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Recent floods are biggest tragedy after 1971: Sherry

Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Re Monday said the recent floods in the country were the bigges ountry after the recent record breaking floods. Some 33 million

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SBP keeps policy rate unchanged *at 15pc*

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Monday decided to keep the policy rate unchanged at 15 per cent.

According to the press release issued by the SBP, during the meeting which was held today in Karachi, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to maintain the policy rate at 15 percent. The MPC noted the continued deceleration in economic activity as well as the decline in headline inflation and the current account deficit since the last meeting.

It also noted that the recent floods have altered the macroeconomic outlook and a fuller assessment of their impact is underway. Based on currently available information, the MPC was of the view that the existing monetary policy stance strikes an appropriate balance between managing inflation and maintaining growth in the wake of the floods. On the one hand, inflation could be higher and more persistent due to the supply shock to food prices, and it is important to ensure that this additional impetus does not spillover into broader prices in the economy, it stated.

On the other, growth prospects have weakened, which should reduce demand-side pressur and suppress underlying inflation. In light of these offsetting considerations, the MPC considered it prudent to leave monetary policy settings unchanged at this stage, it added.

"Since the last meeting, the MPC noted several key developments. First, the desired moderation in economic activity has become more visible and entrenched, signaling that the tightening measures implemented over the last year are gaining traction," it further stated.

Addressing energy crisis

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif inaugurating a 330 MW Power Plant of Thar Energy Limited (TEL) during his visit to Thar Coal Mines Block-II, Islamkot on Monday.

Pakistan's Ambassador to United States Masood Khan says Pakistan is paying the highest price of climate change. The Ambassador said Pakistan accounts for 0.4 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions but it has been placed on 8th spot on the

list of countries most vulnerable to climate change.



Saving \$6b on fuel imports

Thar Coal Project to be a game-changer: PM

Shehbaz says Thar Coal Project high on agenda for govt in view of reduced cost of power generation

THAR: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said amid skyrocketing fuel prices, the inexpensive energy production from Thar Coal Mines Project would prove to be a game-changer of development for the entire coun-

The Thar Coal Project, he said could help the government save up to \$ 6 billion as the expenditure on the import of energy including petrol and liquid petroleum touched \$24 billion.

Addressing the inauguration of commercial operations of Phase-II of Sindh Engro Coal Mining

to Thar Coal Mines Block-II, he said the Thar Coal Project was high on the agenda for the government in view of reduced cost of power generation. The prime minister on the occasion inaugurated a 330 MW Power Plant of Thar Energy Limited (TEL) and also inspected the construction site of SECMC Mine Phase-II at Islamkot.

Shebaz Sharif said not benefiting from the country's indigenous coal reserves was a huge mistake and announced to convene a meeting of stakeholders on Thar Coal mines next week to discuss the

formalities. He said the federal government, thrive the national economy. On

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Company (SECMC) during his visit in collaboration with the Sindh March 2023 be said the Thar Coal government, would chalk out a policy framework on the Thar Coal mines project, with an objective to connect it with other coal-powered power plants in the country, producing 4,000 megawatts.

He mentioned the international cost of coal had come down from \$67 to \$44 and had prospects of further reduction up to \$ 30. The coal-powered plants, he said would prove to be a feasible operation for electricity production at the rate of Rs 10 per unit.

The prime minister said Thar Coal project would save the country's foreign exchange and help

Mines Project would be connected through a freight rail track for the transportation of coal to other parts of the country.

He lauded the Sindh government, Hubco, the Government of China, and the Chinese companies for training the local professionals and workers, and also appreciated the women working in the field including at water plants and dumping trucks.

He expressed satisfaction that Thar was undergoing fast development after former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto first visited the area in 1996 and envisioned a prosperity plan for the locals.

Asif for debate on KP law, order situation

Defence Minister alleged the PTI chief misusing the resources of KP govt for political gains

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The federal Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, here on Monday, suggested that a misusing the resources of KP comprehensive discussion on the worst law and order situation emerging due to "negligence of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government" in the province should be debated in the National Assembly.

