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Indian delimitation commission disempowers Kashmiris: Kaira

Prime Minister's Advisor on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira says Indian delimitation Commission was meant to disempower and disenfranchise Kashmiris. Three years ago on August 5, 2019, India undertook illegal and unilateral action to implement its sinister strategy aimed at changing the demographic composition of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). To this end, millions of domicile certificates had been issued to non-Kashmiris.

Imran Khan's name added to ECL: Faisal

PTI leader Senator Faisal Javed says the coalition government has added PTI Chairperson Imran Khan's name to the Exit Control List (ECL). A day prior, Khan had said that he would be

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Reference filed

PDM seeks *Imran's* disqualification from ECP

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) on Thursday filed a reference in the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for the disqualification of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan. Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Mohsin Shahnawaz Ranjha submitted the reference to ECP under Article 63. The reference plead that the PTI Chairman did not disclose the gifts received from Toshakhana in assets and he should be disqualified under Article 62 (1) (F), which sets the precondition for a member of parliament to be "sadiq and ameen" (honest and righteous).

According to details, the opposition alliance filed a Toshakhana reference under Article 63 of the Constitution with the Election Commission.The reference pleaded with the electoral watchdog to disqualify Imran Khan in light of Article 62 (1) (f) of the Constitution. "Imran Khan is no more Sadig and Amin (truthful and honest) as he did not declare the gifts received in Toshakhana," the reference stated.

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Solidarity

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with Pakistan Democratic Movement



No politics, favouritism in rehab of flood victims: PM

Asks KP govt to increase compensation for early rehabilitation of flood-hit areas

of Pakistan, letting no politi- relief of the affected population. cal differences or discrimination impede the process. The prime ment had announced Rs 1 million minister, during his visit to the flood-ravaged area of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's district here, said though the province was ruled by another party but it should make

no difference. "As another party rules in this province. We have no difference with it at this point of time. We all have to do it collectively. This is the matter of Pakistan, the matter of you, your rehabilitation, your house and your children. God will-

DERA ISMAIL KHAN/ TANK: he assured in his interaction with joint survey to assess the damage floods. The prime minister, who Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif the people displaced by the flash to crops to enable the government earlier visited the flood-affected on Thursday vowed to put in all floods. He said that both the feder- pay compensation transparently. areas of Tank district, appreciatpossible efforts for rehabilita- al and provincial governments ion of the flood-affected people were working round the clock for mentioned his interaction with al Highway Authority chairman

He said the federal governcompensation for the deceased and conveyed a message to chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to increase the compensation amount from existing Rs0.8 million to 1 million to support the distressed families. Moreover, the federal government would also provide Rs 250,000 each for the injured and Rs0.5 million for fully damaged houses and Rs 0.2 million each for partially damaged structures. Moreover, ing, you will see there will be no he said the NDMA and provin-

Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa on the subject who also assured all of the support to fulfill the collective responsibility of the rehabilitation of the displaced population. He said following the completion of his visits to the affected areas, he would chair a meeting within a couple of days to assess the damage and strategize the compensation process.

However, the prime minister assured the locals that the government would not delay the reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure including roads and politics or discrimination in it," cial authorities would carry out a bridged destroyed by the flash

The prime minister also ed the performance of the Nationfor rehabilitation of road infrastructure in Balochistan and other areas. He reiterated that the government would not sit idle until last individual was rehabilitated and household was recon-

structed. During the briefing by the authorities concerned, the prime minister was told that the flash floods had fully damaged 143 houses. A survey was in process to assess the extend of the loss to structures, crops and livestock. It was told that no casualty was reported in the area due to flood except one due to the electrocution. Agencies

Risalpur & Nowshehra visit

COAS hails Engineers' Corps' professionalism

Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa has appreciated the Corps of Engineers for their outstanding contributions during various operations, especially in counterterrorism. He extended his appreciation during his visit to Risalpur and Nowshehra on Thursday. On arrival at Military College of Engineering Risalpur, General Bajwa laid floral wreath at Shahuada monument and offered Fateha.

He visited MCE and was briefed about training modules and various training facilities at MCE includ- force protection.

ing Counter IEDs Explosive Munition School, Combat and Civil Engineering wings. The Army chief was briefed that CEMS, a state of the art training facility, is contributing phenomenally for training of Pakistan Army, Pakistan Air Force, Pakistan Navy, and Police as well as officials from friendly countries.

This training has been a key element for successful operations during war against terror. It enabled manpower to search and identify IEDS laid by terrorists and clearing and dismantling terrorists infrastructure and area clearance ensuring

US envoy visits Torkham border

👺 Raja Furqan Ahmed

TORKHAM: Ambassador of the United States to Pakistan, Donald Blome, on Wednesday visited the Torkham border. According to the details, during his visit USAID Mission Director accompany him. Ambassador Blome said, "I learned a lot about the people-to-people and business connections throughout the region that are important to keeping commerce flowing." Both had a chance to see the Peshawar Torkham highway. the road in 2016.



the US government constructed and rehabilitated 46 km of

MF condition

Govt mulls changing POL prices weekly

ISLAMABAD: The federal government, in view of demands of International Monetary Fund (IMF), is considering regulating the petrol prices in the country on a weekly basis. According to sources privy with the development the government wants to shift the advantage of the change in international oil prices to the masses. As cash-strapped Pakistan desperately seeks loans to boost depleting forex reserves, the sources said that the change to the review process is a pre-condition of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the seventh and eighth reviews. Agencies

Add more points

PTI withdraws judicial reference against CEC

Fawad says party will approach SC for Nawaz's return to Pakistan

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on the foreign funding case, Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) with- stating that the party had drew reference filed against received prohibited funding. the Chief Election Commisa few hours after filing a reference in the Supreme while talking to journalists in the federal capital, said that the party has decided to add more evidence to the concrete. Points related to on behalf of the party. the alleged change in the would be included in the reference, he added.

Chaudhry said that the with the JCP, seeking the be included in the reference. removal of CEC Raja citing his "continuous deliberate" include points to change

misconduct", a day after the the decision of the prohibelection commission's verdict

"It is humbly prayed sioner Sikandar Sultan Raja that [....] Supreme Judicial Council may graciously be pleased to remove the Judicial Council to remove respondent from his office of him from office. PTI lead- Chief Election Commissioner and former information er on account of commisminister Fawad Chaudhry, sion of continuous deliberate misconduct of perming his legal and constitutional duties and obligations," read the reference filed by reference to make it more PTI's counsel Babar Awan

Sources privy to the ECP's verdict on prohibit- matter said that the decied funding against the PTI sion to withdraw the referparty would file the reference light further legal aspects against the head of the elec- and points related to the tion body after adding more alleged change in the ECP s legal points to the petition. verdict on prohibited fund-The PTI filed a reference ing against the PTI would

ence was made immediately after reaching the reference registrar's office to high-

It has been decided to

ited funding case in the reference. Earlier today, PTI moved a reference before the Supreme Judicial Council against Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja. Two days after the announcement of the verdict by the Election Commission of Pakistan in the prohibited funding case, the reference pleaded with the SJC to order removal of the CEC on account of the "commission of continuous and deliberate misconduct'

The reference alleged that on July 29, a delegation of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) met the CEC and four other members of the ECP in his office to "pressure" him into announcing the verdict in the prohibited funding case. It was a consequence of that meeting that the Election Commission decided to deliver the verdict on Aug 2, PTI alleged. Thus the CEC allegedly violated his oath, the reference argued.

PTI should seek Imran's resignation, not of CEC's: Maryam



👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim Legaue-Nawaz (PML-N) vice president Maryam Nawaz said on Thursday that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) should demand resignation of former PM and party chairman Imran Khan instead of the Chief Election Commissioner.

The PML-N vice president took to the Twitter and wrote, "Instead of asking for the resignation of the CEC, PTI should ask for the resignation of Imran Khan, who has defrauded the party to fill his pockets with illegal money. She said that not only Imran will himself go but he will also drown his members on whose name he asked for money from foreign countries.

₿ Illegal & unilateral

India should reverse action of August 5: Pakistan

FO says Pakistani nation along with Kashmiris to observe Youm e Istehsal today

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani nation will join the Kashmiris in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), Azad Jammu and Kashmir and the world over in solemnly observing Youm-e-Istehsal on August 5 to denounce Indian atrocities. The Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a weekly press briefing on Thursday that during the day, the nation and Kashmiris would denounce Indian atrocities and express full support for the realization of the right to self determination and peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with relevant UNSC resolutions.

"Tomorrow, 5th August, marks the third anniversary of India's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019 and subsequent steps that were designed to undermine the internationally recognized disputed status of occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and to alter the demographic structure of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) - all in violation of international law and relevant UN Security Council resolutions on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute." He said India had reneged on its obligations and the



solemn commitments of its leadership to abide by the UNSC resolutions and let the Kashmiri people exercise their right to self-determination.

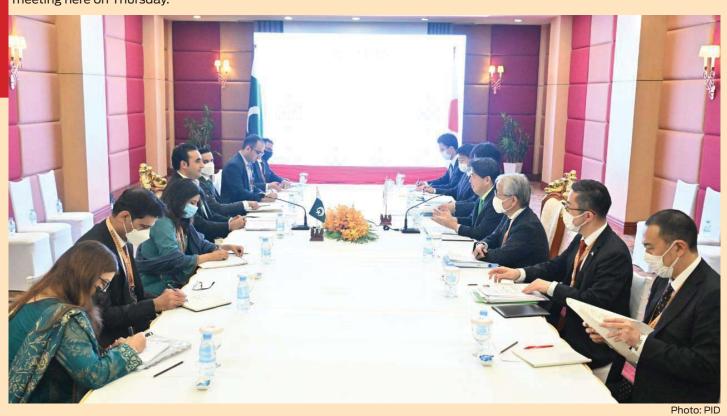
India had let loose a reign of terror and suppression, gross and widespread violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, in an attempt to perpetuate its illegal and forcible occupation of IIOJK, he added. "And this situation has been particularly aggravated since India's illegal actions of 5th August that as you are aware, were accompanied by the inhuman siege, curfews, physical lockdowns and communication blackouts, enforced by over 900,000 Indian occupation forces, in what is considered the densest military occupation anywhere in recent history." He told that since August 2019, at least 660 Kashmiris had been martyred by Indian occupation forces in IIOJK.

"Behind those figures is a systematic campaign of oppression, extra-judicial killings of innocent Kashmiris in fake encounters and so-called 'cordon-andsearch' operations, custodial deaths, use of pellet guns, enforced disappearances, collective punishment, and incarceration of almost the entire Kashmiri leadership - their true representatives in order to prevent them from raising their voice for the peaceful and legitimate Kashmiri struggle for self determination." In parallel, he said there were a series of arbitrary legal and administrative steps including land confiscation, influx of non-Kashmiris, creation of alien settlements, and issuance of millions of illegal domicile certificates - all aimed at demographic engineering in order to turn the Kashmiri Muslim majority into a minority in their own land.

The Spokesman

Bilateral coop

PHNOM PENH: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his Japanese counterpart Hayashi Yoshimasa are holding a



Structural reforms govt's prime focus: Miftah



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance, Miftah Ismail said here on Thursday that the government was primarily focusing on effective structural reforms for cultivation of sustainable and inclusive economic growth in the country. During a meeting with Asian Development Bank's Ex-Country Director and Chief Thematic Officer in ADR's Sustain able Development and Climate Change Department, Ms. Xiaohong Yang, the minister acknowledged ADB's role in pursuing reform agenda through various projects in Paki-

According to press statement issued by finance ministry, ADB Country Director Yong Ye and senior officers from Finance Division also participated in the meeting. Miftah expressed gratitude to ADB delegation for their continuous collaboration and assured them of full cooperation for the speedy implementation of the ongoing programs.

On the occasion, the ADB delegation apprised the minister about the progress of various projects being undertaken by ADB in Pakistan especially in the areas of energy and social protection.

They reiterated that the Country Partnership Strategy for Pakistan 2021-25 is in complete consonance with the vision of the government of Pakistan.

ML probe ordered

Cabinet nods placing Imran's name on ECL

Marriyum says govt decides to send declaration against PTItoSC

ISLAMABAD: Days after Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in its unanimous verdict announced that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had received funding from prohibited sources, the federal cabinet approved placing former prime minister Imran Khan's name in the Exit Control List (ECL). Following the Election Commission of

Pakistan (ECP) verdict on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) prohibited funding case, the incumbent government has decided to send a declaration against the PTI to the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

In a press conference after the federal cabinet meeting, Minister for Information Marriyum Aurangzeb said that after the consultation with legal time the government has decided to take action against the PTI leadership under Articles 9, 6, 15. and 17 of the Political Party Order 2002, in the cabinet meeting was that the Federal dering, today he also admitted to taking adding that PTI has been declared as a Investigation Agency (FIA) will be given foreign funding. As the public rejected the party receiving foreign aid, and now the the task of investigating the funding case. call of the foreign agent, disappointment government is bound to send a declaration against the PTI to the Supreme Court FIA and interior ministry to conduct an she maintained. APP



of Pakistan.

