

Muharram 23, Monday, August 22, 2022

9 soldiers martyred in AJK

Funeral prayers of soldiers martyred in AFK accident offered at Mangla Garrison

😂 Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: At least nine soldiers on Sunday were martyred and four were injured after a Pakistan Army vehicle met an accident and fell into a nullah in the Shaujabad area of Bagh in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, a statement by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) read.

The military's media wing stated that the vehicle met an accident and fell into the nullah early morning today during routine military duty.

added that the injured have been evacuated to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Rawalpindi. Funeral prayers of all the martyrs were offered at the

embraced shahadat while four

are injured," said the ISPR. It

Mangla garrison. The prayers were attended by Corps Commander Rawalpindi Lieutenant General Sahir Shamshad Mirza and other military officials.

The bodies of the martyred

soldiers will be sent to their native towns and buried with full military honours, said the

"Resultantly, nine soldiers military's media wing.

ICT police registers FIR against Imran Khan

Case registered under Section 7 of the Anti-TerrorismAct.

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad approved Gill's two-day physpolice have registered First ical remand at the request of Information Report (FIR) against PTI Chairman Imran Khan for terrorizing police as well as judiciary in his speech at F-9 Park a day ago. PTI Chairman Imran

Section 7 of the Anti-Terror-

ism Act (punishment for acts

the capital police. Imran Khan threatened her by saying that she should prepare herself as action would be taken against her. He also warned IGP Islamabad and DIG that Khan has been booked under they both also would not be spared.

The FIR argued that Imran's peech was meant to terro

the judiciary so they could not perform their functions and

abstain from pursuing any

action against any PTI-relat-

ed individual(s) if required to

Police deployed around Bani

Additional police force has

been deployed outside Imran

Khan's Bani Gala residence

and the road leading to his

do so.

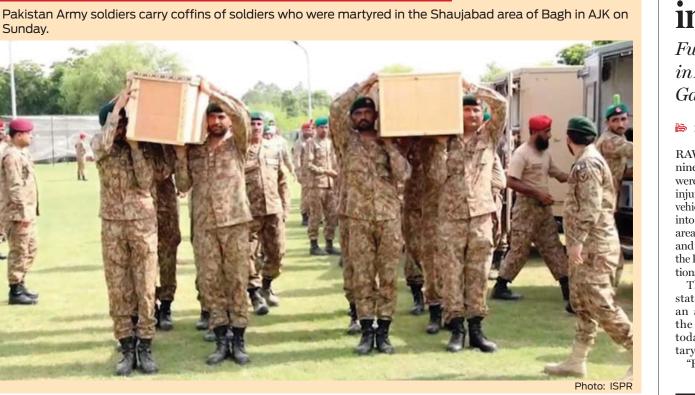
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Politicians react to threats hurled by PTI chief

ISLAMABAD: The parties in coalition government have strongly condemned the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan's statement in which he hurled threats to Islamabad police and a woman judge. In a joint statement, the coalition parties including Pakistan Muslim League (N), Pakistan Peoples Party, Muttahida Qaumi Movement (Pakistan) Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) and others denunciated the derogatory speech made by Imran Khan against the Additional District and Sessions court Judge Zeba Chaudhry and Islamabad police officials during a rally at F-9 Park in Islamabad. The statement said that Imran Khan uttered the name of the woman judge in the PTI rally and intimidated her. The parties in the coalition government sought legal action against Imran and his aides for threatening the female judge and interfering in the matters of Interior Ministry. Agencies

CM Elahi orders to take action over exhibiting arms

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi on Sunday ordered to take indiscriminate action against the elements exhibiting arms across Puniah saying that indiscriminate action should be taken against the exhibition of arms. According to a private TV channel, he said that MNAs and MPAs of Gujrat called on CM Elahi. During the meeting, the Punjab Chief Minister directed the Inspector General of Police to ensure strict compliance with the law prohibiting the exhibition of arms. Elahi called for legal action against those involved in the arms exhibition, irrespective of their political affiliation. The lawmakers praised CM Elahi for his decision to take action against the arms exhibition, saying that his decision would play an anchoring role in maintaining the law and order situation across the province.



➢ Rescue, relief operations

PM, COAS discuss flood situation in country

Prime minister stresses upon acceleration of the rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts

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had been damaged in the province. He observed that helicopters would be helpful in the rescue and relief operations since the linking roads between Sindh and Balochistan provinces had been eroded.

PTI leads NA-245 by-poll

KARACHI: PTI is leading the NA-245 by-poll in Karachi with the MQM-P trailing behind as the counting of vote is underway on the National Assembly seat that fell vacant after the death of Aamir Liaquat Hussain, who was elected on a PTI ticket in 2018.

The polling process started at 8am and continued till 5pm today (Sunday). However, the polling time was extended by an hour at Polling Stations 55, 143 and 144. Aamir Liaquat beat

In the line of duty

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Muhammad Shehabaz Sharif on Sunday discussed with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Lt. General Akhtar Nawaz the flood situation, and rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations in the flood affected

areas. During the telephonic converthe chief of army staff discussed the situation of flood affectees and relief and rehabilitation operations Sindh province.

The prime minister stressed upon acceleration of the rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The army chief apprised the sation, the prime minister and prime minister of the army's full cooperation in the rescue and relief operations in Sindh province.

The prime minister directed in the flood-hit areas, especially in for provision of helicopters in the province as the road and bridges

Special direction issued to Commander Southern **Command over relief activities in Balochistan**

He also appreciated the cooperation and passion of the Pakistan Army in the rescue and relief operations.

General Bajwa also informed that he had issued special direction to the Commander Southern Command over the relief activities in Balochistan.

The prime minister directed the relevant authorities of Benazir Income Support Programme to immediately distribute cash amount among the flood affectees of Sindh province.

Chairman NDMA apprised the prime minister of the latest situation of rainfall and floods in Sindh and also about the cooperation extended during the ongoing rescue and relief operations in the two provinces and the measures taken so far.

Dr Farooq Sattar in 2018 after securing 56,673 votes. Unofficial results from 192 polling stations showed PTI's Mehmood Maulvi leading with 21,393 votes, MQM-P's Mueed Anwar in second with 7802 votes TLP's Muhammed Ahmed Raza with 6,336 votes, Farooq Sattar has secured 2.183 and PSP's Sved Hafeezud Din in last position with 749 votes. The polling for the by-poll was held amid strict security on the 263 polling stations. Out of the 263 60 were declared sensitive and 203 most sensitive.

The by-poll in this constituency was scheduled for July 27, however, the ECP postponed the election owing to the lashing rains in the metropolis. Agencies

of terrorism) regarding his comments at his Islamabad ize the top police officials and rally where he threatened top police officials and a female additional and sessions judge in his address.

According to the FIR registered at Islamabad's Margalla police station at 10pm on Saturday, under the complaint of Magistrate Ali Javed, it has been stated that Imran Khan terrorized and threatened top police officials and a respected female additional and sessions judge in his address to a rally at F-9 park.

The FIR reproduced the comments of PTI chairman where he spoke about the female judge as well as Islamabad police officials and warned them not to be spared.

It is to mention that Additional District and Sessions Zeba Chaudhry Judge Agencies

residence has also been closed for unauthorised people, allowing only people close to him and the residents of the area to enter. Meanwhile, PTI workers are

also present at Imran Khan Chowk. It is unclear whether the arrest warrants of the PTI leader have been issued.

S Might is Right **Gill's sedition case turns into a fiasco on torture charges**

🐞 🛚 By Amjad Mehmood

ISLAMABAD: Muhammad Shahbaz Shabbir Gill publically known as Shahbaz Gill is currently under the custody of the Islamabad Police. A treason case was registered against him at Kohsar Police Station in Islamabad under several sections of the Pakistan Penal Code, including 124-A (sedition), 131 (abetting mutiny, or attempting to seduce a soldier, sailor or airman from his duty), 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot if rioting be committed; if not committed), 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups, etc), and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation), among others. He was arrested by the Islamabad police on August 9, soon after he made controversial remarks on ARY News Channel during a show which were later categorized 'highly hateful and seditious' by Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA).

Chairman of PTI. Imran Khan's Chief of Staff. Mr. Gill is known for his furious remarks against political opponents, media personalities, and Govt officials. Previously on several occasions, he utterly failed in selection of decent words for criticism, however; due to unconditional support from the party chief and applause from followers, he continued behaving harshly by crossing all ethical limits.

On August 9, he was arrested from Banigala Chowk and subsequently booked on charges of

sedition and inciting the junior rank members of the state institutions against their leadership. Initially, the court granted a two-day physical remand and directed the police to present him on August 12 before the court. The police sought an extension in Gill's remand for another 12 days on August 12 but the court dismissed the plea and sent the accused to judicial custody at Adiala Jail Rawalpindi.

PTI leadership blamed the Islamabad police for torturing Shahbaz Gill while arresting him at Banigala Chowk, however, the police released CCTV footage to deny the charges leveled against them by PTI on social media platforms.

PTI leadership including Imran Khan have distanced themselves from the Shahbaz Gill statement during media talk and termed it an irresponsible' statement. At the same time, they demanded that similar statements were passed by many leaders of opposition parties in the past therefore, Mr. Gill should be freed from sedition charges and be given a fair opportunity to defend his position.

The PTI has alleged that Gill was tortured inhumanly during police custody and his life is in serious danger. Chairman PTI, Imran Khan through his tweets said, Shahbaz Gill is not only tortured physically and mentally but he has also been sexually abused. PTI leader, Fawad Ch demanded an independent probe into the custodial torture of Shahbaz Gill.

Earlier, Islamabad Advocate General Jahangir Khan Jadoon in the Islamabad High Court



on Saturday, August 13 pleaded to challenge the denial of Gill's further remand from the lower court. The authorities had maintained in the plea that the physical remand of Gill is important for the recovery of his cell phone, and laptop to complete the case's investigation. The IHC on Tuesday, August 16, referred the plea seeking Gill's physical remand to the sessions court for further hearing. Additional District and Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry on Wednesday, August 17 approved a two-day physical remand of PTI leader Shahbaz Gill at the request of the capital police. The judge also directed the Investigation Officer (IO) to get Mr. Gill medically examined and submit a report to the court. The situation turned more intense when Jail authorities in Rawalpindi and Islamabad police

were in a standoff position on handing over Mr. Gill on court's order for 2 days' physical remand. Later, Mr. Gill was shifted to PIMS Hospital in Islamabad for medical examination on his complaint of deteriorating health. The police claimed that the medical board declared Shahbaz Gill fit and noticed no marks of torture on him. They just recommended a few more tests for advanced examination.

The Islamabad Police shifted Mr. Gill to court in an ambulance from PIMS, where he was shifted due to his complaint of breathing problems and amid the reports of torturing him during police custody. He appeared in court Friday, August 9, on a wheelchair in mourning situation for a mask. The Islamabad district and sessions court directed the Islamabad police to shift Mr. Gill to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences for another medical examination.

The Islamabad-based Journalist, Hamid Mir on several talk shows claimed that he has proof of torture on Shahbaz Gill which are not portray able on TV screens. There were also rumors in town that Mr. Shahbaz Gill is being investigated by some other agencies as well and during the investigation due to his non-cooperative behavior he was tortured. Interior Minister, Rana Sanaullah denied all allegations of PTI leadership for torturing and sexually abusing Shahbaz Gill in Islamabad Police custody. He said

Mr. Gill is staging a drama of bad health and if 'Khan thinks that someone has committed any abuse, he should file an application against him.'

Amnesty International South Asia also shared concerns through its official Twitter account by stating "Amnesty International is concerned about the allegations of torture being made by the lawyers of @SHABAZGIL, and calls for an immediate, effective, and impartial inquiry investigating these claims."

Pakistan has a written constitution where law process and procedures are very well defined and if someone has committed a crime and is subjected to trial for any charge under the relevant rules then the accused must be given a fair trial without compromising the supremacy of law. The courts should decide the fate of the case presented before them for the sake of justice. This is the only process to save the future of the nation and democracy in Pakistan. The opposition parties should also support the due law process in Mr. Gill's case rather than advocating any illegal action of torturing to accused as alleged by PTI. The political parties and leaders should support the constitution of Pakistan and supremacy of law as if they supported any illegal path to establishing sedition cases and undermining opponents, this will open a gateway to treat the opposition in a similar fashion.

The police, law enforcement agencies, and courts should follow the due law process so no one has reasons to question their role and transparency of affairs.



The Spokesman

Plight

DERA ALLAH YAAR: Flood effectees living in temporary makeshifts alongside a road at Goth Ismail Khan.



Princess of Jordon arrives in Pakistan

KARACHI: The Princess of Jordon Sarah Zeid arrived at Jinnah International airport here on late Sunday night, where she was warmly welcomed by the Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Saftey Shazia Marri and Administrator Karachi and Spokesperson for Sindh government Barrister Murtaza Wahab. The Princess of Jordon

will visit the Benazir Nashoma program's center in Badin apart from her meetings with CM Sindh and other officials.

