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Pakistan needs a "massive inflow of financial resources" to help it cope with the devastation caused by the climate-induced floods, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Wednesday, as he appealed to wealthy countries "not to lose one moment' in coming to the aid of the country. "What is happening in Pakistan demonstrates the sheer inadequacy of the global response to the climate crisis, and the betrayal and injustice at the heart of it.





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SCO summit

PM leaves for *Uzbekistan* today

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will attend the annual meeting of the Council of Heads of State (CHS) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) being held on September 15-16 in Uzbekistan's city Samarkand.

"The prime Minister will be participating in the SCO-CHS on the invitation of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who would chair the meeting," a PM Office statement said on Wednesday.

The leaders of SCO members and observer states as well as heads of SCO organizations and other special guests will attend the meeting.

Besides attending the summit, PM Sharif will hold bilateral meetings with other participating leaders on the sidelines of the CHS.

The CHS is the highest forum of the SCO, which considers and defines the strategy, prospects, and priorities of the Organization.

At the forthcoming CHS, the SCO leaders will deliberate on important global and regional issues, including climate change, food security energy security, and sustainable supply chains. They will also approve agreements and documents that would chart the future direction of cooperation among SCO member

states. The SCO is a major trans-regional organization spanning South and Central Asia. Founded in 2001, the SCO upholds the values and principles enshrined in the "Shanghai Spirit" that include mutual trust, mutual benefit and pursuit of common development.

#### Post-flood monitoring

Suhbatpur: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visits a school set up at the flood relief camp in District Suhabatpur on Wednesday.



**Serving flood victims** 

## Govt committed to provide relief to flood-victims

PM Shhebaz orders priority supply of drinking water, medicines *in flood-hit areas* 

#### **Spokesman Report**

Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to ensure the availability of drinking water and life-saving medicines on priority in Sohbatpur's area of Balochistan, severely damaged by floods.

The prime minister also announced a two-month waiver of water utility charges for the consumers residing in flood-affected areas all over the country.

Addressing the flood-affected people during his visit to Balochistan's Sohbatpur, he said the government would not charge the consumers in the flood-hit areas for the bills of August and

#### PM for solid actions to change nation's fate

SOHBATPUR: Prime Minister ISL AMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday urged the nation particularly the influential and affluent classes to play their due role to change the nation's fate through firm resolve and solid actions. "Where does Pakistan stand today despite passage of 75 years? This is a pinching question... We are moving in a circle all the time... This is now or never," the prime minister said addressing the Lawyers Convention here. He said the nation wanted to know as why the Quaid's dreams remained fulfilled as millions of the people were faced with poverty.

September.

severely damaged city of Sohbatpur due to floods, reviewed the ongoing relief efforts and interacted with the locals to get their feedback.

The prime minister said the waiver on water utility charg-

es was aimed at facilitating the PM Sharif, who arrived in the people heavily burdened by the challenges in the wake of the flood.

He also announced continuation of the government's facility in September to waive off Fuel Adjustment Charges for electricity consumers across the country on usage up to 300 units.

He said the facility would be extended beyond the flood-relief areas, benefitting around 210 million consumers in the country. Sharif said a mechanism would be established to revive the crops of wheat and cotton in the flood-affected areas.

In view of the scarcity of drinking water in Sohbatpur, he said, two trucks carrying bottled water would reach in the area by tonight while 10 tonnes of the commodity would be available in the next two days.

He mentioned that the coalition government along with the provincial government was making utmost efforts to provide relief to the people in flood-hit

#### Social sector dev

#### ADB provided \$1.31b to Pakistan in 2021

#### **Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided \$1.31 billion to Pakistan in terms of loan and grant during last year (2021), which was comprised \$0.3 billion in program lending, \$1.01 billion from project lending and \$3 million from grants.

The financing was aimed at to reduce poverty and improve the country's prosperity and resilience by supporting infrastructure, urban services, private sector, energy and food security, transport networks and social services, said a document of the bank.

To date, the bank has committed 723 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totaling \$37 billion to Pakistan. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Pakistan amount to \$28.27 billion, it added.

These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital resources, sector development.

the Asian Development Fund (ADF) and other special funds. The ADB's ongoing sovereign portfolio in Pakistan includes 48 loans and 3 grants worth \$8.42 billion, it added.

The ADB also supported Pakistan in COVID-19 pandemic during 2021, which included a \$500 million loan to help procure and deploy safe and effective vaccine and a \$603 million loan of which \$3 million is from the ADF for an integrated social protection program to strengthen Pakistan's flagship Ehsaas program. The loan is complemented by a \$24 million grant from the Education Above All Foundation.

The bank was also supporting government's development vision and envisaged country partnership strategy 2021-25 for Pakistan, focusing on three priorities including improving economic management, building resilience and boosting competitiveness and private

### **BB** sacrificed for democracy: Zardari

#### 👺 Bureau Report

Ali Zardari on Wednesday the Mother of Democracy said that Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto endured imprisonment, oppression and violence for the sake of democracy.

In a message on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, he said that democracy is our soul. Whenever efforts have been made to crush the spirit of democracy, the leadership and workers of the PPP have sacrificed their lives to save it.

The leadership and workers of the PPP have led the people by lighting the lamp of democracy with their blood,

Asif Zardari said that KARACHI: President Paki- Quaid-e-Awam, Shaheed stan Peoples Party Parlia- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was the mentarians (PPPP) Asif flag bearer of democracy and Begum Nusrat Bhutto sacrificed her entire life for the sake of democracy in Pakistan.

He said that an empowered parliament is the hallmark of democracy and PPP empowered the parliament with the help of its allies.

Whenever efforts have been made to deviate from democracy and weaken and disrespect the parliament, the country has suffered difficulties. In order to combat challenges, it is important that there is a parliament elected by the people that work for the people.

## PTI will help flood-hit people: Imran Khan

Khan urges nation to unite and help each other in one of the biggest crises faced by the country

TAUNSA: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) supremo Imran Khan on Wednesday said that the PTI will help the flood-hit people in every possible way, after the relief they will build the houses of affectees.

Addressing the relief ceremony for the flood victims in Taunsa Sharif, the former PM said that he inspected the flood-affected areasby a helicopter, adding that Pakistan has suffered more damage than in 2010, and the whole nation will have to come together and help the flood victims.

The PTI chairman further said that he collected Rs10 of the telethon, adding that the nation has never given so much money in such a short time because the whole nation is worried about the flood victims.

Imran Khan also directed Chief Minister Punjab, announce the creation of Taunsa as a district.



other in one of the biggest crises faced by the country. "The Pakistanis have once again reposed their confidence on me and donated Rs10 billion during five-hour long telethons," he said.

He lamented the govern-Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, to ment's move to stop broadcast of his telethon for flood victims. "We, however, will He called for the entire not be deterred by such

victims in completely overcoming their losses," Imran Khan assured. He demanded of the

Centre to immediately take measures for restoring Indus highway and lamented that the previous rulers have failed to complete a waterway along River Indus right bank canal for safely disposing off floodwater. Agencies

China always supports Pakistan: Musadik



#### Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong called on Minister of

State for Petroleum Musadik Masood Malik in Islamabad on Wednesday. Matters pertaining

to mutual interests and bilateral relations were discussed in the meet-Speaking on the occa-

sion, the Minister of State said China has always supported Pakistan in tough times. Musadik Masood

Malik said incumbent government is committed to further strengthen bilateral ties with China.

## Pakistan highly values its bilateral ties with Germany: Miftah

Finance minister in an other meeting highlights importance of CPEC for regional progress

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Germany Alfred Grannas called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail at Finance Division in Islamabad on Wednesday. The Finance Minister welcomed Alfred Grannas and congratulated him on joining his Mission in

The Finance Minister highlighted bilateral relations and level of development in these relations between Pakistan and Germany. It was shared that Pakistan highly values its bilateral ties with the Germany including trade and economic relations.

The Finance Minister also apprised the German Ambassador about the economic policies of the present government aiming at promotion of trade and investment. He further informed about the devastation caused by the recent floods in Pakistan and losses to the economy of Pakistan.

Ambassador of Germany thanked the Finance Minister and expressed keen interest in enhancing and strengthening bilateral relations between both the countries especially economic and trade relations. The Ambassador also expressed sympathy on the loss of lives and devastation caused by recent floods in Paki-



stan. He further extended his country's full support for flood relief to Pakistan.

Both sides discussed matters of mutual interest and cooperation and stressed for enhancing these relations. Ambassador of Germany thanked the Finance Minister and expressed keen interest in enhancing and strengthening bilateral relations between both the countries especially economic and trade

The German Ambassador also expressed sympathy over the loss of lives and devastation caused by recent floods in Pakistan. He extended his country's full support to Pakistan for relief activities in the flood affected areas. Both sides also discussed matters of mutual interest and cooperation and

stressed for enhancing these relations. Meanwhile, Federal Minister for

Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail on Wednesday highlighted the importance of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects in the development and progress of the region and strengthening of Pakistan-China fraternal bonds.

The minister was speaking in meeting with a delegation of China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) headed by its President Overseas, Zhang Guoliang.

According to press statement issued by Finance Ministry, Zhang Guoliang, President Overseas CNNC briefed the finance minister on investment in CPEC projects and presented company's report.

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#### Pak-KSA Defence coop

Rawalpindi: Doctor Samir bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Tabib, Chief Executive Officer Transformation Management Office of Ministry of Defense, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia along with delegation held a meeting with Lt. Gen Retd humayun Aziz, Secretary Ministry of Defense Production and other officials of MoDP.



No new power project on imported fuel in future: Minister

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir on Wednesday said that the government laid a foundation to provide inexpensive electricity to the masses, adding that no new power project would be set up based on imported fuel in future.

Addressing a press conference here, the minister said that foundation was being laid for provision an inexpensive electricity in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the proposed solar energy project would be completed at earliest.

Solar projects having 1-4 MW capacity would be set in rural areas of the country while all government buildings would be switched to solar energy, he added.

The minister said both local and foreign investors had shown keen interest in investing in solar energy

The investors were being briefed on 600 MW initial solar project and 11,000 MW electricity would be added to the national grid in the coming years, he added. He said the government had decided to optimally utilize indigenous sources of energy instead of relying on expensive imported fuel for genera-

tion of electricity. Shifting the entire electricity generation on indigenous sources would not only help lessen burden on national exchequer but would also provide electricity to the consumers at affordable rate, he said. He said the solar energy would also help decrease environmental pollution, he added.

Khurram said coal and oil prices witnessed sharp increase of 300-400 per cent at the international market during the current year. The consumers could not afford such hike, he added. He said now all new power projects would be set up on local resources including wind, solar, hydel, nuclear and Thar coal.

**Effectiveness in AML, CFT** 

# Pakistan mitigated risks of money laundering

FO responds to media queries about Pakistan's current engagement with FATF, progress in AML and CFT domain

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar says Pakistan's effectiveness in Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism regime has significantly mitigated risks and threats of money laundering and financing of terrorism.

He said this in a statement on Wednesday, while responding to media queries about news stories that recently appeared in domestic media about Pakistan's current engagement with Financial Action Task Force and progress in AML and CFT domain.

The Spokesperson said that pursuant to the authorization of Onsite Visit by FATF Plenary in June this year, an FATF technical team recently visited Pakistan and held detailed discussions with releant agencies. He said it was a smooth and successful visit.

The focus of the visit was to validate on ground Pakistan's high-level commitment and sustainability of reforms in our AML and CFT regime.



Meetings with FATF team held in a constructive and positive atmosphere

Asim Iftikhar said meetings with FA' team were held in a constructive and posi-

tive atmosphere. The Report of FATF Onsite team will

Cooperation Review Group and Plenary

meetings to be held in the third week of the next month in Paris.

He said Pakistan is looking forward to logical conclusion to the ongoing evalu-

As regards the status of Pakistan's progress, FATF's latest evaluation of Pakistan supersedes its findings in previous years. Resultantly, Pakistan has not only achieved a high degree of technical compliance with FATF standards it has also ensured high level of effectiveness through implementation of two comprehensive FATF Action Plans, and it is committed to continuing its efforts in this regard.

With regard to technical compliance with FATF standards, Pakistan has now been rated as Compliant and Largely Compliant in 38 out of 40 FATF Recommendations, which places us among the top compliant countries in the world

The Spokesperson said that completion of both Action Plans by Pakistan in June this year is, in fact, an acknowledgement be discussed in FATF's International by FATF of attaining a high level of effectiveness on FATF standards.