This is a matter of law and order, not political rivalries. Sixteen accounts were not declared which were opened in the name of senior leadership, including Imran Khan. Money kept coming in the name of Imran Khan's employees and was not declared, according to the verdict," she

Meanwhile, the minister said that nother important decision that was taken

independent inquiry and investigation into money laundering, fake accounts and misappropriation of funds."

Aurangzeb revealed that all the financial institutions such as the FIA and the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had begun probing all the individuals involved in the crime.

Later Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said that awareness has come in the nation and it had identified foreign agents. In a statement reaction to Imran Khan's address, she said the nation had recognized the faces of those who took funding from Indians and Israelis and the face of their mastermind. She said that "foreign agent" Imran Khan admitted all his crimes today.

Taking a jibe on Imran Khan, she said fter admitting to a little money laun-"Cabinet has given instructions to the was writ large of the face of Imran Khan,

Rs30b taxes

Govt plans to bring mini-budget

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal government has decided to bring a mini-budget to impose additional taxes of Rs30 billion before an executive committee meeting of the IMF for the release of a USD1.17 billion tranche. According to sources in the finance ministry, an ordinance will be brought forward for the collection of Rs30 billion in addi-

"The FBR has already made arrangements for collection of Rs30 billion," they said, adding that the additional funds generated through the mini-budget would be used to make payments to the PSO.

Moreover, the sources said that relief could be given to retailers and shop owners on the fixed tax being collected through their electricity bills. "The additional tax will be able to over $come\ a\ gap\ that\ would\ be\ created\ after$ relief to retailers and shop owners,"

On July 31, Finance Minister



Miftah Ismail announced relief in tax for shopkeepers who consume less than 150 units of electricity per month.

Addressing a press conference, Ismail said that government is seeking annual tax of Rs36,000 from small shopkeepers and stressed that everyone will have to pay taxes. "Industries as well as bankers would also have to pay taxes," he said.

Finance Minister said that another tax will come into force from the next year. "10 percent tax will be imposed on the companies that could not export 10 percent of their output,"

21-member

Punjab cabinet likely to take oath today

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The oath-taking ceremony of the 21-member Punjab cabinet is likely to be held today (Friday). Sources privy to the development said that Chief Minister (CM) House has contacted Punjab Governor Balighur Rehman for the oath-taking ceremony. The 21-member cabinet of CM Pervaiz Elahi will take oath at Punjab Governor House, sources say.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chair man this week approved an 18-member working cabinet for the Punjab Assembly. Only PTI ministers would take oath in the first phase PTI MPAs including Yasmin Rashid, Mian Aslam Igbal, Raja Yasir Humayun, Ali Afzal Sahi, Hashim Dogar and Fayaz-ul-Hassan Chohan and Hashim Jawan Bakht will take oath as provincial ministers.

It is learnt that Raja Basharat will likely get the portfolio of the law ministry, Murad Raas will be given the education ministry, Yasmin Rashid is likely to get the health ministry while Hashim Jawan Bakht's name has been finalized for the finance ministry. Moreover, Fawad Chaudhry is likely to get the portfolio of the home minister, say sources.

Pak, Japanese FMs.for strengthening bilateral ties

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held a meeting with Hayashi Yoshimasa, Foreign Minister of Japan, on the sidelines of the 29th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Thursday.

The two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on the various aspects of Pakistan-Japan bilateral relations which have steadily grown over the last 70 years.

They agreed on further strengthening bilateral political relations and deepening of mutually beneficial trade and economic ties, a press release issued here by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Foreign Minister Zardari and Foreign Minister Hayashi noted the importance of enhanced bilateral engagement and regular interactions and dialogue at all levels to provide momentum to Pakistan-Japan relations.

They also agreed to remain engaged on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Ch Shujaat as party leader

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League's (PML-Q) executive council has expressed its confidence in party leader Chaudhry Shujaat and decided to issue a show cause notice to Kamil Ali Agha and other participants of the Lahore session of the party. According to details, PML-Qheld its executive council session on Thursday and backed Chaudhry Shujaat Hussian as the party head of the party. The council denounced Kamil Ali Agha's statement about Chaudhry Shujaat's health.

PML-Q executive The

will

Agha and other participants of the party meeting held in Lahore. The council also decided to challenge the action to remove Chaudhry Shujaat as the party head in the court. A resolution deeming the 10 August session summoned by Kamil Ali Agha 'unmandtory'. The Punjab organization does not have the authority to summon any session. Party leaders who participate in the meeting called by Agha will be suspended, the resolution said. According to the statement

issued after the meeting, the president of PML-Q Sindh and officials of Balochistan council also announced to issue and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

show cause notices to Kamil Ali declared disassociation with the Lahore leadership, while it was also decided to issue show-cause notice to Kamil Ali Agha and participants of the Lahore meeting. The meeting also strongly condemned illegal dismissal of Ch Shujaat Hussain, Tariq Bashir Cheema.

It was also decided to consult the legal team to challenge the illegal action of the Punjab organization. In the resolution presented in the meeting, it has been said that the Punjab organization is not authorized to call the meeting on August 10, and the party membership of those participating in the illegal meeting

PML-Q executive council backs | EVMs to end game of secret hands in election: Imran Khan

Says coalition allies 'rushed' ECP for foreign funding verdict

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supremo and former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday said he was trying to introduce electronic voting machines (EVMs) in elections for more than two years, and the game of secret hands will end if EVM is introduced in the election. While addressing his party workers at the F9 Park via video link, Imran said Islamabad has been made a fortress as if someone is attacking from outside, the constitution allows us to protest peacefully but it seemed as if an enemy army had come, adding that PTI always hold protest within the constitutional limits.

"The Punjab administration was getting secret help in the by-elections but

they lost the elections despite the rigging is first gave me money and supportwhen all these tactics failed, they finally used the Election Commission," he said.

Regarding the recent ECP verdict, the former PM said that the ECP took decisions beyond its limits, adding that the rulers have made the Election Commission the way through which governments are controlled. "I have been pushing for electronic voting machines for two and a half years and if EVM is introduced the game of secret hands will end when the voting ends," he added.

The former PM said that how can a political party run without money? If a political party wants to run, it needs when you raise money from a foreign money, adding that when he formed a political party, it was very difficult to collect money, overseas Pakistan-

ed me, and half of Shaukat Khanum s money was overseas Pakistanis. "PTI is the only party which started political fund-raising, and political parties in the world do fund-raising. Fund raising details of PPP and PML-N should also be brought forward," he demanded.

"The Election Commission has declared the money of overseas Pakistanis as foreign funding. If it is foreign funding, then what about the foreign remittances of \$31bn which the overseas Pakistanis send? Does the Election Commission even know how fundraising is done? It is not foreign funding, country it is foreign funding, if you take money from a private company it is foreign funding," Imran added.

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PR to send coach inspectors to China with hefty TA/DA

Pakistan Railways already incurs over Rs. 45 billion losses to national kitty

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and I will see:

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Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways will send 93 Coach Inspectors to China with \$100daily allowance. Pakistan Railways has borne losses of over Rs. 45 billion but is now sending its officers and staff to China on a phased tour starting 9 August 2022. Pakistan Rail- alternative ways which is currently making losses worth billions of rupees is going to send 93 of its officers and staff to China on a 22-day tour.

230 passenger coaches that Pakistan is importing from China for an amount Rahat Mirza; Director General (DG) of \$149 million. Meanwhile, they Planning, Abdul Malik; Managing

receive \$100 per day as traveling allowance and dearness allowance (TA/DA). A list of eight

officers will also be prepared separately as the officers who are due to retire next

year are also in the inspection crew. The PR officials are going to inspect Manager (AGM), Shahid Aziz; Divi-

It includes Additional General sional Superintendent (DS) Workshop,



Director (MD) Loco Factory Risalpur, contacted Federal Minister for Railway Aqeel Yousuf; and Project Director Mughalpura Workshop among others.

Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer Risalpur, Muhammad Ghufran Khan (Team Leader), and Works Manager Mughalpura, Muhammad Ismail, are among the first group of officers that will be going for the 22-day visit to China. Staff Member Mughalpura, Muhammad Khalid Khan, and Works Manager Hyderabad, Rajesh Kumar, will be among the officials leading the second team. Additionally, DS Karachi, Abdul Waqas, will be part of the third group.

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Pakistan is importing 230 passenger coaches from China for an amount of \$149 million

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KP CS, INL Director, UNDP rep inaugurate KP Prosecution Academy

The Academy will deliver a wide range of trainings to men and women prosecutors, lawyers

Staff Reporter

PESHAWAR: The Chief Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Dr. Shahzad Khan Bangash, U.S. Embassy's International Narcotics and Law (INL) Director Lori Antolinez, and UNDP Pakistan Resident Representative Knut Ostby inaugurated the KP Prosecution Academy at Mira Kachori here on Thursday.

The Academy was built by UNDP in partnership with the Government of KP with support from the United States Government through its Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcements Affairs (US-INL).

Spread over 50 Kanal of land (6.25 $\,$ Acres) allocated by the Government of KP, the Academy is equipped with a state-of-the-art training facility, an administration block with conference and meeting halls, dedicated monitoring and research rooms, computer labs, auditoriums, libraries, and a large

will deliver a wide range of trainings to men and women prosecutors, lawyers, and other professionals. In addition to curriculum designed for basic and specialized trainings, the Academy is also equipped with an e-learning center to meet digital learning needs.

The Chief Secretary of KP, Dr. Shahzad Khan Bangash, was the chief guest at the inauguration, and applauded the joint effort of the Government of United States, UNDP, and the Prosecution Directorate. "Prosecution is an important component of the criminal justice chain, and it is a prerequisite for an equitable criminal justice system. This academy will help strengthen the criminal justice system by contributing to the professional growth of present and future prosecutors and legal professionals in Pakistan." He also extended his appreciation to Government of KP, the Unittheir efforts to improve prosecution services through well-trained prosecutors and legal professionals.

U.S. Embassy's INL Director, Lori Antolinez congratulated the Government of KP and UNDP on this important initiative and said, "These efforts pave the way for the effective and efficient delivery of justice in KP through the training of a professional cadre of prosecutors." She emphasized that the United States remains committed to strengthening institutions and promoting the rule of law in Pakistan. This year marks the 75th anniversary of bilateral relations between the United States and Pakistan, during which the U.S. Government has provided over \$32 billion USD in development and security assistance to Pakistan since 2002 alone.

In his address, UNDP Pakistan Resident Representative Knut Ostby highlighted that the design and construc-

residential compound. The Academy ed States Government, and UNDP in tion of the academy was also informed by the needs of women prosecutors and legal professionals. "Increasing women's representation in rule of law institutions is integral to equitable justice service delivery in Pakistan. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure an enabling environment for women. The KP Prosecution Academy has a dedicated women's wing with a hostel and a day care facility, and it will help more women to attend trainings and advance in their careers. We hope these efforts will also encourage more women to join the legal profes-

The Prosecution Academy is a remarkable addition to KP rule of law institutions and will play a key role in strengthening the capacity of rule of law professionals, encouraging more women to join and advance in the legal profession, and building a well-trained legal fraternity of highly skilled women and men in the province.

Integrated approach imperative for family planning

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Stressing the need and importance of family planning towards achieving national goals and country's development, Experts lauded the role of Provincial Minister of Health and Population Welfare (Sindh), Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho and Secretary Health Sindh, Zulfiqar Ali Shah, for their continuous efforts towards putting the agenda of family planning at the forefront and introducing reproductive health bill.

These thoughts were expressed in FP (Family Planning) 2030 meeting, held in commemoration of World Population Day. Participants of the meeting highlighted the impact of high population growth rate on its socio-economic development and emphasized its linkages with rising poverty and disparity, to climate change, high urbanization and urban migration, all restraining investment in human development and improving lives of people. Pakistan has made its FP2030 Commitments in line with its national goals agreed under the CCI Recom- on family planning in Pakistan and mendations and the targets set for the National Action Plan.

Technical Advisor and Focal Person key reforms made under the FP2030 this we need to ensure steady supply of tice model out of 43 countries.

