to lose parliamentary majority

PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron's centrist alliance was projected to lose its majority despite getting the most seats in the final round of parliamentary elections Sunday, while the far-right National Rally appeared to have made big gains.

The projections, which are based on partial results, say Macron's candidates would win between 230 and 250 seats much less than the 289 required to have a straight majority at the National Assembly, France's most powerful house of parliament.

The situation, which is highly unusual in France, is expected to make Macron's political maneuvering difficult if the projections are borne out.

A new coalition — made up of the hard left, the Socialists and the Greens — is expected to become the main opposition force

with about 140 to 160 seats.

The National Rally is projected to register a huge surge with potentially more than 80 seats. up from eight before. Polling was held nationwide to select the 577 members of the National Assem-

The strong performance of both the National Rally and the leftist coalition called Nupes, led by hard-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon, is expected to make it harder for Macron to implement the agenda he was reelected on in May, including tax cuts and raising France's retirement age from 62 to 65.

Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said the "unprecedented" situation "is a risk to our country faced with challenges at the national level as well as at the

international scale. "As the central force in that new tomorrow, to build an action-oriented majority," she said.

"There's no alternative but gathering to guarantee our country some stability and lead the necessary reforms," she added.

Borne, who herself won a seat in western France, suggested Macron's centrist alliance will seek to get support from lawmakers from diverse political forces to find "good compromises."

The National Rally's leader, Marine Le Pen, who lost to Macron in the presidential election, was reelected as MP in her stronghold of Hénin-Beaumont, in northern France.

The Macron adventure has reached its end," Le Pen said. The group of National Rally lawmakers "will be by far the biggest of the history of our political family." Acting National Rally presi-

Assembly ... we will work, as of dent Jordan Bardella compared his party's showing to a "tsunami." "Tonight's message is that the French people made from Emmanuel Macron a minority president," he said on TF1 tele-

"It's the electoral failure of the 'Macronie," Mélenchon said, criticizing "a moral failure of those people who lectured everyone non-stop and said they would block the far-right, and the main result is that they reinforced it. Macron's government will still

have the ability to rule, but only by bargaining with legislators. The centrists could try to negotiate on a case by case basis with lawmakers from the center-left and from the conservative party - with the goal of preventing opposition lawmakers from being numerous enough to reject the proposed



The government could also occasionally use a special measure

provided by the French Constituing hand to all those who are OK to make that country move tion to adopt a law without a vote. Government spokesperson forward," she said, notably refer-Olivia Grégoire said on France ring to The Republicans party, 2 television that "we've known better evenings."

"This is a disappointing top position, but still a top position,"

she said. "We are holding out a help-

which is expected to have less seats than the far-right. A similar situation happened in 1988 under Socialist Presi-

dent Francois Mitterrand, who then had to seek support from the Communists or the centrists to pass laws These parliamentary elections

have once again largely been defined by voter apathy — with over half the electorate staying Audrey Paillet, 19, who cast her

ballot in Boussy-Saint-Antoine in southeastern Paris, was saddened that so few people turned out. "Some people have fought to

vote. It is too bad that most of the young people don't do that," Macron had made a powerful-

ly choreographed plea to voters earlier this week from the tarmac ahead of a trip to Romania and Ukraine, warning that an inconclusive election, or hung parliament, would put the nation in

## PSX 100-Share

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Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
41,776.98	42,140.76		
Day's High	Day's Low:		
42,357.92	41,740.12		
Index Value	Change		
3,705,183,858	-363.78		
Percentage	Time		
-0.86%	20 Jun, 2022 5:00 pm		
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index		
Index Value	Change		
7,119.50	+103.25		
Percentage	Time		
+1.47%	20 Jun, 3:27 pm GMT+1		
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Index Value	Change		
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Percentage	Time		
-0.13%	17 Jun, 6:28 pm GMT-4		

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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average

