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Intra-institutional dialogue vital: Senator Raza Rabbani

Senator Raza Rabbani on Monday said that dialogue among institutions and political parties was crucial to steer the country out from the current challenges. He said that institutions should not interfere in the domain of others while political parties should adopt rational approach to counter challenges confronting the country. He said that the 1973 Constitution guided the institution about their domain as per the supreme document; no institution will interfere in the domain of each other.



Punjab Govt focusing on welfare of common man: Pervaiz Elahi

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi on Monday held a detailed meeting at Chief Minister's Office to discuss the prevailing political situation, development schemes and solutions to problems being faced by the people.

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Dar returns home after 5 years

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Nominated Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday reached Pakistan along with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

According to details, Ishaq Dar has arrived in Islamabad to take charge of the Finance Minister, who will be sworn in as a Senator on Monday and as a Finance Minister on Wednesday. It is pertinent to note that Dar has returned home after nearly five years to get the country out of economic woes.

Earlier on Sunday, Miftah Ismail resigned as finance minister in line with the party's decision while Ishaq Dar has been nominated as Miftah's replacement.

The PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held a meeting in London to discuss the ongoing situation in the country and measures taken by the sitting coalition government.

PM summons NSC meeting tomorrow

Raja Furqan Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has summoned a meeting of the National Security Committee amid echoes of audio leaks.

According to the details, the prime minister will convene the meeting on Wednesday. The meeting will be attended by the leadership of all three armed forces, federal ministers and committee members. Sources said that the military leadership will brief the participants of the NSC on matters related to national security.

Sources further said that the authorities will be briefed on security issues including the audio leaks of the Prime Minister's House in the meeting.

Salute to Martyrs

The funeral prayer of martyrs of a helicopter crash during flying mission at Harnai was offered at Quetta Garrison Balochistan on Monday. Corps Commander Balochistan, Senior Military and Civil officials attended the funeral.



Protection of Rights

Lawmakers urged to bring clarity over transgenders bill

Law Minister says it is sensitive matter and we should take decision in light of Shariah, Constitution

ISLAMABAD: The Senate started its session at the Parliament House in Islamabad on Monday with Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani in the chair. The House offered feteiha for the departed souls of the flood victims. The lawmakers also prayed for the martyrs of security personnel, who laid down their lives in defence of the country.

Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazir Tarar has urged the lawmakers to bring clarity over a bill relating to transgender persons in light of Islamic injunctions and provisions of the Constitution.

He said this while responding to "The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022" moved by Fawzia Arshad. The Law Minister

said it is a sensitive matter and we should take a decision in light of the Shariah and the Constitution.

The Transgender Persons Bill aimed to redefine transgender person and also seeking amendments in various sub-sections of Section 3

The Bill moved by Senator Fawzia Arshad, was seeking amendments in definitions of "gender expression" and "gender identity". The Bill aimed to re-

define the transgender person and also seeking amendments in various sub-sections of Section 3 and focus to omit the expressions related to self-perceived gender identity of transgender persons. It sought to omit the expression "as per his or her self-perceived gender identity, as such," from sub-section 1 of Section 3 and expressions "as per his or her self-perceived gender identity" from sub-sections 2 and 3 of Section 3.

It also proposed to delete sub-section 4 from Section 3 which says "a transgender person already issued CNIC by NADRA shall be allowed to change the name and gender according to his or her self-perceived identity on the CNIC, CRC, Driving License and

passport in accordance with the provisions of the NADRA Ordinance, 2000".

The Bill also sought amendments in Sections 7 and 8 related to the share of inheritance and right to education.

The statement of objects and reasons of the proposed Bill says that this legislative proposal has been brought to fill the gaps and make this Act more effective and worthwhile for reducing suffering, improving standard of living and reforming the most deprived segment of the society.

It states that the Transgender Persons (Protection of Right) Act, 2018 has been enacted to protect and safeguard the rights of transgender community in Pakistan.

COAS, Canadian envoy discuss regional security situation

Wendy Gilmour lauds Pak Army's relief efforts in flood affected areas

RAWALPINDI: Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan Wendy Gilmour paid a farewell call to Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa in General Headquarters in Rawalpindi on Monday.

According to the ISPR, during the meeting, matters of mutual interests, regional security situation and bilateral cooperation in various fields came under discussion.

The Army Chief thanked visiting dignitary for her services and appreciated her contributions for fostering strong ties between the two countries.

The visiting dignitary expressed her grief over the devastation caused by floods in Pakistan and offered sincere



condolence to the families of the victims. She offered full support of her country to the people of Pakistan.

Wendy Gilmour also appreciated Pakistan's Army efforts for rescue and relief efforts in flood affected areas.

General Bajwa thanked for Canada's support and reiterated that assistance from our global partners shall be vital in rehabilitation of the flood victims. Agencies

Helicopter crash

Six army personnel martyred in Harnai

President, PM, ministers grieved over life loss of troops in chopper crash

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI/QUETTA: A helicopter of Pakistan Army crashed during flying mission in Harnai, Balochistan on Sunday night. According to the ISPR, six personnel on board including two pilots embraced martyrdom. The martyrs include Major Muhammad Muneeb Afzal, Major Khurram Shahzad, Subedar Abdul Wahid, Sepoy Muhammad Imran, Sepoy Shoaib and Naik Jalil.

Namaz-e-Janaza (funeral prayer) of martyrs of helicopter crash during flying mission at Harnai was offered at Quetta Garrison Balochistan on Monday. Corps Commander Balochistan, Senior Military and

Civil officials attended the funeral. Jasd-e-Khaki of the Shuhada being despatched to their native town where they will be buried with full military honour.

President Arif Alvi has expressed grief and sorrow over the helicopter crash in Harnai. In a statement today, he prayed for higher ranks for the personnel martyred in the incident. He also commiserated with the bereaved families.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of six personnel of Pakistan Army in a helicopter crash. In a tweet, he commiserated with the bereaved families saying the entire Pakistani nation share their grief.

Digital Pakistan Vision

US lauds Pakistan's digitalization efforts

Pak-US officials discuss Digitalization, Connectivity and Policies related to the IT and Telecom sector

Spokesman Report

BUCHAREST (ROMANIA): Deputy Secretary of Communication of United States McClain Delaney on Monday appreciated Pakistan's efforts for digitalization and connectivity projects launched by the government for the people of remote areas.

The high-level delegation of the United States led by Deputy Secretary of Communication McClain Delaney met with Federal Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin-Ul-Haque during a sidelines, after the opening ceremony of the International Telecommunication Conference (ITU PP-22) in Bucharest, Romania.

The Pakistani delegation included former IT Minister Anusha Rahman (Candidate for ITU BDT), Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UN in Geneva Mr. Khalil



Hashmi, Pakistan Ambassador to Romania Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Member IC Ajmal Awan and Chief Executive Officer of Universal Service Fund Haaris Mahmood Chaudhary.

Syed Amin-Ul-Haque informed the US delegation about the loss of lives and property caused by floods in Pakistan and the government's relief efforts. The meeting also discussed Digitalization, Connectivity and Policies related to the IT and Telecom sector.

The delegation appreciated the MOIT slogan "Affordable Connectivity and Smartphone for All".

Earlier, the Pakistani dele-

gation led by Federal Minister IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin-Ul-Haque, participated in the opening ceremony of the ITU PP-22, in which Ministers and Heads of Missions of 186 member states of the world are participating.

Plenipotentiary Conference (PP), ITU's highest policy-making body, meets once every four years to set the Union's general policies, adopt the four-year strategic and financial plans, and elect the senior management team of the organization, the Member States of the Council and the members of the Radio Regulations Board.

Govt committed to protect flood-hit victims: Ahsan

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has said that the government is committed to protect the affected people despite the fact that the scale of the disaster is huge.

He was addressing a roundtable conference in Islamabad on Monday.

The minister said that the recent flood has not only claimed lives, but also affected infrastructure and livelihood at a mega scale. He said that the government has taken a number of initiatives as federal and provincial governments have been doing rescue operations since the flood came into the surface.

In order to implement the rehabilitation plan for the flood-affected people, the minister engaged the country's top economists, key development stakeholders and donors before sending a comprehensive rehabilitation plan to the Prime Minister for the approval.

Another audio featuring Maryam will be leaked: Imran

PTI Chairman says if they had little shame, they would've resigned after audio leaks.

LAHORE: PTI Chairman Imran Khan Monday claimed that another audio leak of PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz would come to the fore after back-to-back leaks of the ruling coalition leaders.

Speaking during an event, the former prime minister said that in the audio that will be leaked in the coming days, Maryam could be heard telling her father, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif, that Imran will soon be disqualified in the Toshakhana reference.

"If they had a little shame, they would have resigned after their audio leaks. However, since they — Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his ministers — are not resigning, we will have to force them out," the PTI chairman said.

Khan's claim came hours after PTI Senior Vice President Fawad Chaudhry demanded the government launch a probe into audio leaks from the Prime Minister's House.

Three audios have been leaked in the last week — with PM Shehbaz and Maryam being at the centre of the controversy.

The latest leaked audio that had gone viral on social media — allegedly featuring PM Shehbaz, Rana Sanaullah, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and others — contains a discussion regarding PTI's



resignations.

Before that, another leaked audio had gone viral on social media — allegedly featuring PM Shehbaz — containing a discussion regarding PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz asking for a power plant from India to be imported for her son-in-law.

Apart from that, Maryam's alleged audio conversation was leaked in which she can be heard advising the PM to jack up the fuel prices.

Maryam, who had been opposing

a hike in fuel prices during her media appearances, can be heard suggesting PM Shehbaz increase fuel prices. She also complained about Finance Minister Miftah Ismail.

Moving on, the former premier said that the PTI government negotiated with Russia to strike a deal on importing cheap oil and wheat, whereas, the incumbent rulers are in power just to "plunder money and move it abroad", with no plans for relief for the people. Agencies

Partnership

WASHINGTON: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and US Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs Dilawar Syed at a meeting discussed the flood situation in Pakistan and bilateral trade cooperation.



Photo: PID

FM appreciates US assistance for flood victims

Spokesman Report

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The Foreign Minister appreciated assistance extended by the US for flood victims.

The Foreign Minister also met with the corporate leaders, prominent business personalities and other segments of the society at Pakistan House in Washington.

Rupee registers gain against dollar

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee gained ground against the US dollar as the week's trade started Monday after the local unit suffered consecutive losses during several previous sessions. In the interbank market, the rupee gained 2.63 against the dollar to reach 237.02, according to the SBP, up in value from the previous session's close of 239.65.

The local currency on Friday — the last trading day of the outgoing week — finally broke its losing streak against the dollar after continuously depreciating for 15 consecutive sessions. The rupee came close to reaching a record low of 240 against the dollar but was unable to do so after several positive cues despite deadly floods devastating Pakistan's economy. Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan General Secretary Zafar Paracha said it seems like the market is responding to PML-N leader Ishaq Dar's arrival and the announcement of him replacing Miftah Ismail as the finance minister. APP

'Incidents of audio leaks a worrisome trend'

President Dr Arif Alvi says the privacy of every person was a trust which should be upheld

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has termed the incidences of audio leaks as a worrisome trend, adding that leaking private conversations fell within the category of "Gheebat", which needed to be discouraged. He said that the privacy of every person was a trust which should be upheld, and leaking private conversations or comments and spreading fake news was unethical and it gave rise to fear and anxiety in society.

The President made these remarks while talking to Karachi-based journalists, at Governor House, Karachi, Monday. The President said that our society was facing an issue of Gheebat and fake news, which in general parlance, was a narration of an event out of reference and context. He said that we should exercise self-discipline to not entertain private conversations which sometimes became the reason for deteriorating relationships between people and countries.

He said that there had been an increase in information leaks due to the permeation of technology, however, 95% of social media contributed to providing useful knowledge and information whereas only 5% of the social media may be considered

Politicians should play their role in making the nation intellectually strong

to be involved in alleged fake news etc. Dr Alvi said social media should be used to glean the necessary information and knowledge by ignoring and filtering out unnecessary noise. He also emphasized civilized behaviour toward political rivals, especially in the public. He

said that politicians should play their role in making the nation intellectually strong. He said that intellectual strength could make our country strong in a minimum time period rather than brick and mortar model. "The lack of communication, corruption jobbery, and nepotism are evils that every nation should take appropriate action to deal with them for a healthy society", he added.