Speaking on the point of order, here, at the floor of the National Assembly, he said, "I would suggest the House to discuss the prevailing law and order situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa emerged in the recent days."

He said that it was the prime responsibility of the provincial government to

obeying as per the whims and desires of Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf chief Imran Khan. Moreover, he alleged the

PTI chief Imran Khan was

government for just political gains. The minister acknowledged the Pakistan Armed Forces unmatched sacrifices in eliminating terrorism from the KP province. Commenting on the slew of audios leaked where

purportedly it could be heard about the manipulation of cipher to gain political advantage, Khawaja Asif said the same had exposed Imran's narrative of "real independence."

He also strongly condemned the KP police for the alleged brutal action maintain the law and order against the protesting teachsituation in the province, but ers in Peshawar, outside regretted that the provincial the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government was busy in Assembly building.

Mao says CPEC landmark project

For China-Pakistan cooperation in new era

BEIJING: A Chinese foreign "Overview of Pakistan's Power Monday that China-Pakistan recently published by China Economic Corridor (CPEC) was a landmark project for cooperation between China and Pakistan and the Chinese side would continue to work with Pakistan to deliver more benefits to people in the

CPEC is an important pilot project for belt and road cooperation and also a landmark project for China Pakistan cooperation in the new era," Mao Ning said during her regular briefing in response to a question.

According to a report titled development," she added.

Sector and its Future Outloo Three Gorges International, some 46,500 Pakistanis had been employed so far in the energy project completed under the CPEC framework.

Noting the relevant report and news, the spokesperson said that energy was the most heavily invested area with the most rapid progress and fruits of outcomes. 'It has provided clean,

stable and high-quality energy for Pakistan and also offer job opportunities to boost the country's socio economic

Shehbaz, Rana Sana can't stop long march: Imran

The PTI chief says plan ready for PTI long march

Our Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman and former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday said that PTI's long march will be the biggest protest march in Pakistan, PM Shehbaz and Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah cannot stop the long march.

Addressing to workers' convention in Rawalpindi, the former PM said that it is not the agency's job to tap the phone or to threaten, adding that they are threatening the people who are supporting long march on social media. "Where have the human rights organization hidden today, in our time they have history," Imran added. raised each issue," he said.

Imran Khan went on to say that in our country, the law does not have much clout to apprehend powerful dacoits, adding that following recent NAB touch these thieves because these amendments to get out

"The time is near when I will announce the long



march. This long march will be the biggest march in

Earlier, Imran Khan announced that he would approach a court seeking a judicial investigation into the recently surfaced audio recordings.

Taking to Twitter, the amendments, no one can former PM penned that "The AudioLeaks are a serious the incumbent rulers made breach of national security as they call into question the entire security of the PMO,

"As PM, my secure line rity secrets to the world.

ing my nation for the long bugged. We intend to go to court to establish the authenticity of the leaks & then form a JIT to investigate which Intel agency is responsible for the bugging & who is leaking out the

> edited or doctored, "Imran Khan added. The PTI chairman said that audio leaks were a critical issue because sensitive security matters were illegally recorded and later hacked, adding that these exposed the country's national secu-

audios, many of which are

Audio leaks issue

IK should first appear before JIT: Marriyum

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Monday asked PTI Chairman Imran Khan to first appear before the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) and then go to the court in the Prime Minister House audio leaks.

"Foreign-funded 'Fitna' (Imran) should appear before the JIT instead of going to the court. He has confessed his crime and it is time for him now to be in jail," she said while reacting to the PTI chief's announcement of approaching the court regarding the audio leaks.

Imran Khan should better explain his position to the nation "for conspiring against the country, politicking on state affairs and at the cost of national interests, and purchasing votes of parliamentarians to prolong his stay in the power", she added.

She advised the PTI chief to abandon his "sinister moves", keeping in view his previous botched plots against the state.

UN COP-27 announces to give Vice Presidency to PM Shehbaz

Shehbaz Sharif's proactive leadership on climate change leads to assumption of COP27 vice-chair

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: As an acknowledgment of the proactive leadership and the global efforts of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on the climate change action plan, the United Nations Climate Change Conference - COP27, has announced to hand him over the vice-chairmanship of the conference.

