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Struggling to uphold, strengthen democracy: Fazal

President of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) and Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) Maulana Fazlur Rehman said they had been struggling to uphold and strengthen democracy in the country since the martial law imposed by General Zia-ul-Haq. The PDM chief said they would have to contemplate on how to make the country prosperous for the future of the young generation.



Fatima Sana ruled out of ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup

Fast bowler Fatima Sana has been ruled out of the ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup scheduled to take place in Sylhet, Bangladesh from October 1. Fatima twisted her ankle while featuring in the Women's Caribbean Premier League. The PCB Medical panel after investigating the injury have advised her a four-week rest. News on Page 7

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WHO warns of '2nd disaster' in flood-hit areas of Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organization (WHO) has raised alarm about a "second disaster" in flood-hit areas of Pakistan following the unprecedented floods, which killed over 1,500 people and submerged one-third of the country's land.

"I am deeply concerned about the potential for a second disaster in Pakistan: a wave of disease and death following this catastrophe, linked to climate change, that has severely impacted vital health systems leaving millions vulnerable," WHO's director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said in a statement.

The WHO's director-general maintained that water supply is disrupted, forcing people to drink unsafe water, which can spread cholera and other diarrhoeal diseases.

Tedros Adhanom further said that stagnant water enabled mosquitoes to breed and spread vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue. Health centres had been flooded, their supplies damaged and people had moved away from homes which made it harder for them to access their normal health services.

"All this means more unsafe births, more untreated diabetes or heart diseases, and more children missing vaccination, to name but a few of the impacts on health," he said, adding: "However, if we act quickly to protect health and deliver essential health services, we can significantly reduce the impact of this impending crisis."

The WHO chief also pointed out that nearly 2,000 health facilities have been fully or partially damaged in Pakistan, urging the donors to continue to respond generously so that more lives can be saved.

Deliberation on policies

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail holds meeting with Country Director World Bank Najy Benhassine and Program Leader Energy WB Teuta Kacaniku, on World Bank Initiatives RISE-II and PACE-II programs here on Sunday.



Post-Flood Situation

Govt providing assistance to flood affectees: PM

Shehbaz Sharif says govt determines to early complete relief, rehab process in flood-hit areas

Spokesman Report

LONDON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif says the entire nation is united for relief and rehabilitation of flood affected people and the government is determined to complete the rehabilitation phase at the earliest.

Talking to media persons in London on Sunday, he said the government has allocated seventy billion rupees to provide relief to the flood affected people. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also held a meeting with the former prime minister and Quaid Pakistan Muslim

PM to attend funeral of Queen Elizabeth II today

LONDON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is in London to attend the state funeral of late Queen Elizabeth II. According to Foreign Office, the Prime Minister will represent Pakistan at the state funeral of late Queen Elizabeth II in London on Monday.

League (N) Nawaz Sharif and exchanged views on different matters.

The Prime Minister said a cash assistance of twenty five thousand rupees is being provided to each flood affected family in the country through Benazir Income Support Programme.

He said the Federal Govern-

ment, in collaboration with provinces, is providing food, tents, blankets and other essential items to the flood victims. Shehbaz Sharif said people are generously contributing to Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund and all state institutions are working tirelessly for relief and rehabilitation of flood victims.

He appreciated the role of the armed forces in helping the flood hit people. He also thanked friendly countries and humanitarian organizations for their assistance to help the flood affected people of Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said the government is focusing on relief and rehabilitation of flood affected people but some political orphans want chaos in the country.

She said the government is fully committed for rehabilitation of flood victims.

Miftah, WB team discuss RISE-II & PACE-II programs

Finance Minister thanks World Bank team for continuous support and facilitation

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail on Sunday held a meeting with Country Director World Bank Najy Benhassine and Program Leader Energy WB Teuta Kacaniku, on World Bank Initiatives RISE-II and PACE-II programs here at the Finance Division.

The Finance Minister was briefed on the progress in the second Resilient Institutions for Sustainable Economy (RISE-II) and the second Programme for Affordable Energy (PACE-II) programs.

The meeting deliberated over the overall progress achieved so far and discussed prior actions to be met for the timely completion of these programmes.

The Finance Minister endorsed the stakeholder officials for fast-tracking the progress of all initiatives and directed for completion of all prior actions required in respect for RISE-II and PACE-II programs.

The Finance Minister thanked the World Bank team for continuous support and facilitation. Senior officers from Finance Division, Energy Division and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) attended the meeting.

RISE-II is a policy loan for budgetary support for which the government is expected to receive \$450 million while the Washington based lender might approve \$600 million for PACE-II programme for Pakistan.

Imran reiterates demand for early polls

PTI chief says the revolution is knocking at Pakistan's doorstep

Our Correspondent

LAHORE: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan has reiterated his party's demand for early elections and said that people the people are with us, we have to move towards elections soon, and the early elections are not need of the PTI but the need of the country.

The Punjab government cabinet called on the PTI supremo to discuss administrative and political affairs of Punjab, while Imran Khan congratulated the cabinet members for their excellent success in the by-elections of Punjab and gave guidelines to

the assembly members for the future course of action.

On this occasion, the former PM said that the success in the by-elections of Punjab is an expression of public confidence in PTI, adding that Punjab Chief Minister Pervaiz Elahi is a practical politician, and we have to give him full support. "The people are with us, and we have to move towards early elections because early elections are not the need of the PTI but the need of the country," Imran Khan added.

Khan said that the revolution is knocking at Pakistan's doorstep and a passage should be created for political stability by organising early elections.

Biden admin urged to step up aid to 'flood-devastated Pakistan'

US senator describes \$53m U.S. aid to flood-ravaged Pakistan as a "drop in the bucket"

Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON: Describing \$53 million U.S. aid to flood-ravaged Pakistan as a "drop in the bucket", a prominent American lawmaker has called for doing much more for the relief of an estimated 30 million displaced Pakistani people.

"We need to stand together with Pakistan," Senator Bob Menendez, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told members of the Pakistani-American community in Edison, New Jersey.

Speaking at a well-attended event organized by the American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC), an active political group, he expressed condolences over the heavy loss of life resulting from the climate-induced floods.

"We have to get a disaster relief package for Pakistan from the US Congress and organize an international donors conference for the flood victims in Pakistan," Senator Menendez said.

"I am willing to work with



anyone in the US Congress who is willing to work with us to help Pakistan", he said.

Pakistan's Ambassador to the US, Masood Khan, thanked Senator Menendez, the US Congress and the US government for expressing solidarity with Pakistan and for providing timely assistance for the initial stage of flood response in Pakistan.

The Pakistani envoy also thanked Senator Menendez for closely monitoring the flood situation in Pakistan, and reaching out to the administration for providing urgent humanitarian assistance for rescue, and for advo-

ating a long-term commitment for rehabilitation and reconstruction.

He also thanked the United States for acknowledging the link between extreme weather patterns stemming from climate change and the unprecedented floods in Pakistan.

Dr. Ijaz Ahmad, head of the APPAC, welcomed the senator, saying that the Pakistani community was working hard to raise funds for their compatriots in distress.

Present among other APPAC participants were: Faizan Haq, an academic, Dr. Mehmood Alam and Asad Chaudhry.

Saudi Arabia confirms rollover of \$3b deposit for 1 year



Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) has confirmed the rollover of \$3 billion deposit maturing on December 05, 2022 for one year.

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on its official twitter handle Sunday that the deposit is placed with SBP and is part of its forex reserves.

"This reflects continuing strong and special relationship between KSA and Pakistan," the SBP added.

In November 2021, a deposit agreement between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, represented by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), was signed under which SFD placed a deposit of USD 3.0 billion with SBP.

Developing nations need financial support for education dev: UN chief

Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Underscoring the importance of International Finance Facility for Education (IFFEd), UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for support to the inflation-hit developing countries in order to widen access to educational opportunities.

At a stakeout on the margins of the "Transforming Education Summit" underway at the UN General Assembly, the UN chief, alongside his Special Envoy for Global Education, Gordon Brown, drew attention to the critical issue of innovative financing for education.

He told reporters that the "world is experiencing multiple crises", and governments, businesses and families everywhere are feeling the financial strain. Moreover, since the COVID-19 pandemic began, two-thirds of countries have cut their education budgets.

"But education is the building block for peaceful, prosperous, stable societies," he stressed. "Reducing investment virtually guarantees more serious crises further down the line."

The UN chief said, "We need to get more, not less, money into education systems". He argued that while wealthy countries can increase funding from domestic sources, many developing nations are being hit by the cost-of-living crisis.

"They urgently need support for education," Guterres said. He then spotlighted IFFEd's role to get financing to



lower-middle-income countries - home to 700 million children who are out of school - and to the majority of the world's displaced and refugee children.

The UN chief told the media that the Facility is not a new fund, but a mechanism to increase the resources available to multilateral banks to provide low-cost education finance.

"In time, we expect it to grow into a \$10 billion facility to educate tomorrow's generation of young people," he said.

"It will complement and work alongside existing tools, like the Global Partnership for Education, that provide grants and other assistance."

The Secretary-General congratulated his Special Envoy and all the countries and institutions involved in getting the facility off the ground.

"I urge all international donors and philanthropic organizations to back it," he said. Brown, UN Special Envoy for Education, said: "To truly transform education, we need a fundamental shift. Business as usual will not suffice. This is why the International Finance Facility for Education is such an exciting development for our future generations."

IFFEd has the potential to unlock \$10 billion in new resources to support half of the world's most vulnerable children whose pleas to "Let Me Learn" must be heard.

Expressing strong support for IFFEd's establishment, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the recent floods have destroyed over 23,700 schools in Pakistan and have affected other 22,000 schools due to closures, damages or sheltering families afflicted by the flood damages.

"The impact on the lives and minds of millions of our children and youth will be felt for years to come, the Pakistani leader said in a statement released by the UN.

"As we work to rebuild from this catastrophe, the new stream of affordable education financing from IFFEd will be crucial to help meet our financing needs to provide an inclusive and quality education for our most vulnerable children and youth."

Earlier on Saturday, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed opened Day 2 of the Summit, "Solutions day," by recapping the need for education transformation; equity and inclusion; a rethink of the curriculum and innovation in teaching.

"But loud and clear, we need more and better financing," she stressed. "We can't do this with fresh air, it has to be fueled." She described education as "a huge ecosystem" that supports many other lofty goals and called for "a sense of urgency" in scaling up projects.

Post-flood monitoring

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal visiting the flood relief camps at District Dadu on Sunday.



Photo: PID

IS Pak-China relations

Central committee of CPC sends food packs for flood victims

IS Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (ID-CPC), through the embassy of China in Pakistan, has donated food pack assistance to the flood-affected people of Balochistan through national and regional level political parties.

The ID-CPC, in a news release issued here on Sunday, noted that Pakistani people were facing a disastrous situation due to the massive floods, which affected their livelihoods on all levels by causing heavy damages to road connectivity, infrastructure, and food supply chain.

In this time of trouble for the country, China again provided all kinds of support to the people of Pakistan in terms of financial assistance, medical services, tents, food for the needy and much more, the release said.

Flood relief assistance, the ID-CPC, through its embassy donated food packs to needy families.

The political parties getting flood relief assistance from the ID-CPC through the Chinese embassy include JWP (Jamhoori Watan Party), PKMAP (Pashtoonkha-Milli Awami Party), HDP (Hazara Democratic Party), BAP (Balochistan Awami Party), ANP (Awami National Party), and MQM-P (Mutahida Quami Movement-Pakistan).

