



Pakistan is a responsible nuclear state: Hina

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar has said Pakistan being a responsible state with advanced nuclear technology remains fully cognizant of its obligations to nonproliferation and disarmament. She reiterated that Pakistan shares the global concerns on proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.



Steps urged to control global warming

We need to take preemptive measures to control global warming, universities and academia should step forward to play a role and give suggestions to the policy makers based on research," said the Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf at the inaugural session of the first international conference on "Climate Resilient Agriculture for Sustainable Development and Food Security" at Allama Iqbal Open University. News on Page 5

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Helping Flood Victims

China to dispatch 200 tons of onions to Pakistan

BELJING: China has put together 200 tons of onions and will soon dispatch via Karakoram Highway to the flood-hit people of Pakistan, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Mao Ning said on Monday.

"Based on Pakistan's needs, the Chinese side has put together 200 tons of vegetables and will deliver them via the Karakoram Highway as soon as possible," she said during her regular briefing while responding to a question asked by APP correspondent. Mao Ning, a member of the Communist Party of China (CPC), took over as 33rd spokesperson of Chinese Foreign Ministry.

China Meteorological Administration provided Pakistan with real-time weather forecast and technological support, she added. She announced that on top of the RMB 100 million emergency humanitarian assistance, the Chinese government has decided to provide additional disaster relief supplies worth RMB 300 million.

Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency, Luo Zhaohui on Saturday announced the donation decision during his virtual meeting with Chairman of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Akhtar Nawaz.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in their separate have already expressed profound gratitude to the Chinese leadership and people for the additional relief assistance for flood victims in Pakistan.

The spokeswoman said, since the beginning of the floods, the Chinese side had been standing together with Pakistan and making every effort to provide disaster relief assistance.

Time to Console

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif interacts with flood affected families in Qambar Shahdadt on Monday.



Photo: PID

Partnership

PM for constructive Pak-US engagement

Shehbaz lauds US Congress members visiting Pakistan at critical time when flash floods ravaged country

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday while expressing satisfaction at the upward trajectory in Pakistan-US relationship, underlined the need for a constructive and sustained bilateral engagement based on mutual respect, trust and understanding.

The prime minister, in the meeting with a US Congressional delegation led by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee here, appreciated its visit to Pakistan at a critical juncture when flash floods have ravaged the country.

Apart from Congresswoman Lee, the delegation included Congressman Thomas Souza and

BISP flood relief aid increased to Rs70b

QAMBAR SHAHDADKOT: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said the government had decided to increase the flood relief assistance under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) from the existing 28 billion to 70 billion rupees. Speaking during his visit to the relief camp set-up in Qambar Shahdadt, he said the country witnessed unprecedented loss due to floods. The 2.5 times increase in the volume of the assistance programme has been made in view of the gross damages of infrastructure and crops in the wake of flash floods.

Congressman Al Green.

The prime minister underlined that the government was fully engaged in the rescue and relief efforts. He added that the floods had affected over 33 million people, killing 1,300 human beings, and causing extensive damage to agriculture, livestock,

property and critical infrastructure.

He underscored that rehabilitation and reconstruction would pose serious challenges and entail commitment of enormous resources. The continued support, solidarity and assistance from the international community was critical in that context, he added.

Prime Minister Shehbaz underscored that despite being one of the lowest emitters of carbon emissions, Pakistan was facing the brunt of climate catastrophe. He stressed that the developed countries must step up their climate ambition, including towards the provision of predictable climate finance for mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change in the developing world.

Appreciating the flood relief assistance being provided by the US, he added that the Congressional delegation's visit would help enhance global awareness of the scale of destruction caused by the super floods in Pakistan and mobilize greater support.

ISPR strongly reacts to Imran's statement

Pakistan Army reiterates its commitment to uphold the Constitution of country

Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Army is aghast at the defamatory and uncalled-for statement about the senior leadership of Pakistan Army by Chairman PTI during a political rally at Faisalabad.

In a statement, ISPR said regrettably, an attempt has been made to discredit and undermine senior leadership of Pakistan Army at a time when the institution is laying lives for the security and safety of the people of Pakistan every day.

The statement further said senior politicians are trying to stir controversies on appointment of COAS of Pakistan Army, the procedure for which is well defined in the constitution, is most unfortunate and disappointing.

The ISPR further stated



that senior leadership of Army has decade-long impeccable meritorious service to prove its patriotic and professional credentials beyond any doubt.

The statement reads that politicizing the senior leadership of Pakistan Army and scandalizing the process of selection of COAS is neither in the interest of the state of Pakistan nor of the institution.

Pakistan Army reiterates its commitment to uphold the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

IK behind all conspiracies: claims Musadik

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Petroleum Dr. Musadik Malik on Monday said that PTI chairman Imran Khan was behind each and every conspiracy hatched against the country and state institutions.

"All clues (hatching conspiracies against the armed forces) go against Imran Khan. He (PTI chairman) is the main source of where conspiracies were originated against the country and state institutions," he said while addressing a news conference.

The state minister said Imran Khan in a public meeting, the other day, talked about the officers of the security departments in an extremely inappropriate way, commenting on their patriotism, meritocracy, and professionalism.

Musadik Malik said it was almost the same thing that the PTI chairman's staff officer Shahbaz Gill uttered to create a divide within the state institution.

He said Imran Khan by using the same tone and language about the officers of the security departments had accepted the responsibility for whatsoever Shahbaz Gill had said in his controversial statement.

"Now, it is clear that Imran Khan was behind Shahbaz Gill, but it is yet to unleash that who is behind Imran Khan."

He said that Imran Khan in the past also used the same language against the security institutions in India and in the United Nations.

"Every soldier and officer of the Pakistan armed forces are patriots," he added.

PTI chief attacked economy, defence institutions: Asif

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif has accused the former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan for attacking the country's economy and defence institutions under the inimical designs of the enemies of Pakistan.

Addressing the media briefing held here, the minister said after independence our perpetual enemy India had two main targets of economy and defence namely the armed forces to weaken Pakistan.

Minister said, "Yesterday in Faisalabad Imran Khan made comments on COAS (Chief of Army Staff) appointment. If people like Khan will be made the focus of processions then they will harm the defence related interests of Pakistan. In the past few months Imran Khan clearly targeted these two areas."

Asif added that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman during his tenure in October past year started making the matter of appointments in the armed forces as a topic of public



discussion.

"We passed the no confidence motion after his allies decided to leave him [Imran Khan]. But after that he started targeting forces and called them names like neutrals and animals," he said.

Khawaja Asif emphasised that the pattern of past four months showed that he was targeting Pakistan's economy and defence.

"Sunday, Khan alleged that the senior generals next in line to be COAS are going to provide illicit protection to the misappropriations of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) leadership."

He underscored that it was not the job of the armed forces rather they had sworn in to defend the masses and motherland.

"There's no commitment in their oath to defend the politicians if they do so then they will violate their own oath. Imran Khan is on record for saying that they cannot be neutral and he demanded protection from them."

The Minister lambasted Imran Khan for his accusations and said that it was not the PDM leadership rather he himself would need security for his corruption made in foreign funding case, Tosha Khana case, Malik Riaz gift case, and Bahria Foundation case whereas in the latter he had not denied the gifts received from Malik Riaz.

"The Armed Forces will never do that and they will only defend the honour and security of the motherland for which they spill their blood.

Imran Khan's accusations are a disrespect of the sacrifices of the armed forces," he maintained. The Defence Minister underscored that the armed forces of Pakistan had a long tradition of sacrifices where three star general and there only children embraced martyrdom in war against terrorism.

Maryam criticizes Imran



Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz on Monday lashed out at Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, saying that he [Imran] has waged a war on the country by attacking its stability, economy, society, media and now its Armed Forces.

Taking to Twitter, PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz said, "Stop treating Imran like a political leader because he's not. He has been launched & funded to wreck & ruin Pak & plunge the nation into pits of misery & despair."

Maryam further said that Pakistan will never reel from the shock and continue to go downhill if he's not declared and dealt with as a double-dealer by all the stakeholders including judiciary.

Pakistan, UAE to accelerate economic cooperation

Finance Minister directs relevant authorities to take measures for resolving issues being faced by exporters

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to accelerate the economic activities between the two countries.

The agreement was reached at a meeting between Finance Minister Miftah Ismail and UAE economic team members in Islamabad on Monday. The UAE economic team appreciated the cooperation of the government for foreign investment in Pakistan.

The meeting also reviewed various bilateral issues of common concern. They discussed cooperation in the fields of energy, economy and other fields.

Miftah Ismail apprised the UAE economic team about investment friendly policies of the present government and conducive atmosphere for investment in Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail here Monday directed the relevant authorities to take appropriate measures for resolving issues being faced by exporters especially related to exports and tax refunds.

The minister held a meeting with delegation of Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) led by its Patron in Chief Khurram Mukhtar, said a press



Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail held a meeting with the UAE economic team members at Finance Division on Monday. Photo: PID

release.

Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Dr. Aisha Ghouse Pasha, Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Masood Malik, Muhammad Asim Nazir MNA, Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Chairman Federal Board of Revenue Coordinator to PM on economy Bilal Azhar Kiyani also attended the meeting.

Chairman PTEA Sohail Pasha, Secretary General PTEA Azizullah Goheer and other senior officers from Finance division also attended the meeting.

The meeting apprised the Finance Minister about the contribution of export textile sector in overall sustainable economic growth of the country.

They also discussed about the various issues being faced by exporters especially related to exports and tax refunds.

Finance Minister assured that government wants to enhance the overall exports of the country and every possible support will be provided in this regard.

The minister directed the relevant authorities to take the appropriate steps for resolving these issues.



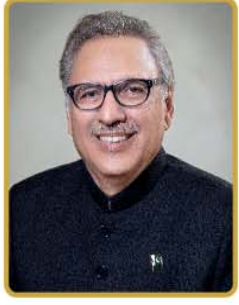
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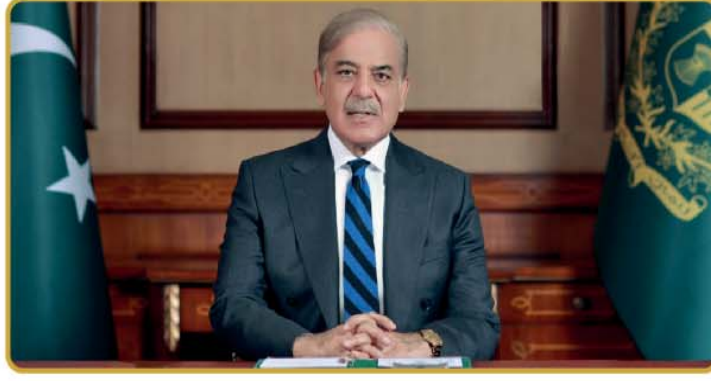
MESSAGES ON DEFENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN - 6 SEPTEMBER, 2022



Dr. Arif Alvi

President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

The Defence and Martyrs Day of Pakistan reminds us of the unprecedented courage and matchless valour displayed by the jawans and officers of our Armed Forces who have support and backing of the entire nation. On this day, 57 years ago, we thwarted the evil design of the enemy and defeated it on all fronts. In that testing time, not only the Armed Forces of Pakistan fought fearlessly on ground, in air and in waters, but each and every citizen came out to defend and safeguard the motherland. 6th September therefore stands out in history as a symbol of unwavering national resolve, absolute patriotism, profound professionalism and supreme sacrifice. It is the milestone that generations look upon to reinforce their resolve for keeping the defence of the homeland dearer than their own lives. I salute the Martyrs who laid down their lives while fighting for the safety and security of the motherland; I salute the families of the Shuhada for setting a great example of sacrificing their loved ones; and I also salute the valiant Ghazis who heroically fought while defending every inch of our territory. The nation as a whole and the jawans and officers of our Armed Forces have displayed the same 'Spirit of September', courage and commitment in all testing times - be it a war imposed by the enemy or a situation emerged out of a national calamity. Success in the two decades long war against terror and the Pakistan Armed Forces' contribution in peace missions worldwide is a matter of great pride which is also rightly acknowledged by the international community, Pakistan is committed to peace and will continue to follow its policy of peaceful coexistence. At the same time, I must emphasize that our desire for peace must not be misconstrued as our weakness. We are well aware of our national as well as international obligations. I call upon India to abide by its international obligation of protecting the human rights especially towards resolving the longstanding issue of Kashmir by following the UN Security Council Resolutions. Kashmir is the unfinished agenda of 1947 partition. It has to be resolved to mitigate the sufferings of Kashmiri people and to ensure lasting peace in the region. Being the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of Pakistan, it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction for me that the nation has complete confidence and trust on the capability, commitment, professionalism and combat readiness of our civil and armed forces as well as the security agencies to meet any kind of eventuality and face any kind of challenge at external or internal front. I commend their role in national development and saving precious lives during floods or other natural disasters. I once again salute the valiant sons and daughters of the soil who sacrificed their lives while defending the motherland. Let us make a resolve that while keeping alive the same 'Spirit of September' in our hearts, we shall continue to play our roles towards safeguarding the country as well as securing a prosperous future for the nation.



Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

The 6th of September is remembered as a symbol of courage, display of unmatched resilience and the spirit of supreme sacrifice by the valiant sons of the soil. On this day, 57 years ago, our brave armed forces of Pakistan proved to the world that they are ever ready to defend every inch of the motherland, no matter what the cost. The entire Pakistani nation, while displaying unprecedented unity and resolute strength, came forward for the support of their armed forces. The show of unprecedented unity and solidarity of the nation galvanized our officers and jawans, pilots and sailors in their fight to secure the motherland against the Indian aggression. Today, the nation is paying its rich tributes to the brave sons of the soil, especially our worthy martyrs who laid down their lives while fearlessly and bravely fighting against the enemy, who was much bigger in numerical strength. We owe great respect to the parents and families of Shuhada who courageously bore the loss of their near and dear ones. Hats off also to the heroes and ghazis, the men and women in uniform, the personnel of police and other law enforcement and intelligence agencies, who are vigilantly safeguarding the frontiers of the motherland from the external and internal threats in harsh weathers and hostile environments. It is matter of great pride that the valiant armed forces and the brave Pakistani nation have carried forward the proud legacy of the 1965 war by successfully defeating the monsters of terrorism and extremism in their two-decade-long struggle. On this occasion today, I congratulate the military leadership on successfully bringing Operation Raddul Fasaad to its logical conclusion. I also commend the role of the security forces, especially the army and navy personnel in saving the lives of thousands of people during recent floods in Balochistan, Sindh, KP and Southern Punjab. Our armed forces' role in maintaining peace in various countries under the UN banner is also being acknowledged worldwide. This shows our commitment to the establishment of sustainable peace, particularly in the region. This commitment is the hallmark of our foreign policy. However, with the desire for durable peace, Pakistan cannot remain oblivious to the need for the strengthening of our defense and the procurement of modern-day equipment despite the difficult economic situation. Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir is a flashpoint between the two nuclear powers of South Asia. The sooner it is resolved according to the UN resolutions the better it is for regional peace and development. I urge the international community to bring their influence to bear upon New Delhi to reverse the actions it took with respect to IIOJK on August 5, 2019. The ball to create a conducive environment for the resolution of the meaningful talks with Pakistan is in India's court. While we are celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Pakistan's Independence this year, my message on this day to the sons and daughters of the soil is to keep the flame and the spirit of September 6 alive in their hearts. I call upon the nation to forge unity in their ranks, for no conspiracy and challenge can succeed if the people are united in their resolve to protect their freedom and defeat such nefarious elements. The best tribute to the sacrifices of our martyrs is to rebuild Pakistan in line with the vision of our founding fathers. A country that is strong economically, stable politically and harmonious socially can better defend itself and promote and safeguard its vital foreign policy objectives. This is what the coalition government is aiming to achieve.



Khawaja Muhammad Asif

Federal Minister for Defence, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

September 6th is a day of unprecedented depiction of valour and chivalry by Armed Forces of Pakistan. Today, we stand together to commemorate the supreme sacrifices rendered by our valiant soldiers to defend sacred frontiers of the motherland. The whole nation is indebted to all Shuhada and Ghazis for offering the highest measure of devotion and thwarting the nefarious designs of the enemy by depicting exemplary courage, professionalism and unshakable resolve. Pakistan is committed to the concept of peaceful co-existence with all her neighbours and believes in collective gain by ensuring regional economic development resulting in regional as well as global peace and prosperity. Having mentioned that, it is pertinent to highlight that Pakistan's quest for peace and stability in the region may not be construed as a weakness. The nation today, has full confidence in the capabilities and professional excellence of its Armed Forces and Intelligence Agencies. Pakistan's Armed Forces are fully prepared to give a befitting response to any aggression from the enemy or any hostile elements. Pakistan is fully cognizant of the latest developments in the region and opposes any designs and measures aimed at sabotaging peace in the region. We reiterate our commitment that Pakistan will continue to stand with its Kashmiri brethren. People of Kashmir are being subjected to worst human rights violations. The revocation of special status of Kashmir is an effort to hamper the struggle of Kashmiri people to achieve right of self determination as mentioned in the UN Charter. Pakistan will continue to support People of Kashmir on their principled stance. On this defence day, let us reunite to once again courageously tackle all developing security challenges and rapidly changing warfare designs. Let us, resolve to revive in ourselves the spirit shown by Shuhadas and Ghazis of 1965 war to protect the motherland.

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Nation marks Defence & Martyrs Day in solidarity with flood victims

Special symposiums, seminars, school programmes and tableau will be organised

ISLAMABAD: The nation is celebrating its 58th Defence and Martyrs Day, to revive the courageous war which incurred a shameful defeat to a six times bigger enemy India, in solidarity with the flood victims of the country. The Defence and Martyrs Day is celebrated every year on September 6th to revitalise the national spirit, remember and eulogise the sacrifices of the martyrs, who spilled their blood

for the security of the sacred motherland and marked an exemplary history of patriotism. The day will dawn with the 31-gun salute at the federal capital and 21-gun salute at the provincial capitals whereas a change of guard ceremony will be held at the Mazar-e-Quaid (Quaid's Mausoleum) whereas change of guards ceremony by Cadets of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Academy Asghar Khan

will be held by the smartly turned out contingent. However, the central Defence and Martyrs Day ceremony to be held at the General Headquarters (GHQ) was postponed by the Pakistan Army due to the prevailing floods that wreaked havoc in the flood affected areas of Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The Pakistan Armed Forces will continue serv-

ing their brothers and sisters struck by unprecedented floods, told the ISPR DG earlier. Special symposiums, seminars, school programmes and tableau will be organised in various educational institutions whereas special documentaries and national songs will be aired at the television channels to revive the memories of the War of September 1965.



BEIJING: A view of Pakistan National Pavilion set up in the China International Fair for Trade in Services.

UBL Digital and Shorooq Partners ink accord

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: United Bank Limited (UBL) has joined hands with the leading tech investor in the region Shorooq Partners, to enhance the digital banking experience of customers and facilitate them at every step of their banking journey by ensuring seamless and consistent services across all channels.

UBL has always focused on providing solutions that are not only innovative but also customer-centric. Therefore, this partnership serves as a testament to UBL's mission of being the leading bank in financial services for its customers and also the most innovative bank in targeted businesses. Through Shorooq Partners' extensive global portfolio, the bank intends to identify partnerships across fintech investments, digital products, services, design, talent and tech.

With digital banking in Pakistan witnessing exponential growth over the past few years, a major shift has also been observed in customer needs which are evolving over time. To keep up with these changing dynamics, it is imperative for businesses to ensure delightful customer experiences which



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is what this partnership stands for. Present at the ceremony, Shorooq Partners Founding Partner, Shane Shin said, "UBL is leading the way in digital banking, and we are proud to support the bank in the next phase of its digital journey. With Shorooq Partners investment acumen and a group of portfolio companies, UBL can take customer experience to the next level, delivering digital experiences that delight customers and make banking better across every customer touchpoint. Shorooq Partners is the region's leading tech investor and our partnership with UBL reflects not only our market leadership, but also our success of working with banks across the region to deliver value across all the stakeholders in our ecosystem including corporates, startups, governments and investors."

Speaking at the occasion, Sharjeel Shahid, Group Executive, Digital Banking, UBL said, "UBL Digital is all about simplifying banking experiences and creating delight for customers. With the global exposure of Shorooq Partners, through this partnership, we intend to bring amazing global experiences to Pakistan."

Red Crescent needs sincere and active leadership: Mian Zahid



Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Monday said the business community strongly support the appointment of Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari as Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) for three years.

The country is facing a crisis, floods have affected more than 30 million people, apart from rehabilitation, they are also facing a serious public health crisis and the PRCS needed a dedicated and selfless person as its chief at this critical juncture, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that currently one-third of Pakistan is severely affected by the flood, more than 1200 precious lives, and millions of cattle have been affected by the flood and a financial loss of more than ten billion dollars has been incurred which is unfortunate. Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the business community hope that Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari who is Provincial Chairman and National Business Group of FPCCI will utilize all his skills, energy and abilities to serve humanity and will set an example for others.

DHAI-R and AWT sign joint-venture agreement



ISLAMABAD: A Joint-Venture Agreement for Land Development was signed between DHA Islamabad-Rawalpindi and Army Welfare Trust. Secretary DHAI-R, Brig. (R) Nazir Ahmad Khan, and Secretary AWT, Brig. Mukhtar Ahmad (R) signed the JV agreement while Administrator DHAI-R, Brig. Muhammad Jawad, honored the agreement signing ceremony. Other senior officials of DHAI-R and AWT were also present at the occasion.

Power supply restored to major parts of Balochistan

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) has completed the rehabilitation works of Dadu-Khuzdar transmission line at 2:00 am on 05 Sep 2022. The transmission line was energized and started power supply to QESCO, subsequently electricity restored in major parts of Balochistan province.

The NTDC spokesman said that, on the direction of Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Minister for Power and Secretary Power Division, MD NTDC Engr. Dr. Rana Abdul Jabbar Khan and his team remained at site day and night to monitor the rehabilitation works of said transmission line, which is located in a difficult terrain. However, all available resources were utilized and possible efforts were made to complete the work despite multiple challenges like no access road, non-availability of heavy machinery, no communication service, crossing of flood water and continuous land sliding etc.

KATI praises appointment of Sardar Shahid as Chairman Red Crescent

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) Patron-in-Chief SM Muneer, President Salman Aslam welcomed the appointment of Sardar Shahid Laghari as the new Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent Society. SM Muneer said that Sardar Shahid Laghari is a compassionate person, a philanthropist, and owns an excellent personality, inspired by his leadership skills, he was also a candidate for UBG in FPCCI, and he is a longtime friend. He said that as the chairman Red Crescent will get more elevation and help will surely reach the deserving people. SM Muneer said that Shahid Laghari belongs to Sindh and at a time when millions of people are affected by the flood disaster in Sindh, his appointment has given hope to the affected people.

KCCI appeals to extend last date for payment of electricity bills

KARACHI: Keeping in view the hardships being faced by the citizens and business & industrial community of Pakistan due to massive flashfloods, President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Muhammad Idrees has fervently appealed Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to issue directives for extension of last date for payment of electricity bills for entire Pakistan as in the ongoing extraordinary situation, neither the business & industrial community nor the poor masses were in a position to pay their bills.

In a letter sent to Prime Minister, President KCCI further requested to refrain DISCOs from charging FAC whereas the controversial Fixed Charges which are neither in favor of the industry nor the economy must also be withdrawn as soon as possible which would be widely welcomed by the entire business & industrial community of Pakistan. He pointed out that as the entire country is suffering badly because of massive flashfloods triggered by this year's torrential rainfalls of Monsoon Season, the business & industrial community across Pakistan is facing severe liquidity crunch as all the receivables have been pending due to ongoing extraordinary situation wherein the entire Pakistan remains totally sunk.