He said that the world had made important innovations and progress in Cyber Security which has become an important discipline for the safety and security of any nation. He emphasized that Pakistan needed to take decisive and committed initiatives to adopt cyber security technology to lay down the foundation of stability and progress. He said that there had been a perception of corruption in the country since its inception, however, proving the cases of white-collar crimes was difficult due to the collusion between the parties.

No LG polls in Karachi: CM

Murtaza Wahab resigns as Karachi administrator

KARACHI: Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah Monday said that there will be no elections in Sindh for the next few months.

In an interview with a private tv channel, the chief minister said the government has been able to send aid to only 25% of the flood victims, while deaths are still being recorded and the province's infrastructure has been destroyed. CM Murad said that no one can even think about holding elections in this situation in clear words.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had announced that the

local body elections in the districts of the Karachi Division will be held on October 23. The elections were supposed to take place on August 28, however, they were postponed due to the heavy flooding triggered by monsoon rains in the port city and other cities in Sindh.

Meanwhile, Karachi Administrator Murtaza Wahab Monday announced his resignation from office after a high court restricted the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) from collecting taxes through the city's power utility.

The announcement to quit came on the heels of a Sindh High Court ruling (SHC) that temporarily barred the KMC from gathering municipal taxes through electricity bills.

Barrister Murtaza Wahab was appointed KMC administrator on August 6, 2021.

Addressing a press conference, a dismayed Wahab lamented the court decision and said: "It would have been easier for me to ask the prime minister and the chief minister for funds, but I did not, as I believe the way of the law is the only solution." Agencies

Minister directs for early restoration of national highways

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Maulana Asad Mehmood on Monday directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to ensure early restoration of the national highways affected by floods.

The Minister was chairing a high-level meeting which was also attended by Secretary Communications and Chairman NHA Capt (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha, Member Admin and other officials, said a press release issued by the NHA here Monday.

The Chairman NHA briefed the minister on the situation of roads damaged due to floods and on the Hakla-DIKhan Motorway.

The minister directed for early completion of service roads and service

PTI seeks probe into audio leaks

Ch. Fawad says an investigation should be launched into the matter

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The PTI demanded on Monday that the authorities investigate the audio leaks purportedly coming out of PM House as the party claimed that the government was trying to purchase the [stolen] data from a hacker to secure it.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said earlier that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has ordered an investigation into the audio leaks allegedly from PM House that feature government officials.

Security at PM House was called into question by the PTI — the biggest opposition party — after purported audio clips featuring government officials surfaced last week.

In a press conference, PTI Senior Vice President Fawad Chaudhry, quoting the alleged hacker, said that they have not yet leaked an "explosive" audio. "To date, the PM Office has not released a statement on the audio leaks. There are reports that the government is in talks with the hacker to secure the data," the PTI leader said.

The former federal minister claimed that audio of 340 hours was leaked and no one batted an eye despite the PTI government equipping relevant authorities with the latest technology. "Pakistan's Prime Minister's Office is not safe when it comes to cybersecurity and we condemn this. An investigation should be launched into the matter," he demanded.

The former federal minister said two government officials — Rana Sanaullah and Marriyum Aurangzeb — had given statements in response to the audio leak, but they

were "absurd". The latest and second leaked audio that had gone viral on social media — allegedly featuring PM Shehbaz Sharif, Rana Sanaullah, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and others — contains a discussion regarding PTI's resignations.

In it, PML-N leaders can allegedly be heard giving their opinions over PTI's resignations. They are also talking about London's permission to accept the resignations. Before that, another leaked audio had gone viral on social media — allegedly featuring PM Shehbaz — containing a discussion regarding PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz asking for a power plant from India to be imported for her son-in-law.

Meanwhile, in an interview with a private TV channel, the interior minister said a probe had been ordered into the issue and all agencies will be part of it. But he said there was "nothing to worry about" over phone tapping as it was common in the world. "It portrays a better image of the government about governance and fair play," he added.

He said it was premature to claim the security of PM House had been breached. "However, it will be a serious issue if a spying device is found at PM House." In a separate statement, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said that there was nothing illegal in the purported leaked audio, as a result, it caused "pain" to PTI Chairman Imran Khan.

"No anti-Pakistan conspiracy was found in this audio as was revealed in the leaked conversation of former finance minister Shaukat Tarin with the provincial ministers of the PTI governments," she maintained.

PM praises Marriyum

For dealing PTI supporters' harassment with grace

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday praised Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb for keeping her cool while the supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) heckled her at a coffee shop in London.

"The manner in which Marriyum Aurangzeb dealt with the harassment from the PTI supporters shows her grace," the prime minister said in a tweet.

PM Sharif said Marriyum's honourable conduct had exposed the "ugly face of the harassers and their promoters".

"We are proud of her," the prime minister said in addition to her words of appreciation for his cabinet member.

Marriyum Aurangzeb was harassed by a group of PTI supporters while she was in a coffee shop in London. The group yelled at her, hurled allegations against her party and also filmed the unfortunate incident. Throughout the entire episode, Marriyum Aurangzeb maintained her poise and did not respond to the continuous shouting of the PTI supporters. APP

Pakistan's 75th anniversary

Role of Pakistan in global, regional affairs discussed

MPs delegation attends int'l conference in Moscow

Spokesman Report

MOSCOW: A parliamentary delegation of Pakistan on Monday participated in an international conference held in Moscow in connection with the 75th Anniversary of Pakistan's Independence to highlight and discuss different aspects and role of Pakistan in global and regional affairs, cooperation and progress in the bilateral relations.

The delegation comprising Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights Senator Walid Iqbal, Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar and Pakistan's Ambassador to the Russian Federation Shafiqat Ali Khan attended the conference held at Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian

Academy of Sciences, Moscow, in collaboration with the Embassy of Pakistan in Russia. The event was held to highlight and discuss the role of Pakistan in global and regional affairs, exploration of bilateral cooperation and connectivity, strengthening of Pak-Russia strategic and economic relations.

Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights Senator Walid Iqbal, in his keynote address, stressed the need of cooperation between Pakistan and Russia. He acknowledged Russian support of Pakistan for membership of SCO and conveyed gratitude for Russian Federation's assistance in the wake of unprecedented floods in Pakistan.

MPs delegation attends int'l conference on Pakistan's 75th anniversary in Moscow

He stressed the need of realization of cooperation of agreements including the Pakistan Stream Gas Pipeline project to further boost the relations between the two countries.

Ambassador Shafiqat Ali Khan, while deliberating upon the bilateral relations between the two countries, noted with satisfaction that the trajectory of progress was not only positive but also seamless irrespective of change of Governments.

He listed significant achievements of Pakistan in various fields and highlighted strong political consensus in the country for the constitutional democracy and rule of law.

He also briefed on various aspects of Pakistan's foreign and defense policy and emphasized the importance of settlement of Kash-



mir issue for peace and security in the region. In his address, Professor Vyacheslav Belokrenskiy, Chairman Center for the Study of Near and Middle Eastern Countries, Institute of Oriental Studies said that the conference provided an opportunity for the participants to

throw lights on various aspects of bilateral and regional issues with their recommendations.

Among other speakers of the conference included Masuma Hasan, Chairperson, Pakistan Institute of International Affairs Karachi, Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema, Strategic Vision Institute, Islamabad, Hasnain Reza Mirza, Chairman Analytical Centre Golden Ring Economic Forum - GREF, Lahore, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Khan, Director, Area Study Centre (Russia, China & Central Asia), University of Peshawar, Shahida Wizarat, Institute of Business Management, Karachi, Sahibzada Sultan Ahmed Ali, Chairman Muslim Institute - Mission of Unity, Stability & Leadership in Muslims, Islamabad, Anna A. Suvorova, IOS RAS and Philipp P. Smolyakov, Russian Embassy in Islamabad.

Punjab Govt focusing on welfare of common man: Pervaiz Elahi

Says new development schemes are being started in the province

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi on Monday held a detailed meeting at Chief Minister's Office to discuss the prevailing political situation, development schemes and solutions to problems being faced by the people.

According to a handout issued here, Imran Khan appreciated the steps taken by the Punjab government for the rehabilitation of the flood-hit population and to save educational institutions from drug addiction.

The Punjab government's aid package would ensure early rehabilitation of



the affected families, he added. Imran Khan said that welfare schemes should be accelerated to provide necessary relief to the people.

The CM apprised the former prime minister that all hospitals in the province would be converted to solar energy in phases. While briefing about the Punjab Control of Narcotics Substance

Act, 2022 the CM added that strict legislation was being enacted to make educational institutions drug-free.

Strict punishment would be proposed for selling drugs in higher education institutions. The government was legislating to keep the minimum punishment of two years and maximum life imprisonment, he added.

The CM said for selling and use of drugs in the educational institutions, the owners and employees would be responsible and added that an autonomous institution, special force and special courts would be set up to eradicate the drug trade.

Pervaiz Elahi said that heirs of those

who died due to rains and floods had been given financial aid of Rs 1 million per person. He further said that the amount of aid had been increased to redress damages to houses, crops, and livestock.

Chief minister said that new development schemes were also being started in the province as per Imran Khan's vision.

He said welfare of the common man was a focal point of the Punjab government. Senior Minister Aslam Iqbal, Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid, former Federal minister Hammad Azhar and others were also present.



Zafar Bakhtawari secretary General UBG Abdul Rouf Alam Former President FPCCI, Atif Ikram sheikh, Arif Yousaf Jiwa, Qazi M Akbar Zahid Iqbal Chaudhry Umer Mushtaq Bharghat, Raja M Anwar, Malik sohal Hussain Waqar Bakhtawari and Khalid Chaudhry and others at ground breaking ceremony of the building of Jhelum Chamber of Commerce and industry.

VC UAJK visits Ibn-e-Khaldoon Library



Spokesman Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The Vice Chancellor University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi visited the Ibn-e-Khaldoon Library of the university established at King Abdullah Campus (KAC) Chatter Kallas and appreciated its management for organizing valued digital and physical knowledge resources through modern Library Information and Management System.

According to a press release issued by the Public Relations Department of the university, meritorious Professor and Chief Librarian Dr. Syed Nadeem Haider Bukhari and Deputy Chief Librarian Syed Farhat Hussain Kazmi briefed the Vice Chancellor about the book collections and other information resources available in the library for students and the faculty.

During the visit, the Vice Chancellor interacted with the staff and students and said that this library holds a special place not only in the UAJK but also in the academic and literary circles of the state. "It is a matter of great pleasure that the library established in the KAC will surely prove to be an excellent source of study for the students and faculty", he added.

The Vice-Chancellor said that libraries play a fundamental role in society and help ensure an authentic treasure of knowledge created and accumulated by past generations. "In a world without libraries, it would be difficult to advance research and human knowledge or preserve the world's cumulative knowledge and heritage for future generations" Dr. Abbasi commented.

The Vice-Chancellor took a round of the different sections of the university along with the Registrar Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sohail and others. On this occasion, Deputy Chief Librarian Syed Farhat Kazmi thoroughly briefed the Vice Chancellor about the physical and digital resources and facilities available in the library.



ISLAMABAD: The staff of China Yunnan Sunny Road and Bridge Co. have come forward to help Pakistan's flood victims with a generous donation of Rs. 4.5 million. The cheque of the donation was handed over by Mr. Li Ping, director of the company in Pakistan, to the newly appointed Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS). The latter would spend it for the flood victims on behalf of Chinese friends.

Minister for joint efforts for timely completion of BRT Red Line

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information and Transport Sharjeel Inam Memon stressed on joint efforts by all partners to ensure timely completion of Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) Red Line Project within approved cost.

He was chairing a meeting of board of Directors of Trans Karachi held here on Monday to review ongoing development work on the construction of the infrastructure of the BRT Red Line project.

To expedite the project matters the meeting the BoD decided to convene its meetings at least once in every month while initially Board would meet twice a month. The estimated cost of the Red Line project was \$ 505 million and rising inflation may escalate the project cost, Sharjeel Memon said adding that joint efforts needed to be taken for the timely completion of the project in the interest of the citizens.

Sindh government wanted completion of the project within stipulated time frame to avert enhancement of cost of the project and it could be made possible with teamwork, he said and warned that the concerned partner would be held responsible in case of delay in any section of the project.

