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Tests & trials make stronger, more resolute: Maryam

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz says tests and trials have made her stronger and more resolute in 23 years. 1999! Still stood against oppression and persecution then and still do 23 years later. Singling MNS out for cruel and unjust treatment has not seen an end since. Will not give up, Insha'Allah.



Everyone has to save the country: Sh Rashid

Awami Muslim League Pakistan (AML) leader Sheikh Rashid says whatever kind of intervention is happening; everyone has to save the country together. Pakistan is in danger of bankruptcy if the country will not receive bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) soon. The country is going through worst economic and political crisis, foreign exchange reserves have dwindled to alarming levels.

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Assessment

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrives in Jacobabad to commence his one day visit of flood hit areas of Balochistan. Jacobabad, Saturday.



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COAS, Centcom chief discuss defence coop

Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa and US Central Command General Michael Erik Kurilla exchanged views on mutual interests, including regional stability, defence and security cooperation. In a telephonic conversation, COAS Bajwa said that Pakistan values its relations with the US and earnestly looked forward to "enhancing mutually benefi-

cial multi-domain ties based on common interests," according to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

Both reiterated the desire to further enhance bilateral relations in all fields, the statement added. As for his part, General Kurilla acknowledged the professionalism of Pakistan's armed forces and appreciated Pakistan's role in regional stability. He pledged to play his role in further improving cooperation with Pakistan at all levels.

Rs7 per liter

Federal cabinet nods POL price hike

Also lifts ban on luxury items' import

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The government has further burdened the masses, who are already concerned due to whooping inflation as the federal cabinet on Saturday approved increasing dealers' margin on petrol and diesel by Rs7 per litre. According to details, the government has approved an increase in dealer margin on petrol and diesel by Rs2.87. While the dealer margin on petrol has been increased by Rs 2.10 per litre. The increase in dealers' margin will be effective from August 1.

Sources privy to the matter said that the prices of POL products are likely to increase further. It merits mention here that a nationwide strike was called by the petroleum dealers on July 18. The federal cabinet on Saturday approved the Economic Coordination Committee's (ECC) decision to lift the ban on the import of luxury items.

According to details, the federal cabinet has approved the ECC's decision to unban the import of luxury items such as cigarettes, chocolate

and juices. According to the ECC's decision import ban on items such as cosmetics, tissue papers, pet food, fish, footwear, fruits and dry fruits has been lifted. Furniture, ice creams, jams and jellies, leather jackets, shampoo, sunglasses, ketchup, arms and ammunition, pasta, musical instruments, frozen meat, door and window frames, decoration articles, travel bags, suitcases, crockery and corn flakes can also be imported after the lifting of the ban.

The government decided to ban the import of luxury items due to an alarmingly high trade deficit.

The Ministry of Commerce on May 20 notified a ban on the import of 38 non-essential luxury items under an "emergency economic plan". Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said in a Twitter message, "My decision to ban the import of luxury items will save the country precious foreign exchange. We will practice austerity & financially stronger people must lead in this effort so that the less privileged among us do not have to bear this burden inflicted on them by the PTI gov't."

Another

NEPRA decides power tariff hike

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has issued a decision to increase the power tariff once again. As per NEPRA's decision, power tariff was increased by 50 paise per unit. The approval was given by NEPRA for the third quarter of the financial year 2021-22. According to the decision, the increase will impose an additional burden of Rs12.76 billion on the electricity consumers, the increase will come into effect for three months from September 1.

The increase will not be applicable to the lifeline and K-Electric customers. NEPRA sent the decision to the federal government for its notification.

Flash floods

PM announces financial aid for rain affectees

PM visits flood-hit Balochistan and Sindh, announces compensation

JACOBABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday announced a compensation of Rs1 million each to the heirs of deceased persons. He further announced Rs500,000 each for fully damaged and Rs200,000 for partially damaged houses in the flood-hit areas.

He said he came to Balochistan to assess losses in affected areas including Quetta, Zhob, Chaman, Killa Saifullah, Loralai and Lasbella. The Prime Minister had held a meeting with the chief ministers and chief secretaries of provinces a few days ago in Islamabad and decided about the relief measures.

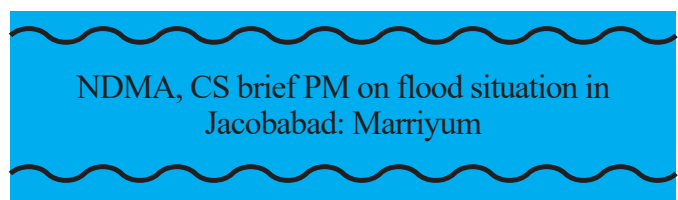
Shehbaz Sharif said 300 people including 124 in Balochistan lost their lives in the flood affected areas, adding the government would give Rs one million each to the families

of those who lost their lives. The provincial government would also give Rs one million to the families of the victims. He said the government would be further reviewed.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday visited the flood-hit areas of Balochistan

The prime minister took an aerial view of Goth Ali Mardan Shambani in district Jhal Magsi and other affected areas to assess the losses and the chief secretary Balochistan during the flight gave details about the flood situation and the relief operations. He stopped at the Shambani village and met with the people affected by the floods.

