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PML-N believes in better service delivery: Musadiq

Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik has said Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz believes in better service delivery and development as per its track record. He said it was PML-N that ended load-shedding of electricity and gas by installing new power projects and regasification of Liquefied Natural Gas. He said, while on the contrary, previous government of the PTI did nothing to facilitate the people instead they further aggravated the situation.

Masood seeks global help to deal with climate-related disasters

Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Masood Khan says bulk of farmland in Pakistan has been destroyed by the governments in general and the United Nations system in ticular to help Pakistan build a better system to deal with

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ECP adjourns hearing of Toshakhana reference

ISLAMABAD: Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has adjourned hearing of Toshakhana reference against PTI Chairman Imran Khan till 29th of this month. A five-member bench headed by Chief **Election Commission**er Sikandar Sultan Raja heard the case in Islamabad on Wednesday.

At the onset of hearing today, PTI Chairman Imran Khan submitted his reply before the Commission. Later, talking to newsmen outside the Election Commission, PML-N leader Barrister Mohsin Shahnawaz Ranjha said Imran Khan lied to the nation and hid the Toshakhana gifts. Agencies

Govt to withdraw POL pricing authority from OGRA

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday decided to withdraw the authority of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) to decide prices of petroleum products.

According to media reports, the market will determine the prices of petroleum products starting from November, An important meeting was held under the chairmanship of OGRA Chairman Masroor Khan. The heads of oil marketing companies, petroleum division and other officials partici-

pated in the meeting. Reports further said the issue of deregulating the prices of petroleum products was discussed in detail in the meeting. Oil refineries and other parties will also be taken into confidence for the formulation of final TORs.

Agencies

Boosting morale

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sahrif meets the workers deployed on restoration of Saggu Bridge and appreciates their hardwork in Dera Ismail Khan on Wednesday.

Pakistan Floods

Efforts afoot for rehab of flood victims: PM

Shehbaz Sharif stresses sustainable system to cope with Pakistan's climate change challenges

Spokesman Report

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday said unprecedented floods in the country had caused heavy losses to lives and infrastructure and emphasized putting in place a sustainable system to cope with the challenges of climate

The prime minister said trillions were required to carry out relief flood-hit areas, however, vowed the entire process would be carried out in a transparent manner.

Addressing the locals and flood-affected people after reviewing the restoration work at Saggu Bridge, the prime minister said

PM decides not to retain any foreign gift

ISLAMABAD: Setting a unique tradition. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to not retain any of the gift items presented to him during his visit to Saudi Arabia and UAE in April this year. Shehbaz Sharif desires that as a policy, all precious gifts should be permanently displayed at the Prime Minister House in secure display cabinets with an alarm system under responsibility of the Cabinet Division or Toshakhana. In the first phase, five such cabinets, dedicated to each country namely Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Turkey and China, will be prepared and all gift items from Prime Minister's visit to Saudi Arabia and UAE to be displayed at the Prime Minister House in secure Cabinets.

that resulted in loss of lives, infra-first phase. structure and crops.

the assistance provided by a personally visit the site to assess if prefabricated houses having two the government in other parts of rooms and a toilet would be built the country.

the country was grappling with in Dera Ismail Khan to accommoand rehabilitation activities in the an unprecedented flood situation date widows and orphans in the

> He said the houses would be The prime minister said with built in two weeks and he would philanthropist, the first 100 the project could be replicated by

He recalled that during his previous visit to Tank and DI Khan after the floods, the people were in the phase of rehabilitation till the floods hit them twice.

He lauded the politicians, local administration, and armed forces for acting in unison while contributing their efforts for the rescue and rehabilitation of the affected people across the country.

The prime minister said it was the time to rise above politics and demonstrate the spirit of service and welfare for the people.

He said the coalition government raised the relief money under Benazir Income Support Programme from Rs 28 billion to Rs 70 billion for flood-affected people.

Conspiracy being hatched to topple Punjab govt: Îmran

minister and Pakistan Tehreek-Khan said on Wednesday that a conspiracy was being hatched to overthrow Punjab government.

Addressing a rally in Chishtian, he said that the PML-N should try as hard as it want, but both the country and the army are mine.

The former PM said that a new plan is being made to topple our Punjab government, adding that our MPs are being offered millions and also being threatened by Mr. X and Mr. Y.

"The conspiracy to topple the Punjab government mean that the fugitive residing in London can return."

Earlier addressing the lawyers' convention, the PTI supremo said that he will fight those who imposed imported government on the country. The former PM said that for 30 years, the thieves came to life. Agencies

CHISHTIAN: Former prime power from the back door as a result of a foreign conspirae-Insaf(PTI) chairman Imran cy to loot the country, adding that Nawaz Sharif is a convicted fugitive and a fugitive from iustice.

"Books have been written on the corruption of Zardari at the international level, will these thieves decide our future," Imran asked.

While reacting to PTI leader Shahbaz Gill arrest, the PTI chairman said that "Gill was tortured in jail. I said whoever tortured Shahbaz Gul should be brought to book. A case of terrorism has been registered against me. We want the rule of law in the country."

Imran Khan added that one way is right, the other is destruction. By buying people, these people brought down our government and imposed an imported government on the country. They are behind them, and I will fight as long as I have

Flood relief

Germany offers Euros 13m to Pakistan

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Germany has in flood hit areas

The offer was made during a telephonic conversation between Minister for Climate Change Sherry Rehman and German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze on Wednesday.

Sherry Rehman briefed the German Minister on the devastations wreaked by the floods throughout the country and the assistance required to carry out first response relief in the floodhit areas effectively.

Apprising the minister of the damages incurred by the flood, Sherry Rehman highlighted one-third of the country is trying times.

under water. She said amount of rain Pakistan received this year is unprecedented, resulting pledged support of thirteen in a 'Monster monsoon'. More million Euros to Pakistan's than 33 million people are relief and rehabilitation efforts affected. Providing relief and rescue has become a mammoth challenge itself, since there is no dry land in sight in the southern province of Sindh.

Sherry Rehman also discussed the 'Germany Pakistan Climate Energy Initiative' which focused on working towards enhancing Pakistan and German collaboration on the fight against climate change and energy issues.

German Minister Svenja Shulze expressed solidarity with the people of Pakistan and assured the full support of the German government to for Pakistan in these

UN chief to appeal for world support to flood-hit Pakistan

NEW YORK: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres leaves for Pakistan Wednesday night to express his "deep solidarity with the Pakistani people" hit by devastating flooding, saying he would also appeal for the international community's "massive" support to them in this hour of need.

The UN chief will be accompanied, among others, by Martin Griffiths, the world body's Under-Secreian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, during the two-day visit to Pakistan, which begins on Sept. 9. The secretary-general,

along with his delegation, will inspect flood-affected areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces. He will leave Islamabad for New York on Sept. 11. On August 31, Guterres

urged the world to come to a \$160 million appeal to help the tens of millions affected in the disaster.

Tomorrow I will be flying to Pakistan to express the Pakistani people and support of the internation- are waging on nature. And



after the devastating floods that we are witnessing," the secretary-general told reporters on Tuesday afternoon at UN Headquarters

He called for not only focusing on the war between Russia and Ukraine, but also on another serious and immensely pressing matter climate change. With

Pakistan's aid as he launched deadly flooding in Pakistan and famine in the Horn of Africa, climate change is continuing to have lethal

affects across the world. "There is a lot of attention my deep solidarity with on the war of Ukraine, but people tend to forget there to appeal for the massive is another war - the war we

stanis, in this hour of need climate change is supercharging, the destruction of our planet," the UN chief pointed out. "Pakistan, Chad, and the

Horn of Africa, where the drought is causing famine. All these things represent an enormous threat to all of us, "Today it is Paki-

stan. Tomorrow it can be anywhere else." To deal with climate change, Guterres added, that is the defining issue of our time, with a business-as-usual approach a

Meanwhile, the UN team in the country and its partners are continuing to provide relief materials to flood-stricken people. APP of the bench.

Maryam moves LHC seeking return of passport

跨 Bureau Report LAHORE: PML-N

Vice-President Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday approached the Lahore High Court (LHC), seeking the return of her passport. The application, which Maryam filed through Advocate Amjad Parvez, argued that in 2019, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had forced Maryam to surrender her passport in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills case, fearing that she would flee the country.

Following the surrender of her passport, she was granted pre-arrest bail on Nov 4, 2019. Advocate Pervez maintained in the petition that despite a lapse of four years, no reference has been filed in the case.

On the other hand, the LHC has accepted the hearing of the case related to the release of Maryam's passport. A two-member bench of the court, headed by Justice Ali Baqar Najafi, will hold the hearing on Thursday, September 8, while Justice Anwarul Haq Pannun will also be a part

Pak Floods: UN warns of more misery

Pakistan tries to avert lake overflow amid floods; 33 million affected, with 1,325 killed

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is scrambling to widen a breach in its biggest lake to prevent it from overflowing amid unprecedented floods that have inundated a third of the South Asian nation, as the United Nations warned of more misery to come.

Flooding, brought by record monsoon rainfall and glacier melt in the north, has impacted 33 million people and killed at least 1,325, including 466 children, the national disaster agency said.

About 636,940 displaced people have been housed in tent villages, it said, adding the raging waters have swept away 1.6 million houses, 5,735 kilometres of roads, railways, 246 bridges, telecommunication systems, 750,000 livestock, and inundated over two million acres of farmland, destroying both standing and stored crops.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's Cabinet on Tuesday boosted funding for cash handouts for the 1.2 million most affected families to 70 billion Pakistani rupees (\$315.32 million), his office said.

The agency told the Cabinet that 81 districts out of a total of 160 had been badly affected by the floods.

Reuters' drone footage over Sindh province showed agricultural and resi-



dential areas completely submerged in water, with just the tops of trees and buildings visible.

Rice fields resembled massive lakes of several miles in diameter, aerial video footage by the Pakistani military showed. Officials have estimated the economic cost of the losses at a minimum of \$10 billion.

With more rain expected in the coming month, the situation could worsen, a top official of the United Nations' refugee agency (UNHCR)

"This will increase challenges for

flood survivors, and likely worsen conditions for nearly half a million displaced people, forcing more to abandon their homes," said Indrika Ratwatte, the agency's director for Asia and the Pacific. A key concern was the Manchar

freshwater lake, the country's largest. in Sindh province, which was close to bursting its banks.

"We have widened the earlier breach at Manchar to reduce the rising water level," provincial irrigation minister Jam Khan Shoro told Reuters on Monday. Reuters

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Flood damage assessment

Federal Minister planning, development and reform Prof. Ahsan Iqbal is being briefed by CM Sindh Murad Shah on flood related destruction and assistance relief work in Sindh on Wednesday.



Against institutions

IK to face legal action for using `unethicallanguage': Kaira

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Adviser on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira warned that that legal action will be taken against former premier Imran Khan for 'using unethical language" and "leveling allegations" against state institutions.

The nation is well aware about the person who is spreading chaos in the country, he said while talking to a private news channel.

He alleged that the PTI chairman was attempting to destabilize the country by inciting "chaos and anarchy", adding, we will not allowed Khan to succeed in his nefarious designs.

"Imran Khan was pushing the country towards extreme polarization, he said, adding, the state, constitution and the respected institutions were being challenged by Imran Khan which would not be tolerated anymore.

Replying to a question, he said that legal action would be taken against Imran, adding, every soldier and officer of the Pakistan armed forces were patriotic.

He mentioned that Pakistan's armed forces had rendered unmatched sacrifices for the security of the coun-

He said that it was unfortunate that PTI leadership had run a negative campaign against Pakistan armed forces adding that it attempts all these tactics to push the country towards default and bankruptcy for only political gains, he added. APP

Against 'institutions'

PTI leaders disown IK's statements: Asif

Minister says close associates of Imran in his party abstaining from commenting on his statements

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Wednesday said the leaders and close associates of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had disowned their Chairman Imran Khan's statements spewing hate against state institutions.

Addressing a joint presser flanked by Federal Minister for Finance Miftah Ismail, the Minister lambasted the former premier for justifying his spiteful remarks against the senior leadership of the armed forces as his discourse on meritocracy.

Khawaia said Imran Khan had earli commented on the appointment of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and on Tuesday had his party were abstaining from comment-nature on the COAS to handle. After losing made a new interpretation of his previous

"He is doing it under a deliberate design

to attack and assess reaction of the state institutions. First attack, make institutions controversial and weak and observe their reaction then after some calculation say I just intended to discuss meritocracy through critical arguments," the Minis-

He added that throughout his political career all appointments were made on merit in the tri-services of the country 'accept one or two'.

The nominations of four or five high ranking officers are sent from the leadership of the armed forces that are appointed by the Prime Minister after necessary consultation," he mentioned.

ing on his statements, he said, adding, power he was criticising the military leadit and a day earlier President of Pakistan about the next inline COAS.

who has been nominated by PTI disassociated himself from what Imran Khan

He sought Imran Khan to prove when there was any appointment of the armed forces' chiefs was done without merit.