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PM AJK receives rousing welcome



Abdul Majeed Tahir

BAGH: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan on Monday received a rousing welcome from people at different places while on his way from Muzaffarabad to home-town Bagh. Thousands of PTI stalwarts, workers as well as the people hailing from different walks of life gathered at Rada, Dulai, Kohala, Chamankot, Dhirkot and Urja to welcome the prime minister. The enthusiastic people shouted high-pitched slogans in favour of the PM and showered rose petals on his cavalcade. At Rada the PM was welcomed by Raja Saqib Majeed, Mir Atiq and others whereas on his arrival to Dulai, he was received by Chairman Prime Minister Inspection and Implementation Commission Raja Mansoor Ali Khan and his colleagues. At Kohala, a large number of people welcomed

the PM. The people present on the occasion demanded the PM to increase the flour-quota allocated for the area.

They complained that as per the 1984 census the local population in the area was pledged 150-ton flour but practically 1/3rd of the quota was not provided to the people. They said that owing to increase in population quota should be increased and flour provided according to the needs of the population. On the occasion, prime minister Sardar Tanvir Ilyas Khan directed Food Minister Ali Shan Soni to ensure supply of flour in accordance with the needs of the local population. At Dhirkot, the PM was welcomed by ex-candidate Assembly Major Retired Latif Khaliq, Secretary Finance Zulfiqar Abbasi, Prime Minister's Spokesman Toasif Abbasi, Deputy Secretary Information Raja Shujaat, Raja Intiaz Advocate, and others.



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Chief of Army Staff



Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi NI(M) S Bt
Chief of Naval Staff



Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu NI(M)
Chief of Air Staff

The Defence Day of Pakistan reminds us of the unwavering resolve and matchless sacrifices of our gallant men to defend the motherland against any aggression. The 6th of September is a significant landmark in the history of our country as on this day, the valiant Armed Forces and its brave people stood together to thwart the nefarious designs of a numerically superior enemy. It is the day we pay tribute to our Shaheeds and Ghazis who etched a golden leaf in our history of unflinching tenacity, insurmountable courage and supreme sacrifice, and proved their commitment of protecting our freedom with dignity and honour.

Compared to 1965, Pakistan's defence is much stronger today due to its conventional and unconventional capabilities. Armed Forces, imbued with national zeal and fervor and in harmony with resilient people of Pakistan, are united against any hostility.

While acknowledging the sacrifices made by our great Shuhada, let us stay conscious that our country is still facing a multitude of complex internal and external challenges. The enemies of Pakistan, by trying to create internal fronts, are not only thwarting our progress but are also endangering our ideological moorings. We are confident that together we can overcome the divisive forces and develop a harmonized social structure in Pakistan.

On this day, we should also remember the sacrifices rendered by innocent people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir who are subject to injustice and atrocities for the past seven decades by brutal Indian forces. Kashmir is the unfinished agenda of the partition in Sub-Continent. It should be clearly understood that enduring peace in the region will not be possible without a just resolution of Kashmir. The time has come that Kashmir issue should be resolved in line with the aspirations of its people in accordance with UN resolution.

The Armed Forces of Pakistan would continue to uphold their glorious legacy of unmatched valour and selfless sacrifice to defend and secure Pakistan against all aggressions. May Allah Almighty be our protector and guide.

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6th September, in Pakistan's history, opens a golden chapter of chivalry and gallantry by our Armed Forces as well as the resilience and resoluteness of our brave nation. In the 1965 War, the valiant sons of soil and the men in uniform together with the citizens of all ages and belonging to all walks of life, comprehensively defeated the enemy on all fronts and frustrated its evil designs. Each year, on this day, we observe the Defence & Martyrs Day with a renewed commitment, and befittingly pay homage to our Shuhada and Ghazis who fearlessly fought and defended every inch of homeland without caring for their own life. They deserve our great honor and respect for leaving such a shining legacy of heroism and supreme sacrifice, for all of us as well as the coming generations. The significance of Defence & Martyrs Day doubles as this year the proud Pakistani nation is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of our Independence. During the last 75 years, Armed Forces of Pakistan have really come a long way while facing enormous challenges and undergoing multiple evolutionary phases. Striding through a number of conventional and nonconventional threats to our national security and sovereignty, we not only have successfully endured the tests of time both at external and internal fronts, but also have emerged stronger, battle-hardened and well-equipped. While the military has achieved a sustainable threshold of self-reliance through indigenization and modernization, our experience of resilience especially successfully rooting out the menace of terrorism in the two-decade long arduous war against terror is well recognized world over. Our contribution to world peace under the banner of the UN is a hallmark of trust over our desire for peace and the policy of peaceful coexistence.

At home, Pakistan Army never leaves fellow citizens alone, be it devastating floods, earthquakes or any other natural calamity. This year's floods are catastrophic and it may take years to recover. However, your army remains on the forefront in rescuing the people, providing them relief assistance and medical care in the affected areas. They will be there for rehabilitation work wherever it is required. People's support and confidence is our biggest treasure that gives added strength to our resolve. Together with the help of intelligentsia and academia, we are now entering the Reconciliation and Rehabilitation phase of Operation Raddul Fasaad. My commendation is due for all those men and women in uniform and all those sons and daughters of soil who directly or indirectly have remained engaged in this operation, and in making it a success. Wars are won by indomitable will to fight, and this resilient nation and its gallant army have proved it with such tenacity and perseverance. The WOT may have ended but our fight is not over yet. The threats posing challenges to our security, sovereignty and national integrity still remain. This time it is the hybrid war unleashed by the enemy and its collaborators targeting our youth through disinformation and anti-Pakistan propaganda. We have to win this war, at all costs and in all circumstances. I am sure, the nation will keep enlivened the legacy of our Ghazis and Shuhada, especially our younger lot shall become the frontline warriors and thwart the evil designs of the enemy. They must not fall prey to enemy propaganda being proliferated through social media and internet.

While I salute you for striving to make Pakistan's defence impregnable, I warn the enemy and elements of hate to stop exporting terror and distrust. However, to instate peace and stability in the region it is incumbent upon India to honor the international obligations on core issue of Kashmir. I reassure the Kashmiri people that we will continue to stand with you in pursuance of your right of self-determination.

The September Spirit demands from us further forging the same unity amongst our ranks while rising above prejudices, which we displayed during the 1965 War and during the 20-year-long War on Terror. Let us, on this day, renew our pledge to strive for keeping the wellbeing of Pakistan above our own self, and together with each one of us and in whatever the capacity, let us do our best for making the country's defence impregnable.

Pakistan Army Zindabad
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6th September is a day of reckoning in our national history. It reminds us of the exceptional unity and unwavering resolve with which the entire nation stood behind its Armed Forces to foil brazen act of aggression by the adversary. It reverberates the unprecedented valour exhibited by our Armed Forces and selfless sacrifices made by the nation to defeat enemy's nefarious designs.

At this juncture, we acknowledge the sacrifices made by our Shuhadas and Ghazis who displayed unshakable resolve against a much larger adversary. The daring 'Operation SOMNATH' by Pakistan Navy Ships to destroy Indian radar station and shore installations at Dwarka, on the Gujrat Coast marked the uncontested dominance right from the onset of the war. PN Submarine Ghazi acted as an impenetrable shield at sea and a vital deterrent, forcing the enemy to espouse evasion and stifled the Indian Fleet within the harbour.

Pakistan Navy is entrusted with the sacred responsibility to guard maritime frontiers of the motherland. It is undertaking round the clock operations and has demonstrated its capability and vigilance in recent crises, notably by detecting, tracking and banishing adversary's submarines from our waters. In today's challenging maritime arena, Pakistan Navy has been at the forefront in ensuring safety and security of international waters through collaborative and independent initiatives. Pakistan Navy is also spearheading various initiatives to jump start Pakistan's Blue Economy in line with Government's renewed focus on maritime sector and is proactively playing its part, especially through systematic survey of offshore resources within our Exclusive Economic Zone to boost national economy.

Pakistan Navy is also contributing to the onerous task of nation building besides its core tasks of deterring war and ensuring maritime defence. On this day, we reaffirm our resolve and revitalise efforts to assist our countrymen afflicted by recent floods, especially those along the coast as well as interior Sindh and Balochistan, and vindicate ourselves as a resilient nation. We owe it to Allah SWT's special blessings to bestow us with the strength and fortitude to surmount all challenges courageously and cohesively while safeguarding our national security interests.

Today, all the Officers, CPOs/ Sailors and Pakistan Navy Civilians, reiterate the resolve and commitment to defend our motherland with unflinching faith and entire wherewithal at our disposal.

May Allah be our Guide and Protector.

Pakistan Navy Zindabad
Pakistan Paindabad

Defence Day is a symbol of passion, valour and sacrifice of the Armed Forces of Pakistan and our Nation at large. It provides us an opportunity to relive the memories of 6th September 1965. On this very day, the Armed Forces of Pakistan, backed by the whole Nation, foiled the evil designs of the aggressor and successfully defended their homeland. We pay rich tribute and acknowledge the supreme sacrifices of all the brave sons of the soil who remained resolute in defence of Pakistan.

My Dear Countrymen! Pakistan is currently facing multiple challenges. To befittingly address them, we need the same spirit of patriotism and unity, as displayed in 1965. Alhamdulillah, we, as a Nation, have a proud history to draw inspiration from in such testing times.

Let me assure you that Pakistan Air Force is ever-ready to rise to every occasion as per its glorious legacy. I am glad that PAF over the years has developed into a modern hi-tech Air Force equipped with niche technologies. It is heartening that PAF has also been meaningfully contributing to nation-building efforts, particularly in the fields of Aerospace, IT, Health, Education and Sports etc. More so, PAF always provides full support to fellow countrymen during natural calamities such as pandemics, floods and earthquakes. On this day of national pride, let us renew our pledge to redouble our efforts for the defence, progress and prosperity of Pakistan.

On this occasion, we show solidarity with our Kashmiri brothers, who have been suffering and rendering supreme sacrifices for over seven decades. We stand by them in their indigenous and just struggle for self-determination.

May Allah Almighty guide our endeavours and give us strength to come up to the nation's expectations as always. Aameen!

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PAEC – torchbearer in nation's development

By Muhammad Aftab Alam

While nation celebrates Defence Day to commemorate the sacrifices under its flagship 'International Nathiagali Summer College (INSC): A made by the valiant soldiers in defending borders of the motherland, there are organizations and individuals ever engrossed in burning the midnight oil to bring about a silent revolution on the socio-economic fronts besides making the country's defence impregnable.

Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) is one such organization teeming with unsung heroes. The scientists, engineers and technicians of PAEC delivered what they promised in the past and are now trying to excel in all fields of national importance. PAEC is the torchbearer in ensuring sustainable development for the country in all spheres of life by using nuclear science and technology for peaceful and dignified co-existence among the comity of nations.

PAEC has been organizing 'International Nathiagali Summer College (INSC) on Physics and Contemporary Needs' without a break since 1976, mostly at the scenic hill resort of Nathiagali. So far, 7 Nobel laureates and 41000 scientists, out of which 1000 were foreigners, from 72 countries have participated in the annual springs of scientists in Pakistan to exchange valuable knowledge with their local colleagues and science students. During INSC-2022, PAEC invited 34 experts from different countries including USA, UK, China, Canada, France, Germany, Australia, Italy, South Korea, Malaysia, Brazil, Spain, Turkey, Romania and Estonia to deliver lectures on important topics during the two-week duration of the college. PAEC also selected 250 researchers from the universities and other research organizations from all over Pakistan out of more than 1200 applicants and invited them to attend the college in person at Nathiagali.

Owing to the untiring efforts of PAEC scientists, engineers, technicians and researchers, Pakistan is proudly an Associate Member of CERN – acronym for the French "Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire" i.e. European Council for Nuclear Research commonly known as European Organization for Nuclear Research – after which scientists from the country are actively participating and contributing in various research activities of the world's topnotch research organization. Pakistan became the Associate Member State of CERN on July 31, 2015, the only Asian country to attain the position at that time. Government of Pakistan ratified the status agreement with CERN on August 26, 2015.

Pakistan is also among the highest recipients of IAEA's technical support. Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS) is one of the country's leading public research universities in engineering and nuclear technology and a major nuclear research facility of PAEC. IAEA has designated PIEAS as an IAEA Collaborating Centre to support Member States on research, development and capacity building in the application of advanced and innovative nuclear technologies. Hence, the contribution of R&D institutes working under the aegis of PAEC, i.e., PINSTECH, PIEAS, CHASCENT, KINPOE, NIBGE, and NIAB is commendable.