Secretary Transport Abdul Halim Sheikh, MD Sindh Mass Transit Captain R Altaf Sario, Justice Retired Shaiq Usmani, VC NED University Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi, Rukhsana Rahoja, CEO Trans Karachi Wasif Ajlal, Shumail Sikandar and other members of Board of Directors attended the meeting.

Zero tolerance for corruption: DG ACE

LAHORE: The Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab Director General Nadeem Sarwar on Monday directed the officials to adopt zero tolerance policy against the corruption so that the elements involved in dishonesty won't be spared.

Chairing a meeting of ACE officers held in Committee Room at Farid Court House, he directed the officers to perform their duties sincerely and continue to take action against the corrupt elements without any discrimination. The DG said that he would review the performance of ACE officers on regular basis, adding that the process of self-accountability would continue in the department so that the officers, who do not perform duties with responsibility could be held accountable in a timely manner.

World Tourism Day

LAHORE: Tourists visits Historical "Shahi Qila", in Provincial Capital in connection with the upcoming World Tourism Day to be held today.



Photo: Online

KDCA, UAF to strengthen cooperation

Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) and the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) will strengthen their ties in order to cope with the outbreak of dengue, malaria etc diseases caused by mosquitoes and learn from each others experiences.

Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) Director Dr Hee Il Lee along with KDCA Staff Consultant Dr Sun Ran Cho called on UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan and later addressed the seminar in which Entomology Department faculty and a large number of students participated. Chairman Entomology Prof Dr Sohail Ahmad, Prof Dr Waseem Akram, Dr Muhammad Tayyib also spoke.

Prof Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan said the country was facing difficult situation due to flood catastrophe that

had affected 35 million people. Due to water stagnation, the different diseases including dengue, malaria, water borne diseases etc are breaking out and making the lives of the affected people more terrible. He was of the view that we had paced out our efforts with tangible solutions to address the catastrophe at the national level.

He said that the University had set up Pak Korea Nutrition Center in collaboration with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) meant to address the issue of malnutrition with a special focus on mothers and children. He said that the University was working on One Health, recognizing that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals and our shared environment.

Dr Hee Il Lee said that KDCA was making its efforts to protect the health of people and keep them safe through scientific, evidence-based policies on disease prevention and control and

healthcare research. He said that they were using the physical and biological techniques to control the vector and vector borne diseases. He said that the KDCA stands at the forefront to reduce disease burden by expanding investment in R&D to fight diseases and strengthen prevention and control of chronic and rare diseases.

Prof Dr Sohail Ahmad said that the Department of Entomology UAF was taking all possible steps for controlling different diseases. He said that the KSDA team visit will help learn from each other experiences to overcome the different diseases.

Dr Wasim Akram said that this year, the dengue outbreak has hitting the people due to massive floods. He added that the UAF in the last massive dengue break also took the lead in the research and development work and this year, we are also taking all possible efforts to fight the challenges.

DC reviews dengue situation

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Commissioner Irfan Nawaz Memon Monday chaired a meeting of dengue monitoring committee and reviewed the overall situation in the Federal capital.

Additional deputy commissioner, assistant commissioners, officials of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) health department and entomologists attended the meeting. The health department officials gave a detailed briefing on current situation of dengue in the city and pointed out hot spot areas.

Addressing the meeting, the deputy commissioner directed strict monitoring and indoor and outdoor surveillance in the city to control deadly fever. He informed that instructions were issued to all the stakeholders to make necessary arrangements in that regard.

Memon said MCI was directed to ensure cleanliness of parks and removal of shrubs under its jurisdiction. He directed Labour department to check dengue larvae presence in factories and godowns.

Spotify launches first episode of digital series Spotify Talks

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Spotify launched the first episode of its digital series Spotify Talks, dedicated to women in music. Hosted by Anoushey Ashraf and featuring Momina Mustehsan, EQUAL Pakistan Ambassador for September, alongside previous EQUAL Ambassadors Natasha Baig and Zoha Zuberi, the episode sheds light on the journeys women creators embark on when pursuing a career in music.

From the lack of social support for their career choices to having limited opportunities in the music industry, the panelists discussed the resistance they faced and how they persisted. Creating a path for themselves in a male-dominated industry requires hard work and personal drive to find the right avenues for their work to be seen and heard.

"For me, the reason that I ever made music is because I feel like it's a tool of storytelling. So, I never even imagined a scenario where anyone would really be paying much attention to it," tells Momina on why she started making music.

"I think everything comes with a

cost. And yes, it was very hard to deal with the attention that I was getting initially, but looking back at it, I think every learning experience comes with some kind of process. And either you are able to deal with it or it takes you a little longer to try and figure it out," she added while sharing her experience of going viral overnight.

Speaking of her experience as a woman hailing from Hunza Valley and choosing a career that is still not considered appropriate widely, Natasha shared how her choice impacted her relationship with her father. "My father never believed in my dreams. Although I was the first Hunza girl coming all the way from the North who was dreaming about going into this commercial scene, I was quite confident about myself and so, I just told my father that I really want to do this."

"I grew up with two brothers and what frustrated me the most was why all the rules were made for me and not for them. Just because I didn't get to choose my gender does not mean that I give up all my dreams," added Natasha.

The episode, spanning 60 minutes, also highlights how Spotify is leveling

the playing field for women in audio through its music program EQUAL Pakistan which is opening doors for women, regardless of their career stage or genre, to have their music discovered across the globe.

"Women artists added to our EQUAL Pakistan playlist are 20 times more likely to get discovered by a new fan. We are seeing fans listening to EQUAL Pakistan from the US, UK, Canada, Saudi Arabia and India," shared Rutaba Yaqub, Spotify's Music Manager for Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Despite barriers surrounding music careers, many young creators find comfort in it, including Zoha Zuberi, who talked about how music empowered her to express herself.

"For me, music was always about how I felt, and it was nothing else. So I wrote down my feelings, composed what I wrote, and I just wanted to share that with the world like a personal diary that you are putting out there. Because as an introverted child, I had nothing else to communicate with. I only had music," said Zoha.

Towards the session's conclusion, the panelists highlighted the importance of educational avenues for the



MOMINA MUSTEHSAN ARTIST

younger generation of Pakistani musicians while also discussing the value of collaboration between artists and how it fosters creativity.

Acknowledging the importance of collaborations Anoushey Ashraf added, "This generation of musicians is more open to collaboration. It's amazing to see Meesha Shafi and Atif Aslam collaborating with younger generations of musicians. They've decided to evolve instead of rejecting the idea of collaboration."

As a close of the insightful and lively discussion, Natasha Baig performed a soulful rendition of her song, Wajood-e-Zan.



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Indonesian President dispatches humanitarian aid to Pakistan

Joko Widodo pledges to provide a humanitarian grant of USD 1 million



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Indonesia has joined the international community in providing humanitarian assistance for the flood victims in Pakistan.

The President of Indonesia Joko Widodo dispatched humanitarian assistance by two special aircrafts, in the form of packages of medicines, tents, clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, mosquito nets, and generators.

In his remarks, Presi-

dent Joko expressed deepest condolences on his personal behalf and also on behalf of the Indonesian people to Pakistani brothers on the loss of precious human life caused by heavy floods and landslides. President Joko Widodo also pledged to provide a humanitarian grant of USD 1 million and to send a medical team to Pakistan.

The Indonesian Humanitarian Assistance Team is led by the Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture, Prof. Dr. Muha-

jir Effendi, along with the Chairperson of Commission 8 of the Indonesian House of Representatives AshabulKahfi, Head of Indonesian National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) Lt. Gen. Suharyanto and Director of South Asia at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives from other relevant Ministries/Agencies.

The total Indonesian non-cash grant assistance to Pakistan is worth USD 1.2 Million and weighing around 90 tons. Currently, a need assessment is being carried

out at the flood affected areas in Pakistan by a team from Indonesian NDMA in close consultation with Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Cultural Affairs. Together, these institutions have taken several initiatives to raise humanitarian assistance to Pakistan from various segments in Indonesia's community including from state enterprises, entrepreneurs and civil society.

On separate occasions, the Indonesian Embassy in Islam-

AAA Associates expands steps to help flood victims



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The recent monsoon floods in Pakistan have run havoc in the country. Thousands of people have lost their lives and millions have lost their homes and livelihood. The federal government has calculated a loss of at least \$10 billion as a result of weeks of heavy rainfall and subsequent floods, with Sindh and Baluchistan, in particular, incurring damages of more than \$2 billion (Rs500 billion approx.) due to the destruction in terms of homes, livestock and all main crops.

The government is carrying out its responsibilities and duties, but Pakistan's private sector can play a massive role in the rehabilitation of flood-affected areas. In these times of unprecedented calamity, our nation stands together in support of our brothers suffering the most. Keeping in the spirit of nationhood and fraternity, AAA Associates has been actively participating in flood relief efforts.

As a leading real estate company in Pakistan, AAA Associates recognized its responsibility to community building. They began relief activities on a priority basis early August in Islamabad to provide essential daily necessities and assist flood victims. Emergency aid supplies and equipment, as well as food, and shelter, were being distributed among the affected. Along with the flood relief aid in Quetta, AAA Associates made a cash donation to the affected people in Sindh. The AAA Associates Skardu Branch also made cash donations to the management of Skardu's major central mosques, who will then distribute them to flood victims.

On the occasion, Chairman AAA Associates Mr. Sheikh Fawad Bashir expressed his solidarity with the people that have lost their homes, their farms and all the sources of their livelihood. He said that "Climate Change has brought these catastrophic floods to our villages and towns, resulting in millions of people being displaced and shelterless. As a nation, we should extend all that we can in support of our people".

MD AAA Associates Lt. Col. Shahzad Ali Kiani (r) also expressed his concern as well and said, "I am deeply troubled about the current floods in Pakistan, which have been exacerbated by the effects of climate change. These floods, as well as the numerous other weather events occurring around the world, necessitate a redoubling of our efforts to combat the climate crisis that threatens to engulf us. AAA Associates has been called in to assist the government's relief and rehabilitation efforts."

The government presented the damage estimating that the economic impact of the floods would be at least \$10 billion, or nearly 3% of the country's GDP. This is the time we need to prove that patriotism is above any nationality and help people impacted by the devastating floods.

The Government of Pakistan along with many private NGOs are providing relief and rehabilitation to the affected of torrential rains and flash floods in many parts of the country. In these times of despair, the real estate industry must come together to assist as many individuals as possible, regardless of political affiliation.

Our people are our strength. AAA Associates stands with the people of Sindh, Baluchistan, and Southern Punjab, as well as those in Kohistan and Skardu, who have suffered the disastrous effects of floods. We will do everything in our capacity to help those that are suffering.

No one is left behind' for Inclusive economic growth: Speakers

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Romina Khurshid Alam, SAPM and Convener Parliamentary Task force on SDGs, urged for strengthening implementation of laws along with behavioural changes to reinstate respect for law, social responsibility and social norms to ensure that development is inclusive and reaches under-developed and underprivileged communities.

Speaking at a roundtable discussion on 'Inclusive economic growth: An imperative for sustainable economic development', she said that bureaucratic operations must be simplified through one window operations so that the development agendas are delivered timely and efficiently.

She stressed that developed countries which are major contributors of global carbon emissions must be called out and held responsible for their actions that developing countries are paying for. Climate finance is not aid rather legitimate right of climate vulnerable countries and responsibility of high carbon emitting countries.

Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director SDPI called for achieving sustainable economic development to overcome contemporary challenges. He said there is a dire need that the government opts for solution-oriented approach, forward-looking planning, and looking at the current floods as an opportunity to reset social protection backed by well thought out targeted economic policies rather than burdening future generation with loans.

Frequent changes in tax, tariffs and reversals of economic policies have long term negative implications and discourage foreign direct investments. Pakistan needs to diversify foreign investments from multiple countries.

Dr Shafqat Mumir Ahmad, Head Sustainability and Resilience Programme, said that economic inclusion of vulnerable and marginalised segments is critical to ensure that growth does not exacerbate existing inequalities in society. It is imperative for economists and policy makers to identify the issues of socio-economic inclusivity and rectify them to ensure sustainable economic development that benefits and empowers all strata of society. He called for strengthening state-citizens cordial relations.