Change

**Index Value** 

-0.74%GMT+9

#### **Open Market Forex Rates**

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	143.55	144.8
Bahrain Dinar	549.53	554.03
Canadian Dollar	159.2	160.55
China Yuan	30.78	31.03
Danish Krone	29.15	29.5
Euro	220	223
Hong Kong Dollar	26.32	26.67
Indian Rupee	2.65	2.73
Japanese Yen	1.6	1.66
Kuwaiti Dinar	671.36	676.36
Malaysian Ringgit	46.93	47.38
NewZealand \$	130.45	131.65
Norwegians Krone	20.66	20.96
Omani Riyal	537.38	541.88
Qatari Riyal	56.76	57.26
Saudi Riyal	55.9	56.6
Singapore Dollar	148.55	149.85
Swedish Korona	20.28	20.58
Swiss Franc	210.5	212.25
Thai Bhat	5.87	5.97
U.A.E Dirham	57.3	58.2
UK Pound Sterling	257	260.5
US Dollar	211	213

#### Sindh Govt reduces sales tax for home chefs



ISLAMABAD: In the recently announced provincial budget 2022/2023, the Sindh Government took an important step in supporting home based

vendors through allowing a reduction in sales tax on commissions charged for home chefs that operate on online platforms. The rebate is consistent with similar reductions offered by other provinces like Punjab and KP, and is expected to help grow the sector and support grass root economic empowerment (especially for women).

The rebate reduces sales tax from 13%to 8%, allowing for better unit economics and higher potential for growth for such HomeChefs operating on online food delivery platforms, such as foodpanda.

Dr. Wasif Ali Memon, Chairman SRB, stated, "This step by the Sindh Government will support home-based entrepreneurs working on online delivery platforms and drive economic viability for a large, and growing segment of the society. The rebate will lead to an increase in the number of home based vendors and create an enabling environment which is well aligned with the government's focus on economic sustainability."

Muntaqa Peracha, CEO foodpanda, while sharing his thoughts said, "This initiative by the Government of Sindh is in line with our vision of creating a favourable business environment for HomeChefs as they represent an important segment of our portfolio. This move will help grow a new sector that has significant potential for financial and economic inclusion, specifically women's economic empowerment. We are excited to see its positive impact on food entrepreneurship and aim at scaling it further across the country."

The reduction in the rate of Sindh sales tax (SST) on commission charged by online food delivery channels from homebased chefs will be applicable from 1st of July, for a period of two years, ending on

June 30, 2024. HomeChefs are essentially people operating out of their home kitchens who sell food through online platforms.

## Huge opportunities exist for Saudi investors in Pakistan: Ch. Salik

Delegation of Saudi business investors attend a business conference

**Staff Reporter** 

ISLAMABAD: A high-level delegation of Saudi business investors lead by Fahd bin Mohammed Al-Bash, Chairman of the Saudi-Pakistani Business Council and Nawaf Bin Saeed Maliki, Ambassador of Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan has attended a business conference held at PM office Islamabad.

The federal minister and chairman Board of investment Chaudhary Salik Hussain along with secretary Board of investment has thanked this esteemed high level VVIP business delegation for visiting Pakistan. The Minister said that this business meet-up, and following meetings in Lahore, Sialkot, Faisalabad & Karachi, will provide a dynamic platform for furthering Pak-Saudi Business to Business and Government to Business linkages and explore new vistas of mutual cooperation cive platform to promote business to business



including trade & investment opportunities. The Minister highlighted that The Saudi Pakistan Business Council, is playing a crucial besides offering us the opportunity to interact and constructive role in providing a condu-

(B2B) interactions between the Pakistani and meetings of the Saudi Pakistan Business Coun-Saudi business communities. This visit will surely pave way to form formidable economic alliances and facilitate Pakistan-Saudi business growth. The Minister and Secretary BOI acknowledged that Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salam projected his Vision-2030 aimed at diversification of Saudi economy away from the traditional oil-based approach. In this context, Pakistan is keen to join hands with the Kingdom and reduce its excessive with 100% equity or through joint ventures in reliance on imported oil plan for a sustainable economic future

Also the Minister reiterated that in the Pak-Saudi Joint Statement issued during the Prime Minister of Pakistan's visit to Saudi Arabia in April 2022, the two sides agreed to deepen investment cooperation, stimulate partnerships, enable investment integration activities between the private sector the two lenges faced by the investors through holding of stabilization and structural reforms.

cil. The visit of this high-level business delegation is the first step towards this direction.

Addressing the occasion, the Minister said that there are ample opportunities for Saudi investors in multiples sectors of Pakistan's economy, especial tourism, coal & gas exploration, agriculture, food processing, mining, renewable energy, refinery, petrochemicals and information technology sectors, to invest various fields. Repatriation of investment and profit are allowed with legal protection provisioned under the Acts of Parliament to protect foreign investment.