It is pertinent to mention here that Princess Sarah Zeid is an advocate for maternal and newborn health and nutrition, and working with the World Food Programme to increase awareness of the specific needs, vulnerabilities and contribution of women, girls, children and newborns in humanitarian and fragile settings. APP

S Clarification

Allegations of torture on Shahbaz Gill rejected

Interior Minister made it clear that coalition govt did not believe on any kind of torture

😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan on Sunday rejected allegations of torture on PTI leader Shahbaz Gill in police custody and made it clear that the coalition government did not believe on any kind of torture.

Addressing a press conference here, Rana Sanaullah Khan said that PTI Chairman Imran Khan had started propaganda that police tortured his chief of staff Dr Shahbez Gill during the custody.

He said that PTI on the behest of Imran Niazi launched condemnable campaign over the Lasbella incident by leveling heinous allegations on the families and martyrs of the Pak Army

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everything planned with the private television channel, from when they will call him, to how long the conversation will run. According to details, on August 9, a First

Information Report (FIR) was registered against Shahbaz Gill over his remarks and Islamabad police arrested him over instigating Army Officers to not obey the orders of the high command.

He said that politicians at many times had talked about the intervention of the establishment in the politics but not a single person had ever stated that army officers should not obey the orders of the high command. He said that any state or institution could never allow anyone to spread such kind of allegations.

He said that Shahbaz Gill was produced He said that PTI leveled such allegations before the judicial magistrate within 24 against the state which even were not leve- hours of his arrest and he (Shahbaz) did not utter any word regarding torture and On August 8, Dr Shahbaz Gill, in contin- misbehave before the Magistrate and tortured. On August 11, a medical board exam- he said that the victim (Shahbaz Gill) had comments against the Pakistan Army on ined the health of Dr Shahbaz Gill and never stated that he was tortured or sexudeclared him normal and fit and not ally abused.

mentioned any sign of torture while Shahbaz Gill also did not lodge any complaint about torture before the medical board. On August 12, Shahbaz Gill was sent to jail on judicial remand.

"I can confirm as the interior minister that no torture was carried out against Gill during the police custody," he said and added the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) as party always opposed and condemned any kind of torture as it was clear violation of the constitution.

The whole leadership of the PML-N was put behind bars during the tenure of Imran Khan. He said that Imran Khan should sought apology from the nation over his acts during his tenure.

He said that Shahbaz Gill remained in Adiyala Jail from August 12 to 17 and Shahbaz Gill never stated that he was

Imran threatened female magistrate to spread anarchy: PML-N

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim dents of history and misfortunes of League-Nawaz (PML-N) senior lead- a nation give a small person a big ership on Sunday lambasted Pakistan former premier Imran Khan, saying that 'foreign-funded' Imran Khan's threatening to a female magistrate is an incitement towards anarchy and violence.

Khawaja Saad Rafique took to Twitter to criticize the PTI chairman saying that he (Imran) considers himself above all accountability and law. He said that judicial action is mandatory for issuing open threats to the judge Federal Minister for Defense

status or position, it does not mean Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman and that person becomes big. Asif added that the value of a person like Imran Khan rarely changes. He abuses and threatens his benefactors, government officials and women, Asif said. Federal Minister for Planning

Federal Minister for Aviation Ahsan Iqbal said SC's duty is to ensure rule of law is upheld in the country. Abusive, bullying & then luring in tactics of Imran Niazi against state institutions & officials shall not serve his nefarious designs (InshahAllah), he added. He further said that foreign-funded anarchy to disrupt economic recovery shall be defeated. Agencies

Khawaja Asif said that when acci-

Punjab Govt to end 'fake cases' against PTI workers

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to dissolve 'fake cases' against the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers, a private tv channel reported on Sunday.

The Punjab government took a decision to end 'fake cases' against the PTI workers which were deliberately filed to target the political opponents by the previous government led by Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) after May 25 rally.

Punjab Home Minister Hashim Dogar sought an inquiry report on the cases registered against the PTI workers on May 25. Hashim Dogar said that the 'fascist government' had lodged 'fake cases' to terrorise the political workers on May 25. "I have sought a report on the fake cases from the high-level officials and concerned departments."

"All fake cases registered against the PTI workers will be dissolved and the responsible officers will be held accountable.

"Legal action will be taken against the representatives of the fascist government. They had violated the law in Punjab and later in the federal capital Islamabad. PML-N had used Punjab and Islamabad police departments for its political motives."

The Punjab home minister said that the PML-N leaders were now trying to hide from the authorities due to fear of getting arrested

FM to embark on EU countries visit today

😂 Staff Reporter



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will embark on an official visit to Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway form Monday.

According to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, besides consolidating and expanding bilateral cooperation with these important partners, the visit will provide a valuable opportunity to further strengthen Pakistan's engagement with Europe and to share perspective on regional and global issues.

In addition to meeting his respective counterparts in Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo, the Foreign Minister will also interact with the media.

The focus of the visit would be on further deepening and broadening Pakistan's economic engagement with these key export destinations and identifying more opportunities for our people.

The Foreign Minister will also

Pak-US ties to serve interests of peace: Masood

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan says strong Pak-US partnership will serve interests of peace, security and stability of the region and across the World.

He said this during a meeting with retired US General David H. Petraeus in Washington.

The Ambassador thanked David H. Petraeus for his contributions towards strengthening Pak-US relations. He said that he looks forward to working with him to promote Pak-US economic ties.

General David Petraeus has been commanding NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A) during 2010-11. He had also served as Director CIA. Agencies

uation of previous allegations, appeared on media.

a television with a fixed plan and aired Imran Khan's agenda. Shahbaz Gill had

Terming the PTI's narrative as drama,

"We will not treat you in same way which you have done with us. How many days you will hide from us. You will have to face the music in accordance with the law." Agencies

sign a 'Green Framework Engagement' agreement with Denmark, focusing on Climate Change Cooperation, a priority area of the government. APP

Sor real independence IK vows not to surrender



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RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan has vowed not to surrender in the struggle for real independence.

While addressing the public gathering at Rawalpindi's Liaquat Bagh today, Imran my nation to join the US-led war." Agencies

Khan said, "Only nation can defeat the corrupt people. I will stay on roads until getting the real independence."

He congratulated the PTI organisers for holding a successful public gathering in a very less time. "Today, a campaign is started in the country that aims to deprive the nation of real independence."

Khan said that the youth is the future of Pakistan and they will decide the fate of the country. He criticised the discriminative enforcement of law separately for rich and poor people in the country.

The PTI chief criticised that he was ousted from power through an alleged foreign conspiracy when the country was witnessing significant economic growth. He said, Regime change was staged in Pakistan as Imran Khan has rejected the US slavery. Countries design their foreign policies for the betterment of their nations. I did not want

Shahbaz Gill was tortured in a CIA cell, **Fawad Chaudhry claims**

😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Senior PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry on Sunday claimed that party chairman Imran Khan's chief of staff Shahbaz Gill was "tortured in a CIA cell".

Addressing a press conference of his own in response to one held by Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah, Chaudhry said that the torture of political prisoners cannot be condoned under any circumstances.

"I'm surprised that Rana Sanaullah didn't learn anything from the torture inflicted on him in the past," Chaudhry said, expressing disbelief at how the allegations that PTI has been repeating about Gill being "tortured" are being so easily "dismissed".

Chaudhry said that Sanaullah is



acting nowadays as the "mouthpiece of the army,". He complained that Imran Khan and party lawyers were not allowed to meet Gill.

"Why aren't they letting anyone meet Gill if he is in good health?" he asked also asking: "Why are they avoiding inquiry if he [Gill] wasn't tortured?"

Reiterating his proposal from yesterday, he said that PTI demands the formation of an independent commission comprising Saad Rafique, Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Shireen Mazari and others.

"The judge who doesn't consider torture a serious issue has no right to serve the post," he said. Chaudhry said that PTI will file a case against Islamabad inspector general, deputy inspector general and the lady magistrate. Agen-

Pakistan rubbishes India's false terror-related allegations

😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has firmly rejected the recent spate of false terrorism-related assertions made by India in which some detached alleged incidents were being distorted and presented as a so-called 'terror' plot, reminding it 'not to make any mistake again'.

"All this is nothing but continuation of the sinister Indian design to yet again raise the "terrorism" bogey to malign Pakistan. We reject these allegations and Indian machinations outrightly," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release on Sunday.

While strongly denouncing the latest Indian insinuations and allegations, Pakistan called upon India not to make any mistake again.

"Pakistan stands ready and resolute and is fully capable of effectively responding to any misadventure as was manifestly evident in response to India's ill-advised and irresponsible action in February 2019," the spokesper-

son said.

In order to build on this orchestrated 'terrorism' narrative against Pakistan, a section of the Indian media reported that India had intercepted a message from a 'Pakistani' WhatsApp number as well as seized an 'empty boat' in Maharashtra along with some weapons.

Segments of the Indian media deceitfully sought to link these to the preposterous claims about a so-called 'Mumbai style' attack being planned. Separately, the Indian media also reported that the Indian intelligence and border forces were on high alert for possible 'cross-border infiltration' attempts along Rajauri.

The spokesperson said that the mischievous Indian propaganda campaign and baseless allegations against Pakistan reflected its utter desperation emanating from its complete failure to break the will of the Kashmiri people in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The possibility of a choreographed 'false flag



activity' to target Pakistan and negatively affect its false propaganda can deter Pakistan from its political and economic interests could not be ruled out, as Indian propaganda was pointing in that direction, it was added.

"India must recognise that no amount of

exposing India's brutalisation of the Kashmiri people through an unabated military siege, indiscriminate use of force, extra-judicial killings, incarceration of Kashmiri leaders and

youth, crackdown on the media and human rights activists, and denial of access to international human rights and humanitarian organisations to IIOJK," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said Pakistan also urged the international community to take immediate cognizance of the fact that India was yet again resorting to classic 'false flag' methods to advance its sinister designs and that this could have serious implications for peace and security in the region. The international community must urge India to act responsibly.

India should also be held accountable for its gross and systematic violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in IIOJK. The realisation of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity in South Asia remained contingent upon peaceful resolution of the long-standing Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people, it was further added.



B Under BISP Federal Govt earmarks Rs.37.5B for rain-hit people: Shazia Mari

Says Sindh Govt will submit report to National Disaster Management Authority

SANGHAR: Federal Minister of Poverty alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Mari on Sunday said that Federal Government has earmarked Rs37.5 billion for the rain and flood hit people, Rs.25000 would be paid to 1.5 million families under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

She expressed these views while talking to the media after visiting rain-hit areas of Sanghar. Shazia Mari said "after issuance of notification for declaring different districts calamity hit, the Sindh government would submit a report to National disaster Management Authority (NDMA) after which payment will be made to rain-hit families through BISP's database and system." The Federal Minis-



Saghar district which has also been badly affected.

She said "Financial assistance to

used for ascertaining status of destitute families and no illegal deduction from allocated amount will be tolerter said that recent rains caused havoc rain-victims to be ensured through ated and action will be taken against and destruction in Sindh including a systematic way and database to be agents and staff found negligent in in this regard, she said. APP

this regard.

'Earlier, addressing a press conference with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah Shazia Mari said that in the 2011 flood we stood with rain-hit people and provided relief to deserving families.

She expressed gratitude to ASif Ali Zardari who in his tenure had personally visited rain-hit areas and issued Pakistan Cards and Watan Cards to people, however the Sindh Government was also taking sincere efforts to provide relief to rain-hit people on priority basis.

The Sindh Chief Minister has clearly stated that every rain hit person would be provided ration on an equitable system and strict action would be taken against persons found guilty

Power show

KARACHI: Leader of Jamat-e-Islami Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addressing to the supporters during long March title "Vote do Karachi ko" at Nipa Chowrangi road, in Provincial Capital.



DPO South Waziristan inaugurates plantation drive 😂 Our Correspondent

WANA: District Police Officer of South Waziristan Khanzeb Khan Mohmand (PSP) inaugurated the plantation drive, on this occasion Divisional Forest Officer Saleem Marwat was also present.

On the occasion of the plantation drive, the DPO said that in order to deal with the challenges of extraordinary changes in the environment, the plantation drive should be converted into a national campaign and every place should be a part of plantation.



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He said that the importance of forests will always remain an indisputable fact, at the official level, activities are underway to plant saplings in government offices and educational institutions across the district. However, the DPO appealed to the general public, students and every citizen of Waziristan through the media to plant more saplings as a national duty.

Therefore, the Clean and Green Pakistan campaign will provide a better and cleaner environment to our future generations, because trees are the guarantee of environmental protection. In the end, all the participants also asked for special prayers for the development and peace of Pakistan.