Dr Sajid Amin, Deputy Executive Director SDPI, Pakistan is currently confronting 4 major challenges preventing it from achieving sustainable and inclusive economic development. These include balance of payment crisis, high and unsustainable economic growth, recurrent climate disasters and political and economic uncertainty and instability. He said that it is crucial to shift focus of economic policies to SMEs and entrepreneurship which can create employment resulting in inclusive economic growth.

Ali Salman, ED PRIME Institute said that Pakistan's economic policies have been fairly inclusive bearing in mind the fiscal constraints. Despite different models, no government ever shied away from development agenda. No strong commitment to develop industry and agriculture is the reason to low GDP share and employment ratio. Taxation and tariff regimes should be uniform across sectors to create a level playing field for investments and growth in each sector.

Dr Aasim Sajjad, said that economic development is impossible without recentring resources redistribution policies. He criticised that ignoring natural watershed management in infrastructure development is a leading cause of flooding; and developments in the name of tourism cause environmental degradation, loss of habitats and biodiversity, but most importantly catalyse melting of glaciers in Northern areas.

Moazzam Bhatti, Director Advocacy SDPI said that lack of quality data and access to think tanks, economists, and policy makers distorts analysis and leads to inefficient economic policies. He called for improving comprehensive coordination between federal and province governments and ensuring continuity of economic policies.

Haseeb A. Gardezi's message on Int'l World Tourism Day



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Over the period, tourism has gained enormous significance across the globe as it boosts the economy in terms of creating employment, developing infrastructures, attracting foreign exchange, and enhancing the overall image of the country. It also promotes cultural exchange between foreigners and locals, hence fostering local handicrafts and cultural pursuits. In case of Pakistan, it conveys the safe image of the country which is heavenly beautiful and may attract much more tourists in the coming years.

Keeping in mind the great potential of this rapidly growing industry, World Tourism Day is celebrated globally in very high spirits by the government and various business entities, especially by the hospitality industry which is directly correlated with tourism. As emphasized by this year's theme of World Tourism Day, "rethinking tourism", we aim to focus on rethinking tourism for development through education and jobs, and tourism's impact on the planet and opportunities to grow more sustainably.

The past five decades saw extensive investment in the tourism infrastructure of this country, by Hashoo Group, and we look forward to extending the legacy of Hashoo Hotels in 11 other cities. Apart from this, the group has been actively expanding in the education sector by opening Hashoo School of Hospitality Management in different cities, thus producing a fleet of the trained workforce as well as creating multiple opportunities for the people of Pakistan. We are very hopeful that the hospitality sector in Pakistan will continue contributing toward improving the image of the country to the outside world.

Anti-Encroachment drive

ISLAMABAD: People walks in main Aabpara Market after anti-encroachment operation by Capital Development Authority (CDA) in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Islam protects rights of each segment of society: IIUI Rector

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Principles of Islam protect rights of each segment in a society, this was said by Professor Dr. Masoom Masoom Masoom Yasinzai, Rector, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), during the concluding ceremony of a one day International Conference on "Social Protection; Practices, Experiences and Way Forward" jointly hosted by the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, FSS, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and Social Protection Resource Center (SPRC), Islamabad with the support of UNICEF, Pakistan, held at Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus. Focusing on the theme of



the conference "Universal & Life-Course Social Protection as Way Forward" Dr. Masoom Yasinzai highlighted the scope of social Protection in the third world countries, IIUI Rector urged to adopt the golden principles of Islam. He also referred to the pain and misery of people facing flood in Pakistan. On this occasion Dr. Masoom

shared the golden principles of Islam and stressed that Islam protects rights of each segment of a society.

He congratulated Chairman, Sociology Department, Dr. Akhlaq Ahmad Social Protection Resource Center (SPRC) Islamabad for organizing this international conference and also thanked UNICEF, Paki-

stan for supporting the event.

Earlier the inaugural session was presided over by Professor Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President (Academics), IIUI, who appreciated the efforts by the department of sociology and organizing team. He emphasized the importance of social Protection and its role in Pakistan in particular. Dr. Ayaz also stressed that this conference is the need of the hour and it's the time for academia and practitioners to sit together and work jointly to overcome the challenges of the era.

Dr. Ayaz also shared the purpose of the conference is to encourage informal discussion and debate and termed it an opportunity to develop a network to share knowledge and experiences with others.

FUI holds convocation for MBBS Graduates

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Foundation University Islamabad (FUI) hosted the MBBS Convocation 2022 session 2017-2021 at Jinnah Auditorium, Foundation University School of Health Sciences (FUSH).

Lt Gen Hamood Uz Zaman Khan, HI (M) (Retd) Secretary of Defence and Chancellor of Foundation University Islamabad graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Rector FUI Maj Gen Nasir Dilawar Shah HI(M) (Retd) and Maj. Gen. Imran Fazal HI(M) (Retd), Director Foundation University School of Health Sciences were also present at the occasion.

A total of 165 graduates were awarded degrees by the worthy chief guest Secretary of Defence. The Chief Guest



also awarded 07 Gold Medals, 05 Silver Medals, 20 Distinction Certificates and 109 merit certificate to the graduating batch.

Director Foundation University School of Health Sciences in his welcome address highlighted the progress and academic excel-

lence FUI has achieved in the past years. The Foundation University has been established as a Centre of Excellence to provide quality education at par with international standards. The University stresses on academic excellence through its quality faculty and students, besides effi-

cient administration, in order to produce high caliber graduates. Foundation University (FUI) is a federally chartered University established in 2002. We are ranked Category "W4" which is the highest academic rating category by the Higher Education Commission.

The Secretary of Defence and Chancellor Foundation University Islamabad, in his address, congratulated the graduating students and said, "He is confident that with the knowledge and training acquired in this elite institution, these young graduates will be able to play a very affirmative role in resolving the health issues being faced by our nation".

Austerity measures are being taken at all levels to reduce the expenses includ-

ing reduction in allocation of defense budget 2022-23 in relation to the GDP of the country. The medical fraternity which is effectively playing its role in the relief activities, would be required to shoulder an even bigger and central responsibility in this situation. Given the nature of challenge, only highly educated human resource can address today's complex economic, technological, social and societal issues.

He further emphasized that graduates, as young doctors, should strive to contribute towards their noble obligation towards nation and the mankind through their knowledge, wisdom and devotion to reduce the sufferings of ailing humanity.

In the end, Rector FUI presented a University souvenir to the Chief Guest.

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Flood-induced migration in Sindh

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It is anticipated that between 25 million to 1 billion people will migrate by 2050 due to climate change. Hence, climate-induced displacement directly impacts urban life because most of the migrants move toward cities for the seek of safe and better life. Alone in 2022, 30 million people have been displaced in the world by climate-related disasters. According to Anadolu Agency, a Turkish-based news agency, about 0.7 million people migrate annually from rural to urban areas in Pakistan owing to floods and droughts. Pakistan has experienced large and small natural disasters since its inception. These disasters included floods, earthquakes, windstorms, droughts, etc. these catastrophes destroyed the infrastructure, lives, livestock, livelihood, health, education, communication, business, etc. 2022 rain-flood has been the worst natural calamity in the history of Pakistan which affected and damaged more than the Indian Ocean tsunami 2004, the Kashmir earthquake 2005, Haiti earthquake of 2010 and even 2010 flood.

Thus, hundreds of thousands of people have been compelled to live on the roadside since the pouring rain of August in Sindh

that hit more than fifty million people. Reuters, a renowned media house, reported that Sindh has the most affected province by this "unprecedented climate change" that received 471% of the rain which has not been observed for thirty years. According to Sherry Rehman, federal minister of climate change, one-third of the country has submerged under water through this heavy monsoon rain. The flood has impacted more than two million acres of which Sindh has the highest ratio of 1.54 million acres. Hence, about 3000km of roads and 145 bridges have either been poorly damaged or destroyed. NDMA reported that 80 districts of the country have been declared as 'calamity-hit' including 23 districts of Sindh. Approximately, 896,000 houses have been destroyed, 386,039 houses have been under flood water and more than 135,710 households become internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Sindh.

Moreover, 116,65 entirely and more than 0.3 million partially houses have perished. Additionally, the death ratio has also been enhanced up to 1500 and 12,728 have been injured in which southern areas of Sindh have reported 578 deaths and 8,321 injuries. The government has estimated the loss of 30 billion USD as well as declared a national emergency on 30

August 2022 and appealed to national and international donors for aid.

CM Sindh, Murad Ali Shah talked to the media on 11 September by saying that about 30 million people have become IDPs, and more than 53.3 billion PKR has been lost by agriculture and livestock sectors only. Furthermore, he added, three to six months will take to drain the flood water from flood

areas had adversely impacted, and people were trapped in their villages because most of the roads were either submerged into water or cut off to evacuate the flood water.

The recent unprecedented flood of 2022 caused a huge displacement which has broken the previous record in the history of Pakistan. Sindh and Baluchistan have the worst impacted provinces regarding the loss of humans and infrastructure by this massive flood. Environmental migration is a kind of forced migration in which the people are not ready to leave their prior region (homes), therefore the government compelled them to leave their homes while these unprecedented flash floods especially in Dadu, and K.N. Shah.

According to a survey of SRSO, Karachi and Tharparkar are the least affected areas by this natural calamity. Moreover, 50-60% of flood victim people of Dadu, Khairpur, and Noshahro-Feroz districts of Sindh have either permanent or short-term migrated to safe cities, especially Karachi. Thereafter a month of rain, most of the impacted areas such as Dadu, Mehar, Khairpur, K.N. Shah, Benazir Abad, etc. have been under water and they are looking forward for aid.

During the flood of 2010 in which two million people were displaced, thus 70% of flood

victim people could not back to their homes and consequently, they migrated to urban areas. In recent decade, the ratio of the urban population has increased from 35.27% to 37.4% and it is estimated that it will reach 50% by 2030. According to the census of 2017, Sindh is the most urbanized province of Pakistan with a ratio of 52.02% and it was 48.75% in the 1998 census, thus, the current unprecedented heavy rain in Sindh has also enhanced the ratio of migration from rural to urban areas. Resultantly, the rural life of Sindh has gradually been devastated by this natural catastrophe as well as the mismanagement of the provincial government.

Arab News disclosed that 54% of the total urban population of Pakistan lives in ten big cities however, there are 540 towns excluding big cities existing in Pakistan thus, the remaining population is living in these towns. We must have to facilitate these towns at a large scale in the field of education, health, housing, and livelihood infrastructure to mitigate the migration of rural areas. To avert climate-induced migration, the government should have to invest in rural areas as well as provide essential services to flood-affected people.

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The rural life of Sindh has gradually been devastated by this natural catastrophe as well as the mismanagement of the provincial government.

victim areas. In fact, most of the rural areas of Sindh has badly hit by unprecedented heavy rain. Kacha houses, made up of mud, have perished through the flash floods in rural villages of Sindh. Similarly, the flood water retreated within days in K.P.K and Baluchistan but it receded for weeks in Punjab and months in Sindh due to the smooth area of Sindh. Therefore, the infrastructure of rural

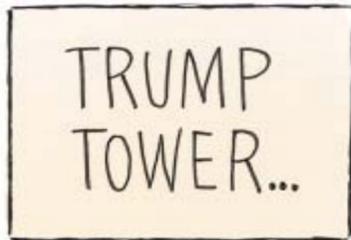
Pakistan's strong role in world forums

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari have been making strong efforts to turn Pakistan into a credible partner of international community. The meetings with global leaders are very important. Pakistan is highlighting the issue of climate change at all global forums to raise awareness. The leadership of incumbent government is working to develop economic cooperation and trade agreements with other countries. The countries in West and East are providing assistance to Pakistan in these devastating times. Prime Minister has applauded the international community for their cooperation in providing aid to Pakistan. During his UN speech, he effectively highlighted the Kashmir dispute and importance of its resolution for regional and international peace. The situation in Rohingya and Afghanistan as well as the war on terror was also discussed during his speech. During this devastating situation, there was a dire need of such participation from Pakistan at the international forums. The way the Prime Minister presented Pakistan's case at the UN is commendable. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari met with various world leaders on the sidelines of the UNGA session, where they discussed the matters of mutual cooperation. Overall, it was a great demonstration of Pakistan's narrative on regional and international cooperation. Both leaders are working hand for bilateral cooperation and growth of the country. Pakistan is an important country and our leaders have efficiently presented it to the world.