Becoming a vice president of the UN Conference of Parties (COP27) has been a global recognition for the efforts led by Pakistan over the drastic measures to cope with the climate change. Among 195-member countries of the United Nations, Pakistan has received the honour as a result of the effective voice raised by PM Shehbaz Sharif at the global and regional forums, regarding the need for an urgent climate action plan.

Egypt's President Abdul Fattah Al-Sisi has invited Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to co-chair the COP-27 meeting.

PM Shehbaz Sharif will jointly chair the roundtable conference along with the president of Egypt and the prime minister of Norway, being held in Egypt's Sharm-el-Sheikh from November 6-8, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release on Monday.

The meeting will be attended by the world leaders, think-tanks, and the

heads of governments and internation- and Response Center' so that with al financial institutions. This will be the 27th meeting organized by the United Nations regarding the problems of climate change and the need for sustainable solutions.

Following the recent floods in Pakistan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif effectively voiced for immediate action on the challenges of climate change, at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State and Government, Samarkand, and the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York. The prime minister's proposal

for global cooperation in addressing the challenge of climate change had received endorsement by the SCO member countries. The SCO summit was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on September 15-16.

The unusual monsoon downpour pattern had affected one third of Pakistan, inundating large swaths of Sindh and Balochistan provinces, besides affecting few other districts of the Southern Punjab.

PM Shehbaz, soon after the heavy rainfall spells in Sindh and Balochistan that led to devastating floods, galvanized the federal and provincial governments and all the relevant institutions and constituted 'National Flood Relief

collective efforts, the dire situation could be tackled and advance the national agenda by accelerating the rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations. Soon after the natural calamity, the

prime minister started visiting the flood-affected areas on daily basis to ensure that all the required measures were in place. As emergency measures, payment of cash amount and provision of food, tents, blankets and other basic required items, were ensured. Upon Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif's appeal, the Islamic countries, global leaders and the humanitarian organizations promptly supplied the umanitarian assistance.

The time-tested friendly countries, including China, Turkive and the brotherly Arab countries also started supplying relief assistance without any delay to express solidarity with Pakistan.

The visit of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to Pakistan also proved significant in the pending challenge of rehabilitation of 33 million flood affected people. Guterres personally visited the flood-affected areas to oversee the scale of damages and assess the country's post-flood requirements.

After reviewing the situation, the UN Flood Flash Appeal of \$160 million was scaled up to \$816 million.

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Planning

Federal Minister for interior Rana Sana Ullah Khan chairing a meeting to finalize strategy on PTI long March held in



PIA, Roosevelt Hotel not being sold: Saad

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Railways and Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique on Monday said that Pakistan International Airline (PIA) was not being sold and offered to anyone.

Addressing a press conference at Allama Iqbal International Airport, here, he said those spreading such rumors should refrain from doing so and added that Roosevelt Hotel in New York was also not being sold.

Saad Rafique said that Islamabad and Karachi airports were being made like that of international model, adding that the airports would be outsourced to ensure best facilities there.

He said that all over the world airports were upgraded on same pattern, adding that the airports would be in ownership of the government, but international practices would be followed for bringing investment and to ensure facilities.

The Aviation Minister said that recommendations were being sent to federal cabinet so that certain part of Roosevelt Hotel could be reopened. He said if it would be delayed then the case of this country's expensive property would go to landmark commission, adding that if it would be declared as landmark in that case it would lose its

Khawaja Saad Rafique said that in future under a joint venture a high rise building would be constructed and the country would fully benefit from it. As per initial proposal work on its 300 to 400 rooms would be started, he

added. Regarding PIA, he said that this year the revenue target of Pakistan International Airline was Rs 138 billion. He said the PIA during current year would earn between Rs 155 to 160 billion. He further said that PIA management and its entire staff were making all out efforts to overcome problems which PIA was facing. APP

Removing taboos

President urges public's role for awareness of breast cancer

Dr. Arif Alvi expresses serious concerns over high prevalence of breast cancer in Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif and Begum Samina Alvi on Monday while expressing serious concerns over high prevalence of breast cancer in Pakistan, said that the media and the society could help overcome the disease by promoting self-diagnosis and removing the allied taboos.