The Minister has said that the Government of Pakistan has placed a strong emphasis on bold economic and regulatory reforms to achieve significant improvement in all sectors of our economy. The country's economy has countries, and work jointly to solve the chal- made significant progress, reflecting a blend

## KMBL achieves PCI DSS **Compliance Certification**

ISLAMABAD: Khushhali Microfinance Bank Limited (KMBL) has acquired the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) Compliance Certification-an international standard for payment card and data security via PCI QSA Firm Risk Associates, a premier global information technology company, who a certification body of Payment Card Industry Security Standard Council (PCI SSC). This certification recognizes KMBL's high financial security standards, as recommended by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC). It is a global forum that brings  $\,$ together payments industry stakeholders to develop and drive the adoption of data security standards and resources for safe payments worldwide.

In the last decade, the number of cyber-attacks on organizations has increased exponentially. With the continuous expansion in the digital landscape and exposure of services to customers on their cellphones and computers, organizations have become more and more prone ance & Data-Security Standard infrastructo cyber-attacks. Khushhali Microfinance ture in place, as set out by the PCI Coun-

Bank strives to lead the industry on the digital front and considers that the security and protection of customers' data are of utmost importance. Khushhali Microfinance Banks' recent PCI-DSS certification bears testament to the Bank's values. ensures the protection of customer card data from misuse, theft, and hacking, and adheres to the international standards set by the Payment Card Industry Council in all the areas of technology.

The President of Khushhali MF Bank -Ghalib Nishtar, stated that: "KMBL is now amongst those banks in Pakistan that are certified as PCI DSS Compliant and the first-ever microfinance bank in the country to fulfill the 231 total PCI requirements related to cyber-security and associated processes. We are proud of our strategic progress toward Digital Banking operations, and this certification is another big milestone to ensure compliance with global security standards.

The Managing Director-Kashif Hassan, PCI QSA, at Risk Associates, stated, "I would like to commend KMBL for being assessed and ensuring successful Compli-

cil and endorsed by all the leading card brands, this a mutual accomplishment for our teams' cooperation. We wish Khushhali Bank success in their endeavors along the path to enhanced data security standards."

The PCI-DSS certification is based on eight key areas: network security, card data security, encryption, vulnerability management, physical and logical access control, strengthen security technology and security governance, Information Security monitoring, and the security of digital solutions & infrastructure supporting the digital platform.

Last year, KMBL became the world's first financial institution to achieve Gold Level certification in 'Client Protection', given by the prestigious MicroFinanza Rating Agency, for meeting the highest industry standards. It has adopted global best practices, ensuring transparency, sustainability, and privacy of client data. The Bank has the vision to maintain its leadership in Pakistan's Microfinance sector and strive for excellence. Customer-centricity is at the core of all KMBL operations as it facilitates entrepreneurship to enable the socio-economic growth

#### Careem's new 'Go Mini Saver' ride to the rescue!

**Staff Reporter** 

KARACHI: Careem has provided a lifeline to the people of Karachi and Lahore by launching a new 'Go Mini Saver' ride option. After are trying to bridge the gap." multiple fuel price hikes over the last few weeks, there was a desperate need to bridge the gap for affordable services in the ride-hailing industry for countless daily users.

Careem aims to provide much-needed relief to the people of Karachi and Lahore, and has introduced a new car type called 'Go Mini Saver'. Customers from these cities can now book a ride for specific hours of the day at more affordable rates.

Expressing his views, Feroz Jaleel, Country Head, Careem Pakistan stated; "We strive to serve our customers in the best possible ways given the current economic situation. Access to affordable, safe and convenient mobility is an important need, and by launching 'Go Mini Saver,' we

Save BIG with GO Mini Saver!

So, save yourself the trouble of waiting for a bus and book a 'Go Mini Saver' now at an even lower cost to keep it easy on the pocket while still enjoying being on the go! This service is currently operational in Karachi and Lahore for specific hours during the day with plans to expand it to other cities.