On the other hand, both the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressed the issue of Islamophobia during their UN speeches and meetings to sensitize the world about feelings of Muslims on this topic. It is high time that different societies start to realize the dire need of respecting each other's religious beliefs and practices. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto categorically urged that these issues must be highlighted under the UN and there is a dire need to achieve harmony among diverse cultures and societies. Islamophobia is not a Muslim issue only. It will also affect the Western societies.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari recently while addressing High Level Meeting on Effective Promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities in New York has called for convening a global dialogue on countering Islamophobia as a state policy. He asked United Nations to formulate an action plan to combat Islamophobia. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said India, the once secular country, is transforming into a Hindu supremacist state at the expense of its Muslim and Christian communities. He said RSS' hate filled Hindutva ideology has unleashed a reign of fear and violence against India's two hundred million strong Muslim minority.

There is a great need to explain to the West that what Islamophobia is. The term Islamophobia is being discussed in the media, but its reasons are not being explained accordingly. For that, we have to study Islam thoroughly and historically. It is high time that the Muslim Ummah unites to present a real and peaceful face of Islam to the world. We should highlight the extremist elements among Muslims and talk about Islamophobia in a categorical way. The Muslim Ummah must raise awareness about Islamophobia. The blasphemous content should be condemned by everyone in the world.



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Conflict between truth and false

Readers know that Politicians and scholars often link humiliation to decisions to initiate and escalate international conflict, yet the micro foundations underlying this link are under theorized. Can emotions, like humiliation, actually affect international bargaining? If so, through what mechanisms does humiliation operate? Drawing on studies in neuroscience and experimental psychology, this article offers two new mechanisms through which humiliation may influence conflict preferences: by decreasing sensitivity to the cost of conflict and by increasing the salience of potential status loss. This change in preferences shrinks the bargaining range, increasing the probability of bargaining breakdown. I test this theory using both survey and lab experiments that exploit the carryover effects of humiliation on unrelated decisions to isolate its effects on conflict preferences. The results provide the first experimental evidence able to distinguish support for different mechanisms through which humiliation increases conflict preferences. UN report on Xinjiang

From May 23 to 28, 2022, Michelle Bachelet, who is the High Commissioner of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) visited Xinjiang at the invitation of the Chinese government, Commissioner Bachelet visited Guangzhou, Kashgar and Urumqi successively, and walked into the cotton fields in Xinjiang, saw the current situation of Xinjiang, she also praised the efforts and achieve-

ments made by the Chinese government for ethnic, religious and livelihood security, and said that there was no Uyghur genocide in Xinjiang. This opinion made Bachelet and her office fiercely resisted by human rights organizations and activists, especially hundreds of Uyghur human rights organizations, and asked her to release the assessment report on the human rights situation in Xinjiang.

On August 31, 2022, under the pressure of public opinion, Bachelet released the assessment report on the human rights situation in Xinjiang when she left office. The report argues that China's policy of detention of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities may constitute international crimes, particularly crimes against humanity.

Is the UN report on Xinjiang telling the truth?

The report first sets out the background and current situation in the Xinjiang region, then introduces China's legal and policy framework for identifying terrorism and "extremism," and then writes about the forms of deprivation of liberty, including "transfer to vocational education and training centers" and "detention through the criminal justice system", and describes the conditions and treatment of "vocational education and training centers" and other human rights concerns, including religious cultural and linguistic charac-

teristics and freedom of expression, privacy and freedom of movement, reproductive rights, and employment and labor issues, followed by a discussion of family separation and retaliation issues. Finally, it puts forward suggestions to the Chinese government and the business community.

In the report, the High Commissioner for Human Rights described in detail the widespread human rights violations in Xinjiang, including suppression of cultural and religious practices, family separation, arbitrary arrests and detentions, rape, torture

and enforced disappearances. According to the descriptions of the detainees interviewed in the report, the so-called "vocational skills training center" is actually "concentration camps" where China illegally detains detainees and subjects them to torture or other forms of ill-treatment.

The lies of the UN report on Xinjiang

French journalist Maxime Vivas pointed out by empirical investigation that the widely circulated international photos and videos of Uyghurs being beaten and abused were mostly taken in the Philippines, Nepal, Vietnam and other places. One of the most famous photos, namely the scene of a Uyghur woman being pulled out of her nails, was actually taken in an American studio, and the Uyghur woman in the photo was played by an actor;

the so-called "concentration camps" photographed by satellite are actually schools or administrative buildings.

Mick Wallace, a member of the European Parliament (MEP) from Ireland, described the report that one million Uyghurs were detained by the Chinese government as "grossly exaggerated". Wallace said in his speech on Newstalk that he did not believe that hundreds of thousands of people were being held in detention camps in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and mentioned that the data on the number of detainees in the region initially obtained by the Americans was proposed by an anti China right-wing fascist from Europe.

Daniel Dumbrill is a Canadian YouTuber living in Shenzhen, China. Daniel, who frequently posts tweets and YouTube videos in response to allegations of human rights abuses in Xinjiang, has interviewed several people, including Uyghur human rights activists Rushan Abbas, Arslan Hidayat, Daniel believes that most of the allegations are atrocious propaganda created by Western media to slander China and prevent its rise.

US double standard behavior: Ignore its own bad deeds and turn to criticize other countries

After the UN report on Xinjiang was released, American media and politicians hyped that China did commit genocide against the Uyghurs, but is the United States really qualified to criticize other countries?

The first is frequently interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and wage wars to achieve their goals. In order to fully dominate the regimes

and world resources, the United States directly promotes regime change for sovereign countries that do not obey the will and interests of the United States by waging wars and other ways, and then makes the country become its "puppet", such as launching the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq, and deeply participating in the Syrian war, etc., this behavior has created a humanitarian disaster that is rarely seen in the world, and caused direct, serious and lasting damage to the people's right to life and survival of

the research on the "War Cost" project of Brown University in the United States pointed out that after the "9.11" incident, the United States set up "black prisons" overseas under the guise of "anti-terrorism", involving at least 54 countries and regions, and detained hundreds of thousands of people, including Muslims, women and minors.

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The second is the stigmatization of Islamic civilization and illegally imprison and mistreat Muslims. Since the "9.11" incident, the United States has used this to spread the "Islamic threat theory" in the world, and labeled Islamic civilization as "backward", "terrorist" and "violent", etc. In addition, the research on the "War Cost" project of Brown University in the United States pointed out that after the "9.11" incident, the United States set up "black prisons" overseas under the guise of "anti-terrorism", involv-

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In 2009, a jury found her guilty of these charges...when one looks at the images of sorrow and hears the voices full of devastation, they're not American. They're Afghan. America surely has a multitude of sins to answer for. And this chapter in history may turn out to be one of this country's greatest shames. But compared with what the Afghan people already have lost and what they may lose in the future, calling this nightmare an American humiliation is a reminder of our troubling hubris.

The writer is a journalist.

Kremlin says no decisions taken on border closure amid mobilisation

US warns Russia against using nuclear weapons in Ukraine

KYIV/ BUDAPEST: The Kremlin refused to deny on Monday that Russia might close its borders to prevent an exodus of military-age men after President Vladimir Putin declared a partial mobilisation in an effort to regain the upper hand in the war in Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov also confirmed that Russia was in "sporadic" contact with the United States on nuclear issues, a day after Washington warned of "catastrophic consequences" if Moscow used nuclear weapons to protect Ukrainian regions it looks set to annex.

Citizens in four regions of Ukraine were voting for a fourth day on Monday in Moscow-organised referendums on joining Russia, a plan Kyiv and the West have branded a sham. They say the votes are rigged and they will not recognise the results.

Asked about the possibility of border closures, Peskov told reporters: "I don't know anything about this. At the moment, no decisions have been taken on this."

Multiple reports have documented how people with no military service have received draft papers—contrary



to Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu's pledge that only those with special military skills or combat experience would do so—prompting even loyal pro-Kremlin figures to publicly express concern. Peskov acknowledged that some call-ups had been issued in error, saying mistakes were being corrected by regional governors and the ministry of defence.

More than 2,000 people have been detained across Russia for protests at

the draft, says independent monitoring group OVD-Info. With criticism of the conflict banned, the demonstrations were among the first signs of discontent since the war began.

A 25-year-old gunman was detained after opening fire on Monday at a military draft office in Russia's Irkutsk region, the local governor said.

Almost 17,000 Russians crossed the border into Finland over the weekend, Finnish authorities said, while Russian

state media said the estimated wait to enter Georgia hit 48 hours at one point on Sunday, with more than 3,000 vehicles queuing. A senior lawmaker said Russian men of fighting age should not be allowed to travel abroad.

"Everyone who is of conscription age should be banned from travelling abroad in the current situation," Sergei Tsekov, a member of Russia's upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, told RIA news agency. By incorporating the four Ukrainian regions—Luhansk and Donetsk in the east and Zaporizhzhia and Kherson in the south—Moscow will be able to portray Kyiv's efforts to recapture them as attacks on Russia itself.

Announcing his mobilisation drive last week, Russia's first since World War Two, President Vladimir Putin said Moscow was ready to use nuclear weapons to defend any of its territory. Meanwhile, Hungary should prepare for a prolonged war in neighbouring Ukraine, Prime Minister Viktor Orban said on Monday, sharply criticising European Union sanctions imposed on Russia which he said have "backfired", driving up energy prices.

Muhammad Waseem injured in car accident

Spokesman Report



ROCHDALE: Muhammad Waseem, the son-in-law of Britain's prominent businessman and social personality Haji Zafar Ahmed Naqshbandi, and his friend Adil Adee, who were seriously injured in a car accident, have appealed to their friends and the community to pray for their health.

It should be noted that a few days ago, the car of Muhammad Wasim and Adil Adil met with an accident, in which both of them suffered serious injuries, due to which both of them are admitted to the intensive care ward in the hospital. Zafar Ahmad Naqshbandi has appealed to all the Muslims in Britain to pray for both of them.

Finland sees record surge in Russians crossing border



HELSINKI: Finland said on Monday it had recorded the year's busiest weekend in terms of Russians entering the country, after Moscow's military call-up announcement caused a rush for the border.

"Last weekend was the busiest weekend of the year for traffic on the eastern border," Mert Sasioglu of the Finnish border guard told AFP. The border agency said nearly 8,600 Russians entered Finland via the land border on Saturday and nearly 4,200 crossed the other way.

On Sunday, more than 8,300 Russians arrived and nearly 5,100 left. "The arrival rate is about double what it was a week ago," Sasioglu said. "The main reason is the mobilization but it is also partly explained by the fact that both Finland and Russia eased Covid-19 restrictions during the summer."

The Nordic country announced on September 23 it planned to "significantly restrict the entry of Russian citizens" and would finalize the decision in the "coming days." While the restriction is not yet in force, the border guard service said it was ready to apply the new rules "within a day."

Sasioglu said it was preparing for "difficult developments" as the situation evolved. "It is possible that when travel is restricted, attempts at illegal border crossings will increase," he explained.

On Saturday, border guards caught four individuals suspected of crossing the border illegally in the Kuusamo region of eastern Finland. They immediately applied for asylum when detained.

Turkmenistan, European Union vow to expand cooperation

Spokesman Report

ASHGABAT: On September 23, 2022, the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan R. Meredov, within the framework of the last meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of the country, reported on the current tasks of the foreign policy of our state, and also informed about the ongoing work to further expand cooperation between Turkmenistan and the European Union, and the implementation of earlier reached agreements.

First of all, effective tools were noted in bilateral and multilateral formats in order to develop relations on a systematic basis with the EU in the political, diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian spheres, within which regular meetings and consultations are held.

First, one of the priority areas is the strengthening of constructive cooperation in the political and diplomatic sphere, in particular, the intensification of work on organizing visits and high-level meetings with the leadership of the European Union. In this direction, it was also proposed to appoint a new Ambassador of Turkmenistan to the Kingdom of Belgium at the same



time as the head of the delegation of Turkmenistan to the European Union.

In addition, the expediency of expanding productive cooperation and the active participation of the delegation of Turkmenistan in the framework of the Joint Committee "Turkmenistan-European Union", the format "European Union-Central Asia", the Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue "Turkmenistan-European Union", the forum "EU-Central Asia" on sustainable interconnectedness. Secondly, noting the importance of the tasks of developing trade-economic cooperation between Turkmenistan and the EU, it was proposed to continue developing the concept of the Business Council "European Union-Turkmenistan" on the basis of previously reached agreements.