### President pays tribute to martyred troops

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday paid tribute to the army soldiers for embracing martyrdom while thwarting the attack of terrorists from inside Afghanistan across the border.

The president severely condemned the incident and extended condolences to the families of the martyred.

He prayed for the departed souls of martyrs to rest in peace and for grant of patience to their families.

The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a news release said the terrorists from inside Afghanistan across the international border, opened fire on Pakistani troops in general area Kharlachi of Kurram district. The Pakistan Army troops responded in a befitting manner and strengthen our resolve," it said.

as per credible intelligence reports, due to fire of own troops, the terrorists suffered heavy casualties.

The three soldiers who embraced martyrdom while gallantly fighting the terrorists were Naik Muhammad Rehman (32 years, resident of Karak), Naik Maweez Khan (34 years, resident of Jamrud, Khyber) and Sepoy Irfan Ullah (27 years, resident of Dargai, Malakand).

"Pakistan strongly condemns the use of Afghan soil by terrorists for activities against Pakistan and expects that Afghan Government will not allow conduct of such activities in future," the ISPR said.

"Pakistan Army is determined to defend Pakistan's borders against the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further

## Organized campaign being run against IK: Asad

Asad Umar says PTI's Punjab government is not in any danger



👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Secretary General Asad Umar on Wednesday claimed that an organized campaign is being run against Imran Khan.

Addressing a press conference in Lahore, the PTI leader said that a country's politics is under influence of the current COAS should be given some rich people and Imran Khan is extension to take the matters fighting to end the hold of that small forward.

group over the country.

Asad Umar said that FIA officials raided residence of Senator Saifullah Niazi and confiscated his laptop but claimed that real reason behind the raid was to harass PTI Chief.

The PTI leader said that 'illegal' government should not have a right to appoint the new Army Chief so

#### By-polls on 8 NA seats on Oct 16

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan has decided to hold by-polls on eight seats of National Assembly on the 16th October instead of earlier announced date of 9th October A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the ECP chaired

by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja in Islamabad on Wednesday. The change in the election date has been made due to the possibility of Eid Miland un Nabi (SAW) on the 9th October.

The by polls will be held on NA-22 Mardan, NA-24 Charsadda, NA-31 Peshawar, NA-45 Kurram, NA-108 Faisalabad, NA-118 Nankana Sanib, NA-237 Malir and NA-239 Korangi Karachi.

The Election Commission also mulled over the conduct of second phase of local government elections in Sindh province. It was decided that polling on all the districts of Karachi Division will be held on the 23rd of next month. Staff Reporter

### Meta donates Rs125m for flood relief efforts

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan Meta is contributing 195 Million Rupees to UNICEF, Hands and Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) to help communities impacted by the floods. The donation will support emergency aid, food, water, sanitation and help children get back to school in Sindh. Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

the flooding began, Safety Check was activated on Facebook as it allowed people to let friends and family know they were safe. A Crisis page was also established where people Maps program and is provid-

could use the Community Help feature to enable people to ask for and offer help from different communities.

"Pakistan is going through

one of the worst natural disasters we have seen to date. Millions of people are affected and the entire nation is rallying to support them during this difficult time. We hope that our contributions help the communities impacted by the catastrophe and our thoughts are with these Prior to the donation when communities and families as they try to recover," said Jordi Fornies, Director for Emerging Markets, APAC at Meta.

> Additionally, Meta's 'Data for Good' activated its Disaster

ing data to regional response partners. One of those partners, CrisisReady (a collaboration between Direct Relief and Harvard University), has focused on combining data sources into situation reports being used daily by thousands of on-the-ground first

The torrential monsoon rains over the past weeks have damaged or completely washed away people's houses, critically affecting millions of people, including children. With winter just weeks away in some parts of the country, we need urgent help to continue our relief efforts in Pakistan and support for children and

## Appeal for Pakistan's flood victims being responded positively: UN Mark Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Pakistan Julien Harneis on Wednesday said that the joint flash appeal by the Government of Pakistan and United Nations Secretary General got a positive response from the international

Addressing a press conference here, he said that United States, Canada and other countries had made good announcements in response to the appeal. The purpose of the press conference was to ensure transparency, he said. "We will try to keep the media updated and will answer every question," he added.

 $He\,said\,the\,Emergency\,Relief\,Fund$ had announced \$10 million, adding



that they were exclusively discussing that how Pakistan could attain the maximum donations from the UN system. He said the UN had already launched a \$161 million flash appeal for Pakistan flood victims and for the rehabilitation purpose, adding the fundcash assistance to nearly one million people residing in various districts of Balochistan, Sindh, Punjab and Khyber and transparency," he asserted.

He agreed, in the current situation, that \$161 million may not be enough for relief activities as they had again made an appeal before the international community to grant more funds.

"All the international support and ing would provide critical food and funding is going into the government system," he said. "We have a responsibility to maintain financial accountability

#### **Achieving SDGs**

## IPU vows to find solutions to climate change

Global climate change threat to planet, future generations: NA speaker

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Third Inter-Parliamentary Union Regional Seminar on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals for Parliaments of Asia Pacific adopted an outcome document in Islamabad today, expressing the resolve to find solutions to climate change and implement Sustainable Development Goals.

The outcome document was presented by Convener of the Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs Romina Khurshid Alam at the conclud-

ing session of the two day regional seminar. The forum stressed that big carbon polluters should take more responsibility for climate change, meet their obligations and do utmost to cut carbon emissions.

It also proposed to include the recent flood crisis in Pakistan as a potential emergency item in the upcoming 145th IPU Assembly taking place in Rwanda next month.

The forum noted that there is an urgent need to accelerate progress and address existing problems including climate change by adopting coherent strategies. Parliaments can drive significant change towards achieving sustainable development by translating the SDGS into

The outcome document said that there is a need to increase job opportunities, including in the agriculture and tourism sectors, and address youth employment challenges. The importance of addressing food insecurity and malnutrition through a multisectoral approach



that includes health, agriculture, education, In his concluding remarks, National Assemyouth and gender equality, was stressed. bly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf said the Glob-

al Climate Change has become a menace and existential threat to this planet and for upcom-He said parliamentarians have the Consti-

tutional role and responsibility to play an important role in supporting and overseeing the implementation of SDGs.

The Speaker also extended felicitation to all participants for successful organization of the third IPU Regional Seminar for the Asia Pacific Region Parliaments on Achieving SDGs. The speaker termed the move of the National Assembly of Pakistan a resounding success to make members of the Asia-Pacific region agreed for presenting an emergency resolution at the forthcoming IPU General Assem-

## KP CM approves land use plans for six big cities

Directs authorities to launch a grand operation against encroachments

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan has approved the proposed District Land Use Plans for Peshawar, Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi and Abbottabad on Wednesday and directed the authorities concerned to come up with final proposals in consultation with the provincial administrative departments within one week time.

The proposed District Land Use Plans are aimed at providing policy guidelines for establishing a planned hierarchy of settlements, systematic growth of major infrastructure and services and undertaking integrated and coherent development of urban & rural areas in the province by ensuring systematic utilization of land, its allocation, development and management.

Chairing the 1st meeting of the Provincial Land Use & Building Control Council held here, the Chief Minister made it clear that all the departments would have to implement the proposed district land use plan in its letter & spir-



it adding that streamlining the utilization of land is the need of hour and we can no longer afford the haphazard and unsystematic use of land anymore.

Provincial Ministers Taimur Saleem Jhagra, Ishtiaq Urmar, Faisal Amin Gandapur, Special Assistant to CM Abdul Karim, Additional Chief Secretary Shahab Ali Shah, Senior Member board of Revenue Zakir Hussain Afridi, Principal Secretary to CM Amjad Ali Khan and other members of the council attended the meeting.

Briefing about the various aspects of the proposed District Land Use Plan, it was informed that the plans have been

ical location, climate, geological situation, hydrology and water resources, population and demography of the aforesaid districts.

Similarly, keeping in view the additional demand of infrastructure development and services for the next 20 years, viable parameters and framework have also been proposed for undertaking sustainable development programs in various sectors including health, education, housing, industry, road communication and agriculture which will go a long way towards resolving inter-district planning and manage-

The participants were further informed that special focus has been given to the rural areas development which will certainly help to curtail migration trends to big urban centers.

Moreover, keeping in view the current objective condition of the province, flood prone areas have also been identified under the plan in addition

prepared in accordance with the phys- to the proposed areas for new road networks, industrial zones, commercial centers, orchard and mining zones, model environmental villages and rural growth zones etc.

> The authorities said that District Land Use Plans are also being prepared for remaining districts on the same lines which would be completed by June 2023. The Chief Minister has termed the proposed District Land Use Plan of vital importance and directed the quarters concerned to have an effective implementation mechanism for the purpose further directing them to establish grievances redressal cells both at provincial and district level in order to facilitate the departments and citi-

> He also directed the authorities concerned to launch a grand operation against encroachments on rivers. canals and other waterways across the province adding that these encroachments cause widespread losses to life and property during flash floods.

## Govt to provide basic health facilities to people: AJK PM



跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilvas Khan has said that government was trying its level best to provide basic health care facilities and other essential service to the people of Azad Kashmir.

The PM said this while addressing a special ceremony organized by Azad Jammu and Kashmir Medical College here on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the PM said that doctors enjoy a status of a Messiah in every society but a true Messiah was the one who has a every field of life. He directed the women is the greatest job in the world".

He said that the government was improve the quality of education in strengthened in Azad Kashmir. medical colleges. Besides imparting

technical education, he said that character building and training of medical students was imperative so that they could be able to perform their duties in a proficient manner. Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan further said that doctors should prioritize humanity in their work and treat patients with the spirit of service.

He said that the government would provide funds to set up laboratories for research in the college. Terming women doctors as an inseparable part of the society, the PM noted that despite difficulties women have proved their mettle in spirit and passion for serving humanity. doctors to choose cardiology as a special-Highlighting the importance of doctors ty so that women patients would feel in the society, he said, "Saying human life" comfortable during the treatment. He said that the government would solve all the problems being faced by the medical paying special attention to improve college. Addressing the event, Minister healthcare services in the state. He for Health Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali said said that there was also a dire need to that the health care system would be

"We are facing numerous challeng-

es in the health sector but today we can say that we have improved the system to a great extent. He said that the Health University would be inaugurated soon. Addressing the event, Country Director World Health Organization Dr. Pletha Mahipala said that WHO was ready to provide health facilities to the people of Azad Kashmir. He appreciated the opening of a telemedicine center in Azad Kashmir Medical College.

Addressing the ceremony, Principal Prof. Mulazim Hussain Bukhari thanked all the guests for attending the symposium. Prof. Bukhari also presented a memorable shield to the prime minister. Earlier, the Prime Minister inaugurated the blood laboratory established in the medical college and also inspected other departments. Others who were present on the occasion included Ajk Minister's Khawaja Faroog Ahmed, Chaudhry Azhar, Sardar Faheem Rabbani, Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid, faculty members, civil and several others.

## District administration organizes "Khuli Kachehri"

**Adam Khan Wazir** 

WANA: Under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner by the District Administration of South Waziristan, an "Khuli kahcheri" was arranged in Angoor Adda. Local elected representatives and people participated in large numbers.

Lt. Col. Ali (Commander 30 Baloch) was also present on this occasion who discussed security and border issues. Assistant Commissioner Wana Yasir Salman Kundi, Additional Assistant Commissioner Wana Dr. Sadiq Ali spoke in detail and reviewed the performance of officers of all line depart-



engineers highlighted various issues related to various line departments and people complained about them, whose officers were present on the spot.

On this occasion, various departments of Health, Education, Public Health Engineering, WAPDA, Sports, Youth Affairs, Agriculture, Forest, TMA, Irrigation, Highways, Police, Tribal elders, local people, elected AFC (Food), ANF and others, to necesrepresentatives, scholars, doctors and sary instructions were issued to the

concerned line department officers. that they resolve the issues as soon as possible and submit a positive report within 02 weeks.

The public appreciated the efforts of the district administration, DC South Waziristan, AC Wana and Additional Assistant Commissioner Wana and appreciated the arrangement of the "Khuli Kachehri" for the first time in Angoor Adda near pak Afghan border.

#### Pakistan can get benefit from relocating Chinese firms: *PCJCCĬ*

跨 Spokesman Report

LAHORE: China's decision to relocate part of its manufacturing sector to cost-effective locations should help Pakistan if the country can chalk out a strategy and train its labour according to the industry's needs, stated by Mr. Wang Zihai, President, Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) during a think tank session held at PCJCCI premises.