KARACHI: Climate Change experts

and journalists highlighted the need

of clean, nature based solutions to the

problem of climate change and the

need of sensitizing journalists towards

promoting responsible reporting on the

These issues were discussed and addressed during a workshop organ-

ized for journalists titled "Reporting on

Climate Change: Making the Invisible Visible", on August 2-3, 2022 by The

(CEJ) and the International Commit-

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tee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Staff Reporter

Making the Invisible Visible



working group such as functional inte- contraceptive commodities supplementgration between Department of Health and Population Welfare Department. He added that significant progress has been observed in the areas of staff capacity building, youth engagement, legislative reforms and Life skills-based Education. Dr Lashari also shared the implementation progress of self-injectable DMPA-SC (Sayana Press) in Sindh and noted that CIP is moving to initiate self-injection by clients.

Speaking at the event, Country Advisor Gates Foundation, Dr Yasmin Qazi shared the historical perspective stressed that we need to work collaboratively to address the gaps and fulfill the unmet needs of couples who want FP 2030, Dr Talib Lashari highlighted access to family planning support. For

ICRC organizes workshop for

journalists on Climate Change

Centre for Excellence in Journalism alized or in vulnerable situations face print, broadcast and digital journal-

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The workshop was attended by 13

Veteran journalist and lead train-

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Country Director Jhpiego, Dr Fauzia Assad said that an integrated multisectoral approach is imperative for expansion of family planning choices by scaling up self-injection contraceptives. She added that we need to continue to innovate by inclusion of concepts such a selfcare in Family Planning and in particular focus upon engaging men in the ongoing discourse of Family Planning.

President Szabist University, Ms. Shehnaz Wazir Ali remarked that joint planning is critical for creating cohesion amongst FP2030 partners and assured galvanizing academia support for partners. Ms. Wazir also appreciated CIP for being acknowledged as global best prac-

433 cases of lumpy skin disease reported in SW: AD Dr. Noor Sultan

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WANA: So far 19412 animals have been vaccinated to prevent Lumpy Skin disease in the tribal district



of South Waziristan, and the vaccination process is still going on, our teams are going door to door in different areas of the district to apply vaccination contracts.

Lumpy skin disease cannot be transmitted to humans except in large animals, nor can it be transmitted to small animals such as sheep and goats,

Assistant Director of Livestock Department, South Waziristan Tribal District, Dr. Noor Sultan told media representatives.

That lumpy skin disease is not like Zontec disease that is transmitted from animals to humans, therefore, only large animals can be affected by lumpy skin disease, which does not pose any threat to humans.

Historical gallery-cummuseum set up at Hamdard Matab



😂 Our Correspondent

KARACHI: A special historical gallery-cum-museum has been set up at Hamdard Matab Arambagh, dedicated to Rooh Afza's unique journey spanning over a century, and the rich cultural heritage it shares with the subcontinent. The gallery was unveiled yesterday at Hamdard Matab Aram Bagh, hosted by Hamdard Pakistan. Ms. Sadia Rashid, Chief Mutawallia, along with the seniormost member of Hamdard, serving the organization for over 70 years, Hakim Mohammad Hameed graced the occasion as chief guests.

Arambagh



ISLAMABAD: President Muslim League-N Youth Wing Pun-

jab and former advisor to Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Sarfraz Afzal to pay tribute to martyrs Lt. Gen. Sarfaraz Ali Shaheed, Brigadier Khalid Shaheed, Brigadier Amjad Hanif Shaheed, Major Saeed Ahmed Shaheed, Major Talha Manan Shaheed and Naik Mudassar Fayyaz Shaheed. Banners displayed on the highways of Rawalpindi-Islamabad stated as "Aye Rah-E-Haq Ke Shaheedo - Tumhein Watan Ki Hawain Salam Kehti Hain". The Spokesman Photo by Ghulam Farid

IUB, Punjab Police organize ceremony to pay tribute to martyrs



Our Correspondent

BAHAWALPUR: The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Punjab Police jointly organized a ceremony to pay tribute to the Police Martyrs at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall, Abbasia Campus, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In the event, tributes was paid to the families of police martyrs.

On this occasion, Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Raja Jahangir Anwar said that police martyrs are our pride. When the head of the family leaves, the family is always sad, but the spirit of these families is admirable. A package has also been given by the Punjab Government for Shohada-e-Police. Police men and officers walk with their lives on their hands all day long. May Allah accept the sacrifices of these martyrs

Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the whole university pay tribute to the families of these martyrs on behalf of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and assure them of special support and scholarships for the higher education of their families and children. Like the forces of Pakistan, our police officers also sacrificing their lives for this country and nation. Surely the martyrs are our pride.

Thieves robbed a poor family's house in Wana city

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: Increase in theft incidents in the tribal district of South Waziristan, the thieves robbed the house of Janan Wazir, who was living in a tent, in the area of Wana City, took away a car and Rs.250,000. According to the details, last night in Wana tribal district of South Waziristan, unknown persons broke into the house of Janan Wazir, a sub caste of Ahmadzai Wazir belonging to Gangi Khel living in a tent due to poverty in Wacha Khow $ara\,area, where the thieves\,ran\,sacked\,the\,house, completely\,wiped\,out\,the$ thieves took away a vehicle and two hundred and fifty thousand rupees.

Zong becomes connectivity partner for SMTH



Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan's leading digital and telecommunication company, Zong 4G has become the connectivity partner for one of the largest, multi-specialty private hospitals in Lahore, Saleem Memorial Trust Hospital. The collaboration will ensure that Zong 4G's cutting-edge digital connectivity solution will provide unmatched assistance to cater to the day-to-day business needs of Saleem Memorial Trust Hospital.

The partnership was formalized in a signing ceremony held in Lahore in the presence of management from both organizations. With the ambition to digitally transform Pakistan and equip corporate entities with its unrivalled connectivity solutions, the partnership is a testament to Zong's commitment to facilitating corporates to operate more efficient-

connect better with their customers. Through this collaboration, Saleem Memorial Trust Hospital will have access to Zong 4G's cutting-edge business solutions, allowing them to provide connectivity across the hospital. This will enable the hospital's revolutionized machinery to treat critical patients and support digital learning for medical students and doctors through strong connectivity.

Commenting on the partnership, the spokesperson of Zong 4G said, "Our corporate and business solutions are paving the way towards a connected world by providing innovative, fine-tuned business applications and intelligent digital solutions. We are thrilled to have partnered with Saleem Memorial Trust Hospital to provide them with connectivity solutions. Our tailored corporate solutions are designed to facilitate the companies to embark on their digily, collaborate more effectively, and tal transformation journey."

Digital Literacy Program

ists, the workshop's objective was to communities at the heart of our stories

promote responsible and inclusive and highlight the indigenous impacts

is playing out locally. Climate change is absent from mainstream media cover-

CIRCLE, L'ORÉAL Fund for women celebrates graduates from Karachi

Our Correspondent

KARACHI: The women-led not-for-profit tech startup CIRCLE, in collaboration with L'Oréal under its L'Oréal Fund for Women program, which aims to support women in vulnerable situations through digital literacy and entrepreneurial skills, celebrates the Digital Literacy Program graduates in

Held at the Movenpick Hotel with Deputy Governor of State Bank of Pakistan Sima Kamil as the Guest of Honour, the event aimed to promote and encourage the exemplary women who were driven to change the course of their future by learning new skills under the Digital Literacy Program thus enabling them to gain access to the digital world



along with skills that are integral for the participation in the online economy, enabling them to excel in their relevant fields and keep at par with the requirements of being digitally sound in this era.

With Pakistan as a global emerg-

WOMEN recognises and believes in the power of women's participation in driving the nations growth and innovation. Currently according to official figures, women in Pakistan represent only 25% of the labour workforce and 1% of entrepreneurship. Through this collaborative Digital Literacy Program, the teams endeavour to positively impact these statistics, supporting projects and initiatives to empower more women, bringing the gap.

ists from various media organiza-

tions and featured expert sessions by

Malik Amin Aslam, former Minister

for Climate Change, Dr. Nausheen

Anwar, Director Karachi Urban Lab,

Sardar Sarfaraz, Chief Meteorologist at

the Pakistan Met Department, Dr. Sher

Muhammad, Glaciologist at ICIMOD,

and Maaz Tanveer, Head of Communi-

cations for HANDS Pakistan.

The Digital Literacy Program was initially designed and piloted under the pandemic with the support of UN Women in 2021. Under the L'Oréal Fund for Women x CIRCLE Digital Literacy Program, launched in March 2022, 1,680 women in 30 cities across

ing economy, L'ORÉAL FUND FOR Pakistan have been trained to date with more to come, as it is an ongoing mission to reach the target of training 5,000 women all over Pakistan by the end of 2022. "Digitalization is changing how we

experience our world. Unfortunately, not every woman experiences this transformation. Globally, men are 21% more likely to be online than women, it rises to 52% in low-income countries. This disparity has to change now. Ensuring women and girls have equal access to and use of digital technologies — mobile phones, computers, and the internet - is central to their economic empowerment therefore imperative to develop and build empowered societies." said Sharmeela Rassool, Country Representative, UN

Women Pakistan.





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JKSM Chairman urges Kashmiris to raise voice against oppression

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD/SRINA-GAR: Jammu and Kashmir Salvation Movement (JKSM) Chairman Altaf Ahmed Bhat urged Kashmiris to raise their voice against oppression aimed to carry their rightful struggle till the complete freedom from Indian illegal occupation.

Recalling August 5, 2019 Bhat said that on the day Hindu extremist backed Modi government revoked the special status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir IIOJK while violating the spirit of United Nations resolutions on the vexed Kashmir issue. Bhat said August 5, should be observed as an "Exploitation Day," and Kashmiri diaspora should protest outside Indian

embassies across the globe. "Kashmiris will never relinquish their rightful struggle for their rights," Bhat added. Scrapping the India's only Muslim-majority state with its autonomy reflects the real face of Hindu extremist Modi regime.

Pakistani nation stands with Kashmiri brethren: Speakers

Term August 5 unilateral action by India an assault on Kashmiris' identity

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar on Thursday described the Indian action of August 05, 2019, an assault not only on Kashmiris identity but on the United Nations that had failed to implement its security councils' resolutions in providing Kashmiris the right to self-determination.

They were of the view that India was the party of UNSC resolutions, bilateral agreement where it was decided between India and Pakistan that issue of Kashmir will be resolved through peaceful means.

They were addressing the seminar titled "August 5, 2019 - An Assault on Kashmiri identity," organized by Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI).

Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed elaborated that India has adopted 3D approach towards Pakistan i.e. damage, demonize and destabilise Pakistan. Bashing Muslims inside India and Pakistan in international forums is India's policy. He saluted the resilience shown by the Kashmiris for the past more than seven decades. He expressed his disappointment that the option of Lawfare has not been utilized.

He also cautioned against starting trade with India as that country does not mean

well for Pakistan which is evident from the fact that every terrorist act meant to sabotage CPEC and China -Pakistan relations has its roots in cross border terrorism sponsored by RAW.

Director India Study Centre Dr. Arshad Ali said that for the past seventy-five years, India has resorted to ruthless oppression and grave human rights violations with impunity against the Kashmiri people, to deny them their right to self-determination. The human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmirhas further deteriorated after August 5, 2019. Since then, the brutality of Indian forces has resulted in the killing of more than 640 innocent Kashmiris, including over 120 through extrajudicial killings this year alone. Prom-

inent Kashmiri leaders have been detained in Indian jails or are under house arrest.

Director General ISSI Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry while welcoming the guests said Kashmiris had been resisting first Dogra rule and later Indian rule. But on August 5, 2019, India made a very sinister move. The very identity of Kashmiri people was assaulted which had never happened before.

The current disposition in India went against the promises made by not only Nehru but AtalBihari Vajpayee who raised the slogan of Kashmiriyat, Insanivat (humanity) and Jamhurivat (democracy). He stressed the fact that Pakistan has always stood with its Kashmiri brethren and will continue to do so.

SPCAI, COMSTECH organize Int'l Workshop on AI

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Sino-Pak Center for Artificial Intelligence (SPCAI) located at Pak-Austria Fachhochschule: Institute of Applied Sciences (PAF-IAST), and COMS-TECH co-organized an International workshop on the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare, agriculture and energy sectors to showcase and debate emerging AI technologies and innovative practices at the COMSTECH Secretariat on Thursday.