Addressing the launching ceremony of awareness campaign on breast cancer, the president said being a developing country, Pakistan could not afford the treatment of diseases, so it was inevitable to put in all required efforts on prevention.

He said in order to do away with the taboos linked with the disease like breast cancer, it was essential to hold discussions on the subject in seminars as well as through frequent messaging on mobile phones, television and social media.

He told the gathering comprising of the ministers, diplomats, health practitioners, and hundreds of women from different walks of life, that the four-year long women approaching the doctors at an come other diseases. early stage of breast cancer was increasing which would ultimately reduce the available workforce in form of the lady

President confers Hilal-e-Pakistan upon MWLSG

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday conferred Hilal-e-Pakistan on Secretary General of the Muslim World League Dr Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa in recognition of his services to Pakistan in different fields at a special investiture ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr. The award was conferred in recognition of his services in strengthening the brotherly relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia; for being an instrument for the award of scholarships to Pakistani students in educational institutions and higher learning in Saudi Arabia; for pursuing and safeguarding the rights of Pakistani expatriates in Saudi Arabia; for promoting peace and harmony by holding conferences, seminars and dialogues within the Muslim societies and also with rest of the world with the objective to create harmony and unity in the Islamic world, and showcasing a peaceful harmonious and tolerant picture of Muslims in the world.

mortality ratio.

President Alvi repeatedly advised the women to hold their self-examination and consult the doctor if they feel any lump in or around the breast. He said that early diagnosis of breast cancer and proper treatment could help increase the chances of survival among women, adding that chances of cure at early stages were as programs, besides highlighting the role of high as 98%. He said that lessons from breast cancer survivors to guide the people the effective management of the COVID- on prevention. He also appreciated the efforts by the first lady and other partners 19 pandemic as well as the anti-polio Pakistan Telecommunication Authoriwas making an impact as the number of campaign needed to be replicated to over-

health workers for prevention of different diseases including breast cancer as they played due role in the fight against polio as well as the COVID-19.

The president urged mainstream as well as social media to specify sometime for public messaging on breast cancer in their talk shows, dramas and other ty and telecom companies for spreading awareness about breast cancer to millions He said the country could utilize the of people in Pakistan through the caller

Maryam Nawaz criticizes Imran

For seeking JIT to probe audio leaks

Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N) vice president Maryam Nawaz on Monday while reacting to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan's announcement to approach a court seeking a judicial investigation over the audio leaks saga said that now he would not get a JIT of his choice.

Taking to Twitter, Maryam penned that "your [Imran Khan] words have no value because as Prime Minister you termed the audio leaks of oppo-

nents right and used to say that this the job of agencies."

She further stated that "You ∑Imran Khan J said our agencies are the outstanding agencies in the world they should know about what I am doing." Maryam added that Imran Khan's real pain was that he would not get the JIT of his choice.

"What is against your opponents is halal and what is against you is haram? There is temptation, evil and conspiracy in everything you say. Shame on you!," she took a jibe at the PTI chairman.

Prudent polices put rupee on upward trajectory

ISLAMABAD: Notwithstanding the flood damages, the prudent economic policies introduced by the incumbent finance minister are bearing fruit as rupee is continuously gaining strength against dollar for past overtwo weeks, making it best-performing currency. Even on Monday, Pakistan rupee appreciated by Rs 1.96 against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 217.96 against the exchange at Rs219.92 on last trading day. The rupee started maintaining winning streak since Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Mohammad Ishaq Dar announced his return to Pakistan. Soon after his arrival, Dar declared that rupee was kept under-value and had committed to go after manipulators to restore the true value of country's currency, which he said was at below Rs.200. The strategy adopted by the finance minister went well with the currency market and lifted rupee from worst-performing in emerging markets in the third week of September 2022 to best-performing currency on last trading day of the previous week (October 7), in just around 18 days.