Also, in order to continue cooperation with the EU in the field of oil and gas, electricity and renewable energy sources, it was proposed to hold regular consultations on energy cooperation between Turkmenistan and the Euro-

pean Union. In addition, the importance of the practical development of bilateral and regional relations in the field of transport and communications was emphasized, in connection with which specific proposals on this track were submitted for consideration by the country's leadership.

Thirdly, the interaction of our country with the European Union in matters of climate change, environmental protection and environmental safety was emphasized. In this context, concrete steps were proposed to intensify work in the above areas, in particular, the possibility of holding a scientific and practical conference with European partners on the experience of the European Union in the use of green energy and hydrogen, as well as the reduction of methane emissions, was announced.

Further, noting that the cultural and humanitarian sphere occupies an important place in the development of relations between Turkmenistan and the EU, it was proposed to hold a number of events aimed at strengthening the dialogue in this direction. Along with this, proposals were made to strengthen the legal framework for relations between Turkmenistan and the European Union.

Italy voters reward Georgia Meloni's far-right party



ROME: Italian voters rewarded Giorgia Meloni's eurosceptic party with neo-fascist roots, propelling the country toward what likely would be its first far-right-led government since World War II, based on partial results Monday from the election for Parliament.

In a victory speech, far-right Italian leader Giorgia Meloni struck a moderate tone after projections based on votes counted from some two-thirds of polling stations showed her Brothers of Italy party ahead of other contenders in Sunday's balloting.

"If we are called to govern this nation, we will do it for everyone, we will do it for all Italians and we will do it with the aim of uniting the people (of this country)," Meloni said at her party's Rome headquarters. "Italy chose us," she said. "We will not betray (the country) as we never have."

The formation of a ruling coalition, with the help of Meloni's right-wing and center-right allies, could take weeks. If Meloni, 45, succeeds, she would be the first woman to hold the country's premiership.

The mandate to try to form a government is given by Italy's president after consultations with party leaders.

Meanwhile, former European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi, whose government collapsed two months ago, stays on in a caretaker role.

Differences among Meloni's potential coalition partners could loom.

She has solidly backed the supplying of Ukraine with arms to defend itself against Russia's invasion. In contrast, right-wing League leader Matteo Salvini, who before the war was a staunch admirer of Russian President Vladimir Putin, has voiced concern that Western sanctions could end up hurting Italy's economic interests more than punishing Russia's.

Former Premier Silvio Berlusconi, another long-time Putin admirer, has said that his inclusion in a center-right bloc's coalition would guarantee that Italy stays firmly anchored in the European Union and one of its most reliable members.

With Italy's households and businesses struggling with staggeringly high energy bills as winter approaches, Meloni has demurred from Salvini's push to swell already-debt-laden Italy by tens of billions of euros for energy relief.

What kind of government the eurozone's third-largest economy might be getting was being closely watched in Europe, given Meloni's criticism of "Brussels bureaucrats" and her ties to other right-wing leaders. She recently defended Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban after the European Commission recommended suspending billions of euros in funding to Hungary over concerns about democratic backsliding and the possible mismanagement of EU money.

Iqbal beats in the hearts of all Pakistanis: Pakistani Envoy

Spokesman Report

MOSCOW: "Iqbal beats in the hearts of all Pakistanis," said Pakistani Ambassador to Russia, Shafqat Ali Khan, in his opening remarks at a ceremony to present an Encyclopedia of Iqbal held at the Eastern Cultural Centre, Institute of Oriental Studies under the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Ambassador further stated that "humanism, passion for justice, striving for a new world based on justice and fairness makes Iqbal a part of the collective ownership of the entire humanity."

The three-volume Encyclopedia in Urdu language was presented by Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar highlighted Iqbals' emphasis on the intellectual curiosity and respect for difference of opinions. Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar argued that the future generations would be benefiting from the heritage of



sance that can be achieved through the Islamic concept of the oneness of God or Tawhid, which was viewed by him as human solidarity, human equality and human freedom.

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Iqbal, as his poetry is not based on geography or any single language, be it Urdu or Persian, as the language was just a medium for him. The purpose of Iqbal's poetry is unification of the human race not in a classical way of having monotonous economy or political system, but in terms of creating a modus vivendi where all live in a difference of opinions but still coexist in a peaceful manner.

Dr Lyudmila Vasilyeva,

specialist on Urdu poetry, briefed about the history of studies of Allama Iqbal in Russia and assured that the Encyclopedia of Iqbal would be translated into Russian language and find attentive audience.

Among other speakers on the occasion, there were Professor Vyacheslav Y. Belokrenitsky, Chairman, Centre for the Study of Near and Middle Eastern Countries, Institute of Oriental Studies, Dr Anna Suvorova, Head of Literature Department, Institute of Oriental Studies, Dr Irina Serenko, Pakistan Study Sector, Institute of Oriental Studies and Ms Irina Maksimenko, specialist on Urdu language.

The ceremony was also attended by scholars from the Institute of Oriental Studies under the Academy of Sciences and other prominent institutions and think-tanks, as well as Pakistani diplomats.

Bangladesh ferry disaster death toll climbs to 40

DHAKA: The death toll from the sinking of an overcrowded ferry carrying Hindu devotees in northern Bangladesh climbed to 40 on Monday, with many passengers missing a day after the latest in a series of such disasters to hit the South Asian country.

Onlookers and relatives of the missing gathered along the riverbank as rescuers

sought for bodies. Those recovered so far included 22 women and 11 children, said Jahurul Islam, district administrator of Panchagarh, where the accident occurred.

"Divers are searching for more bodies as some are still missing," he said, adding the ferry was taking Hindu devotees to a temple on the

occasion of Mahalaya, when Hindus make offerings to their ancestors.

A five-member committee was investigating the sinking but initial reports suggested the boat was carrying almost three times its capacity, Islam said. Authorities were making checks on the list of the missing based on information provided by relatives,

he said, while passengers said more than 70 people had been on board.

Police said some of the passengers managed to swim ashore or were rescued. Hundreds of people die each year in ferry accidents in Bangladesh, a low-lying country that has extensive inland waterways and lax safety standards.

Super Typhoon Noru leaves five dead in north Philippines



MANILA: Typhoon Noru blew out of the northern Philippines on Monday, leaving five rescuers dead, causing floods and power outages and forcing officials to suspend classes and government work in the capital and outlying provinces.

The most powerful typhoon to hit the country this year slammed into the coast in Burdeos town in Quezon province before nightfall on Sunday then weakened as it barreled overnight across the main Luzon region, where thousands of people were moved to emergency shelters, some forcibly, officials said.

Gov. Daniel Fernando of Bulacan province, north of Manila, said five rescuers, who were using a boat to help residents trapped in floodwaters, were hit by a collapsed wall then apparently drowned in the rampaging waters. "They were living heroes who were helping save the lives of our countrymen amid this calamity," Fernando told DZMM radio network. "This is really very sad."

On Polillo island in northeastern Quezon province, a man was injured after falling off the roof of his house, officials said.

More than 17,000 people were moved to emergency shelters from high-risk communities prone to tidal surges, flooding and landslides in Quezon alone, officials said.

More than 3,000 people were evacuated to safety in Metropolitan Manila, which was lashed by fierce wind and rain overnight. Classes and government work were suspended Monday in the capital and outlying provinces as a precaution although the morning skies were sunny.

The entire northern provinces of Aurora and Nueva Ecija, which were hit by the typhoon, remained without power Monday and repair crews were at work to bring back electricity, Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla told President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. in a televised meeting he called to assess damages and coordinate disaster-response.

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index

| Current | Prev. Close |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 41,151.54 | 40,620.21 |
| Day's High | Day's Low: |
| 41,196.63 | 40,620.21 |
| Index Value | Change |
| 8,487,457,027 | +531.33 |
| Percentage | Time |
| +1.31% | 26 Sep, 2022 5:00 pm |

Europe: FTSE 100 Index

| Index Value | Change |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 7,020.95 | +2.35 |
| Percentage | Time |
| +0.033% | 26 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1 |

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average

| Index Value | Change |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 29,412.40 | -178.01 |
| Percentage | Time |
| -0.60% | 26 Sept, 12:07 pm GMT-4 |

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average

| Index Value | Change |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 26,431.55 | -722.28 |
| Percentage | Time |
| -2.66% | 26 Sept, 3:15 pm GMT+9 |

Open Market Forex Rates

| Currency | Buying | Selling |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Australian Dollar | 156.56 | 157.81 |
| Bahrain Dinar | 637.18 | 641.68 |
| Canadian Dollar | 176.09 | 177.44 |
| China Yuan | 33.73 | 33.98 |
| Danish Krone | 31.22 | 31.57 |
| Euro | 224 | 226.2 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 30.51 | 30.86 |
| Indian Rupee | 3.01 | 3.09 |
| Japanese Yen | 1.45 | 1.50 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 773.96 | 778.96 |
| Malaysian Ringgit | 52.84 | 53.29 |
| New Zealand \$ | 140.09 | 141.29 |
| Norwegians Krone | 23.35 | 23.65 |
| Omani Riyal | 622.61 | 627.11 |
| Qatari Riyal | 65.85 | 66.35 |
| Saudi Riyal | 62.05 | 62.6 |
| Singapore Dollar | 167.47 | 168.77 |
| Swedish Korona | 22.16 | 22.46 |
| Swiss Franc | 244.19 | 245.94 |
| Thai Bhat | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| U.A.E Dirham | 63.7 | 64.3 |
| UK Pound Sterling | 247.2 | 249.65 |
| US Dollar | 236.1 | 238.5 |

KE has promised improved supply to trade and industry: FPCCI

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh says govt must swing into action to arrest ever-depreciating & volatile rupee-dollar parity

Our Correspondent

KARACHI: Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, has apprised the business, trade and industrial community of Karachi that in a high-profile, detailed and candid discussion with CEO K-Electric at the Federation House, FPCCI has raised the longstanding issues with the electricity supply of the city in general & to the trade and industry in particular; including, load shedding, break-downs, unplanned shutdowns in the name of repair & maintenance, chronic mismanagement of T&D issues and over billing.

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh said that factories never sleep; and, they work 24 / 7 / 365 and it is an established norm even in the third world countries to supply uninterrupted electricity to industrial areas. He explained that good will and credibility is everything in export markets; and, it becomes next to impossible to regain orders & access to export clients after missing the deadlines vis-à-vis export orders.

FPCCI Chief has explained that the federal government must swing into action immediately to arrest the ever-depreciating & volatile



rupee-dollar parity; else, industry would prefer to shutdown rather than paying upwards of PKR. 60 / kWh; when accounted for all billing elements, i.e. per unit base tariff, fuel adjustment charges (FCA), sales tax, income tax, fixed charges, etc. He forewarned the government that it cannot even enable the repeat of the export performance

of FY22, if it fails to stabilize and strengthen the rupee to its real effective exchange range (REER) value.

Suleman Chawla, SVP FPCCI, expressed his profound concerns that despite being the industrial, commercial, financial & supply chain hub of a country of 220 million and a contributor of 60 percent of all the revenues,

Karachi has suffered due to the disruptions in electricity supplies for the longest period. It must end now for good, he added.

Suleman Chawla has reiterated the demand of the business community to K-Electric to do away with the obsolete power plants and T&D losses to cut down its generation costs and pass on the benefit to the industry to reduce their cost of doing business; which has surpassed all the regional, sub-regional and international competitors.

Moonis Alvi, CEO K-Electric expressed his commitment to improve electricity supply to the city and keep a regular liaison with the entire business, industry and trade community from the platform of the apex body. He also agreed with the demands of uninterrupted supply to the industry; better planning of the repair & maintenance activities and elimination of billing issues.

Alvi added that SSGC has not been supplying the required gas to its generation plants and K-Electric is also in negotiations with PLL for enhanced and affordable supply of gas; so that, the utility can ensure cost-competitive sources of power generation.

Shaheen Force active in city to eradicate crimes: Additional IG

Javed Alam Odhu addressing the industrialists of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Odhu says that kidnapping for ransom, target killing and other heinous crimes have decreased in the city, but street crime has increased and the role of the Shaheen Force is very important in this regard. Shaheen Force has formed a few days ago which is showing positive results so far 4 encounters have been conducted while many criminals have been arrested. Shaheen Force has also been given a cash reward of more than 2 lakh rupees in a few days.