Mulling to declare Sindh 'calamity hit', says CM

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Saturday apprised that the entire province had received 400 percent more rainfall this year as compared to the average annual downpours during the monsoon season in recent years.

At a press conference at Shahbaz Hall of Shahbaz Building here in Hyderabad, the CM said after his day-long visit to several districts of Hyderabad division he had reached to the conclusion that the ongoing rains were the most torrential in the province's history

He admitted that the rainfall had affected hundreds of thousands of people across the province, also causing devastation of crops, houses and livestock.

"The entire province may have to be declared as the calamity hit," he regretted.

Meanwhile, announcing the relief package the CM announced that the provincial government would provide financial support worth of Rs 25,000 per household to the affected people, adding that the amount would be released in coming two weeks.

"The government will provide relief to the affected people and we are assessing the total losses as well," he told. The CM said the government was employing all resources to drain out the rainwater from the flooded rural and urban areas. APP

Punjab CM for effective efforts to control lumpy skin disease

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi Sunday ordered to implement effective measures to control the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD).

According to official sources here, the CM said that livestock camps should be increased at tehsil level in affected areas. "Proper awareness regarding precautionary measures about LSD should be created among cattle breeders", he added.

Pervaiz Elahi said that after diagnosis, animals should be administered vaccine. He further said that affected animals should be kept separate from healthy one and for this purpose, proper arrangements should be ensured.

Meanwhile, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi has ordered launching a crackdown on the elements found involved in display of weapons across Puniah

Photo: Online

12 more test positive for Covid-19 in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD: As many as 12 people were tested positive for COVID-19 in the city during the last 24 hours.

According to the health department spokesperson, 381 coronavirus tests were conducted in public as well as private sector labs during the same period.

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AJK PM urges centre to release required grant of budget

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MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan, has urged the federal government to provide the required grant of budget to the AJK government in accordance with 2018's financial contract.

Talking to journalists here on Sunday, the AJK premier, while referring to his government's legitimate demands, said that Azad Kashmir was facing a severe financial crisis. "The federal government should fulfil our legitimate demands rather than treating us as beggars", he maintained.

Regarding the central government's step motherly attitude towards the AJK government, the PM said, "It was quite unfortunate that the PML-N led coalition government is not treating us fairly'

"I salute Raja Farooq Haider Khan for his courage he had shown during successful passage of 13th amendment that granted administrative and financial autonomy to Azad Kashmir", the PM said, adding that he had already acknowledged his services on the floor of the Legislative Assembly.

Regarding the establishment of Tourism Authority (TA), the PM made it clear that the setting up of the TA was meant to make investment possible through one window operation. On municipal elections, he said that the government was serious enough to hold the much-delayed polls in the region.

Reiterating his commitment to safeguard the interests of the people of Azad Kashmir, the PM said that he would never compromise on the honour of the people of this region

The PM said that his stance on 15th amendment was very clear. "The PTI government won't compromise on vital national interests", he said adding that negative propaganda being peddled on social media regarding the abolition of 13th amendment was a conspiracy aimed at creating political unrest within the region.

We support the 15th Amendment to the extent of increasing the number of Ministers", he said adding that 16 ministries were not enough to run 24 departments.

The previous government governed with 25 ministers and we have a cabinet of just16 ministers" he said. "I want to strengthen the atmosphere of tolerance within liberated territory, but the attitude any one", he said.

of the federal government towards Azad Kashmir is not good for anyone", the PM said, adding that the government was being forced to raise our voices.

"As per the 2018 financial agreement, Azad Kashmir should get 3.6% share from federal taxes pool", the PM said.

"Since we are not part of the finance commission, no one is listening to us", he lamented. The federal government, he said, was supposed to release a grant 225 billion rupees to the AJK government but not a single penny has been released so far.

He said that a summary was formally sent to the centre for the release of our funds but we were asked to meet the expenses from our own resources. "Even the responsibility for accomplishing the projects initiated and funded by the federal government has been laid on our shoulders", Khan said.

'What they want to achieve from the Azad Kashmir government through financial pressure", the PM said, adding that the issue should be discussed openly. "No one is anti-Pakistan in Azad Kashmir, Kashmiris are well-wishers and loyal to Pakistan, we do not need certificates of patriotism from

PRCS hand overs two ambulances to BHUs in South Waziristan

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WANA: Pakistan Red Crescent Society Merged Areas (PRCS-MA) on Sunday handed over one well equipped ambulance each to Basic Health Unit (BHU) Baloch Kot and BHU Chaghmalai, district South

Khan Mehsud handed over both the ambulances during a ceremony that was attended by Brigadier Syed Qasim sector headquarters in South Waziristan and elders of the

PRCS initiated different endeavors generally and specif-



ically in the health sector and free medicines to the most now the chapter is success- vulnerable communities across fully operating 9 BHUs in the Tribal Districts. On the Merged Districts. While these other side, PRCS constructed Health Centers facilitated 0.04 190 community latrines and million patients by providing distributed 12,000 water filtra-

tions kits. During the first and second tenure of Asif Khan Mehsud PRCS distributed more than 86 thousand health and Hygiene Kits, Masks, and PPEs during COVID-19 pandemic as well. Recently, Chairman PRCS-

MA Mr. Asif Khan Mehsud inaugurated two Basic Health Units (BHUs) fully operational in South Waziristan after 20 years. Chief Guest Asif Khan Mehsud-Chairman (PRCS-MA's) for the first time in history two newest ambulances were also handover to the Basic Health Unit Baloch Kot of Baloch Kot and Chagmalai for the referral mechanism to serious patients South

He directed the inspector general of police (IGP) Punjab to take an indiscriminate action against those displaying weapons and ensure strict implementation of the Prohibition of Display of Arms Act.

Talking to a delegation of parliamentarians from Gujrat here on Sunday, the CM ordered for eliminating illegal weapons from the province and improving law and order situation. Pervaiz Elahi said every moment was precious and vowed to undertake every step for welfare of masses. He said that public welfare projects and initiatives would be restarted and completed at a fast pace.

Indonesian Consulate General organizes blood donation program



General in Karachi held a blood donation program in collaboration with Afzaal Memorial Thalassemia Foundation (AMTF).

The program indeed has been a custom developed by the Consulate as part of the commemoration of Indonesian's Independence Day on every 17 August, which is the 77th this year. The event was attended by Commissioner of Karachi, Muhammad Iqbal Memon, and Consul General from Turkey, Thailand, and Head of Trade office of Vietnam, Pakistani colleagues from business and social culture community, as well as Indonesian Community in Karachi.

During his opening remarks, Indonesian Consul General, Dr. June Kuncoro Hadiningrat, has stated that this event constitutes a form of stronger relationship between Indonesia and Pakistan as two biggest Muslim countries and brotherly nations who had supported each other's for their independence. This is also a form of tolerance from Indonesia community in Karachi and Paki-

KARACHI: Indonesian Consulate stani society, by sharing their blood, especially for those who suffer from Thalassemia.

Commissioner of Karachi, M. Iqbal Memon had presented his highly appreciations to the initiative taken by the Consulate as part of the effort to strengthening bilateral relations between two countries. Further, he stated that Karachi Metropolitan Commission KMC always stands ready to build the bridge between the foreign mission and the Pakistani Government. He also express his concerns over the thalassemia suffered by Pakistani community especially those who are in Karachi.

CEO of AMTF, Dr. Asim Qidwai also delivered his appreciations to the Consulate for the established collaborations in organizing blood donation program annually. Further, Dr. Asim Qidwai expressed his readiness to collaborate further with Indonesia in fighting Thalassemia disease by efforts such as procuring less-costly medicine for Thalassemia and/or through collaboration with educational institution.

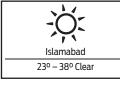
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15 more test positive for coronavirus

RAWALPINDI: Fifteen more people were diagnosed with deadly core navirus during the last 24 hours, raising the district's tally of confirmed cases to 47,505. As per the latest data released by the District Health Authority here on Sunday, the infected cases included 43,903 from Rawalpindi and 3,602 from other districts.

Team IIUI qualifies for final of Hult Prize

As many as 28 teams competed to make place in the final

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ISLAMABAD: A team of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (DME), Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) of International Islamic University (IIUI) after bagging numerous achievements on national level continues its journey of accomplishments as it qualifies among final 6 teams of the Hult Prize.

As many as 28 teams competed to make place in the final where 6 teams including IIUI managed for the final stage competition will be taking place in New York on 20th Sep 2022 for the grand prize of 1Million USD.

The indigenously developed final year project of the students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology was supervised by Assistant Professor Engr. Javed Ahmed Khan Tipu and co-supervised by Dr. Muhammad Arif, Lecturer that took them to height of national and international triumphs. The team members included Hafiz Muhammad Muaz Suhaib, Muhammad Naveed, Haris Ahmed Khan and Saleha Usman of Department of Anthropology.



Earlier this team won the HULT PRIZE Regional Summit and also won the HULT PRIZE 2022 Global Accelerator Program in Boston, U.S.A. To reach this stage they competed with 200,000 teams worldwide initially and 28 teams in Global Accelerator Program.

The success story started from winning the funding of 600,000/- PKR from PSF, sponsored by UNESCO, UNDP and other famous companies for the development of the "Low-Cost Plastic Waste Recycling" Machine". This machine converts plastic waste into 3-D printing filament. This filament is then used as a raw material for manufacturing various 3-D printed prod-

ucts. Later on, this project took part in many National and International Competitions and finally the team won laurels on the global level in the final stage of the Hult Prize.

The team members have said that this is the result of the day and night efforts of all the group members for this worldwide competition. They have thanked the Chairman Department of Mechanical Engineering Dr. Adnan Aslam Noon and Dean FET Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Sheikh for their constant support and guidance which made these achievements possible and helped raise Pakistan's flag Internationally.

Cycle Rally

ISLAMABAD: Women take part during Independence Day Cycle and Bike rally at Jinnah Avenue in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Health Corner

Treating chronic pain with sound plus electrical body stimulation

ISLAMABAD: A University of Minnesota Twin Cities-led team has found that electrical stimulation of the body combined with sound activates the brain's somatosensory or "tactile" cortex, increasing the potential for using the technique to treat chronic pain and other sensory disorders. The researchers tested the non-invasive technique on animals and are planning clinical trials on humans in the near future.

The paper is published in the Journal of Neural Engineering. During the experiments, the researchers played broadband sound while electrically stimulating different parts of the body in guinea pigs. They found that the combination of the two activated neurons in the brain's somatosensory cortex, which is responsible for touch and pain sensations throughout the body.

While the researchers used needle stimulation in their experiments, one could achieve similar results using electrical stimulation devices, such as transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) units, which are widely available for anyone to buy at pharmacies and stores. The

researchers hope that their findings will lead to a treatment for chronic pain that's safer and more accessible than drug approaches.

"Chronic pain is a huge issue for a lot of people, and for most, it's not sufficiently treatable," said Cory Gloeckner, lead author on the paper,



a 2017 Ph.D. alumnus of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Department of Biomedical Engineering, and an assistant professor at John Carroll University. "Right now, one of the ways that we try to treat pain is opioids, and we all know that doesn't work out well for many people. This, on the other hand, is a non-invasive, simple application. It's not some expensive medical device that you have to buy in order to treat your pain. It's something that we think would be available to pretty much anyone because of its low cost and simplicity.

The researchers plan to continue investigating this "multimodal" approach to treating different neurological conditions, potentially integrating music therapy in the future to see how they can further modify the somatosensory cortex.

"A lot of people have been using acupuncture or electrical stimulation - non-invasive or invasive - to try to alter brain activity for pain," said Hubert Lim, senior author on the paper and a professor in the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Department of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Otolaryngology. "Our research shows that when you combine this with sound, the brain lights up even more."

Lim said this opens up a whole new field of using this bimodal and multimodal stimulation for treating diseases.

'It's odd to think about using sound to treat pain, but if you think about what institutes like the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality and Healing or the NIH's National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health are doing, they're looking at music therapy and combining other modalities with the traditional methods to be able to enhance healing of these types of conditions," Lim said. "This research gives us a new, structured framework for doing that moving forward." Courtesy Science Daily



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Among the new cases, eight arrived from Rawalpindi Cantonment, three from Islamabad and two each from Potohar and Rawal towns.

"Presently, 118 confirmed patients are quarantined at homes while two confirmed patients are admitted to Benazir Bhutto Hospital", the report added.

It further said that 6,998,459 people, including 44,797 health workers, had jabbed themselves against the lethal coronavirus (COVID-19) across the district, since the vaccination drive launched on March 10, 2021.

In addition, the District Health Authority updated that during the last 24 hours,1,518 samples were collected, out of which 1.503 were declared negative, while the positivity rate was recorded at 0.99 per cent.