The department was also in process of providing more food pack assistance to other parties in the coming days, the release added.

IS Deteriorating situation

Pakistan slams India over HR abuses

FO Spokesperson strongly condemns arbitrary arrest, illegal detention of Islamic scholars in IIOJK

IS Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday strongly condemned the arbitrary arrests and illegal detention of prominent Islamic scholars, including Maulana Abdul Rasheed Dawoodi, Maulana Mushtaq Ahmed Veeri and five members of Jamaat-e-Islami, in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

“These deplorable actions only days ahead of the UN General Assembly session manifest India’s growing intransigence, and utter disregard of human rights and fundamental freedoms,” the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

Pakistan also called for the immediate release of these religious scholars and all other Kashmiri prisoners illegally detained by India.

“We also urge the international commu-

nity to take note of the dangerously growing trajectory of Islamophobia in India, instigated at the behest of the BJP-RSS nexus, that is aimed at suppressing the

Pakistan calls for immediate release of religious scholars, all other Kashmiri prisoners illegally detained by India

Muslims of India, denying them space to freely practice their faith and attacking their places of worship,” it was added.

The spokesperson said that these arrests had marked a new low in the Indian occupation forces’ blatant and continued

onslaught on the human rights of the innocent Kashmiris.

The illegal detention of the Kashmiri Islamic scholars while the true representatives of the Kashmiri people were already under the Indian custody under fictitious cases and on fallacious grounds, was yet another Indian attempt to rob the Kashmiri people of their distinct religious and cultural identity.

“The reprehensible arrests of the Kashmiri Islamic scholars under the draconian Public Safety Act (PSA) that defies all international humanitarian laws and permits preventive detention for as many as two years without the need of any trial, is a deplorable preemptive step by the Indian authorities planning to illegally occupy the religiously significant ‘Waqf Board’ properties,” the spokesperson said.

Foreign aid for flood victims to help stabilize rupee: Ahsan

IS Our Correspondent

KHAIRPUR NATHAN SHAH: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Sunday said that the foreign aid being received for the flood victims in the country could help stabilize the Pakistani Rupee.

He said although the country had faced more than \$30 billion in losses due to the recent floods and torrential rains across the country, but Pakistan’s economy was able to come out of the crisis.

He was talking to media persons during his visit to the flood hit areas of Tehsil Khairpur Nathan Shah, Sindh.

He said at this time, everybody should participate in the relief activities rather than engaging in politics.

The minister also reviewed the relief camp in the area established by the Pakistan Navy. He was briefed on the navy’s rescue mission and relief activities.

Ahsan Iqbal, who also heads National Flood Response Coordination Center, inquired about the difficulties being faced by the local administration, civil society and the

people residing in the camp.

He said the climate change issues had brought disaster in the country but the spirit of Pakistani nation was indomitable to overcome this disaster with unity and solidarity.

He said even a developed country could not cope with such a huge destruction, but the people of Pakistan, the federal and provincial governments, civil society and the friendly countries were all working together to get out of this calamity.

Ahsan said humanity was reeling from this calamity as the problems of the people affected by the floods were huge.

“It is duty of every Pakistani who is spared from the ravages of floods to contribute to the rehabilitation of the victims”, he said adding that children and women among the most vulnerable due to food shortage.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), he said, was dispatching emergency support, and praised the services of civil administration, armed forces and members of civil society for working day and night in the ongoing relief activities.

Defense Ministry-GHQ to discuss next COAS by Oct-end: Asif

Only Imran Khan is raising a hue and cry

LONDON: Defense Minister Khawaja Asif has said that the defense ministry and the GHQ will consult on the appointment of the next chief of army staff (COAS) by October end and the decision will be made soon.

Asif was speaking at Nawaz Sharif’s London residence where he arrived accompanying Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

The ruling PML-N leadership at a party meeting is expected to hold a consultation over the key appointment as COAS General Qamar Javed Bajwa is set to retire on November 29, according to private TV channel.

Khawaja Asif said that the appointment of the next COAS was a routine matter and it is the first time in history that Imran Khan is raising a ‘hue and cry’ over the issue.

Imran Khan has proposed to postpone the appointment until after the general election and grant an extension [to Gen Bajwa], said the defense minister.



The date of appointment is over two months away, he said. He said that only Imran Khan is worried about the appointment and raising a hue and cry. Agencies

PM to participate in UNGA high-level debate

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will participate in the high-level debate of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York from 19-23 September.

The prime minister will address the UN General Assembly on 23 September. In focus will be the challenge faced by Pakistan in wake of the recent climate-induced catastrophic floods in the country.

He will outline concrete proposals for collectively tackling the existential threat posed by climate change.

The prime minister will also share Pakistan’s position

and perspective on regional and global issues of concern including Jammu and Kashmir, which is one of the long-standing unresolved disputes on the UN agenda, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release on Sunday.

During his participation, the prime minister will be accompanied by the foreign minister, other members of the cabinet and senior officials.

On the sidelines of the UNGA Session, the prime minister will participate in the ‘Global Food Security Summit’ jointly organised by the African Union, European Union and the

United States, and a closed-door Leaders Gathering on COP-27 bringing together select world leaders to discuss climate change. These will be important platforms to deliberate on effective measures required at the global level for addressing the two most pressing challenges confronting the international community today.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will hold a number of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from various countries, President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary-General as well as heads of International Organisations, IFIs and philanthropic organisations.

Amin expresses concern over Nepra’s refusal to grant IET

Telecom sector has been given the status of an industry by the government

IS Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque on Sunday expressed his concern over Nepra’s decision regarding the dismissal of a petition of Telecom Companies to grant an Industrial Electricity Tariff (IET).

In a statement, he said that the Telecom sector has been given the status of an industry by the government and it was the right of Telecom companies to get electricity tariffs at industrial rates.

“Giving maximum incentives to companies working in Pakistan will also encourage other International Investors” he added.

This matter is not only for the Tele-

com sector but, he said it can be an important step toward providing better facilities to the consumer and attracting future foreign investors.

Amin said; “It has always been our endeavour to handle the affairs of both the public and the stakeholders related to the IT & Telecom sector in an amicable manner so that the process of construction and development can be accelerated”.

Telecom company operators in Pakistan including Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL), Telenor Pakistan, Pak Telecom Mobile Limited (PTML), Pakistan Mobile Communication Limited (PMCL), CMPAK- Zong and Deodar Private Limited are providing mobile and broadband services

benefiting 188 million subscribers of Pakistan with an annual turnover in a total of over Rs. 400 billion and creating direct and indirect jobs of 25,000.

The Telecom sector to date has brought foreign direct investment of over US\$ 10 billion and continues to do so in the shape of License renewal, Spectrum fees Etc.

In the year 2004, the Telecom sector was declared as “Industry” by the Ministry of Industries and Production, Government of Pakistan vide notification dated 20.04.2004, therefore, all CMOs are entitled to benefit from all the concessions available to “Industry” including Industrial tariff of electricity for its towers and exchanges but it was never granted in letter and spirit.

Canadian govt. refuses to act against Khalistan Referendum

TORONTO: The Canadian government has refused to stop Canadian Sikhs from expressing their views through holding of Khalistan Referendum and by linking it with a peaceful and democratic process within the legal parameters of the Canadian laws.

Commenting on the situation which emerged after an attack on a Hindu temple and the poster of a revered Khalistan Sikh leader, a Canadian government official said that the Canadian nationals had every freedom to express their views under the Canadian laws relating to the right to freedom of expression and right to free speech and assembly.

The official views came after lobbying by the Indian government urging the Canadian government to act against the rising pro-Khalistani sentiment in Canada, which is home to over one million Sikhs. A high-profile campaign for Khalistan is being run by the pro-Khalistani and pro-separatist group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ).

According to international media reports, the Indian government tried to apply diplomatic pressure on the Canadian government ahead of the Khalistan Referendum voting on 18 September at the Gore Meadows Community Center in Brampton, Ontario. Hundreds of Sikhs gathered at the center on Saturday to make preparations for the voting on Sunday.

The Canadian officials were quoted as saying that it could not take away right of the Canadians to engage in any kind of political activity and demand their rights through peaceful and democratic means.

Canadian parliamentarian Sukhminder Singh Dhaliwal also said that constitutional and democratic political expression could not be stopped.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the Counsel General of Sikhs for Justice and a New York Attorney said the Indian government used every trick to paint Sikhs in a bad light before the West but the democratic governments had

refused to come under the Indian pressure.

They recognized that Khalistan Referendum sought to assess the desire for an independent Khalistan, he said, adding once the voting process was completed then the case would be taken up at the United Nations.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun reiterated that SFJ and other pro-Khalistan organizations had no links with violence. “We are for ballot, not bullet. India hates our approach to peace,” he maintained.

Jatinder Singh Grewal, the policy director of SFJ, said: “The issue of Khalistan Referendum falls well within the right of freedom of expression, which is a fundamental right enjoyed by all Canadians. India has a difficult time understanding this principle as they have systematically criminalized political decent within their state and today countless Sikhs who wish to exercise their right to self-determination are labeled as ‘terrorists’.

And now India was trying to export this



system to the west. But the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom guaranteed this right and no amount of Indian pressure would change this reality, he added.

According to media reports, Modi’s government felt perturbed at the scenes of thousands of Sikhs coming out in the western capitals

demanding freedom from India and the establishment of an independent state of Khalisatn.

The issue of Sikh separatism was a major bone of contention of Prime Minister Trudeau’s trip to India a few years ago. The Indian government had openly accused the Canadian authorities of showing leniency towards Khalistanis in Canada.

The Indian government demanded of the Canadian government to prevent people from misusing their right to freedom of expression to “incite violence and glorify terrorists as martyrs” which was vehemently denied by SFJ.

The Indian media said that earlier this week, the Indian authorities launched a strong protest with the Canadian counterparts after BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir in Toronto was vandalized with anti-Indian and pro-Khalistan slogans written at the entrance ahead of 18 September Khalistan Referendum voting which was set to attract tens of thousands of Sikhs. APP

Dev projects to be chalked out for neglected areas: Punjab CM

Pervez Elahi announces to upgrade Talagang Hospital

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Pervez Elahi Sunday announced to upgrade Talagang Hospital, besides increasing the number of beds upto 100 adding that progress would also be seen in far-flung areas of Punjab. The chief minister announced this, during a meeting with the assembly members and ticket holders here at Chief Minister's office in which MPA Hafiz Ammar Yasir, MNA Sardar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Dullah, District Pres-



ident Pir Waqar Hussain, ticket holder from Sargodha Usama Mela and others were present. During the meeting, the matters

pertaining to overall political situation and to resolve problems of the Constituencies came under discussion. The assembly members lauded the steps being taken by the Punjab government under the leadership of the CM Pervez Elahi to help the flood affected. The CM emphasised that the backward and the neglected areas would be given equal progress adding that the development projects would be chalked

out in consultation with the assembly members. He highlighted that a record number of development works were being done for the convenience of people during his previous tenure adding that the politics of opponents was only limited to displaying pomp and show. The CM underscored that even earlier, "We made a record of doing public service and Insha'Allah will set new public service records even now."

Traffic jam

RAWALPINDI: A view of massive traffic jam at Ganj Mandi area in the city and needs the attention of concern authority.