"The current COAS was appointed by our previous government and he endorsed his appointment. In three years, he (Imran Khan) has applauded the current COAS perhaps the most appreciated by him."

He alleged that Imran Khan as prime minister used to remain absent from many important meetings chaired by the COAS that were of critical nature.

Khawaia added that Khan had left The close associates of Imran Khan in many core issues of political and security "They are avoiding from commenting on ership and deliberately creating doubts Sichuan earthquake

Pakistan stands with **China: President**

Says Chinese leadership, people of China fully capable to win battle against natural calamity

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi $on\,Wednesday, expressing\,grief\,over$ the loss of lives in China following the earthquake in its Sichuan area, said Pakistan will stand with China in difficult times.

"I assure you that the people of Pakistan and the government of Pakistan stand with the Chinese people and the government of China with the same spirit as the Chinese people are standing with the victims of unfolding super floods," he said in a message of condolence for the

President Alvi said he was deeply saddened and grieved to hear about the devastating earthquake ience.

that hit Sichuan province in southwestern China, resulting in the loss of precious lives and destruction of

On behalf of the people of Pakistan, and myself, I wish to convey my deepest condolences to the Chinese leadership and my heartfelt sympathies to the people of Sichuan, over the loss of 66 precious lives in the recent earthquake, which has also caused damage to communication infrastructure and other properties," he said.

He expressed confidence that the Chinese leadership and people of China were fully capable to win the battle against this natural calamity with their proven abilities and resil-

Pakistan rejects statement by senior BFP leader

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan categorically rejects the statement by senior BJP leader and Chief Minister of Assam propagating for Hindutva's expansionist idea of so-called "Akhand Bharat."

The gratuitous assertion is nothing but a manifestation of the 'Hindutva' majoritarian agenda of the ruling BJP and its revisionist and expansionist mindset that seeks to subjugate the identity and culture of its neighboring countries as well as its own religious minorities. It is also a reflection of the BJP's jaundiced view of history and delusional

It is evident that BJP political figures engage in falsehoods and fantasies while pointing fingers at neighbours, including Pakistan. In doing so, they want to divert the attention of the international community from India's mistreatment and persecution of minorities as well as widespread violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed by the Indian occupation forces in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Indian politicians wor advised to introspect, exhibit maturity, and not indulge in meaningless political rhetoric against other countries merely to further their divisive and parochial political agenda.

Commerce Minister lauds performance of *IPO*

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar on Wednesday visited IPO-Pakistan along with the Secretary Commerce, Sualeh Ahmad Faruqui and Special Secretary Commerce, Ahmad Mujtaba

A comprehensive briefing by Ms. Shazia Adnan, Director General, IPO-Pakistan, was given on the role, mandate, national and international collaborations, legislative achievements and accession to international treaties of IPO-Pa-

The Federal Minister appreciated the performance, achievements and awareness activities by IPO-Pakistan.

While discussing the enforcement of IPR mechanism of the country, the Minister expressed the need of an Enforcement Coordination Committee in Hyderabad, as it is the second business hub of Sindh after Karachi.

Later the Federal Minister assured the appointments of Policy Board and the Chairman on urgent basis.

asked for the follow up meeting and to focus on complete automation of the organization for the ease of doing business and service

Global support to alleviate hardships of flood victims: FM

Bhutto Zardari on Wednesday expressed the hope that the 'UN Flash Appeal' for Pakistan's flood response would garner a strong response and contribute towards alleviating the hardship of those severely affected by recent floods.

The foreign minister received a telephone call from Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka M.U.M. Ali Sabry who offered condolences on the loss of lives and widespread devastation caused by floods across Pakistan.

He conveyed sympathies to the government and the people of Pakistan on behalf of the Sri Lankan government.

Bilawal apprised the Sri Lankan foreign minister of Pakistan's prompt and extensive response to deal with the natural calamity and underscored that for the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase, APP

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal broad-based international support would

He briefed his Sri Lankan counterpart on the unprecedented rainfall in Pakistan this year that resulted in super floods and landslides.

The foreign minister further highlighted that the scale of destruction had been massive and caused immense loss of human lives, livestock, crops and infrastructure.

He expressed his gratitude to foreign minister Sabry on his expression of support to Pakistan in these challenging times.

The two foreign ministers also exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and reiterated their commitment to further strengthening fraternal relations between Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Textile exporters annoyed over delays of sales tax refunds

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Value-Added Textile Exporters are highly annoyed over excessive delays caused in release of their Sales Tax Refunds worth billions of Rupees against Approved RPOs which has caused them financial hardships and liquidity crunch. The recent economic uncertainty and political unrest has negatively affected almost all segments of the economy mainly the exports. Previously, the value-added Textile Exports has witnessed a great enhancement in Export growth of 27.60% For the month of July-August 2021(Fy-2021-22) which has faced a downfall of 23.85% and reached to the level of 3.75% for the month of

This was stated by Muhammad Jawed Bilwani, Chairman, Pakistan Apparel Forum, Chief Coordinator, Value-Added Textiles Associations & Former Chairman Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association in a statement to press and elec-

He said government is responsible for Textile Exports downfall amid excessive delays in refunds of billions of rupees to exporters, unbridled high cost of utilities and production and unviable business environment. High-ups at Islamabad have closed eyes wide shut towards Sales Tax Rules, irrespective of issuing of Refunds Payment Orders (RPO) to Exporters unwarranted and exces-July-August 2022 (Fy-2022-23) which sive delays in refunds worth billions of is supposed to be released in 72 hours.

rupees is highly unjustified. Inspite of great agitation and resistance, the then Government imposed 17% GST on the previously zero rated textile sector. The Government then responding to the apprehensions of Textile Exporters gave firm commitment their Sales Tax Refunds will not be delayed and shall be processed through newly introduced FBR's FASTER System which will elec $tronically \,process\, all\, the\, refunds\, and\, the$ amount of refunds against the claims filed, processed and approved RPOs within 72 hours.

The Exporters have informed that more than 2-3 weeks have been passed after approval of RPOs but payment against their Approved Claims has not been made by the Government which

For flood victims

Denmark to provide drinking water facility in Sindh

Denmark also offered immediate relief assistance to Pakistan in devastating crisis

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador-Designate of Denmark to Pakistan Jakob Linulf said that Denmark would provide a major drinking water facility in flood-affected areas of Sindh, which could provide up to 120,000 liters of clean water a day.

The Ambassador told the media on Wednesday, "we are happy to welcome the Danish Emergency Management Agency team in Islamabad. They will be operating a clean drinking water facility in Sindh.

And they will be joined by another seven team members in Karachi tomorrow". He added that this team would set up the water purification system in Sindh and would oper-

ate in Pakistan for weeks.

He said the Advanced Emergency Team from Denmark consisted of Erik Breum-Christensen (team leader), Johan Theil Nielsen and Søren

The Ambassador also extended Denmark's government's sincere condolences to the victims of the flash floods (currently more than 1,300).

Denmark's key priority is to provide flexible and unearmarked funding to our humanitarian, strategic partners to allow them to respond quickly in times of urgent need, such as in the case of the ongoing flooding in Pakistan, he

Denmark has also supported the UN's (humanitarian) flash appeal for Pakistan with \$1.33 million to the UN Refugee Organisation,

UNHCR. This funding is provided in addition to our core annual funding for UNHCR's work in Pakistan and the region of \$ 6.7 million.

UNHCR has already started its aid work and can expand its efforts with our support. He maintained that their focus is mainly on emergency relief - providing tents and blankets and protecting vulnerable groups, including women and children

Denmark is also the 6th largest donor to the UN's Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF), which has already provided \$ 3.07 million almost two weeks ago (22.8 million DKK) for the relief work in Pakistan.

In addition, the Danish Emergency Relief Fund, which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs funds, has allocated almost 0.5 million USD for



emergency assistance, the Ambassador added. He said Denmark and Pakistan signed a Green Framework Engagement on August 31, ty to clean drinking water", he concluded.

2022 and on August 10, 2022, our countries signed an agreement for Danish financing of sustainable infrastructure in Pakistan.

These engagements will allow us to cooperate more closely regarding green transition, sustainable development, and climate change mitigation. They will also assist with rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Denmark has also offered immediate relief assistance to Pakistan and the Pakistani people who are going through this devastating crisis. "We especially share concerns about the drink-

ing water in the affected areas. Diseases such as cholera, scabies, typhoid, and ringworms often occur in the wake of floods, especially due to the lack of accessibili-

Minister for inclusive holistic approach to deal with climate change

Report launched on Lyari River by Ministry of Climate Change, Karachi Port Trust and Coca-Cola

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Under the patronage of Senator Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister of Climate Change, The Coca-Cola Company, in partnership with the Karachi Port Trust, brought leaders from across the country for a roundtable session, to build a coalition to clean up the Lyari River.

Held in continuation of the World Water Week theme of #SeeingThe-Unseen, the roundtable session was chaired by Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Sherry Rehman, with Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari attending as guest of honor and led by S.M Tariq Huda, Chairman of the Karachi Port Trust; all of whom represented apex bodies most impacted by the report that revealed catastrophic levels of waste accumulation over the last 20 years, of which less than 2 percent is removed.

Change Sherry Rehman, who formed a committee to lead the Lyari Cleanup Project, said, "Pakistan has been identified as the most vulnerable to climate change as we clearly see from the present floods the country is facing. Broad-



based partnerships are going to play a $\;\;$ is too large. This is a call to anyone who crucial role in ensuring that we develop solutions that can be scaled up by use of technology."

Fahad Ashraf, Vice President, The Federal Minister for Climate Coca-Cola Company, Pakistan said, "We have always known that the communities in Karachi's harbour area are adversely impacted by poor waste management, but this is not a responsibility that falls on one single entity because the quantum of the problem

cares about Pakistan's water security

Moderated by public policy expert, Mosharraf Zaidi, this event aimed to co-create solutions that can be used to scale up sustainable interventions, emphasize on local and international expertise. In attendance were representatives of the global NGO, The Ocean Cleanup, WWF-Pakistan, Unilever, Nestlé, Engro, the packaging alliance CORE, SEED Ventures, Indus Earth Trust and National Institute of Oceanography, to name a few.

As part of The Ocean Cleanup and Coca-Cola's global partnership to stem the tide of plastic waste by intercepting it in rivers around the world, they are looking to build a coalition that explores solutions to clean the Lyari harbor area.

Tariq Huda, Chairman of Karachi Port Trust, a partner in making the project a reality, said "This port connects Pakistan's northern provinces and the overall Pakistan economy to the world, and water security, therefore, is a national security issue that we must neither deny nor delay solving."

The Environmental Scoping Study reveals that the Lyari harbour area, which was meant to be a spillway to control the flow of flood water, is now choked by accumulated debris. Every month, 9,000 tonnes of debris enter this river, almost entirely uncleaned.

With about 33 million people nation-wide impacted by the floods and an impending food security issue, this timely report calls for urgent and substantive action in densely populated cities like Karachi that are at a perpetual threat to urban flooding.

Faisal Amin visits flood-affected areas

Mazir Adam Khan Wazir

TANK: Provincial Local Government and Rural Development Minister Faisal Amin Gandapur along with Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan Division Amir Afaq made a surprise visit to the flood affected area Tank District and visited several areas including the site where 100 houses with two rooms, kitchen bathroom are being constructed in Dabra village with the support of a welfare organization.

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Tank Hameedullah Khattak gave a detailed briefing to Provincial Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Faisal Amin Gandapur and Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan Division regarding the relief activities and survey including infrastructure damaged in the flood.

During the briefing, the Deputy destroyed. Provincial Local Govern-

Commissioner said that two people ment Minister and Commissioner Dera have died and eight people have been injured so far due to torrential rains and floods in Tank district.

Separate checks of eight lakh rupees have been handed over to the families of the injured persons while their data is being verified to issue checks to the injured.

While giving a briefing to the Provincial Local Government Minister, it was told that 1620 houses have been installed with food packages and various necessities of life and tents

Six teams have been formed under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner for house-to-house survey and the survey process is going on.

Deputy Commissioner Tank while giving a briefing said that 1600 houses were completely destroyed while around 2000 houses were partially

Ismail Khan Division Amir Afaq was told in a briefing that 70 roads, including three major roads, were cut off in Tank district due to torrential rains and floods out of which 65 roads have been cleared while work on five is in progress, In twelve (12) union councils, 28 water supply projects of public health Engineering Department were completely affected, in which 25 projects have been restored and made functional.

Deputy Commissioner Tank said that 23 health units, including 116 female schools, have also been affected by the flood, while around 247 animals have died in the flood. Provincial Local Government Minister and Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan Division Amir Afaq appreciated the performance of the district administration tank, Officials of all line departments of Tank District were present on this occasion.

Police Executive Board meeting held

LAHORE: Inspector General Police (IGP) Punjab Faisal Shahkar on Wednesday said that women officers would represent in the police executive board session so two senior women officers would participate as members in the upcoming police executive board.