Met Office forecasts more rains ISLAMABAD: Rain-windthundershower is expected in northeast Balochistan, upper Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, south/northeastern Punjab, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan,

according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). Isolated heavy falls are also likely in northeast Balochistan

and south Punjab during the period. Heavy rains may generate urban flooding in Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Malakand, Buner, Mohmand, Kurram and Khyber.

Flash flooding is expected in Qilla Saifullah, Loralai, Barkhan, Kohlu, Musa Khel, Sherani, Sibbi, Bolan, hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan. Abbottabad, Mansehra, Dir, Karak and Lakki Marwat on August 22.

The rainfall may trigger landslides in Kashmir, hilly areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Galiyat, Murree, Chillas, Diamir, Gilgit, Hunza, Astore, Ghizer and Skardu during the forecast period.

In Sindh, partly cloudy weather is expected in most upper parts with rain-wind/ thundershower is likely in Jacobabad, Sukkur, Ghotki, Larka- ed at isolated places in Zhob, Bhakkar, Bahawalpur, Rajan-



na, Kashmore and Shikarpur. Hot and humid weather is expected elsewhere in the province. In Balochistan, partly cloudy weather is expected in most upper districts of the province with rain-wind/

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Ziarat, Barkhan, Musa Khel, Qila Saifullah and surroundings during the period.

In Islamabad, partly cloudy weather is likely with chances of rain-wind/thundershower at isolated places in Islamabad. In thundershower is likely in Punjab, hot and humid weather is expected in most districts of the province with rainwind/thundershower is likely in Dera Ghazi Khan, Layyah,

pur, Rahim Yar Khan, Multan, Lahore, Gujranwala, Narowal and Sialkot.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, partly cloudy weather with rain-wind/thundershower is expected in Dir, Chitral, Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Buner, Mardan, Peshawar, Bajur, Khyber, Kurram, Kohat, Bannu, Lakki Marwat, Orakzai, DI Khan and Waziristan.

Capital's air quality healthy amid declined ratio of air pollutants

ISLAMABAD: The air quality of the federal capital on Sunday was clean the air quality throughout the three as air pollutants ratio recorded were below permissible limits. The air quality was recorded healthy as suspended particles were noted below permissible limits in the atmosphere along with the pollutants' ratio due to consistent rainy weather and reduced vehicular traffic on roads.

The air quality data has been collected by Pak-EPA which monitors air pollutants ratio for 24 hours based on three intervals of eight hours of data collection from different locations.

The Pak-EPA data revealed that intervals of data monitoring remained high as the pollutants were below the permissible limits of national environmental quality standards (NEQS).

The hazardous air pollutant particulate matter of 2.5 microns (PM2.5), which was a lethal atmospheric contaminant, remained 20.17 micro grammes per cubic meter on average which is lower than the NEQS of 35 mic-programmes per cubic meter and denotes the air quality unhealthy.

The PM2.5 is generated through combustion of an engine, industrial

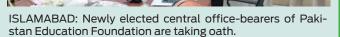
mable material and dust blown up by fast moving cars plying on non-cemented patches of the roads.

Moreover, the frequent forest fires in the federal capital also created high suspended particles, dust and particulate matter in the atmosphere, the EPA chief said. The particulate matter had exceeded the permissible limits beyond 40 microns prior to the onset of rainfall which was mainly due to persistent hot and dry weather.

The nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and sulphur dioxide (SO2) were recorded below permissible ratio as it ing outdoors. APP

emissions, burning garbage or inflam- were recorded 3.7 and 11.77 microgrammes per cubic meter in past 24 hours in the atmosphere against the NEQS of 80 and 120 micro-grammes per cubic meter respectively.

These effluents were mainly produced during the operational activities of industrial plants and factories that were already under control, she said. The EPA DG urged the masses with respiratory conditions and other critical heart or lungs diseases to avoid prolonged outdoor visits and wear face coverings and goggles when the air quality was unhealthy while ventur-



881 FIRs registered for violating anti-dengue SOPs

RAWALPINDI: As many as 881 FIRs had been registered on violations of anti-dengue SOPs from January 1 till this date, while the number of confirmed cases reached 139 patients in the Rawalpindi district, said District Coordinator Epidemics Prevention and Control (DCEPC) Dr. Sajjad Mehmood here Sunday.

Giving details of the punitive actions, the health officer told APP that the district administration, in collaboration with allied departments, had sealed 327 premises, issued Challans to 1,123, notices to 5,231 and a fine of Rs 3,079,500 imposed on violations of SOPs in various areas of the district.

Meanwhile, Dr Sajjad informed that around 139 confirmed cases had been reported in the district this year, including 77 from Potohar town urban area, 15 from Kahutta,11 from Rawalpindi Cantonment, seven from Municipal Corporation Rawalpindi, four of each from Chaklala Cantonment, Taxila Cantonment and Potohar town rural areas while two cases were reported from Taxila rural and one from Gujar Khan.

He added that anti-dengue activities were also being carried out in the private housing societies, whether registered with RDA, Cooperatives or unregistered housing societies. The health officer added that the present spell of rains had increased the threat of mosquito breeding which needed to be tackled on an emergency basis, while the Pakistan Meteorological Department has forecast more rains in the next week.

Dr Sajjad informed that puddles of water, which get stagnant due to rain, become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and spread diseases like malaria and dengue fever. He also urged the residents to clean their water tanks and not leave any place wet with stagnant.

917,285 children to be administered anti-polio drops

RAWALPINDI: A week-long anti-polio drive would commence in the entire district today.

Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of District Health Authority Dr Ansar Ishaque told APP that over 3,000 polio teams would go door-to-door and administer polio drops to 917,285 children less than five years in all tehsils and union councils of the district during the campaign.

He added that 396 areas In-charge, 204 medical officers, allied hospitals and tehsil headquarters hospitals would participate in the campaign.

In addition, "307 fix centers have been set up to administer drops". Ansar further informed that anti-polio drops would also be administered at 182 transit points while teams have also been deputed at toll plazas so that no child could miss immunization.

The CEO added that the results of environmental samples to determine the presence of Poliovirus had been tested negative for one year. He said that Polio was a national issue, and it was the responsibility of all to play an influential role in making the country Polio free.

The CEO said the objective of regularly conducting anti-polio campaigns was to keep children through protective drops and increase their immunity.

He urged the citizens, particularly the parents, to come forward and play their role in eliminating the crippling disease from society. "The parents should cooperate with special teams so that the set target could be achieved."

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Global youth unemployment

he total global number of unemployed youths should fall to 73 million in 2022, down by two million from the year before. However, the figure is still six million higher than the pre-pandemic level of 2019, with the recovery in youth unemployment lagging behind the bounceback in other age groups. Between 2019 and 2020, those aged 15 to 24 experienced a much higher percentage loss in employment than the rest of the labour market. An update on key youth labour market indicators and trends said the pandemic exacerbated the market challenges generally facing young people.

Many dropped out of the labour force, or failed to enter it altogether, due to the difficulty of finding a job during Covid-19 lockdowns and while businesses were closing due to the pandemic. The Covid-19 crisis has revealed a number of shortcomings in the way the needs of young people are addressed, especially the more vulnerable such as first-time job-seekers, school dropouts, fresh graduates with little experience and those who remain inactive not by choice.

The 27.4 percent of young women were projected to be in work in 2022, compared to 40.3 percent of young men. This gender gap "has shown little sign of closing over the past two decades. The gap is largest in lower-middle-income countries, at 17.3 percentage points, and smallest in high-income states, at 2.3 points. The share of youth not in employment, education or training in 2020 -- the latest year for which a global estimate is available -- rose to 23.3 percent, up 1.5 percentage points from 2019 to a level not seen in at least 15 years.

The global youth unemployment rate is projected to be 14.9 percent in 2022. In Europe and central Asia, the rate is predicted to be 16.4 percent, but the actual and potential shocks of the war in Ukraine are highly likely to affect the results. The rate in Asia and the Pacific is set to match the global average at 14.9 percent; In Latin America, it should hit a worrying 20.5 percent; while in North America the figure should be 8.3 percent. The 12.7 percent rate in Africa masks the fact that many youths have chosen to withdraw from the labour market altogether. But the Arab states have the highest and fastest-growing unemployment rate of young people worldwide at 24.8 percent -- a figure that hits 42.5 percent for young women in the region.

On the positive side, young people were well-placed to benefit from the expansion of the so-called green and blue economies, centred around the environment and sustainable ocean resources. An additional 8.4 million jobs could be created for young people by 2030 through green and blue investments, notably in clean and renewable energies, sustainable agriculture, recycling and waste management. Achieving universal broadband coverage by 2030 could lead to a net increase in employment of 24 million new jobs worldwide, of which 6.4 million would be taken by young people. Investments in care sectors would create 17.9 million more jobs for young people by 2030.

Global digital governance

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he digital space has become a new wrestling ground for major-councompetitrv tion. China, the United States and the European Union, with respective comprehensive strengths and sci-tech capabilities, have become the three poles in the global digital

geopolitical landscape. While China and the EU each has respective strengths, they both have a noticeable gap with the US in overall strength. In September 2020, the

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School released the National Cyber Power Index 2020, which measured 30 countries' cyber capabilities. The NCPI 2020's Most Comprehensive Cyber Powers were: the US, China, the United Kingdom, Russia, Netherlands, France, Germany, Canada, Japan and Australia. With regard to the size of the digital economy, the US ranked first (\$13.1 trillion), followed by China (\$5.2 trillion), Germany (\$2.44 trillion), Japan (\$2.39 trillion), the UK (\$1.7 trillion) and France (\$1.17 trillion).

According to a report from the Evergrande Research Institute in 2020 comparing the

a world leader in communications and the smartphone terminal market. The country has made marked progress in the field of semiconductor integrated circuits, but it can hardly shake the monopoly position of the US. It is weakest in fields such as software, the internet and cloud computing. In contrast, the US has absolute dominance in such fields as semiconductor integrated circuits, software, the internet, cloud computing, and the high-end smartphone market. However, Chinese tech giant Huawei is breaking the US monopoly in a number of hightech fields such as communica-

tions and chip designs. The China-US tech rivalry will remain the principal contradiction in China-US relations for a very long time to come. In the global geopolitical landscape of the digital space, the biggest game-changer is the US containment of Chinese technologies and the direction of bilateral relations. With the Donald Trump administration's crackdown on Huawei and "Clean Network" program as a symbol, the US policy intent to decouple from China in advanced technology sectors currently centers on supply chain security and data security, but could later expand

technological strength of China to more areas of the digital nies' competitiveness without the digital age are entering a and the US, China is already internet services, relevant trade, finance, and people-to-people exchanges.

Since President Joe Biden took office, the new administration has launched strategic competition with China in the technology sphere with a focus on beefing up domestic innovation, building "a small yard with high fences", and forging tech alliances. The China-US competition in the digital space will become more and more complex.

In an aggressive move to enhance Europe's strategic autonomy in the digital field, the EU has rolled out digital sovereignty for Europe, further widening the EU-US divergences of interest in the digital field. The notion of "technological" or "digital sovereignty" has recently emerged in the EU as a means of promoting the notion of European leadership and strategic autonomy in the digital field. It shows that European countries have high hopes for seizing development opportunities in the digital age and reclaiming Europe's position on the global stage.

The essential difference between the US and the EU when it comes to data protection and a digital services tax is that the US focuses on protecting its domestic tech compa-

space, including infrastructure, taking full consideration of the new phase. Centering on science interest demands of the EU. The Biden administration has made repairing the relations between the US and its alliances a primary foreign policy objective. However, if such alliances are aimed at engaging in global competition with China regardless of Europe's geopolitical interests, US-EU cooperation in the digital environment will face grave challenges.

Against such a backdrop, China-EU relations have greater strategic importance. The two boast great potential in closer cooperation and development opportunities in the digital environment. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders from China and European countries have held many virtual meetings, expressing their sincere wish to deepen bilateral cooperation in digital technologies and the digital economy. The EU advocates digital

sovereignty and China calls on countries to respect one another's cyber sovereignty. Both emphasize that individual countries should play a larger role in digital governance. Despite differences and competition in a number of fields, China and the EU have great cooperation potential to unlock.

Major-country relations in

and technology leadership, digital trade rules and cyberspace security codes, major-country competition will become increasingly intense and be bestowed with greater meaning. However, the digital age won't change the geopolitical nature of country, nor will it change the logic of the traditional strengthbased power game as stated in international politics. What it changes is the organization and pattern of actions by countries and the content and means of major-country competition. As the power of digital technologies quietly but fiercely shocks existing boundaries and defenses, the reshaping of international rules and order will gradually unfold and proceed on the global stage. Competition between the world's major countries will expand to more areas and get increasingly complex, which requires more refined responses. (Courtesy: China Daily)

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Future of the UK's climate leadership is under serious threat

Andrew Hammond

ess than a year ago, the UK sought to it hosted COP 26, the UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow. However, there is now a significant right-wing backlash against this agenda, which threatens to undermine more than a decade of bipartisan policy consensus.