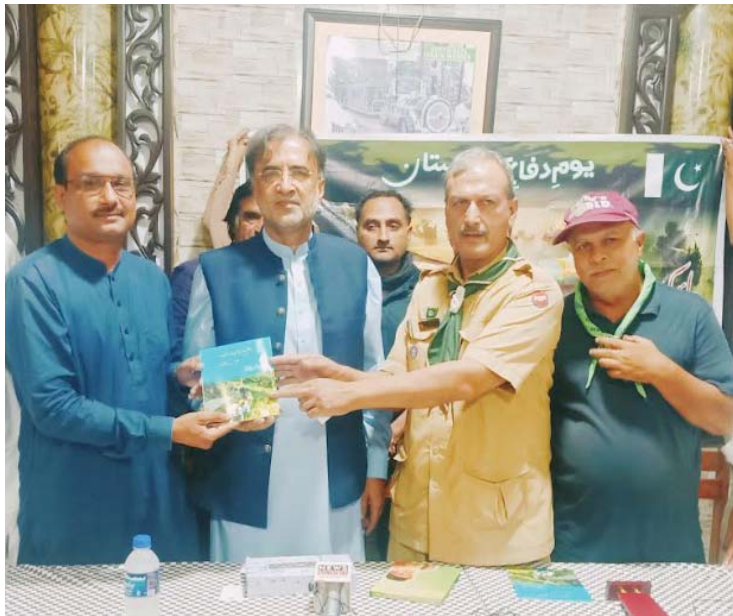


Photo: Online

Kaira appreciates services of PR Boy Scouts Association

Spokesman Report

KHARIAN: Adviser to Prime Minister of Pakistan Chaudhry Qamar Zaman Kaira participated as the chief guest in the special event of Friend of Nature Pakistan and Pakistan Railways Boy Scouts Association Lahore on the invitation of President Kharian Press Club Muhammad Zaman Ahsan. Speaking at the function held at TDCP Restaurant Kharian, Chaudhry Qamar Zaman Kaira appreciated the services of Pakistan Railways Boy Scouts Association and Friends of Nature Pakistan and along with Muhammad Zaman Ahsan for highlighting the positive and best image of Pakistan. He was awarded with commemorative shields. Among the special participants on this occasion are world-renowned tourist and writer Maqsood Ahmed Chaghatai, Chaudhry Shakeel Ahmed Barsa, Zahid Butt, Rana Muhammad Ashfaq, Azhar Siddique (Lahore), well-known calligrapher and painter Razaq Elahi Ansari, Jabar Sagar, Tahir Rashid, Alauddin Khattak, Tanveer Qureshi



and others were included. Later, the delegation from Lahore visited the mausoleum of national hero Major Raja Aziz Bhatti Shaheed (Nishan Haider) in Ladian Tehsil Kharian and recited Fatiha.

All stakeholders should play role in pollution control: Urmar

PESHAWAR: KP Minister for Environment, Syed Mohammad Ishtiaq Urmar has said that all stakeholders including youth, public sector and civil society should play their due role in controlling pollution. Addressing a function here on Sunday, the minister said that the provincial government has framed the first climate change policy to protect the environment and minimize the impact of climate change and link the province to durable environmental infrastructure. He said that KP is the sensitive and affected province of the negative impacts from climate changes and termed the action plan 2022 against climate change as appreciable effort at both provincial and national level.

674 accused arrested by Police in last week

KARACHI: Karachi Police in its drive against criminals arrested as many as 674 accused during last week from different parts of the megalopolis. According to spokesperson for Karachi Police on Sunday, about 27 accused were arrested in 17 encounters during which two accused were killed while 25 were arrested in injured condition. Police recovered 25 pistols and 12 motorcycles from the accused after encounters. In its drive against drug peddling in the city, the police seized 76.283 kg hashish, 2.195 kg heroin and 1.284 kg of ice. About 155 illegal arms and ammunition used in looting criminals were recovered from street criminals. As many as 56 snatched or stolen motorcycles and a car was taken into custody from different areas.

CM's aide, DC chairs meeting to review dewatering process

NAWABSHAH: In order to ensure dewatering of stagnant water from localities and streets of Nawabshah city and clean the city within a period of three days, the special advisor to Sindh Chief Minister and Focal Person for Rain Emergency Shaheed Benazirabad Javed Nayab Laghari and Deputy Commissioner Aamir Hussain Panhwar chaired a meeting in this regard here on Sunday.

Addressing the meeting, they instructed officials of the Municipal Committee for early removal of rain water from different areas of the city along with cleaning the city from garbage and improving the city within three days' time. They said that slackness in this regard would not be tolerated. Focal Person and DC said that they would personally inspect the removal of

stagnant water sanitation process and officials and staff showing negligence would face action. They said that the district administration is taking all possible steps to prevent citizens from tension and providing a clean environment. They said that efforts are afoot to ensure draining out stagnant water from throughout the district limits. On the occasion the officials of Municipal Committee and Public Health Engineering Department briefed Focal Person for Rain Emergency and Deputy Commissioner regarding sanitation and water disposal process. The meeting was also attended by Municipal Commissioner Abdul Razaq Shaikh, Hazoor Bux Soomro, Yaseen Bhangwar and officials of Public Health and other departments.

KP Assembly rules amendments reviewed after 34 years

PESHAWAR: A three days meeting of the Sub-committee of Standing Committee on Procedure and Conduct of Business Rules, Privileges and Implementation on Government Assurances was held in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House Islamabad to update the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly rules for the first time since 1988. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Speaker Mahmood Jan and was attended by Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, Dr. Sumaira Shams, Mir Kalam



Khan, and Fazal Maula as Members of

the Committee, said an official handout issued here on Sunday. The Assembly Secretariat was represented by Secretary Kifayatullah Afridi, Special Secretary Amjad Ali, Additional Secretary Inamullah Khan, Additional Secretary Hidayatullah Khan, Additional Secretary, Additional Secretary Muhammad Mahir and other supporting staff. A representative from the Law Department and AG Office also attended the meeting for their expert opinion on legal matters.

The Committee examined and revisited the rules previously proposed by the Technical Committee and suggested a few amendments in the revised rules. The Sub-committee will compile the new rules and present it to the main Standing Committee for approval which will afterward submit its recommended rules in the House for adoption. This is going to be a landmark achievement as KP Assembly rules will be updated for the first time after 34 years.

DC Jamshoro reviews relief activities



Spokesman Report

JAMSHORO: Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Asif Jameel has urged all the officers of the district to take adequate measures for the disposal of rainwater and each officer should feel his responsibility and perform his duty honestly. "It has been done to leave no stone unturned in the public works because people are already suffering due to rainwater, they should be provided with the required facilities and any kind of negligence will not be tolerated. In his office, the local government, municipal town officials warned that public complaints have been received, especially rainwater drainage, sanitation should be ensured as much as possible." On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner One Ali Zulfiqar Memon, Assistant Commissioner Kotore Samiullah Sanjrani, Deputy Director of Information Rafiq Ahmed Solangi, ADLJ Allah Sahaga Lako, District Council Jamshoro Chief Officer Kailash Kumar, Town Officer Jamshoro Asghar Bhabad, Administrator Kotore and Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Asif Jameel said that in which areas the rain water is standing and will be drained in many days DC Jamshoro Administrator Kotari and Town Officer directed Jamshoro to Kotari City, Taluk Hospital, Drainage of rain water from various areas of Baba Salahuddin, Yusuf Village and Jamshoro and sanitation of the cities should be ensured.

Ambassador of Kazakhstan visits Gujrat



Spokesman Report

GUJRAT: The Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan visited Gujrat, the center of Pakistan furniture industry. He also visited the City University, met the teaching staff of the educational institution, and also had a conversation with its students, told about Kazakhstan, bilateral relations between Kazakhstan and Pakistan, called for expanding cooperation, and also called on Pakistani youth to visit Kazakhstan and enter its universities. During the trip, he held meetings with Gujrat management and members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, visited "Royal Fans" largest enterprise, which produces fans and washing machines. During the business lunch, negotiations with local authorities were held, at which mutual interest in establishing cooperation between the two countries was noted. Then the Ambassador visited the showroom of the Trend Line furniture factory, the management of which expressed interest in opening its representative office in Kazakhstan. As a result of the negotiations, an agreement was reached on organizing a visit of Gujrat business circles to Kazakhstan.

Mehreen Jabbar's directorial 'Baira Gharakh' releases on See Prime



Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Award winning director Mehreen Jabbar is back with her latest venture 'Baira Garakh' released on See Prime, a digital platform that has established itself for their unique content and stories, this weekend. 'Baira Gharakh', a short by Mehreen Jabbar, features Yasra Rizvi, Hajra Yamin, and Khalid Malik in the main roles, and is a modern day comedy on marriage and relationships. The film has been penned by Shah Yasir. "It has been exciting for us to work with Mehreen Jabbar this time around after our previous collaboration with Abrar Ul Hassan on the Cheaters Web Series," Seemeen Naveed, the executive producer & force behind See Prime stated "As with all of See Prime shorts, we hope to provide content that sparks introspection and our global audiences can relate to." "After having directed movies and a web series, it was a challenging as well as an exciting experiment for me to make a Short Film. Everything fell into place when I collaborated with See Prime as our visions aligned. I hope that the audience would enjoy "Baira Garakah" as much as we enjoyed creating it," said Mehreen Jabbar.

Revenue Officers asked to ensure hundred percent recovery

SARGODHA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue (ADCR) Javeria Maqbool on Sunday directed the revenue officers to ensure hundred per cent recovery of dues. Chairing a meeting at her office, she said that all field officers should be proactive and utilize all resources to achieve the set targets of recovery. She directed that complaints of citizens regarding revenue matters be redressed at their doorsteps. The ADCR also directed the assistant commissioners to review the weekly performance of revenue officers and send the report to her office. Various matters related to revenue were also discussed in the meeting. All Assistant Commissioners, tehsildars and other revenue officers were also present in the meeting.



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PAF rescue, rehabilitation operations in full swing

PAF emergency response teams provide assistance to flood affectees

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations are in full swing in flood affected areas of KP, Sindh, Balochistan and South Punjab.

The PAF personnel had been working round the clock for the well-being and timely provision of basic necessities of food, shelter, drinking water and medical assistance to the flood victims, said a PAF news release.

In the last 24 hours, relief goods includ-

ing 20,060 packs of cooked food, 8,851 water bottles, and 2,520 ration packs were distributed amongst the needy families of Rajanpur, Mitiani, Talhar, Machi, Bolani, Lashari, Norwah, Machka, Ghara, Jati, Kodario, Hajipur, Chuhan Jamali, Mirpur Khas, Saindad Village, Village Balu, Jhaal Magsi, Basti Sher Muhammad, Lakhra, Matyari, Saeedabad Shahdadkot, Sohbatpur, Basti Jageer Gabool, Fazilpur, and Allah Warao Jamali.

The PAF emergency response teams also provided assistance to the flood affectees of Nasserabad, Jhal Maghsi, Jacobabad,

Khyarvi, Sindhri, Sanghar, Goth Ismail, Kumhar, Sargal, Pholari, Dadu, Pagadar Shah, Mian Pota, Pashin, Qila Abdullah, Qilla Saifullaha, Thul, Sehwan, Nawab Shah, Sakrand, Esabhathi, Sukkur, Pir Patho, Uthal, Hyderabad, Mirpur Khas, Talhar, Nawakilli, Gulistan Killi Saleh and Killi Habib-zai.

Moreover, free medical camps established by PAF were constantly providing free medical facilities to the locals. 489 patients were attended by medical teams of PAF deployed in field hospitals in the last 24 hours.

PMD forecasts dry weather

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast dry weather for most parts of the country. While the weather will remain hot in central and southern parts. According to the synoptic situation, a shallow westerly wave was present over upper parts of the country. The weather remained hot and dry in most parts of the country. However, rain-wind/thunderstorm occurred at a few places in south Punjab, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit Baltistan.