PAEC has taken the lead in utilizing nuclear technology to improve productivity of agriculture sector through the introduction of new crop varieties, pest control technologies, plant nutrition, water management, animal health and technology and food decontamination and preservation. Four PAEC agriculture research centres established in three provinces of Pakistan having a major share of the cultivatable land in the country. Nuclear Institute of Agriculture (NIA) in Tando Jam, Sindh established in 1962, was the first such institute. Nuclear Institute for Agriculture and Biology (NIAB), Faisalabad, Punjab established in 1972 was the second agricultural research institute followed by Nuclear Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Peshawar, KPK established in 1982 and National Institute for Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering (NIBGE), Faisalabad, Punjab establishment in 1994. So far, these PAEC-run agriculture centres have developed and evolved more than one hundred and thirty two (132) crop varieties for Pakistan, bringing about a silent revolution in the agriculture sector.

In recent past, PAEC made the nation proud by winning honors at the highest conceivable level in the international arena. Its meritorious contribution in the field of science and technology, in general, and agriculture and biotechnology, in particular, was given due recognition at the 65th General Conference of the IAEA held at Vienna in 2021. PAEC managed to win three awards at this elite forum.

These awards included: "Outstanding Achievement Award," which was won by Nuclear Institute for Agriculture and Biology (NIAB) Faisalabad, a leading agriculture centre of PAEC; "Cotton Mutation Breeding Team Award" bagged by a team of scientists from Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission and the "Young Scientist Award" which was decorated upon a brilliant budding scientist, Dr. Muhammad Kashif Riaz Khan from NIAB, PAEC. Director-General of IAEA, Rafael Mariano Grossi, gave these awards during a ceremony held in Vienna.

One hopes that the brilliant achievements by PAEC's dynamic workforce would continue to win laurels for the country. On this special day, as the nation salutes the brave soldiers, unflinching diligence of contributors to nation's unconquerable defense also deserves a standing ovation by all and sundry.

PAEC has taken the lead in strengthening its Research and Development (R&D) network through a vibrant international collaboration program. As part of this program, PAEC started conducting annual meetings of researchers and scientists in Pakistan

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The Spirit of Defence Day

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The national symbols and ceremonies, for instance the flag, the anthem, the national days, and war memories etc., demonstrate deeper strands and meanings of the nation and serve as an integrating force within a polity. Symbolism, in view of its characteristic to raise collective consciousness, a prerequisite for a nation to thrive, is perceived as important as the economic and political factors. The national symbols constitute essential building blocks of a nation and, in other words, provide expressions to the nationhood. They bind the people together by reminding them of their nation's history. Moreover, they communicate a message, on the one hand, to its citizens about the loyalty, allegiance, devotion and sacrifices a nation demand, and, on the other hand, to the external forces through demonstration of power and unity. Likewise, the national days to commemorate national memories and heroic initiatives undertaken by the members of a community are included among the oldest instruments to reflect the collective identity as a nation. Owing to their crucial role in a nation's formation, Emile Durkheim, a renowned French Sociologist, terms the national symbols as determinants of a society's conduct. In this context, the heterogeneous societies are more inclined towards adopting Durkheimian approach to bridge the chasms and inculcate a sense of collective identity among their assorted constituents.

The Defence Day is a manifestation of the national symbols of Pakistan. It is very unfortunate that we often take independence for granted, while ignoring the sacrifices rendered by our forefathers to achieve it. Likewise, the military and security agencies of the country are serving round the clock to protect motherland from the threats posed by foreign adversaries and domestic peace spoilers. In this backdrop, Defense Day, as the name suggests, marks the commemoration of valor, bravery, courage and professionalism demonstrated by Pakistan's armed forces against the Indian treachery and aggressive designs during the 1965 war. Despite the surprise attack by Indian forces, the dauntless military personnel, with the whole nation on their back, not only successfully defended the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan, but also struck back with unparalleled zeal and crushed the Indian forces as well as their aggressive dreams. The Defence Day is celebrated to remember the sacrifices rendered by Pakistan armed forces and pay tribute to all the martyrs of 1965 war. In fact, the brave soldiers of Pakistan military services, backed by

a unified nation against Indian aggression, objectified Jinnah's affirmation that, "There is no power on earth that can undo Pakistan."

The entrenched rivalries between India and Pakistan are largely embedded in the Kashmir conflict, an unresolved agenda of partition of Subcontinent. The Kashmir issue instigated a few military maneuverings from both sides during the early years; however, they remained confined to the disputed State of Jammu and Kashmir, with no spillover effects at the shared international border. Nonetheless, on 6th September, 1965, Indian armed forces, in utter violation of International Law, attacked Pakistan across the international border near Lahore without any declaration of war. India, the claimant of being the largest democracy, rebuffed the UN Charter and norms of civilized behavior in international relations to pursue its hegemonic designs in the region. Although Indian army chief Gen. J. N. Chaudhry was confident of Indian success to the extent that he announced

ed extravagant skills and caused heavy losses to Indian Air Force. On the other hand, although the war was being fought on Lahore and Sialkot borders, Pakistan Navy, in view of strategic deterrence, conducted some tactical operations, which not only dented the Indian naval power but also underlined professionalism of Pakistan Navy. In this context, operation

"Dwarka", which caused irreparable losses to Indian Navy, marks the devotion, dedication and commitment demonstrated by Pakistan Navy during the war. The enemy, much constrained by the news of Pakistan Navy submarine Ghazi out at sea, could not put its naval combatants to action. In effect all naval units had bottled up at harbour through a classical example of blockade by a single sub surface platform against a numerically superior enemy. On 6 September 1965, one destroyer, two new and two old frigates were deployed on the eastern coast of India. The Carrier Vikrant and Delhi were under refit at Bombay while

most of the remaining destroyers and frigates had just returned to Bombay after completing their exercises at Vishakhapatnam. It so happened that Indian Navy was caught unguarded right at the outset of an impressive naval action. It was an operational compulsion that Karachi harbour be defended and radar station at Dwarka was providing vital info to enemy air raids aimed

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at this asset. It was therefore planned to carryout naval bombardment at Dwarka to serve following objectives: To draw the heavy enemy units out of Bombay for the submarine to attack, to destroy the radar station at Dwarka, to lower Indian morale, to divert Indian air effort away from north. The bombardment commenced when ships were around 6 miles away from Dwarka and it took only four minutes to complete the firing with altogether 350 rounds on the target. It is a marvelous achievement that all personnel of Pakistan Navy endear and hope to repeat such feats in all future naval endeavours. Thus, the Defence Day is celebrated to pay tribute to the bravery of the armed forces and to honor those who sacrificed their lives to defend and protect the integrity of Pakistan.

Having transcendence in operational preparedness, Pakistan Navy is no less at meeting the domestic obligations. The recent historic monsoon rains and flooding in Pakistan have affected more than

30 million people and killed more than 900 people, according to the Minister for Climate Change, Sherry Rehman. In this hour of need, Pakistan Navy has initiated a wide scale Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in the far-flung rural areas of Sindh which are the most affected in the recent flooding.

Pakistan Navy rescue teams have rescued locals stranded inside flooded homes and shifted them to safer locations. These rescue operations are paced up in different areas by Pakistan Navy while establishing free medical camps to provide first aid to the locals. Dedicated teams of doctors and paramedical staff are also providing treatment and free medicines to aggrieved populace in these areas. Moreover, Pakistan Navy troops have distributed ration bags, fresh drinking water and household items in the affected areas.

This dedication reaffirms Pakistan Navy's resolve to defend its country from any traditional and non-traditional threats that our country faces.

To conclude, the Defense Day communicates a message of unity and solidarity among the nation and commemo-rates to renew our pledge that we are a unified nation and that we would not be daunted by foreign aggressions. The sociologists hold that national memories manifesting the valiance and sacrifices during wartimes are potent because they not only connect the past heroes with the existing and future generations, but also reestablish and reinforce the sense of nationhood and inculcate a devotion and loyalty among its members. The Defense Day not only marks the valor and courage displayed by Pakistanis as a nation, with unprecedented sacrifices rendered by valiant armed forces and the masses on their back, but also illustrates the spirit envisioned by the father of nation; Muhammad Ali Jinnah, while addressing the military personnel in Karachi on February 21, 1948, stated, "With faith, discipline and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve." Here, it is pertinent to recall that the Kashmir Conflict, a primary cause of deep-rooted rivalries between India and Pakistan, has still been lingering after the lapse of some 74 years. The situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir has further worsened after India, infringing from the successive UNSC resolutions and bilateral agreements, unilaterally revoked the special status of the disputed region on August 5, 2019. This has added a new chapter in the history of Indian brutalities and suppressions against innocent Kashmiris. Thus, on this Defense Day, apart from thanksgiving to our valiant soldiers, there is also a need to renew our pledge for the Kashmir cause.

6th September a Day of valour and courage

The nation is celebrating its Defence and Martyrs Day, to revive the courageous war which incurred a shameful defeat to a six times bigger enemy India, in solidarity with the flood victims of the country. The Defence and Martyrs Day is celebrated every year on September 6th to revitalise the national spirit, remember and eulogise the sacrifices of the martyrs, who spilled their blood for the security of the sacred motherland and marked an exemplary history of patriotism.

The President Dr Arif Alvi in his message said the Defence and Martyrs Day of Pakistan reminds us of the unprecedented courage and matchless valour displayed by the jawans and officers of our Armed Forces who have support and backing of the entire nation. On this day, 57 years ago, we thwarted the evil design of the enemy and defeated it on all fronts. In that testing time, not only the Armed Forces of Pakistan fought fearlessly on ground, in air and in waters, but each and every citizen came out to defend and safeguard the motherland. 6th September therefore stands out in history as symbol of unwavering national resolve, absolute patriotism, profound professionalism and supreme sacrifice. It is the milestone that generations look upon to reinforce their resolve for keeping the defence of homeland dearer than their own lives. The Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also stated that the 6th of September is remembered as a symbol of courage, display of unmatched resilience and the spirit of supreme sacrifice by the valiant sons of the soil. On this day, 57 years ago, our brave armed forces of Pakistan proved to the world that they are ever ready to defend every inch of the motherland, no matter what the cost. The entire Pakistani nation, while displaying unprecedented unity and resolute strength, came forward for the support of their armed forces. The show of unprecedented unity and solidarity of the nation galvanized our officers and jawans, pilots and sailors in their fight to secure the motherland against the Indian aggression. Today, the nation is paying its rich tributes to the brave sons of the soil, especially our worthy martyrs who laid down their lives while fearlessly and bravely fighting against the enemy, who was much bigger in numerical strength. On the other hand, Pakistan has a clear position and takes it as a great pride that it is a responsible nuclear state. As the statement of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar that Pakistan's nuclear program remains fully cognizant of its obligations to nonproliferation and disarmament. Over the years, Pakistan has been commendably successful in the application of nuclear energy and technology for the benefit and development of society. On the other hand, a number of incidents of nuclear material theft and lost have been reported in India in recent years that pose serious threats of nuclear terrorism and regional instability. The international opinion can never reconcile on having weapons of mass destruction. The nuclear program of Pakistan is in safe hands and is only for its defense. Pakistan has always demonstrated a responsible behaviour as a nuclear power state by vigilantly controlling and maintaining the safety and security of its strategic assets.

6th September: When it became clear that Pakistan is invincible

Adnan Yousuf

6th September is marked as the Defence Day of Pakistan which is celebrated each year across the nation to pay tribute to the brave sons of the soil, who sacrificed their lives while defending Pakistan during the 1965 War. It was a momentous day in the history of Pakistan when the war-mongering India invaded our motherland. But our armed forces with the people of Pakistan on their backs, stopped the Indian attacks dead in their tracks and the dream of the Indian Army to celebrate the evening at one of Lahore's most well-known addresses, was broken into pieces.

In order to familiarize the young generation with the history of Pakistan and the sacrifices of their forefathers, the achievements of Pakistani forces must be recounted so that the younger ones may not be misled by false information propagated purposely by Pakistan's enemies and opponents.