He further added that China is witnessing an economic transformation, following Europe's model of relocating parts of its manufacturing sector to economically viable places that offer skilled labor at cheap wages.

Ehsan Choudhry, Senior Vice President PCJCCI said that technical trainings should be provided to labor so that they can take advantage of China's move. Pakistan can make its unemployed manpower effective in the current scenario by providing technical and factual training in industry-related work ambits. He was confident that Pakistan can attract the Chines manufacturing sector by developing a trained workforce for industries.

#### Governor calls upon all and sundry to help flood-victims

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said that country is in a state of crisis due to disaster caused by floods and everyone needs to contribute in rehabilitation of flood

Talking to Prof. Dr. Samira Rehman during a meeting at the Governor's House here on Wednesday, he said Pakistan Army, government institutions, philanthropists and the whole nation are with the flood victims.

Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said helping flood victims is an ongoing process and he will not rest until rehabilitation of the flood-affected people.

He said that as the Chancellor, he has mobilized the vice chancellors of the public, private sector universities to help the flood

#### **Empowering entrepreneurs**

## Paymob signs MoU with COLABS

**Bureau Report** 

LAHORE: Paymob, the leading omnichannel payments gateway and financial technology enabler in the MENAP region, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with COLABS, Pakistan's largest collaborative workspace, to jointly empower voung entrepreneurs to launch and grow their businesses.

The collaboration aims to equip aspiring start-ups with customized programmes and access to relevant material from co-branded workshops, as well as direct access to payment methods through Paymob's gateway and POS terminals.

Commenting on the partnership, Fawad Abdul Kader, Paymob Country



tion with COLABS will create a synergy to help digitize the payment needs of Head in Pakistan said, "This collabora- merchants. I believe both parties will

up-and-coming start-ups in Pakistan." Pakistan boasts of a population of

over 220 million of which 60 percent comprises of individuals between the ages of 15 to 24. While the majority of this bracket remains unemployed due to a dearth of job opportunities, the adoption of the latest technologies has led to the growth of a technology-based entrepreneurial culture in the country. Consequently, the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) pre-emptively launched Pakistan's first incubator (Plan9) in August 2012 which has now expanded its incubation programmes across the country.

"We are very excited to partner with Paymob and hope to facilitate the COLABS community by creating avenues for entrepreneurs to scale

influence the payment landscape for and strengthen their business models through in-depth workshops and networking sessions at our flagship in Lahore," stated Omar Shah, co-founder and CEO of COLABS.

Paymob's omni-channel payment infrastructure enables SMEs to accept digital payments online and in-store via its gateway, POS, and Paymob app product, as well as giving them better access to financial services. In Egypt, Paymob's gateway offers the largest number of payment methods in the market with over thirty Payment methods. In addition to conventional bank cards, Paymob merchants can accept local schemes, mobile wallets, bank easy-payment plans, and Buy-Now Pay-Later (BNPL) options, all of which serve to drive an increased volume of transactions and revenue.

#### DC Dadu lauds citizens for participation in relief activities

DADU: Deputy Commissioner Dadu Syed Murtaza Ali Shah briefing the media on the current flood situation in the district Dadu.

Deputy Commissioner Dadu said that he pays tribute to the citizens who worked with the administration on the ring dyke of Taluka Mehar and Johi.



Citizens, political and social persons worked together without discrimination and regardless of race and color in the construction of ring dykes for the protection of cities

He said that 90% of Dadu district is under water till now they are continuously engaged in rescue operations. After the rescue process is completed, the rehabilitation work will be started. Flood water from Mehar, Khairpur Nathan Shah, Johi is returning to the Main Nara Valley (MNV) drain and we have succeeded in out the flood water from dadu to save the city Dadu.

DC Dadu further said the district administration Dadu has an important role in Mehar and Johi Ring Dyke and Machinery and materials are being provided for ring dykes through XEN Roads.

#### TECNO Mobile donates tons of food supplies to flood victims



Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Pakistan has been hit with unprecedented and devastating floods, which have caused a significant loss in life, means of sustenance, and property. To cope with this, TECNO Mobile, a Global Leading Smartphone brand, dives in to rescue flood victims in Pakistan, providing them with tons of food supplies, shelters, and health kits to affected families in Sindh Province.

The most disastrous floods in the history of Pakistan washed away villages, leaving over 30 million people in need of aid and support. In these tiring times, TECNO Pakistan along with its staff members initiat $ed\ a\ \#TECNOF unds For Flood\ campaign\ to\ provide\ tons\ of\ flour, sugar,$ rice, and other life supplies to the severely impacted areas of Mirpurkhas districts and other surrounding areas of Umarkot and Kunri.

The CEO of TECNO Mobile, Kelvin Zeng, conveyed his sympathy and prayers for the flood victims. He further added thousands of individuals, including our team members, customers, and other Pakistani have been affected by this catastrophic event. He stated, "TECNO has always tried to play a positive role for Pakistan and its citizens. Now is the time to come together and support each other in these difficult times. We're honored to offer our help and services to the people in need".

In these difficult times for the people of Pakistan, the #TECNO-FundsForFlood campaign exemplifies the company's commitment to corporate social responsibility. The Interior Sindh Province is the most severely affected flood area and our efforts are not only limited to monetary donations. The TECNO's team is also supporting flood victims in reviving their normal life by providing essential provisions for every deserving household. Empathizing with their hardship, the TECNO team decides to donate supplies directly to flood affectees to show their support.

TECNO's flood donation campaign has attracted attention for encouraging individuals to act independently, such as the donation drive to travel to the area and give supplies directly to the victims. Many people have joined hands for the cause. We are thankful to our team who stood on the ground along with the support of the local authorities in making it possible to visit the locations and give the supplies to needy people safely and securely.

#### PDMA warns of more flood water

LAHORE: Director General Provincial Disaster Management Authority Punjab Faisal Farid on Wednesday said that according to the Meteorological Department, the monsoon in the central parts of Madhya Pradesh may affect the upper catchment from September 17. Since September 18, the water level in the river channels may rise,

and the water level in the river channels connected to the rivers Ravi, Sutlej and Chenab could cause floods, he added.

He said that districts should complete their preparations to deal with emergency situation and relevant institutions should take necessary measures to avoid loss of life and property. He said that the administrative officers should move the population near the rivers and streams to safe places if necessary. Make arrangements, mobilize teams from all district health and livestock departments, he maintained.

# Govt provides level playing field for export-oriented sectors: Qamar

**Staff Reporter** 

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar on Wednesday said that the government was committed to provide level playing field and reduce cost of doing business for export-oriented sectors including textiles to boost exports and reduce current account deficit.

He expressed these views while addressing a virtual session organized by South Punjab Investment Forum in collaboration with USAID.

"I am glad to inform that textile exports during FY 2021-22 reached historical high level of US\$ 19.3 billion despite the fallout of COVID-19 and severe economic challenges", said the minister.

He said that it is time to promote the value-added products, "I assure you that our incentives would only be available to value added products".

Syed Naveed Qamar highlighted steps taken by the present government which included; supply of energy at competitive tariffs, disbursement of

June 2022 to mitigate prevailing liquidity issues due to severe economic challenges, duty free import of Cotton and reduction of custom duties on import of dyes and chemicals, adding that duty free import of textiles and apparel machinery has been contin-Syed Naveed Qamar informed

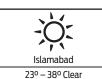
around Rs. 42 billion from April to

that the Ministry of Commerce has formulated Textiles and Apparel Policy, 2020-25 which would address matters including value addition, product diversification, skill development, productivity and ease of doing business etc.

"We need to attract investment in textiles and apparel sector to enhance our manufacturing capacities. I would also like to remind that SMEs across the world are engine of growth for any country", Commerce Minister remarked. He urged to encourage "Make in Pakistan" products and said that in the global textile Pakistan has less than 2% share which needs to be enhanced with practical steps.

## The Spokesman





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FFC ranks first amongst TOP 25 Listed Companies of



#### **Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) instituted Top 25 Companies Award in 1994 to acknowledge the performance of the top companies By the Grace of Allah Almighty, since then Fauji Fertilizer Company (FFC) is amongst Top 25 Companies of PSX.

FFC has once again been ranked FIRST for 12th consecutive time amongst the TOP 25 Listed Companies for the Year 2021.

The award recognizes the production competence, excellent financial and managerial performance of listed companies and provides them with a powerful marketing tool.

## Pak-US must enhance coop in empowering women, youth: Tanveer

Federal Minister for Education Rana Tanveer was addressing to 75 Years of US-Pakistan Relations during 16th Int'l American Studies Conference

#### Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain on Wednesday said that Pakistan and U.S. should enhance cooperation to empower women and educate youth, which has an enormous potential to further foster bilateral relations.

The Minister made these remarks while addressing the opening ceremony of the 16th American Studies Conference, titled "Seventy-Five Years of U.S.- Pakistan Relations: Lessons for the Future." jointly organized by the U.S. Embassy and Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU).

He said that it was necessary to provide equal opportunities to women for materializing their dreams and aspirations and making a meaningful contribution to the country's development. Women should be encouraged as no country could make economic and social progress without empowering its women. In this regard, the U.S. role is very significant as it always focuses on women empowerment and the promotion of education, he added.

Apart from this, both countries need to work on climate issues as it has affected Pakistan despite the fact that Pakistan accounts for less than 1 percent of total global emissions.

The minister further stated that Pakistan and the U.S. have a long history of collaboration in many fields, including education, economy, defense, health and other sectors.

This cooperation is rooted in shared values and mutual interests. The Minister also acknowledged the U.S. cooperation in the education field and said that the Fulbright scholars and U.S Alumni



of exchange programs are the assets of both countries.

US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome, addressing the participants of the conference, said it is a great honor for the U.S. government to collaborate with Quaid e Azam university to promote the discipline of American studies.

He said such joint collaborative programs have benefited Pakistani and Americans and provide a platform to understand each other cultures and history further. He said that Pakistan and U.S have a long-standing partnership and rich history of relations. "We are proud of our long-standing partnership with Pakistan. Our relationship began 75 years ago, shortly after Pakistan gained its independence"He said, "We live today in a world full of challenges.

We can address those challenges most effectively by working together, side by side". Ambassador further stated, "he looks forward to deepening the connections between the Pakistani and American people, which have a rich history, and an even brighter future."

Talking about the recent flood disaster, he said that the United States is deep-

ly saddened by the devastating loss of life, livelihoods, and homes throughout Pakistan. He said the U.S. provides finical assistance of \$53.1 million to Pakistan to help the flood-affected people.

The Ambassador said humanitarian relief supplies being transported include emergency food, drinking water, sanitation supplies and equipment, portable shelters, bedding, and hygiene supplies.

He said the U.S support for decades linked with development assistance to Pakistan for the construction of schools. Hospitals, and build highways throughout the country. Explaining the education cooperation, he said in July this year; the U.S sent 189 Pakistani on full bright scholarships adding that the U.S. government contributes more to the Fulbright programs in Pakistan than any other

Ambassador further stated that bilateral trade reached nearly \$9 billion in 2021, and "It is a relationship worth highlighting and is bigger and more important than ever." The United States is Pakistan's largest export market and one of the largest sources of foreign invest-

## Nurettin Demir terms Pak-Turkiye PTA as a great success

#### **Spokesman Report**

RAWALPINDI: Commercial Consular of Turkiye Nurettin Demir visited the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and industry (RCCI) here on Wednesday.

He was accompanied by Commercial Secretary Abdul Baseer. President Nadeem Rauf, Senior Vice President Asim Mehmood Malik, Vice President Tallat Awan, Executive Members Saqib Rafiq Chaudhry Akram, Mudassar Maqbool and Abu Bakar Siddique were also present on the occasion.

Commercial Nurtin Damir while talking to the President of the Chamber Nadeem Rauf said that between Pakistan and Turkiye, the volume of mutual trade is ed between the two countries. added. very low despite the potential. The preferential trade agreesigned. He termed the PTA as Pakistani students every year. Chamber.



Consular a great success and expressed hope that the free trade agreement will be concluded soon. contacts have to be promot-

He said that such agreement (PTA) between Paki- of the economy, 300 scholar- the Commercial Consular on stan and Turkiye was recently ships are also being given to the ongoing activities of the

Machinery, food, textiles, renewable energy such as solar, electric vehicles, defense He said that Business-to-Busi- equipment and IT are importhere are brotherly relations ness and People-to-People tant sectors in which mutual trade can be promoted, he

> President of the Chamments determine the direction ber Nadeem Rauf briefed

He said that the trade volume between the two countries is around 1.2 billion dollars which is very low. The exchange of delegations at the level of the Chamber of Commerce is imperative to enhance bilateral trade relations, he said. PTA between Pakistan and Turkiye will strengthen mutual trade rela-

tions, he said.