MQM-P's Tessori takes oath as Sindh Governor

Solution Our Correspondent



KARACHI: MQM-Pakistan's Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori was sworn in as 34th Sindh a simple ceremony held at Governor house here

on Monday. Chief Justice of Sindh High Court Mr. Justice Ahmed Ali M Shaikh administered the oath to the newly appointed Governor.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Speaker Sindh Assembly Agha Siraj Durrani, ministers and other high level officials attended the ceremony.

The new Governor Kamran Tessori on the occasion said that he would take the issues of the province to the forums concerned for their resolution. He thanked for trusting him and said that he would try his best to live up to expectations. He also received felicitations after formally becoming the Governor of Sindh.

WFP scales up ops to complement govt flood response

ISLAMABAD: WFP continues ramping up its emergency operations for Pakistani families devasted by floods. Life-saving food and nutrition assistance and recovery and resilience-building support are being rolled out, with an aim to reach 2.7 million people who are facing emergency level food insecurity (IPC-4) and need urgent humanitarian aid. WFP is also increasing its logistical support to the Government. Nearly 8 million people are still reportedly displaced, 644,000 of them are in relief camps. The floodwaters have receded in some areas, but scores of communities still remain cut off, creating challenges for the delivery of aid. There has been an outbreak of waterborne diseases, with 4.4 million cases of cholera, dengue and malaria reported nationwide, turning the flood emergency into a health crisis. Some 600,000 pregnant women in flood-affected areas have no safe place to deliver babies, while 5 million children do not have immunization and nutrition care. Spokesman Report

For 'forging case records'

Sana to approach court against ACE Punjab

ACE Punjab not providing records of case to police along with warrant, Interior Ministry says

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah four-year-old case to obtain said Monday that he has a warrant against Sanaullah decided to approach the by deceiving and misleading court against the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab for "forging" the records of a four-year-

In a statement, the Interior Ministry's spokesperson said ACE — by becoming an instrument of PTI Chair- conspiracy against the way and abides by its orders."

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The spokesperson added that as against the law, ACE Punjab is not providing the records of the case to Islamabad Police along with the warrant.

"This is a nefarious

man Imran Khan's fitna federal government in a bid to benefit the rabble-rouser," the spokesperson said, adding that the ministry has decided to take action against officials responsible for falsifying the records and misleading the court. "All the prima facie evidence of forgery and fraud has been obtained related to the case," the spokesperson said. "The federal interior minister respects the court in every

UN Disarmament Fellows briefed on Pakistan's arms control program

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A group of UN Disarmament Fellows comprising of officers from 24 countries, currently on a visit to Pakistan from 8-10 October as part of their international study tour under the auspices of UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNoDA), visited the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs. During the visit, they received a briefing on Pakistan's perspective on Arms Control, Disarmament, and nuclear Non-Proliferation as well as the imperative of unhindered access to dual-use technologies for peaceful socio-economic applications, a press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here on Monday said.

The group of UN Disarmament Fellow comprised of officers from 24

Cambodia, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iran, Libya, Montenegro, Pakistan, Palau, Poland, Saint Kits & Nevis, Togo, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Yemen.

During the October 8-10 tour, the Fellows will also be visiting Pakistan Centre of Excellence on Nuclear Security (PCENS), Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science & Technology (PINSTECH), National Institute of Health (NIH), Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), Defence Science & Technology Organization (DESTO) and Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) to witness the appli-

countries including Algeria, Ango- cation of nuclear and space technolola, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, gies in the area of public health, industry, agriculture, food security, power generation etc.

At PCENS and PNRA, Fellows will receive briefings on Pakistan nuclear safety & security architecture, regulatory mechanisms and safeguards introduced by the Government of Pakistan in line with global standards which have been internationally recognized and acknowledged by the IAEA.