The workshop began with the keynote address by Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman, Former Chairman, Prime Minister's National Task Force



capita international research publications in the country. event was also addressed by comprised on three technical

WHIRDHIM WHITH WHITH WHITH the chief guest, Mr. Mohsin Mushtaq, Additional Secretary IT and Telecommuni-

cation, Dr. Atif Mashkoor, day life. He appreciated the Managing Director SPCAI, Dr. Mohammad Mujahid, Rector remarkable increase of per PAF-IAST and Prof. Dr. Syed Khurshid Hasanain, Advisor The inaugural session of the COMSTECH. The workshop

sessions on healthcare, agriculture, and energy respec-

Each session was addressed by three field experts and followed by panel discussion. The workshop was attended by more than 300 participants in-person and many

PAC organizes painting exhibition

Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: A painting exhibition titled From Muhammad bin Qasim to Quaid-i-Azam' was organized in Punjab Arts Council in connection with Pakistan's Diamond Jubilee.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Naheed Manzoor along with Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmed. The works of art made by Muhammad Azim Iqbal are placed in the exhibition. Among the works of art are Khanna Kaaba, Badshahi Masjid, Rohtas Fort and Shahi Fort and others, Allama Iqbals poetry was also written on the paintings as well.

Speaking at the ceremony, Naheed Manzoor said that arts and crafts are the best means of expressing one's feelings. The centuries-long history of fine arts came to Pakistan from the subcontinent traveling through culture, civilization, traditions and beliefs and we got to see unforgetta-



are an example to the whole

Besides, there is no shortage views of nature to the whole and dance are branches of fine

with beautiful sights and the Council and Muhammad entertainment places here Azim Iqbal for the successful organization of the exhibition.

Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmad said that Pakiof talent in our country. Our stan's art has been based on painters play a very important Islam and geography. Music, role in conveying the beautiful painting, sculpture, poetry

trying to promote all branches of arts. The aim of the exhibition is to highlight the importance of the arts which are gradually disappearing and to provide a platform to the new artists. The exhibition was attended by a large number of people from the twin cities.

Global documentary week on Chinese Intangible Cultural Heritage starts

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Since July 20, China Cultural Center in Pakistan has launched a month-long activities with the theme of "Grand Canal Overseas Tourism Promotion Season 2022" on official Facebook page, Wechat official account, channels and other social media platforms.

The eight provinces (cities) along the Grand Canal, including Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shandong, Henan, Jiangsu, Anhui and Zhejiang have all presented their cultural heritage sites, historical and cultural districts and colorful intangible cultures along the canal in this promotion season. Through video display and graphic introduction, we focus on the tourism and cultural resources along the Grand Canal and tell the story of the Grand Canal to

Pakistani people. The promotion season uses video



documentaries as the carrier to record and display the Grand Canal Intangible Cultural Heritage, and presents the cultural memory and historical value

Global screening of the documentary films provided by the National Radio and Television Administration , not only conveyed the skillfulness and depth of the Intangible items by

discovering the centuries-old shadow of Kangjian Guilin, silk rugs making techniques, paper-cutting art and other intangible cultural heritage items etc,. but also recorded the cultural tradition

of people revering nature. In today's digitalization and rapidly changing science and technology, intangible cultural heritage plays an important role in enriching our emotional identity and embodying our way of life, and is the root of our culture and the soul of our nation, as well as an important marker for other peoples to know the Chinese nation.

The promotion season will last until August 20. Welcome to follow "China Cultural Center in Pakistan" on Facebook www.facebook.com/cccenterinpak and Wechat official account Chinaculturalcenter and official We hat Channels to enjoy the beauty of intangible cultural heritage by touring the thousand-year canal.

Kazakh envoy visits Muslim Hands Pakistan headquarters



跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin visited 'Muslim Hands Pakistan' charity organization head-

The leadership of the country office spoke about the activities, current projects and priority areas in the work of the charity organization.

Following the meeting, the parties agreed to establish cooperation and possible participation in projects organized by 'Muslim Hands Pakistan'.

Youm-e-Shuhada

Shahida Akhtar pays tribute to police martyrs



Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry of Communications Shahida Akhtar was the chief guest at National Highways and Motorway Police's 'Youm-e-Shuhada' ceremony in Islamabad on Thursday.

She was welcomed by Inspector General Khalid Mehmood before she addressed families of the martyred and distributed rewards to best performing officers of NHMP.

In her address, the parliamentary secretary recognized the sacrifices of 45 martyred NHMP officials who sacrificed their life in the line of duty. She also appreciated efforts taken by NHMP, especially the recent #NoMore campaign and reiterated her commitment to improving the welfare of NHMP officers through advocating for an increase in salaries improving the welfare of families of martyred officers.

IG Khalid Mehmood thanked families of the martyred and sized the role of shuhada in the development of NHMP as an island of excellence. IG Khalid Mehmood thanked the Federal Minister for Communications Asad Mehmood, and Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry of Communications Shahida Akhtar Ali for their support and advocacy in improving the welfare of NHMP officers

Federal Ombudsman approves action plan for street children



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A Task Force on Street Children approved by Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat presented its study report to the Federal Ombudsman for implementation.

Taking cognizance of the exploitation of children in terms of their involvement in labour / beggary, the Hon'ble Federal Ombudsman, Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi had directed a study titled "Inquiry into the Plight of Street Children in ICT - Challenges & Way Forward. The research sets out priorities and gives evidence-based recommendations to the key stakeholders.

The research was conducted by Syeda Viquar un Nisa Hashmi, Advisor / Grievance Commissioner for Children and her team. This is the first ever empirical study focusing on street children in ICT. The Task Force conducted 506 in-depth interviews including 443 street children, 44 community members including parents of street children and 19 officials of LEAs and service providers.

The team devised a mechanism for the maximum utilization of the resources for the protection, welfare and development of street children. The research revealed that child labour / beggary to some extent is an outcome of extreme poverty, homelessness / abandonment of children, etc., and predominately a lucrative family business of some communities and begging rings. The compelling factors for them to work/beg include low income in 83% cases, followed by 9% illness/disability of parent(s) while in 1% case it was drug addiction of parent/guardian.

The team also reported that there is no Child Court in ICT and only one Model Police Station has a desk for children. The report stated that street children were picked up by the police, dropped at Edhi Centre and CPI but these centers have no capacity to accommodate these street children therefore, they release them in the evening.

The report recommended a robust mechanism for the rescue and care of children in needs; registration of refugees on priority basis and basic facilities of health and to ensure education and health facilities regardless of their status. The report also recommended training of Police and CPI officials to rescue street children.

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Youm-e-Istehsal

ugust 5, 2019 was the darkest day in the history of Kashmir. By revoking Article 370 and 35 A, India has put the entire region in turmoil. Kashmiris had been resisting first Dogra rule and later Indian rule. But on August 5, 2019, India made a very sinister move. Pakistan has always stood with its Kashmiri brethren and will continue to do so. By revoking Article 35 A and subsequently introducing domicile law, India wishes to bring about a demographic change in Kashmir. The silence in Indian occupied Kashmir should not be mistaken as acceptance by the Kashmiri people.

The Indian action of August 05, 2019 was an assault not only on Kashmiris identity but on the United Nations that had failed to implement its security councils' resolutions in providing Kashmiris the right to self-determination. India was the party of UNSC resolutions, bilateral agreement where it was decided between India and Pakistan that issue of Kashmir will be resolved through peaceful means. For the past seventy-five years, India has resorted to ruthless oppression and grave human rights violations with impunity against the Kashmiri people, to deny them their right to self-determination. The human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir further deteriorated after August 5, since then, the brutality of Indian forces resulted in the killing of more than 640 innocent Kashmiris, including over 120 through extrajudicial killings this year alone.

Therefore Kashmiris and Pakistanis are observing Youm-e-Istehsal today to mark the third year of Indian military siege of illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIoJK) and denounce illegal and unconstitutional step to strip its special status. The government has planned a series of activities including seminars and conferences to mark the Youm-e-Istehsal and express solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiri people.

Meanwhile, rallies in support with the oppressed Kashmiri people would be staged across the country with vibrant participation of people from all walks of life. The whole nation will give a message to their Kashmiri brethren that the people of Pakistan would always stand with them in their just struggle for right to independence and against the atrocities committed by the Indian forces.

Kashmiri people on both sides of the Line of Control and all over the world will also observe Youm-e-Istehsal to condemn unconstitutional step taken by India on August 5, 2019. The activists of all the political parties of the country will record protests over Indian state terrorism meted out against innocent and unarmed people of IIoJK through rallies and other activi-

The civil society organizations will also arrange seminars and other programs to highlight gross human rights violations against the Kashmiri people. One minute silence is to be observed across the country. Traffic to be halted for one minute and sirens will be played. The print media, Radio Pakistan and television channels will play Pakistan and AJK national anthems immediately after one-minute silence.

In response to the call of Pakistan and Jammu Kashmir State eadership from across LoC, all set to observe the 3rd anniver ry of the bleak August 05, 2019 day as 'Kashmir Siege Day'. The people of Jammu and Kashmir dwelling both sides of the Line of Control and rest of the world with mass anti-India protest rallies and demonstrations to express severe indignation against Delhi's sinister action of revoking special status of the internationally-acknowledged dispute state of Indian Illegally occupied Jammu Kashmir (IIOJK).

GCC & European energy crisis

Dr. Diana Galeeva

uropean energy security has been a crucial item of concern since the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis in February. However, in recent weeks, it has become even more visible that the venue of the battlefield has been moved to the energy plane. It was in June that Russia, citing the delayed return of a turbine serviced by Siemens Energy in Canada, cut gas flow via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline — the usual route for Gazprom's supply to Europe — from 60 percent capacity to 40 percent. Then, in July, Moscow shut the pipeline entirely for 10 days for annual maintenance, restarting it on July 21. In Europe, it is commonly believed that problems with turbines cannot be the real reason for the drop in gas flow.

The Russian side has repeatedly stressed that the reduction in supplies via Nord Stream 1 is due solely to the West's sanctions, which have caused problems with the repair of gas pumping units. In other words, while Europe considers it political blackmail, the Kremlin stresses it is "not interested" in completely cutting off its gas deliveries to Europe. These events have already raised concerns and had implications, such as the high prices for energy and electricity in Europe. In Norway, electricity pricthe threshold of 4 kroner (\$0.42) per kilowatt. The country's minister of oil and energy warned there is a risk, albeit a small one, that electricity rationing could be introduced.

In the UK, the operator of the National Grid is also predicting "tight" periods of electricity supply this winter. British energy bills could soar to £3,850 (\$4,716) a year by January due to cuts in Russian gas supplies. The shortage of energy has also led governments to move to secure reserves in case of emergency, as in Austria, which has secured a state reserve of gas that would last about three months. Due to its heavy dependence on Russian gas, the most affected country in this crisis is Germany. Among the measures enacted in Germany to support struggling gas importers is a surcharge that will be levied on all consumers from October until 2024, which for a household of four will add up to a significant additional cost. The difficult economic situation has led to inter-

The mayors of seven small towns on the island of Rugen have made an appeal to the federal government to bring the unused Nord Stream 2 pipeline into operation to ensure energy security. Economically, nonetheless, Germany's failure to address the issue will directly affect other nations as, given their co-dependency; the European crisis is essentially circular: A recession in Germany, the eurozone's largest economy, would

nal divisions too.

Along with catastrophic economic outcomes for daily life, some experts have even predicted a castling of political forces in Europe. Mario Tadeo of Bloomberg last week stated that, due to Berlin's reliance on Russia, "the days of Germany knows best are over." She wrote: "For a decade, Berlin commanded moral and financial authority in the European Union, guiding policy and playing bad cop to the weaker southern economies. The energy crisis has upended that

Among the Southern European states to have more political leverage, the author refers to Spain, which has little exposure to Russia and has invested heavily in renewables. Similarly, Ross Clark wrote in The Spectator: "Germany looks rudderless, because it is now Putin who is setting the timetable. At the current rate it looks unlikely that in two years' time there will be any Russian gas left for Germany to boycott." He concluded that "Europe, and especially Germany, is not merely heading for economic turmoil as a result of energy starvation. Putin is managing to make Europe look politically powerless."

While Europe's press presents such dramatic scenarios regarding the future of Europe due to the energy crisis, the Russian press quotes readers of the French newspaper Le Figaro, suggesting that they refused to consider the actions of the Russian energy giant Gazprom to be "blackmail," as stat-

article stated that many commentators recall that Western politi- uncertain. What is certain is that the cians, having agreed to introduce anti-Russian policies, should have anticipated an immediate reaction. Further, as it is common to view the international position through the prism of US policy, Sergey Savchuk of Ria Novosti has stated that Europe is hostage to its own vassal policy" toward Washington. He added that, on the one hand, the participants in the Western alliance want to blame stubborn and uncompromising Russians.