The rainfall recorded was Punjab: Punjab: Kot Addu 50mm, Vehova (DG Khan) 06, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Parachinar 25, Kalam 01, Gilgit Baltistan: Babusar 05, Bagrote 04 and Astore 03mm.

River Indus runs in low flood at Kotri: FFC

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that River Indus at Kotri is flowing in low flood with discharge of 268,000 Cusecs against yesterday's 327,000 Cusecs while all other main rivers including Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej are running normal.

According to daily FFC report on Sunday, since August 28, 2022, Tarbela Reservoir is being maintained at its Maximum Conservation Level of 1550.00 feet. Mangla Dam at present is 1193.00 feet against its MCL: 1242 feet (46.87 % storage still left). The combined live storage of country's three major reservoirs (Tarbela, Chashma & Mangla) is 9.

993 MAF which is 74.24%



of total value of 13.461 MAF. Trough of Westerly Wave earlier over Northern parts of Pakistan has moved away Eastwards whereas weak seasonal low lies over Western Balochistan. At present, weak moist currents from Arabian Sea are penetrating into upper parts of Pakistan up to 3,000 feet.

Mainly dry weather has been

predicted by FFD over most parts of Pakistan during the next 24 hours. However, Isolated thunderstorm/rain may occur over Islamabad, Punjab (Rawalpindi & Lahore Divisions) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Peshawar Division) including over upper catchments of Rivers Indus & Jhelum during the said period.

Picnic Spot

ISLAMABAD: Youngsters are enjoying swings during Sunday Holiday at Shah Allah Ditta cave, in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Capital Police establishes Overseas Pakistanis Complaints Cell

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory Police (ICTP) has established an Overseas Pakistanis Complaints Cell here at the Central Police Office for early redressal of their grievances.

The cell, headed by Superintendent of Police (SP) Faryal Farid, would be functional 24/7 to facilitate the Pakistani expats, its spokes-

man told APP.

He said the complaints may be lodged via email address opc@islamabad-police.gov.pk, through telephone number 051-9259022 or fax number 051-9259390.

The complaints regarding non-cognisable nature, he said, would be entertained within 24 hours, whereas in case of cognisable offence,

the cases would be marked to the officer concerned to report over the matter.

A standard operating procedure (SOP) was also issued to handle/address the complaints. Similarly, the police was also intended to set up an online complaint portal, enabling Pakistanis to register their complaints while staying at their host

countries, the spokesman added.

The Inspector General Police (IGP) Islamabad Dr Akbar Nasir Khan took the initiative, following Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah's directions to provide speedy justice to the Pakistanis expats after resolution of complaints on merit. APP

Judicial Conference begins on Sept 23

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A two-day judicial conference will begin at the Supreme Court, Islamabad on the 23rd of this month under the auspices of the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan.

The theme of the conference is "Administration of Justice: 75 Years - Reflecting on the past and looking towards the future".

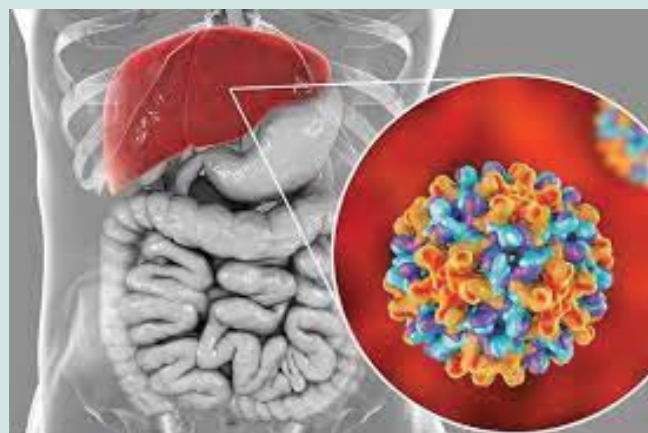
The Chief Justice of Pakistan, being Chairman of the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan will chair the inauguration and closing ceremonies of the conference.

Dignitaries, including the Chief Justice/Judges, jurists, members from academia and experts on designated themes from all over the world will participate in the conference.

The conference is going to provide a wonderful platform to discuss the challenges confronting the justice sector and offer deeper insights to determine the way forward and the future policy course in the delivery of expeditious justice for the citizens of Pakistan.

Health Corner

Viral infections of liver



ISLAMABAD: Diseases of the liver hold a special place in many types of medicine, both because of the important physiological role of this organ and because all circulating blood and lymph pass through the liver frequently. A number of different and unrelated viruses target the liver; these are collectively known as hepatitis viruses.

All hepatitis viruses cause liver damage that can be devastating to the infected host. Liver failure due to hepatitis virus infections is a major reason for liver transplantation. Further, a number of these viruses establish persistent carrier states in which the virus is present for many months or years following infection. Currently, there are five reasonably well-characterized human hepatitis viruses: A, B, C, delta (D), and E. The severity of the disease caused and the sequelae vary with each.

Hepatitis A: This virus is related to poliovirus. It is spread by contaminated water or food, and causes a potentially severe but controllable loss of liver function and general malaise. Proper medical care will generally result in full recovery of liver function and full clearance of virus from the host, with effective immunity against reinfection. A relatively effective hepatitis A vaccine is available for individuals at risk of infection.

Hepatitis B: Hepatitis B virus is related to but clearly distinct from retroviruses. Unlike the situation with hepatitis A, the B virus is spread mainly through blood, either during activity or during other blood contamination events (sharing of needles, for instance), and primary infection is followed by persistent viremia and liver damage. Hepatitis B infection is a special risk to medical personnel owing to the possibility of transmission by needle stick from contaminated blood, and is also a virus endemic among intravenous drug users.

The disease is endemic in Southeast Asia where the virus can be spread from mother to infant by birth trauma. Hepatitis B virus infection can lead to acute disease with attendant liver failure or can be asymptomatic. In many cases, the virus is completely cleared leading to full or partial recovery of liver function. Unfortunately, a large number of infected individuals go on to become asymptomatic chronic carriers of the virus. Indeed, chronic hepatitis B infections are a leading factor in certain human liver cancers (carcinomas) prevalent in Southeast Asia. A third form of the hepatitis B virus infection (fulminate infection) is marked by rapid onset of extensive liver damage and often death.

Hepatitis C: Hepatitis C virus is caused by a virus that at first seemed to have some general relationships to a large group of plant, animal, and bacterial viruses, including poliovirus and hepatitis A virus. However, it has been determined that this virus is a member of the Flaviviridae. The virus is transmitted by contaminated blood and blood products, and is thought to cause as much as 25% of acute viral hepatitis worldwide.

There is no current evidence of its being efficiently spread by arthropod vectors, but this possibility cannot be ruled out. Unlike those infected with hepatitis A virus, a significant proportion of victims do not mount an effective immune response to the infection and have chronic infection that can last for many years with resulting accumulated liver damage and carcinoma.

Hepatitis D: Hepatitis delta (D) virus is a defective virus in that it cannot replicate without the aid of another virus, the hepatitis B virus. Despite this requirement, it is not particularly prevalent in South-East Asia, a major center of hepatitis B infection. Hepatitis D and B coinfection in the same individual does not lead to a much higher incidence of acute or chronic liver disease than does infection with hepatitis B virus alone. By contrast, hepatitis D virus infection of a person previously infected with hepatitis B virus is often correlated with acute disease followed by chronic virus secretion and cirrhosis of the liver.

Hepatitis E: Hepatitis E Like hepatitis A virus, hepatitis E virus is spread by contaminated water and possibly by food. It is found throughout the world and has caused significant epidemics in India and Russia through problems with drinking water. The disease caused by this virus is usually mild, but can have high mortality rates in pregnant women. Recovery from acute infection is generally complete, and there is no evidence of chronic infection following the acute phase.

Dengue cases surge

ISLAMABAD: The surge in dengue cases in Islamabad has prompted parents to ask the authorities to take strong measures for improving the hygienic condition of the educational institution of Islamabad.

The parents have urged the authorities at the Federal Directorate of education (FDE), the controlling organization of 429 educational institutions, to pay attention to disorganized cleaning services at the schools.

Sweepers and other cleaners should be held responsible for not fulfilling their duties efficiently.

While the inspection of the schools should be conducted on a regular basis in order to eliminate mosquito breeding sources.

According to the official sources, unhygienic toilets and stagnant water in various schools of Islamabad are posing a serious dengue threat to the students.

Continuous leakage of water tap in the front yard of the junior section of Islamabad Model College for Girls I-8/4 situated at sector I-8/2 has become a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes spreading the dreaded fever.

No steps have been taken to drain the water. Moreover washrooms of the college are also in unhygienic condition.

Talking to APP, a grade-5 student of IMCG I-8/2 said that two out of six toilets in the school were not functional. The remaining four toilets are very dirty and give off a foul smell. Water taps are also not in order. Soaps are not available to wash hands." She further said, "I avoid drinking water during school time and refrain using the toilets till I reach home. APP



ISLAMABAD: Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia Deddy Faisal Ahmad Salleh call on Dr Kevin Coppock, Head of Mission of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders).

Covid vaccination of kids in capital from today

ISLAMABAD: The National Institute of Health (NIH) on Saturday announced vaccination of children aged 5-12 against Covid-19 will be started from today.

According to the health authorities, the Covid-19 vaccination drive will be continued till September 24 to inoculate children aged between 5 and 12.

In its advice for the parents, the NIH said that vaccination against Covid-19 helps children from being infected with the virus. The entries of the Covid-



19 vaccination will be made through B-form of the children.

The number of daily Covid-19 cases increased by a fraction as Pakistan reported 104 more cases in the last 24 hours.

According to the data issued by the National Institute of Health (NIH), 104 more cases were reported in the last 24 hours among the 16,614 Covid-19 diagnostic tests. Meanwhile, one person lost their life to COVID-19 in the last 24 hours.

The positivity ratio in the country remained at 0.63%. The NIH stated that almost 91 coronavirus patients were being treated in the Intensive Care Units (ICU) across the country at different medical facilities

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Growing voices in US for flood victims

Many high-level US officials have been visiting Pakistan and expressing solidarity with the flood affected people and announcing financial assistance for the flood victims. In the past, the United States played a vital role in minimizing Indo-Pak tensions and also offered to mediate in resolving the Kashmir issue. The United States has always urged Pakistan and India to resolve all bilateral issues through dialogue. Pak-US relations have witnessed ups and downs over the years but the fact is that both the countries are important to each other. Pakistan has an important geographical location in the perspective of Afghanistan that the United States can never ignore. Pakistan wants equally good relations with Beijing and Washington and does not want to be part of any particular camp. Both the countries developed some disagreements over Afghanistan in the past, but now seem eager to cooperate on the bilateral issues.

This is a very positive development that Biden administration is nurturing good relations with Pakistan. The statement of Chairman of US Foreign Relations Committee will pave way to help Pakistan that has been grappling with serious flood situation. Senator Bob Menendez, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee described that \$53 million U.S. aid to flood-ravaged Pakistan as a “drop in the bucket”, has called for doing much more for the relief of an estimated 30 million displaced Pakistani people. “We need to stand together with Pakistan,” he added. Senator Menendez expressed condolences over the heavy loss of life resulting from the climate-induced floods. “We have to get a disaster relief package for Pakistan from the US Congress and organize an international donors conference for the flood victims in Pakistan”, Senator Menendez said. “I am willing to work with anyone in the US Congress who is willing to work with us to help Pakistan”, he said.