## New programme 'TAHAFFUZ' launched

Programme focuses on preventing violence against women

#### **Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: UN Women in collaboration with the Ministry of Law & Justice and completely funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement (INL) of the US Department of State, jointly launched the initiation of a programme "Preventing and Protecting Women from Violence through Enhanced Access to Justice and Services, TAHAFFUZ".

The programme, which focuses on preventing violence against women and enhancing their access to justice Punjab and Sindh, as well as the Islamabad Capital Territory from 2022 till 2024.

UN Women Deputy Country Representative Jacqui Ketunuti welcomed the distinguished participants and introduced the TAHAF-FUZ programme to the audience. She said, "Building on the successes of the previous phase of this project, UN Women will address the issue of violence against women (VAW) through a holistic approach, targeting all the key stakeholders from government institutions, justice and security sector officials, as well as civil society.

Using gender and social inclusion strategies, the programme will ensure VAW is addressed from all angles and institutions that facilitate women in accessing justice are strengthened to deliver accessible, quality and gender-responsive services."

The programme aims to tackle the issue of violence against women (VAW)

#### will be implemented in 5 districts of in a holistic way through evidencebased legislation & policy interventions, strengthening capacity of duty bearers, enhancing coordination and

While addressing the National Launch Event of the Programme, INL Director Lori Antolinez said, "the U.S. government is awarding \$1.5 million to N Women to help Pakistani women better access justice and legal services via TAHAFFUZ.

increasing awareness.

This continues years of INL's support and partnership with the Pakistani government, Pakistani citizens, and UN Women. In 2016, INL was the sole funder for Phase One of the UN Women program, providing \$3.5 million. Gender inclusivity and women's empowerment in law enforcement and criminal justice is a top priority for INL in Pakistan. INL supports programs to improve women's access to justice through improved law enforcement response to gender-based violence. More and

professionals mean superior delivery of justice to Pakistani women."

During the life of the programme, TAHAFFUZ will strengthen capacity of law enforcement officials through improving knowledge and attitudes on gender, enhancing handling of cases of VAW along with improved coordination between security and justice sector stakeholders, forensic officers, and medical examiners.

In his keynote address, Federal Minister for Law and Justice Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar highlighted the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan towards preventing and protecting women against violence. He thanked INL and UN Women for extending their support, said, "Many progressive laws have been enacted in Pakistan and a strong legislative framework exists - we need to make sure it is implemented in letter and spirit so that the citizens of our country, especially the women, are able to benefit from it.

better trained women law enforcement This programme will help create a safe and enabling environment for women and girls so that they may play an active role in national progress and sustainable development."

Chairperson National Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar, MNA and Parliamentary Secretary, MOLJ Ms Mehnaz Akbar Aziz also spoke at the National Launch

This year marks the 40-year anniversary of partnership between INL and Pakistan under the banner of "Justice, Security, and Prosperity," with more than \$1 billion invested over four decades by the United States government to improve public safety and enhance law enforcement, prosecutorial, and judicial capacity across

INL works in more than 60 countries to help combat crime and corruption; improve police institutions; and promote court systems that are fair and accountable.

## Health

## Team developing oral insulin tablet sees breakthrough results

ISLAMABAD: A team of University of British Columbia researchers working on developing oral insulin tablets as a replacement for daily insulin injections have made a game-changing discovery

Researchers have discovered that insulin from the latest version of their oral tablets is absorbed by rats in the same way that injected

"These exciting results show that we are on the right track in developing an insulin formulation that will no longer need to be injected before every meal, improving the quality of life, as well as mental health, of more than nine million Type 1 diabetics around the world." says professor Dr. Anubhav Pratap-Singh (he/him), the principal investigator from the faculty of land and food systems.

He explains the inspiration behind the search for a non-injectable insulin comes from his diabetic father who has been injecting insulin 3-4 times a day for the past 15 years.

According to Dr. Alberto Baldelli (he/him), a senior fellow in Dr. Pratap-Singh's lab, they are now seeing nearly 100 per cent of the insulin from their tablets go straight into the liver. In previous attempts to develop a drinkable insulin, most of the insulin would accumulate in the stomach.

"Even after two hours of delivery, we did not find any insulin in the stomachs of the rats we tested. It was all in the liver and this is the ideal target for insulin — it's really what we wanted to see," says Yigong Guo (he/him), first author of the study and a PhD candidate working close-

When it comes to insulin delivery, injections are not the most comfortable or convenient for diabetes patients. But with several other oral insulin alternatives also being tested and developed, the UBC team worked to solve where and how to facilitate a higher absorption rate.

Dr. Pratap-Singh's team developed a different kind of tablet that isn't made for swallowing, but instead dissolves when placed between the gum and cheek. This method makes use of the thin membrane found within the lining

of the inner cheek and back of the lips (also known as the buccal mucosa). It delivered all the insulin to the liver without wasting or decomposing any insulin along the way. "For injected insulin we usually need 100iu per shot. Other swallowed

tablets being developed that go to the stomach might need 500iu of insulin, which is mostly wasted, and that's a major problem we have been trying to work around," Yigong says. Most swallowed insulin tablets in development tend to release insu-

lin slowly over two to four hours, while fast-release injected insulin can be fully released in 30-120 minutes. Similar to the rapid-acting insulin injection, our oral delivery tablet absorbs after half an hour and can last for about two to four hours long,"

says Dr. Baldelli. The study is yet to go into human trials, and for this to happen Dr. Pratap-Singh says they will require more time, funding and collaborators. But beyond the clear potential benefits to diabetics, he says the tablet they are developing could also be more sustainable, cost-effective and accessible.

He explains that their hope is to reduce the cost of insulin per dose since their oral alternative could be cheaper and easier to make. Transporting the tablets would be easier for diabetics, who currently have to think about keeping their doses cool. Courtesy Science Daily

#### Meeting discusses role of scouts in relief work



ISLAMABAD: High-level meeting held with Rana Tanveer Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training and Sardar Yaar Muhammad Rind, Chief Commissioner Pakistan Boy Scouts Association in which role of Scouts in the relief work in the flood effected areas, and coordination with international relief organization was discussed.

#### IST 15th convocation held

#### **Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Institute of Space Technology (IST), Islamabad celebrated its 15th Convocation of Class of 2022 with the graduation of 294 students in the disciplines of Aerospace, Electrical, Mechanical, Materials Science & Engineering and Space Science here on September 15, 2022.

Maj Gen Amer Nadeem, HI(M), Chairman SUPARCO graced the occasion as the chief guest. The chief guest conferred the students with the Doctorate, Masters and Baccalaureate degrees in their respective fields of specialization. The chief guest awarded the President of Pakistan Gold Medals to Malik Nauman Rauf of Aerospace Engineering, Zainab Waheed of Avionics Engineering, Rubab of Electrical Engineering, Rehmat Ali of Mechanical Engineering, Usman Ahmed Siddiqui and Ebtassam Qamar of Materials Science & Engineering and Uroosha Ilyas of Space Science, who stood first in their respective programs. Vice Chancellor's Medals for Best Projects were awarded to Malik Nauman Rauf and Rehma Khan from Aerospace, Sami Ur Rehman and Amber Fatima from Avionic ,Uzafir Ahmad and Muhammad Talha Aamir from Electrical, Maryam Mehmood and Haleema Mujeeb from Mechanical, Hamdaan Ahmad and Esha Ghanzafar from Materials Science and Engineering and Sumair Saghir and Laiba Rashid from Space Science Departments.

Addressing the august gathering, the chief guest congratulated the graduates specially the award winners and position holders. He appreciated the faculty for providing a congenial environment to the students and in supporting them to develop life-long learning skills.



ISLAMABAD: Participants of a seminar organized with the collaboration of UAE Embassy and Ejad Labs.

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## **Devastating Floods**

he recent flooding in Pakistan has done a great damage to the country. The livestock, crops and infrastructure have been badly affected. It is the time that the international community comes forward to help Pakistan as it struggles to cope with the aftermath of torrential rains that triggered massive floods. The UN Secretary General recently visited Pakistan and has appealed for massive global support for Pakistan. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged the international community to support flood-hit Pakistan as the country needed massive financial help to overcome postflood crises.

The UN chief said during his visit to flood hit areas of Sindh and Balochistan, it is not a matter of generosity, but a matter of justice," he said reiterating the UN's commitment, strong support and solidarity with the flood-affected populace of Pakistan. Guterres said that huge damages and losses were caused to human lives and properties. The UN absolutely supported the Pakistani nation and requested the well-resourced nations to support the country massively, so that it could face the future challenges of climatic changes and save its nation. The UNSG stressed that the international community must realize the serious impacts of greenhouse emissions as nature was striking back in the form of natural calamities. We must be hopeful that the world will come forward to support Pakistan and help it out of this difficult time.

The UN Secretary General has rightly pointed out that despite very little contribution in global emissions Pakistan is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change. Pakistan also suffered devastating floods in the past that resulted in huge human and material damages. However, international community does not seem concerned that Pakistan and other developing countries are suffering due to their industrial emissions. It is obligation of world community to compensate Pakistan in this disaster. The visit of the UN Secretary General to Pakistan will pave way in awakening the consciousness of world community. It will also help convey the message across the world as UN is the most important supra national body. So far, there is very less aid that has been received by Western countries. Rather, the brotherly Muslim countries like Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and UAE have provided many plane-loads of relief supplies for flood victims of Pakistan.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has already served as UN Commissioner for Refugees and spent a lot of time in our country. The UN Secretary General always appreciated the role of Pakistan for hosting a large number of Afghan refugees. He himself admitted that Pakistan has less than 1% contribution in global carbon emissions but unfortunately is among the 10 most vulnerable countries affected by climate change. This year we have witnessed around 587% more rains than predicted. People of Pakistan have been affected by the loss of their homes, their businesses and livelihoods. The UN Secretary General has appealed to the world to support Pakistan and it is the responsibility of the international community to come forward in this

On the other hand, the government at its end must constitute certain SoPs in order to cope with the challenges of natural disasters. The construction alongside the rivers must be banned. In the era of modern technology, natural disasters like floods and heavy rains can be predicted well in time and with accuracy. PDMA and NDMA must communicate with the local administrations to deal with the floods like challenges in future.

# Climate Migration: Upcoming crisis emerging through flood variability



ndeed, adverse climate conditions - ranging from extreme floods, droughts and heat waves to rapid environmental variations- shall induce large-scale populations to migrate as an adaptation strategy. Due to the high prevalence of climate migration, mobility may challenge urban governance, and underlying policy mechanisms may shatter. This perceived vulnerability to displacement may also contribute to social problems, including but not limited to poverty, homelessness, abuse, discrimination and inequalities.

Given the above, it may become questionable for our ill and ignorant political and administrative structure whether they can manage climate migration (the impending crisis emerg-

as they are the ones who never took stern actions to mitigate the climate crisis. It is high time they take prudential and ethical responsibility; otherwise, a clear distinction could be drawn among the varieties of privileged, underprivileged and un-privileged classes.

Such a distinction was muddied before, but the interconnectedness of climate change with the human-class system is quite obvious now. It is not about human relations with nature but about the privileged classes served through nature by forcing other classes to work. Therefore, climate migration has engaged with intersectionality and poses serious and apparent threats. Power relations such as injustice, inequality and unfairness in material and social conditions within societal structures have been revealed through the new dimensions of climate change and may erupt with climate migration.

Climate change was never an agenda in any of the political parties of Pakistan except the previous ruling one. However, the seriousness of the previous ruling party and its leader (so-called climate champion) can be observed by his climate

ing through flood variability), minister appointment. The it requires long-term agenda the projects of a former Prime Minister or so-called climate champion of Pakistan, will not mitigate the current and upcoming crisis. Moreover, billions or trillions of trees tsunamis are not an appropriate answer to climate change, keeping the associated irregularities apart.

Large-scale populations residing on the roadsides now cause serious threats of criminal activity, and in case of failure to control, there could be considered internal and external security pressures on political-administrative structures. The disruptions and the resulting decreased viability of land in Sindh are reshaping the security of already insecure Karachi.