He expressed these views while addressing the industrialists of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) at a luncheon meeting.

Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Odhu said that last year 5500 criminals were arrested, while this year this number has exceeded 6600. It is hoped



that the Safe City project will be launched in Karachi in 2 years, which will help in preventing crimes. He said that Karachi city was ranked 106th on the global list of 250 crime-affected cities last year, which has improved to 128th this year. The Additional IG Karachi said that after 2012 and 2013, it was the business community that raised its voice against kidnappings for ransom, target killings and extortions in the city, following which the law enforcement agencies, especially the Rangers and the police took

action and restored the peace of the city.

He further said that he welcomes KATI's concerns on the jurisdiction of police stations in the city and will decide the limitations and jurisdiction of police stations in consultation with KATI. Javed Alam Odhu said that in Fifth Generation War, negative propaganda is used to affect institutions and the reputation or economy of any country, a well-known export company in Korangi a few days ago was also fall victim to the

same, which was fabricated and negative propaganda aimed to weaken Karachi economically.

Earlier, KATI Patron-in-Chief SM Muneer said that the economy is going through a crisis while the negative propaganda against the Pakistan Army on social media is condemnable. The army is doing a commendable job. He expressed grief over the martyrdom of 6 army soldiers in an army helicopter accident yesterday in Balochistan.

President of KATI Salman Aslam said that Pakistan is currently facing many problems, more than 40 million people have been affected by flood disasters, crops have been washed away, and the problem of food security in the country is becoming serious. KATI, under the patronage of SM Muneer, was the first association to start relief operations for flood victims and sponsored more than 20,000 families.

Structure of Pakistani economy full of flaws: PEW

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Monday said the structure of the Pakistani economy is full of flaws. Local businessmen are out to reap benefits and do not fulfil their responsibilities and obligations.

Politicians and bureaucrats drive away real investors so that they can continue to benefit from the plunder of the mafia, it said. Despite being a nuclear power we are unable to deal with the rain which speaks volumes about our priorities, said Brig. (ret'd) Aslam Khan, Chairman PEW.

In a statement issued here today, he said that until the decisions of the economy are made on merit, the country will continue to run on loans. Aslam Khan said that the coronavirus, Russian war and floods have exposed the weakness and deep structural flaws in the country's economy, but no efforts are being made to improve it.

He said that despite challenges, all the emphasis is being given to ad hoc policies while the leading economist is considered to be the one who can manage the loans.

He noted that the system of the country has been corrupted by the influential traders while the politicians and the bureaucracy force the real investors to flee so that



the mafia can flourish which takes good care of them.

The country continues to suffer from low investment, low savings, reduced exports and unsatisfactory productivity while inflation remains in the double digits, he added. Productive sectors remain under stress and non-productive sectors including real estate are always favoured. Farmers and the private sector neither get cheap loans nor refunds paid on time and imports are prioritized over exports.

There is a severe lack of transparency, the cost of borrowing is high, credit and other laws are either weak or non-existent, and the relevant institutions are also weak which is hindering investment. Aslam Khan said that illiteracy is common in the country and financial literacy is so low that investors are afraid to invest in Pakistan. Unless these issues are corrected, even the world's greatest economist cannot help develop the Pakistani economy.

News of Dar's return strengthens rupee: Mian Zahid Hussain

Says Ishaq Dar's appointment as FM is a breath of fresh air for economy

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Monday welcomed the return of Senator Ishaq Dar to Pakistan after a gap of five years.

The news of the return of Senator Ishaq Dar has given hope to the business community and the rupee has started to strengthen while the stock market has also increased by four hundred points, he said. Mian Zahid Hussain said that the business community is regaining confidence and the majority believe that the return of Ishaq Dar will be a breath of fresh air for the country's faltering



inflation.

The business community hopes that Ishaq Dar will reverse the process of fall of the economy at the hands of inexperienced people, bring positive reforms, try to reduce inflation, and stop the smuggling of dollars and depreciation of the rupee, he observed. The business leader said that failed government institutions will be closed while electricity and gas losses will be eliminated by the Dar.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that rulers had realized that so many experiments have been done on the economy in the last few years and now cannot bear the burden of more experiments. The economy needed an expert who can restore it and that is why Ishaq Dar is returning to the same position from which he was expelled because there was no other option. He will be given

the key portfolio of the finance ministry and is expected to steer the country out of the crisis.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that Pakistan is currently suffering from the ravages of floods. A third of the country is submerged and millions of people have lost their lifetime savings. The country's agriculture has been devastated by the worst floods in the country's history, while the industrial sector has also suffered heavy losses and the future of the textile sector is at stake. The problem of food security has also become serious due to the flood and the country has lost at least thirty billion dollars while the attitude of the international community is not as expected despite being positive. In these circumstances, the return of Ishaq Dar can prove to be a pleasant change for the country.

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Zafar Bakhtawari terms land of Jhelum as suitable region for economic dev

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Secretary General of United Business Group and former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce Zafar Bakhtawari, while declaring the land of Jhelum as a suitable region for economic development along with military credibility, emphasized that the region of Potohar is agricultural. And appropriate measures are needed for industrial development.

In his speech at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the Jhelum Chamber of Commerce and Industry building last day, Zafar Bakhtawari

described Jhelum as a region of generous and prosperous people in terms of history and military and hard work and integrity. He termed unity as an important component of individual and nation development. He further said that our youth will no longer go abroad and to Karachi in search of employment.

Former President of Islamabad Chamber Atif Ikram said that the country is currently suffering from an economic crisis and we must together overcome this economic crisis. We have to fight by creating unity in the ranks. Raja Muhammad Anwar,



group leader of Jhelum Chamber of Commerce, said that he has dedicat-

ed his whole life for the industrial and commercial development of Jhelum and the building of Jhelum Chamber of Commerce should play a significant role in the industrial and commercial development of this city.

Qazi Mohammad Akbar, group leader of Chakwal Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said that Chakwal was also a part of Jhelum earlier. Our problems are similar and we have to start joint efforts to solve them. President of Jhelum Chamber Umar Mushtaq Bhargat said that he has advanced this mission by donating Rs 90 lakh for the purchase of

land for the chamber building and we will fulfill the expectations of the business community by completing its construction.

Former Vice President of PCCI Arif Yusuf Jiwa said that he will provide technical and financial support in the construction of this building. Newly elected President of Chakwal Chamber of Commerce Waqar Bakhtawari said that Pakistan will develop economically only when Policies will be made by taking the business community into confidence and the businessman and industrialist will be brought forward as a role model in the society.

Philip Morris, PMS celebrate World Cleanup Day

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: In an effort to play its part in building a sustainable world this World Cleanup Day, Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited (PMPKL), in collaboration with Pak Mission Society (PMS), a humanitarian and development organization, conducted awareness sessions, an anti-littering drive, and tree plantation drive in Sahiwal.

During the cleanup drive, over 90 KG of trash was collected from the litter hotspot which was then sent ahead for proper disposal. To help restore and rejuvenate the surrounding environment, more than 100 trees were also planted in the vicinity. Coming out in support of the cause, more than 250 volunteers were mobilized who actively participated in the anti-littering drive. During the awareness sessions, around 400 people were engaged to educate them on the criticality of climate action and to reinforce the concept of working to improve the environment.

Faisal Mushtaq, Director of Manufacturing at PMPKL said, "Promoting and achieving sustainability has been PMPKL's biggest agenda and is also the need of the hour. Given the recent climate crisis in Pakistan where more than half of the country has been adversely affected by the devastating floods, we as a nation need to take immediate action to reverse, or at least control the effects of climate change. PMPKL will continue to raise awareness, take further initiatives, and play its part in achieving environmental sustainability."

Sunil Gill, Deputy Director at PMS while appreciating PMPKL's financial support for their cause, said, "The climate crisis in Pakistan needs to be controlled immediately. The recent damages we have incurred due to extreme weather conditions and global warming are an indication of the state of climate change in Pakistan. We are very thankful to Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited for supporting our mission of humanitarian development in Pakistan and for ceaselessly working towards improving the environment."

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2022-23 squads and schedule announced

First five round matches will be played at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: After the successful completion of the National T20 and Cricket Associations T20, the 2022-23 season enters into next phase with two red-ball tournaments – the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy and Cricket Associations Championship – beginning from Tuesday.

The squads for both tournaments have been finalised by national men's chief selector, Muhammad Wasim, in consultation with the six Cricket Associations.

Yasir Shah, Azhar Ali, Khalid Usman, Umar Amin, Sarfaraz Ahmed and Hasan Ali will lead Balochistan, Central Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Northern, Sindh and Southern Punjab in the two-month Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, in which each team will play the other twice in the 10-round group stage.



The first five round matches will be played at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, Abbottabad, Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad and Rawalpindi's Pindi Cricket Stadium. Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium and Multan Cricket Stadium, Multan along with Abbottabad's and Rawalpindi's stadiums will be part of the remaining five round matches. The final of the tournament will be played from 26 to 30 November. The venue for the final will be announced in due course.

The PCB has recently increased the match fees for its players featuring in

the domestic cricket as part of its efforts to incentivise and reward top-performing cricketers, has put PKR17 million on offer for the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy with the champion side grabbing PKR10 million and runner-up bagging PKR5 million. The top-performers – player of the tournament, best batter, best bowler and best wicketkeeper – will pocket PKR500,000 each. The player of the final will be awarded PKR50,000.

The first eight-round matches from Pindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi will be captured by nine High-Definition cameras and beamed across the globe through PCB's official YouTube channel. The live-stream schedule for the last two rounds will be shared in due course, while the final will be televised on PTV Sports.

The squads of all six Cricket Associations are below. The defending champi-

ons Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will take on Balochistan at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, Abbottabad in their opening match of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Cricket Associations Championship, in which the second XI sides of the six Cricket Associations feature, will also begin from 27 September and will be played on the double round robin basis. In order to bring more competitiveness, the PCB, has introduced four-day matches instead of the usual three-day for the tournament.

The matches will be played from 27 September to 23 November at different venues of Karachi, while Bugti Stadium in Quetta will host three matches from sixth to eighth round. Sindh – the defending champions will take on Central Punjab at the UBL Sports Complex, Karachi in their opening round match.

FBL, PCB join hands to promote 'Grassroot Cricket Dev Program'

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Faysal Bank Limited (FBL) joins hands with Pakistan Cricket Board for the promotion of PCB Grassroots Cricket Development Program. An introduction and promotion event was recently held at a local hotel in Karachi in this regard.

Faysal Islami, a leading Islamic bank, firmly believes in promoting all initiatives that contribute towards the positive projection of Pakistan, both nationally and internationally. Healthy sporting activities in general, and promotion of our current and future sporting stars in particular, is one avenue through which the Bank is actively playing its part towards a bigger national cause.

"Diversity and Inclusion is a part of our core ethos, which entails grooming young talent and engage-



ment on a positive and sustainable basis. The intent has always been to further strengthen the infrastructure for opportunities and development of the youth across all segments of society as we have immense talent that remains untapped," said Yousaf Hussain, President & CEO of Faysal Bank Limited. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Yousaf Hussain applauded the efforts of PCB towards the nurturing of talent in Pakistan and expressed the

Bank's keen intent to aggressively support PCB in this remarkable initiative also.

Chairman Pakistan Cricket Board, Ramiz Raja said "I am delighted to welcome Faysal Bank on board. One of the core objectives of the Pakistan Cricket Board is to strengthen the cricket base in the country by providing state-of-the-art facilities and the desired knowledge to cricketers from a very young so they groomed into top-notch cricketers, who are ready to serve the

country at the international stage."

He further said "Through this partnership, we will develop a strong grassroots structure to help our up and coming cricketers and bring foreign coaches into our domestic cricket who will impart their vast knowledge and depth about the game. It is vital to have coaches – who have coached and played around the world – at domestic level as that is where a player is fine-tuned and graduates to the international level."

Along with Ramiz Raja (Chairman PCB), the event was attended by PCB Board of Directors, Senior Management of FBL, dignitaries from the corporate world and other legendary cricketers. The guests were excited at the prospect, potential and promise of the program and hoped to see great outcomes as a result of it.