Careem has over 800,000 Captains registered on its platform so far and has invested up to \$100 million since its inception in Pakistan in 2016. Transforming into a Super App; Careem offers multiple opportunities as it expands its services from the mobility of people, things and money (peer-to-peer credit transfer and mobile top-ups), which will include food and daily

## Pakistan suffering from drought but authorities are unconcerned

Tanker mafia banking on the opportunity, says Mian Zahid Hussain

**55** Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance and Former Provincial Minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Monday said the country is facing a scarcity of water but the authorities seem oblivious to this important

The prices of wheat and other agricultural commodities are constantly rising in the international market while local farmers are not getting water which is destroying their economy and reducing crop produc-

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that lack of

damaging industrial produc- save water but has set a record cy. Neglecting the water sector

He said that the infamous tanker mafia is also taking full dollars falls into the sea every advantage of the water shortages and the price of water has made to save the water. been increased by three to four hundred percent in different not a single political party in the cities including

Islamabad which has increased the financial pressure on the people.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that international organizations ing Pakistan for decades about a

famine in 2025. The per capi- consumption, lakes are drying ta availability of water has up and aquatic life is running been reduced from 5660 cubic out but nothing is being done meters in 1951 to 908 cubic in this regard. meters now but no governwater is killing a large number ment has made serious efforts melting fast and the country is could be saved from becoming

of mismanagement.

Water worth 20 billion year but no attempt has been The business leader said that

country is serious about the water

problem. Mian Zahid Hussain further said that rivers are drying up, many rivers, streams and canals have become so pollut-

ed that water has become unfit for

Pakistan's glaciers are also of livestock and soon it will start to develop water resources and suffering from a water emergen-

is making the effects of climate change more deadly, making it impossible for the people, agriculture and industry to survive.

In these circumstances, the effects of global warming in Pakistan would be severe and water of huge value would evaporate before it could be used.

Groundwater levels in Pakistan's rural and urban areas are also declining rapidly, posing a serious threat to the people and the industry. The government should realize the scarcity of water, tackle conspiracies of other countries, take steps to save water and rehabilitate rivers, and give priority to the construction of small dams.

He said that efforts should be made to create a national consensus on the construction of dams so that Pakistan

## Accountancy is vital for global economies to advance

👺 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: These are turbulent times, with the tragedy unfolding in Ukraine reminding us that peace and security are precious commodities. The devastating humanitarian crisis and fall out from the conflict heightens the challenges the global economy was already facing from the Covid-19

pandemic. Yet whilst no one profession can solve for all the challenges global society faces, they can each play their part and contribute to helping make the world a better place for the future in differ-

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) has released a new report providing an the profession could make in tion for global society'.

transforming the world for the better. It identifies seven core areas of focus, as well as sharing case studies and stories-bringing to life why the accountancy profession matters, and why it remains integral in helping economies and wider society to advance in the future.

ACCA's chief executive, Helen Brand, says: 'In these difficult times, this report looks ahead and considers the priorities facing the accountancy profession in helping create a better tomorrow. By sharing stories and examples across the profession, we also seek to strike a cautious yet prevailing note of hope for the future, showcasing the role of accountancy, and the positive contribution accountants can make in forging a overview of the contribution new path to a better destina-

## Telenor Pakistan helps businesses scale new heights

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Companies worldwide are adapting to a rapidly evolving reality of work that employs technological products and services for an ever-improving customer experience. To stav ahead of the curve and meet the changing needs of businesses around the country, Telenor Pakistan launched Telenor Business Solutions

Designed with the ambition to strengthen the business performance and capability of organisations in every sector, Telenor Business Solutions equips partners with the tools necessary to step into the future with complete peace of mind. Recent-Daewoo Adda, Pakistan's fastest grow-Group's affiliated company-to provide them with a tailor-made enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution to manage and automate a wide range

of business processes. With

successful operations throughout the country, Daewoo Adda facilitates companies and transporters of all sizes to address critical challenges via their advanced tech platform and cutting-edge IoT solutions. Telenor's multi-platform application provides seamless load-matching, freight booking, dispatching, and delivery services to an otherwise fragmented USD\$34 billion market.

Telenor Business has been an integral part of the network's corporate clientele. Its sophisticated suite of products and services gives businesses the tools to function efficiently and dynamically for years. Telenor Business's state-of-the-art ERP solution for ly, Telenor Pakistan partnered with Daewoo Adda is a system of integrated and centralised applications that help ing trucking platform and a Daewoo manage and automate CRM, Sales & Invoicing, Accounting & Finance, human resources, and various business operations—enabling them to become cost-efficient and productive.