On the other hand, the situation is sharply deteriorating, so if one country demonstrated independence tomorrow and tried to separately negotiate with Moscow on energy supplies, it would immediately be declared a traitor and branded a disgrace. It seems like it would not be so shameful, he concluded. It was strongly expected that, ahead of the coming autumn and winter, the energy crisis would play a more active role in the geopolitical rivalry among the great powers. The confrontation has already taken place on different battlefields, including a transition to the use of national currencies to avoid dependency on the US dollar.

In recent weeks, with the energy sector having become a battlefield and the price of Europe's energy, electricity and other commodities soaring, the predictions are that dramatic economic catastrophes are coming to the continent. To this winter to ease the crisis remains world has dramatically polarized in recent months and the relations between Russia and Europe will not return to their previous state for a long while. This again highlights the opportunities offered by the energy-rich Middle East as a crucial partner, at least in the medium term, that can help solve this energy crisis.

As we know, in the shadow of the Ukraine crisis, the GCC states have become alternative states to consider. But to solve the issue in the short term. many problems have been identified, such as logistics, the limited capacities (in comparison to Russia) and requirements to redirect their supplies from Asia to Europe, as in Qatar's case. At the same time, Europe might wish to be less dependent on any other actors in the future and prefer to rely more on alternative energy supplies, such as renewables. This will play out over the next decade through Europe's strategic decisions. Nonetheless, the EU's announcement of a strategic partnership with the GCC in May might suggest that the Gulf states and perhaps other Middle Eastern nations - can emerge as the leading partners to "save" Europe.

The writer is an academic visitor to St. Antony's College, Oxford University. Courtesy



'Are We Heading to Ignorance'

t is a matter of great regret and momentous concern that sexual violence against children has become a common practice in Pakistan. Just like no one's life is safe, no one's honor is safe in this country. Even the most innocent and angelic children were not safe from this very heinous sin. In such cases, our police and other child protection agencies try to settle the matter between the two parties by calling the matter "a matter of honor" instead of making the culprits blameless. As a result of which the criminal does not get the punishment for what he has done despite being guilty of the crime. After the freedom, such criminals do not feel ashamed to commit such heinous crimes more

The so-called leaders should become a disgrace, negligence of duties should become common, the protectors of human life and property should be immersed in this filth, distance from religion, no control over obscenity and nudity, un-Islamic system, un-Islamic system, un-If Islamic rituals and caste are the cause of delay in the marriage of young children, then

the society is badly affected by such disorders. The only way to prevent this ugly act with children is found in Islamic laws which Allah Ta'ala has given. It has been explained in the Holy Quran.

It is the responsibility of every government to provide security to the lives and property of its people, but here the security providers themselves are victims of insecurity.

Cases of sexual violence against chil-Tariq Khan Yousafzai dren are increasing day by day in Pakistan. According to an estimate, every day 2 to 3 innocent children in the country are victims of savagery disguised as humans.

dren are victimized by people they already know and may be their close relatives, family members or loved ones of friends. But there have been cases in courts and police stations in which the perpetrators of rape have no relationship with the child victim or they did not know them at all. Helpless parents No one can imagine the agony of this act more than the parents of the affected child. No one can feel the intensity of the pain and suffering they go through. Paradoxically, our society's attitude of silence, patience and avoidance of litigation on this type of cruelty has given the barbarians an opportunity to play more openly. Even if the child's parents decide to take a final step in such a painful time, their close relatives should teach them patience, respect and dignity, not to take out the

funeral, and the disgrace of the family and its bad effects on

other children. They silence by giving.

According to a report, a large number of these innocent chil-

From the news published in the newspapers, magazines and journals published across the country, it has been revealed that the incidents of sexual violence against children under the age of 18 years are increasing day by day, in which the majority i.e. 72% are minors. It is for girls and children. A large number of affected children belong to the most backward and remote areas of the country. Last year only 79% of cases were recorded in Punjab, 10% in Sindh, 4% in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 2% in Balochistan. The highest rate of sexual violence against children was observed in rural areas, which is 60% of the entire country. There can be many reasons for child abuse, but in rural areas and especially among the less educated, revenge and the desire to punish opponents for life are the main ones.

In order to end this heinous act in the 71-year history of Pakistan, where there has always been a lack of implementation of laws, there are ministers, members of the assembly, children's rights organizations and private organizations in the government, all in the name of this shameful act, money from international organizations. They have been guilty of

diversion and ignoring the original objectives. So far, no concrete steps have been taken except passing the so-called resolutions on children's rights to raise noise in the assemblies.

There are some cases which gain importance after being in the media and are acted upon to some extent by the concerned agencies. But at the same time, there are cases which are not reported from the beginning or after appearing in the newspapers, nothing was found out about them.

This shows that the governments do not consider the cases of child abuse until there is a noise in the media. As a result of which the affected people continue to yearn for justice for many years and it is possible that a member of the affected family may lose his life at the hands of the opponents. At the same time, the judicial system cannot be acquitted. The judicial system is so corrupt that in most cases, the accused are released due to lack of evidence. Although there are many of these accused. There are those who are caught red-handed by the local people and which means that there are evewitnesses to the case, yet the accused get away easily. Therefore, there is a need to ensure speedy justice in the judicial system so that the accused cannot escape by taking advantage of the "suspended case" and they can be made guilty. In this way, not only the parents of innocent children will get justice, but also this abomination.

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Tashkent Summit on Afghanistan

ight as the first anniversary of the fall of Kabul their views during the summit. and tumultuous end of US military operation in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan a regional leader hosted two days high level summit on Afghanistan. The event was meant to deliberate on the humanitarian crisis and socio-economic development in Afghanistan. Delegates from nearly thirty countries participated in a conference titled "Afghanistan: Security and Economic Development." The summit was attended by delegates of the European Union, Russia, United Kingdom, Japan, Iran, Pakistan, Central Asian Republics and other stakeholders. Tashkent summit is not a stand-alone conference but makes a place in series of dialogue on Afghan issue since Taliban takeover and withdrawal of the US from Afghan soil.

Tashkent, has played a role of an elder brother to take the lead in building consensus amongst the stakeholders to resolve the humanitarian crisis and support for Afghanistan for its devel-

opment. Uzbekistan, like other immediate Afghan neighbors, feel a range of non-traditional threats due to border proximity and expected to inclusively raise the issue with major stakeholders in a successful attempt. As the winter is approaching and so does the ISIS threat, the crisis is looming large with growing food insecurity and rise of severe humanitarian crisis.

The meeting was the first after such a high Muhammad Asif Noor level where Afghan Taliban participated with other European members, US and allies. The meeting was a point where the new dimensions were approached and there was a greater chance that the sides may have met and discussed.

Another important aspect is that earlier such consultation with Taliban was used to take place in Qatar whereas this was the first time that Tashkent Summit such sidelines meeting were This conference is also another timely initiative by Uzbekistan

following the 4th high-level Consultative Meeting of Central Asian leaders in Kyrgyzstan where parties took due time to discuss managing and support Afghanistan and rising insecurities in the region. This meeting was an important one where the role of outside powers and their influence was demonized. Afghan neighbours are realizing that the only just and lasting solution lies in the giving Afghan led and Afghan owned solution.

The focus of international delegates including the European Union, US and other allies was to find ways to reduce the impact of a 20 years old war on future Afghan generations. It is also an interesting fact that this time around Afghan delegation was not only invited but also given the opportunity to speak and share

Afghan delegate took the opportunity to apprize the audience of their firm control over Afghan territory and call on the global community to politically engage Taliban saying 'we are ready to have engagement with world countries'. All the concerned parties including its immediate neighbours have resorted to wait and watch' policy, but it is about time the world decides to talk about recognition. The delegation was led by the Acting FM of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi who explained the challenges in socio-economic Afghan people. The poverty level in Afghanistan has sharply increased post American withdrawal and especially after the USA led sanction regime against Taliban.

It is worth mentioning here that the Afghan government oresented an indigenous budget relying on local resources, but they are insufficient to guarantee sustainability. The US President withheld reserves of the Afghan government with the treasury creating further financial challenges in Afghanistan.

> Despite constraints, the Taliban deserves credit for not retiring but retaining all employees of the previous regime in public services. Taliban didn't pursue civilians and military officers to avenge their fight before getting into government. The Afghan Taliban further took stern measures to maintain law and order in the society, but ISIS remains a threat at the large regional level.

> The entire international community agreed on extending unwavering support to humanitarian causes in Afghanistan and continued to

engage with the Taliban government at multiple levels. The international community raised the concerns of gender based violence, human rights, and fundamental liberties of all communities in Afghanistan and asked the Taliban to ensure the civil liberties of Afghans including minorities. The major concern of major powers remains intact; the Afghan soil must not be used against any state in the world to which Afghan Taliban positively responds.

By the mandate and scope of it, this conference appears to be significant development in the region because financially and socially collapsing Afghanistan serves no purpose for anyone in the region. All of its neighbors in coordination with external powers are taking positive steps of gradual engagement with the Taliban. International community unanimously agreed to keep supporting Afghanistan on issues of security, health, food and shelter. There should be lasting peace in Afghanistan and Afghan should led their destiny in their own hands with the

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ESG-linked Sukuk on growth trajectory

Commonalities exist bet ween Islamic finance and ESG principles due to built-in sharia filters, says Fitch

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Environmental, social and governance (ESG)linked sukuk is likely to persist as a key issuance theme in core Islamic-finance jurisdictions amid government initiatives that promote sustainability and economic diversification, along with rising investor demand and awareness, says Fitch Ratings. Fitch rates more than 80% of the hard-currency ESG-linked sukuk market; while 10.4% of all Fitch-rated sukuk is ESG-linked, the segment's growth potential remains high. "Commonalities

between Islamic finance and ESG principles due to built-in sharia filters, but there are differences," said Bashar Al-Natoor, Global Head of Islamic Finance at Fitch. "Islamic finance does not relate only to the use of proceeds, but Islamic products way that complies with sharia. The global ESG-linked sukuk in 1H22. market has flourished in recent



years, and we expect growth to continue in the medium term."

Outstanding ESG-linked sukuk expanded by 11.2% qoq in 2Q22, reaching USD19.3 also have to be structured in a billion. About USD4.3 billion of ESG-linked sukuk was issued

Key challenges in core Islam- water scarcity, climate change and drought.

ic-finance markets include a and governance reform, are key shortage of domestic ESG-fo-Sukuk must also comply with sharia (Islamic rulings).

complex issuance process, reguissues in a number of Organilatory constraints as well as a sation of Islamic Cooperation countries. For example, five cused investors and issuers. out of six countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council region rank in the top-10 globally when ESG-related issues, such as it comes to extreme temperature Achievement

ADIB named as Most Innovative Islamic Bank by IFN

ADIB also won Best Islamic Private Bank, Egypt Deal of the Year, and Best Islamic Bank for Treasury Management

😂 Spokesman Report

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB), a leading financial institution, has been recognised as the Most Innovative Islamic Bank of the year by Islamic Finance News Magazine, establishing the bank's position as an innovation leader reshaping the future of Islamic banking. ADIB also won Best Islamic Private Bank, Egypt Deal of the Year, and Best Islamic Bank for Treasury Management.

The IFN Awards is one of the most prestigious awards in the Islamic finance industry honouring institutions which have displayed leadership, innovation, and excellence in deal execution. Established in 2006, the IFN Awards have grown significantly since then as demand for Sharia'a-compliant products and services increased manifold around the world. The winners are selected by a panel of independent experts who judge each transaction based on a set of predetermined criteria. The IFN's Innovation Awards recognise the most innovative Islamic banks across the world for their digital banking initiatives, strategy, and overall commitment to digital transformation.

As an industry leader in digital innovation, ADIB launched several ground-breaking initiatives that tap on emerging technologies. Last year, the Bank rolled out a number of digital initiatives, including providing customers with convenient remote account opening services through a government linked facial recognition system, the launch of ADIB Chat Banking, the UAE's first Emirati customer care chatbot and "Amwali", the world's first Islamic digital proposition targeting youth between the age of 8 to 18. Additionally, the bank introduced new integrated digital kiosks - branded 'Smart Tellers' by ADIB across key UAE branches and its first Application Programming Interface (API) developer portal, allowing fintech developers to use ADIB APIs for the purpose of developing their own applications.

Nasser Al Awadhi, Group CEO, ADIB said: "ADIB is immensely proud to receive these prestigious awards and to be recognised as the most innovative Islamic bank in the region. Leveraging our solid digital capabilities, we were able to continue our growth strategy by offering innovative and industry-leading solutions to our customers. We take pride in excelling at providing our customers with the very best service and presenting new opportunities for growth. As we look ahead, we will continue to move forward with our innovation agenda and tap into growth opportunities and emerging technologies, all the while focusing on sustainability and ESG agenda."