The real challenge lies ahead as we enter into the phase of bringing life back to the flood-affected areas, rebuilding roads, repairing and restoring infrastructure, generate, cultivate crop land and construct houses, schools and hospitals and this was a Herculean task for which Pakistan would need continued U.S. support on multi-year basis. It is laudable the role of Pakistani-American community in raising donations as our diaspora community has always stood up in times of need and have always given back to Pakistan. The biggest challenge would be in the recovery and relief phase and we should continue to support the flood victims in Pakistan.

Pakistan has been suffering the brunt of climate change despite no contribution in global greenhouse emissions. Pakistan is among the ten most vulnerable countries that are at an enhanced risk of natural calamities due to changing climate patterns. Therefore, it is moral obligation of advanced countries to help the developing world cope with such situations. The assistance we receive should also include technical expertise in this regard for future precautions. Relations with US can be further improved. However, the US needs to take serious action to walk the talk. The UN Secretary General pointed out the devastating situation in Pakistan very seriously. However, the US relief support has been weaker than many other nations. In contrast, many other countries provided aid more than the US.

Flood & Politics both hitting badly to Pakistani nation

Political stability in a country guarantees socio-economic development, thus its importance is significant to catch the growth momentum. A politically chaotic situation crafts social unrest, economic downgrading, and overall uncertainty to limit the evolution process. Pakistan, unfortunately, is a classic example of a politically wobbling state.

Amid the current politically volatile situation, the flood is devastating a larger part of the country. The unpredicted rains in Balochistan, Sindh, Southern Punjab, and KPK caused the country's worst-ever flood where hundreds of people lost their lives along with a massive loss of houses, crops, and cattle. The visuals surfaced through national and social media are very disturbing and witnessed the miseries of life in flood-hit areas.

Post-flood rehabilitation situation is very challenging for federal and provincial governments in Pakistan. Without global support, it's like day-dreaming to bring back life to normal in these affected areas. International support especially from the platform of the United Nations (UN) can make a real difference to accomplish rehabilitation tasks.

Recently, United National Secretary General, António Guterres visited several flood-hit areas in Pakistan and

termed it an “unimaginable devastation”. Through his message to the world, he urged ‘massive’ global support, and tougher action on climate change to save the world from the situation that emerged in Pakistan after the historic flood. Mr. Guterres was briefed on the latest developments about flooding in the country by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. Talking at a press conference in Pakistan he said, “My heart goes out to everyone who has lost loved ones in this tragedy, and all those who have been affected by the loss of their homes, their businesses, and their livelihoods”.

Neighboring and friend countries like China, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, USA, Iran, Qatar, UAE, United Kingdom have sent aid to Pakistan as a gesture of solidarity with the people affected badly by floods in different parts of the country. According to media reports, the flood affected more than 33 million people, causing widespread destruction and about 1400 plus people died as well. Planning Minister, Ahsan Iqbal said around 45% of the country's agricultural land had been destroyed in the floods and this would trigger another challenge in coming months due to destruction of crops.

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), private non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and

local welfare trusts are working in various flood-hit areas to provide food and shelter to people who have lost their homes. Large-scale rescue operations were carried out to save precious lives but the gravity of the flood restricted rescue and relief operations mainly in Sindh and KPK provinces. Water is everywhere in affected areas and people are compelled to live in roadside tents. Weather conditions are challenging for them, especially for women and

kids who are caught by diseases due to poor health conditions and the non-availability of food and medicines.

The recent floods have jolted infrastructure at a large scale and rehabilitation would take months to restore life in affected areas. In a short time, winter is starting in Pakistan, and in case these people stay under the open sky, the volume of miseries would be multiplied. This alarming situation demands from Pakistani nations, international communities, and world organizations to remain alert and helpful in this massive human catastrophe.

Obviously, this is a challenging situation for a country like Pakistan where life is already teetering for common people.

IS My Words My Talk

International Patient Safety Day and our commitment



Director General Sohail Ali Khan for contract employees and soundmen of Radio Pakistan has taken an important step and issued a letter to all the centers to send to the contract head office by the 5th of every month for their compensation, due to which now all the dues and The salaries will be paid in the early days of the month, which is a very good decision of the Director General and if the Director General now decides to increase the artistes' fees and gives the green signal to the file prepared in this regard, then this will be a good decision. It will be a favor to the community because now the days have passed, the salaries of the singers have not increased, if anything it has increased, it is inflation which the singers can cope with only

after increasing their fees and in fact Director General Sohail Ali Khan about this. I will be moving towards putting the thought into practice And now I will talk about my topic of today. Yesterday, International Patient Safety Day was celebrated.

The purpose of this day was to inform patients about their rights, how they are being treated and whether they should be treated. The benefits and harms of intravenous drugs have been told to them. In this regard, the main event was held at Fatima Jinnah Medical University, which was presided over by Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid and on this occasion, he said in his speech that the most important thing for Dr. The patient has to be treated and cured. It is the primary responsibility of every doctor to ask the patient and treat him. Every year in the whole world thousands of patients lose their lives due to negligence in hospitals and we provide sterile environment to the patients in the public hospitals of Punjab. Trying to do. The doctor-nurse should take permission before giving medicine or injecting to the patient. The doctor should inform the patient about all the side effects before the treatment. The sweetness of a

doctor's tongue is the basis of a patient's treatment. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Medical University, Prof. Dr. Khalid Saud Gondal, Prof. Dr. Shamsa Humayun and Dr. Hussain Jafari highlighted the importance of World Patient Safety Day through their speeches. The event was also organized in the General Hospital. On this occasion, Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute and Amiruddin Medical College Professor Dr. Sardar Muhammad Al Farid Zafar has said that above all personal interests and prejudices, all patients should be given the same medical treatment. Facilitators. They are always available to serve the suffering humanity by placing their lives on the palm of their hands and without caring about the time of their families. Dr. Khalid bin Aslam and Dr. Saharish Iqbal said. That the category of patient protection also includes the exercise of extreme caution by doctors when writing prescriptions to prevent unnecessary and excessive use of other drugs, including antibiotics, which can lead to death. It has negative effects on health.

International Patient Safety Day was celebrated, but even today the patients in the hospi-

itals of the provincial capital are deprived of basic health facilities, Mayo Hospital, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Janah Hospital, General Hospital, Lady Wellington, Kot Khawaja Saeed Hospital, Government Teaching Hospital Shahdara, Punjab Institute of Cardiology, Mazang Teaching Hospital, Social Security Hospital Multan Road and Government Sumnabad Hospital due to shortage of medicines and machines providing facilities for treatment have been closed for a long time. Entering three patients per bed is a violation of the main theme of the day. World Patient Safety Day is celebrated on September 17 every year, the main objective of which is to provide health-care facilities to patients and the availability of aids in their treatment. The question mark is left. I want to say in my own words that a doctor who is considered to be one of the most intelligent people in the society, when he enters the medical profession, he has to take an oath that he will protect the health of his patients and their health. He will not be guilty of medical malpractice, but as he becomes expert in his profession, he does not care about his oath, due to which the patient becomes maltreated. People about

their rights. They seem more concerned, so the responsibilities of the people associated with the medical profession have also increased and the satisfaction of their patients has become very important, but when the patient asks the concerned doctor about his treatment, he refuse to treat the patients and celebrate it badly.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has also appealed to the people of Pakistan not to use drugs of their own accord. According to this, antibiotics are being used freely in Pakistan. The resistance against these drugs is increasing. The World Health Organization says that Pakistan is facing a deadly disease like XDR typhoid, if this situation continues, most antibiotics will become ineffective against diseases. Patient safety awareness programs were organized in major hospitals of the city, which ended with tea and other accessories, but the people who were observed for their rights awareness day are still surprised that with them. What will happen because they are still waiting for the Messiah who can provide them with the best treatment.

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World leaders head to London for Queen Elizabeth II funeral

Around 500 royals, heads of state and heads of govt from around globe invited

LONDON: Thousands of police, hundreds of British troops and an army of officials made final preparations Sunday for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II — a spectacular display of national mourning that will also be the biggest gathering of world leaders for years.

U.S. President Joe Biden and other world leaders have flown into London for the funeral, to which around 500 royals, heads of state and heads of government from around the globe have been invited.

As the dignitaries poured in, the clock was ticking down for those seeking a place in most massive queue any of them have ever seen to file past the queen's coffin as it lies in state at Westminster Hall. The miles-long queue is expected to be closed to new arrivals later Sunday so that everyone in line can view the coffin before Monday morning, when it will be taken to Westminster Abbey for the queen's funeral.

Family by family, thousands of people kept lining up around the clock, braving chilly overnight temperatures



and waits of up to 17 hours in a queue that stretched for over 5 miles (8 kilometers).

The queen's eight grandchildren, led by heir to the throne Prince William, circled the coffin and stood with their heads bowed during a silent vigil on Saturday evening.

Among the foreign leaders in

London was New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who told the BBC she was humbled to represent her nation at the funeral and to witness the national outpouring of grief and respect for the late queen.

"The thing that I will take away from this period is just the beauty of the public's response, the kindness that

you see from members of the public, the patience, the camaraderie, that has been, for me, the most moving tribute of all, has been the public response of the British people," she said.

People across the U.K. paused Sunday evening for a nationwide minute of silence to remember the queen, who died Sept. 8 at the age of 96 after 70 years on the throne. Monday has been declared a public holiday, and the funeral will be broadcast to a huge television audience worldwide and screened to crowds in parks and public spaces across the country.

Police officers from around the country will be on duty as part of the biggest one-day policing operation in London's history.

Crowds also gathered Sunday near Windsor Castle, where the queen will be laid to rest at a private family ceremony on Monday evening.

"I think it's been amazing," said Anna Pettigrew, a 55-year-old teacher. "It's been very emotional, and I think it's been a very fitting tribute to a wonderful queen."

Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Vladimir Putin hold telephone conversation



TASHKENT: Uzbekistan President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a telephone conversation with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

During a telephone conversation, President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin warmly thanked the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev for the hospitality and excellent organization of the SCO summit held in Samarkand. This was reported by the press service of the President of the Russian Federation.

Some topical issues on the bilateral agenda, including in the trade and economic sphere, were discussed. The mutual disposition to further strengthen the Russian-Uzbek strategic partnership and alliance was confirmed. The Russian side expressed support for the efforts of the leadership of Uzbekistan to stabilize the situation in Karakalpakstan.

A schedule of upcoming contacts was also considered.

Japarov, Putin discuss Kyrgyz-Tajik border situation



Spokesman Report

MOSCOW: President Sadyr Japarov held a phone conversation with President Vladimir Putin, president's press service reported on September 18.

The leaders discussed the situation on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border. Japarov informed Putin about the current situation, number of Kyrgyzstan who died and were wounded, destruction of social infrastructure in the border villages of Batken region. Importance of the soonest regulation of the situation between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan exceptionally by diplomatic means was underscored by both sides.

Bus crash kills 27 in mountainous southwest China

BEIJING: A bus crash killed 27 people and injured a further 20 when the vehicle rolled over on a highway in southwest China's mountainous Guizhou province, local police said in a statement on Sunday.

The accident took place in the early hours of Sunday morning in Sandu county, around 170 km (105 miles) southeast of the provincial capital, Guiyang, police said.

The bus was carrying 47 people and the 20 injured were being treated on Sunday, police added.