"An important consideration for businesses that aim to be future-ready is whether or not their customers are getting the maximum value thev deserve," said Omer Bin Tariq, Chief Business Officer, Telenor Pakistan. Telenor Pakistan offers startups, small and medium enterprises, and large organisations the opportunity to experience greater flexibility, especially regarding safeguarding their customers' expectations. Daewoo Adda is the perfect partner for Telenor because they are an extremely agile and technologically advanced platform striving to exceed customer aspirations. Today, it is increasingly important for businesses to keep abreast of the changing times and adopt the latest technologies and best-in-class solutions to enter global markets," he further

"For Daewoo Adda, a robust and scalable ERP solution was a key requirement in integrating fintech and localising global perspectives to



visibility & automation capabilities

across key business functions. In addition, its flexible payment model without heavy upfront invest-

offer an evolution beyond tradition- ments makes it ideal for impleal trucking. Telenor's solution is turn mentation for organisations lookkey and allows for digitised process ing to streamline operational capability whilst maintaining financial prudence," said Mr Tariq Ellahi, Executive Chairman & Founder Daewoo

Free Fire unveils new logo

KARACHI: Garena has unveiled Free Fire's new logo, ahead of its

official brand refresh this July. The new Free Fire logo will retain

key details fans and players are familiar with-the iconic Free Fire

knife-while also evoking a more modern and dynamic look that

matches the energy of Free Fire's evolving global community. Building on Free Fire's first-ever global brand campaign last year, the new logo reflects and strengthens the game's distinct

Battle in Style identity, echoing the stylish, youthful and free-spir-

"Our global community has always been the driving force behind every change we bring to Free Fire. Through this brand

refresh, we hope to create a signature art style unique to Free

Fire, enabling them to enjoy a more immersive and inclusive

in-game experience," Harold Teo, Producer of Free Fire, Gare-

na, remarked. "The new logo is just one part of Free Fire's new

look and we can't wait to share more exciting updates in the

Players and fans can look forward to a host of other visual element changes which will be rolled out over the coming weeks.

Sri Lanka name 19-member

 $COLOMBO: The \, Chamari \, Athapaththu-led \, squad \, will \, compete$ 

against India in a three-match T20I and a three-match ODI series.

the squads, which include vital players like Hasini Perera, Nilak-

shi de Silva, Oshadi Ranasinghe and Inoka Ranaweera.

Lanka, also finds a place in both the squads.

Talismanic skipper Chamari Athapaththu will again lead both

Vishmi Gunaratne, who is yet to make her ODI debut for Sri

The T20I series will be played between 23 to 27 June in

Dambulla. The ODI series, a part of the ICC Women's Champi-

onship 2022-25, will be played in Pallekele between 1 to 7 July.

The ODI series will be of vital importance to the hosts, as they finished at the bottom of the table in the previous cycle of the ICC

**Solution** Our Correspondent

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## PCB holds general body meeting

Chairman announces rewards of Rs1m each for blind, deaf cricket teams

**™** Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The PCB General Body meeting took place at the National High Performance Centre here on Monday.

In accordance with Clause 20 of the PCB Constitution 2019, the General Body considered and expressed their views on the audited accounts and PCB Annual Report, which are now available for viewing and downloading at the corporate website under Documents.

The General Body was also provided with a snapshot of Pakistan cricket and received a briefing on the steps and measures being taken to bolster Pakistan cricket's foundations by strengthening grass-

The General Body was informed the Pakistan men's sides were presently ranked fifth in Tests and, third in ODIs and T20Is, while they are placed in fourth position on the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League, which is a qualifying event for the 2023 World Cup.



The General Body was updated on the busy and tough 2022-23 cricket season for the men's side that includes the tour to Sri Lanka for two Tests and the ACC T20 Asia Cup, Netherlands for three ODIs and Australia for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in October.

The subsequent home series includes split tours by England and New Zealand, while the West Indies will return for three T20Is in January/February 2023.

The women's side will feature in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and T20 World Cups in South Africa, members.

while their ICC Women's Championship fixtures will be against Ireland at home and away in Australia.

PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja also announced rewards of PKR1million each for the Pakistan blind and deaf cricket teams in recognition of their performances at the international level.

The General Body meeting was held following January's elections of the Pakistan Deaf Cricket Association. This meant under Clause 24(1), the requisite quorum was available for convening the meeting.

PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja chaired the meeting, while Syed Sultan Shah (Chairman, Pakistan Blind Cricket Council) and Mr Irfan Miraj (President, Deaf Cricket Association) also attended the meeting along with their office-bearers, who participated as observers on the special invitation of the PCB Chairman. PCB Chief Executive Faisal Hasnain and Chief Operating Officer Barrister Salman Naseer also attended the meeting as ex-officio

## Sindh, Southern Punjab CCA squads announced

Our Correspondent

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board today announced 17 City Cricket Association sides of the Sindh Cricket Association and 14 City Cricket Associations of the Southern Punjab Cricket Association for the City Cricket Association Tournament 2022-23. The squads are available here.

The tournament commenced in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan on 19 and 20 June. Sindh will host matches from Tuesday, 21 June, while matches in Central Punjab, Northern sides who play four-day firstand Southern Punjab will begin from 24 June. The tournament will conclude

The sides in the Central Punjab and Northern cricket been selected through a associations will be unveiled robust process.



is a pathway for selection for the Cricket Association class, non first-class threeday, 50-over and 20-over competitions in the senior PCB domestic men's season.

The CCA squads have

The performers of last The inter-city tournament year's CCA tournament, players who have featured in last year's CA U19 events and those who are not eligible to feature in future U19 tournaments have been selected.

The remaining players were

selected through open trials

with preference given to performers of clubs' winter

The winners from Central Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh CCAs will be declared after group leaders progress to the semi-final with the top two teams playing the final. In contrast, Balochistan, Northern and Southern Punjab CCAs will be divided into three groups each with group leaders to progress to the triangular series stage and the side with most points to be adjudged as winner.

According to the event format, each match will be of two days with 100 overs to be bowled each day in six hours and 40 minutes with a one-hour break from 1200-1300. To encourage positive and result-oriented cricket, first innings will be limited to 75 overs per side and no bowler shall bowl more than

## off illness to win Ğerman MotoGP



SACHSENRING: Reigning world champion Fabio Quartararo extended his lead in the overall standings with a commanding performance despite feeling unwell to win the German MotoGP on Sunday.

The Yamaha rider dominated in scorching temperatures at the Sachsenring with fellow Frenchman Johann Zarco finishing second and Australia's Jack Miller third. Quartararo snatched the lead at the first corner away from Francesco Bagnaia, who started in pole position, and never looked back, but later revealed he had suffered with illness all weekend.

"I'm tired, I was sick most of the weekend and was coughing during the race, but I am super happy." said Quartararo, whose gamble paid off to use a medium rear tyre rather than a hard one. This is his third win this season and Quartararo claimed back-to-back victories having also won the Catalan MotoGP at the start of June

The Frenchman extended his lead at the top of the overall championships to 34 points Spanish rider Aleix Espargaro as the Yamaha rider earned the 11th MotoGP victory of his career. Victory in Saxony means that whatever happens at the Dutch MotoGP at Assen next weekend, Quartararo will keep his lead going into the summer break before the season resumes at Silverstone in August. "I am not thinking of the championship," Quartararo insisted.

"I am here to win as many races as possible, maybe by the time it comes to Japan and Thailand (in September and October), I will think about the title itself. "We are going to a track I love at Assen (the Dutch MotoGP)

At the halfway point of the season, Quartararo remains on course to win the overall world title for the second straight year as he again left his rivals in his wake in sweltering temperatures. "It was a nightmare," said second-placed Zarco of the conditions, "but I ensured my runners-up spot when I decided to chase down Fabio after Bagnaia crashed. "I battled hard for it, and was exhausted at the end, but it is never easy for me and I just have to tough these races out."

Bagnaia, who dominated free practice, crashed out with 27 laps to go, when his rear wheel slid out from under him, ending his hopes of winning the overall world title to his obvious fury. This was the third time the Italian has failed to finish in his last four MotoGP

Miller put in a brilliant ride to finish third, having nearly crashed on the same bend where Bagnaia exited. "I had an eventful race and nearly crashed," said the

## Quartararo shakes



Women's Championship. They lost the recent ODI series away to Pakistan by a 2-1 margin and the series at home will provide them with a big opportunity to register some vital points on the board.