He said that the aim of this initiative was to benefit from the opinions and experiences of women officers in professional affairs and departmental decision-making. He said that women police officers and officials were very important part of Punjab police whose abilities would be fully utilized by providing them equal opportunities for departmental promotion.

The IGP directed that the young officers would also be given the opportunity to participate as observer members in the upcoming police executive board session and the purpose of joining the young officers in the executive board session was to prepare them for future decision making and policy making.

Faisal Shahkar said that equal distribution of powers and duties should be ensured in all branches of the Central Police so that the execution of professional affairs could be done more quickly and easily.

He expressed these views while presiding over the Police Executive Board meeting held at the Central Police Office. In the meeting, Additional IG South Puniab, Additional IG Special Branch and DIG IT briefed about the professional affairs of their branches.

In the meeting, various administrative and professional issues were discussed according to the agenda and senior officers presented their suggestions and recommendations regarding the discussed issues.

The IGP directed that according to the suggestions presented by the officers regarding the discussed issues, all the issues should be upgraded and presented in the next meeting for decision-making.

He directed that in order to further improve the working of the police force, supervisory officers should ensure efficient performance of administrative affairs. All Additional IGs, CCPO Lahore, heads of field units including DIGs and AIGs participated in the meeting and expressed their views.

UNHCR hands over relief items to Sindh govt

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has handed over thousands of tents and other emergency relief items to the Sindh government which will benefit hundreds of thousands of flood-affected people in the

The first three of nine scheduled flights arrived in Pakistan on Monday with the other six scheduled this week. said a statement issued here.

The UNHCR trucks carrying relief items were also on the road from Uzbekistan, with more convoys scheduled. Emergency relief items are being transported from Peshawar and had already reached Sukkur Humanitarian Response Facilities, the statement added.

"A total of 18,800 tents, 310,000 jerrycans, 67,500 plastic tarpaulins, 112,000 sleeping mats, 150,000 mosquito nets, 140,000 solar lamps, 24,700 kitchen sets, 32,000 sanitary napkins, 4,500 soap and 3,500 digni-



cial Disaster Management Authority Sindh, the UNHCR said.

UNHCR's Assistant Representative for Protection Leyla Nugmanova called on Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad

The CM's team briefed the UNHCR blankets, 76,000 buckets, 56,500 officials about the current situation in various flood-affected districts and the damages caused by floods.

The UNHCR Representative and Director General of PDMA Syed Salman Shah signed a memorandum ty kits are being given to the Provinto handover the items for immediate

distribution to the flood victims. The Sindh CM welcomed the UNHCR's contribution, terming it

timely and important. "The world is yet to understand the scale of this disaster and devastation by floods," he said. Leyla Nugmanova said, "UNHCR is

lending all possible support to Pakistan in this hour of need.

"Based on our forty years of partnership and Pakistan's extraordinary generosity for refugees, we cannot let the country and its people handle this

Performance of Govt Departments being monitored: *Minister*

MUZAFFARGARH: Provincial Minister for Revenue, Nawabzada Mansoor Ahmed Khan said that all provincial government departments were working with firm commitment under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhary Pervez Elahi.

He expressed these views while talking to a delegation led by PTI's district information secretary Malik Sabir Hussain Aarbi.

He further said that the performance of all public departments was being monitored and in this regard revenue officials have also been given task to dispose off pending cases immediately.

He said that the employees of all land record centers have been instructed to treat people politely and manage provision of cold drinking water for them.



velopment, Hamdard Pakistan is receiving the Consumer Choice Award for Roohafza from Brigadier (Rtd) Azhar Manzoor, Chairman Advisory Council of Consumer Association of Pakistan at the 16th Consumer Choice Award 2022 ceremony. The Chairman of the association Kokab Iqbal, Additional Collector Customs Karachi Asadullah Lark and Collector Customs Sadigullah are also present on this occasion.

First humanitarian assistance flight from Jordan arrives



KARACHI: First humanitarian assistance flight from Jordan landed at Jinnah International Airport Karachi, on Wednesday.

It was received by Provincial Minister Saeed Ghani and Ambassador of Jordan to Pakistan Ibrahim Al Madani along with officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & National Disaster Management Authority. The relief assistance from Jordan is welcomed with warmth and

Japan keen to invest in Pakistan's railways, aviation sector

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Japanese Ambassador Wada Mitsuhiro on Wednesday said his county has shown keen desire to work with the Pakistan government in the Railways and Aviation sector.

The envoy in a meeting with Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique appreciated the efforts of his Ministry for allowing airplanes containing Japanese passengers evacuated from Afghanistan.

Khawaja Saad Rafique said Japanese companies are always welcome to invest in Pakistan for which every possible support and cooperation would be given to them.

He also thanked the Ambassador on the Japanese plan to provide emergency assistance of USD 7 million for flood victims. Both sides discussed various bilateral mutual issues including Paki-

tan-Japan long standing relationship which is marked by cordiality and friendship. The minister said that Pakistan attaches high importance to its relation with Japan and is desirous of further enhancing it in all fields of

mutual interests especially in Railways and Aviation. Wada Mitsuhiro, conveyed his deepest sympathies to the govern-

ment and the people of Pakistan over the devastation caused by the recent floods and offered condolences on the loss of life due to unprecedented monsoon rains in the country.

Anti-dengue campaign continues

LAHORE: The district administration continued anti-dengue campaign on Wednesday in various areas of the provincial capital. In this connection, Assistant Commissioner (Cantt) Zeeshan Nadeem visited Union Council (UC) 5 Walton Cantt, and Assistant Commissioner (City) Muhammad Murtaza visited Islampura UC 81. During their visits, the officers reviewed the anti-dengue arrange-

ments as well as indoor and outdoor surveillance. It was ensured that there was no dengue larva present at any place to $\,$

ensure safety of the citizens from dengue fever. Anti-dengue spry was also conducted and tyre shops were checked. The shopkeepers were asked for an immediate removal of tyres from outside their shops. The roof-tops of the various buildings were also inspected.

Prism Town Gujjar Khan awarded

Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: The grand housing scheme in Potohar Prism Town Gujjar Khan received Lop from Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency for housing scheme making the scheme the first and only housing scheme to be honoured in Gujjar Khan.

A grand function was held to celebrate the occasion. Real Estate businessmen, associate members Journalists and notables of Potohar Participated in the function. Chief Executive Prism Town Mr. Masood ul Hasan Alvi announced remarkable discount for the prices of 5 marla, 10 marla and 01 kanal plots. He further Said that within a couple of years a new city of international standard will be erected in Gujjar Khan.

Situated at GT Road, the Prism Town falls 5 km ahead of Gujjar Khan from Islamabad, 28 Km from T-Chowk 17 Km from Ring Road and 13 km from Mandra Toll Plaza.

The masterplan of Prism Town has gated community, latest security system, 24/7 rescue service, wide green area, grand jamia mosque, state-of-the-art medical complex, shopping malls, Luxury Restaurant, Mini Golf Club, Wide Roads, Modern Sewerage System, underground electricity cable and water supply system, sports grounds and Singapore model of Park.

Khana Farhang organizes event

RAWALPINDI: Khana Farhang, Islamic Republic of Iran, Rawalpindi organized an event where a large number of poets and intellectuals from the twin cities participated.

Director General Khana Farhang Iran, Rawalpindi said that I express my sympathy to the people and government of Pakistan for the loss of life and property caused by the recent floods and hope that the people of Pakistan will successfully overcome this disaster.

The ceremony was presided over by well-known poets and writers, former president of the Academy of Literature and National Academy of Urdu Language, Dr. Iftikhar Arif, while the special guests were renowned poets Saqib Akbar, Prof. Jalil Ali and Tanveer

Hard work key to success: Nabeel

LAHORE: Nabeel Akram Ghumman is one of the famous faces in UAE modeling industry and does not need any introduction. Nabeel has worked with numerous huge brands of UAE in last 7 years of his modeling career.

He is a versatile Pakistani model, who has been assigned jobs with major Middle East telecommunication brandsEtisalat and Du. He was the main lead model for well-establisheddai, Geely and Jaguar. He has done modeling assignments forfamous FMCG brands Rainbow milk and Lipton of UAE. tea. Also, he has Visa credit cardand Home Centerbrand



car brands Dodge Ram names on modeling resume. Truck, Volvo buses, Hyun- He has done a modeling shoot in Ramadan 2019 for Islamic Affairs & Charitable Activities department

Nabeel is a brand ambassador for two major brands, Nabeel's first modeling shoot

Foxerz cap and Kenkoh was for Abu Dhabi World Middle east as well. In 2015, he has walked as runway model for Indian Fashion week and Pakistan Fashion week. Once again, he was offered to walk the ramp in 2016, for Indian Fashion week.

Nabeel has an inspiring success story in modeling industry. He used to work as a designer in his brother's printing shop in Dubai, but he was aspired to become a model. Nabeel was encouraged by his brother Sohail Akram to pursue his modeling dream. Additionally-,his close friend Yousuf was supporting him during his initial stages of finding the modeling assignments.

Trade Center. He started his acting career in 2015alongside his modeling career. He has

worked in Netflix web series as aCommando and 6underground. He did not stop there, and he has appeared in supporting characters in Hollywood and Emirati movies like Mission Impossible and The Ambush as well. Nabeel Akram is comparably more successful model, but he is inspired to become equally established actor on OTT platform for web series. Nabeel has a message for newcomer models in industry to work hard for their dreams because success is the result of consistency and hard work.



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FIO establishes Flood **Emergency** Response Unit

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Federal Insurance Ombudsman Dr. Khawar Jameel has imposed a state of emergency in his department given the flood disaster across the country.

To make the solutions possible in which the insurance claims regarding the loss of life, livestock, crops, and property of the flood-affected Pakistanis can be paid to the victims as soon as possible, a high-level meeting was chaired at the head office of the Federal Insurance Ombudsman

While announcing the establishment of the FIO Flood Emergency Response Unit, Dr. Khawar Jameel nominated Director General FIO Mobashir Naeem Siddiqui as head of this cell. Director General FIO Mobashir Naeem Siddiqui also directed to take the heads of all insurance companies on board to transfer the amount to

the people immediately. Details are being shared on FIO's online portal, newspapers, TV channels, etc. Through social media, it is being made possible for the public to issue guidelines for accessing the Federal Insurance Ombudsman Helpline # 1082 website www. fio.gov.pk and email address info@fio.gov.pk. Complaints about obstacles faced in receipt of insurance claims can also be registered in the office of the ombudsman.

HEC, Huawei to organize online training for students

Selected students will be able to obtain valuable cutting-edge ICT knowledge

Commission (HEC) and Huawei Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd Pakistan to organize an eight-day long online training for 30 to 40 outstanding Pakistani students in the field of ICT tentatively from September 26, 2022 onward for a week period.

HEC and Huawei, in that regard, are inviting applications from potential Pakistani undergraduate students under the "Huawei Seeds for the Future Programme

According to the Assistant Director Learning Opportunities Abroad Higher Education Commission Pakistan, Under the subject program, in the last 7 years, 130 students were selected from varsities across Pakistan by HEC and 55 of them were sent by Huawei to China for two weeks training on culture and advance

Same like last year, due to Covid-19, HEC & Huawei has again planned to organize online training this year. HEC Official informed that the deadline to apply for this program is 18th September 2022.

The selected students will be able to obtain valuable cutting-edge ICT knowledge (5G, Cloud, AI, etc.) developed by who demonstrate excellent academic

ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Huawei's Headquarters and experience acumen, speak English fluently and have cross-cultural communication virtually. As per eligibility criteria, the candidate must be a Pakistani/AJK national & permanent resident of Pakistan/AJK. Dual nationality holders are not eligible.

The major disciplines/subjects of the cand8idates should be such as Information and Communication Technology, Computer Science, Information Technology, Business Informatics, Multimedia & Digital Arts, Software Engineering, Information Systems, Computer Engineering, Electrical Communication Engineering, Telecom Engineering, Electronics Engineering etc.

The students who will be considered for the online training are included, currently enrolled in final year of ICT related Undergraduate degrees (four years program only with 6th, 7th & 8th Semester) with minimum CGPA of 3.5 out of 4.

 $The \, students \, who \, have \, completed \, their \,$ four years undergraduate ICT related degrees with minimum CGPA of 3.5 out of 4 since summer 2021 are also eligible.

The students who are less than 24 years old on the closing date of application, those

a strong interest in Information Communication & Technology and related fields will also be considered for online training.