Pakistan's armed forces have always played a substantial role in protecting its territorial integrity by rigorously dealing with any emerging threat or inimical situation. In fact, they know very well how to payback our enemies. The Indian side has been presenting severe challenges to Pakistan since 1947, but the acquiring of strategic capabilities has helped Pakistan turn back India's malign intentions. The Pakistan Navy, along with the Pakistan Army and Air Force, defended the territorial water zones both during war and peace. Pakistan Navy's history is filled with glory and eminence, exquisite skills and calamitous maneuverability, and tactical feats to defeat even the larger naval forces.

In the Indian offensive that began on 6th September, the joint action of the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force effectively fended off the offensives and taught her a hard lesson on land, air, and maritime fronts. Two days after the initial attack, India employed its armored division and other striking formations to take Sialkot on 8th September. Resultantly, a large tank battle followed the largest since World War II. There were casualties on both sides in this bitter and long-lasting conflict fought over many days and nights. Eventually, the Indians were mauled and held. A very high loss of both men and materials forced India's armored division into withdrawal. Immediately after the

Sialkot attack, Pakistan waged a counter-attack in the south of Lahore and seized Indian territories of Khem Karan and beyond. As a result, the rear of the Indian troops facing Lahore was greatly threatened. In these two days, Pakistan Air Force also gave the enemy a tough time by launching continuous airstrikes from Pathankot to Agra. Besides the collateral damage caused during the night bombing, PAF destroyed 50 Indian aircraft and damaged eight for the loss of only six Pakistani aircraft.

On sea fronts, Pakistan Navy, despite having a comparatively lesser size and offensive capability, conducted several operations in order to create strategic deterrence and respond to the Indian Navy appropriately. As a result of the Pakistan Navy's nautical prowess, the sea lanes and waters surrounding Pakistan remained open to incoming ships.

The major role Pakistan Navy played in the 1965 Indo-Pak War was launching the 'Operation Dwarka'. On 7th September, PN sailed battle-tested and capable seven ships with 24 guns for Dwarka. Dwarka was enforcing a blackout and only identifiable by radar, but the lighthouse provided a very good point of reference in terms of positioning for the task force. Executing the 'Operation Somnath' every ship was authorized to fire 50 rounds of high ammunition. The ships opened fire from a distance of 5.5 to 6.3 miles, still closing the range. Approximately, four minutes was all it took to fire the allocated number of shells, and quickly alter course to exit the area.

On checking damage at Dwarka on 8th September, Indian navy officials acknowledged the damage caused as a result of this action. They found the radar station destroyed; the naval air station's runway for test flights of INS Vikrant damaged; about 50 persons dead and a nearby cement factory also damaged. This official version of the Indian naval officials confirm that the Pakistan navy's raid on Dwarka had been a stunning success as not only a massive material and psychological damage was done to the enemy but also Indian air raids on Karachi ceased, implying the radar station was knocked out.

The Pakistani fleet arrived back in home waters minutes after the attack, assumed their patrol stations 100 miles off Karachi, and ready for a possible Indian response, which through possible radar contacts were observed, never materialised. The sole Indian warship in the area, the Whitby Class frigate Talwar, had been

undergoing repairs to her condensers in Okha and had not challenged the raid.

The Pakistani Navy's strategic thinking and war planning cornered the Indian Navy as their operational plans were adversely affected. The PN had undertaken Operation Dwarka to achieve multiple objectives: destructing the Indian radar, and provoking its war craft stationed at Mumbai (then Bombay) port approach the Arabian Sea, where PN's submarine 'Ghazi' was awaiting to engage and destroy Indian ships namely INS Vikrant and INS Mysore.

Having already proven its operational readiness, the Pakistan navy does not fall short when it comes to meeting the obligations at home. The recent historic monsoon rains and flooding in Pakistan have affected more than 30 million people and killed more than 900 people, according to the Minister for Climate Change, Sherry Rehman. In this hour of need, Pakistan Navy has initiated a wide scale Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in the far-flung rural areas of Sindh and Balochistan which are the most affected in the recent flooding. Pakistan Navy through utilizing its resources is providing support to Civil Administration of Balochistan in undergoing rescue and relief operations.

Pakistan Navy has set up a tent village at Bela near Uthal to provide shelter to the locals who have lost their homes in the flash floods. Food and health facilities are being provided to the displaced persons at the tent village. Moreover, free medical camps have been established in the area to provide first aid and free medical facilities to the locals. A dedicated team of doctors and paramedical staff is providing treatment and free medicines to aggrieved populace.

Pakistan Navy, along with civil government and various philanthropist organizations is providing continuous assistance to the flood stricken people while transitioning to rehabilitation operation in the worst affected areas. Relief operation in Balochistan is a practical manifestation of Pakistan Navy's resolve to extend all out support to fellow countrymen in the hour of need.

This Defence Day reminds us to pledge as a nation that we will always remember the sacrifices of our brave soldiers and will stand by their side in the war and peace efforts. On this day, we must pray for those people who have lost their beloved ones during the recent flooding and show solidarity with them.

Defence Day: The Chronicles of Courage

Ali Basit

Each year, 6th September is celebrated to pay homage to the martyrs who laid down their lives while defending the country during 1965-war. On this memorable day, the people of Pakistan stood united as one solid edifice to meet the onslaught of an enemy that chose the cover of darkness to achieve its heinous ends of occupying our motherland. It is relevant to recount the achievements so that the present generation is also aware of the past events, and do not fall a prey to the propaganda of detractors of Pakistan. The coordinated action of the Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force from Lahore, Karachi, Rann of Kutch to Chamb Jorian, had made all sectors the graveyard of ruined dreams of Indian leadership and army commanders who had dreamt of celebrating victory in Lahore. Pakistan with a relatively small armed forces and limited resources had indeed given adequate response to the enemy on all fronts including air, land and sea.

On 6th September, India's attack against Lahore was held and beaten back with heavy losses to the attackers. The Pakistan Army units defending on the ground, supported by the Pakistan Air Force were able to blunt the Indian offensive and roll it back. Two days later on 8th September, India launched its main attack against Sialkot using its armored division and other strike formations. What ensued has been described as the largest tank battle since the Second World War. It was a hard and bitter struggle fought over many days and night's resulting in casualties on both sides. In the end the Indian main attack was held and severely mauled. Its armored division was force to withdraw owing to very high losses in men and material. South of Lahore, Pakistan launched its own counter attack and captured Indian areas of Khem Karan and beyond. This posed a serious threat to the rear of Indian troops facing Lahore. During 6th and 7th September, Pakistan Air Force had also proved its mettle by continuous air attacks from Pathankot to Agra; for the loss of only 06 aircraft, PAF had destroyed 50 enemy aircraft on ground and in the air, and damaged 08, not counting the undermined losses inflicted by PAF's night bombing.

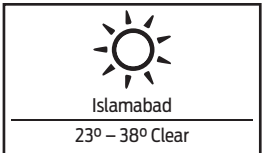
On naval front, despite numerical less in size Pakistan Navy (PN) conducted a number of operations for creating strategic deterrence and offering a befitting response to Indian Navy. The prowess exhibited by PN ensured that Pakistani

waters and sea lanes remain operational for ships coming to Pakistani ports. Pakistan Navy had played its part by launching a successful 'Operation Dwarka', vehemently destroyed the Indian Radar system which was guiding Indian Air Force to launch attacks against Pakistan. The core objective of 'Dwarka' was multi-fold in effect as it was not only aimed at destruction of the radar but to provoke Indian warships stationed at erstwhile Bombay (now Mumbai) port to come to the Arabian Sea where Pakistani submarine "Ghazi" was prowling and waiting to engage enemy's ships namely INS Vikrant and INS Mysore to dock out and get destroyed. This maneuver had adversely affected the Indian Navy's operational plans. Operation Dwarka was launched on 8th September and the bombardment on identified targets was completed in merely four minutes.

Having transcendence in operational preparedness, Pakistan Navy is no less at meeting the domestic obligations. The recent historic monsoon rains and flooding in Pakistan have affected more than 30 million people and killed more than 900 people, according to the Minister for Climate Change, Sherry Rehman. In this hour of need, Pakistan Navy has initiated a wide scale Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in the far-flung rural areas of Sindh which are the most affected in the recent flooding.

Pakistan Navy rescue teams have rescued locals stranded inside flooded homes and shifted them to safer locations. These rescue operations are paced up in different areas by Pakistan Navy while establishing free medical camps to provide first aid to the locals. Dedicated teams of doctors and paramedical staff are also providing treatment and free medicines to aggrieved populace in these areas. Moreover, Pakistan Navy troops have distributed ration bags, fresh drinking water and household items in the affected areas.

This dedication reaffirms Pakistan Navy's resolve to defend its country from any traditional and non-traditional threats that our country faces. To sum up, this Defence Day is a day to pledge that Pakistani nation will always remember the sacrifices of its Armed Forces by honoring the martyrs while acknowledging their courage and fighting spirit. This Day also reminds us that we should not forget the flood affected people and must stand in solidarity with them. The whole nation must pray for the safety of Pakistan and also that God gives us the strength, courage and determination, to protect and safeguard at all costs, the freedom and honour of our motherland.



SERVICES

Namaz Timings

Fajr 4:18 am
Zohr 12:07 pm
Asr 4:40 pm
Maghrib 6:28 pm
Isha 7:54 pm

EMERGENCY

Rescue (Police) 15
Bomb Disposal 15
Fire Services Rawalpindi/ Islamabad 1122 & 16
Emergency Ambulance 1122 & Rescue Services 4451122
Motorway Police 9266044
Motorway Police 9270601-20

Women Police Stations

Islamabad 9222596
Rawalpindi 9270601-20

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PIA Flight Info 114
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WASA Rawalpindi 5555489
CAA 9281092

HOSPITALS

CMH 561111
MH 561116
MH 561116
Cantt Hospital 9270907-11
DHQ 5556311-4
RGH 9290301-7
Holy Family 9290322-7
PIMS 9261170-79
Polyclinic 9218300-09
Shifa International 4603666

DEPARTMENTS

CDA 9221334-43
CDA 9208301-04
Met Office 9250360-6
RDA 5555864

Steps urged to control global warming

Speakers say ensuring food security has become extremely important

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: "We need to take preemptive measures to control global warming, universities and academia should step forward to play a role and give suggestions to the policy makers based on research," said the Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf at the inaugural session of the first international conference on "Climate Resilient Agriculture for Sustainable Development and Food Security" at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU).

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, the chief guest of the ceremony, said that natural disasters, storms, volcanoes, earthquakes, or floods are not under human control, but with early preparation and timely measures, we can protect ourselves from the effects of these disasters.

He said that due to the recent torrential rains and floods in a few weeks, there was a widespread loss, and a large number of people were badly affected. He said that global warming is the root cause of ecological imbalance and natural disasters. He said that for agricultural self-sufficiency, we must take measures on an emergency basis so that not only our current needs are met but also the future generations can benefit.

This three-day international conference is organized by the Department of Agricultural Sciences, Allama Iqbal Open University.



Prof. Dr. Azim Khalid of PMAS Aird Agriculture University Rawalpindi was the keynote speaker, whereas other speakers include the Rector, Past National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Dr. Aftab Maroof, Dean Faculty of Science, AIU, Prof. Dr. Irshad Ahmed Arshad, Dean Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood, Registrar, Raja Umar Younis, and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Science, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sher.

The speakers said that increasing the fertility and productivity of the land is the most important need of the hour. They said that by relying on modern methods of irrigation, more production can be achieved with minimal use of water.

Agriculture has special importance to meet the needs of the growing population, which can ensure food security only by developing it on modern lines. The speakers further said that ensuring food security and increasing agricultural production has become extremely important and this effort of AIU will prove to be a milestone to raise awareness about the issue.

Chairman, Department of Agricultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Sher Muhammad while explaining the aims and objectives of the conference said that the aim of this conference is to bring about positive change in the regional and global food system and to find new solutions to the challenges of global food security.