Awareness of Islamic Finance growing in UK

LONDON: The pandemic economies experienced a tively manage their finances. The Islamic financial system morality, which equip it to act as a potential warrior to safeguard the interest of the poor and vulnerable under crisis.

Islamic Finance has developed rapidly in the United amendment in light of the new supportive of its develop-United Kingdom hosted nisms, and the legitimate alterthe first stand alone Islamic Divided into seven modules, financial Institution in European Union and has the highest value of Sharia-Compliant assets of any non-muslim country.

> The success of the government's initiative to develop Islamic finance in the UK was shown in 2021 when the government issued its second sovereign sukuk of £500 million, which was sold to institutional investors in the

UK, the Middle East and Asia. Islamic finance will continue to expand in the next decade across regions and asset classes. From a market expected to grow to over \$4 trillion in assets by 2030.

Five years ago, Western digital tools needed to effec- of recent debate.

has provided another oppor- surge in fintech start-ups tunity for Islamic finance to offering more effective and prove its potential and shine. efficient services through the creative application of softis based on the principles ware. Consequently, tradiof risk-sharing, ethics and tional finance institutions are now competing with challenger brands and neobanks to appeal to consumers, investors, and businesses

In the UK, fintech challenger brands like Monzo and Kingdom during the past Revolut have become part of decade (2011- 2021) and the the banking landscape. Estabgovernment has been very lished banks like JPMorgan have responded by launching ment and promotion. The their own challenger brands to rival the new competition. The scale and pace of digi-

tal disruption led by startups initially focused on the delivery of traditional financial services. The success of this first fintech wave has encouraged a new generation of start-ups, which are applying technology to deliver products and services designed specifically for certain demograph-

The creation of tech-enabled Sharia-compliant banks is on the rise in both Western and Islamic jurisdictions. Particularly in regions like Central Asia where countries are undergoing economof just \$200bn in 2003, the ic modernisation, fintech Islamic Finance sector is companies are playing an important role in giving

As more investment is directed into these Islamic fintech companies we are likely to see the sector grow.

Take Sukuk (an Islamic financial bond that effectively acts as a trust certificate) as an example. Sukuk supply has been rising in both Islamic and non-Islamic markets. Most Sukuk issuances are hybrid, with debt making up no less than 30 per cent.

According to Fitch, the global amount of outstanding Sukuk reached \$754.1bn in Q2 2021, which is 5 per cent higher than the same figure recorded in Q1. As the first western nation to issue a sovereign Sukuk, the UK has raised more than \$50bn through 68 Sukuk issuances on the London Stock Exchange.

While there is general awareness of Islamic finance, actual knowledge of its basic principles is not typically high among financial professionals based in non-Muslim jurisdictions. This is an issue that has been raised on numerous occasions in the UK.

There have been attempts by the government to make the financial environment more religiously inclusive in the UK, yet the overall lack of available Sharia-compliconsumers and investors the ant products has been a topic

DUBAI: Marriott International has signed an agreement with UAE-based Gulf Islamic Investments (GII) to introduce The Lucan, Autograph Collection Residences in London, the first standalone Autograph Collection Resi-

dences globally. The sophisticated project is set to include 31 contemporary, stylish homes in a historic redeveloped property located within the storied Chelsea neighbourhood in London. The Lucan, Autograph Collection Residences is expected to welcome its first residents in 2024

With this milestone agreement, Gulf Islamic Investments (GII) introduces a new landmark London property and signs its first real estate management agreement with a global hospitality brand, setting the stage for the debut of the Autograph Collection Residences brand in the United Kingdom and debuting the first standalone residential product for the brand globally.

The stunning, historic Chelsea neighbourhood in London is such an exciting location for the inaugural standalone Autograph Collection Residences. It truly speaks to the dynamic brand, with its unique perspective and heartfelt design, and we look forward to exploring the future of standalone Autograph Collection Residences," said Jaidev Menezes, Regional Vice President, Mixed-Use Development - EMEA at Marriott International.

Marriott International contin- Avenue, Harrods, the Saatchi Art ues to lead in the branded residential segment with nearly 225 total open and pipeline residential projects across 42 countries and territories. With 16 distinct residential brands, Marriott International's portfolio of branded residences offers an expansive array of both luxury and premium brands. Marriott International's global residential portfolio is expected to grow by approximately 60%

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Marriott, Gulf Islamic Investments to

Marriott International to support our debut project in London and introduce this incredible residential brand to a community rich with history and London's best lifestyle options," said Mohammed Al Hassan, Co-CEO of GII. Pankaj Gupta, Co-CEO of GII added: "Autograph Collection Residences are renowned for their inherent craft and distinct perspectives on design and hospitality, which perfectly fits within Chelsea. The Lucan, Autograph Collection Residences will be a perfect addition to

the community." Located in the heart of one of London's most elite neighbourhoods: the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, The Lucan, Autograph Collection Residences is located off of Kings Road, midway between Sloane Square spirit of individual Owners and and South Kensington underground stations in south-west tion is in close proximity to Sloane TradeArabia

Gallery, and the Royal Court Thea-

The Lucan, Autograph Collection Residences will bring discerning lifestyle and amenities to the sought-after neighbourhood. With 31 gracious residences ranging in size from one-, two-, and lifestyle and location choices with three-bedroom units as well as a signature penthouse, owners will have access to stylish common areas designed by renowned British luxury interiors studio Rive Gauche, a state-of-the-art gymna-"We are proud to work with sium, and 24-hour valet service with underground garage parking

> Residents living in The Lucan, Autograph Collection Residences will have similar perks to staying at a hotel, with services such as housekeeping, personal trainers, pet care, and floristry. The 24-hour in-house concierge team will offer unparalleled connections to an extensive network of exclusive opportunities available only to residents, including private dining with top London chefs, parties and events, and personal shopping connections.

Autograph Collection Residences is a growing collection of independently designed homes, handpicked for their creative vision, heartfelt design, and authentic sense of place. Rich in character, these branded homes reflect the are equally as unique. Every carefully crafted residence is a true London. The walkable urban loca- original and defies convention.

Islamic finance converges with sustainability

Total Islamic finance assets will grow to nearly \$5trln by 2025, up from \$2.2trln a decade earlier, forecasts Refinitiv

to the rapidly rising global concerns over sustainability.

Islamic finance, say its proponents, can help divert capital flows towards human activities with a positive environmental and social impact, and away from those with a negative effect.

According to Rafe Haneef, Group Chief Sustainability officer at CIMB bank, there's a growing recognition that the moral precepts of Islam have a lot in common with global standards like the sustainable development goals (SDGs) set out by the United Nations (UN).

The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the UN General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by 2030.

"Islamic banking was always focused on social impact: ensuring that sectors which are socially harmful, such as alcohol, tobacco, arms, ammunition, pornography and gambling, have been excluded," Haneef said during a 2021 Refinitiv webinar.

"Now we are expanding the boundaries of social responsibility by aligning with the UN SDGs," said Haneef.

"In essence, the SDGs are aspirations of Shariah (Islamic law): whether that's

DUBAI: One group of financiers eradicating poverty or ensuring the believes it has a ready-made solution sustainability of life on earth or under the sea. These are all core responsibilities of humans, as dictated in the Quran itself," said Haneef.

There are signs that investors around the world are noting the convergence between Islamic finance and sustainability: according to Refinitiv, sustainability-linked Sukuks (Islamic bonds) grew more than thirteen times in assets during the four years to 2021.

finance assets (including Islamic banking, Sukuk, Islamic funds and Islamic insurance) will grow to nearly \$5trn by 2025, up from \$2.2trn a decade earlier.

approaches in conventional (Western) finance and Islamic finance, it's important to recognise that there are also

Islamic finance has a fundamentally different approach to money than Western banking systems: it is based on the belief that money doesn't have any intrinsic value.

Instead, according to Islamic scholars, money should be seen just as a towards meeting the higher objectives medium for exchanging products and services. Linked to this idea is Islamic

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Refinitiv forecasts that total Islamic

But while there may be a convergence between sustainable investment

Islamic Finance Assets Growth (2014 - 2020, USD Billion) 2,500 2.000 1,500 Source: Refinitiv as of June 30, 2022. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see the end for

finance's ban on making money from money (in the form of interest).

As a result, equity investment strategies that comply with Islamic (Shariah) law tend to limit the amount of leverage that portfolio constituents can incur, as well as screening out whole sectors of Western finance.

FTSE Russell's new FTSE IdealRatings Islamic Index Series, for example, prohibits investment in companies

deriving more than 5 percent of their total revenue from conventional finance.

The Index Series then performs a screen for excessive leverage: it removes companies whose ratio of total debt over the larger of average daily market capitalisation or total assets (calculated over the previous 24 months) exceeds 33 percent, plus companies whose holdings in interest-bearing items (like deposits) exceed the same threshold.

seems miles away from the beliefs of Western finance. But is the underlying idea—that excessive debt creates an economic approach based on gambling and risks financial instability—so different from the tenets of some global poli-

The Bank for International Settlement (BIS), for example, wrote in May this year that "high household and non-financial corporate debt can affect financial stability as well as macroeconomic performance."

"Debt directly affects financial stability by making borrowers more vulnerable to shocks," the BIS said. And global shocks—whether it's Covid-19, war or the accelerating climate emergencyappear to be arriving more frequently than ever.

Islamic equity investment strategies' screening policies also overlap with conventional environmental, social and governance-focused (ESG) approaches

more in some areas than others. Both Islamic and ESG approaches routinely bar investment in alcohol and tobacco producers and distributors, in arms manufacturers and in companies promoting gambling.

But only Islamic scholars tend to view

This stringent approach to leverage investment in entertainment and music as equally non-permissible or "haram" (non-compliant with Islamic law). These differences clearly exist. But it's hard to ignore the broader and deeper similarities between Islamic finance and ESG.

"S—Social—has been the driving factor for Islamic finance while E-Environment—has been the driving factor on the conventional finance side. Now, E and S are merging. It's a beautiful confluence," said Ali Adnan Ibrahim, global head of social and sustainable finance, Al Baraka banking group,

during the Refinitiv webinar. "The journey towards sustainability is just starting and Islamic finance is at the starting point," said Ibrahim. And a convergence in ideas is now increasingly becoming a convergence in business approaches and operational standards,

according to one central banker. "Sustainability has a growing practical relevance to Islamic finance. It has shifted from a more conceptual aspiration to an anchoring strategy in many organisations, including Islamic financial institutions," said Madelena Mohamed, Director of the Islamic banking and Takaful department at Bank Negara Malaysia. Zawya/Reuters

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Canadian Dollar	176.88	178.23
China Yuan	33.69	33.94
Danish Krone	31.01	31.36
Euro	220	225
Hong Kong Dollar	29	29.5
Indian Rupee	2.88	2.96
Japanese Yen	1.7	1.78
Kuwaiti Dinar	751.74	756.74
Malaysian Ringgit	51.08	51.53
NewZealand \$	144.25	145.45
Norwegians Krone	23.39	23.69
Omani Riyal	600.05	604.55
Qatari Riyal	62.54	63.04
Saudi Riyal	61	62
Singapore Dollar	166.73	168.03
Swedish Korona	22.25	22.55
Swiss Franc	238.29	240.04
Thai Bhat	6.65	6.75
U.A.E Dirham	61	62
UK Pound Sterling	265.5	272
US Dollar	217	220

Allied Bank presents NIC Fintech Hackathon 2022

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The National Incubation Center (NIC) Pakistan's first of its kind and largest Incubation center, is hosting yet another exciting FinTech Hackathon in collaboration with Allied Bank (ABL), one of the largest banks in Pakistan. If you are a coder, UI/UX Expert or a problem-solver with a passion for FinTech, here's your chance to get a shot at PKR 1 million in prize money.

Hackathons are a great way to mobilize the community to find solutions to existing micro and macro-economic problems prevalent in the country. The NIC has teamed up with various organizations in to focus on some key economic areas of interest. This time we are joining hands once again with Allied Bank, to revolutionize the fintech sector of Pakistan.

Allied Bank is one of the largest banks in Pakistan with an extensive customer base of over 5 million, an outreach of 1425 branches and 1570 ATMs whilst operating in corporate, commercial, retail and consumer banking services. The Bank is persistently investing in technological solutions for providing digital financial services to all customer segments.

"Allied Bank has always been on the forefront of Innovation, and this FinTech Hackathon is another step in the same direction, bringing Pakistan's brightest minds together to overcome the current challenges in the digital financial industry. Hence, collaborative efforts are required in providing solutions for financial inclusion and empowering the SME, Retail and Consumer segments." -Aizid Razzaq Gill, CEO Allied Bank

The purpose of this event is to find practical innovative ideas, prototypes, and solutions to challenges in the Fin-Tech space. Through this hackathon, the NIC and ABL aim to find disruptive ideas that can transform Fin-tech, not just in Pakistan, but across the globe.