Those students who have already got this training in previous years are not eligible to apply. The selected students must have personal computer equipment and strong internet connection, the official

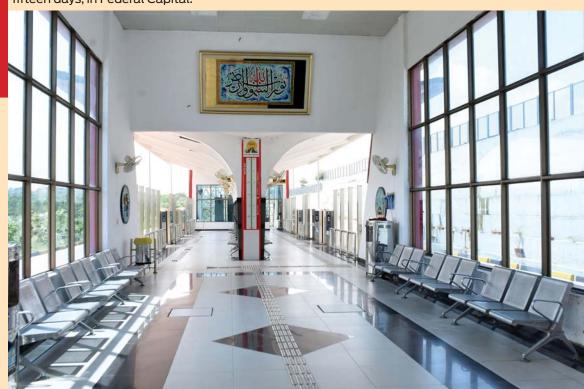
The selected students must be available during online training sessions (from 26th September 2022 for a week period). Final selection will be based on academic excellence & Federal Govt. quota policy. In case of final award, selected candidates will not be able to withdraw.?

The students are asked to apply through HEC online application portal seed programme.hec.gov.pk.

It is pertinent to mention here that HEC reserves the right to conduct interviews of initially shortlisted candidates. Incomplete or saved applications on HEC online portal will not be considered. The recommendation of nominating agency i.e. HEC will be final and binding, it added. Hard copies of the documents are not required.

No electricity

ISLAMABAD: A deserted view of NUST Metro Bus Station due to cut of power supply since last fifteen days, in Federal Capital.



Painting exhibition held to mark Defence Day

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Arts Council organized a painting exhibition to mark Defence Day in collaboration with Vescopk.

Colonel (retd) Syed Muhammad Safi and Naheed Manzoor were the chief guests of the exhibition. Paintings of martyrs, Ghazis, tanks, armored vehicles and warplanes of the Pakistan Air Force were placed in the exhibition. The chief guest of the ceremony, Colonel (Rtd) Syed Muhammad Safi said that the war of 1965, the people fought alongside the Pakistan Army. We will not hesitate to make



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any sacrifice to defend our the Day of Defense and Martyrs beloved motherland, to main- reminds us of the unparalleled courage and bravery of the armed forces and the nation. Naheed Manzoor said that 57 years ago today, the armed

forces and the nation crushed the evil intentions of the enemy. September 6 is a bright symbol of unwavering determination, patriotic spirit, great sacrifice in our history. I salute the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the defense of the country.

Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmed said that September 6 is a memorable day in our national history; this day reminds us of the unprecedented unity and determination of the Pakistani nation. The entire nation defeated the aggression of the enemy by the side of Pakistan forces. Today is the day to salute the unparalleled bravery and sacrifices of martyrs and Ghazis, he added.

Reckitt signs MoU with Carrefour, PRCS

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Reckitt and Carrefour have teamed up to donate PKR $2\,$ million worth of Mortein Coils to the flood affectees of Pakistan-a worthy cause with an urgent need. Pakistan Red Crescent Society will be the trusted channel that will be conducting on-ground facilitation of the donations provided by Reckitt.

In light of the current flooding crisis, Mortein has recommitted itself to its "Dengue Ab Nahi" mission by providing Mortein Coils to the communities and areas most at risk of a dengue outbreak. This will guarantee that those affected by this crisis have easy access to effective mosquito repellents to safeguard themselves and their family against the spread of the Dengue virus.

The dengue epidemic has been ravaging Pakistan for years, with over 52,000 confirmed cases in 2021 and hundreds of fatalities. Since there is no vaccine for Dengue, the only option for treatment is prevention otherwise, millions of people will continue to be at



risk every time this occurs. Reckitt has always been diligent about spreading awareness of dengue as well as being a part of community-driven projects for the betterment of Pakistan.

To execute the mission smooth-Reckitt and Carrefour have joined hands. They initiated and formalized this partnership at a signing ceremony on September 6th, 2022.

"At Reckitt, we believe access to high quality hygiene, health and nutrition is

a universal right. Operating in Pakistan for 70 years, it is our responsibility to provide in whatever capacity we can during these tough times. By donating Mortein Coils as part of one of our activities for flood relief, we hope to reduce further catastrophe with the prevention of vector-borne diseases" Kashan Hasan, CEO Reckitt.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to all the flood affectees! We are grateful to be of service towards this cause and team

up with Reckitt as it will save many more lives" said Umer Lodhi Country Manager from Carrefour.

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society, an organization that provides emergency medical and relief services for Pakistanis, has been chosen for the responsibility of getting this aid to the people who have been impacted by the flooding as they are already working tirelessly on a Flood Relief mission to all affected areas. Team members are currently dispersing aid to those in need in the hardest hit areas.

Dr Adeel Nawaz, Secretary General Pakistan from Red Crescent shares. We acknowledge the trust of Reckitt and Carrefour who have given us this responsibility and we will make sure we execute it with diligence, as always."

The partnership between all organizations is a means to urge everyone should do their part; the Nation needs whatever support it can get. Reckitt, in collaboration with Carrefour, has taken this action in hopes of reducing any other catastrophe with the prevention of the harmful virus by keeping vectorborne diseases away.

Major step forward for organ biofabrication

 $\label{lem:interpolation} ISLAMABAD: Heart disease-the leading cause of death in the U.S.-is so deadly in part because the heart, unlike other organs, cannot repair$ itself after injury. That is why tissue engineering, ultimately including the wholesale fabrication of an entire human heart for transplant, is so important for the future of cardiac medicine.

To build a human heart from the ground up, researchers need to replicate the unique structures that make up the heart. This includes recreating helical geometries, which create a twisting motion as the heart beats. It's been long theorized that this twisting motion is critical for pumping blood at high volumes, but proving that has been difficult, in part because creating hearts with different geometries and alignments has been challenging.

Now, bioengineers from the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) have developed the first biohybrid model of human ventricles with helically aligned beating cardiac cells, and have shown that muscle alignment does, in fact, dramatically increases how much blood the ventricle can pump with each contraction.

This advancement was made possible using a new method of additive textile manufacturing, Focused Rotary Jet Spinning (FRJS), which enabled the high-throughput fabrication of helically aligned fibers with diameters ranging from several micrometers to hundreds of nano-



meters. Developed at SEAS by Kit Parker's Disease Biophysics Group, FRJS fibers direct cell alignment, allowing for the formation of controlled tissue engineered structures.

'This work is a major step forward for organ biofabrication and brings us closer to our ultimate goal of building a human heart for transplant," said Parker, the Tarr Family Professor of Bioengineering and Applied Physics at SEAS and senior author of the paper.

This work has its roots in a centuries old mystery. In 1669, English physician Richard Lower — a man who counted John Locke among his colleagues and King Charles II among his patients — first noted the spiral-like arrangement of heart muscles in his seminal work Trac-

Over the next three centuries, physicians and scientists have built a more comprehensive understanding of the heart's structure but the purpose of those spiraling muscles has remained frustratingly hard to study. In 1969, Edward Sallin, former chair of the Department of Biomathematics at the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical School, argued that the heart's helical alignment is critical to achieving large ejection fractions — the percentage of how much blood the ventricle pumps with each contraction.

"Our goal was to build a model where we could test Sallin's hypothesis and study the relative importance of the heart's helical structure," said John Zimmerman, a postdoctoral fellow at SEAS and co-first author

To test Sallin's theory, the SEAS researchers used the FRJS system to control the alignment of spun fibers on which they could grow cardiac cells. The first step of FRJS works like a cotton candy machine — a liquid polymer solution is loaded into a reservoir and pushed out through a tiny opening by centrifugal force as the device spins. As the solution leaves the reservoir, the solvent evaporates, and the polymers solidify to form fibers. Then, a focused airstream controls the orientation of the fiber as they are deposited on a collector. The team found that by angling and rotating the collector, the fibers in the stream would align and twist around the collector as it spun, mimicking the helical structure of heart muscles.

The alignment of the fibers can be tuned by changing the angle of

The human heart actually has multiple layers of helically aligned muscles with different angles of alignment," said Huibin Chang, a postdoctoral fellow at SEAS and co-first author of the paper. "With FRJS, we can recreate those complex structures in a really precise way, forming single and even four chambered ventricle structures."

Unlike 3D printing, which gets slower as features get smaller, FRJS an quickly spin fibers at the single micron scale — or about fifty times smaller than a single human hair. This is important when it comes to building a heart from scratch. Take collagen for instance, an extracellular matrix protein in the heart, which is also a single micron in diameter. It would take more than 100 years to 3D print every bit of collagen in the human heart at this resolution. FRJS can do it in a single day.

Courtesy Science Daily

UAE flight carrying relief goods arrives



ISLAMABAD: Another flight from the United Arab Emirates carrying relief goods for the flood-stricken people of Pakistan arrived here at Nur Khan Airbase on Wednesday.

So far, 19 flights from the UAE have landed in Pakistan carrying food, medical supplies and tents etc.

This is in continuation of the humanitarian air bridge established between Pakistan and the UAE. "Pakistan is thankful to the Government and people of UAE for showing support and solidarity in these times of grave crisis," the Foreign Office spokesperson said in a state-

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had also thanked the UAE government for its continued support to the flood victims including the establishment of humanitarian corridor between the two

He also thanked the UAE Red Crescent for launching donation campaign to support the flood relief efforts.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman FBISE Qaisar Alam Khan addressing the Central Executive Council of Private Schools Network Islamabad.

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Devastating floods and miseries of masses

akistan is facing the worst consequences of the climate crisis thanks in part to the actions of the developed world, as the country battles the worst floods in its history. However, it is good news that the water level at Guddu and Sukkur barrages is at normal level but there is still high flood at Kotri barrage that will continue till next 48 hours. The meteorology department has predicted a spell of rain in the next 3 to 4 days but its intensity will not be that high. The present government is making all out efforts to facilitate the flood affected people and is determined to ensure the provision of relief in affected areas. The Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal has also directed the authorities to accelerate the damage assessment surveys and repair the damaged infrastructure.

In Balochistan, thirty one of the thirty four districts have been affected by flood water. All provincial institutions are working together to provide relief to the flood hit people. A damage assessment survey has been started in order to provide people compensation of their losses. The road connectivity has been restored at many areas and work is underway on rest of the damaged infrastructure.

On the other hand, The World Health Organization (WHO) and Pakistani health officials have warned of significant health threats, including water-borne illnesses such as cholera and diarrhoea, which UNICEF said could lead to "many more child deaths". Other risks include outbreaks of malaria, COVID-19, and dengue in crowded relief camps. The dangers are made worse by the fact that some 1,460 health facilities have been damaged in the floods, according to the WHO. Given the extent of the devastation, the death toll could have been far higher.

Pakistan is among the countries most vulnerable to climate change. It faces a rate of warming considerably above global average, with a potential rise of 1.3-4.9 degrees Celsius by the 2090s. Earlier this summer, the extreme heat accelerated glacial melting; and weakened flows to the Indus River, resulting in a 38 percent water shortage in Punjab and Sindh – major crop-producing provinces. Pakistan is gripped by an economic crisis, with an inflation rate of 27 percent for August, according to official data. The Pakistani rupee has crashed, and net foreign reserves have fallen to just \$8 billion. Meanwhile, continued political instability due to a showdown involving the government, the military, and ex-prime minister Imran Khan threatens to complicate the task of responding to the disaster and rebuilding.

Keeping in view the post flood situation across the country, there is dire need to work on a fast pace for relief and rehabilitation of the flood victims particularly to avoid another crises related to health issues in flood hit areas.

Moreover, post-flood disaster response cannot just end [with] providing relief and funds for rebuilding houses or buying livestock. The government needs to understand that a focus on risk reduction and resilient infrastructure development is crucial, since these disasters will get so repetitive that we won't have the ability to respond as

The irreversibility of globalization

Grzegorz W. Kolodko

ust over three decades ago, the Cold War ended and former Soviet-bloc countries began their transitions to market economies, which enabled them to engage with the rest of the global economy. The world's division into three segments - advanced capitalist economies, centrally planned socialist economies, and the "Third World" - appeared increasingly outdated. It was not, as Francis Fukuyama famously claimed, "the end of history," but it was an economic and political breakthrough, and the beginning of the contemporary era of globalization. Is that era now ending, as many

The face of globalization has changed significantly since those early years. While economic and political globalization initially went hand in hand, economic globalization soon pulled ahead. We now have a globalized economy, but without an effective system of global governance. The EU shows what an integrated economy with advanced policy coordination mechanisms looks like. But the institutions that were supposed to do this on a global scale, such as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, World Trade Organization, International Labour Organization, and World Health Organization, lack adequate instruments for economic policy coordination.

As a result, the divergence between political and economic globalization is not only growing but also beginning to look like a clash. A political backlash against "globalism" in many countries seems set to unravel three decades of absorb liquid savings. A capital surplus

But looks can be deceiving.

It is true that political globalization is in retreat, driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, the new cold war between the US and China, and the hot war in Ukraine, which spurred the imposition of harsh sanctions on Russia. It is also true that these shocks have caused severe economic disruption, hampering the production and distribution of goods and services, obstructing technology transfer, testing international financial arrangements and undermining multilateral cooperation.

Moreover, public opinion has increasingly turned against globalization, which many mistakenly blame for trends such as accelerating inflation and deepening income inequality. This has often led policymakers to eschew pragmatism in favor of populism and protectionism - the nemeses of global economic openness.