Health Corner

Climate change could spark next pandemic

ISLAMABAD: As Earth's climate continues to warm, researchers predict wild animals will be forced to relocate their habitats — likely to regions with large human populations — dramatically increasing the risk of a viral jump to humans that could lead to the next pandemic.

This link between climate change and viral transmission is described by an international research team led by scientists at Georgetown University and is published April 28 in Nature.

In their study, the scientists conducted the first comprehensive assessment of how climate change will restructure the global mammalian virome. The work focuses on geographic range shifts — the journeys that species will undertake as they follow their habitats into new areas. As they encounter other mammals for the first time, the study projects they will share thousands of viruses.

They say these shifts bring greater opportunities for viruses like Ebola or coronaviruses to emerge in new areas, making them harder to track, and into new types of animals, making it easier for viruses to jump across a "stepping stone" species into humans.

"The closest analogy is actually the risks we see in the wildlife trade," says the study's lead author Colin Carlson, PhD, an assistant research professor at the Center for Global Health Science and Security at Georgetown University Medical Center. "We worry about markets because bringing unhealthy animals together in unnatural combinations creates opportunities for this stepwise process of emergence — like how SARS



jumped from bats to civets, then civets to people. But markets aren't special anymore; in a changing climate, that kind of process will be the reality in nature just about everywhere."

Of concern is that animal habitats will move disproportionately in the same places as human settlements, creating new hotspots of spillover risk. Much of this process may already be underway in today's 1.2 degrees warmer world, and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions may not stop these events from unfolding.

An additional important finding is the impact rising temperatures will have on bats, which account for the majority of novel viral sharing. Their ability to fly will allow them to travel long distances, and share the most viruses. Because of their central role in viral emergence, the greatest impacts are projected in southeast Asia, a global hotspot of bat diversity. "At every step," said Carlson, "our simulations have taken us by surprise. We've spent years double-checking those results, with different data and different assumptions, but the models always lead us to these conclusions. It's a really stunning example of just how well we can, actually, predict the future if we try."

As viruses start to jump between host species at unprecedented rates, the authors say that the impacts on conservation and human health could be stunning.

"This mechanism adds yet another layer to how climate change will threaten human and animal health," says the study's co-lead author Gregory Albery, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Biology in the Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences.

"It's unclear exactly how these new viruses might affect the species involved, but it's likely that many of them will translate to new conservation risks and fuel the emergence of novel outbreaks in humans." Altogether, the study suggests that climate change will become the biggest upstream risk factor for disease emergence — exceeding higher-profile issues like deforestation, wildlife trade, and industrial agriculture. The authors say the solution is to pair wildlife disease surveillance with real-time studies of environmental change.

"When a Brazilian free-tailed bat makes it all the way to Appalachia, we should be invested in knowing what viruses are tagging along," says Carlson. "Trying to spot these host jumps in real-time is the only way we'll be able to prevent this process from leading to more spillovers and more pandemics."

"We're closer to predicting and preventing the next pandemic than ever," says Carlson. "This is a big step towards prediction — now we have to start working on the harder half of the problem."

"The COVID-19 pandemic, and the previous spread of SARS, Ebola, and Zika, show how a virus jumping from animals to humans can have massive effects. To predict their jump to humans, we need to know about their spread among other animals," said Sam Scheiner, a program director with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), which funded the research. "This research shows how animal movements and interactions due to a warming climate might increase the number of viruses jumping between species." Courtesy Science Daily

Briefing

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin briefing media persons at a local hotel in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

RPO holds 'Khuli Kutcheri'

RAWALPINDI: Regional Police Officer (RPO) Rawalpindi, Imran Ahmar under Punjab government's open door policy and in accordance with the vision of Inspector General of Police, Punjab Faisal Shahkar, held a 'Khuli Kutcheri' here on Monday in his office to address complaints of the people.

According to a Police spokesman, the RPO issued directives to the officers concerned of Attock, Jhelum, Chakwal and Rawalpindi, four districts of the region to take action and submit detail report on the complaint submitted by the citizens in 'Khuli Kutcheri'.

The RPO on the occasion said "The 'Khuli Kutcheries' are being held to provide the citizens immediate relief and addressed their complaints besides it also helped improve standards of policing."

"Ahsan Iqbal resident of Attock, Muhammad Shafique, r/o Jhelum, Muhammad Umar, r/o Chakwal, Muhammad Ayaz, Mujahid, r/o Rawalpindi and others submitted applications. The RPO issued orders to the officers concerned to complete inquiries and send reports within given time frame.

The RPO said all-out efforts were being made to ensure dispensation of speedy justice purely on merit to the people and improve service delivery standard in the region. The spokesman informed that the RPO was holding 'Khuli Kutcheries' here to provide relief to the citizens.

Spirit of Sept 6, 1965, need of the hour: Dewan of Junagadh

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Dewan (Prime Minister) of Junagadh State and Chairman MUSLIM Institute Sahibzada Sultan Ahmed Ali, while giving a message on the occasion of September 6, said that on September 6, 1965, the armed forces of Pakistan set a valiant example of bravery and courage by crushing India's impure ambitions.

During the 1965 war, the entire nation fought the enemy side by side with the armed forces and made it clear to the world that the Pakistani armed forces and the nation are always ready to face all



kinds of challenges. September 6 is a day of pride for the entire nation when the enemy attacked in the dark of night but the Pakistan Army set a

high example of bravery and crushed the evil ambitions of an enemy three times its size. Sahibzada Sultan Ahmed Ali further said that Pakistan

is currently going through a big challenge due to floods, in this difficult time the entire nation will have to work together and take all possible steps to restore the affectees. The 6th of September also requires us to unite and support each other in such difficult moments.

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah taught us to follow faith, unity, and discipline. On 6th September 1965, when the entire nation followed these golden principles of Quaid-e-Azam, the whole world saw the result. Even today, by adopting these principles, we can face challenges and become a great nation in the comity of nations.

Shan Foods joins forces with Hum Network for flood relief efforts

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Augmenting its relief efforts for the flood victims of Pakistan, leading global food brand, Shan Foods, joined hands with Hum Network Limited to extend its support for the affectees in the form of relief goods under the Network's flood relief campaign "HUMDard".

The catastrophic flooding in the south-west region of Pakistan has brought historical destruction, killing thousands of people while millions of people have been displaced from their homes without any food or shelter. Responding to the crisis, Hum Network had organized a live telethon, bringing together organizations and people from different walks of life and raising funds and necessary goods for the victims. Adding to its contributions,



Shan Foods pledged to donate essential food items to play its part in countering food insecurity that has unfolded in the flood-hit areas.

Maria Rashdi, Head of Corporate Communications and PR Shan Foods, expressing her solidarity with flood victims while speaking during the tele-

thon, said, "The horrific floods have left behind unprecedented destructions in the region. On top of loss of lives and homes, the victims are faced with an alarming hunger crisis. Shan Foods stands strong with all those affected by this calamity and we are diligently working to extend our efforts as much as we

can to provide relief to the victims from their suffering."

Naufil Aftab, VP Sales Hum Network Limited said, "The state of national emergency we are currently in calls for collective efforts of all our countrymen. Through our flood relief campaign, we hope to bring all our friends to come together and make contributions, monetary or in the form of relief goods, to help our brothers in this time of need. We are grateful to Shan Foods for their generous contribution and look forward to the same support from other organizations as well so that together we can recover from these testing times."

Earlier last month, Shan Foods had also sponsored medical assistance and sent out ration to flood-affected areas in partnership with Saylani Welfare Trust under Saylani's Balochistan Rescue Program.

Workshop on managing trauma through EFT held



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: National Institute of Psychology, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad successfully conducted post-conference workshop on topic of "Managing Trauma through Emotional Freedom Technique" on 1st September, 2022.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Anila Sadaf who is currently HOD of Department of Applied Psychology, NUML University, Rawalpindi Campus. The three-hour workshop was based on how EFT tapping is an alternative acupuncture therapy treatment and is used to restore balance to disrupted energy. It's been an authorized treatment for war veterans with PTSD, and it demonstrated benefits as a treatment for anxiety, depression, physical pain, and insomnia.

The participants were able to differentiate between trauma, PTSD and ASD. The participants learned to diagnose patients with PRSD and ASD. The participants were able to practically demonstrate the EFT Emotional Freedom Technique. Workshop was attended by students as well as professionals which mostly included teachers who were working in colleges and universities. Expertise of the resource person and her grip on the topic was appreciated by all the participants.

Premium Group is a leading real estate developer: Syed Khurram Atiq

Interview by Tahir Amin Malik

The Daily Spokesman arranged a special interview on the occasion of Defence Day. A well reputed Real Estate Group, that offers unmatched services. It has been established with a vision of serving Real Estate Industry within and outside Pakistan. Our foremost goal is to provide tailored solutions for our valued clients based on project, location and potential customer segment. Premium Group, ensure that our clients get the maximum benefit from our services catering their needs. We do this through our unparalleled expertise, innovation and execution strategies that we have developed over the years. Leading real estate developers and financial partners within and outside Pakistan have faith in our unmatched understanding of real estate, which has enabled us to become one of the leading Real Estate Group of Pakistan. According to some experts, 90 per cent of the world's total wealth is related to real estate. The total net worth of the world is estimated to be around 325 trillion Dollars, out of which 2870 trillion Dollars belong to real estate. If real estate is fully developed in Pakistan, it can generate 200 to 250 billion dollars, which can be invested to generate one trillion dollars. Real estate development is always accompanied by massive industrialization, which creates huge employment opportunities.



Dr Erfa Iqbal, CEO Punjab Board of investment, Govt of Punjab presenting top 100 CEOs and companies book to the CEO of Premium Group



The CEO of Premium Group, Syed Khurram Atiq received shield from Consulate General of Pakistan Faisal Tirmizi in Chicago USA on 6th August 2017

How is it that after attaining a senior management post in a prestigious institution like Mobilink, you suddenly switched over to the real estate business?

Syed Khurram Atiq: Real estate is one of the multiple businesses in which our family is engaged and quite naturally, I was expected to join my family business after completing my studies. However, while dealing with various case studies during MBA, I was particularly charmed and fascinated by the glamour of corporate culture. Thus, with a great deal of difficulty, I prevailed upon my father to let me work in the corporate sector for a few years before joining the family business. But once I plunged into the corporate world and began to grow, I developed an addiction for it and spent as many as 16 years working with Mobilink. For me it was a golden period, during which I had the firsthand knowledge and experience of corporate culture, observed diverse management styles and got the opportunity to work with some of the legends of that time. However, after 16 years, my father frankly told me that enough was enough and that I must take over the family's real estate business to reduce the work load of my brother.

Was it an easy task for you to adapt yourself to entirely different type of business?

Syed Khurram Atiq: I have already told you that real estate is my family business and, therefore, in spite of the fact that till then, I had not been fully engaged in it, I had some basic information about it, as a result of my occasional exposure to it. Nonetheless, it was an exciting and challenging experience for me. However, I was keen to prove that whatever I had learnt during my 16 years of work in the cellular sector was also relevant and applicable to the real estate business.

When did you start your career in Real Estate?

Syed Khurram Atiq: I have started my career in Real Estate in 2016. In 2017, one of our projects called Patriata Homes was declared the best project and captured the maximum interest of overseas Pakistanis at an expo in Chicago. Inspired by this huge success, we attended other expos in Europe and received tremendous appreciation everywhere. It was then that I realized that for the continuation of the learning process, one must do something new, instead of doing the same things over and over again, year after year. Our present government is attaching special importance to the development of the construction industry.

Are you satisfied with such initiatives?