The worsening crisis and looming migration in Baluchistan may exacerbate security shocks and may threaten the lives of millions in big cities of Punjab, as there is not any large urban centre in Baluchistan. The possibility of threats is even more evident from the climate migration experience

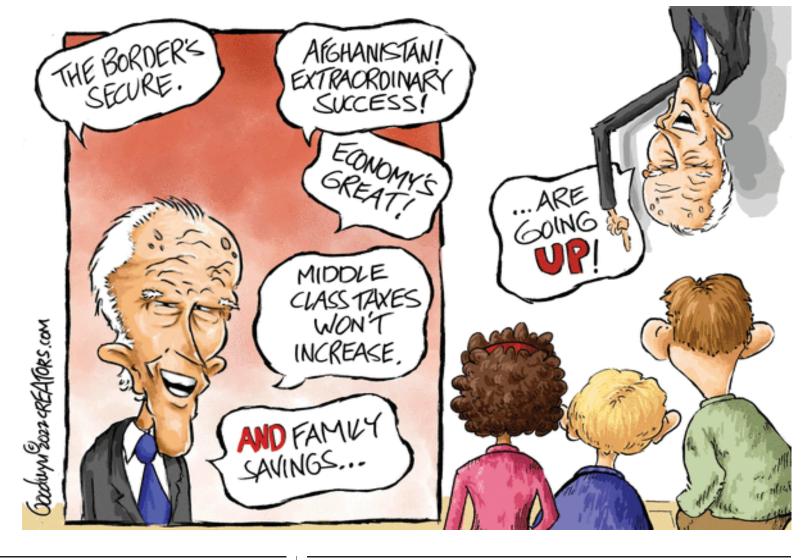
The debate on climate adaptation strategies is somehow obsolete for this year because

political initiatives, including and a massive financing mech- the political-administrative anism which should be free of corruption and with serious political will. Securitisation system. Intersectional issues shall remain a problematic development due to migration, and our political-administrative structures are already beyond redemption. It can be argued here that security logic and practices can indeed transform for such non-traditional issues, but how it is possible in ungovernable Pakistan must be answered.

As Pakistan is a difficult State in terms of governance, the challenge of addressing the climate-migration requires a strong policy-making mechanism which has to be structured through various governing authorities. Climate change, justice and migration must be addressed through a mechanism governing 'governance' in States like Pakistan. To illustrate this point and explore the implications related to climate migration, federal and provincial authorities must concentrate on the administrative limitations that include departments dealing port governance, environwith climate change, environment, security (external and internal), food, agriculture, law. He tweets @jahanzebassistance, and austerity.

structures must think about reconstructing the social must be addressed in the wake of the climate crisis that how classes relate to environmental change. While thinking about climate migration through materialised or non-materialised power structures, social reform is desperately needed to adopt the climate refugees in urban centres. In widening the perspective of climate migration and as a matter of strategic control of environmental change, the political structure must politicise the vulnerabilities attached to the climate refugees.

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## Time for world to recommit to UN's ideals

**Alistair Burt** 

t is not unusual for the annual UN General Assembly, referred to universally as UNGA, to take place in the shadow of a crisis somewhere, and this year is no exception.

Long-standing pressures on the UN are often thrown into sharper relief by particular events. The erosion of the international post-1945 architecture, from arms control to territorial ambition, has been steadily growing and, with it, the threat of breakdown rises.

The generation of leaders and diplomats who had witnessed the near-destruction of the world through the horrors of world war and the use of nuclear weapons has gone and with them the memory of why they instituted what they did at the UN. The ability of the UN to respond, either to prevent conflict or to end it once it has begun, is increasingly being hampered by the inability of the UN Security Council to act collectively, when its permanent member states decide to pursue their own interests rather than collective ones.

It remains fundamental to appreciate that the UN is the sum of its parts; that it has no power beyond that given to it by its constituent states. Accordingly, its structures for collective action, and its powers to deliver, are only as good as the will and determination of states to pursue policies in common or to curtail their own national interests for

a common good. This year, the particular event of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia — a permanent member of the UNSC — violated the UN Charter and set up the biggest challenge to the organization for years. Notwithstanding the responses of sanctions and condemnation from most member states, the war

looks likely to continue for some time, straining the alliances needed to get many things done in the UN structure. At the same time, another permanent member, China, was busy aggressively pursuing interests in its region, prompting fears among its neighbors.

The invasion highlighted two further difficulties for the UN. Firstly, many states have complained that the urgency and concentration afforded to a crisis in Europe demonstrated an inequality when compared to pursuing an end to conflicts and abuses elsewhere, from Central Africa to Syria and Myanmar. Demands for reform to the UNSC are likely to be increased but rejected, thus fueling further frustration.

Secondly, the impact of the conflict on energy supplies threatens climate change ambitions, as states will resort to fossil fuels to combat short-term pressures on their populations, lessening the likelihood of further progress on the issue at COP27 in Egypt in a few months' time. The extreme climate events seen this year — of prolonged and unusual heat, worldwide wildfires and dramatic flooding as in Pakistan — should have driven the heaviest-polluting states to acknowledge the need to act collectively and even more quickly.

This year's UNGA should again prompt deep consideration of the risks of losing what the UN offers: It is still an objective and factbased repository of knowledge, a platform allowing explanation and challenge to the actions of nation states, and the only place to come to cry foul in front of others and seek support. With the unimaginable threat of nuclear war back after decades, according to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, every single world leader who attends should acknowledge such a risk and pledge to do all they can to modernize, but uphold, the Minister of State for the Middle East from ideals of the organization.

There are good reasons why. Amid all the political concerns, it would be wrong to miss the achievements of some of the agencies, funds and programs driven by the UN, which tackle the most pressing humanitarian issues throughout the world. The quality of outstanding individuals and organizations was demonstrated by the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the World Food Program under David Beasley in 2020. And every day, UN agencies, mostly unsung, are seeking to overcome life-threatening situations in terms of health epidemics, helping refugees and feeding the hungry — events too often caused by the actions of member states of the UN.

The political envoys too, which are unenviable roles, deserve attention and support. The painstaking efforts of Hans Grundberg in Yemen may yet pay dividends, though once again the UN must work with the nation states engaged there, convincing them that their best interests lie in peace and resolving

Finally, states should not forget that, at a time when populations worldwide are sick of poor, corrupt, partisan and polarized governance, young people see the UN as one of the few institutions whose ideals they can espouse and which gives them hope in an otherwise dispiriting world. Our generation is leaving them many problems. Let us not add the end of the UN to the list, but instead recommit to its ideals and how to deliver them.

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## A Teacher in the Court

Raja Furgan Ahmed

ty of Rome. One afternoon he was returning from university to home in his car. The road was empty. He took a shortcut that was a violation of traffic laws. On the way, a police officer came and fined against this violation. Now the penalty was to be deposited at any post office, but payment could not be made. He received notice from the court for not submitting a fine. Since he had no other option, so he went to court. The judge summoned. The judge started, you were fined and ordered to pay at the nearest post office, why didn't you pay? Don't you feel like you're wasting the time of the police? He used a foreign card in his defence. The judge said you speak well, what do you do? Then he embarrassingly said that he is a

teacher, a professor at the University of Rome. The judge immediately stood up and said: "there is a teacher in the court". On hearing these words, all the people in the court, including the faculty, police officers, stood up. Then the judge's style changed. The judge ordered to bring a chair apologized and cancelled the invoice. The person was Ashfaq Ahmad. He describes this story in his book Zavia. He said on that

day I learned the secret that the honour of the nations

is the honour of the teacher. Let's took some examples of other states. Finland is the leading country in Education. The total population of the country is 5.53 million, but Finland ranks first in terms of education ranking, while Superpower America is at number twenty. Any school in Finland has a maximum of 195 children and one teacher on 19 children. The world's longest break also takes place in Finland's schools. There are only 20 hours of teaching in a week, while teachers spend two hours per day in improving their skills. Being a teacher in Finland is more difficult and honourable than being a doctor and engineer. There is no school in the country for children before the age of seven and there is no any sort of test before 15 age in which parents forbid the child's sleep. There is a single test for students all over the country. Take the example of Japan where children are

e was a professor at the Universitaught morality, ethics and manners until third grade. If a teacher from another country goes to Japan, he gets a protocol that the teacher thinks he is probably the Prime Minister of Japan. This is the secret of the development and rise of nations.

Pakistan, as like in every field lags behind. Teachers are facing a lot of issues. Election-duty, polio, dengue, census, etc teachers are everywhere. I know it's their constitutional responsibility, but is it just the teacher's responsibility to leave the teaching process and come in the streets, be humiliated at intersections. Rather, now teachers are bringing students from home to school because of poor government policies. Is teachers are left to do this job.

Let's assume for a while that it is the duty of the teacher, but do these teachers also get the facilities

and privileges they are assigned? Is the teacher medical free, is the teacher's children's education free, is the teacher's transportation free? After serving for four decades of life, free treatment is not available and then we said that this nation will become a great nation. No one raises a voice for the teacher's interest, even the teacher's union, which brings teachers on the streets for their own benefit and interest.

This behaviour is extremely regrettable to the teachers who prepare for the coming generations. All countries view the teachers with the highest regard but in Pakistan, the status of the teacher is not even saluted. I think it is the only government responsible because when a new government comes, it announces a new system, sometimes Urdu to English medium and sometimes English to Urdu medium, which makes teachers worried and mentally depressed. Science is taught in every class but you will not see a scientist. Terrorists will be born in the country where the killer is given protocol and the teacher presented in court with handcuff.

Official authorities should provide facilities to the teachers. Their problems should be solved out. At least, the teacher's privileges should be equal to the Minister. The writer is a freelance journalist based in Islamabad, Pakistan. He tweets @ furqanraja1122.

## China, Kazakhstan are good neighbors, good friends: Xi

Chinese President arrives in Kazakhstan for state visit, SCO Summit

 $NUR\text{-}SULTAN\text{:}\ Chinese\ President\ Xi$ Jinping arrived here Wednesday for a state visit to Kazakhstan.

Upon arrival at the Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport, Xi made a statement, in which he said he was "delighted to visit the beautiful country of Kazakhstan again after five years at the invitation of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev."

"I wish to extend, on behalf of the government and people of China, warm greetings and best wishes to the friendly government and people of Kazakhstan," Xi said.

"China and Kazakhstan are good neighbors, good friends and good partners connected by mountains and rivers and standing together through thick and thin. Over the past three decades since the establishment of diplomatic relations, our two countries have enjoyed mutual respect, good-neighborliness, mutual support and cooperation for mutual benefit," he said.

"The bilateral relationship has grown



mutual trust, conducted fruitful Belt and Road cooperation, and engaged in close and efficient coordination on international affairs, to the benefit of our two peoples," the Chinese presi-

dent said. 'During this visit, I will hold talks with President Tokayev for an in-depth exchange of views on growing the China-Kazakhstan permanent by leaps and bounds, and reached the comprehensive strategic partnership high level of a permanent comprehen- in the new era. Together, we will draw sive strategic partnership. Our two a new blueprint for comprehensive

countries have consolidated political cooperation between our two countries," Xi said.

"I believe that the visit will bring new and strong impetus to the shared progress and prosperity of our two countries," he added.

Xi left Beijing on Wednesday morning to attend the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and pay state visits to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan at the invitation of Tokayev and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirzi-

His entourage includes Ding Xuexiang, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee; Yang Jiechi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee; State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi; and He Lifeng, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and head of the National Development and Reform Commission.

When the Chinese president arrived at the Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport on Wednesday afternoon, he was warmly welcomed by Tokayev, and a group of senior officials including Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mukhtar Tileuberdi and Nur-Sultan Mayor Altai Kulginov.

Chinese Ambassador to Kazakhstan Zhang Xiao also welcomed Xi at the airport.

## Ukraine's Zelenskyy visits recently retaken, devastated city

IZIUM: Ukrainian President Volody myr Zelenskyy on Wednesday visited an area of northeastern Ukraine that was recently retaken from Russian forces. witnessing largescale devastation as prosecutors claimed that local residents had been tortured and killed during the halfyear occupation.

Russian forces left the war-scarred city last week as Ukraine pressed forward in a sweeping counteroffensive that has reclaimed vast swaths of territory in the country's northeastern Kharkiv region in a matter of days.

As Zelenskyy visited Izium, the Ukrainian flag was raised in front of the burned-out city hall building in the largely devastated town. Apartment buildings are blackened by fire and pockmarked by artillery strikes. The entire center of one residential building had collapsed, a gaping hole and piles of rubble where homes used to be.

shocking for me," Zelenskyy said in brief creation of investigative teams. omments to the press, "because we began.



them bearing signs of torture, were found dumped in the streets, in mass graves and in yards after Russian forces withdrew hastily in March. Prosecutors say they have found six bodies bearing traces of torture in recently retaken villages in the "The view is very shocking but it is not Kharkiv region. They announced the

"We have a terrible picture the first de-occupied territories ... so the Kharkiv region. Such cities as Balakli-Bucha is a neighborhood near Kyiv as Bucha, Borodyanka, Irpin," said Pros-

The head of the Kharkiv prosecutor's office, Oleksandr Filchakov, said bodies were found in Hrakove and Zaliznyche villages, around 60 kilometers (35 miles) southeast of Kharkiv. He said investigators were also learning of residents being killed and buried by Russian troops in another retaken town, Balakliia.