But politicians, media commentators and economists have been far too hasty in predicting the demise of globalization. In fact, economic globalization has only temporarily lost its momentum. Despite its drawbacks, globalization supports economic growth, not least by enabling cross-border trade, which enables producers to take advantage of economies of scale. Recent shocks have strained, not doomed, global supply

Likewise, cross-border capital flows, including portfolio and direct investment, support efficiency by enabling resources to reach places where they can be used more profitably. Though the pandemic and the Ukraine war are affecting these flows, the world is big enough to Furthermore, despite the apparent

shift in public sentiment against globalization, the connections that support it, such as tourism and sport, are alive and well. While these spheres are under stress, people's enduring desire to travel and connect will continue to facilitate demand and growth.

Ultimately, economic globalization is irreversible. After this period of turbulence — and the difficult social, cultural, demographic and technological adjustments it entails - greater openness will win out. This process will be hindered, however, as long as political globalization fails to keep up.

The world is currently at risk of splitting into two blocs: One led by the US and EU, and the other dominated by China and Russia. The Economist Intelligence Unit predicts that these blocs "will cement themselves into the geopolitical landscape and use economic and military levers to court countries that are not aligned with either side."

But even if such a split does occur, confrontation is not inevitable. The two groupings can compete and cooperate peacefully, without reaching for "military levers," which, in any case, could be rendered useless if economic levers are used well. The key is a more effective form of political globalization.

The EU will be critical here; it does not have to take sides in the Sino-American rivalry, and could thus play a central role in both blocs. China, for its part, should seize the opportunity to strengthen its international standing.

As for Russia, it will see its stature significantly diminished, owing to its aggression against Ukraine. Nonethefrom global economic exchanges; Russia is simply too big to be ignored, let alone "canceled." Meanwhile, African countries, as well as India, will play an increasingly significant role in the global geopolitical game.

This points to an unavoidable feature of future political globalization: Multipolarity. If forthcoming summits — from the G20 forum in Bali, Indonesia, to the UN Climate Change Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt — are to be successful, participants must accept that the days when one or two powers could impose their will on the rest are over.

Regional initiatives, such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, can also provide political scaffolding for economic globalization. Business, a natural ally of economic globalization, and thus an enemy of political deglobalization, should work harder to support these processes.

Shortsighted politics can be allowed to override economic pragmatism for only so long. The cascading challenges humanity faces can be managed, but only with enlightened political leadership capable of providing the kind of strategic vision needed to support economic globalization, and achieve social and ecological balance.

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Courtesy: Arab News



Importance of Physical Therapy



hysiotherapy as described by World Physiotherapy is a health care profession concerned with human function and movement and maximizing physical potential. It is concerned with identifying and maximizing quality of life and movement potential within the spheres of promotion, prevention, treatment/intervention, habilitation and rehabilitation.

restore physical, psychological and social well-being, taking into account variations in health status. It is science-based, committed to extending, applying, evaluating and reviewing the evidence that underpins and informs its practice and delivery Physiotherapists and Physical Therapists (PTs) work within a your body—providing the ultiwide variety of health settings to mate customized care. They will improve a broad range of physical problems associated with habits, and limitations; evaludifferent 'systems' of the body. In particular, they treat neuromuscular (brain and nervous you return to action. A patient system), musculoskeletal (soft with stroke needs a physiothera-

tissues, joints and bones), and pist to enable him to walk make cardiovascular and respiratory systems (heart and lungs and associated physiology).

Physiotherapists work autonomously, often as a member of a team with other health or social care professionals. Physiotherapy practice is characterized by reflective behaviour and systematic clinical reasoning, both contributing to and underpinning a problem-solving approach to patient-centric care. People are often referred for physiotherapy by doctors or other health and social care professionals. Increasingly, as a result of changes in health care, people are referring themselves directly to physiotherapists (first-line access) without previously seeing any other health care professional.

Physical therapists are specialists skilled and educated It uses physical approach- in proper rehabilitation methes to promote, maintain and ods. They are knowledgeable about surgical procedures and treatment goals and work closely with your referring physician in order to develop individualized rehabilitation programs.

Physical therapists blend their knowledge about surgical procedures and rehabilitation with what they identify about look at your movement patterns, ate your rate of healing; and design a program that will help

them independent. Different hospitals in Pakistan are doing work and focuses especially on rehabilitation like Shifa International Hospital Islamabad in which physiotherapists are working in different departments like in surgical ice orthopaedics and others Physiotherapists enable the patients to make them independent. Physiotherapy is an important intervention that prevents and mitigates the adverse effects of prolonged bed rest and mechanical ventilation during critical illness. Rehabilitation delivered by the physiotherapist is tailored to the patient's needs and depends on the conscious state, psychological status and physical strength of the patient. It incorporates any active and passive therapy that promotes movement and includes mobilization.

Early progressive physiotherapy, with a focus on mobility and walking whilst ventilated, is essential in minimizing functional decline. Many people, especially in Pakistan, are unaware of the benefits of physical therapy despite that they just want painkillers. Due to a lack of awareness and not having education they are unable to know about it. In COVID 19 Physiotherapist also plays a role with other multidisciplinary teams and helped the patients to breathe. There are many techniques which are used for breathing that physiotherapists used for their patients.

8th September is World Physical THERAPY DAY it is celebrated all over the world for the awareness of physical-related issues .it is celebrated to raise awareness about the crucial contribution of physical therapists and chronic pain therapies done by them to keep people well and fit. This day marks the unity and solidarity of the global physical therapy community .it is an opportunity to recognise the work that physiotherapists do for their patients. All the importance of physiotherapists are accepted worldwide but in Pakistan, they are not having jobs many of them are jobless and having mentally stressed.

They lack a council, and numerous institutions are awarding Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees while failing to meet the requirements, which would lower the calibre of physiotherapists. I kindly ask the government to act so that the HEC CRITERIA are met.

As it was once said, "Knowledge is power." I also urge young physiotherapists to work hard in their studies to advance their knowledge and abilities. I also implore them to raise awareness of physical therapy in their communities and assist those who are dependent in becoming self-sufficient.

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Why Democrats' midterms hopes are improving

Kerry Boyd Anderson

he US is now two months away from its midterm elections. Previously, many political analysts and campaigners had assumed that a "red wave" would hand Republicans control of both chambers of Congress. However, recent events and new polling suggests that the elections might be more competitive than expected.

US midterm elections are held near the middle point of a president's term. Since the Second World War, the president's party has lost seats in Congress in the vast majority of midterm elections. Simply based on the historical record, Republicans could expect to do well in the elections on Nov. 8. Democrats currently control the Senate and House by very slim margins, so Republicans only need to gain a few seats to control Congress.

For much of this year, the political environment looked very promising for Republicans, prompting talk of a red wave delivering huge gains. Americans often blame the president and his party for economic woes, and polls showed that Americans were worried about the economy. Inflation has a particularly acute sting, so the highest levels of inflation in decades seemed ominous for Democrats. President Joe Biden's approval ratings this year have been very low, down to 37.5 percent in July, according to FiveThirtyEight.

More broadly, Americans appear to be reacting to a sense of extremism within the Republican Party. Democrats' electoral fortunes improved after the Supreme Court overturned decades-old rights to abortion, and multiple Republican-led states have passed laws banning or restricting abortion in ways that go far beyond the average American's comfort level. While some Democrats perceive a reaction specifically in response to the abortion issue, it is more likely that the abortion issue highlighted the Republican Party's broader embrace of far-right

views. For example, the Supreme Court not only overturned previous decisions on abortion, but also Justice Clarence Thomas suggested that the court should review other rights, such as the right to contraception.

Meanwhile, the congressional hearings about the Jan. 6, 2021, invasion of the US Capitol have kept a spotlight on the attack, Trump's election denials and Republican leaders' discomfort in addressing it. Meanwhile, some Republican state legislatures have embraced controversial school policies, among other divisive issues. All of this and more might make moderate Americans less likely to vote for Repub-

In looking ahead to November, it is wise to be cautious. Put simply, the current US political environment is weird and historical precedents provide limited guidance. Much can change in two months. Potentially disruptive events could include more direct NATO involvement in the war in Ukraine, increased tensions with China, a new surge in COVID-19 infections, political assassinations and much more. It is difficult to predict how such events would shape the elections. Polls could be wrong.

Furthermore, Trump presents an X-factor. For example, the recent news about the FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago and the revelations that Trump had taken highly classified documents and stored them insecurely have the potential to further alienate moderates, while galvanizing both Democrats and Republicans. With Trump in the mix, accurate forecasting is difficult at best.

For now, Republicans have the advantage, but Democrats look increasingly likely to block a red

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Courtesy: Arab News

Putin mocks West, says Russia will press on in Ukraine

Says Russia has strengthened its sovereignty in the face of Western sanctions

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Moscow will press on with its military action in Ukraine until reaching its goals and mocked Western attempts to drive Russia into a corner with sanctions.

Putin told at an annual economic forum in the far-eastern port city of Vladivostok that the main goal behind sending troops into Ukraine was protecting civilians in the east of that country after eight years of fighting.

"It wasn't us who started the military action, we are trying to put an end to it," Putin said, reaffirming his argument that he sent troops into Ukraine to protect Moscow-backed separatist regions in Ukraine, which have fought Ukrainian forces in the conflict that erupted in 2014 following Russia's annexation of Crimea.

helping people living in the Donbas, it's our duty and we will fulfill it until the end," he said.

Putin claimed that Russia has strengthened its sovereignty in the face of Western sanctions, which he tion in the world and inside the coun-



said bordered on an aggression.

"Russia has resisted the economic, financial and technological aggression of the West." Putin said. "I'm sure that we haven't lost anything and we won't lose anything. The most important gain is the strengthening of our sovereignty, it's an inevitable result of what's going

The Russian leader acknowledged that the national economy will shrink by "All our action has been aimed at 2% this year, but said that the economic and financial situation in Russia has stabilized, consumer prices inflation has slowed down and unemployment has remained low.

"There has been a certain polariza-

try, but I view it as a positive thing," he added. "Everything unnecessary, harmful, everything that has prevented us from going forward will be rejected and we will gain development tempo because development can only be based on sovereignty.'

Putin emphasized that Russia will keep protecting its sovereignty in the face of what he described as an attempt by the U.S. and its allies to preserve their global domination, saying that "the world mustn't be founded on the diktat of one country that deemed itself the representative of the almighty or even higher and based its policies on its perceived exclusivity."

He scoffed at Western attempts to cap prices for Russian oil and gas, calling the idea "stupid" and saying that Russia will have enough customers in Asia. "The demand is so high on global markets that we won't have any problem selling it," he said.

"An attempt to limit prices by administrative means is just ravings, it's sheer nonsense," Putin said, adding that "it will only lead to a hike in prices."

"If they try to implement this dumb decision, it will entail nothing good for those who will make it," he warned. "Will they make political decisions contradicting contracts? In that case, we will just halt supplies if it contradicts our economic interests. We won't supply any gas, oil, diesel oil or coal."

Putin noted that "those who try to enforce something on us aren't in a position today to dictate their will," pointing at protests in the West against rising

He rejected the EU's argument that Russia was using energy as a weapon by suspending gas supplies via the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline to Germany.

Putin reaffirmed the Russian argument that Western sanctions have hampered maintenance of the last turbine that remains in operation, forcing its shutdown.

He repeated that Moscow stands ready to "press the button" and start pumping gas "as early as tomorrow" through the Nord Stream 2, which has been put on hold by the German authorities.

Shelling goes on near Ukraine nuclear plant, despite risks

its shelling in the area of nuclear power plant, a local official said Wednesday, a day after the U.N. atomic watchdog agency pressed for the warring sides to carve out a safe zone there to protect against a possible catastro-

The city of Nikopol, located on the opposite bank of ar safety and security protecthe Dnieper River from Europe's largest nuclear power plant, was fired ing could trigger a catastroon with rockets and heavy artillery, regional governor Valentyn Reznichenko said.

The reports of nearby shelling, which couldn't be independently verified, have caused international alarm. officials would immediately The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, ty zone, saying more details U.N. Security Council on Tuesday that "something very, very catastrophic could sure to halt the war, saying said details would come later action in Ukraine.

Spokesman Report

NUR-SULTAN: More than

40 foreign companies are

relocating to Kazakhstan from Russia, said Deputy

Foreign Minister of Kazakh-

stan Almas Aidarov on the

"There are fires, black-Zaporizhzhia outs and other things at prepare the local population

for the consequences of the

The potential peril led the U.N. atomic watchdog agency to urge Russia and Ukraine to establish a "nucle-

tion zone" around the plant. There are fears the fightphe on the scale of the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. The plant was built during the Soviet era and is one of the

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forge ahead with its military offensive in Ukraine until it the (plant) that force us to achieves its goals. He also mocked Western attempts to stop Russia with sanctions.

nuclear danger," Reznichen-The eastern city of Sloviansk came under Russian fire on Wednesday morning, damaging a school and another building, according to the head of the city administration Vadym Lyakh. He said the number of injuries wasn't yet known.