Syed Khurram Atiq: No doubt, government has taken some positive steps in this regard, but much still needs to be done. We need a business friendly environment, free from the unnecessary threats of FBR, NAB and other agencies. Moreover, the culture of red tapism involving lengthy procedures and documentations must be done away with, the sooner the better. As long as this culture exists, even doing something on merit within a short time is no less than a miracle. Were your business activities also hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic? The sudden outbreak of COVID-19 and the way it gripped the whole world within no time was an unprecedented experience, which nobody had expected or anticipated. This emergency situation had a devastating impact on the purchasing power of the people. Having keenly observed this scenario, we shifted the focus of our business activities from luxurious homes meant for the elite to the relatively cheaper and more affordable homes, to attract a larger number of middle class customers. After our successful venture in Patriata, we are now extending our activities to other cities including Islamabad, Lahore and Multan. We are offering our homes in easy installments and without any excessive documentation. The price of homes built by us ranges from 22 lac to 18 crores, depending on the pocket

of the purchasers. We have so far built more than 700 homes and the number is likely to increase very rapidly in the coming months and years. There are a lot of problems to buying 5, 10 Marla houses for middle class or low-income persons. Do you have any plans to begin 3 or 4 marla houses on cheap rates for needy people? Yes, we are going to start our new project for needy people or low-income persons very soon in which we are going to announce 3 and 4 marla houses. Because ninety per cent of the work force engaged in the construction business consists of labourers working on daily wages, who have no health insurance or life insurance. In many cases, there is only one earning hand in the family and if due to some reason, he cannot go to work for a day or two, his whole family suffers. People in our society are often seen displaying their generosity by giving charity money to professional beggars, but while dealing with honest and hardworking labourers, they resort to bargaining so that they have to pay them the least amount of money for their work. This mindset must change as a first step towards becoming a welfare state like the state of Medina where labourers were expected to be paid adequately for their services before the drying up of their sweat. Those who are at the helm of affairs in the construction industry both in the public and private sector must come up with sound and solid policies for the welfare of the labour class.

How many Projects have you done with so far please mention the names?

• Park View • Zation City • New Lahore City • Lahore Smart City • Eastern Housing

Would you like to share with us some of the toughest decisions of your professional career?

Syed Khurram Atiq: Of course, the first tough decision was quitting the corporate sector and launching myself into the real estate business. Moreover, shifting of our priorities from high rise buildings to affordable homes was also another tough decision. Working in the posh areas is generally more profitable, with fewer chances for the money to be stuck up. Although we are still building expensive homes for the elite class, we are now focusing more of our attention and resources on affordable homes for the middle and lower middle classes. Give us your own definition of success. If I am satisfied with what I am doing



PROFILE

Syed Khurram Atiq is the Chief Executive Officer of Premium Group. He started his career in real estate in 2016. Syed Khurram Atiq is nationwide head of department in Pakistan largest corporate sector and has received shield in Chicago, USA being top real estate. His name has included in top 100 CEO's.

and what I have done, I am successful. I have seen billionaires who are always tense and depressed, only because they are not contented with what they have and are always running after more and more, without knowing that this race has no end other than death. If we really aspire to enjoy life, we should be grateful to God for what He has given us. Furthermore, instead of being always pre-occupied with the idea of making more and more money, we should spend a reasonable amount of time with our family in a happy and loving atmosphere.

Who in your opinion is a great leader?

Syed Khurram Atiq: A great leader is he who makes it sure that while he is growing, those who are working with him are also growing and are fully satisfied. Rising above his petty personal interests he thinks in terms of his team and the community around him. Besides this, he never considers himself to be perfect and is always ready to listen to the views of his team members. If they disagree with him, he either convinces them or is himself convinced by their arguments.

What type of books do you like to read?

Syed Khurram Atiq: I like to read the basic level books like The One-Minute Manager and The 20-Minute Manager. In addition to this, I love to read the biographies and autobiographies of great men like Steve Jobs. All these books reveal to us the simple fact that determination in the face of difficulties and challenges is the key to success.

What's your overall assessment of our young generation? What's your advice for our fresh graduates?

Syed Khurram Atiq: Unfortunately, I have a strong feeling that most of our youngsters do not have clarity of thought, self-motivation, sense of direction and guidance. They are

only interested in getting degrees and in most cases, they miserably fail to justify their degrees. I have come across those who hold Master's degree in English Literature, but are unable to talk in English even for a couple of minutes. Almost same is the case with the holders of other degrees. My advice is that instead of getting 3 or 4 degrees, they should get one degree after thoroughly and properly studying the books included in the syllabus, so that when they come for interview, they should at least be able to answer the questions pertaining to the subject of their degree. Those who depend on the encouragement and appreciation of others are like a football which comes into motion only after being kicked by someone. What I want to say is that our youngsters should be confident of their own worth and potential. If they are sure that they have done something good, they must appreciate themselves. They should remember that real inspiration comes from within and not from outside industrialization, which creates huge employment opportunities

How do you see the future of real estate in Pakistan?

Syed Khurram Atiq: As we all know real estate is the largest business in the world. If we talk about another fat that increase in population, the real estate development sector has grown massively. Real Estate trends changing day by day. I can see a positive change in coming few years. Our foremost goal is to provide tailored solutions for our valued clients based on project, location and potential customer segment. Premium Group, ensure that our clients get the maximum benefit from our services catering their needs. We do this through our unparalleled expertise, innovation and execution strategies that we have developed over the years

Give us your own definition of success.

Syed Khurram Atiq: If I am satisfied with what I am doing and what I have done, I am successful. I have seen billionaires who are always tense and depressed, only because they are not contented with what they have and are always running after more, without knowing that this race has no end other than death. If we really aspire to enjoy life, we should be grateful to Allah for what He has given us. Furthermore, instead of being always pre-occupied with the idea of making more and more money, we should spend a reasonable amount of time with our family in a happy and loving atmosphere.

Pak Army playing vital role for country's freedom, says Ch. Sultan Mehmood Central Chairman Pakistan Hardware Merchant Association says without Pakistan Army our independency is impossible

On the occasion of 6th September Defence Day, Ch. Sultan Mehmood Central Chairman Pakistan Hardware Merchant Association (PHMA) said that our soldiers have sacrificed a lot of lives for our country and this the result of their sacrifices that our country is steadfast towards peace. In the War of 1965 and 1971 our soldiers served their lives to protect our nation. We should always pay respect to them for their immense sacrifices because of them we are always safe in our houses. I pray that may Allah always bless us these kind of brave soldiers who have the courage and passion for their nation prosperity and sovereignty. They are always active in any kind of situation they are asset of our nation, not everyone has the ability and determination to fight at any situation except our soldiers. We should always respect their determination and patriotism. They are steadfast in any kind of situations either its Earthquake or floods

they always know how to tackle these situations.

Nowadays the situation is really unfortunate for us during this recent flood in Pakistan. Our country was already in a miserable condition due to rise in the dollar rates and it has caused a lot of economic crises which flood has made it worse than before. Houses, livestock, crops all are flooded away and people are really in vulnerable situation. Schools, hospital and food reserves were all flooded which has caused a huge blow for Pakistan. People are forced to live in streets a lot of hard work is required to rebuild and renovate and all these essentials for people. The ones who are benevolent and enough eligible to help and donate should always help the victims by providing basic necessities for their household as they are suffering a lot. The media should also play an important and positive role by highlighting the big loss for people.

Ch. Sultan Mehmood also advised



the system of govt as neither of any govt is completing their tenure of 5 years from past several years he advised that the system should make any govt to rule for 3 years in this way their progress will

be estimated how well they worked and elections can be accomplished more wisely. He also said that MNAs and MPAs are one kind of making every govt image bad by their corruptive

behavior. He also said that establishment should bring the right people into power on the basis of merit.

He further said that Pakistan army is playing vital role internally and externally for the freedom of Pakistan with and without army our freedom is not possible talking about the politicians he said that it is the need of hour for our people the politicians should stop their blaming politics and stop giving the fake sympathies to the victims, more than 70% tax amount is misused and is used in their own luxuries instead of taking loans from IMF use the amount of tax for the betterment of the country and also stop interrupting in the construction work for their commission. Government should avoid from more loan and should not happy and Government should focus on our economy and think for the nation for betterment their life and give them full facilities.

Talking about tourism sector, he said that National economy can be better

through tourism, agriculture both are very vital for betterment of our economy. Tourism and agriculture can change the complexion of the falling economy of Pakistan.

He said that the local and international tourism should be encouraged which will help to bring the prosperity in the northern areas. Govt should prepare the roads and RV camper van should be used for the tourists' facility. Sports camper van should be specified along with available busses with wash rooms and other facilities. The govt should encourage camping to promote tourism sector I would like to request to govt to give the permission for camper van as room rents at hotels are very high but standard of cleanliness is low.

While concluding, he said that I would like to give the message to our nation that our Army has given many sacrifices for our country and we should respect our Army who are playing wonderful role for our country and we cannot forget their sacrifices.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan record wins in National T20 Cup

KP downed Southern Punjab by seven wickets

RAWALPINDI: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa downed Southern Punjab by seven wickets while Balochistan outplayed Northern by 19 runs in their respective Kingdom Valley National T20 Cup 2022-23 matches at Pindi Stadium Rawalpindi on Monday.

In the first match, KP maintained their rhythm and recorded their fourth straight win when they defeated Southern Punjab by seven wickets in a contest reduced to five-overs due to wet outfield.

Left-arm pacer Mohammad Imran made the most of the variations in his arsenal and denied any scoring opportunities to Southern Punjab batters as his 12 balls leaked only 13 runs and accounted for Hassan Khan.

Southern Punjab, asked to bat, could muster 41 runs for the loss of four wickets in five overs, which, in the end, proved to be a cakewalk for defending champions Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Aamer Azmat, unbeaten on 14 off 10, dragged Khyber Pakhtunkhwa over the line with three balls spare and seven wickets in hand.

Right-arm pacer, Mohammad Ilyas,



accounted for Sahibzada Farhan and Sarwar Afridi and was the only bowler in the match to take two wickets.

In the second match of the day, Hussain Talat took Balochistan to a 19-run win. Talat dismissed Rohail Nazir and Umar Amin in the sixth over and sent Hasan Nawaz packing in the eighth over in an extraordinary batting collapse that formed the basis of Balochistan's third win of the tour-

nament.

Sohail Tanvir registered his highest T20 score with 74 off 42 and hit six sixes and three fours, but such was the magnitude of the top order collapse that it couldn't save Northern.

Aamir Jamal with 35 off 21 was the other batter to show some resistance but all Northern could manage was 162 for seven. Hussain returned three for 17, while his fellow pacer Khurram

Shahzad picked up two wickets for 28.

It was a solid half-century at the top of the order from Haseebullah and blistering knocks from Shan Masood (45 not out at a strike rate of 155) and Haris Sohail (34 at a strike rate of 179) that lifted Balochistan to 181 for three after they were asked to bat.

Haseebullah and Asad Shafiq (34 off 28) added 62 runs for the first wicket in 8.4 overs. Young Haseebullah continued to play the anchor's role till he was dismissed by Sohail Tanvir on the first ball of the 15th over. Balochistan were 109 at that point.

Shan and Haris made their experience count and added 72 runs at a run rate of over 11. Shan hit six fours in his 29-ball knock and Haris' 19-ball innings was studded with four fours and a six.

After completion of the 12th match, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were placed at top of the table followed by Balochistan, who have six points from three wins. With four points coming from two wins Southern Punjab and Sindh were placed at third and fourth.

Referees' body to cooperate with VAR review

LONDON: The organisation representing English football's top-flight referees effectively conceded Sunday that the VAR decisions to disallow West Ham and Newcastle goals this weekend were wrong as it promised to "fully co-operate" with a Premier League review of the incidents.

The Professional Game Match Officials' (PGMOL) Board took the unusual step of "acknowledging" the specific controversies in a statement issued Sunday.

VAR decisions in matches are already reviewed by a five-strong independent panel made up of representatives of the Premier League and the PGMOL as well as three former players. Their findings are sent to the clubs concerned. Such was the controversy generated when West Ham were denied a late equaliser at Stamford Bridge, and Newcastle a goal in their



0-0 draw with Crystal Palace, that the PGMOL has agreed to this additional layer of scrutiny.

"PGMOL acknowledge the incidents to disallow the goals in the Chelsea v West Ham and Newcastle v Crystal Palace fixtures," said a PGMOL statement. "We will fully co-operate and collaborate with the Premier League and their request to review these two particular incidents, using the outcome as part of the ongoing assessment of

weekly performances and the development of our match officials going forward."

West Ham manager David Moyes was furious after a controversial finish to his team's 2-1 loss at Chelsea where the Hammers' Maxwel Cornet had a late equaliser disallowed by VAR.