"It fills my heart with pride to see stakeholders in various capacities joining hands with the National Incubation Center in its humble attempt to encourage innovation and build disruptive solutions. Indeed, collaboration is the way forward and the success of events like this prove the power of partnerships in building the ecosystem." Pervaz Abbasi, Director NIC

Senator Talha urges govt to rationalize taxes on real estate sector

The Senator was addressing prelaunch ceremony of "ICCI Pakistan Property, Housing and Construction Expo 22"

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions has urged the government to rationalize taxes on the real estate and construction sector to facilitate its better growth that would help revive the economy.

He stressed that the government should make conducive policies for the construction industry as it played a key role in strengthening the economy. He said that Pakistan needed a business friendly environment and promotion of industrialization to overcome its current economic challenges. He further emphasized that the government should make economic policies in consultation with business community to make them more productive and result-oriented.

He said this while speaking as chief guest at the prelaunch ceremony of "ICCI Pakistan Property, Housing and Construction Expo 22" at a local hotel organized by Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The Expo would



Pak-China Friendship Centre in which a large number of exhibitors including property developers, builders, realtors, consultants, marketing companies, industrialists and others would

Speaking at the occasion, Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that the purpose of organizing property expo is to create a platform for the business community of property,

be organized from September 9-11, 2022 at housing, and construction sectors to showcase variety of their projects under one roof and generate new business leads. He said that the Expo is a right step towards the revival of the economy. He said that the role of the construction industry was vital in the economic development of the country as growth of over 70 allied industries was linked with it and stressed that the government should extend full support to this sector to address the current economic

Sheikh Amir Waheed, Convener, ICCI Expo Committee gave a detailed presentation to the potential exhibitors about the ICCI Pakistan Property, Housing and Construction Expo 22 and said that the Expo will provide exhibitors tremendous opportunities to market and sell their property and construction-related

Ch. Muhammad Masood, Convener, ICCI Builders and Developers Committee assured the participants that the Expo would bring historic footfall to help the exhibitors to maximize the business prospects of their construction projects.

Sardar Tahir Mahmood, President, Federation of Realtors Pakistan said that Pakistan's population was increasing and the country needed over 1.2 million housing units per year to bridge this rising gap. He stressed that the government should provide maximum facilitation to the construction industry to meet rising housing needs and generate more economic activity. Ch. Abdul Rauf, Muhammad Naveed Malik and others also spoke at the occasion.

Commerce Minister assures govt's full support to small chambers

Staff Reporter

ISLAAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar on Thursday expressed the resolve to overcome problems faced by the business community and assured government's full support

He expressed these views while talking to delegations from different chambers of commerce and industry. The chambers include Peshawar Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mandi Bahauddin Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Haripur Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The minister assured to overcome problems faced by small chambers, especially the issue of their memberships.

Syed Naveed Qamar said that the government believes in facilitating the business community through its business

Mandi Bahauddin Chamber of Commerce & Industry delegation was led by its president Syed Haider Raza Naqvi while the delegation included Vice President Mian Zahid Jameel Patiala, Executive Members Capt (r) Taimur, Hanif Shahid Gujjar and others.

he minister to provide an extra incentive



ISLAMABAD: Delegation of Mandi Bahauddin Chamber of Commerce & Industry calls on Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar here on

over increased exports which is above their average exports for the last one year, upon which the minister promised to work on it.

Peshawar Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PCC&I) delegation was headed by its president, Mr. Khalid Farooq Malik while the other members include former KP Minister Agha Syed Zahir Ali Shah, former Senator Haji Ghulam Ali, Peshawar Chamber group leader Malik Mehar Elahi, former president PCCI Shakeel Mandi Bahauddin Chamber suggested Saraf, Senior Vice President Haji Waheed

During its meeting, the PCC&I apprised the minister about the problems faced by small chambers of the country. Points to improve the quantum of trade with the neighboring countries of Iran and Afghan-

istan also came under discussion. Haripur Chamber of Commerce & Industry (HCCI) delegation was led by its president Muhammad Saleem Awan while other members include senior vice. president Sher Afghan Malik, vice president Umair Khalid, former president HCCI Sheikh Muhammad Ilvas and others

PSA urges PM to intervene for solar containers clearance

Market Correspondent

LAHORE: Pakistan Solar Association has called upon the Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif to intervene for the Customs clearance of hundreds of containers containing solar equipment, which have been stuck for months at various ports across the country.

"A huge number of solar devices import containers are awaiting clearance while importers are facing heavy demurrage charges," Pakistan Solar Association Chairman Rana Abbas said in a statement issued Thursday here. He said that it was the time to aggressively promote alternative and green energy sources, and it was unwise to discourage the traders dealing in solar energy equipment in Paki-

been stuck for months at ports mainly awaiting approval from the State Bank of Pakistan. Further, the govt has imposed restrictions on import of all items starting with 85 prefix in directory of H.S. codes while the current procedure requires that every time, import documents of solar equipment including solar panels and inverters must be submitted to the State Bank through bank's Forex Portal.

Despite the passing of the several months, there is no response from the State Bank of Pakistan to approve the LCs while importers are unable to get released their goods from the Customs authorities. This is resulting in excessive demurrage and detention charges on a daily basis being suffered by the importers and traders, as their terrible finan-The containers contain- cial losses would ultimateng solar equipment have—ly lead to their bankruptcy.

PIDE launched Pakistan's One Year Growth Strategy

Ahsan Iqbal applauds PIDE's initiative to focus on Productivity in Short & Long Term plans

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) launched Pakistan's One Year Growth Strategy during a workshop titled "Sectoral Total Factor Productivity in Pakistan at Planning Commission Auditorium.

Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, while delivering his speech as the Chief Guest, said that our long-term growth is declining; we also have declining Investment and productivity, and we have the lowest investment rate among the neighboring countries. Historically, taxation has been the priority, and growth has been down on the list. Therefore, we need to make growth a top priority, and for that, we must focus on Investment, productivity, and exports.

Prof. Ahsan Iqbal further stated that Investment is the key driver of growth in the case of Pakistan. We must bring more Investment into the economy by addressing critical issues the investors face. Among



those key issues, regulations are the main problem. Our regulatory structure is inefficient, and it increases the cost of doing business. Instead of facilitating Investment, it suppresses economic activities. Therefore, there is a need to bring regulatory reforms, and the current government is willing to take this initiative on a priority basis.

Energy also presents significant challenges to businesses in terms of affordability and reliability. In addition, the increase in the cost of production due to higher energy tariffs makes our product less competitive in the international market, he added.

He said that taxation and tax structure are complex. For example, we are killing transactions in pursuing tax targets. So we have to simplify the tax structure as well. Similarly, if we look at our export

performance, it is poor, and Pakistan is still unable to tap its potential. However, the emerging trends in the export sector indicate that if we act proactively, Pakistan can substantially increase exports. There is a revolution in the services exports in the form of freelancing, and Pakistan has enormous youth unemployment. We can provide employment opportunities to our youth by promoting freelancing and IT exports.

Federal Minister said that our industry is still exporting low-value-added products and is located at the lower end of the global value chain. We also have to consider integrating and moving towards the higher ends of the global value chain.

Earlier, Vice-Chancellor PIDE, Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, started by sharing welcome remarks. He said that Investment and productivity are key drivers of growth in any country. But unfortunately, both are not only pretty low in Pakistan but have been in a downward spiral over the years. The real test then is to raise the investment rate and productivity substantially.

Commemorate 14th August with austerity, says President FPCCI

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, has demanded that the government should commemorate the independence day this year with austerity; and, divert the funds toward the flood relief operations and rehabilitation of the affectees. He noted with profound concern that more than 500 people have died in Balochistan alone; thousands are injured and lakhs are displaced.

FPCCI President has demanded that the government should also provide interim relief to the affected businesses all over the country to resume their operations and keep providing employment opportunities as usual. The relief measures may include waiver of utility bills: relaxation in taxes and restructuring of busi-

Mr. Irfan Igbal Sheikh emphasized that, in times of financial crunch, the government's best bet is to save funds from austere measures and redirect them to rescue operations and food & medical supplies. He also urged the business community of the country to help their brethren in need and misery.

FPCCI Chief maintained that national disaster management authority (NDMA) and provincial disaster management authority (PDMA) Balochistan should be better equipped to deal with natural disasters in particular as, due to climate change, we should be prepared to face climatic catastrophes on a larger scale.

Some of SM Muneer

KATI: A 7-member body formed to help victims in Balochistan

Sour Correspondent

KARACHI: President of Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) Salman Aslam has announced a 7-member committee to help the victims of rain and flood in Balochistan under his supervision. include Vice President KATI Farrukh Ali Qandhari, Junaid Naqi, Hamud-Farooqui and Mir Jan. He appealed the people. to the KATI members to generously participate in helping the victims and providing ration. Salman Aslam said that the relief materials and other necessary items will distribute the donations collected by the members of KATI under his leadership will take clothes, medicines, rations,

tents and food for the flood victims on Saturday, August 6, in 4 villages of Balochistan. The most disaster-affected districts including Sub-tehsil Aranji, Sub-tehsil Oranchi, Sub-tehsil Grisha and UC Badri.

SM Muneer said that the business community of the entire country Other members of the committee especially the Korangi Association stand with the people of Balochistan in this hour of trouble and will take ur-Rahman, Umar Saeed, Ahsan all possible steps to provide relief to

> During meeting Salman Aslam expressed views on the occasion of a meeting with the delegation headed by Commissioner Afghan Refugees Repatriation Cell Sindh Hamud-ur-Rehman Mengal. On this occasion, KATI Vice President Syed Farrukh Qandhari, Junaid



KARACHI: Group photo of KATI President Salman Aslam, Commissioner Afghan Refugees Repatriation Cell Sindh Hamud-ur-Rahman Mengal, Farrukh Qandhari, Junaid Naqi, Wajid Hussain and

Naqi, Syed Wajid Hussain and others that dozens of bridges were destroyed were also present. Salman Aslam said due to floods and rains in the prov-

ince and dozens of different highways covering 670 kilometers have been severely affected while crops have been damaged on 2 lakh acres.

He said that the number of people who died due to floods in Balochistan has reached 166 while the victims are still waiting for government assis-

President KATI said that the floodwaters receded in Balochistan but left destruction behind which has paralyzed the life system, more than 15 thousand houses have been destroyed, and there is a severe shortage of food items and large-scale relief operations must be started with immediate effect. Failure to do so has compounded the hardships of the victims, with many connecting roads still not being restored.

Sommonwealth Games

Nooh Dastagir wins first gold medal for Pakistan

Prime Minister congratulates Nooh Butt for winning gold medal

Spokesman Report

BIRMINGHAM/LAHORE: In a show of spectacular dominance, Pakistan's weightlifter Muhammad Nooh Dastagir Butt claimed the first gold medal for Pakistan in the Commonwealth Games 2022 in men's 109+ kg category at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on late Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Pakistan powerhouse produced a stunning performance as the tightly-packed crowd roared his name. Butt, who was at his best set heavier weight targets from the outset to lift gold with a combined record-breaking total of 405kg.

In the snatch portion, he kicked off his participation in style as he lifted 170kg in his first attempt with quite ease. He set a new Games record when he lifted 173kg in the second lift. The lift was reviewed on video; however, the jury confirmed it legitimate. In his final attempt, Butt thought he had registered 175kg, but it was ruled a no lift.

In Clean and Jerk, Butt lifted 225kg



New Zealand's David Andrew Liti remained runner-up to win silver for his effort of 394kg (170kg+224kg), while India's Gurdeep Singh secured bronze with a total lift of 394kg (167kg+223kg).

Butt had earned bronze medal in Gold Coast 2018 in what was then the 105+kg category for the heavyweights. Judoka Shah Hussain got Pakistan off the mark and 232kg and did not need to go for a on the medals table when he won bronze

in the men's -90kg category at the Coventry Stadium.

The 29-year-old Shah Hussain, the son of Pakistan's legendary boxer Hussain Shah, overwhelmed South African Thomas-Laszlo Brevytenbach by ippon — the highest score a fighter can achieve — in their bronze medal bout.

Shah Hussain wrapped up the contest in just under three minutes with a sankanku-jime, a chokehold that encir-

cles the opponent's neck and one arm with the legs. It is the second Commonwealth Games medal for Shah Hussain, who finished with a silver in the men's -100kg competition at Glasgow in 2014.