Three civilians were killed in Russian shelling in the Donetsk region, the Ukrainian presidential office said. Kharkiv city was hit by rockets twice during the night.

But Ukrainian forces have taken control of an unspecified number of towns in the Kherson region, according Rafael Grossi, warned the of the proposal were needed. to Nataliya Humenyuk, a President spokesperson for the southern military command. She

from the military leadership. The U.K. defense minis-

try said there had been heavy fighting on three fronts: in the north, near Kharkiv; in the east in the Donbas: and in the south in Kherson

Amid a Ukrainian counterattack in the east, "multiple concurrent threats spread across 500 kilometers (310 miles) will test Russia's ability to coordinate operational design and reallocate resources across multiple groupings of forces," the ministry said Wednesday.

The Russian military held large-scale military drills that began last week and ended Wednesday in the country's east that involved forces from China. It was seen as another show of increasingly close ties between Moscow and Beijing amid tensions with the West over the military

Referendum of the Khalistan movement by

registered a new record in support taking out a car rally that stretched to several kilometres, consisting of over 2,000 vehicles including cars and iconic Canadian trucks.

The Khalistan Referendum voting will be held on September 18 at Gore Meadows Recreation Centre in Brampton but the largescale activity has already started in full swing. Videos that have gone viral show a long queue of cars decorated with thousands of Khalistan flags from Malton, Ontario, in support of the movement and the upcoming Khalistan Referendum vote in Brampton.

These videos show a multiple kilometres long line-up of supporters who have come out in unique style, reminiscent of the recent Canadian truckers' protests called "Freedom Convoy" which saw thousands of truckers coming out in their vehicles to voice their demands.

The September 18 voting has (SFJ), an international human rights advocacy group spearheading the campaign for Sikhs' right to self-determination. Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, General Counsel to SFJ and its official spokesperson, where they stand in their demand for the creation of Khalistan.

"Canadian Sikhs have made a new record by coming out in their thousands for the car rally stretched over 5 kilometres. This is a new phenomenon and the dawn of a new awakening in the third generation Sikhs born and raised in the West. It's the Sikh youth who are now spearheading the campaign for Khalistan. The 18 September voting is several days away but the enthusiasm is unmatched," Pannun said, adding that the development is a "nightmare for the Hindutva extremist

"Sikhs are asking for the right of self-determination which is one of the fundamental rights of all people guaranteed in the UN Charter; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)," he

Massive car rally held to back Khalistan

TORONTO: Canadian Sikhs have

been organised by Sikhs For Justice said the Canadian Sikhs had shown

Modi administration".

Iran calls for boosting bilateral ties with Indonesia



TEHRAN: Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said on Wednesday that Tehran and Jakarta's good relations in various fields can lead to the development of constructive cooperation between the two states at regional

President Raisi met and held talks with Indonesia's Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Muhammad Syarifuddin here in Tehran on Wednesday. Describing the relations between Iran and Indonesia as friendly and progressive, President Raisi noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran's will to develop relations with Indonesia in all areas is serious and the current level of relations between the two states is not proportional to

the capacities in the two countries. He highlighted that the good relations between Tehran and Jakarta in various fields can lead to the development of constructive cooperation between the two countries at regional and international levels.

Referring to Indonesia's active approach in international organizations, President Raisi emphasized the strengthening of cooperation between the two states in international institutions and forums as one of the areas of cooperation between Iran and Indonesia

Svarifuddin, for his part, described the relations between the two countries as friendly, cordial, and progressive.

Expressing his country's interest in boosting the level of relations between the two countries in various fields, he urged cooperation and using the experiences of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the field of legal and judicial technologies.

At least \$1 billion needed to avert famine in Somalia: UN

UNITED NATIONS: The U.N. humanitarian chief predicted Tuesday that at least \$1 billion will be needed urgently to avert famine in Somalia in the coming months and early next year when two more dry seasons are expected to compound the historic drought that has hit the Horn of Africa nation.

Martin Griffiths said in a video briefing from Somalia's capital Mogadishu that a new report from an authoritative panel of independent experts says there will be a famine in Somalia between October and December "if we don't manage to stave it off and avoid it as had been the case in 2016 and 2017."

The undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs told U.N. correspondents that more than \$1 billion in new funds is needed in addition to the U.N. appeal of about \$1.4 billion. That appeal has been "very well-funded," he said, thanks to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which announced a \$476 million donation of humanitarian and development aid in July.

The Famine Early Warning Systems Network, created by USAID, said in a report Monday that famine is projected to emerge later this year in three areas in Somalia's southeastern Bay region, including Baidoa without urgent humanitarian aid.

Indian troops martyr two youth $in\, HOK$



SRINAGAR: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred two youth in south Kashmir's Islamabad district on Wednesday.

The youth were killed by the troops during a cordon and search operation in Thajiwara area of Bijbehara in the district. Meanwhile, All Parties Hurriyat Conference has deplored that Naren-

dra Modi-led fascist Indian government is hatching conspiracies, one after the other, to change the demographic composition of the territory and suppress the Kashmiris' ongoing freedom movement.

The APHC spokesman in a statement issued in Srinagar said Modi regime is plotting to change the Muslim majority status of IIOJK by settling Indian citizens in the territory. He said that revocation of Article 370 was aimed at paving the way for the Hindus from India to get permanently settled in the territory. He said the Indian authorities have granted citizenship rights to hundreds of thousands of Indian people and forces' personnel in IIOJK.

The spokesman pointed out that New Delhi is systematically implementing its settler colonial plan in IIOJK on the Israeli pattern to efface Muslim identity of the territory and establish Hindu civilization in the region. He lamented that India is depriving the Kashmiris of their identity, jobs and other opportunities in their own land.

sidelines of the Kazakh-German business forum in Nur-Sultan, Kazinform reported. According to Aidarov, "Nearly 50 of the 300 Kazakhstan is interested in 300 foreign companies from more than 20 coun-

companies we were interested in immediately responded that they were not currently tries, with the majority considering relocation plans coming from Germany and and were waiting for the situthe United States, which ation to develop. However, have announced their exit 44 corporations have signed from the Russian market. agreements to relocate their These are primarily indus- offices, workers, or productrial, commercial, and infor- tion here," he said. As statmation technology firms. ed by Aidarov, nearly 40 of

those companies are from Germany. "It is the most convenient

Kazakhstan to welcome 44 foreign

companies relocating from Russia

location for German businesses to relocate to Kazakhstan, and we have a long history of solid relations with German businesses," he said. According to the Deputy

Minister, Germany's annual investment volume is \$400-

them are directed at the manufacturing industry, services, and agriculture," Aidarov said. The American corporation

Honeywell, which manufactures electronic control and automation systems, was the first to relocate its headquarters from Russia to Almaty. The company's revenue exceeds the GDP of the entirety of Kazakhstan.

"These investments are

lucrative since no dollar is

spent on oil and gas. All of

Following the introduction of sanctions against Russia by the European Union and the United States, several companies announced their intention to cease operations and leave the country.

Global effort needed to confront climate change: Pakistani Envoy

TORONTO: Mass flooding in Pakistan has affected 33 million people, tions," Pakistani High Commissionwith 6.4 million in 'dire need of humanitarian aid.' Canada has pledged an 'initial response' of \$5-million.

Pakistani High Commissionbiblical proportions' show the 'clear and present danger' of climate change. As unmatched flooding has displaced millions and led to the deaths of more than 1,200 people, Pakistan's top diplomat in Canada is calling for an international effort to help address the immediate crisis and to help his country's recovery.

The flooding, which has been caused by an atypically heavy monsoon season and the melting of Himalayan da's commitments so far. glaciers, has affected at least 33 million people, with one-third of the country submerged at one point. The World Health Organization said last week that more than 6.4 million people are in "dire need of humanitarian aid."

er Zaheer Janjua told The Hill Times during a Sept. 1 interview at the high commission. He said there is a need to address

er Zaheer Janjua says the 'floods of the immediate needs that the flooding has caused, as well as to assist in longer term rehabilitation and rebuilding. He said the initial estimates show that repairing damage will cost more than \$10-billion, but noted a full assessment will only be possible when the flooding starts to recede. "It is a task which Pakistan alone cannot fulfill. We do need the international community's support," he said, noting that Pakistan is "very happy and grateful" with Cana-

> International Development Minister Harjit Sajjan announced last week that Canada was providing \$5-million in humanitarian assistance, on top of funds provided in the Emergency Disaster Assistance Fund and contri-

"These are floods of biblical proporbutions to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund.

In a press release, Sajjan said the funding is part of Canada's "initial response" to the flooding, and Canada will "continue to look at ways we can support those affected."

International Development Minister Harjit Sajjan has pledged an 'initial response' of \$5-million to help Pakistan. The Hill Times photograph by Andrew Meade

Janjua said the conversations that he has held with Sajjan, Global Affairs, Parliamentarians, and the Pakistani Canadian diaspora community have been positive.

Pakistan has a list of 40 items that it is asking for to assist in the immediate recovery, ranging from temporary shelters and toilets, to water rescue vehicles and dewatering pumps. It also seeking more than a dozen medicines, including antibiotics and anaesthetic ointments.



Janiua said he hopes that Canada will help assist Pakistan recover from the flooding over the long term.

"Time is of the essence," he said. "It should've been done yesterday, but of course, everything has a way of being done and the sooner the better."

He said Parliamentarians with links to Pakistan and the Pakistani Canadian community have a special role to play in addressing the crisis by keeping the "flame alive." "I have no doubt that

they will do that," he said. The Canada-Pakistan Friendship Group is led by Liberal MP Salma Zahid.

Janjua said the unprecedented flooding shows the need to confront climate change globally. "We believe that this is a climate change-induced calamity that has befallen us," said the high commissioner, noting that Pakistan is low on the list of carbon-emitting countries, but is among the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

"These rains and floods are a manifestation of that," he said, remarking that all countries should be meeting commitments made under the Paris climate accords.

"Climate change is a clear and present danger. And if it is not addressed, I'm afraid Mother Earth is going to react," he said. "This reaction was demonstrated in these rains and floods, and we wish that powers that be and people who matter would

pay much more attention to climate change than it is being given now."

He said the agreements that have been reached have to be preserved and the international community has to move forward from there.

"We can't just rest on the laurels that we have. We have good building blocks. We have a good foundation, and we should further build on that and move on," he said. "We can't be complacent. There's no room for complacency. I think enough damage has been done. If we don't address it and if we don't grab the bull by the horns, I am afraid that we will have much more catastrophes like we are facing now and worse.

Janjua said it is crucial that attention on the situation doesn't dissipate when flood waters start to recede. "Something else may grab the attention of the world—some other event may take place—but we don't need to lose focus on this calamity," he said.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

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Time

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GMT+9

Percentage

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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	150.11	151.36
Bahrain Dinar	591.5	596
Canadian Dollar	169.49	170.84
China Yuan	31.63	31.88
Danish Krone	29.29	29.64
Euro	228	230.5
Hong Kong Dollar	28.33	28.68
Indian Rupee	2.75	2.83
Japanese Yen	1.57	1.61
Kuwaiti Dinar	719.84	724.84
Malaysian Ringgit	49.02	49.47
NewZealand \$	134.57	135.77
Norwegians Krone	22.02	22.32
Omani Riyal	577.62	582.12
Qatari Riyal	60.25	60.75
Saudi Riyal	61.5	62.5
Singapore Dollar	158.16	159.46
Swedish Korona	20.31	20.61
Swiss Franc	225.95	227.7
Thai Bhat	6.09	6.19
U.A.E Dirham	63	65
UK Pound Sterling	265	268
US Dollar	231	233.5



Soliton invites US expert, Dr. Rick Arrowood



👺 Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Soliton Technologies invited Dr. Rick Arrowood (Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts USA) to deliver a session on "Building Dynamic Teams to Better Solve Problems".

Business leaders have frequently identified teamwork and problem-solving skills as being key competencies for an organization's success. The workshop explored individual personality types and preferences coupled with leadership behaviors, and offered attendees an opportunity to understand why some teams are highly effective, and others are less effective, along with how others could work better together.

Dr. Rick Arrowood is a distinguished thought leader with over three decades of experience in nonprofit organizations and global leadership, holding positions in academia, organizational leadership, and consulting for some of the largest global companies. He is a former Associate Professor at Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies and is now an Adjunct Professor at Northeastern University D'Amore-McKim School of

Dr. Rick Arrowood said, "It's my first time in Pakistan, and I am loving every bit of it, especially the Pakistani food. Soliton event reminded me why I enjoy sharing leadership teachings with anyone willing to listen and learn. Attendees genuinely wanted to learn about ways they could create teams that work better than together. Soliton Technologies has a huge potential to grow and positively impact people's lives. With good leaders in place, you can become the industry leaders."

He also expressed the dire need to play a leadership role in rescuing and helping the Pakistani flood victims in need.