Match referee Andy Madley awarded the goal, having no issues regarding Jarrod Bowen's contact with Edouard Mendy after the Chelsea goalkeeper spilled

the ball.

VAR, however, instructed Madley to review the incident on the pitchside monitors and the goal was chalked off. "I'm amazed that VAR sent the referee for him to see it," said Moyes. "But I thought even if he goes to the TV there's no way he's overturning this, because this is a goal.

"It was a ridiculously bad decision." Newcastle manager Eddie Howe was more restrained in his response to seeing an own goal by Tyrick Mitchell of Crystal Palace overturned.

Referee Michael Salisbury ruled it out for a foul by Joe Willock on goalkeeper Vicente Guaita but Howe said: "I didn't think it should have been disallowed, personally, I thought it was a foul or a push on Joe Willock in the build-up to the ball coming in." "If anything, it's a penalty if it's not a goal, so I was very surprised with the outcome."

Bagnaia ignores MotoGP title talk

MISANO ADRIATICO: Francesco Bagnaia insisted he was not thinking about winning the MotoGP championship despite triumphing at Misano Adriatico on Sunday to claim his fourth straight win and close in on leader Fabio Quartararo.

Ducati rider Bagnaia pipped Enea Bastianini by just 0.034 seconds in a thrilling San Marino Grand Prix victory which moved him above Aleix Espargaro into second and within 30 points of reigning world champion Quartararo, who finished fifth.

But the 25-year-old Italian said after claiming the honours he would only start thinking about snatching the crown from Yamaha's Quartararo "when I am 10 or five points away".

"I've already made too many mistakes (this season)



thinking about the championship. My objective is to now be always competitive, always fast, always in front and try to win," Bagnaia told reporters. "I don't want to think about the championship, just to be more focused on my objective and to remain focused on the schedule during the weekend. I prefer to think like that."

Frenchman Quartararo is looking over his shoulder and despite believing he did a "really great job" cut a disconsolate figure after

finishing over five seconds behind Bagnaia. "I would not say I'm worried but I'm also not calm... I'm on the limit, I make a great pace but it's not enough, it's not enough... We arrived really at the limit of our bike today," he told reporters.

"I have the knife up here (the throat)... I can't do anything about it, there is too big a difference in style and power."

Bagnaia's victory was all the more impressive for him

being forced to start from fifth after a three-place grid penalty imposed during practice on Friday.

"In the last laps I was trying to push the gap but Enea was too fast," a delighted Bagnaia said after race. "I'm very happy to win today, it wasn't the best start from P5 but I did it."

After taking the lead on lap three Bagnaia held off first Maverick Vinales and then Bastianini to claim his sixth win from the 14 GPs completed in the 20-race season. Bastianini will be Bagnaia's teammate on the factory Ducati bike next season and he showed why he is moving up from the satellite Gresini team.

The 24-year-old, who had started second on the grid, pushed past Vinales and behind Bagnaia on lap 20 and then piled the pressure on his compatriot.

Verstappen claims 'special' Dutch home win



AMSTERDAM: World champion and runaway series leader Max Verstappen stayed cool to ride his luck and claim a dramatic victory for Red Bull, as his rivals floundered with a series of tactical errors, in Sunday's chaotic and unpredictable Dutch Grand Prix.

Amid wild celebrations at the packed Zandvoort circuit, with 105,000 orange-clad fans revelling in their hero's triumph, the 24-year-old Dutchman took full advantage of his team's calm decision-making in an incident-filled race to finish 4.071 seconds clear of Mercedes' George Russell.

Charles Leclerc came home third for Ferrari and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton fourth in the second Mercedes, scant reward after what seemed a probable victory was taken away when he was left on cold, worn tyres as both Verstappen and Russell switched to softs during a late safety car intervention.

Exposed and unable to defend his position Hamilton was furious, but the sea of ebullient fans celebrated Verstappen's good fortune as he passed Hamilton and pulled clear to claim a second successive Dutch triumph, a fourth consecutive win and his 10th of the season.

He now leads the championship with 310 points ahead of Leclerc and Perez each on 201 in the championship, making it possible for him to take his second drivers' crown in Singapore on October 2.

"It's always special to win your home race and this year I had to work for it even more," said Verstappen.

"It wasn't straightforward, but we pushed and we made the right calls," said Verstappen. "It's worked out really well. An incredible weekend and really happy we got the Dutch win!" Hamilton, seeking a first win this year, was furious with Mercedes and launched an expletive-laden tirade over the team radio.

He later apologised to the team for his language, explaining that his emotions were running high and "the car was finally working. And I lost it for a second." Russell said: "I thought we had a chance to fight for victory and I'm sorry for Lewis. He drove a great race and as a team we deserved better."

Man Utd end Arsenal's perfect start

LONDON: Antony scored on a dream debut for Manchester United as the Brazilian's clinical strike and Marcus Rashford's double inspired a 3-1 win that ended Arsenal's perfect start to the Premier League season on Sunday.

Antony was making his first appearance after signing from United manager Erik ten Hag's former club Ajax in an £82 million (\$94 million) deal on Thursday.

Full of flicks, tricks and purposeful movement, the 22-year-old forward took just 35 minutes to get on the scoresheet in a dazzling introduction to his new fans at Old Trafford.

Arsenal hit back to equalise through Bukayo Saka, but Rashford blew the leaders away with two goals in the space of nine

second-half minutes after Antony was replaced by Cristiano Ronaldo.

Thanks to Antony and Rashford, United were able to celebrate a fourth successive victory that lifted them to fifth place.

"He will be a threat in the Premier League. We were missing a player on the right wing, Sancho and Rashford can play there but they prefer the left so now we have the missing link who can play well on the right," Ten Hag said of Antony. "He did well but I think he can do better. He had a great goal but all the goals were team goals."

Opening his reign with consecutive losses against Brighton and Brentford was a humbling experience for Ten Hag. Since then, the Dutch coach has started to put his imprint on a United side

that look far more organised than the shambolic unit that finished sixth in the Premier League last season. Arsenal's first defeat this term after five successive wins was cruel on Mikel Arteta's men, who contributed plenty to an engrossing encounter but paid the price for some naive defending.

"It's really disappointing because for these boys to play the way they did here, big credit to them but we need a better result," Arteta said. Arsenal thought they had snatched the lead in the 12th minute as Gabriel Martinelli raced away from Diogo Dalot to clip a fine finish over David de Gea.

But VAR intervened to ask Paul Tierney to check for a foul in the build-up and the referee ruled Martin Odegaard pushed Christian Eriksen to steal possession.

"The referee said it was a real-

ly soft decision. We just ask for consistency. Today we disallowed the goal again. There is nothing we can do unfortunately," Arteta said. Antony put United ahead in the 35th minute when Rashford's deft pass reached the forward, who took advantage of Arsenal's sloppy marking to sweep a composed finish into the far corner from eight yards.

Antony kissed his badge and posed for the television cameras in a flamboyant celebration that sent Old Trafford into raptures, earning a ticking off from Tierney for sticking the ball up his shirt in front of the Arsenal fans. Antony departed to a standing ovation but Saka silenced Old Trafford two minutes later as Arsenal grabbed a deserved equaliser.

Odegaard's pass unhinged the United defence and when Dalot's



tackle on Gabriel Jesus diverted the ball to Saka, the England winger slotted home with ease. United caught Arsenal with a brilliant counter in the 66th minute.

Eriksen found Bruno Fernandes and his superb pass sent Rashford galloping clear to fire past Aaron Ramsdale. United wrapped up the points with



A group photo of all the participant countries football women captains at SAAF Championship trophy display ceremony

FIH Hockey Nations Cup schedule revealed

ISLAMABAD: The International Hockey Federation has revealed the pools (two groups of four teams each) and match schedules of both upcoming FIH Hockey Nations Cups, Men's and Women's.

The FIH Hockey Nations Cup ushers a new dawn of promotion and relegation in the FIH Hockey Pro-League with the winning team of the first FIH Hockey Nations Cup having the chance to be promoted to the 2023-24 FIH Hockey Pro League (provided they meet the necessary requirements for it), said a press release.

The FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup would run from November 28 to 4 December 4, in Potchefstroom, South Africa. The hosts South Africa, would play in Pool A with France, Ireland and Pakistan; while Canada joins the Asian triumvirate of Korea, Japan and Malaysia in the Pool B.

The opening match would see two Asian powerhouses go head-to-head as Malaysia take on Korea on November 28 at the North-West University of Potchefstroom to start the new era of international hockey. The Final would be played on December 4.

The FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup would run from December 11 to 17, in Valencia, Spain. The hosts Spain, would play in Pool A with Korea, Ireland and Italy; while India, Japan, Canada and South Africa compete in Pool B.

The opening match would be played on December 11 in Valencia between India and Canada; two teams who were very familiar with each other having faced off in the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain and Netherlands 2022 as well as the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, within the past two months. The final would be played on December 17.

Mexico's Lopez wins LPGA Dana Open

WASHINGTON: Mexico's Gaby Lopez birdied the last three holes for the second consecutive day to fire an eight-under par 63 on Sunday and win the LPGA Dana Open by one stroke.

World number 67 Lopez outduelled American Megan Khang down the stretch to finish 72 holes on 18-under 266 over a rain-softened Highland Meadows layout in Sylvania, Ohio.

The 28-year-old from Mexico City delivered a bogey-free final round for her third career LPGA title after winning at China's Blue Bay in 2018 and taking the 2020 Tournament of Champions.

"I didn't really bring an attitude," Lopez said. "It was more of creating a quiet space before hitting the golf ball and committing to that before every single ball.

"It's so easy to get ahead of yourself, especially coming down the stretch, but if you keep it in the present, that's when magic happens." Khang was second, her best LPGA result, on 267 after a closing 64 with Germany's Caroline Masson third on 268 and US teen Lucy Li, Chinese teen Yin Ruoning and American Sarah Schmelzel on 269. Lopez, who began the round four strokes off the pace, sank a crucial 15-foot birdie putt at the par-5 18th to finish ahead of Khang, with a scream and fist pump of delight after the feat.

Kyrgios stuns Medvedev at US Open

NEW YORK: Australia's Nick Kyrgios sent defending champion Daniil Medvedev tumbling out of the US Open on Sunday as US teenager Coco Gauff reached the quarter-finals for the first time.

The notoriously temperamental 23rd-seeded Kyrgios produced some scintillating shot-making on his way to a superb 7-6 (13/11), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over the world number one from Russia.

Kyrgios, who was beaten by Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final in July, showed grit and composure to save three set points in the opening set before holding his nerve to win an epic tie-break 13/11 before a raucous Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd.

Although Kyrgios dropped the second set, he roared back to dominate Medvedev in the third and fourth sets to clinch victory in 2hr 53min. "It was an amazing match, obviously Daniil as the defending champion had a lot of pressure on his shoulders, but I've been playing amazing the last couple of months," Kyrgios said after the win. "What a place to do it - packed house in New York. I'm extremely blessed."

Medvedev meanwhile said the mercurial Kyrgios had elevated his play to the same level as great such as Rafael Nadal and Djokovic. "Nick today played kind of at the level of Novak and Rafa," said the 26-year-old after seeing 21 aces and 53 winners whizz past him. "If he plays like this until the end of the tournament, he has all the chances to win it."

Kyrgios will face Karen Khachanov in the quarter-finals on Tuesday. Khachanov equalled his best performance in a Grand Slam event by defeating Spanish 12th seed Pablo Carreno Busta in a 3hr 21min five-set thriller.

wins from their first six games thanks to a second-half surge at the Amex Stadium.

Kelechi Iheanacho put Leicester ahead in the first minute, but a Luke Thomas own goal and Moises Caicedo's strike gave Brighton the advantage.

Patson Daka equalised for Leicester, but the struggling visitors collapsed after half-time as Leandro Trossard put Brighton in front before Alexis Mac Allister's double sealed the rout.

Leicester have taken just one point from their first six games, losing five in a row to leave boss Brendan Rodgers under severe pressure. "I don't listen to the outside noise. You put the hard yards in and work, not shirk responsibility. The results are down to me. I'm the manager," Rodgers said.