President Abbas heads to New York for UNGA session



DUBLIN: President of the State of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas has left Ireland on Sunday, heading to New York to participate in the works of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

On Saturday, The President arrived in the Irish capital, Dublin, on his way to New York, where he met Irish President Michael D. Higgins, Prime Minister Micheál Martin and Foreign Minister Simon Coveney.

President Abbas is scheduled to address the United Nations General Assembly next Friday.

Thousands turn to vote in Khalistan Referendum in Toronto

TORONTO: Relations between India and Canada have once again deteriorated as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government refused to stop thousands of Canadian Sikhs from joining Sunday's voting in Khalistan Referendum in Toronto.

The voting results will give a message to the world that the Sikhs want complete freedom from India. Those who were participating in Sunday's voting said that soon Punjab under India would emerge on the world map as an independent country, said a statement issued by a Sikh organization based in Canada.

Meanwhile, commenting on the situation that has unfolded in the wake

of an attack on a Hindu temple and the poster of a revered Khalistani Sikh leader, a Canadian government official said Canadian nationals have every freedom to express their views in every manner possible as long as it follows the Canadian laws on right to freedom of expression and right to free speech and assembly.

The official spoke after consistent lobbying by the Indian government with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government against the rising pro-Khalistani sentiment in Canada — home to over one million Sikhs — and a high-profile campaign for Khalistan being run by the pro-Khalistan and pro-separatist group Sikhs For Justice

(SFJ).

India has tried to apply diplomatic pressure on the Canadian government ahead of the Sunday's Khalistan Referendum voting at the Gore Meadows Community Center in Brampton, Ontario. Hundreds of Sikhs gathered at the centre on Saturday to make preparations for the voting on Sunday — a move that is set to pitch India against the Canadian government.

Canadian parliamentarian Sukhminder Singh Dhaliwal has also said that constitutional and democratic political expression cannot be stopped.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the Counsel General of Sikhs for Justice and a New York Attorney, said Indian government has used

every trick to paint Sikhs in a bad light before the western world but the democratic government has refused to come under Indian pressure because its recognises that Khalistan Referendum seeks to assess the desire for an independent Khalistan and once the voting process is completed then the case will be presented before the United Nations.

Jatinder Singh Grewal, the policy director of SFJ, said: "The issue of Khalistan Referendum falls well within the right of freedom of expression, which is a fundamental right enjoyed by all Canadians. India has a difficult time understanding this principle as they have systematically criminalized political decent within their state...."

Chairman of Indonesian Press Council dies



Spokesman Report

KUALA LUMPUR: The Indonesian Press Council chairman, Azyumardi Azra died of a heart attack at Serdang Hospital.

The press council is an independent body established to develop and protect the media in Indonesia. In a statement, the Indonesian Embassy in Malaysia said the 67-year-old scholar died at 12.30 pm after being admitted to hospital last Friday, upon arrival from the republic. It said that after arriving from Indonesia, the deceased was rushed to Serdang Hospital for further treatment due to shortness of breath during the night.

"The medical team at the hospital said there was malfunction of his heart and special treatment was required at the Cardiac Care Unit," it added. According to the statement, the family of the deceased arrived in Malaysia yesterday and the embassy of cialis was now also at the hospital to make preparations for his remains.

Azyumardi had travelled to Malaysia following an invitation as a panelist for a programme in Bangi, near here, yesterday. Meanwhile, Malaysian-Indonesian Journalists Alliance (ISWAMI) advisor, Datuk Zakaria Abdul Wahab said he rushed to Serdang Hospital on Saturday after learning from fellow Indonesian journalists that Azyumardi was in hospital.

Azyumardi was taken to the hospital's intensive care unit and doctors confirmed that Azyumardi was infected with COVID-19 and no visitors were allowed," he said when contacted by Bernama today. Azyumardi was a former rector of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University for two terms (1998-2002 and 2002-2006).

Kyrgyzstan calls for peaceful resolution of disputes

Spokesman Report

BISHKEK: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic considers necessary to announce that the events taken place on September 14-17, 2022, on our sovereign territory is a planned military aggression of the Republic of Tajikistan against our state.

As of September 18, 2022, 46 people died and 140 wounded as a result of inhumane actions of the Tajik party. 140 thousand people had been evacuated. The material losses are enormous.

We consider that groundless accusations of Tajikistan against Kyrgyzstan in "military aggression towards the Republic of Tajikistan" is an attempt to put the responsibility and guilt on Kyrgyzstan. The Tajik party

has launched the campaign of misinformation in order to discredit the defensive actions of the Kyrgyz Republic.

We state that any information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan and other public bodies does not correspond to the reality. Kyrgyzstan has all the evidence (photos and video footages) of the beginning of aggression, crimes and atrocities of the Tajik soldiers on the territory of our country. We are ready to provide the evidence if necessary.

The Republic of Tajikistan viciously violated basic international principles, such as the territorial integrity, the inviolability of frontiers, the peaceful settlement of disputes, the non-use of or the threat of force, the respect of human rights and

freedoms, enshrined in the UN Charter and other international documents.

The Kyrgyz Republic acted exclusively from a defensive position, without the goal of seizing someone else's territory, unlike the Tajik side, which treacherously encroached on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Kyrgyzstan, which once again confirms the existence of territorial claims that Tajikistan has. The Kyrgyz side demands that the Tajik side refrain from hopeless plans to encroach on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and from pursuing the goal of escalating the situation in the border area.

We strongly protest the unlawful and destructive actions of the Republic of Tajikistan, which has violated all previously reached

agreements by sending in advance its military forces to the border of Kyrgyzstan, using armed forces and heavy military equipment, and unreasonably attacked border and civilian facilities, settlements along the entire perimeter of the Kyrgyz-Tajik State border in Batken and Leilek districts of Batken region of the Kyrgyz Republic, including shelling the regional center of Batken region, town of Batken, in the deep of the Kyrgyz Republic (there are recorded video materials).

We note that despite numerous ceasefire agreements, the Tajik side continued its provocative shelling, and seized some settlements in the Batken region of the Kyrgyz Republic such as Dostuk, Aksai, International, Jashtyk, Borborduk, Arka, and Kulundu.

China-ASEAN Expo

Featured commodities from ASEAN countries attract visitors

NANNING: The 19th China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, which opened here Friday, will help deepen cooperation between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and create new opportunities for reviving regional economic growth, experts say.

The four-day expo themed "Sharing RCEP New Opportunities, Building a Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area," will last till Monday as this year marks the first year of implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) free trade agreement.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Malaysian companies from various sectors includ-

ing food, health and services join this year's expo and look forward to building strong and lasting business relations with Chinese companies, Mohd Mustafa Abdul Aziz, chief executive officer of the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation said at a seminar held before the China-ASEAN Expo.

So far, the 19th China-ASEAN Expo has attracted a total of 1,653 enterprises to its offline event. Meanwhile, the online expo has attracted the participation of more than 2,000 enterprises.

"It's my third time in Nanning to participate in the expo, and the exhibition is very lively," said Caroline Ong, a Filipino businesswoman who brought her skincare products to the expo.

She told Xinhua that the expo

provides a good platform for promoting cross-border cooperation and she hopes to introduce more high-quality products into the Chinese market through other platforms such as the China International Import Expo and the China International Fair for Trade in Services.

Trung Nguyen Legend, a leading Vietnamese coffee company, has attended the Expo consecutively since the first China-ASEAN Expo held in 2004. "China is one of our most important overseas markets," said Li Wuqiang, sales director of the Shanghai office of the company.

Statistics show that the China-ASEAN Expo has attracted about 1.015 million merchants worldwide over the past 18 years. ASEAN Secretary-Gen-

eral Lim Jock Hoi said that the China-ASEAN Expo has great significance in strengthening business networks and regional connectivity.

Malaysian International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Lim Ban Hong said the RCEP will create a more transparent, specific, rules-based framework for trade and investment.

"The harmonization of tariff concessions under RCEP will directly give a boost to trade and enhance regional integration in the region. It also provides opportunities for exporters to expand and diversify the outreach of their goods and services into more markets," he said.

Trade among RCEP countries has scored rapid growth. According to the General Admin-



istration of Customs of China, China's imports and exports with ASEAN increased by 14 percent year-on-year in the first eight months of this year. During the same period, China's imports and

exports with the other 14 RCEP countries increased by 7.5 percent year-on-year.

RCEP countries share the preferential policies, jointly overcome the impact of the pandemic, thus

improving facilitation for trade and investment, said Aksornsri Phanisarn, an associate professor with the Faculty of Economics at Thammasat University in Thailand.

Teo Siong Seng, executive chairman of the Pacific International Lines in Singapore, said that the industries of RCEP countries are highly complementary, which will help expand inter-regional trade cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region and improve level of security, stability and openness of the regional industrial chain and supply chain.

He added that RCEP will become a key driving force for enhancing international economic and trade exchanges in the future.

PTA conducts QoS survey to measure quality of CMOs services



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD : Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has carried out an independent Quality of Service (QoS) Survey in 14 cities of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan in order to measure the performance and quality of Cellular Mobile Operators' (CMOs) services being provided to their customers.

During the survey, KPIs enlisted in the Next Generation Mobile Service (NGMS) license and Cellular Mobile Network Quality of Service (QoS) Regulations 2021, were checked using state-of-the-art automated QoS monitoring and benchmarking tool, said a news release.

The checked KPIs pertained to voice, network coverage, SMS and mobile broadband, and data services. The Drive test teams selected survey routes in such a manner to cover main roads, service roads, and the majority of sectors and colonies in the surveyed areas.

Based upon the compliance level of each KPI against the threshold defined in the respective licenses and QoS Regulations, CMOs have been ranked between first to fourth position in Mobile Network Coverage and Voice Services as per compliance level in surveyed cities.

Similarly, in the mobile broadband speed segment, the ranking has been done with respect to the highest data download and upload speed, network latency, and webpage loading time.

The survey results revealed that CMOs are compliant with respect to upload and download speed to a great extent, while network latency and webpage loading time was found below the threshold. Similarly, SMS and voice KPIs have also been found below the licensed threshold in some areas.

Eventually, necessary instructions have been issued to the operators for taking corrective measures so as to ensure improvement in the service quality up to the standards.

The service quality monitoring activity is being carried out by PTA field teams with the ultimate aim to pursue the operators for the provision of better mobile services and to promote healthy competition among the operators.

5G Group of Companies organizes interactive session To highlight its contribution towards prosperous Pakistan

Our Correspondent

LAHORE: To further its commitment towards safe and healthier lifestyle in the country, 5G Group of Companies organized an interactive session with the people associated with the real estate sector of the country. The session was organized at a local hotel in Lahore and was attended by prominent figures from different walks of life, investors and businessmen.

The basic aim of the gathering was to raise awareness among the people about how safe and healthier lifestyle can bring the change in the society.

While speaking on the occasion, Mujeeb Ahmed Khan, Director Sales and Marketing, Lahore Smart City & Capital Smart City said that Pakistan's real estate sector is making significant contributions to the country's economic development. He said that Smart City has become the bright future of Pakistan. He maintained that Smart City has always been a mark of pride when it comes to quality living and providing the best value of money. Members' convenience and satisfaction have always been our first priority, he maintained.

Speaking on the occasion, Usman Khan – Chairman of 5G Group of Companies – said that real estate is the largest segment of Pakistan's economy. He claimed that Habib Rafique Group has made real estate as a significant industry of Pakistan through the development of Capital Smart City and Lahore Smart City.

Capital Smart City is a new eco-friendly destination with an exclusively designated interchange on the motorway (M2). A grand entrance with an 18-Lanes (400 Ft. wide) central boulevard just 5-7 minutes away from New Islamabad International Airport.