Ethiopia keen to promote trade ties with Pakistan: envoy

 ${\it {\it Jemal Beker says Ethiopia is considering resuming direct flights with Pakistan}}$

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Jemal Beker, Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan said that his country is keen to promote trade ties with Pakistan as increasing bilateral trade would be very beneficial to the people and economies of both countries. He said this while exchanging views with Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) during his visit to Ethiopian Embassy.

Jemal Beker said that Ethiopia is importing many products from China & India and added that Pakistan has a good opportunity to focus on the Ethiopian market to explore new opportunities of improving its exports. He said that Ethiopia is considering resuming direct flights with Pakistan that would improve people to people contacts and trade relations between the two countries

He said that Ethiopia is importing 80% of pharmaceutical products and Pakistani pharma sector investors should set up JVs in Ethisurplus to African countries. He highlighted ICCI should consider taking a business dele-



tion as potential areas of bilateral cooperation opia to meet the needs of its market and export between Ethiopia and Pakistan. He said that business collaborations. He proposed that ICCI trade delegations to explore all potential areas

marble, pharmaceuticals, textiles and construc- gation to Ethiopia to promote connectivity with Ethiopian counterparts and explore tries should encourage regular exchange of

of Commerce to promote business linkages between the private sectors of both countries and assured that his Embassy would facilitate Pakistani entrepreneurs in exploring the Ethiopian market for business and investment.

Speaking at the occasion, Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that Pakistan has made a Look Africa Policy to explore huge untapped region of Africa for trade and exports and close cooperation between Pakistan and Ethiopia would helpful in getting better access to African market. He said that many Pakistani products including marble & granite, pharmaceuticals, cement, leather, rice and sports goods can find a good market in Ethiopia and stressed that Ethiopia should focus on Pakistan for imports.

He said that Pakistan and Ethiopia should consider negotiating a preferential or free trade agreement to promote trade relations up to their actual potential. He said that both coun-

Situation may worsen if employment of youth was ignored

Neglecting stakeholders has leant trade balance in favour of Afghanistan: Zahid

™ Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Wednesday said unemployment is increasing to an alarming level due to anti-smuggling measures in Pakistan-Afghan and Pakistan-Iran border areas.

The livelihood of the people living in these areas should be managed otherwise things may deteriorate, he said. Mian Zahid Hussain said that unemployment can be reduced in these remote areas by establishing legal border markets.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that Pak-Afghan trade has also drastically decreased due to ignoring the recommendations of the Khyber Chamber, South Waziristan Chamber and other chambers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which are the main stakeholders of Pak-Afghan trade.

Afghanistan, which is a big question mark, the Taliban government has been recog- countries. nized by only a few countries due to which



its political and commercial contacts have become very limited.

In these circumstances, it was natural for Afghanistan to become dependent on Pakistan and to increase trade, but despite this, trade between the two countries is not increasing but decreasing. Now the businessmen of Afghanistan are preferring trade with Iran over Pakistan because both countries are deprived of banking channels and trade is being done under the The trade balance has gone in favour of Handi and barter system while the Iranian government is also providing all possihe added. Mian Zahid Hussain said that ble facilities to the businessmen of both

The business leader noted that Pakistan's tries is reduced.

rice, construction materials, industrial raw materials, molasses and other sectors are affected by the nearly thirty percent reduction in Pak-Afghan trade, which is against the country's interests.

Bilateral trade which was two and a half billion dollars a few years ago and which could easily be increased to five billion dollars, has now fallen to seven hundred

million dollars and it may decrease further. Due to the energy crisis, Pakistan is importing cheap coal from Afghanistan instead of other countries, which is not giving any relief to the people even though the production cost of the coal-using indus-

Naima appointed **Honorary Coordinator, FTO Secretariat**

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Tax Ombudsman has appointed Ms. Naima Ansari, President, Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IWCCI) as Honorary Coordinator (Business Liaison) to FTO Secretariat.

The decision was taken keeping in view the services of Ms Ansari for the business community and her keen interest. in promoting the women entrepreneurs.

issued by the FTO Secretariat has been issued which says that the coordinator will be responsigeneral trade bodies and other business related organizations.

The coordinator will from time to time.

also liaison with taxpayers and present problems faced by taxpayers, their issues, conflicts and concerns with special focus on businesswomen facing issues with FBR.

The Coordinator will act proactively for immediate redressed of grievances, search for methods to improve efficiency and integrity of the tax machinery, the notification said. The coordinator will foster relationship of FTO office with the business community stakeholders and serve A notification has been as bridge between private sector and FTO office.

Ms. Ansari will also seek recommendations, views and comments from busible for liaison with local ness circles regarding any chambers, trade associa- changes and improvetions, market associations, ments of the existing tax laws, procedures and policies and that FTO will also assign other duties to her

Karandaaz partners with FINCA | Chairman of Bank Alfalah Microfinance Bank Pakistan

Mark Correspondent

LAHORE: Karandaaz and FINCA Microfinance Bank signed an agreement to undertake joint efforts to advance women's financial inclusion in

The MOU signing ceremony took place at FINCA Pakistan's Head Office in Lahore and was chaired by CEO FINCA Microfinance Bank, Jahanzeb Khan, CEO Karandaaz, Waqas ul Hasan. The ceremony was also attended by senior management members from both organizations.

Under this agreement, Karandaaz has committed a grant to FINCA Microfinance Bank Pakistan for initiating and running an exploration program that will help FINCA design gender-sensitive products and communication strategy with the aim of reducing the gender gap. Waqas ul Hasan, CEO

Karandaaz, expressed his views on the collaboration, stating that, "Financial inclu-



sion of small savers and underserved segments is at the core of Karandaaz's overall push for greater financial inclusion in the country. As per the latest Global Findex 2021, top line financial inclusion in Pakistan is estimated at 21%. If we look at the gender disaggregated data, it is concerning the while an estimated 28% of Pakistan's adult male population is financially included: the ratio for adult women is at 13%. We hope that, with Karandaaz support, through customized products and a vigorous outreach campaign, FINCA will be able to play an effective role in bridging this gap

between financial inclusion of

Pakistani men and women and further accelerate the financial

inclusion trend for Pakistan." On this occasion, Jahanzeb Khan, CEO of FINCA Microfinance Ltd., said "Women's empowerment is at the core of FINCA's mission to alleviate poverty. Since its inception, FINCA through a network of 130+ branches across 120+ cities in Pakistan, has endeavoured to empower women in the workforce as well as the client base. Quite recently, we won the prestigious Global Diversity and Inclusion Benchmarks Awards 2021 and take pride in having the highest women workforce in the industry."

pledges \$10m for flood victims

Staff Reporter

lah's Chairman, His Highness Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak Al Nahayan, and the Board of Directors, have graciously approved that Bank Alfalah will contribute to the flood relief efforts ongoing in Pakistan. They have approved a fund amounting to USD 10Mn (Rs. 2,180Mn) to help with the extensive aid and rescue work required across the country. The pledged amount will be distributed by Bank Alfalah for the flood relief activities including donations through selected NGOs and organizations to provide immediate relief and a substantial amount will be earmarked for infrastructure rebuilding in the medium to long term to help the affected areas attain normalcy. This gesture by the Chairman & Board of Bank Alfalah is unprecedented and is a testament to the strong bond this, the Board has instructed

between UAE & Pakistan the Bank to earmark funds to while reaffirming the strong KARACHI: Bank Alfapositioning of Bank Alfalah as being a truly caring bank.

His Highness Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak Al Nahayan who has always been a great supporter of Pakistan, expressed his sadness at the calamity that has recently overwhelmed the country. He prays that the Almighty Allah bestows respite and relief to the people of Pakistan in these trying times. While His Highness acknowledged that no amount of money is enough in the face of such devastation and irreversible loss, he was hopeful that this contribution will serve as a catalyst to partially alleviate the suffering of the victims.

His Highness and the Board have also asked the Bank to ensure that all Bank employees and their families affected by the torrential floods are adequately looked after. Pursuant to

specifically address the needs of staff and their families. The Board has further desired that, to the extent possible, the Bank's staff should itself play an active role in the disbursal of relief measures amongst its connected communities.

Atif Bajwa, President and CEO of Bank Alfalah, on behalf of its employees and the people of Pakistan, thanked His Highness Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak Al Nahayan and the Board of Directors for their generous support. He shared heartfelt concern for the affected people and the keen desire for the country to rapidly recover from this catastrophe. He assured the Board that the pledged funds would go towards saving lives and rebuilding communities. Mr. Bajwa also thanked the Board for ensuring that the Bank's most valuable asset, its employees, is looked after well in this difficult time.

OPPO supports Alkhidmat Foundation

OPPO extends its support to establish flood relief villages across Pakistan in Collaboration with Alkhidmat Foundation

Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan has been struck with unprecedented and devastating floods, which have led to massive loss of lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure. To address this, OPPO has joined hands with Alkhidmat Foundation to provide immediate food, shelter, and hygiene packs for around 300 families catering to over 2000 people in Southern Punjab.

Torrential monsoon rains have triggered the most severe flooding in Pakistan's recent history, washing away villages and leaving

more than 30 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. This is a wake-up call for the world as the threats of climate change becomes a devastating reality in Pakistan. We urge everyone to stand united, take care of each other and our planet.

Hundreds of thousands of homes have been destroyed, while many public health facilities, water systems, crops, and schools have been destroyed or damaged. Therefore, in solidarity with the country, OPPO in collaboration with Alkhidmat Foundation has donated PKR 10 million to provide



immediate rehabilitation facilities in the flood-affected areas of Pakistan.

Committed to humanitarian services the OPPO Flood Relief Villages will serve to provide daily cooked meals along with ration packs to each family. There will be tents for shelter which can cater to up to 6 to 7 people per tent. Hygiene packs will also be provided to each family which contains all hygienic necessities such as sanitary pads, water purifiers, and soap among other items. The supply will last up to 3 months at least till a more permanent solution has been established.

Pakistan beat Afghanistan in a thriller, knock India out of Asia Cup

Hero Naseem Shah snatches victory for Pakistan from the jaws of defeat

SHARJAH: In a dramatic finish in Sharjah, No.10 batter Naseem Shah slammed two sixes off the first two balls of the final over to seal Pakistan a win against Afghanistan in the Asia Cup.

For the third time in four games, Afghanistan's openers started off all guns blazing, with Rahmanullah Gurbaz leading the charge. Wayward lines from Mohammad Hasnain in the second over saw Gurbaz capitalise and hit him for back-to-back sixes to end the over.

Pakistan countered Gurbaz with more pace, this time in the form of Haris Rauf. Hazratullah Zazai took him on for two fours, but he was saved by a tough dropped chance from Naseem Shah while attempting another big heave. Rauf, however, found success at the other end with the big wicket of Gurbaz, cleaning him up with a delivery angling into the right-hander.

After attacking Afghanistan with extreme pace early on, Pakistan resorted to the spin duo of Mohammad Nawaz and Shadab Khan to tie them down in the middle overs. The plot worked as Afghanistan batters struggled to score with little pace on the ball.

Nawaz bowled his four overs on the trot, sending back Karim Janat for 15, while Shadab dismissed the dangerous Najibul-



Naseem Shah, meanwhile, returned to the attack and sent back skipper Mohammad Nabi, playing his 100th T20I, for a golden duck. Ibrahim Zadran fought for Afghanistan with a hard-working 35 but eventually edged one off the impressive Rauf to depart in the 17th over.

Some lusty blows late in the game from Rashid Khan gave Afghanistan something to cheer about, but a total of 129 wasn't something to write home about.

In two of the three matches in the Asia Cup, Afghanistan had struck with a wicket inside the first two overs-smaring three against Sri Lanka in the opening game and one against Bangladesh in their second

Here again, they found a way to apply early pressure as Fazalhaq Farooqi sent back skipper Babar Azam for a golden duck. Fakhar Zaman was run out by a brilliant direct hit in the fourth over, and Pakistan sunk further.

Mohammad Rizwan and Iftikhar Ahmed rebuilt, but Rashid Khan took out Rizwan soon after the Powerplay to leave Pakistan in a spot of bother at 45/3.

regular intervals to push Pakistan out of the game. The promising stand between Iftikhar and Shadab was broken and the likes of Nawaz and Asif Ali failed to deliver as Afghanistan seemed to be cruising

The wicket of Asif Ali in the penultimate over appeared to be the final nail in the coffin as Pakistan needed 12 runs off

But a dramatic turnaround saw Naseem Shah blast a six off the first two balls of the final over from Fazalhaq Farooqi, Afghanistan's most impressive bowler of the night. The back-to-back sixes ensured Pakistan's come-from-behind win, but also signalled the end of India and Afghanistan in the tournament.

India's had lost both their Super Four stage matches, meaning that they were reliant on Afghanistan to beat Pakistan to stay alive in the tournament. Afghanistan, which lost their first game of the Super Four phase to Sri Lanka, also needed a win to keep their chances of making the Asia Cup final still burning.