On the northern outskirts of to see the same pictures from Bucha, from the occupiers did, particularly in the the remains of Russian tanks and vehicles lie shattered along the road. Zelenskyy same destroyed buildings, killed people." ia, Izium are standing in the same row declared that it was very important for the area to be reclaimed by soldiers, who are welcomed by the population.

#### EU chief Von der Leyen to visit Ukraine to stress



BRUSSELS: European Union Commission Chief Ursula von der Leyen announced a visit to Kyiv later Wednesday to show the bloc's support for Ukraine as it fights back against the Russian invasion.

Dressed in the colors of Ukraine, von der Leven said in her State of the European Union address that the bloc would come to the aid of Ukraine by opening its seam single market more to Ukrainian products and said she would "discuss all this with President (Volodymyr) Zelenskyy."

Von der Leyen's trip symbolize the EU's increasing opposition to Russia's actions, which she called a war of "autocracy against democracy," pushed by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"And I stand here with the conviction that with the necessary courage and necessary solidarity, Putin will fail and Europe will prevail," she told the plenary of the European parliament in Strasbourg, France.

As Ukraine is pushing Russian troops back in the east with a lightning fast counteroffensive, von der Leyen took heart. "We have seen in the last days the bravery of Ukrainians paying off," she said.

"Russia's financial sector is on life support. We have cut off three-quarters of Russia's banking sector from international markets," she said, adding that almost 1,000 companies had left Russia.

She said car production fell by three-quarters compared to last year and that the national airline Aeroflot was forced to ground planes because of lack of spare parts. "Russia's industry is in tatters," she said. The EU has already committed billions in aid to Ukraine since the Feb. 24 invasion by Russia. Von der Leyen announced Wednesday that the bloc will provide 100 million euros to build up schools destroyed during the invasion.

## Typhoon to skirt Shanghai, move up coast of northeast China



BEIJING: A typhoon was headed toward the Chinese coast on Wednesday and forecast to make landfall near the port city of Ningbo later in

Typhoon Muifa had maximum sustained winds of 145 kilometers (90 miles) an hour as it moved northeast, the Hong Kong Observatory said. The storm's track would take it just east of the city of Shanghai and then inland through Jiangsu and Shandong provinces on China's

All flights were canceled at the Ningbo airport and more than 11,000 fishing boats returned to port in Zhejiang province, according to Chinese

A requirement for a negative coronavirus test within the last 72 hours, required in much of China to enter buildings and other public areas, was suspended in Ningbo except for at airports, train stations and highway entrances.

#### BJP has turned IIOJK into a prison: Mehbooba Mufti



JAMMU: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President, Mehbooba Mufti, has said that the BJP has turned the territory into a prison.

According to Kashmir Media Service, addressing a press conference in Jammu, Mehbooba Mufti said people in the occupied territory are not being allowed to speak, journalists and activists are being jailed and slapped with draconian law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and politicians are being silenced. She said everyone is being kept under surveillance and they (BJP leaders) are claiming that everything is alright in IIOJK. She said that the coalition of regional political parties under Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) was meant for restoration of Article 370 and not for the elections.

#### OIC statement against 'illegal, unilateral measures' in IIOJK frustrates India

GENEVA: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation has called upon India to implement the applicable UN Security Resolutions on the as recommendations addressed to the world body in the two reports compiled by Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on Kashmir.

The OIC in a statement delivered to UN Human Rights Council on the occasion of its ongoing 51st session in Geneva said, "The human rights situation in occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains a matter of deep anguish for us".

"We reiterate our strong demand for reversal of all illegal and unilateral measures taken on or after 5 August 2019, including reversal of illegal demographic changes in the occupied territory," it said.

The OIC urged the OHCHR to continue monitoring the human rights situation in occupied Jammu and Kashmir and to produce an updated report. The statement was delivered by Pakistani envoy on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Frustrated by the fresh OIC statement, India tried to hide its embarrassment by terming it "factually incorrect and unwarranted references" to Jammu and Kashmir. New Delhi also accused Pakistan of "peddling malicious propaganda". India said it rejects "factually incorrect and unwarranted references to India in the statement by OIC.

#### Iran, Uzbekistan sign 17 cooperation agreements

TEHRAN: Iran and Uzbekistan on Wednesday signed 17 cooperation documents in a wide range of areas, the official IRNA news agen-

The documents, which encompass transportation development, cultural exchanges, customs, trade and economic cooperation, health, and other fields, were signed in Samarkand of Uzbekistan in the presence of presidents of both countries.

At a joint commission meeting, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said Tehran-Tashkent ties are beyond merely neighborly and regional links and are rooted in deep civilized and cultural relations.

"Considering the capacities that exist in the Islamic Republic of Iran, we are ready to have good cooperation in the field of energy," said Raisi.

He also underlined Iran's progress despite U.S. sanctions, saying that Iran has turned threats into opportunities. For his part, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said the economic exchanges between the two countries have witnessed progress.

## where the bodies of civilians, many of ecutor General Andriy Kostin. Airstrikes kill 10 in Ethiopia's

Tigray capital NAIROBI: Two airstrikes hit the capital of Ethiopia's Tigray region Wednesday morning, killing 10 people, many of them first responders, the director of the city's flagship Ayder Referral Hospital said, as Ethiopia's government gave no sign of taking up the Tigray forces' offer to stop fighting and pursue talks.

The target in Mekele "was a residential neighborhood," Kibrom Gebreselassie told of the victims need urgent major surgery, in the face of (a) shortage of medicines."

The first airstrike woundwas deadly, with rescuers among those killed, Kibrom were ready to participate in talks between the two sides in



of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak

In a weekend statement to ed two people but the second mark Ethiopia's new year, the Tigray leadership said they said. The death toll could an "immediate" cessation of climb as more patients reach hostilities with Ethiopian media, human rights groups the hospital, another doctor forces leading to a compre- and monitors barred from Amhara and Afar regions.

welcomed mediation led by the African Union, a significant shift.

But Ethiopia's federal government is yet to publicly respond amid reports of more Djibouti. With independent Tigray, and with most basic services like internet severed it is challenging to assess the situation on the ground.

Several airstrikes have hit Mekele since fighting resumed between Tigray forces and Ethiopian ones in late August, shattering a period of relative calm since late March.

That calm had allowed more humanitarian aid to reach the long-blockaded Tigray region, but those deliveries have now been halted, according to the United Nations. Deliveries to conflict-affected parts of the neighboring Amhara region have also stopped.

Since the conflict broke out in November 2020, tens of thousands are believed to have been killed and millions displaced in the Tigray,

## Kenya's new president vows to advance economic vitality

ident William Ruto said Tuesday that advancing economic vitality, transforming the civil service, and promoting regional integration, trade, peace and stability will be key priorities of his administration.

Ruto, who delivered an official address soon after his swearing-in as the fifth president of Kenya in Nairobi, the Kenyan season in a bid to boost produccapital, said he would devote his tion of key staples. initial days in office to tackling unemployment and inflationary pressure facing the citizens.

"We anchored our campaign on the platform of the economy premised on job creation and

NAIROBI: Kenya's new Pres- the well-being of the people and we will be working vigorously on measures to bring down the cost of living," said Ruto.

He acknowledged the strain the high cost of food and fuel was exerting on household budgets, adding that his administration has already made plans to supply farmers with subsidized fertilizer and seeds in the October planting

Ruto was sworn in at a ceremony attended by a host of African presidents, representatives of regional blocs, diplomats and local political elite including global dignitaries.

ident took over power from Uhuru Kenyatta, his predecessor who ruled Kenya for nearly one decade and is expected to spearhead peace and reconciliation initiatives across the region while in retirement.

Ruto noted that a prolonged drought had also slowed down economic growth and worsened food insecurity in the country, adding that his government will mobilize resources to promote climate resilience for communities living in the rangelands.

He said that his administration will leverage friendly taxation, provision of technical skills,

The former deputy pres- and affordable credit in a bid to boost the growth of youth-led enterprises. Abolishing burdensome regulations and the provision of state grants will also be on the cards to spur the growth of local start-ups, boost economic vitality at the grassroots and create additional jobs for the

He said that the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperatives, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) Development will ensure that local start-ups have secure property rights, access to finance and a predictable regu-

latory environment. Ruto disclosed that his govern-



ment will roll out 250,000 hous- jobs for youth and business ing units annually to help create opportunities for local manu-

facturers of building materials. Exploiting the full potential of local leather, textile and agro-processing industries will not only boost Kenya's export volumes but also tackle youth unemployment, said Ruto. He pledged that his adminis-

tration will come up with robust measures to expand the tax bracket, manage debt, promote a savings culture and encourage domestic borrowing. Kenya will intensify its peace-mediating role in the regional hotspots besides rallying behind multilateral efforts to promote stability, climate response and inclusive development in Africa, said Ruto.

#### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index				
Current	Prev. Close			
42,011.82	42,001.34			
Day's High	Day's Low:			
42,084.45	41,912.84			
Index Value	Change			
5,451,481,765	+10.48			
Percentage	Time			
+0.02%	14 Sep, 2022 5:00 pm			
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Index Value	Change			
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Percentage	Time			
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#### **Open Market Forex Rates**

**Time** 

14 Sept, 3:15 pm

GMT+9

Percentage

-2.78%

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	158.3	159.55
Bahrain Dinar	622.35	626.85
Canadian Dollar	178.32	179.67
China Yuan	33.79	34.04
Danish Krone	31.47	31.82
Euro	237	239.3
Hong Kong Dollar	29.48	29.83
Indian Rupee	2.92	3
Japanese Yen	1.6	1.65
Kuwaiti Dinar	757.71	762.71
Malaysian Ringgit	51.43	51.88
NewZealand \$	140.73	141.93
Norwegians Krone	23.49	23.79
Omani Riyal	607.98	612.48
Qatari Riyal	63.57	64.07
Saudi Riyal	63	63.4
Singapore Dollar	166.46	167.76
Swedish Korona	22.04	22.34
Swiss Franc	243.54	245.29
Thai Bhat	6.2	6.3
U.A.E Dirham	65	65.6
UK Pound Sterling	273	275.5
US Dollar	238.2	239

#### Lucky Cement flood relief activities expands to KPK

#### **Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: Lucky Cement Limited has set up temporary shelters in various schools of Darra Pezu, Lakki Marwat, KPK for hundreds of families affected by the recent torrential rains and floods.

More than 800 families are being provided three-time meals in these temporary shelters. Moreover, thousands of ration bags containing food items have also been distributed amongst other families in the flood-affected areas.

Lucky Cement Limited has also setup one medical camp each in district Tank, DI Khan while three medical camps have also been established in Pezu, district Lakki Marwat where victims have been provided with free

medicine packs and medical facilities. These medical camps, which are led by doctors and trained medical staff are the part of relief campaign for flood sufferers by Lucky Cement limited. In addition to this, the company has also provide sanitary pads to thousands of women.

In Lakki Marwat and DI Khan majority of houses were demolished, crops were destroyed, roads and infrastructure were badly damaged and poor people are still traumatized. The company reiterated all possible support to all the affected families.

## UAE keen to enhance business, investment ties with Pakistan

Both countries have good potential to enhance cooperation in many areas

#### **Naveed Ahmad Khan**

ISLAMABAD: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) wants enhanced business and investment relations with Pakistan in order to complement the economy of each other and achieve mutually beneficial results. UAE also wants more investors of Pakistan to invest in its economic zones and would encourage its investors to explore Pakistan for business and investment opportunities. UAE and Pakistan have good potential to enhance cooperation in many areas including agriculture, food industry, tourism, hospitality, healthcare and others.

This was said by Rashid Abdelrehman Al-Ali Deputy Head of Mission of Embassy of UAE and Ahmed Mohammad Aljneibi Economic Advisor Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of UAE in a meeting with Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry during their visit to ICCI.

