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رسول اللہ ﷺ نے فرمایا کہ میرے کئی نام ہیں۔ میں محمد ہوں، میں احمد ہوں، میں مائی ہوں کہ جس کے ذریعہ اللہ تعالیٰ کو منادے گا اور میں حاضر ہوں کہ اللہ تعالیٰ سب کو حشر میں میرے بعد جمع کرے گا اور میں عاقب ہوں۔ یعنی سب پیغمبروں کے بعد بنائیں آئے والوں۔  
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**PML-N believes in better service delivery: Musadiq**  
Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadiq 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 worst-ever floods across the country that compounded food insecurity. He appealed to the international community and governments in general and the United Nations system in particular to help Pakistan build a better system to deal with disasters stemming from climate change.

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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 Commissioner 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 Shah Nawaz 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 participated 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.



Photo: PID

**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 change.  
The prime minister said trillions were required to carry out relief and rehabilitation activities in the 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.  
The country was grappling with an unprecedented flood situation that resulted in loss of lives, infrastructure and crops.  
The prime minister said with the assistance provided by a philanthropist, the first 100 prefabricated houses having two rooms and a toilet would be built

in Dera Ismail Khan to accommodate widows and orphans in the first phase.  
He said the houses would be built in two weeks and he would personally visit the site to assess if the project could be replicated by the government in other parts of the country.  
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: Imran**

CHISHTIAN: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran 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 power from the back door as a result of a foreign conspiracy to loot the country, adding that Nawaz Sharif is a convicted fugitive and a fugitive from justice.  
"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 life. Agencies

**Flood relief**

**Germany offers Euros 13m to Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD: Germany has pledged support of thirteen million Euros to Pakistan's relief and rehabilitation efforts 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 flood-hit areas effectively.  
Apprising the minister of the damages incurred by the flood, Sherry Rehman highlighted one-third of the country is under water. She said amount of rain Pakistan received this year is unprecedented, resulting in a 'Monster monsoon'. More than 33 million people are 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 Schulze expressed solidarity with the people of Pakistan and assured the full support of the German government to for Pakistan in these trying times.

**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-Secretary-General for Humanitarian 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 Pakistan's aid as he launched a \$160 million appeal to help the tens of millions affected in the disaster.  
"Tomorrow I will be flying to Pakistan to express my deep solidarity with the Pakistani people and to appeal for the massive support of the international



community to the Pakistanis, in this hour of need after the devastating floods that we are witnessing," the secretary-general told reporters on Tuesday afternoon at UN Headquarters in New York.  
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 deadly flooding in Pakistan and famine in the Horn of Africa, climate change is continuing to have lethal effects across the world.  
"There is a lot of attention on the war of Ukraine, but people tend to forget there is another war — the war we are waging on nature. And

**Maryam moves LHC seeking return of passport**

**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 of the bench.

**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) warned.  
"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

## 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.



Photo: PID

### Against institutions

**IK to face legal action for using 'unethical language': 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 allow 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 country. 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. Khawaja said Imran Khan had earlier commented on the appointment of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and on Tuesday had made a new interpretation of his previous narrative. "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 Minister said. 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. The close associates of Imran Khan in his party were abstaining from commenting on his statements, he said, adding, "They are avoiding from commenting on it and a day earlier President of Pakistan

who has been nominated by PTI disassociated himself from what Imran Khan had said." 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. Khawaja added that Khan had left many core issues of political and security nature on the COAS to handle. After losing power he was criticising the military leadership and deliberately creating doubts about the next inline COAS.

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

that hit Sichuan province in south-western China, resulting in the loss of precious lives and destruction of property. "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 resilience.

### Pakistan rejects statement by senior BJP 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 "Akhanda 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 thinking. 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 would be well 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, Sualah Ahmad Faruqui and Special Secretary Commerce, Ahmad Mujtaba Memon. 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-Pakistan. 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. Furthermore, the Minister also asked for the follow up meeting and to focus on complete automation of the organization for the ease of doing business and service delivery.

# Global support to alleviate hardships of flood victims: FM

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal 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,

broad-based international support would be vital. 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. APP

# 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 their 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 July-August 2022 (Fy-2022-23) which

is alarming. 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 electronic media. 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 excessive delays in refunds worth billions of

rupees is highly unjustified. In spite of great agitation and resistance, the 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 electronically 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 is supposed to be released in 72 hours.

### 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 Soren Larsen. 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 un earmarked 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 added. 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,

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 drinking 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 accessibility to clean drinking water", he concluded.