Pakistan squad: Bismah Maroof (c), Aimen Anwar, Aliya Riaz, Afghanistan went on take wickets at Ayesha Naseem, Diana Baig, Fatima Sana, Kainat Imtiaz, Muneeba Ali (wk), Nida Dar, Omaima Sohail, Sadaf Shamas, Sadia Iqbal, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz (wk) and Tuba Hasan.

Reserve players: Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Pervaiz, Umme Hani and Waheeda Akhtar The first phase of the tournament will be played on round robin basis following which the top four teams will qualify for semi-finals. Selector Asmavia Iqbal said on Wednesday: "I want to congrat-

Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz

Asia Cup in Sylhet, Bangladesh next month.

return to T20I side for Asia Cup

LAHORE: Opener Sidra Amin and wicketkeeper Sidra Nawaz have earned recalls in the national side for the ACC Women's T20

The 15-player squad unveiled by national women's selector

Asmavia Iqbal also includes uncapped all-rounder Sadaf Shamas. There are three changes in the squad that featured in the tri-se-

ries in Ireland (that included hosts and Australia) and Birming-

ham Commonwealth Games in July-August. The players who

miss out are Anam Amin, Gul Feroza and Iram Javed.

ulate the 15 players selected for the all-important Asia Cup next month. These players have been selected after observing their performances in the recent practice matches in Lahore." "Sidra Amin has been in good form of-late. She did well in the practice matches and became only the second Pakistan women batter to score two ODI centuries recently.

Her presence at the top of the order will instil stability. "We have also selected an additional keeper in Sidra Nawaz because of the long duration of the tournament. On these tracks, we need a specialist wicketkeeper as a backup for Muneeba Ali, in case she becomes unavailable.

Abdul Basit wins Pakistan Defense Day Cycle Race

PESHAWAR: WAPDA's Abdul Basit clinched the trophy of the 45km from Ring Road Peshawar to Cherat Check Post for both professional and amateur cyclists held in connection with the Pakistan Defense Day Road Cycle Race on Wednesday.

On the occasion of the closing ceremony, DG sports Khalid Khan and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Senior Vice President of Sports and Culture Wing Shahid Khan Shinwari distributed prizes

among the athletes at the Peshawar Sports Complex. He was accompanied by President of Pakistan Cycling Federation Syed Azhar Ali Shah, President of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cycling Association Nisar Ahmed, Assistant Director and International Swimmer Asad Khan Hoti, International Footballer Arshad Khan, Atiq Shinwari, Director of Sports Islamia College

University Ali Hoti and other important personalities were present. The 45 kilometer race was held from Ring Road Peshawar to Cherat Check Post. The race included amateur and profession-

Sajid Ali Khan took the second position with one hour, 34 minutes and 14sec and Umar Farooq of Mardan took the third position with one hour, 34 minutes and 16 seconds.

In the amateur category, Ismail of Peshawar clocked one hour, 35 minutes and 22 seconds got first position, followed Nabiullah from Peshawar who took the second position with one hour, 35 minutes and 24 seconds, and Junaid took the third position with one hour, 35 minutes and 26 seconds.

Nisar Ahmed acted as technical officials while Tifoor Zareen, Bilal Ahmed, Mohsen Khan, Owais were also present with him in technical support.

DG Sports Khalid Khan distributed trophies, medals, certificates and cash prizes among the players.

He paid tribute to the organizer and President of the Provincial Cycling Association, Nisar Ahmed, and hoped that he would continue to work for the development of the sport in the same way and that he would receive full support from us.

top the T20I rankings chart in a Super Four encounter. (Afghanistan) 2/30 has Maxwell moves up one spot after Babar and Misbah- Afghan batter Rahman- helped him gain three to No 9 in the all-roundnals of the US Open on Tuesday. In-form 17th seed Garcia advanced to the ul-Hag. Babar has been at ullah Gurbaz is one of the ers' chart after registering spots, to move to joint No 6. last four of a Grand Slam singles event for the top of the T20I batting biggest movers, gaining 14 along with Akeal Hosein (Sri figures of 4/52 in the first **Spokesman Report** charts for 1155 days in his spots to No 15, driven by his Lanka). ODI against New Zealand the first time in her career with a 6-3, 6-4 Maheesh Theekshana of in which Australia prevailed victory at the Arthur Ashe Stadium. The

Garcia, who arrived in New York as the form player in women's tennis following her victory in the Cincinnati Masters, produced another composed performance to dominate the 12th seeded Gauff almost from start to finish. "I always played very aggressive and the last couple of months I feel healthy again and I've been able to move

"I just go for my shots even when I'm stressed or when I don't feel it. The way to improve for me is to move forward and I

just try to follow that way. The Frenchwoman took control early on with two quick breaks to race into a 4-0 lead in the first set with Gauff looking struggling to settle. The American teenager double-faulted in her opening service game to concede an early break, and then blasted a shot at the net long with the court wide open in the fourth game to gift Garcia

Although Gauff broke back in the fifth game to cut the deficit, Garcia held her remaining service games to take the set. Gauff was soon in trouble in the second set, broken in the opening game to allow Garcia

had first serve percentage of only 52% and finished with as many double faults (4) as aces — Gauff was unable to find the crucial break needed to get back in the game. The remainder of the set went with serve, Garcia securing victory on her first match point, when Gauff sent a backhand return into

Rizwan displaces Babar to become top-ranked batter in T20I

ISLAMABAD: Mohammad Rizwan has become the No 1 ranked T20I batter in the world, displacing Babar Azam at the top of the charts, according to the ICC Men's Player Rankings for T20Is released on Wednesday.

Rizwan has been in stunning form in the Asia Cup, leading the chart with 192 runs in three matches.

Rizwan was Pakistan's mainstay with the bat in their matches against Hong Kong and India, scoring 78* and 71 respectively in their back-to-back victories. His performances have seen him gain the top spot, overtaking Babar who has endured a lean run in the tournament in his last three matches, so far. Rizwan becomes only with his latest performance the third Pakistani batter to helping Sri Lanka beat India



in the batting chart, Pathum Nissanka has gained one spot to move up to No 8, after his brilliant run in the Asia Cup. Nissanka has notched up scores of 20, 35 and 52

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma also moves up four spots to No 13 after his 72 against Sri Lanka. In the bowling chart, Afghan and Sri Lankan spinners have been the biggest gainers after their terrific performances. Mujeeb Ûr Rahman's

economical best during the Asia Cup, registering figures of 1/23, 1/29 and 1/29 in the last three games and has been richly rewarded. He breaks into the top ten, moving up five spots to No 8.

Pakistan's Shadab Khan also moves up one spot to No 14 after 4/8 and 2/31 against Hong Kong and India respectively. Meanwhile, David Warner of Australia has gained one spot, moving up to No 6 in the One day International (ODI) batting rankings, mainly on the back of his 94 against Zimbabwe in the third ODI.Mitchell Starc, also of Australia, moves up three spots in the bowling rankings to No 12 after aggregating five wickets in his last three ODIs.Glenn

Garcia Beats Gauff to reach US Open semi-finals



NEW YORK: France's Caroline Garcia powered past Coco Gauff of the United States in straight sets to reach the semi-fi-

28-year-old will play Tunisian fifth seed Ons Jabeur in the semi-finals on Thursday.

and practice the way I want," said Garcia.

to build a 3-1 lead.

Despite Garcia's serving statistics — she

career (as of September 7). 84 against Sri Lanka in the In other big movements Super Four clash. Sri Lanka has been at his in a thriller. "My head is buzzing, I can't describe how I feel," Garcia said after the win. Enaam Ahmed earns top three

finish at Indy Pro 2000 **Spokesman Report**

KARACHI: September 2022: Race car driver Enaam Ahmed bagged 3rd place on the podium and won the team championship at the Indy Pro 2000, making his mark and solidifying his position as a maverick in global motorsports. The sportsman won 3rd place in his race last weekend, concluding the championship's final round. Enaam Ahmed's first full interview, he explained his Apart from great purposeseason of racing in the United States came to a successful conclusion last Saturday, 3rd September 2022 in Portland the podium."

er top-five finish was accom- in the championship. plished in race two which



approach to the season finale. "It was a good race for me. I started fifth and ended on In the final race of the

The opening race in Port-season, Enaam started from land on Friday saw Enaam row three which eventually $finish\,third, his\,fifth\,podium \quad led\,him\,to\,a\,very\,respectable$ finish of the season. Anoth- and well-earned third place

Looking back Enaam also took place on Friday elaborated, "racing in Amerias he crossed the finish line ca is a unique challenge. The

built tracks like Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and Road America in Wisconsin, we had to race on street circuits in St. Petersburg, Florida, Toronto Canada, and on oval tracks."

Proudly conveying his love for his country, Enaam races under the Pakistani flag, representing his nation they are suffering a lot right throughout the Indy Pro now, and I will be with you championship."I am very in fourth. In the post-race racing variety is like no other. proud to represent and raise race," voiced the racer.

the American racing landscape. The plan for next season is to move up the racing ladder and compete in Indy Lights. My goal is to be the first Pakistani driver to win the biggest race in the world, the Indianapolis 500." Apart from commendable

performance on the three-

the flag of Pakistan all across

race weekend, he also led a motorsports media exposure and awareness to help flood victims in Pakistan. The racer recently posted clips and images on his social media to raise awareness and show his support for all Pakistanis impacted by the floods. Enaam is currently raising funds for the victims affected as well. "I would like to thank the Juncos team and everyone that is supporting me back in Pakistan. I know guys soon - straight after the

TWK wins 1st Intra-Academy U-14 Futsal C'ship

ISLAMABAD: TWK have won the first 1st Intra-Academy Under-14 Futsal Championship 2022 that took place on September 5 and 6 here at DHA Sports Complex Phase 6. The final clash was held between TWK Whites and Bulls where

TWK (W) clinched the title with 4-3. The former captain Pakistan Football team Muhammad Ahmad was the chief guest of the final match. Muhammad Ahmad

distributed shields and trophies among the payers. On the occasion, Director Sports Pakistan Futsal Muhammad Raza said: "It is an honor for us that Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) is organizing such events at a grassroots level. I appreciate the efforts of PFF and hope that they will continue to conduct such events in the future.

He further said: "This event was organized in a befitting manner. All the participating teams exhibited their prowess well and gave tough times to each other to make it an enthralling event. In the end, TWK (W) played outstandingly and emerged as the title winner. We wish them and other participating teams the best for future endeavors." The participating teams include Smurfs, Bulls, TWK, Fame, Lahore Athletic, Kick-on, F5 and Lacas. Usman was named player of the tournament while Ryad bagged the title of the best goalkeeper.

Chelsea Sack Tuchel after poor start to the season

LONDON: Chelsea on Wednesday sacked manager Thomas Tuchel just seven games into the season following a chastening 1-0 Champions League defeat at Dinamo Zagreb.

The London club said in a statement they had "parted company" with the German, who led them to Champions League glory in 2021 and the Club World Cup crown earlier this year. The former Borussia Dortmund and Paris Saint-Germain boss, 49, leaves Stamford Bridge after less than 20 months in charge.

On behalf of everyone at Chelsea FC, the club would like to place on record its gratitude to Thomas and his staff for all their efforts during their time with the club," the Premier League club said in a statement.

BS Sports to sponsor cricket equipment for PCB Pathway Programme



跨 Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board and BS Sports has signed a year-long MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for delivery of cricket equipment and playing kits to the participants of the PCB Pathway Programme.

More than 100 players are involved in the first batch of the programme which is currently underway at the National High Performance Centre, Lahore.

The partnership between PCB and BS Sports will focus on ensuring the distribution of top-quality cricket gear (playing kits and equipment) for the PCB Path-

way Programme participants. BS Sports try who are all committed to the future is recognised as one of the top cricket equipment providers in the country, their equipment has been used by a number of top Pakistan and international players.

Chairman PCB Ramiz Raja: "We have successfully launched the PCB Pathway Programme with a talent pool of 100 players. These players are receiving top-quality cricket coaching from local and foreign coaches besides work on their

life skills, eating habits and education. "I would like to thank BS Sports for their support of the programme. We have succeeded in attracting some of the top brands and business houses in the coun-

of Pakistan cricket.

"Through this initiative we are confident of producing the next generation of superstars, our vision is to invest in our youngsters and leave no stone unturned in their preparation and training."

Partner BS Sports Ali Babar: "We at BS Sports are delighted to partner with the Pakistan Cricket Board in their pathway programme by our contribution of cricket gear for our future stars. Cricket continues to be Pakistan's greatest passion and that is reflected by the nation's interest in the ongoing Asia Cup in the UAE.

the future of these players and the ones who would associate with the pathway programmes to follow." Meanwhile the U13 and U16 partici-

"This incredible initiative will reshape

pants of the PCB Pathway Programme worked with local and foreign coaches for nearly two weeks. Following the completion of their camp, the players have returned home.

From the ongoing week, the camp is focused on players above 16 and below 19 years of age. These players also include the top-performers of the national U19 one-day and three-day tournaments -2022-32 domestic cricket season.