Although the UK's two most recent prime ministers, Theresa May and Boris Johnson, signed up to a 2050 target date for achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, the political ground in the Conservative Party might be crumbling under this. There is a significant campaign underway on the right wing of the party to undermine the commitments.

These attacks began in the intellectual community, with some conservative thinkers asserting that net-zero amounts to unilateral UK eco-disarmament. This language, more or less, was parroted last month by Tory leadership candidate and former minister Kemi Badenoch, when she described UK climate policy as "unilateral economic disarmament."

It has also been reported that Attorney General Suella Braverman, who fell out of the Conservative leadership contest at a relatively early stage, received a donation of *£*10,000 from a consultancy owned by the chairperson of the Global Warming Policy Foundation between 2019 and 2021. The GWPF is opposed to net-zero and has been sanctioned by the UK's Charity Commission for failing to follow rules on "balance and neutrality."

Both of the remaining Tory leadership contenders, Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, know that net-zero is not a super priority for a significant chunk of the approximately 160,000 members of the Conservative Party who will choose the new leader, and that they will therefore win comparatively few votes by support of a wide range of Conservative MPs who

suggest that the wider national electorate ranks it as one of the top issues.

Indeed, a recent poll by YouGov found 59 percent lead the world on climate change when of Tory voters want net-zero commitments suspended during the cost-of-living crisis that is currently engulfing the UK. In contrast, only 30 percent of Labour and Liberal Democrat supporters would like to see the climate target frozen by the next prime minister.

This is not the only worrying undercurrent within the Conservative leadership contest relating to energy and climate issues. There has also been relatively little discussion about energy security during the debates, especially from Truss who is the strong favorite to win. It is not only politicians who have noticed this, but

also business leaders. Take, for example, Rolls Royce CEO Warren East, who commented on the issue in the context of his company's desire to secure government approval for the new small, modular nuclear reactors it is involved in developing.

He said: "You can invest a lot in wind and you can invest a lot in solar but at a latitude such as where we are at in the United Kingdom, then unfortunately neither wind nor solar gives you sufficient continuous power unless you have a huge amount of storage, which makes the economics of this very different."

Truss and Sunak have not said much about nuclear power. While in government however, as foreign ecretary and finance minister respectively, both of them were publicly supportive of Johnson's goal for nuclear facilities to deliver a quarter of the UK's electricity by 2050.

Truss, who appears more skeptical than Sunak about UK net-zero commitments, claims that overall she backs the mid-century target set by May and Johnson. However, she stressed that "we need to reach net-zero in a way that doesn't harm businesses or consumers.' During the leadership contest, she has won the

championing this agenda - even though some polls are skeptical of the net-zero agenda. Moreover, she has committed to the restoration of gas fracking and other measures that will make it harder for the UK to meet its net-zero commitments. She is also "very supportive" of using gas as a transition fuel.

> Both she and Sunak have also been criticized for not being more supportive of the development of a greater number of UK solar-energy farms. Both have said that they want more agricultural crops, not solar farms, in the UK countryside.

> In the immediate term, Truss has proposed that a solution to the UK's soaring energy costs is a suspension of the green levies that add about 10 percent to bills. This is despite the role these play in reducing the dependence on fossil fuels.

> Sunak seems stronger than Truss in his commitment to carbon neutrality and wants to ensure the nation is energy self-sufficient by 2045 to boot. He proposes a massive expansion in offshore wind farms to help deliver on these goals.

> Previously, he had vowed to maintain a ban on new onshore wind farms, even though these can generate electricity relatively cheaply. On Aug. 3, however, he performed a U-turn on this issue and said he would scrap the ban on new turbines.

> Taking all this together, it is possible that whether Truss or Sunak becomes prime minister he or she might potentially revert to the electoral center ground and once again embrace net-zero more enthusiastically.

> This is by no means certain, however, against the backdrop of shifting Conservative Party dynamics on climate change, and the historic cost-of-living crisis in the UK - which could bring these issues into the crucible of the UK's next general election, due before the end of 2024. (Courtesy: Arab News)

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One year on, Afghanistan still suffers from US-inflicted pain

By Liu Jianna

fghans celebrated the one-vear anniversarv of the US withdrawal from the war-torn country, which is now a national holiday, on Monday. As if intended as a ridicule of Washington which has spent \$300 million each day in the past 20 years but in the end fled in disorder, marchers shouted victory slogans beside the US embassy in Kabul.

But the chaotic and humiliating withdrawal of the US forces one year ago has left a tattered and impoverished country in its wake. The country's bleak economic situation has not been helped by the US' freezing of \$7 billion Afghan assets. Now nearly half of its people are suffering from acute hunger, the United Nations says. Three meals a day remains a distant dream for many.

The US' plundering of the country's precious funds exposes its extreme selfishness and inhumanity. And it seems ultra hypocritical of Washington to find fault with the Afghanistan administration considering the fact that it is the one that has created all the chaos and misery for the landlocked country and its people in the first place.

The key to the reconstruction of nation and improving the wellbeing of its more than 30 million people lies in releasing the billions of dollars of Afghan government assets.

The Joe Biden administration has refused to do so on the grounds that the funds could end up in the hands of terrorists. That is outrageous since what the US did in Afghanistan in the past decades resembles terrorism more than the actions of any other organization.

To begin with, it launched the Afghanistan war that killed at least 174,000 Afghans, more than 30,000 civilians included, made nearly one-third of Afghan population refugees, and forced nearly half the population to suffer acute hunger. It did so, in the name of anti-terrorism, which has proved to be a lie meant to serve its own narrow self-interests.

While the Taliban administration is not free from criticism, its governance of the country is more justified than the US alliance which is obviously indifferent to the Afghan people's pains. If the US could resist the impulse to interfere with others' internal affairs and leave a country's business to its own people, it would do much more to promote global peace and development. Afghans, and people around the world, would be all the more thankful for it.

(Courtesy: China Daily) The author is a writer with China Daily.

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Russian missiles hit Odesa as war nears half-year mark

Ukraine says Russia could do something 'particularly ugly'

a city close to Europe's biggest nuclear plant overnight and Russian missiles hit targets near Odesa, a Ukrainian Black Sea port and a grain export hub, as the war headed for its six-month milestone on Wednesday

Aug. 24 will also mark 31 years of Ukraine's independence from Soviet rule and President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in a nightly video address called for vigilance, saying Moscow could try "something particularly ugly".

Russian authorities said on Sunday they were investigating a suspected car bomb attack outside Moscow which killed the daughter of Alexander Dugin, an ultra-nationalist Russian ideologue who advocates Russia absorbing Ukraine.

While the investigators said they were considering "all versions" when it came to working out who was responsible, the Russian Foreign Ministry speculated there could be a link to Ukraine, something Zelenskiy's adviser quickly dismissed.

"Ukraine, of course, had nothing to

KYIV: Artillery shells rained down on do with this because we are not a crim-Zaporizhzia and Saturday's missile inal state, like the Russian Federation, and moreover we are not a terrorist state," Mykhailo Podolyak said on Ukrainian television, suggesting the incident was a "Karmic" payback for

supporters of Moscow's invasion. As Ukraine prepared to mark its Independence Day embroiled in a war that has flattened towns and cities, killed thousands and forced millions to flee, military and regional officials reported more Russian strikes on targets in the east and south of the country.

Of particular concern was the shelling of Nikopol, a city which lies across the Dnipro river from Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine's and Europe's biggest nuclear plant. It has been held by Russian forces since March.

Nikopol was shelled on five different occasions overnight, regional governor Valentyn Reznichenko wrote on Telegram. He said 25 artillery shells hit the city, causing a fire at an industrial premises and cutting power to 3,000 residents

strike on the southern Ukrainian town of Voznesensk, which is not far from Ukraine's second-largest atomic plant, has spurred fears of a nuclear accident.

Local authorities also reported overnight missile attacks in the Odesa region, home to Black Sea ports critical to a U.N.-brokered plan to help Ukrainian agricultural exports, key for global food supplies, reach world markets again. read more

Five Russian Kalibr cruise missiles were fired from the Black Sea at the region overnight, the regional administration spokesperson said, citing information from the southern military command. Two were shot down by Ukrainian air defences while three hit agricultural targets, but there were no casualties.

Russia said on Sunday the missiles had destroyed an ammunition depot containing missiles for U.S.-made HIMARS rockets, while Kyiv said a granary had been hit.

There were no fresh reports of inci-The fighting in the proximity of dents in Crimea, the Black Sea penin-

sula Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014, after a series of explosions made headlines in recent weeks

In his speech, Zelenskiy referred obliquely to the blasts, for which Ukraine has not claimed responsibility, but analysts have said at least some have been made possible by new equipment used by its forces.

"You can literally feel Crimea in the air this year, that the occupation there is only temporary and that Ukraine is coming back," Zelenskiy said.

In the latest incident, a drone attack on the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea fleet was thwarted on Saturday morning, according to a Telegram post by Mikhail Razvozhayev, Crimea's Russian-appointed governor, who is not recognised by the West.

In a daily Facebook update, Ukraine's general staff also reported several attempted Russian assaults over the past 24 hours in Donbas, the eastern region partially controlled by pro-Moscow separatists that has been a key target of Russia's campaign in the past months.

UN urges long-term support of victims in Somalia

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MOGADISHU: The United Nations senior envoy in Somalia on Sunday called for lasting support for the victims in Somalia amid a surge in attacks by al-Shabab militants across the country.

James Swan, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Somalia, urged that the victims and their families be provided both immediate and longer-term support.

The UN stands in solidarity with all Somali victims and survivors of terrorism as they heal from their trauma, along with their families and communities," Swan said in a statement issued in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, to mark the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.

He said the voices of survivors must be heard and acknowledged, and their rights upheld, noting that the weekend's terrorist violence in Mogadishu is a stark reminder of just how vital this is.

The UN envoy's statement came after the Somali security forces ended a 30-hour siege at Hayat Hotel which had been attacked by al-Shabab militants.

Floods, landslides kill dozens in India

LUCKNOW: Floods and landslides triggered by intense monsoon rains killed at least 50 people in northern and eastern India over the last three days, officials said on Sunday. The rains overwhelmed hundreds of villages, sweeping away houses and leaving residents stranded as rescue crews have been racing to evacuate survivors.

Earlier this month the federal weather office had predicted that India was likely to receive an average amount of rain in August and September, pointing to overall good crop yields in Asia's third-biggest economy that relies on farming to boost growth and generate jobs.

Farming contributes around 15% to India's \$2.7 trillion economy while sustaining more than half the population of 1.3 billion. Heavy showers followed by landslides and flooding in the Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh over the past three days killed at least 36 people, a state government official told Reuters.

In the neighbouring mountainous state of Uttarakhand, an official government release said that four were dead and 13 were missing due to continuous rainfall. The state has evacuated 120,000 people so far from the affected areas.

Egypt, UAE urge Arab unity to address regional challenges

CAIRO: Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi and visiting President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Sunday underlined the importance of strengthening joint Arab action and Arab unity to cope with challenges facing the Arab region. The two leaders made the remarks in a meeting at El Alamein, a coastal city in northern Egypt, during which they also exchanged views on both international and regional issues, Egypt's presidential spokesman Bassam Rady said in a statement.

They called for coordinated efforts to find long-term solutions to regional crises in order to bring about security, stability and peace for the region and its peoples, it added.

They also vowed to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries, especially in the economic and development fields, to support their aspirations towards achieving sustainable development, progress and prosperity, according to the statement.

32 killed in Turkey in separate crashes

ISTANBUL: At least 32 people were killed in southeast Turkey when vehicles crashed into first respondents who were attending earlier accidents, authorities said. Sixteen people including emergency workers and journalists died when a bus crashed into an earlier accident site, regional governor Davut Gul from southeastern province of Gaziantep said. Another 20 people were wounded and received treatment.

Daughter of Russian ideologue killed in suspected car bomb attack

MOSCOW: The daughter of an ultra-nationalist Russian ideologue who advocates Russia absorbing Ukraine was killed in a suspected car bomb attack outside Moscow, Russian state investigators said on Sunday.

Darya Dugina, daughter of prominent ideologue Alexander Dugin, was killed on Saturday evening after a suspected explosive device blew up the Toyota Land Cruiser she was driving, investigators said.

The Russian Foreign behind the attack. Ukraine denied any involvement.

Russia's TASS state news agency quoted Andrei Krasnov, someone who knew



to a policy of "state terror-

ism" being pursued by Kyiv.

Ukraine denied involve-

officers collecting debris Russia's Foreign Ministry and fragments from the spot where the explosion happened.

The statement, which Ministry speculated that described Darya Dugina Ukraine might have been as a journalist and political expert, said investigators had opened a murder case and would be carrying out forensic examinations.