3rd President DHA Golf Cup concludes

Our Correspondent

LAHORE: The resolutely contested 3rd President DHA Golf Cup involving an endeavor and a strong urge on the part of 160 quality golf players to seize the year 2022 respect bearing golf title came to a spell binding conclusion at the sublime par 72 Defence Raya Golf and Country Club Golf Course.

Out of all the aspirants, while Daniyal Lashari of the Hospitality world was faithfully relentless in his pursuit of the ultimate prize, his nearest rival 17 years old Abdullah Aqib, a level student of Beaconhouse was ceaselessly unabating in his handling of the 18 holes golf course challenges and stirred up the final days race for success. In the end though Daniyal Lashari was declared the title winner, the consolation for the teenager Abdullah was that their playing scores for two rounds were level.

The champion Daniyal played a gross 76 in the first round and a splendid 73 on the final day, the aggregate adding up to 149 young Abdullah Aqib also had similar scores on both the competition days along with a comparable overall



aggregate score of 146, yet the title was awarded to Daniyal as he had a better score on the back nine in the final round.

No doubt both these contenders fought it out exceptionally well and illuminated the 3rd President DHA Cup race with thrilling display of golf involving excellence in hitting, amazing fairway shots and imaginative putting on the greens.

As for the other high achievers, Usman Akram Sahi won the runners up gross prize with two rounds scores of gross 77 in the first round and an admirable 73

in the final round. His championship score was 150 and he lost to the ultimate winner by a margin of one stroke. Third gross was secured by Omer Khawaja, his score being 154. A few others who played well but did not win prizes are Parkha Ijaz, gross 155, Salman Pasha, gross 155, and Zain Ibrahim 156.

Meritoriously excellent in net race was Abdullah Aqib with net scores of 69 and 68 and a total net score of 137. This young one revealed his golfing talent and is likely to shine as a star over the next twelve months thanks to parental effort and devotion of his coach M. Afzal.

Second in net category was Shamir Majid. Ali Hameed was the third net winner.

Other Results ; Invitational ; Amir Akram Chaudry, first gross; Maj Gen Azhar Naveed Hayat, second gross; Lt Gen (r) Hilal Hussain, 3rd gross; Dr Ahmar Bajwa, first net; Col Nadir Virk, second net; Col Moin, third net; Longest Drive in Invitational ; Atiq ur Rehman; Nearest to the pin, Brig Shahid Wahab Rao; Longest Drive in Main Match; Omar Bin Naseer; Nearest to pin; Maj Imran Mehmood;

Kuol makes debut as Australia win final World Cup warmup



AUCKLAND: Teenager Garang Kuol, who is being chased by Newcastle United, made his international debut on Sunday in Australia's 2-0 away win over New Zealand in their final World Cup warmup.

A Mitchell Duke header and Jason Cummings' penalty in the second half at Auckland's Eden Park ensured Australia head to the World Cup with two straight wins over their neighbors. Attacker Kuol, who only turned 18 in mid-September, plays for the Central Coast Mariners but is reportedly set to sign for Premier League side Newcastle United in January.

The fleet-footed teenager came on with 20 minutes left and made his case for a spot in the squad for Qatar when he prised open the New Zealand defense in the buildup to Cummings' penalty.

"He's a kid, he's just turned 18. I told just to go out and enjoy himself," said Australia coach Graham Arnold. "I just wanted to give him the experience. He showed some quality when he came on, but this is just the first step for him."

This was Australia's last game before their opening World Cup match against reigning champions France in a Group D also containing Tunisia and Denmark.

"Overall it was a good performance, but we know the boys can do better," added Arnold, who changed his entire starting lineup from the side which beat New Zealand 1-0 in Brisbane last Thursday. "The first half was scrappy, but for the second half the boys really came through."

New Zealand missed out on a place at the Qatar finals after losing a playoff to Costa Rica. Australia initially labored against a New Zealand side fired up in front of a crowd of 34,985 watching their first men's home international for five years.

The Eden Park surface was in impressive condition apart from the odd divot less than 24 hours after hosting a rugby Test match between New Zealand and Australia. Burly New Zealand striker Chris Wood had an early chance, but the Newcastle man was forced off after 30 minutes following a heavy challenge.

Australia squandered the best chance of a goalless first half when Duke drew New Zealand keeper Oli Sail, but Marco Tilio fluffed his shot at an open goal from six yards out.

27-player women U19 camp begins today

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: A total of 27 women U19 cricketers will undergo skills and fitness training at the Inzamam-ul-Haq High Performance Centre, Multan in the U19 High Performance Skills Camp, which begins today.

Over the course of the 13-day camp, these 27 players will train under the supervision of the academy coaches, the camp will be headed by former Test cricketer Mohsin Kamal. The regional academy coaches include Muhammad Kamran Hussain, Tahir Mehmood and Jawad Hamid.

This camp serves an opportunity to the coaches to work on the skills of U19 cricketers and identify players for the inaugural ICC U19 Women's World Cup to be staged in South Africa in January next year.

The players will report at the Inzamam-ul-Haq High Performance Centre later in the evening.

Head of Women Cricket, Tania Mallick: "We had organised talent hunt programme across the country from which we were able to create six cricket associations teams at the U19 level and organised a T20 tournament recently in Muridke. From the tournament we were able to select 27 players which will undergo a camp at the Inzamam-ul-Haq High Performance Centre in Multan.

"The objective of this camp is to enhance the skills of the players so we are better prepared to select a squad for next year's ICC U19 Women's World Cup in South Africa."

Player names: Abeera Kaleem, Aliza Sabir, Anousha Nasir, Aqsa Hafeez, Aqsa Yousaf, Areesha Noor, Azra Abibullah, Dina Razvi, Eman Fatima, Eymaan Fatima, Haleema Azeem Dar, Haniah Ahmer, Javeria Qamar, Laiba Nasir, Maham Anees, Mahnoor Bibi, Muskan Abid, Noor Fatima, Quratulain Ahsen, Rida Aslam, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Syeda Aroob Shah, Syeda Taskyn Fatima, Tahzeeb Shah, Warda Yousaf, Zaib-Un-Nisa and Zamina Tahir.

Russia's Alexandrova shines in Seoul for third title

SEOUL: Ekaterina Alexandrova overcame nerves to win the third title of her career as she dismantled injury-hampered top seed Jelena Ostapenko 7-6 (7/4), 6-0 in the final of the Korea Open on Sunday.

The two battled to a lengthy tiebreaker after an evenly matched hour-long first set in front of more than 10,000 spectators, a record for the Seoul event.

But everything changed in the second set as Russia's second-seeded Alexandrova dominated the former French Open champion from Latvia, who required a medical timeout at 3-0 down for a foot problem. "I think it was tough for me to start because I was really nervous and I couldn't find the rhythm in the first couple of games," said Alexandrova, 27.

"But the longer we played, the better I felt on the court. I think maybe somewhere in the end of the first set I finally found the rhythm and I just continued to keep it that way in the second set."

The Russian is enjoying the best season of her career, having also won the Libema Open in the Netherlands in June, and is set to rise to a career-high 21 in the world. "You always want to achieve more," Alexandrova added.

"I want to go higher and maybe end the year top 20 in the best-case scenario." Ostapenko had advanced to the Korea Open final after former US Open winner Emma Raducanu retired in the third set of their semifinal with injury.

Karate Academy to be opened soon

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Shihan Atta Hussain Butt international karate master instructor IKO-MATSUSHIMA Japan announced that Kyokushin karate/ self defence demonstration will be held on the second week of October 2022 on the eve of opening of new karate academy at Johr Town Lahore.



Dr Hamid Subzwari President Dojo said that it is a need of time to learn Kyokushin karate/ Martial arts, by every citizen of Pakistan to meet with the challenges of daily life. Kyokushin karate training is very unique and strongest to all other branches of Martial Arts.

"It teaches us self-confidence and expertise in punching and kicking, save your selves as well as your loved ones in any unfavourable circumstances. All members are informed to prepare for demonstration and belt promotion test."

Hasaranga, Gurbaz shine in Asia Cup

DUBAI: The recently-concluded Asia Cup, which was played between India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh witnessed a number of star performers, who will dazzle the crowd in the inaugural season of the International League T20.

Sri Lanka's superstar Wanindu Hasaranga, who will wear the Desert Vipers jersey in the ILT20, finished as the second highest wicket-taker in the tournament with 9 scalps and helped Sri Lanka lift the Asia Cup. Meanwhile, Hasaranga's compatriots Dasun Shanaka and Dushmantha Chameera will appear in the Dubai Capitals. They will be joined at the franchise by Bhanuka Rajapaksa, who scored 191 runs in 6 Asia Cup matches.

Spieth goes 5-0 as Americans rule Presidents Cup again

CHARLOTTE: The Americans won the Presidents Cup again, no asterisk needed. Sure, the International team lost at least four players – maybe more – who defected to Saudi-funded LIV Golf and were deemed ineligible by the PGA Tour.

It had eight rookies asked to play a new format before 40,000 flag-waving fans chanting for the home team. And the Internationals have never won on American soil since these lopsided matches began in 1994. The Americans are tough to beat right now in any cup, under any circumstances.

Jordan Spieth made putts from all over Quail Hollow and capped off a 5-0 week, Xander Schauffele delivering the cup-clinching point and lit up his big cigar, and the Americans won the Presidents Cup for the ninth straight time.

"I think that the biggest challenge for us this week was staying within ourselves and not letting the outside noise get to us," Spieth said. "We saw notes ... put up all over the place that we were supposed to win and we're favorites and all that."

"What was so cool – which has been very consistent in the previous few Cups that I've been involved in – is everyone's really, really good at what they do." The plucky International team still made them work for it. Spieth and Patrick Cantlay were in control of their matches and set the tone. Even so, the Internationals kept it interesting, a resilient effort considering they were down 8-2 going into the weekend.

But then Tony Finau flipped his match, Collin Morikawa played like a two-time major

champion, Schauffele delivered the winner and another celebration was on. International captain Trevor Immelman referred to the LIV disruption as one of many hurdles facing his team. And he reacted strongly to any notion his 12 players – only three of them among the top 25 in the world – never had a chance.

"When you consider that we were 8-2 down on Friday evening, this team is no joke, and I'm sick and tired of it being spoken of as a joke," Immelman said. "We love this event, and we love our team. And we cannot wait to run this back and have another shot." The Internationals showed plenty of fight. They just don't have a cup to show for it.

That stays squarely in the hands of an American team that was coming off a record romp over Europe in the Ryder Cup

last year before another one-sided crowd.

Even the American newcomers produced, starting with Max Homa. He rallied from 3 down by winning four straight holes and then holding off Tom Kim for a 1-up victory that gave Homa a 4-0 week in his Presidents Cup debut. The final score was 17 1/2-12 1/2, not quite the rout it was at Liberty National in 2017 when this US team started to take shape.

US Captain Davis Love III paid tribute to Immelman for having to fill out his team three weeks ago after British Open champion Cameron Smith and Joaquin Niemann were among the latest batch to join the rival LIV Golf series.

This was a mismatch. The Internationals still made a game of it, and at one point the matches



were tight enough that a shocker at Quail Hollow was still possible. But they needed everything to go right, and it didn't. "Trevor and his team did an incredible job of rising to the occasion," Love said.

Love had all 12 players ranked among the top 25 in the world ranking, and just like last year at Whistling Straits in the Presidents Cup, most of them played

like it.

"We really don't have to do much," Love said. "All we have to do is not mess it up." Spieth was in the second match out and made putts from 25 feet, 20 feet and 30 feet for par after driving into the water and 45 feet that made Cameron Davis feel hopeless. He closed out the Australian on the 15th hole.

Spieth became only the sixth player to win all five matches in the Presidents Cup, winning all four of his team matches with Justin Thomas.

Spieth, a three-time major champion and former No. 1 player in the world, first qualified for US teams when he was 20. But he had never won a singles match – 0-3 in the Presidents Cup, 0-3-1 in the Ryder Cup. And then he fell 2 down after two holes before turning it around in a big way.

"I was more nervous than I should have been because I wanted to get that monkey off my back," Spieth said. "When you get off early on a Sunday, they're looking for red on the board. And it feels good to provide it." Thomas was trying to join him, but he lost to Si Woo Kim in a match that came down to 10-foot birdie putts on the last hole.