The ODI series will see India playing in their first match of the current ICC Women's Championship cycle. It will be the beginning of a new era in ODIs for India, marking their first series after the retirement of influential skipper Mithali Raj. Squad: Chamari Athapaththu (c), Hasini Perera, Kavisha

Dilhari, Nilakshi de Silva, Anushka Sanjeevani, Oshadhi Ranasinghe, Sugandika Kumari, Inoka Ranaweeram, Achini Kulasuriya, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Vishmi Gunaratne, Malsha Shehani, Ama Kanchana, Udeshika Prabodhani, Rashmi de Silva, Hansima Karunaratne, Kaushani Nuthyangana, Sathya Sandeepani, Tharika Sewwandi.

#### Berrettini retains Queen's title to join elite club

LONDON: Italy's Matteo Berrettini served notice of his intention to mount another strong challenge at Wimbledon after joining an elite group of players by retaining

his ATP Queen's Club title. Berrettini defeated Serbia's Filip Krajinovic 7-5, 6-4 in the final of the Wimbledon warm-up event. He will now be aiming to go one



on grass, after losing to Novak Djokovic in last year's final Berrettini's victory meant he joined John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl, Lleyton Hewitt, Andy Roddick and Andy Murray as the only players in the Open era to win backto-back Queen's titles.

The world number 10 has been in superb grass-court form this season following a return from hand surgery. Berrettini, 26, has now won two tournaments in a row, after beating Murray in Stuttgart last weekend, and Sunday's success was a further boost. to his confidence just eight days before the start of Wimbledon. Krajinovic, who prior to this week had never won a match on grass, was the first player in Sunday's final to lose serve.

But the world number 48 commendably broke straight back to level at 3-3. Berrettini, however, edged ahead at 6-5 and then held serve to take the first set. Krajinovic's chance had gone and Berettini broke midway through the second set before finishing off the match with an ace. "There are too many emotions," Berrettini said soon after his latest victory. "The last thing I expected after a surgery was two titles in a row and to defend my title here. I just cannot believe it. "Every time I walk in the hallways here and see all the names of the champions from the past, and now knowing it's me, twice, on the same wall gives me goosebumps."

Krajinovic, meanwhile, was buoyed by a performance that gave him hope of improving on a woeful record at Wimbledon, where he has suffered four first-round defeats. "It was an amazing last 10 days, very emotional to be in my first final on grass," he said. "Just before this tournament I never won a match on grass and I hated playing on grass. But I feel now I want to play

## Verstappen wins Canadian Grand Prix

MONTREAL: champion Max Verstappen increased his lead in this year's Formula One title race on Sunday when he drove his Red Bull to a thrilling victory in a closely-fought Canadian Grand Prix.

The 24-year-old Dutchman controlled a tactical race from pole position through three safety car interventions and resisted intense late pressure from Ferrari's er, faster all race, but it's diffi-Carlos Sainz to win by under a second. Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton, who on Friday declared his car as "undriveable", came home Hamilton, a record seventhird for Mercedes to claim his second podium of a difficult cheered the big crowd-part season ahead of team-mate George Russell in fourth.

It was Verstappen's first Canadian victory in his 150th career start, his sixth this year and the 26th of his career, hoisting him 46 points clear of his rivals in the championship. "I was giving it everything," said Verstappen. "But so was Carlos. He was pushing, charging, pushing, charging. Naturally, it's easier to charge with DRS! I had fun today."

Sainz said: "We were quick-



who started at the back of the grid after taking a penalty for a new engine, finished fifth ahead of Esteban Ocon of Alpine. Valtteri Bottas and his Alfa Romeo team-mate Zhou

Fernando Alonso in an Alpine was penalised five seconds for his defending against Bottas. The Spaniard slipped to ninth with Lance Stroll 10th for Aston Martin. After Saturday's deluge, the race began with a mixed-up 'wet' gridwith Leclerc, Perez and several others out of their normal race positions — as Verstapplace. It's been quite a battle, pen made a clean start from his 15th pole position to take but we've never given up. I've

been inspired by my crew." control. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, Behind him, Kevin Magnussen made a dazzling departure from fifth to challenge Hamilton, but the Briton resisted and retained fourth as the order settled, Russell making his move early Guanyu were later promot- to pass Mick Schumacher for ed to seventh and eighth after seventh. On lap three, Sainz passed Alonso, who had been unable to deliver the attacking start he promised, to take second and begin his pursuit of Verstappen. Perez suffered ill-luck on