Investigators were consid- inal state, like the Russian Dugina, as saying the vehi- ering "all versions" when it Federation, and moreover cle belonged to her father came to working out who we are not a terrorist state," and that he was probably was responsible, it said. The said Ukrainian presidential

Alexander Dugin, Darya's father, has long advocated the unification of Russian-speaking and other territories in a vast new Russian empire.

He wants that empire to include Ukraine where Russian forces are currently carrying out what Moscow calls a "special military operation" to demilitarise Ukraine. The influence of Dugin, who is on a U.S. spokeswoman, said that if sanctions list, over Russian the investigation's trail led to President Vladimir Putin Ukraine, then it would point has been a subject for speculation, with some Russia watchers asserting that his sway is significant and others calling it minimal. ment. "I confirm that

Ukraine, of course, had Darya Dugina, who nothing to do with this also went by the surname because we are not a crim-Platonova and was reported by Russian state media to be 30 years old, broadly supported her father's ideas and appeared on state TV head of Russia's Investiga- adviser Mykhailo Podolyak, in her own right to offer speaking on Ukrainian telesupport for Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Placed under house arrest in Srinagar: Mehbooba Mufti

SRINAGAR: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday claimed that she has been put under house arrest.

She was supposed to visit the house of Kashmiri pandit Sunil Kumar's family who was killed by unknown men on August 17 at Chotigam in Shopian district.

"My attempts to visit Suneil Kumar's family at Chotigam today were scuttled by the administration. The same administration claims that locking us up is for our own security while they themselves visit every nook & corner of the Valley," Mehbooba said in a tweet. She has also shared a picture of a security bunker vehicle stationed outside her Fairview residence at Gupkar Gate in Srinagar.

On the other hand, the spree of human rights violations in shape of extra judicial and custodian killings by Indian troops continues in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir(IIOJK)

the intended target.

Father and daughter had ed.

TV footage accompanying a statement by Moscow died at the scene. region investigators showed

tive Committee ordered the been attending a festival institution's central branch outside Moscow and Dugin to take over the investigahad decided to switch cars tion. "An explosive device at the last minute, Russian was placed on the undergovernment newspaper side of the car on the driver's Rossiiskaya Gazeta report-side," the committee said in a statement. "Darya Dugina, who was behind the wheel,

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payback for supporters of Zakharova, like Dugina and her father. on a U.S. sanctions list.

vision.

He appeared to blame In a statement in March. internal power struggles the U.S. Treasury said Dugina, the chief editor of the between "various political United World International factions" in Russia for the website, which has suggestkilling, and suggested the incident was the "Karmic" ed Ukraine would "perish" if admitted to the NATO mili-Russia's actions in Ukraine tary alliance, had been put

The Indian troops on August 19, 2022 martyred a prisoner, Muni Muhammad, a resident of Rampura, Kathua, in Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu, said a report released by the KMS.

The report said that the infamous Indian National Investigation Agency (NIA) had arrested him earlier this month and he died after the Indian police, dreaded NIA and jail authorities severely harassed and intimidated him during interrogation in the jail.

"At around 10:45 this morning, a passenger bus crashed here," Gul said, speaking from the scene of the accident on the road east of Gaziantep. "While the fire brigade, medical teams and other colleagues were responding to the accident, another bus crashed 200 metres behind. The second bus slid to this site and hit the first responders and the wounded people on the ground." Separately, a truck hit a site some 250 km (155 miles) east in Derik district of Mardin where first respondents were attending to another accident, according to footage. Sixteen people died and 29 others were injured as a result of the incident in Mardin, Turkish Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said, adding that eight of the wounded were in critical condition.

A new era in relations between Uzbekistan and Saudi Arabia

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nAugust17,2022, at the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques - King of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev arrived in the sacred city of Medina, from foreign languages. which the program of the state visit to Saudi Arabia begins.

The leaders of Medina Province met the President of Uzbekistan at the Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz International Airport. After a short conversation, Shavkat Mirziyoyev left for Al-Masjid an-Nabawi - the Prophet's Mosque, which is one of the main Muslim shrines.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited the Prophet's Mosque in Medina. As is known, Medina has an important place in the history of Islam. Prophet Muhammad moved here in 622. The longest Surahs of the Holy Quran were sent down here.

Al-Masjid an-Nabawi is a huge mosque built around the house of the Prophet. The Messenger of Allah himself and his great companions Abu Bakr Siddiq and Omar Ibn Khattab are buried here. This room in high regard is called "Hujra al-Saada" ("Room of Happiness").

Shavkat Mirziyoyev, having arrived at the mosque, entered Hujra al-Saada, sent a blessing on the Prophet Muhammad, and greeted him. He recited a dua asking for peace and prosperity for our people.

also got acquainted with the Museum of the Life of the Prophet and Islamic Civilization. The museum is dedicated to two large themes: the life and activity of the Prophet Muhammad, the development of Islamic culture and science, and their influence on the social and spiritual life. This is told through visual exhibits and technologies, in several

During the inspection of the museum, the President exchanged views with Saudi scholars on Islam, the ties that bind the Uzbek and Arab peoples.

Sheikh Dr. Nasser Al-Zahrani noted that the data presented in the museum are taken, in particular, from the books of our great ancestors Imam Bukhari and Imam Termizi. Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that scientific centers named after these outstanding thinkers are opened in Uzbekistan, monuments of Islamic culture are carefully preserved, and invited Saudi scientists to visit Uzbekistan.

The President of Uzbekistan also talked with our compatriots making the pilgrimage to Medina. Then the President left for the city of Jeddah. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev arrived in the city of Jeddah as part of a state visit to

Saudi Arabia. Leaders of Makkah Province, the Minister of Investment Khalid Al-Falih and other officials met the President of Uzbekistan at the King Abdulaziz International Airport.

The official welcoming cere-The President of Uzbekistan mony of the President of the



Republic of Uzbekistan took place at the Al-Salam Royal Palace in the city of Jeddah. Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud met President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.A guard of honor was lined up in honor of the distinguished guest. The national anthems of the two countries were played.

Talks were held between the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud. The Leader of Uzbekistan

conveyed sincere greetings and best wishes to the King of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

The intensification of contacts

at different levels was noted with satisfaction. Meetings of the Intergovernmental Commission and the Business Council are held regularly. Trade volumes are growing, joint ventures are being created. At the same time, the two countries have a huge potential to bring relations to a qualitatively new level, primarily in the trade and economic sphere.

The President of Uzbekistan expressed confidence that his first state visit to Saudi Arabia would open wide opportunities for this. The talks at the highest level demonstrated the commonality of views and aspirations. The State Program Saudi Vision 2030 successfully implemented in the country was highly appreciated. It is consonant with the

goals and objectives of the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for the transformation of all spheres of society. The two countries pay much attention to the implementation of the principles of the digital and green economy.

The parties discussed issues of further enhancing mutually beneficial ties in the political, trade, economic, investment, cultural and humanitarian spheres.

The need for creating even more favorable conditions for building up contacts between business circles, increasing volumes, and diversifying the structure of mutual trade was noted. One of the important steps in this direction will be the introduction of a visa-free regime for entry into Uzbekistan for citi-

zens of Saudi Arabia.

"I am sure that today's historic meeting will serve as a powerful signal to enrich our cooperation and strengthen business ties. The businessmen of our countries are our talks" Shavkat Mirziyoyev said.

The President of Uzbekistan invited leading Saudi compathe privatization of commercial and infrastructure in Uzbekistan.

Mutual interest was expressed in building up partnerships in energy and petrochemistry. Currently, together with ACWA Power, the implementation of large energy projects worth \$2 billion 600 million has begun. Partnership with Sabic in the chemical industry has promising prospects.

The issues of implementatransport, water supply, development of electricity networks, social sphere in the regions of Uzbekistan with the participation of the Saudi Fund for Development were considered.

The successful holding of the next meeting of the Uzbekistan - Saudi Arabia Business Council was noted with satisfaction. Following the event, agreements and contracts were signed for more than \$14 billion in the energy, chemical, electrical fields, infrastructure development, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, information technology, and transport.

The main attention at the meeting was paid to strengthening cultural and humanitari-

an ties. In particular, today more than ten thousand students of Uzbekistan are studying Arabic, which is the official language of the United Nations.

Views were exchanged on the looking forward to the results of current issues of the international and regional agenda.

The talks showed the coincidence of the views and approaches of Uzbekistan and Saudi nies to take an active part in Arabia in several aspects. The two countries invariably support banks, large industrial facilities each other in the international arena. Uzbekistan supports the candidacy of Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, to host the World Expo 2030.

> Readiness was expressed for establishing a dialogue in security, for consolidated assistance in strengthening peace in Afghanistan and restoring the economy of this country.

The President of Uzbekistan welcomed the receipt by Saudi tion of infrastructure projects in Arabia of the status of a dialogue partner in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Following the talks, the signed documents were exchanged. A Joint Statement was adopted on further enhancing the full-scale partnership between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. 15 documents on cooperation were signed at the level of governments and ministries of the two countries in such areas as energy, customs, civil aviation, tourism. agriculture, healthcare, labor relations and others.

In honor of the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a state reception was given on behalf of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Economy/Commerce

PIA offers discount for students travelling between Pakistan, China



BEIJING: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has offered discount of 10 percent for Pakistani students on flights between Pakistan and China.

At present, the national flag carrier is operating two weekly flights on Islamabad-Chengdu-Islamabad and Islamabad-Xian-Beijing-Islamabad routes. The students who are returning to homeland from China after completion of their education could immediately take benefit from the discount, an official of the airline told APP here on Sunday.

A large number of Pakistani students enrolled in the Chinese universities and stranded in Pakistan following Covid-19 travel restrictions also want to come to China to join off-line classes. They are waiting for the approval of the Chinese government in this regard.

On June 20, a special of PIA flight had brought first batch of Pakistani students from Islamabad to Xian, China. These students were stuck in the motherland because of Covid-19.

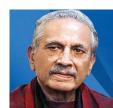
It may be mentioned that PIA had resumed its passenger flights between Pakistan and China section after a gap of nearly six months as the airports in Xian and Beijing closed for the international flights in wake of Covid-19 prevention and control measures.

Talking to APP, Ali Imran, a Pakistani researcher, said that the discount would greatly facilitate Pakistani students travelling on various routes between Pakistan and China. APP

Pakistan largest export sector under threat

Dr. Shahid Rasheed says global cotton output to decline by 20 percent

😂 Staff Reporter



ISLAMABAD. Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Sunda

Traders need to tap \$3 trillion ASEAN market: RCCI

Thailand can play significant role in providing economic and trade opportunities to Pakistan by connecting it with the ASEAN

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RAWALPINDI: Thailand can play a significant role in providing economic and trade opportunities to Pakistan by connecting it with the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) market. The share of ASEAN countries in world trade is around twenty five percent, Pakistan's trade volume with ASEAN countries is only around seven billion dollars which is very low in terms of potential.

These views were expressed by the speakers on the occasion of the 34th Achievement Awards ceremony and conference organized by the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) in Bangkok, Thailand.

The aim of the awards and business conference was to increase trade relations between the ASEAN countries and to bring the business community and private sector of Pakistan and Thailand closer.

Ms Arada Fuangtong, representative from the Prime Minister office and Department of International Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand (DITP) who was the chief guest on the occasion lauded RCCI's efforts for



promoting trade ties between the two countries. She also agreed and appreciated the recommendations and suggestions including opening a DITP office in Pakistan.

address said that the ASEAN region with its automobile, construction, seafood, tourism and significant economic power, vast natural clothing, he added.

resources, and dynamic workforce, has a huge development potential which needs exploration in the better interest of all member nations.

There are vast opportunities for mutual trade RCCI president Nadeem Rauf in his keynote in many sectors, including marble, medicine, mobiles. Pakistan's exports also include Seafood,

Group leader Sohail Altaf, Vice President Talat Awan, Chairman Usman Shaukat, former presidents, executive members, Thai Officials and trade delegations and representatives of prominent business personalities and organizations in various fields were also present on the occasion.

Chamber President Nadeem Rauf has said that about one and a half hundred businessmen, institutions and government representatives from Thailand including Pakistan participated in the Awards and Business Opportunities Conference. He said that there are fraternal relations between Pakistan and Thailand, tourism, especially the tourism of religious places, is very important, many signs and relics of Buddhism are still present in Pakistan. The two countries also share a deep connection with each other under the Gandhara civilization, he added.

He urged Thai investors to look into the opportunities concerning construction and real estate, tourism and hotel industry as Pakistan is a huge market in terms of Electronics and Auto-Cotton cloth, fabrics, Plastic materials, Granite, Marble and spices, Fruits, frozen juices, he said.

InfraZamin, HBL facilitates Multinet for greater digital reach

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ISLAMABAD: InfraZamin Pakistan's partial credit risk guarantee cover of PKR 1,575 million (US\$7.6 million) on the Digital Infrastructure Facility will effectively de-risk the majority of credit risks of this project expansion. This is InfraZamin's first transaction in Pakistan and paves the way forward for deeper market development via credit guarantees.