Speaking at the occasion, Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Cham-



dations of history, religion and culture and bilateral trade in 2021-22 has crossed USD 10 stressed that both countries should develop ber of Commerce & Industry said that Pak-UAE strong trade and economic relations to achieve ing more products from Pakistan, which are between Pakistan and UAE.

bilateral relations are based on common founmore beneficial results. He said that Pak-UAE billion mark and UAE should focus on import-

very competitive in terms of price and quality. He said that several companies of UAE are already doing successful business in Pakistan in aviation, oil, ports & shipping, banking, telecommunications, insurance, real estate, food and technology sectors and more should come to Pakistan as many sectors of our economy are offering attractive opportunities of joint ventures and investment to foreign investors. He also thanked the people and the government of UAE for providing generous support to the flood affectees in Pakistan.

Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh Senior Vice President, Muhammad Faheem Khan Vice President ICCI, Umar Masood ur Rehman Vice President FPCCI, Sajjad Ali President Mohmand Agency Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Sherafgan Malik Senior Vice President Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry also spoke at the occasion and shared useful proposals for further improving bilateral trade and economic relations between Pakistan and UAE. Both sides also discussed setting up a Pak-UAE Business Council to further boost business relations

## Plan demanded to rehab flood-affected SMEs

Millions of people are employed by SMEs, says Mian Zahid Hussain

#### **55** 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 a plan should be made for the rehabilitation of SMEs that have suffered from floods.

Central and provincial governments, commercial banks, NDMA, PDMA, and Smeda should work together for the purpose while the central bank should pave the way for cheap loans for the affected Mian Zahid Hussain said that it is diffi-

cult to estimate the damage caused to SMEs but could be twice the 2010 super

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that post-flood recovery will be a challenge but it is neces-



sary so that the key sector can play its role in national development. The government has limited resources and hence it should seek loans from international financial institutions to revive the SME sector with the help of cheap loans, he demanded.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that

the paperwork for loans should be simplified to enable the SME sector to get loans without hassle. Currently, there are eleven small chambers in the country and around five million SMEs are working in the manufacturing, trading and services sector, their share in GDP is up to 40% while 25% of exports are also owed to this

SMEs involved in manufacturing have suffered the most due to recent disasters. Many SMEs are still deprived of electricity, gas and labour, while the owners of many are hoping to recover the losses.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that all the small chambers across the country should be included in the consultation and if the rehabilitation of SMEs is delayed, production, exports and productivity will be affected, while millions of people whose employment is related to SMEs will face more difficulties and the revenue of FBR will also decrease.

#### MNFSR will find potential avenues to boost agri trade with Kyrgyzstan

Tariq Bashir Cheema says Pakistan will take all necessary steps to ensure food security in country

#### Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Tariq Bashir Cheema was called on by Ambassador of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan Ulanbek Totuiaev

here on Wednesday. During the meeting, both sides discussed the trade potential of agricultural products between the two countries. Ambassador Ulanbek Totuiaev said that the business community of Kyrgyzstan is keen to import agricultural products from Pakistan, especially mangoes and kinnows. While they look forward to tapping into

Bashir Cheema said that offi- ensure food security in the cials from the both sides can both countries.

discuss the required facilitation and build the required framework for trade between the Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.

He said that he is interested in fully utilizing the trade potential with Kyrgyzstan in agriculture and livestock. Federal Minister Tariq Bashir Cheema directed the relevant officials at the Ministry of National Food Security and Research to assess potential avenues to boost trade and cooperation with Kyrgyzstan. Ambassador Ulanbek Totuiaev invited Federal Minister Tariq Bashir Cheema to take part in the next Joint Working Group, which will be organized by the Ministry of Commerce to Pakistani market by export- enhance regional economing their agricultural prod- ic trade between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan, to explore the options and means to

## FPCCI, PBPC agree to promote investment in Pakistan

#### ➢ Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: FPCCI & Pakistan Business Professional Council Abu Dhabi agree to promote investment in Pakistan and the development of trade work for access of Pakistani products to Arab markets. Underlined the need for exchange of trade delegations, holding of B2B meetings, trade exhibitions, business forums, etc. they emphasized enhancement and strengthening contacts.

DR. S. QAISER ANIS, President, Pakistan Business Professional Council Abu Dhabi visited FPCCI Capital Office Islamabad for a meeting with Amin Ullah Baig Vice President FPCCI & Incharge Capital Office, Mirza Abdul Rehman Chairman Coordination FPCCI

Qurban Ali, Former Vice President FPCCI. Abid Khan, Chairman United Group Islamabad Chamber, Muhammad Zahid Patiala, Senior Vice President Mandhi Bahouddin Chamber, Rahat Jabeen, EC Member Rawalpindi Women Chamber and others were also present on this occasion.



Amin Ullah Baig, Vice President of FPCCI & Incharge Capital Office, further highlighted various potential areas for investment in Pakistan and urged accelerated efforts for the activation of trade and economic promotional activities through Pakistan Business Professional Council Abu Dhabi UAE and said that Both countries have great scope to Pakistan has strong straterelations with UAE. Immense economic activities had been generated in Pakistan via CPEC. He proposed that UAE investors could take benefit of the geo-economic package for investors under the umbrella

He underlined the need for intensifying cooperation for tapping the potential for mutual benefit through interaction between business communities from both counties. He said that there was scope for increasing bilateral trade in various sectors. He said that Gilgit Baltistan Region, KPK, Punjab, Sindh, province of Pakistan & Azad Jammu Kashpromote trade in many areas. mir have great opportunities for the exchange of tourism. UAE gic, diplomatic, and economic 
Investors have to visit Pakistan and avail the opportunity of the CPEC project, Tourism, Hoteling, Hydro, Construction, Infrastructure Development, and other Sectors.

> Mirza Abdul Rehman Chairman Coordinator FPCCI also emphasized the enhancement tourism in near future.

of bilateral trades and investment. Pakistan's huge natural resources can be utilized for the enhancement of bilateral trade relations. He also informed that there is huge potential in rice, textile, seafood, sports goods, and agro-based products and there is a need for direct interaction between the traders of both countries in these commodities. He further said that in the scenario of CPEC, Pakistan has become an emerging market and favorable investment destination in the world. There is room for further investment in various sectors which should be jointly explored.

DR. S. QAISER ANIS, President of Pakistan Business Professional Council Abu Dhabi, UAE urged the business community of Pakistan to enhancement Business and Trade and said that PBPC wanted to see Pakistan as a growing economy Pakistan has lots of potential for speedy economic growth that should be highlighted more effectively to attract foreign investors. Pakistan can utilize UAE Investor's experiences in the sector of

#### **Martin Dow Group eyes** Pakistan's potential for manufacturing diagnostics equipment

#### Our Correspondent

KARACHI: Martin Dow Group creates distinction for life - a long-standing adage that Martin Dow identifies with. Martin Dow Group is fully committed to standing strong with Pakistan for increasing productivity, exports, and wellbeing. Its flood-relief efforts have also been in full throttle.

To further expand and encourage Pakistan's feasibility for the international markets, Martin Dow Group became the Gold Sponsor for the 19th Pharma Asia, International Exhibition & Conferences, held at Expo Centre, Karachi. Held in partnership with the healthcare and academia industries, the event was centered on 'Boosting Medical Devices Development in Pakistan'.



A key factor in the local manufacturing of medical devices is to create a successful and mutually beneficial ioint venture with international companies. Mr. Javed Ghulam Mohammad, CEO/Managing Director of Martin Dow Group, shared his overview of the Medical Diagnostics Market as well as the local manufacturing opportunities, with a special reference to 'Samane Shifa' and the success story of The

#### Trade Africa

## Ethiopian envoy sees vast opportunities for economic ties with Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan, Jemal Beker Abdula on Wednesday said that there are vast opportunities for economic and trade relations between Pakistan and Ethiopia from which both countries can reap benefits.

The Ambassador said that in terms of their geo-strategic location, Pakistan and Ethiopia are located at a very important geographical location, which has a very important place in terms of trade and economy.

Ambassador ,Jemal Beker this while meeting with Chairman Pakistan Africa Friendship Association Zafar Bakhtawari and Chief Executive officer of D. Watson Group Waqar Bakhta-

wari here in Embassy of Ethiopia in Islamabad. He said that Ethiopia is the second largest country in the continent of Africa in terms of

population and economy, from which Pakistan can be economically and commercially connected with African countries through trade.

The ambassador said that air connectivity is very important for bilateral trade relations, for which direct air flights between Ethiopia and Pakistan's commercial city Karachi will

He said that in this regard, the work from both sides is in the finalization phase and direct air flight will increase the mutual relations between the two nations, which will promote mutual economic and trade relations between the two countries.

He said that after Karachi, the series of direct air flights to Ethiopia will also start with Lahore. Ambassador Jemal Beker said that the

national airline of Ethiopia is one of the leading airlines in Africa, which has 110 air destinations, which helps in promoting connections in the top economies of the world.

He said that Ethiopia is a country rich in natural resources in which gold and other minerals are abundant.

The ambassador said that Pakistan is a big potential market and economic and trade relations between the two countries are in the interest of both the countries.

He said that the diplomatic relations between the mutual relations.

Pakistan and Ethiopia have started afresh and there is a desire on both sides to further increase

He said that bilateral connections in the business community are very important for the vital for both emerging economies.

promotion of trade and economic relations in both countries, for which his embassy will fully cooperate with the local business community.

He said that he will give support to the business community and local chambers of commerce from Pakistan for the exchange of delegations and promotion of bilateral relations in both countries and will give full encouragement for such relations.

During the discussion on this occasion, Chairman Pakistan Africa Friendship Association Zafar Bakhtawari said that direct air links between major cities of Pakistan and Ethiopia will boost trade relations and tourism between the two countries

He said direct air flight in both countries is

Along with this, he said that the direct air flight is a very important step from both of the countries, which will not only promote the relations between Pakistan and Ethiopia, but also the economic and trade integration of the African region with Pakistan.

He said that the airline of any country has a pivotal role in its economic development and prosperity, such as in the recent past, the airlines of Turkey, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Thailand and Singapore have played an important role in economic and trade integration with the rest of the outer world.

Zafar said that with this, these airlines played a very important role in economic linkage and people to people connectivity between these countries and other nations. APP

## Maaz, Nabi guide Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to win; Sindh beat Southern Punjab

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chase 168-run target in 19th over

**Spokesman Report** 

FAISALABAD: Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa beat Southern Punjab and Balochistan, respectively in the Cricket Associations T20 tournament matches here at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad on Wednesday.

After being put into bat, Balochistan were dismissed for 167 in the 20th over. Test cricketer Imran Butt top-scored with a 53-ball 64, studded with seven fours and one six. Abdul Hanan was other notable run getter scoring 43 off 28 at a strike rate of 153.57. The pair



knitted 80 runs for the third wicket the highest of the innings.

For Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Arshadullah and Zubair Khan bagged two wick-

In return, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

overhauled the 168-run target for the ries. Wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad loss of two wickets in the 19th over. Opening batter Maaz Sadaqat stroked four sixes and as many fours in his 52-ball 72 not out. Nabi Gul struck seven sixes and returned undefeated on 58 off 34 balls.

The pair added 112 runs for the third wicket partnership.

In the second match of the day, Sindh defeated Southern Punjab by 40 runs. After opting to bat first, Sindh scored 166 for seven in their allotted 20 overs. 33-ball 48, smashing eight bounda- two wickets apiece.

Afzal was other run getter scoring an unbeaten 43 off 20 balls, hitting three fours and four sixes.

Southern Punjab's Majid Ali bagged three wickets for 20. Mohammad Junaid was a touch expensive leaking 35 runs in four overs for two wickets.

In reply, Southern Punjab managed to score only 126 for eight in their allotted 20 overs. Mohammad Shehzad scored 55 off 43, which included four fours and two sixes. Sindh's Arish Ali Jahanzaib Sultan top-scored with a Khan and Mohammad Shahid bagged

## Rajapaksa, Hasaranga gain big in ICC T201 Rankings

ISLAMABAD: Rajapaksa's blistering 71 off 45 deliveries with six fours and three sixes. that won him the Player of the Match award, has helped him advance 34 places to a career-best 34th position, according to the latest ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings released on Wednesday.

Rajapaksa had scores of 25 not out against India and 24 against Pakistan in other matches of the tournament played during the past week.

All-rounder Hasaranga, a formerly top-ranked bowler, has advanced in all three lists after a fine all-round effort in the final saw him smash a 21-ball 36 and follow it Kumar's remarkable haul up with a late triple-strike with his leg-spin bowling. With a three-wicket haul in the previous match against Pakistan two days earlier, he has moved up three places to sixth position.

ers and up 28 places to 152nd among batters.