President Alvi directs CDNS to pay correct profits on certificates

President Dr Arif Alvi declares CDNS' retrospective downward profit revision rate to a complainant 'as maladministration'

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: While accepting a representation of an aggrieved citizen against a decision of the Wafaqi Mohtasib, President Dr Arif Alvi has directed the Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) to pay profit on the Special Saving Certificates (SSCs) as per the profit rate prevailing at the time of purchasing the certificates.

He said that CDNS had committed maladministration by revising the profit rates retrospectively and in contrary to the existing law, thus causing the citizen a loss of Rs 5.3 million, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release on Sunday.

The president issued these directions while deciding on a representation preferred by Yasmeen Merchant, who had purchased six SSCs from CDNS on 01.11.2019 at a profit rate of 12.7% for five certificates and 13.9% profit rate for the sixth certificate. Four days later on



05.11.2019, however, Finance Division issued a notification reducing the profit rates from 12.7% to 11% and 13.9% to 11.8% with retrospective effect from 01.11.2019, causing her a loss of Rs 5.3 million.

The president accepted her representation and held that the complainant was entitled to the profit rate prevailing on the date of issuance of certificates and that the change made through the notification did not apply to her investment in retrospective and, therefore, it could not affect her duly earned right of profit

nor it can nullify it to her disadvantage.

He said that the notification issued was in the nature of subordinate or delegated legislation and took effect from the date of its publication in the official gazette and not from any prior date.

The president said that the rationale behind it was that only the parliament/legislative bodies could enact a law from a date prior to its enactment i.e., retrospectively and the government by itself, unless authorized by the statute, had no such authority or power to issue a notification operative from a date different from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

He further highlighted that a person may feel allured by the incentives floated by the government and act upon it, and it did not behoove the government to recant on its commitment as it may erode the confidence of the general public in the government bodies and may also negatively affect the credibility of the government.

He further said that such law was based on settled legal principles and Quranic injunctions as per the 1st verse of Surah Al-Maida "O ye who believe! Fulfil your undertakings".

The president held that it was not only logical, fair and just to fulfil promises, undertakings and agreements but was also a universally accepted norm.

He further declared that both sides were bound by the commitments made at the time of issuance of certificates and directed CDNS to pay the profit as per the promised profit rates of 12.7% and 13.9% on the purchased certificates.

As per details, the citizen's grievance was that she had purchased the SSCs because of the prevailing profit rate whereas the notification gave retrospective effect to the profit rates and was issued after investment to her disadvantage. She approached CDNS and later the Wafaqi Mohtasib for redressal of her grievance but to no avail. She then filed a representation with the president, which was accepted.

Purchasing

FAISALABAD: People are stand in a queue for buying flour bags and sugar outside a Utility Store at Riaz Shahid Chowk area in the city.



Photo: Online

Economy declining but inflation increasing

Atif Ikram Sheikh says no foreign loan unless current account deficit is reduced

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: FPCCI's Presidential candidate Atif Ikram Sheikh on Sunday said the condition of the economy is continuously deteriorating.

The price of the dollar has increased by sixteen rupees in the last ten days while runaway inflation is setting new records which have compounded the difficulties of the masses, he said.

He noted that it has become impossible for a large number of people to meet the expenses of health, education and food and the prices of electricity and fuel have made the situation more alarming.

Atif Ikram Sheikh said in a statement issued here that after the pandemic the policies of the IMF are making big holes in the pockets of the masses resulting in anxieties and frustrations.

He said that the pressure on the rupee is constantly increasing, due to which some people are again expressing fears of the bankruptcy of the country.



The rupee remained depressed during the whole week and lost its value in every trading session. It was mainly owing to growing payment pressure as well as a strengthening dollar against other currencies.

Floods have devastated the agriculture sector and damaged overall economy, putting pressure on the economic

indicators of the country including its currency.

The major dent came from the flood-hit cotton crop. Now textile millers are exploring import options in the world cotton markets to keep the local industry's wheels moving which will require sizable foreign exchange.

The situation in Afghanistan is having a negative impact on the economy which has disturbed the business community and they are reluctant to take important decisions which are affecting the business environment, he observed.

The business leader said that friendly countries have refused to give loans. While the situation in the global bond market is also unsatisfactory and it is not possible to get loans from there.

Pakistan will not get foreign loans and will be unable to strengthen its currency unless the current account deficit is controlled and important economic decisions are not taken without considering the political cost.

Business Community of Zone V Islamabad

Dinner hosted in honour of officials of Founder Group of ICCI

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Business Community of Zone V Islamabad hosted dinner in honour of the officials of the Founder Group of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI).

President CBR Town Altaf Ahmed Bhat, former Vice Chairman and Executive Member ICCI Chaudhry Muhammad Ali, Chaudhry Riyasat and others hosted the event.

A large number of well-known business leaders including prominent businessmen Zafar Bakhtawari, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, Ashfaq Hussain, Naveed Malik, Chaudhry Maqsood, Faizan Shehzad, Rizwan Cheena, Adnan Zafar and Ahmed Khan participated from the ICCI.

On this occasion, President CBRECHS Altaf Ahmad Bhat said

that ICCI is a powerful voice of the has been rendering high services



traders and industrialists of the federal capital which is heard in the powerful circles.

Bhat further said that the ICCI

for the country's development and foreign exchange. He said that we are sure that the founder group will be victorious in the coming election

on September 21.

Altaf Ahmed Bhat said that CDA and other organizations should also benefit from the opinion and experience of the Chamber of Commerce. He said that Zone V is currently facing problems like gas, low electricity voltage, traffic, water. Moreover, There is no significant major hospital in Zone V except Al Razi Hospital in CBR Town.

While government schools, colleges are also non-existent. We hope that ICCI will play its role in the establishment of government schools, colleges and hospitals and BHUs. Bhat added.

Altaf Ahmad Bhat said through this forum we want to raise the issue of delay in the expressway expansion project with CDA. It is also causing traffic accidents and diseases are spreading around due to dust.

In this way, CDA has demanded crores of rupees from the housing schemes in the form of right of way, which is injustice to the members and societies. We hope that Chairman CDA Captain Usman will personally take notice of this matter and declare it null and void.

On this occasion, Khalid Iqbal Malik, Chairman of the Founder Group of the ICCI, said that the Founder Group has always served the businessmen and industrialists, be it tax matters or new innovations, ICCI has always done its job. We are grateful to Altaf Ahmed Bhat, Muhammad Ali for their group's unconditional support to Founder Group.

Ahsan Bakhtawari said that the welfare work of the business community is to our credit, history is a witness that we have helped our community and never disappointed.

TikTok introduces more ways to create and connect



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: As the home for creating engaging content and discovering new and exciting communities, today TikTok expands their suite of creation tools as they continue to foster authentic and spontaneous connections on the platform with TikTok Now.

TikTok Now is the newest way to be entertained and connect with others on TikTok—a daily photo and video experience where users can share their most authentic moments with the people who matter the most. TikTok Now brings the authenticity of TikTok to a whole new creative experience that connects communities with those close to them.

Making possible deeper connections and fun entertainment in an easy-to-use format, TikTok Now invites users and their friends to capture what they're doing in the moment using their device's front and back camera. Users will receive a daily prompt to capture a 10-second video or a static photo to quickly and easily share what they're up to.

The platform is experimenting with TikTok Now over the coming weeks. TikTok Now can be accessed from both TikTok and the new TikTok Now app. In some countries, TikTok Now may be available within TikTok, downloadable as a new TikTok Now app, or available in both formats. TikTok will continue to

enhance the user experience as they learn more about how the TikTok community embraces this new creative format.

TikTok Now is designed with the safety and privacy of the community in mind. Creators are in control of deciding who can view or engage with their content. They can block others and choose which comments appear on their content. And if someone comes across behavior they believe may violate the Community Guidelines, they can report it for review.

TikTok carefully considers the safety of their community, and continues to take further steps to help support the safety and well-being of teens in particular: If someone under the age of 16 creates an account to use the TikTok Now app, just like TikTok, their account will be private by default. Those under the age of 18 will not be able to share their content to the Explore feed. People aged between 13 and 15 will have commenting options limited to Friends only to help protect against unwanted interactions.

TikTok is always looking to create seamless ways for their community to build authentic connections as they continue to be entertained on TikTok. TikTok Now is rolling out to people worldwide over the coming weeks. TikTok is excited to learn from their community and continue to improve, enrich, and expand on the TikTok experience.

Fatima Sana ruled out of ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup

National side will fly out for Bangladesh on 28 September

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Fast bowler Fatima Sana has been ruled out of the ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup scheduled to take place in Sylhet, Bangladesh from October 1. Fatima twisted her ankle while featuring in the Women's Caribbean Premier League.

The PCB Medical panel after investigating the injury have advised her a four-week rest.

Fatima – who featured for Barbados Royal in the CPL was also not part of the first phase of the preparation camp for the tournament held in Lahore from 30 August to 2 September. Her replacement will be announced in due course.

Meanwhile, Pakistan squad and the reserves assembled at Lahore Country



Club, Muridke on Sunday to undergo a 10-day camp starting Monday. The national side will fly out for Bangladesh on 28 September.

Pakistan squad: Bismah Maroof (c), Aimen Anwar, Aliya Riaz, Ayesha Naseem, Diana Baig, Kainat Imtiaz, Muneeba Ali (wk), Nida Dar, Omaira Sohail, Sadaf Shamas, Sadia Iqbal, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz (wk) and Tuba Hasan

Reserve players: Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Pervaiz, Umme Hani and Waheeda Akhtar

Player support personnel: Ayesha Ashhar (team manager), Saleem Jaffer (bowling coach), Mauhtashim Rashid (fielding coach), Muhammad Zubair Ahmad (analyst) and Rifat Gill (physiotherapist).



KARACHI: Pakistan's cricket team players attend training session at the National Cricket Stadium. England and Pakistan will play first twenty20 cricket match on September. 20, in provincial Capital. Photo: Online

Wazir to fight for World Youth title

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani ace boxer and formerly known as 'Asian Boy' Usman Wazir would step in the ring for The World Youth title to take place on September 28 in Bangkok, Thailand.

According to Wazir, who remains undefeated in international fights, he would face top ranked Thai boxer Somphot Seesa in the World Youth Title fight.

Wazir also won the World Boxing Association Asia Welterweight title in June this year. On the other hand, he had also bagged the World Boxing Council middle East Champion title last year.

The 22-year-old, who hails from Gilgit-Baltistan, also bagged the Super Light category competition in Manila, Philippines.

"I'm hopeful for the win in The World Youth Title and I request whole Pakistani nation to remember me in their prayers. I'm training hard for the fight and I want to make Pakistan and Gilgit-Baltistan proud by winning the title," the Asian Boy said.

Usman was determined to triumph and shine in the world of boxing.

Black Belt Diploma ceremony held in Lahore



Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Under the auspices of International Shotokan Karate Association (ISSKA), Black Belt Diploma ceremony was held at Valencia Lahore.

The Chief Guests of the ceremony were Dr.Aamir Shafi, Prof. Muhammad Yousaf and Hammad Usman who distributed the Diploma certificates among the Hamza Yousaf, Moaaz Yousaf and Areeba Yousaf who got the training under the Chief Instructor Haanshi Muhammad Anwar who completed these children training in 3 years and from Japan these Diploma certificates were awarded to these children which is great honour for them.