Meanwhile, Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi congratulated young weightlifter Nooh Dastgir Butt for winning Pakistan's first gold medal in the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham.

In his greeting message on Thursday, Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi said definitely it was a joyous moment for Pakistan. Talented weightlifter Nooh Dastgir Butt lived up to the expectations and made the Pakistan nation proud by winning the gold medal with a record lift. It is worth-mentioning that Nooh Butt won the gold medal by lifting a total weight of 405 kg (173 kg n snatch and 232 kg in clean and jerk).

He also bagged bronze in the last games held in 2018. Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi also congratulated Pakistan's Shah Hussain Shah for winning a bronze medal in the judo event of Commonwealth Games.

Shehla Raza sneaks in as hockey team manager for trip to Bangkok

跨 Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Senior leader of Pakistan People's Party Former Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly and Provincial Minister for Women's Development Shehla Raza has included herself as the team manager of Pakistan's women's hockey team traveling to Bangkok.

The team is traveling to Bangkok, Thailand for the Women Indoor Hockey Asia Cup. Reports state that Shehla Raza has got influence and deep connections within the Pakistan Hockey Federation that also got her preferred people important an indoor match even and posts in the federation.

She apparently arranged match in Bangkok. hockey for the female participants. Reports emerged that shape partially due to the failed to qualify for the Hockticing for five days with- cials and corruption. Once



8th and August 15th. It the insufficient funds providtook five days for the official to arrange hockey for them. Pakistan's women's hockey team has not played will be playing its first indoor

ne players had been prac- incompetence of the offi- ev World Cup. among them. The event will of the downfall can be attrib-

ed for the training of players and the development of sports infrastructure. This is also marred, as mentioned, by corruption and irregularities. In one of the most depressing developments, Pakistan's hockey is in bad Pakistan Men's Hockey Team

came to Pakistan, I felt like I had come to the stone age," said Aikman. "Players didn't get money for months. I didn't receive even "I have been signed by PHE

my first salary. Our players come from the lower level, if there is no money, how players will prepare for international competitions," the head coach raised concerns. Pakistan's hockey team for a long-term. I can't think out hockey. Shehla Raza at the top, Pakistan hockey head coach Siegfried of leaving my job at this arranged hockey for the is now lingering at the 18th Aikman said that lack of moment. I want to work for players. She met the play- spot on the list of interna- money is ruining Pakistan's talented players and groom ers and distributed hockey tional hockey teams. Much hockey. "We have no money them for the betterment of for upliftment. When I first Pakistan's hockey," he added.

Ahsan's world amateur snooker title. He maintain his title winning performance in future international events. "Literally, he added. Meanwhile, Director General Paki-

stan Rangers Punjab Maj- Gen Syed Asif called on Director General Sports Punjab

The promotion of sports and other healthy activities in the province were discussed thoroughly during the meeting. Talking on this occasion, Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi said that Sports Board Punjab is utilizing all resources for inclining youth towards sports activities in all parts of the province.

"We are making collective efforts in collaboration with other departments for the growth of sports culture". Appreciating Sports Board Punjab's measures for the promotion of sports in the province, Maj-Gen Syed Asif said that these steps playing opportunities to talented youth of

Ahsan Ramzan meets Secretary Sports, DG Sports **P**unjab



跨 Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Pakistan's youngest world amateur snooker champion Ahsan Ramzan called on Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Asadullah Faiz and Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi at Punjab Stadium on

Director Sports Nadeem Qaiser, Deputy Director Rauf Bajwa and Imran Noshahi were also present in the meeting. Talking on this occasion, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Puniah Asadullah Faiz said that Ahsan Ramzan has accomplished a great feat at a young age.

"Sports Department Punjab will provide all possible sports facilities to Ahsan Ramzan for his preparation and participation in the upcoming international event, he added. Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi on this occasion said that the entire nation is proud of expressed his hope that Ahsan Ramzan will Ahsan Ramzan has turned out to be a role model for the young players of the country,"

Muhammad Tariq Qureshi here on Thurs-

Director General Pakistan Rangers Punjab would play a key role in providing sufficient



KARACHI: A group photo of the Pakistan Sepaktakraw team after winning the bronze medal in the 35th King's Cup Sepaktakraw World Championship in Bangkok. Naushad Ahmed, Dr.Arif Hafeez, Shabbir Ahmed, Ejaz Ahmed and Muhammad Saleem are also prominent in

Before Departure

Netherlands bound squad to face Pakistan Shaheens

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Babar Azam-led Pakistan ODI squad will face Pakistan Shaheens twice in a seven-day long training camp in Lahore. Sindh middle-order batter Saud Shakeel will lead Pakistan Shaheens in the two 50-over games on 7 and 10 August at the LCCA Ground. Abdullah Shafique and Zahid Mehmood, part of Pakistan's 16-player Netherlands bound ODI squad, will represent the Shaheens in the two practice matches.

This will be the first time when both squads will come faceto-face; practice matches between the two Pakistan teams are set to become a regular practice in future. Depending on team and tour requirements, the two squads will feature in different format matches that would aim to provide both practice to the national squad members and exposure to the reserve and

Besides Saud, for the two matches on Sunday and Wednesday, the Shaheens squad will feature talented players like Kamran Ghulam, Abbas Afridi, Abdul Wahid Bangalzai, Arshad Iqbal, Faisal Akram, Haseebullah, Abrar Ahmed, Mir Hamza and

12-player Shaheens squad: Saud Shakeel (Captain), Kamran Ghulam (Vice-captain), Abbas Afridi, Abdullah Shafique, Abdul Wahid Bangalzai, Arshad Iqbal, Faisal Akram, Haseebullah (wicket-keeper), Abrar Ahmed, Mir Hamza, Qasim Akram. The training camp for the Netherlands bound players will be held in Lahore from 6-11 August.

The side will depart for Amsterdam in the wee hours of Friday, 12 August. Mohammad Rizwan will join the camp after the first practice match while Haris Rauf will report in NHPC on 7th August.

Hutchison Ports Pakistan sponsors table tennis player Hoor

Spokesman Report



KARACHI: As a commitment to support young talent of Pakistan, Hutchison Ports Pakistan, the country's first deep-water container terminal has sponsored sports trip of Hoor Fawad - Pakistan's voungest table tennis player in the women category - to represent Pakistan at the Islamic Solidarity Games, scheduled to commence on August 9 in Konya, Turkiye.

The initiative is aligned with its approach of supporting young talent of Pakistan

and offer opportunities to represent Pakistan at international events and forums.

13-year old Hoor started playing table tennis at age of 8-year and proved her mettle by bagging first Gold medal in Sindh Games at the age of 9. She continued her winning streak and won Women's Karachi Champion title at the age of 11. Playing alongside many experienced players, Hoor won 2 Gold

Medals in Senior National Championship Lahore and 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medal in South Asia under-15 category. She is the National Champion in under-15 category, Mix Double Senior National Champion and Team Event Senior National Champion. Pakistan Sports Federation had conducted trials of top 12

women players for the Asian Games Hangzhou and Islamic Solidarity Games Konya. Hoor had won 10 out of 12 matches and stood 2nd in trials. She is the 1st youngest women player to represent Pakistan at international events.

Head of Business Unit, Hutchison Ports Pakistan - Captain Syed Rashid Jamil said that "Hutchison Ports Pakistan is committed to supporting youth-oriented initiatives and other causes of national interest. Offering opportunities to the youth of the country is one of our top priorities as a corporate entity. We will continue to support initiatives that offer opportunities to the young generation and enable them to excel their skills and talent in different fields.

Jubilant Hoor said: "I will make every effort to perform exceptionally in this competition and make Pakistan proud. I am thankful to Hutchison Ports Pakistan for their support and sponsoring my sports trip to represent Pakistan at an international sports event."

Hutchison Ports Pakistan has been supporting youth of Pakistan in various fields. The port had recently sponsored vocational trainings for the underprivileged youth with the aim to inculcate technical skills to them.

Pakistan beat Scotland 3-2 to keep semifinal chances alive

BIRMINGHAM: Pakistan men's hockey team edged out Scotland 3-2 to keep their slim chances of semifinal qualification alive in the opening match of the evening session in Birmingham on Wednesday.

In a tie that ebbed and flowed in the favour of both sides it was Scotland that took an early lead, Cammy Golden scoring the open-Chances for both sides got the leveller in the 22nd followed in the first period, minute before Abdul Shahid pop at restoring parity for in 23rd minute. Suddenly ing the target.

chances was blown open en went close after some Walker, who scored in the in the Pool stage.



ing goal in the ninth minute by two Pakistan goals in impressive skill but the playfollowing a penalty corner. the space of a minute. Afraz ers headed into half-time with Pakistan leading 2-1.

The third quarter seemed Junaid Manzoor having a got Pakistan's noses in front to open up the tie as both sides searched for goals. Pakistan in the tie but miss- on the back foot, Scotland With chances for both teams searched for an equaliser coming thick and fast it was Another quarter of few of their own, Jamie Gold- the Scots, thanks to Struan

38th minute to level the tie. Despite some late Pakistan pressure, in which they hit the post, the match remained level heading into the final quarter. Scotland began the final

quarter searching for a goal that may have earned them their first three points of the competition. However, it was Pakistan who would get the late winner, Rooman scoring with five minutes left on the clock. There was little time for any more notable chances, Scotland played the last two minutes without a keeper as they desperately searched for another equaliser but the game ended at 3-2, Scotland without a win

Domestic Cricket

PCB announces match officials' panels for 2022-23

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board today announced its panels of match officials for the 2022-23 men's domestic cricket season, which leg of the event will run in Multan from 10-19 September.

Former first-class cricketers Aaley Haider, who featured in 90 matches from 1993 to 2005, Mohammad Asif, who participated in 45 matches, Tariq Rasheed, who played 22 matches from 1996-2003, and Muhammad Sajid Khan Afridi, who played five matches, have been promoted to the PCB Elite Panel of Umpires.

The four have joined Ahsan Raza, Asif Yaqoob, Faisal Khan Afridi, Ghaffar Kazmi, Imran Jawed, Nasir Hussain Snr, Rashid Riaz, Saqib Khan, Shozab Raza, Sved Imtiaz Iqbal, Waleed Yaqub and Zameer kicks-off with the National T20 on Haider. There is no change in the PCB 30 August in Rawalpindi. The second Elite Panel of Match Referees, which includes Ali Naqvi, Iftikhar Ahmed, Muhammad Anees, Muhammad Iqbal Sheikh, Nadeem Arshad and Prof Muhammad Javed Malik.

Apart from the National T20, the elite panelists will officiate in Quaide-Azam Trophy (27 September-30 November) and the Pakistan Cup (10 December-3 January). Ghaffar Kazmi and Zameer Haider will retire during

Aftab Gilani and Qasier Waheed Zulfiqar Jan. have slipped to the PCB Supplementary Panel of Umpires, which includes few faces in Imranullah Aslam and



panel are: Abdul Moqeet, Ahmed Shahab, Aslam Bareach, Farooq Ali Khan, Ghulam Sarwar, Kashif Sohail, Khalid Mehmood Snr, Majid Hussain, Mir Dad, Mohammad Imran and

There are two changes in the PCB Supplementary Panel of Match Referees. Former first-class cricketers Athar Laiq and Bilal Khilji have been added as Azizur Rehman and Tanveer Afzal will be retiring during the season. The match officials in the supplementary panel will be involved in the CA T20 (2-15 September), CA Championship (27 September-23 November) and CA Challenge (10-29 December).

PCB Manager-Umpires and Referees, Bilal Qureshi: "We are pleased to confirm our match officials' panels for the 2022-23 cricket season, which have been finalised following a robust appraisal and performance analysis process in which the match referees

and captains reports from the last match officials' image and profile. season were also considered.

"I want to congratulate umpires Aaley Haider, Imranullah Aslam, Muhammad Asif, Muhammad Sajid Khan Afridi, Tariq Rasheed, and Qaiser Khan, who have earned promotions as well as Athar Laig and Bilal Khilii, who share 281 first-class matches between them, for breaking into the supplementary panel of match referees.

"Azizur Rehman, Ghaffar Kazmi, Tanveer Afzal and Zameer Haider will be retiring during the season and we will give them proper send-offs, but is appropriate at this stage to thank them for their contributions to the game and their role in enhancing the

"Officiating is a challenging and

thankless job, but our match officials have recently made big progress in decision-making and player-management, which has contributed in improving the overall health and quality of our domestic cricket. In recognition of this and for the first time, we have decided to introduce monthly retainers for the supplementary panel.

"I remain confident that all the match officials will play their integral part in the successful delivery of the 2022-23 domestic cricket and, in the process, will attract more former cricketers to take up this noble profes-