HBL will facilitate Multinet to access 7-Year long-term funding in expanding their fibre optic network to under-served cities and populations, enable a wider reach for internet access via fibre for Small and Medium Enterprises and reduce the cost of carrying broadband traffic from one city to the other thereby improving cost-effective data and broadband penetration in Pakistan.

In addition to these positive developmental impacts, the project is also expected to create additional jobs of which 20% will be allocated specifically to women. Multinet has also chosen to adopt best practices in Health and Safety standards and will work on a long-term basis with an independent Health and Safety advisor to ensure worker safety and protection during network rollout. The company will continue to engage with InfraZamin to ensure continued Rahman, CEO -InfraZamin, said, "The fiberization and meeting SMEs ICT serviccapacity building and training in this area. transaction is one step further towards es requirements. This transaction will help



corporate governance, disclosure and transparency standards for Multinet which is a welcome step towards better governance standards in private unlisted companies.

Commenting on the occasion, Aamir Irshad, Head Corporate, Commercial & Investment Banking Group-HBL, said, "HBL is a strong advocate for technological advancements and has shown its continued support for the development of digital infrastructure by extending a InfraZamin credit guarantee backed loan facility of PKR 2.1 billion to Multinet. We believe this facility will go a long way in augmenting internet and data access to second and third tier cities of Pakistan along with improving the capacity and quality of internet ed. The said funding will assist Multinet in for Mobile Network Operators, Internet

sector for boosting economic growth and covering the infrastructure gap in frontier markets. We are grateful to HBL Bank for their vision and support throughout this transaction process and look forward to seeing Multinet achieve their business expansion goals. This project caters to Pakistan's dynamic and growing digital sector and we are happy to lend our support towards realising Pakistan's vision towards greater digital access and inclusion."

Commenting on the occasion, Adnan Asder, CEO-Multinet, said, "IZP credit guarantee facility played an instrumental role in obtaining PKR 2,100 mln longterm loan facility from Habib Bank Limitdoubling its data centres capacity enhand ing long-haul network transmission capacity, expanding metro footprint for tower

CEO of Explorer Den Travel Tourism Services honours Qadeer Gillani



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LAHORE: The CEO of Explorer Den Travel Tourism Services gave the reception in the honour of renowned (Biker, Trekker) Qadeer Gillani with his son Syed Ateeb Gillani.

Explorer Den Office. Qadeer Jamil Raza to arrange the Gillani spent 3 month with ceremony in his honour.

Shepherds during his Journey and he has crossed 20 passes and faced many difficulties. He is first Pakistani Urban citizen who did this job successfully. At the end of the ceremony, CEO Explorer Den presented the Company profile book to Qadeer The ceremony was held at Gillani who also thanked to





all major cotton producing and exporting countries because of extreme weather.

At least a twenty percent decrease in international cotton output is expected, which is a big threat to the textile industry of dozens of countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam and China, he said.

Shahid Rashid Butt said that the situation in various countries is continuously deteriorating due to extreme heat, lack of water, untimely rains and some other factors.

India, the country that produces the most cotton in the world, has been forced to import cotton due to the fall in production, US, the world's largest cotton exporter is to see a drop of 28 percent in cotton output while production in Brazil, the world's second-largest cotton exporter, is expected to drop by 30 percent.

Heat waves in China are making the situation critical and rains in Australia and Pakistan are ruining the cotton crop, he added.

Due to these conditions, the price of cotton in the international market has increased by 30 percent and a further increase is expected.

The high price of cotton is increasing the cost of doing business, he said, adding that Pakistan should take steps to ensure the supply of cotton to textile mills to save its largest export sector.

Mr. Butt said that Pakistan is the fifth largest producer of cotton in the world, with an average production of 1,350 metric tonnes.

The current cotton production in the country is just about half of what it was producing until a few years ago and is expected to decrease further in the next few years because of official inattention.

Rupee likely to remain stable

KARACHI: The rupee is expected to remain stable against the US dollar in the coming week due to subdued demand for the local unit from importers, say traders.

They said that market players are also eyeing the central bank's monetary policy meeting on Monday.

The greenback traded at 213-214 during the outgoing week. It closed at 213.98 per dollar on Monday and finished at 214.65 on Friday. The rupee fell 0.31% against the greenback during the week.

"The market has stabilised over the last week, and the rupee will likely to remain stable at the same levels in days ahead," said a foreign exchange trader. Agencies

Service Providers and SMEs."

Commenting on the occasion, Maheen The project also envisages improved mobilising investments from the private Multinet in achieving its strategic goals by

organizes seminar on **Future of Pakistan**

Business community to provide jobs to 475 rehab drug addicts

employment to 475 rehabilitated drug addicts for their better future and to prevent them return towards addiction.

They said this in a meeting with Commissioner Peshawar Division, Riaz Khan Mehsud in the chair, said a press release issued here on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the Tanzim-e-Tajran, Anjuman-Tajran, Tajir Insaf Group, Hotel & Restaurants' Association, Petroleum Association and Peshawar Cantonment Tajir Association.

Those who attended the meeting were included Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr Ihtesham-ul-Haq, General Manager (GM) KP Economic Zones Development & Management Company (EZDMC) Ishfaq Afrid while the trad- 475 belongs to Peshawar and other parts of

of Peshawar has committed to provide Meher Elahi, Haji Mohammad Afzal, Shahid Khan, Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, Abdul Majid, Habibullah Zahid and others.

> On this occasion, the representatives of the traders' associations expressed full confidence in the efforts of the Commissioner Peshawar, Riaz Khan Mehsud for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and assured him full cooperation in provision of employment to them.

> The ADC Dr Ihtesham-ul-Haq said that 1200 drug addicts were being rehabilitated in public and private sector rehabilitation centres during Narcotics Free Campaign launched on May 25, 2022.

> These drug addicts are now completely detoxicated and would be handed over to their families on August 25, 2022. Out of the total 1200 rehabilitated drug addicts

PESHAWAR: The business community ing community was represented by Malik the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa while 725 other hail from Punjab, Sindh, Azad Kashmir and neighbouring country Afghanistan.

The rehabilitated addicts of Punjab, Sindh and Azad Kashmir would be handed over to their families through Deputy Commissioners of their concerned districts and the responsibility of the provision of employment to them is also given to them.

Addressing the meeting, the Commissioner Peshawar appealed the trading community for provision of employment to 475 rehabilitated drug addicts to enable them to earn livelihood for themselves.

In response to the request of the commissioner, the representatives of the trading community unanimously announced to employ the rehabilitated drug addicts on the basis of their academic qualification. Agencies



😂 Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The CEO Club of Pakistan organized the seminar on the Future of Pakistan in Lahore.

The large number of audience were present Nisar founder of CEO Club on the occasion. M. Nasir and Nazia communication Malik Regional Sales Head Director of CEO Club were Garana, Azeem Alam Khan the host. Director MidCity Hous-Khurram Atique ing, CEO Premier Marketing,

Alkabir Town, Mirza Taur Rehman CEO prince flexi Pac, Asghar Haris CEO Club Investment, Sohail Aziz Ceo message communication, Kashif Qureshi Executive Director, Ijaz

The audience appreciated the speakers talk regarding the fruitful information Ch. Aurangzeb Chairman about the real estate.

Solution to Energy Crisis: PIDE forms a Power Commission

Rs473 billion of massive transmission ど distribution losses occurred during 2021

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power sector has been in crisis for years. Too many players in the system confuse each other to cumulate losses and give subsidies while at the same, the circular debt is rising continually. Surprisingly, no government has taken the power and no serious research has gone into understanding the issues. Whatever of international financial institutions, who do not understand the local dynamics of the problem.

Energy is a chronic problem that weak governance in the power sector,

through tariff and Rs. 71 billion was added to circular debt).

Our decision-makers' lack of informed long-term vision has led rience in the sector. to distribution inefficiencies, expensive fuel mix, and rising capacity payments. The results are unreliable electricity supplies, unaffordable elecsector with the urgency it deserves, tricity, and increasing business costs. The demand-supply gap has evolved over the years from deficits to excess decisions are made are at the advice installed capacity. Still, there is a shortage of cash flows to import fuel and supporting infrastructure to run it, leading to power outages.

According to a Press Release issued eight governments have not been able from the Pakistan Institute of Developto solve. Due to mismanagement and ment, it was stated that to research all these issues and more, under the guidmassive transmission & distribution ance of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nadeem losses occurred (Rs. 473 billion during ul Haque, the Pakistan Institute of Ali, CFO, PEPCO; Engr. Sajad Haid-

formed a 'PIDE Power Commission.' The commission comprises power sector experts with decades-long expe-

The members of the Commission



include Engr. Tahir Basharat Cheema, Former MD, PEPCO; Engr. Salis Usman, General Manager Power Planning, NTDC; Engr. Mujahid Islam Billah, Ex. CEO, FESCO; MrBasharat

Masood Akhtar, Former GM, NPCC; Engr. Azhar Iqbal, Director Finance, PEPCO; Engr. Adnan Riaz Mir, GM, Monitoring, PP&MC; and Engr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, Ex GM, NPCC.

With contributions from the experts in the Commission, a major study is underway at PIDE. This soon-to-belaunched study would provide deep insights into various segments of the power sector, providing workable, sustainable, and integrated solutions to the power sector woes.

According to PIDE, more than 60 percent of electricity is produced by thermal sources providing costly electricity in Pakistan. Further, the tariff mechanism adopted provides electricity charges across categories, time of use and sanctioned load, etc., creating inefficiencies and making electricity expen-

2021, out of which Rs. 402 recovered Development Economics (PIDE) has er Syed, Dy. Manager, NTDC; Engr. sive for productive sectors (industry and businesses) of the economy.

Additionally, Pakistan is among the top thirty countries globally with relatively high tariff rates. Due to long-term agreements with guaranteed capacity payments to thermal generation companies, switching to cheaper indigenous energy sources is impossible in the short to medium term. Therefore, the complex tariff mechanism needs to be revised to reduce electricity prices in Pakistan. The sector is about to implement a wholesale market model (CTBCM), demanding significant tariff reforms.

There should be fair pricing, where each consumer pays according to their consumption on a progressive trend, i.e., the more per unit energy is consumed, the more consumer pays on average.

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Pakistan whitewash Netherlands 3-0 in ODI Series

Naseem Shah rocks Netherlands' top-order, finishes with career-best figures of 5 for 33

ROTTERDAM: Netherlands produced a compelling performance to come close to beating Pakistan in the final match of the series in Rotterdam on Sunday, but the visitors held their nerve to win by nine runs and seal a 3-0 series victory.

Not for the first time in the series, the Netherlands bowlers impressed with the new ball, not letting Pakistan's top-order run away with the game. Vivian Kingma prized out debutant Abdullah Shafique, but Fakhar Zaman and Babar Azam rebuilt for Pakistan.

However, Netherlands managed to find a breakthrough when Logan van Beek cleaned up Zaman in the 18th over. Agha Salman gave Babar fine company as the skipper completed his ninth fiftyplus score in his last 10 innings. Pakistan lost three wickets in quick succession in the middle overs as Netherlands made a strong comeback. Salman, Khushdil Shah and Mohammad Haris were dismissed in the space of 31 runs.

Babar continued edging close to a hundred, but he couldn't eventually get there as a stunning return catch from Aryan Dutt ended his knock, nine short of a ton. Bowling Pakistan out for 206,



Netherlands fancied their chances with the bat to chase down the target.

Naseem Shah continued to make a strong impression on the tour as he sent in the game to clean up skipper Scott back Max O'Dowd and Musa Ahmed inside the first 10 overs to give Pakistan that of Teja Nidamanuru, later to break a rousing start. The 19-year-old speedster a threatening half-century stand.

Naseem finished with career-best figures of 5 for 33, bringing Pakistan back into the contest every time he came on with the ball. Naseem was ably supported by Mohammad Wasim, who picked up the big wickets of Vikramjit Singh and Tom Cooper to finish with a four-wicket haul.

Led by opener Vikramjit and in-form Cooper, Netherlands pushed Pakistan in the run chase. Vikramjit completed his second half-century in the series while Cooper made it three fifties in three outings. However neither innings was quite enough to give Netherlands the final push needed for a win.

While Vikramjit's innings came to an end on 50 as he nicked Wasim to the wicketkeeper, Cooper kept Netherlands in the hunt until late in the run chase, only to miscue a slog off the same bowler in the 46th over to be dismissed for 62.

Netherlands' tail pulled them close to the target, but they eventually couldn't He returned later at a crucial point cross the final hurdle. The fight did not yield the result they sought, but despite the 0-3 loss, the hosts showcased some exemplary cricket right through the series.

Faisal Fayyaz receives Leadership Award 2022 University, & Govt College of

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ISLAMABAD: The founder of Sports Promotion Society International & Pakistan Sports Promoters, Faisal Fayyaz has received Leadership Award 2022 of excellence in leadership by Educacio World.