On this occasion the Karate players displayed the Karate fun. At the end Muhammad Anwar said that he has been serving his fun in Karate for the last 35 years and has achieved the Eight Degree Don Degree in Black Belt and he is the only Pakistan who has achieved this Degree he said that I have honour that I am Country Chief and Founder of Shotokan Karate Council International (SKCI) and World Karate Research Council (WKRC).

PHF announces hockey team management

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Hockey Federation has announced the National Senior Hockey Team Management, after the approval of the President Pakistan Hockey Federation Brigadier (R) Khalid Sajjad Khokhar, Secretary General PHF Haider Hussain issued the National Senior Hockey Team Management announcement.

Saeed Khan will be the manager in the management of the national senior hockey team, Siegfried Aikman, Ayaz Mehmood, Muhammad Usman Shaikh, Imran Butt and Muhammad Ali Khan will be the assistant coaches in the coaches panel. Abuzar umrao will be the video analyst, Rana Nasrullah will be the physical trainer.

FIFA quash appeal to kick Ecuador out of World Cup

PARIS: FIFA on Friday rejected an attempt by Chile and Peru to have Ecuador thrown out of the World Cup, where they will play the opening match against Qatar. The complaint centred around Byron Castillo, a defender who played in eight of Ecuador's qualifiers for the World Cup.

The Chilean football federation (FFCH) said there was evidence that Castillo, who plays for Leon in Mexico, was born in Colombia in July 1995 and not in Playas, Ecuador in November 1998.

Zimbabwe, Thailand register wins

ABU DHABI: Zimbabwe beat PNG while Thailand registered a commanding victory against UAE to start off with wins in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup qualifier in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Opting to bat first, UAE were reduced to 7/3 with the top three making 0, 2 and 1. A promising half-century stand between Kavisha Kumari Egodage and Natasha Cherriath revived the innings for UAE, but Nattaya Bhoochatham returned to scalp the wicket of Natasha to break the partnership.

The innings seemed to be meandering towards a very ordinary total, but UAE managed 24 runs off the last two overs with Samaira Dharnidharka and Kavisha, in particular, upping the ante.

92/5 at the end of 20 overs still seemed well short, and Thailand piled on their agony by putting on 32 for the loss of no wickets in the Powerplay.

Natthakan Chantham



was the aggressor-in-chief for Thailand, racing away to 39 off 37 balls in an opening stand of 55. The partnership was eventually broken by Indhuja Nandakumar in the 10th over.

Opener Nannapat Koncharoenkai continued to push Thailand towards the target and remained unbeaten on 34 as they completed a dominating win on day one of the qual-

ifiers.

A three-wicket haul from Kelis Ndlovu and good spells from Nomvelo Sibanda and Precious Marange helped Zimbabwe bowl PNG out for 83 after being asked to bowl at the Tolerance Oval.

Tanya Ruma top-scored for PNG with a 25 off 35 balls from No.3, but none of the other batters managed to cross single digits as PNG struggled against some top

quality bowling. In the run chase, Zimbabwe came out all guns blazing, the openers racing to 57 inside nine overs. Ndlovu completed a brilliant all-round performance with her opening partner Sharne Mayers making an attractive 28-ball 33.

Zimbabwe sealed the run chase with eight wickets to spare with Ndlovu unbeaten on 25 off 33 balls.

Son relieved to end goal drought



LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur forward Son Heung-min said the frustration and negativity caused by his lack of goals in recent weeks has dissipated following his blistering hat-trick in a 6-2 Premier League win over Leicester City on Saturday.

Son, who shared the league's Golden Boot for most goals last season with Liverpool's Mohamed Salah, was left out of the starting line-up after going eight games in all competitions without a goal.

The South Korean responded to being dropped in emphatic fashion, scoring three times in 14 minutes after coming on in the 59th minute to replace Richarlison.

"It was an amazing feeling," Son told the BBC after the win. "I couldn't believe it (when I scored). All the frustration and what I had, disappointment and negative feeling just went. I couldn't move so I stood still. It made me really happy. "Football is crazy sometimes. Sometimes the ball didn't want to go inside and three times (it did today). It changes everything. I learned so much in this tough period. I need to work hard every time to get the chance. Three lucky goals and I'm really proud."

The victory lifted Tottenham level on 17 points with champions Manchester City. Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola said he has always retained his trust in Jack Grealish after the midfielder scored his first goal of the season in a 3-0 Premier League victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday.

Grealish opened the scoring after having been criticised for a lacklustre performance in the Champions League win over Borussia Dortmund, as well as a lack of goals and assists since his 100 million-pound (\$110-million) transfer from Aston Villa last year.

"I've always said if you are here, it's because I trust them unconditionally, all of them. I know them," Guardiola told reporters after the win.

"He scored a goal and it was a good performance. Every time he has the ball it's one-against-one against the full-back all the time. OK, he didn't score or assist (in previous games), but it's a question of time," he said. "Of course I am happy for him, for the victory, for his incredible personality to play."

Canada make Davis Cup quarter-finals

PARIS: Canada clinched their place in the Davis Cup quarter-finals on Saturday thanks to Felix Auger-Aliassime's win in singles, while Croatia improved their chances of reaching the last eight with a 3-0 sweep of Argentina.

Auger-Aliassime backed up his defeat of new world number one Carlos Alcaraz with a 6-3, 6-4 victory against Serbia's Miomir Kecmanovic, although Serbia won the tie 2-1 in Valencia to keep their own hopes alive.

Serbia's Laslo Djere downed Gabriel Diallo 6-2, 6-2 in the opening singles match before Auger-Aliassime's win guaranteed Canada a top-two finish in Group B. "I feel this whole event my level has been really good," said Auger-Aliassime, the world number 13.

"I'm really happy where my game is at. To come out and play this way, get the win, it's very good for me personally. I'm just really happy for the team.

"I'm really happy that I



came and played with the level I did to get Canada through the quarters," he added. Kecmanovic and Filip Krajinovic led Vasek Pospisil and Alexis Galarneau 2-1 in the first set of the doubles before a knee injury forced Pospisil to retire. Serbia need South Korea to beat Spain in order to pip the hosts to a knockout spot in Malaga in November.

The Spaniards swept Serbia before losing 2-1 to Canada, while the Koreans have lost their first two ties. Last year's runners-up Croatia whitewashed Argentina to boost their prospects of reach-

ing the quarter-finals from Group A, where they have won two of their three ties.

Borna Gojo edged Sebastian Baez in three sets before Cincinnati Masters champion Borna Coric got the better of Francisco Cerundolo, 6-4, 7-6 (8/6) in Bologna. Mate Pavic and Nikola Pietrangeli eased past Maximo Gonzalez and Horacio Zeballos in the doubles.

Croatia are now waiting on the result between Italy and Sweden to see if they advance. Italy are 2-0 and Sweden are 1-1. The Netherlands wrapped up first place in Group D with a third straight win after defeating the United States

2-1 in Glasgow.

Botic van de Zandschulp won his third singles match of the week, his 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) victory over Taylor Fritz securing the tie for the Dutch after Tallon Griekspoor saw off Tommy Paul 7-5, 7-6 (7/3).

"We've had an amazing week together," said Van de Zandschulp. "Not everyone expected we would be number one, but we played some great tennis."

Rajeev Ram and Jack Sock claimed the doubles in three tight sets against Wesley Koolhof and Matwe Middelkoop. France defeated Belgium 2-1 to bow out of the competition with a consolation victory.

Richard Gasquet downed 268th-ranked Michael Geerts 6-3, 6-3, but Belgium pulled level as David Goffin beat Benjamin Bonzi in three sets. Nicolas Mahut and Arthur Rinderknech defeated Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen in straight sets to win the tie, consigning the Belgians to a third straight loss.

Alvarez sees off Golovkin in trilogy fight

LAS VEGAS: Saul "Canelo" Alvarez retained his undisputed super-middleweight world title on Saturday, seeing off Gennady Golovkin to complete their epic fight trilogy in Las Vegas.

Mexico's Alvarez was in charge for most of 12 rounds at an electric T-Mobile Arena, winning a unanimous decision to spark wild scenes of celebration among the Mexican fans who made up most of the sell-out crowd. One judge scored the bout 116-112 while the two others saw it 115-113 for Alvarez, who took control early and continued to cruise even as Golovkin stepped it up in the late rounds.

"Thank you so much, my friend," Alvarez said to Golovkin in the ring after a bout whose build-up was marked by some bitter rhetoric. "We gave the fans three good fights. Thank you for

everything." It was a welcome return to form for Alvarez, who suffered the second defeat of his career earlier this year after moving up to light-heavyweight to face Dmitry Bivol.

"You have to continue to move forward," he said. "I have shown that defeats can show you can be great and you can regain your humility."

This return to 168 pounds clearly suited Alvarez, even though he said he fought with a left hand injury that will require surgery. "I've had issues with my hand since the Caleb Plant fight last year," he said. "I need surgery. It's not broken, it's more of a problem with my wrist."

"I got a bit tired at the end mainly because we haven't worked on much explosive stuff in the gym. It was hugely satisfying to win and with my hand problems,

I out-jabbed one of the best ever."

Golovkin, meanwhile, was left to rue a leaden start, only sparking into life when it was too late. "It was a tactical mistake on my part to start slow, but we wanted to see how the fight was going to develop," Golovkin said. "I think we both started slowly."

Alvarez, who said he knew from the first round he wouldn't get the knockout he craved, improved to 58-2-2 with 39 knockouts. This highly anticipated third tussle between two of the hardest hitting fighters in the world came four years after their last meeting.

Back in 2018, it was Alvarez whose hand was raised at the end of 12 frenetic, quality rounds which saw Golovkin suffer defeat for the very first time as he came out on the wrong end of a narrow majority decision.

Their first fight the year before

ended in a draw. Bad blood had boiled between them ever since Alvarez failed a drugs test and was banned for six months.

Golovkin, who fell to 42-2 with one drawn and 37 knockouts, said any dispute with Alvarez was "100%" settled and he felt no animosity for him.

Alvarez came to the ring roared on by his adoring public, many of whom were still in the mood for a party after Mexican Independence day celebrations in Sin City. GGG has been on the road for almost a decade, so taking on Alvarez – and the pumped up crowd – was nothing new, unlike fighting at super-middleweight which was a first for the 40 year-old.

Chants of "Mexico! Mexico!" roared out as Alvarez opened aggressively, but couldn't find a way through the Golovkin rear-guard. The first couple of rounds



were cagey with Alvarez throwing a lot but not connecting with everything. Golovkin's face started to redden thanks to Alvarez's jab.

The Mexican was firmly on the front foot. A big right hook in the fifth smashed against Golovkin's granite chin, but the Kazakh was able to absorb the force and push

his cause on against his far more aggressive opponent. Golovkin started to show his age as Alvarez continued with a barrage of shots which attempted to break down the GGG defence.

In the ninth round, Alvarez found himself against the ropes but Golovkin just couldn't make

any inroads even though he had begun to throw more shots.

The last few rounds were frenetic and action packed, Golovkin throwing everything at his Mexican opponent but it was too little, too late as Alvarez held firm. Alvarez said he wasn't surprised at Golovkin's late pressure. "It didn't surprise me. I know him – he's a strong fighter."

And he said he'd welcome a chance to avenge his loss to Bivol, but first he needs to get healthy.

"I need to rest my body," Alvarez said. "I need to rest my hand, my body, but I will come back stronger. I will beat him." Golovkin, meanwhile, rejected the idea the defeat could send him into retirement. "Remember, I'm still champion at 160," said Golovkin, owner of the IBF and WBA middleweight world titles.