The Prime Minister directed for establishing of a medical camp and provision of medicines for the affected village. He also ordered posting of a veterinary doctor for the livestock and asked the authorities to immediately arrange two boats and ration for the villages and speed up the relief activities for the affectees. Chief Secretary Balochistan immediately sent additional teams for relief activities in the flood affected areas.



ment would also give Rs 500,000 each for totally damaged houses and Rs 200,000 for partially damaged houses. He said he had constituted four committees which would hold consultation with the provinces to assess the losses of livestock and damage to the crops, adding in the next meeting in Islamabad on August 3, the situation after floods

to review rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) officers, chief secretary Balochistan and NDMA Chairman Lt. General Akhtar Nawaz briefed the prime minister about the rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts in the flood-affected areas of the province, PM Office Media Wing said.

Incompetent govt responsible for inflation: Imran

Decides to file judicial reference against CEC

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan has slammed the 'incompetent' government over rupee depreciation and the rise in the inflation rate.

Imran Khan said in a Twitter message that the US dollar stood at Rs178 on March 8, 2022, when the vote of no-confidence was tabled. He said that US dollar has reached Rs250 under the incumbent government.

The former prime minister said that the inflation stood at 16.5% on March 8, 2022 but it has spiralled to 38%. Criticising the current rulers, Khan said, "Not only is this imported govt made up of crooks but it is thoroughly incompetent too. Question is who is responsible for this mess?" Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan on Saturday decided to file a judicial reference against Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja.



against CEC Sikandar Sultan will be brought against the Election Commission in two provincial assemblies (Punjab and KP).

The sources said that the PTI chairman has given approval to the legal experts to initiate the case. Taking a swipe at Sultan Sikandar Raja, senior PTI leaders said the CEC had violated the election code of conduct. According to sources, PTI Chairman Imran Khan presided over

an important meeting of the party leadership, where the meeting of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) members with the government alliance delegation was discussed. Sources privy to the matter said the PTI leadership has expressed concern over the meeting of the ECP members with the government delegation in the prohibited funding case. While the role of the ECP in the PTI prohibited funding case has also been reviewed.

PML-N advises Nawaz to return to home

ISLAMABAD: Senior leadership of the PML-N has advised party supreme Nawaz Sharif to return to Pakistan to take control of the matters as the party

faced a blowback after losing control of Punjab province to rival PTI. According to sources having knowledge of discussions within the party, the senior PML-N leadership have made contact with Nawaz Sharif and mulled over ways to restore the standing of the party in the country, especially in Punjab province.

"The senior leaders advised Nawaz Sharif to return to Pakistan and lead the party," they said, adding the meeting reached a consensus that the party lost in by-polls owing to worst economic conditions and inflation. Moreover, the performance of the PML-N federal ministers was also reviewed during the meeting and Nawaz Sharif directed the leadership to stay connected to party leaders and activists.

Recently during a meeting of the PDM, PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif lambasted Finance Minister Miftah Ismail due to the ongoing economic turmoil in the country.

Coalition govt won't become anyone's slave: Fazl

Laments false cases lodged against PDM leaders by using institutions

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Democratic Movement chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has alleged that false cases were made against PDM leaders by using the country's institutions. Addressing a press conference in Peshawar, the JUI-F chief noted that the alliance was not scared of anyone, no matter how much they are powerful or are a part of any organisation. Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that the allied parties will fight a political and constitutional war instead of surrendering. "If the institutions form cases against us, we will respond strongly against them," warned Fazl.



the judge becomes controversial by his behaviour and facilitates one side. Fazl also asked the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to announce the verdict in PTI's prohibited funding case "without any fear".

Grievances may be with some individuals and not with institutions

Speaking about the foreign funding case, Fazl said former prime minister Imran Khan-led PTI rose to power under "international conspiracy". "A US consulate has been paying the rent of Imran Khan's house for nine years and money was taken by India and Israel in the foreign funding case," he alleged. He also criticised the Supreme Court's decision on Punjab chief minister's election, saying that the state gets destroyed if

Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that there may be grievances from some individuals but not with institutions. The JUI-F chief said, "Our demand was that the establishment should be neutral."

Maulana Fazlur Rehman said, "Will all the decisions will be made by the three-member bench?" JUI-F supreme said that the Prime Minister is working together with all his

subordinate institutions. Attacking the PTI chairman, Maulana Fazl said that Imran Khan used to say that he was ousted by a foreign power. Imran was not ousted but brought in by global power, the JUI-F chief said.

Maulana Fazl criticized the former prime minister and said that it is not enough to remove him from power but it is also necessary to undone his entity. The PDM chief said that fighting a political and constitutional battle is the need of the hour. He further said that if any force works to destroy the morals of the youth, then the responsibility lies with the religious scholars. "Respect for the judiciary is important to us," Fazl said. But if a judge becomes controversial and gives protection to one party, this could have long-term consequences, the JUI-F supreme said.

Maulana Fazl lambasted Imran Khan and said that the one who asked for votes in favor of the Israeli candidate in Britain, speaks of freedom and education to the new generation. Maulana alleged that the US Consulate continued to pay house rent to Imran Khan and the former prime minister also received foreign funding from Israel and India. "We have to save the country and will fight the by-elections like one party," the JUI-F chief said. Fazl claimed that the entire assembly of Kashmir has been bought by one person.