Fours match against Afghanistan, has leaped 14 places to reach 15th position while seam bowler Bhuvneshwar of five for four in the same match has lifted him to the top 10, from 11th to seventh position.Lokesh Rahul has progressed from 30th to

places to 57th) have also made notable gains, while Kohli, who smashed a Afghanistan batter Ibrahim match-winning 122 not out Zadran has advanced 55 plac-

off 61 deliveries in a Super es to 63rd after his unbeaten half-century against India.

> Meanwhile, Mohammad Nabi has conceded the top place for all-rounders to Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hassan.

In the ICC Men's ODI Player Rankings, updated after the second and third Australia versus New Zealand matches, Steve Spinners Ravichandran Smith has jumped 13 places He is also up seven places Ashwin (up nine places to to 10th position after scores to fourth among all-round- 41st) and Axar Patel (up 14 of 61 and 105 while Alex Carey has moved up two places to 20th.

Mitchell Starc (up three places to ninth) and Adam

Zampa (up three places to 15th) have advanced in the bowlers' list.

For New Zealand, Matt Henry has moved up one slot to take eighth position among bowlers while Finn Allen is in the top 100 for

In the ICC Men's Test Player Rankings that takes into consideration performances in the third England-South Africa Test at The Oval, Player of the Match Ollie Robinson is up 11 places to 15th after finishing with seven wickets in the match including a five-wicket haul in the first innings.

Ben Stokes is up three places to 35th in the same list, while Ollie Pope (up 17 places to 29th) and Zak Crawley (up 16 places to 48th) are the batters to have improved their rankings.

South Africa opener Alax Lees has moved up 18 slots and occupies 74th position while left-arm fast bowler Marco Jansen has reached 26th position after a first-in-

### World Cup door open for Rogic as Mooy headlines Australia squad





BRISBANE: Australia coach Graham Arnold kept the World Cup door open Wednesday for Tom Rogic despite leaving the influential midfielder out of an enlarged squad for games against New Zealand.

There was a first call-up however for 17-year-old Garang Kuol, who impressed when an A-League All-Stars team played Xavi s Barcelona this year.

Former Celtic star Rogic, 29, withdrew just before Australia's crunch World Cup qualifiers in May, citing personal reasons. He is not in a 31-man squad for games against New Zealand in Brisbane on September 22 and Auckland three days later, which Arnold says is a last chance for players to claim a spot for the World Cup in Oatar in Novembe

Arnold said Rogic was overlooked because of a lack of recent game-time, but left the door open after he signed for West Bromwich Albion in the English Championship this week. "He s a player that s top quality. He brings a lot to the national team," Arnold told reporters of Rogic, who has 53 caps for the Socceroos.

At this moment he hasn t been selected for New Zealand because he hasn t kicked the ball in a game since May. "It s all about Tommy getting out there and working hard and making sure he s in the best form of his life," he added. "We need our best players." Arnold included seven debutants in a squad spearheaded by Celtic midfielder Aaron Mooy. The new faces include teenage attacker Kuol.

"This camp is the last opportunity we will have to work with the squad ahead of the World Cup tournament and all players are competing for a spot in the final squad, which will be announced in early November," said Arnold.

"The incentive couldn t be bigger," he added. "There's a place at the World Cup at stake and if you re working hard and playing well then there s an opportunity for you to represent your country on the biggest stage." Mooy leads a seven-strong contingent competing in the Scottish Premiership, including striker Martin Boyle and defender Nathaniel Atkinson. FC Copenhagen goalkeeper Maty Ryan was named

#### Agha Hussaini visits Karate Academy



👺 Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Agha Hussaini from Iran visited Karate Academy Railway Sports Complex, Railway Stadium Lahore. He appreciated the training and skills of junior belt karate kaz, he also admired the services of Shihan Atta Hussain Butt International karate master instructor/referee IKO-MATSUSHIMA Japan and his team/instructors

M Amjad Prince, Imran Butt , M Umer, Ali Sabir Hussain Butt, female instructors International player Saima Batool, Alizav etc, Sports Incharge Railway Mr Nazir were also present at the occasion. The chief guest were awarded with the souvenir.

#### Bangladesh axe Mahmudullah from T20 World Cup squad

DHAKA: Bangladesh on Wednesday axed former cricket captain Mahmudullah Riyad and recalled batsman Najmul Hossain in a shake-up to its struggling Twenty20 squad ahead of next month's World Cup in Australia.

This month's disappointing Asia Cup campaign highlighted the team's 20-over woes, with Bangladesh turfed out in the group stage after losing to Afghanistan and eventual winners Sri Lanka. Mahmudullah's inclusion was under a cloud after a lacklustre 151 runs across his eight match appearances in 2022.

Indian cricketer Sridharan Sriram, appointed last month as the team's T20 consultant, said it was time for the team to think of its future beyond the 36-year-old. "I think this was the right time for all of us to come together and think of... who can fill in the big shoes of Mahmudullah," he said.

Chief selector Minhajul Abedin hailed Mahmudullah's record but added that the decision to omit the all-rounder from the squad was unanimous. "We have respect for Mahmudullah who has played well for the national team," he said.

"We haven't been doing well in this format," Minhajul added. "Our T20 consultant has given us a one-year plan, which will take us in a different direction. We have gone with this plan." Najmul returns after he was left out of contention during the Asia Cup campaign while Liton Das, Nurul Hasan and Yasir Ali have recovered from injury.

Bangladesh will also be without the experienced Mushfiqur Rahim, who retired earlier this month. The World Cup gets underway in Australia on October 16 and Bangladesh will appear in Group 2 alongside India, Pakistan, South Africa and two qualifiers. The squad named Wednesday will travel to New Zealand beforehand to take part in next month's tri-nation tournament

Bangladesh Squad: Shakib Al Hasan (captain), Sabbir Rahman, Mehidy Hasan, Afif Hossain, Mosaddek Hossain, Liton Das, Yasir Ali, Nurul Hasan, Mustafizur Rahman, Mohammad Saifuddin, Taskin Ahmed, Ebadot Hossain, Hasan Mahmud, Nasum Ahmed, Najmul Hossain.

#### Marquez to return to racing at Aragon Grand Prix

MADRID: Six-times MotoGP champion Marc Marquez will return to racing at this weekend's Aragon Grand Prix after recovering from surgery and conducting successful tests on the bike, his team Honda said on Tuesday.



The Spaniard had surgery on a troublesome right arm in June, missing the last six races as a result, but he completed two days of testing in Misano which gave the team and the Spaniard hope of returning to racing.

Marquez has had problems since he broke his arm at the 2020 Spanish Grand Prix and has had multiple operations since then. He had not competed since the Italian Grand Prix at Mugello in May.

"Since undergoing a successful fourth operation on his right humerus, the eight-time world champion has followed the strict guidance of his medical team in order to facilitate a full recovery," Honda said in a statement.

"After numerous check-ups, consultations and tests, all involved are satisfied with the recovery made and the #93 will now take the next step in his rehabilitation-returning to compe-

Marquez also posted a video on social media, grinning from ear to ear as he delivered the news of his much-anticipated return. "After talking to the doctors and the team, we have decided that the best thing for my recovery is to continue on the bike, adding kilometres for next year," he said.

"Doing it at the Aragon GP, in front of all the fans, is priceless... Looking forward to being on the bike and go full gas."

## Lahore Qalandars squad returns home from Namibia

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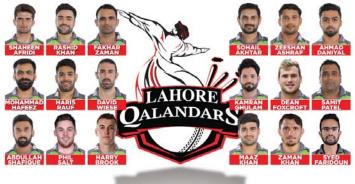
LAHORE: Lahore Qalandars - the most active franchise of Pakistan Super League - had sent their development squad to the tour of Namibia where they participated in Global T20 tournament and List A matches against Namibia's domestic side Richelieu Eagles.

The tour was aimed to provide youngsters an opportunity to further develop their skills and prepare themselves for future assignments. The squad, led by Hamza Nazar, returned to Pakistan earlier this week after showcasing their skills. Qalandars played the final of Glob-

al T20 where they went down fighting against DP World Lions in the last over. In two 50-over games, Namibian side Richelieu Eagles were emerged as

like Captain of Namibian Cricket Team Lahore Qalandars coaches. Gerhard Erasmus, and South Africa's

#### HALANDARS SHIJAD 2022



and Cameron Delport which is a huge learning experience for the players of the Class 2022.

The tour strengthens the ties During the tour, Qalandars' Mohambetween the Champions of PSL7 mad Naeem, Mirza Baig, Ahsan Hafeez Lahore Qalandars and Cricket Namibshone with bat while Dilber Hussain ia. Ahead of the tour, Lahore Qalandand Jalat Khan topped the bowler ars and Cricket Namibia facilitated the training tour for four Nambian Crick-Qalandars' squad was comprised of eters Shaun Fouche, Nicol Loftie-Eaits HPC players' who have yet to make ton, Mauritius Ngupita and Helao Ya their international debuts and they France at Qalandars High Performance were up against international players 

Centre to train under the guidance of

Atif Rana, the CEO of Lahore Qalan-

Temba Bavuma, Reeza Hendricks dars said that it was a wonderful experience and a great opportunity for our PDD class of 2022 to play on the international ground against international players for their growth and exposure.

"We will provide them opportunities in the future so that we can train them and strengthen sports in our country, he added.

DCO Lahore Qalandars added that 'overall it was a very good experience for the boys to play with different teams on the international level, the boys have worked so hard for these matches and it was a great learning experience and opportunity for them".

## Serie A to introduce semiautomated offside

MILAN: Semi-automated Arab Cup. offside technology is set to be introduced to Serie A before ed and broadcast cameras the coming World Cup, a around the stadium to give source told AFP on Tuesday, the exact position of players after VAR controversy swept on the pitch, offering match Italian football at the week-

The source said the technology, developed by global governing body FIFA, would be ready for use in the Italian league "within a few weeks" after testing at recent matches.

Juventus will host the new technology when they take on Benfica in the Champions system was trialled at Februin Abu Dhabi and last year's denied a stoppage-time win

It utilises both dedicatofficials precise information within seconds. Specialised cameras enable the system to generate 29 body points per player.

the aim of making offside calls faster and more accurate, was World Cup which starts in November and is being used League in Turin on Wednes- in the group stage of this

day. The optical tracking season's Champions League. Confirmation from the ary's FIFA Club World Cup source comes after Juve were

against Salernitana on Sunday not spotted by the VAR offiwith an offside decision that baffled supporters.

A VAR review led to Arkadiusz Milik's header deep in stoppage time, which would have given Juve a 3-2 win, being ruled out for Leonardo Bonucci being offside and interfering with play.

Juve coach Massimiliano The technology, which has Allegri, winger Juan Cuadrado and Salernitana defender Federico Fazio were all sent approved for used at the Qatar off as tensions flared on the sidelines in the aftermath of that decision.

> Footage revealed later showed that Salernitana's Antonio Candreva had kept evervone onside but as he was stood by the corner flag he was

The decision caused outrage not just at Juve but among football fans and pundits all over Italy, incredulous as to how the decision could have been gotten wrong with so many cameras in place at the Allianz Stadium.

Italian referees' association AIA released a statement on Monday saying the VAR officials did not have access to cameras which would have shown that Milik's goal should have stood.

However despite reports to the contrary the source told AFP the introduction of the technology "was not linked to what happened on Sunday".

## Davis Čup LONDON: Andy Murray

said he feels really good physically but does not expect to play in Britain's Davis Cup Finals campaign amid stiff competition in the squad. Britain's team features

Cameron Norrie and Dan Evans, both of whom are in the top 25, as well as the first and third-ranked men's doubles players Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski. Murray, who led Britain

to their first Davis Cup title for 79 years in 2015 and last played in the competition in 2019, has struggled to regain top form since undergoing two hip surgeries and is currently ranked 43rd in the world. the players who go out there



Murray not expecting to play in

"I don't expect to play," will do a great job and win the 35-year-old told reporters on Tuesday. "Every one of us sitting up here deserves the opportunity to compete. "If I don't play at all, I trust

matches for us. You just try to be the best team mate you

Murray added that he regretted his decision to skip the 2021 edition of the tour-

wasn't sure if it was something that I necessarily wanted to still be involved with." said Murray, who lost in the third round of the US Open this month. "But, as soon as I turned the matches on and start-

nament. "I was tired and I

ed watching, I thought: 'What am I doing? This was a mistake." "Physically I feel really good just now. This is the best I've felt in a long time." Britain begin their campaign against the United States later on Wednesday. The top eight teams from the group stage advance to the knockout rounds, which take place in Malaga in Novem-