lap nine when, battling in midfield after starting 13th, his Red Bull lost drive at Turn 13. "I've lost the engine, man," he told the team as a Virtual Safety Car (VSC) was deployed and Verstappen and Hamilton pitted promptly to switch from mediums to hards. Seeking his first F1 victory, Sainz pulled clear at the front as Verstappen eased past Alonso, with a DRS move, to take second by lap 18. A second VSC on lap 20, when Schumacher pulled up and retired at Turn 13 after his highest ever grid position

of sixth. It appeared his Haas car had suffered a power failure. Sainz also pitted, re-joining third ahead of Hamilton-with Verstappen back in the lead ahead of Alonso, who did not pit. Alpine's reluctance to pit Alonso, still on his original mediums, resulted in Hamilton making an easy pass for third on lap 25.

## Dressel grabs 15th world gold medal

Dressel grabbed his 15th world championship gold medal and his second in two days as he won the 50m butterfly final in Budapest.

The other three winners on Sunday night were all collecting their first major-championship golds. Italian Nicolo Martinenghi won the 100m breaststroke, while American women Alex Walsh, in the 200m medley, and Torri Huske, in the 100m butterfly, took titles.

Dressel took just 18 strokes and 22.57sec for his latest gold. "In this sport nothing is given," said Dressel. "I knew my race plan: 18 strokes was my money number and it was exactly 18 strokes." Dressel, who said he "felt so lost" after winning five in Tokyo, believes the victory "will definite-

BUDAPEST: American Caeleb ly boost my confidence." "It was good, it wasn't perfect, none of

I'm excited to get that first individual one out of the way, day off tomorrow, then am excited to get 100 free, and then couple of relays." "I never come to these to count medals, it's just about swimming fast, that's all that's on my mind." At 42, runner-up Nicholas Santos broke his own record as oldest World Championship medallist. The Brazilian edged Andrew Michael of the United States by one hundredth of a second to claim silver. "I'm 42 years old, it's not so easy to stay here competing with these guys," Santos said.

"It's really painful to stay training hard to get to compete with these guys." Martinenghi made

the most of the absence of Adam Peaty to grab the 100m breaststroke world title. "To win my first medal as a gold medal in my first final is every exciting," he said. Martinenghi, the bronze medallist in last year's Olympics, finished in 58.26sec to edge Dutchman Arno Kamminga, who repeated his Tokyo silver with American Nic Fink third. Peaty has set the 17 fastest times in the history of the event. He won the last two Olympic and last three world titles. "It's not the same without Adam, I know, but I am happy to sit in the throne that he left, I am happy to be the first guy that used this moment without

him," said the 22-year-old Italian. "I am younger than him. I'm hungry but I think that he's hungry too. He wants to win a lot more and me too." Walsh collected her first gold medal at a major championships in style as she powered away from the field to win the 200 medley. The American, the silver medallist in the Olympics last year, beat Australian Kaylee McKeown, winner of two backstroke golds in Tokyo, by 1.44sec. Another American, 16-year-old, Leah Hayes set a world junior record in third.

Walsh said she was inspired by a full arena. "I forgot what it is like to have so many people in the crowd, I was shocked, looking up and seeing that the whole stadium was full of people," she said. "But it brought me a lot of adrenalin." Hungarian 33-year-old Katinka Hosszu, the defending world champion, was seventh, 4.24sec back, despite the support of her



home crowd. In the women's French hope Marie Wattel by half her blistering form from the heats as she surged to victory. Huske set a personal best 55.64sec to beat

100m butterfly, Huske continued a second with Zhang Yufei from China completing the podium.

World record holder Lilly King was only ninth fastest in Korea was third.

the women's 100m breaststroke semis but collected one of the eight slots in the final, and the chance to defend her title, after American team-mate Annie Lazor was disqualified. Apostolos Christou from Greece set a championship record in the semi-finals of the men's 100m backstroke. Italian Thomas Ceccon, who was second just 0.03sec behind, also broke the record set by Xu Jiayu three years ago. Jiayu missed the Romanian 17-year-old David

Popovici broke the world junior record with a 1:44.40 in the 200m freestyle semi-final. Austrian Felix Auboeck qualified second 0.77sec behind and the former world junior record holder Hwang Sunwoo of South