Recently, Faisal also has received National Youth Empowerment Award 2021 on the basis of his excellent services while representing to Pakistan in the fields of physical education, sports, educationgymnastics, al technologies, computer science, youth empowerment Faisal also formed gymnasby Rising Pakistan, Educasa International, & Minhaj gymnastics teams while stud-Youth League in convention Centre, Islamabad.



Team in Central South Asian commonwealth games 2002, Gymnastics Championship Manchester, UK & South 2021 (25th Oct-3rd Nov Asian Gymnastics Champi-2021), Dhaka, Bangladesh. onship 1999, Patiala, Jeselmer, India. Faisal had received Roll tics gymnasium, clubs & of Honor and Special Award

ving in his educational insti-Henry Lal Gold Medal & Roll tutes like Forman Christian of Honor from Chief Execu-Faisal has received Glob- College(FC College), Punjab tive & President of Pakistan al Excellence Award 2022 & University, Govt College of General Parvaiz Musharaf Certificate of Appreciation Physical Education, Supe- on 4th May 2000, He also by 21stdigiskillz, Driving rior College, Minar-e-Paki- received five Roll of honor tional & Informational Tech-Aspirants & Global Trainer stan etc. he formed 1st HEC that he earned while staying nologies, Gymnastics, Sports Academy, Last Year, Faisal gymnastics team for Nation- in his educational institutes & Physical Education for the also served as team manag- al Games 2004, Quetta. like Govt College Lahore, development of young gener-

Physical Education Lahore. He also the grand prize winner in Microsoft Pakistan Developer Conference 2005

spell with figures of 5-0-14-2.

Edwards and added another wicket,

and received this prize from acting president & Chairman Senate Mian Somro in Pearl Continental Hotel Karachi while late Arfa Karim was also accompanying at that moment with Faisal. Faisal Fayyaz is well renowned Computer Science Professional, Researcher, Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert, Wakelet Ambassador, Wakelet Community Leader, Project Management Professional, Cambridge certified Computer Science teacher, physical education, sports sciences & educational technologies mentor. He has organized a lot of research conferences in the field of

Tsitsipas upsets Medvedev in ATP Western & Southern **Open semis**

NEW YORK: World No. 1 Daniil Medvedev from Russia was defeated by Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-6 (8/6), 3-6, 6-3 in the semifinals of ATP Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, the United States on Saturday. Medvedev handed over the victory with 11 double faults, while his opponent did not give him any chance.

"I knew I would have a difficult task in the third set," Tsitsipas said. "But I took advantage of his missed first serves. They gave me time to think of my next move clearly. I was very calm and concentrated on every single task." Tsitsipas will next play against world No. 152 Borna Coric from Croatia, who returned to an ATP Masters 1000 final for the first time in four years by defeating Britain's Cameron Norrie 6-3, 6-4.

In the WTA Western & Southern Open semifinals, French qualifier Caroline Garcia beat Aryna Sabalenka from Belarus 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 after two rain breaks. Garcia is the first qualifier to have ever reached the final of a Masters tournament.

"It feels great. I've had a long journey in incinnati I'm proud of what I did and I'm happy to be in the final," Garcia said. In the final, Garcia will meet the two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova from Czech Republic, who rallied past Madison Keys from the United States 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 6-3.

SJAS congratulates PHF Secretary Haider Hussain 😂 Spokesman Report



KARACHI: All the officials, including the President, Secretary and Executive Committee of the Sports Journalists Association Sindh (SJAS), in a joint statement, congratulated Syed Haider Hussain, a young and dynamic man of Sindh, for being elected as the Secretary General of the Pakistan Hockey Federation for the second time. Earli-

er, Olympian Akhtar Ul Islam, from Sindh, has carried out this responsibility.

SJAS President Asif Khan said that Haider Hussain had given new life to hockey at the grassroots level in Sindh and proved his mettle at the provincial level. He is an example of how he injected new life into hockey, this is the reason why the Sindh Sports Department named him as the Hockey coordinator.

\$JAS Secretary Shahid Usman Saati said that Hockey needed a hardworking and honest person, like Haider Husain, for the survival of the declining national sport. He will not only play his role to bring back the lost position of the green shirts at the international level, but will also ensure the formation of the national team on the basis of merit.

Meanwhile the executive committee of SJAS said that the confidence of PHF Congress members is evident in the unopposed election of Haider Hussain and actually a recognition of his services at the national level. It is hoped that the newly elected secretary, with the skills of a "one-man army", will take everyone along.

Badminton training camp ends in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: The strength and conditioning badminton training camp Sunday ended under the aegis of Director General Sports, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa here.

District Sports Officer Bannu Shafqatullah, Provincial Badminton Association Secretary Amjad Khan, National Coaches Muhammad Nadeem Khan and Hayat Ullah and other important personalities were present.

The closing ceremony of the Strength and Conditioning Badminton Training Camp in Peshawar Sports Complex continued for a week with 21 more national champion players participating. Najeeb Khattak lectured the players in the camp and taught them modern skills and techniques while coaches Nadeem Khan

and Hayatullah exposed the basic techniques of badminton. Athletic coach Zafran Afridi imparted gym and physical exercises to all the participants. He also provided training and information to the players as well.

Talking to the media on this occasion, National Champion Murad Ali said"Awareness of physical fitness, sports nutrition is very important for the players." "If they pay attention to nutrition, their abilities will increase," he added. Coach Nadeem Khan and Hayat Ullah said that the aim of the players' training is to improve the players' game so that they can improve their game and bring the name of the province and Pakistan high at the national and international levels. APP

Pole vault king Duplantis rules supreme

MUNICH: World and Olympic pole vault champion Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis retained his European title in comprehensive fashion in Munich on Saturday while the irrepressible Femke Bol sealed a third gold of the championships.

Duplantis, fresh from breaking his own world record in Eugene as he clinched world gold with 6.21 metres last month, set a championship record of 6.06m at the Olympic Stadium. "It was great. The goal going into today was to try to win and breaking my own championship record was the cherry on the top," Duplantis said Germany's Bo Kanda Lita Baehre claimed silver with a best of 5.85m, while Norway's Pal Haugen Lillefosse took bronze (5.75). Coming into the continental showpiece, Duplantis was on an 18-competition winning streak and was once again a class apart from a field that struggled throughout in cool, damp conditions. "I felt like I jumped very well, I can't complain," the Swede said, adding a shot at the world record was never likely. "It didn't seem like it was really on the cards today. Sometimes it's like that, it's not for every day."

er of Pakistan Gymnastics Faisal was nominated for FC College Lahore, Punjab ation.

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Ten Hag should drop Ronaldo and Rashford: Rooney

LONDON: Manchester Unit- goalscorer Rooney says his ed manager Erik ten Hag can former side requires players boost his hopes of securing who run their hearts out on the his first Premier League point against Liverpool on Mondav if he dropped Cristiano Ronaldo and Marcus Rashford, Red has been rumoured to be seek-Devils legend Wayne Rooney writes in the Sunday Times.

United have opened their campaign with embarrassing defeats, Brighton recording their first ever win at Old Trafford followed by a 4-0 whipping by Brentford last weekend. It leaves them rooted to the bottom of the Premier League for the first time in 30 years. United host a Liverpool outfit do, and I wouldn't play Marcus who are also seeking their first Rashford," said Rooney. win of the campaign following two draws against Fulham and Crystal Palace.

United and England record

pitch and neither Ronaldo nor Rashford provide that. Ronaldo in his second spell at United ing a move away from the club as he wants to play Champions League football.

Rashford's loss of form since playing in the Euro 2020 final last year has seen him lose his place in the England squad and there have been reports of him being linked with French champions Paris Saint-Germain. "I wouldn't play Cristiano Ronal-

"If I was in Ten Hag's position my main concern would be getting energy on the pitch, and United's failure to recruit a No



9 means they relied on Ronaldo against Brentford, even though he hadn't trained a lot with the team. "He looked like he needs time

to get match fit." Rooney - who is now coaching another of his former clubs DC United in the MLS – said United should let Ronaldo leave, as at 37 he is

not a player to build a potential title winning team around. "He has also let it be known that he wants to leave the club," said Rooney

"I don't know his reasons but, as I wrote in my last column, I'd let him – he's a great player and will always score goals but the task for Ten Hag is to produce a day."

team that can compete for the title in three or four years' time. "That means rebuilding with younger players." Rooney says watching Rashford these days is "a real concern."

"I think he needs to do a lot of soul-searching and figure out what he wants, for his own good, before anything else," said Rooney. "He looks like he wants to be anywhere but on a football pitch. I haven't seen him smile on the field for a long time.

"He's a lovely kid and a local lad who came through the ranks at United, who everyone wants to see doing well. "But you look at the difference between Marcus now and when he first came into the team: the passion he showed, the smile on his face when he scored. It's night and

Kane's landmark goal fires Spurs to victory

LONDON: Harry Kane set a Premier League record for the most goals with a single club as the Tottenham striker sealed a 1-0 win against the Wolves on Saturday.

Kane's 185th top-flight goal for Tottenham took him above Argentina striker Sergio Aguero's total of 184 during his time at Manchester City.

It was also Kane's 250th goal in all competitions for Tottenham, moving him 16 goals behind Jimmy Greaves as he bids to become the north London club's all-time leading scorer. The 29-year-old's landmark moment came in the second half at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium as he headed home from closerange. Kane had scored his first goal of the season in last weekend's 2-2 draw at Chelsea when his stoppage-time header drew him level with Aguero.

Although they were well below their best, unbeaten Tottenham sit top of the table after winning two of their first three matches. Their stay at the top might be short-lived depending on other results over the weekend, but there is no doubting the feelgood factor around the club at present.

Usyk targets Fury after Joshua win

turned his sights on rival heavyweight world champion Tyson Fury on Sunday after beating Britain's Anthony Joshua on a split points decision to retain his WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO belts in Jeddah.

The "Rage on the Red Sea" in Saudi Arabia was a rematch of a fight in London in September, which the Ukrainian won on a unanimous decision to take Joshua's belts, but with more intensity and emotion.

The pressure was on both former Olympic champions, with Usyk this time representing a country fighting for its existence after a Russian invasion while Joshua was battling for his boxing future.

Usyk appeared comfortably ahead as the final bell rang at the King Abdullah Sports City Arena

JEDDAH: Oleksandr Usyk but the American judge surprisingly awarded the fight 115-113 to me tonight, maybe I could have Joshua. The British and Ukrainian judges decided 115-113 and 116-112 to Usyk.

The victory took the 35-yearold's professional record to 20 fights undefeated while Joshua, 32, suffered a third defeat in

what could prove a watershed in his career. Joshua, who had held aloft the Ukrainian flag with Usyk as they waited for the decision in what

seemed an acceptance of defeat. then had an uncharacteristic meltdown. He took two of the belts, dropping them as he left the ring and headed for the dressing room before turning around and stepping back between the ropes to take the microphone and address the crowd.

"Usyk is one hell of a fighter. That's just emotion," declared

the Briton. "For this guy to beat in the 10th.

done better but it shows the levels of hard work he must have put in, so please give him a round of applause as our heavyweight champion of the world.

"I was studying Ukraine and all the champions from your amazing country. I've never been there. What's happening there, I don't know but it's not nice ... under those circumstances he's managed to become champion."

The opening round was tentative, with Joshua's corner calling for him to adjust his rhythm, and the bout continued with Usyk using his jab and body shots to good effect. Round eight was briefly halted for towels to mop the slippery, sweat-soaked canvas but round nine raised the heat again, with Joshua enjoying his best before Usyk came back hard

Needing a knockout and running out of time, the taller

and heavier Joshua was unable to land the telling blows against an agile and elusive opponent who hit back hard.

"In the ninth round I thought we had him," said Joshua's promoter Eddie Hearn. "The 10th round was one of the best rounds I've seen. What Usyk did in the 10th, the 11th and the 12th was incredible and that was the difference tonight because AJ didn't start fast enough but he

fought a much better fight. "He hurt Usyk badly in the ninth and I felt like he was going to come on strong. But Usyk came out like a train." At the final bell the two embraced and the Ukrainian, who had entered the ring in a yellow and blue "Colors of Freedom" top while Joshua was



his knees.

Usyk's thoughts then turned to the next chapter and another Briton to beat, although WBC champion Fury has declared himself

dressed all in black, dropped to to fight me. I want to fight him. but important and necessary victo-And if I'm not fighting Tyson Fury, I'm not fighting at all," Usyk told the crowd through a ringside interpreter.

is from the Cossack tradition will not give up what is his, will fight for Ukrainian President Volodyit and will win without any doubt," retired. "I am convinced he wants myr Zelenskiy hailed a "difficult he wrote on Facebook.

ry". "Defending a world champion-

ship title is a symbol that whoever