The Fellows will also be visiting different laboratories, globally acknowledged reference libraries and state-of-the-art facilities at DESTO and NIH. At SUPARCO, the participants will get acquainted with Pakistan's space programme and its utility for the socio-economic development

EU-Pak Joint Commission

Pak-EU agree to cooperate addressing climate change related challenges

EU expresses solidarity with people affected by unprecedented climate-induced floods ravaging country

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The 12th European Union (EU)-Pakistan Joint Commission recently held in Islamabad to exchange views on all areas of cooperation between the EU and Pakistan.

The EU expressed solidarity with the people affected by unprecedented climate-induced floods ravaging the country and informed about its contribution to addressing the most urgent needs of the affected population. Pakistan expressed appreciation for the EU's and its member states' support in mobilizing funds of EUR 123 million as well as in-kind assistance for relief efforts. Pakistan also emphasised the need for additional assistance for

the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase. The two sides agreed to further cooperate to address climate change related challenges.

The Joint Commission was briefed about the outcomes of the Sub-Group meeting on Democracy, Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights. Pakistan and the EU discussed civil and political rights, the rights of persons belonging to minorities and vulnerable groups and freedom of religion or belief, including concerns about anti-Muslim hatred. They discussed the role of civil society organisations, freedom of expression and opinion, media freedom and the fight against disinformation. Pakistan informed about steps to strengthen access to justice and reforms related to the application of the death penalty.



The EU welcomed Pakistan's legislation on the protection of women's and children's rights, the protection of transgender persons, as well as the protection of journalists. Both

parties discussed legislative proposals, namely the anti-torture bill and the bill on enforced disappearances. They also discussed the electoral reforms process including recommenda-

tions made by the 2018 Electoral Observation Mission. Both sides reiterated their commitment to multilateralism and the UN Charter.

Both sides also presented the results of the Sub-Group meeting on Trade. They emphasised the importance of EU-Pakistan trade relations and noted that the Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) resulted in an increase in bilateral trade to EUR 12.2 billion in 2021. They discussed ways to address issues hampering trade and investment. The EU stressed effective implementation of the 27 international conventions related to GSP+; Pakistan reiterated its firm commitment in this regard. They also discussed enhancing cooperation in agriculture, food security, and quality standards.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Nation celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) with religious zeal, fervor

Day dawned with a 31-gun salute in federal capital and 21-gun salute at provincial capitals

KARACHI/LAHORE: Nation celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi Sallallaho-Alaihe Wa Aalehe Wassallum on Sunday with traditional zeal and fervour and renewing the pledge to transform their lives in line with the teachings of the Holy Prophet o-Alaihe Wa Aalehe Wassallum. Sallallah-o-Alaihe Wa Aalehe Wassal-

The day dawned with a 31-gun salute in the federal capital and 21-gun salute at provincial capitals. Special prayers were offered in mosques for upholding and flourishing of Islam and unity, solidarity, progress and welfare of the Muslim Ummah.

and government and private buildings were beautifully decorated and illuminated with lights, colours and banners bearing writings about the celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi Sallallah-

State and religious organizations had organized a number of activities including processions, seminars, conferences and discussion programmes to mark the annual

Punjab government celebrated Ashra-e-Rehmatul-Lil-Alemeen (PBUH) at the government level with

Streets, roads, as well as markets religious devotion, respect, zeal and main Mehfil-e-Milad was held. fervour and holding different ceremonies. On the directions of Chief Minister Parvez Elahi, official buildings have been decorated across Punjab. In a statement, the Chief Minister said that the love and devotion with the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is the fundamental part of the faith of every Muslim.

> In Karachi, the main procession of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him) was taken out from Memon Mosque, which after passing through the traditional route will culminated at Nishtar Park Karachi where the

Small processions are also taken out from different parts of the city that will be culminated at their designat-

In Mirpur Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) processions and rallies were taken out from various parts of the city and other parts of the district. All the processions later joined the main Milad procession taken out from Markazi Jamia Mosque Maulana Abdul Hakeem at the central Allama Iqbal Road. A large number of people from all spheres of life joined the procession.

PMC announces to hold MDCAT test on Nov 13

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) on Monday announced to conduct Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) on November 13 simultaneously in four provinces, the federal capital, and two foreign countries.

"The decision of holding this test on the same day in Pakistan and two other countries for overseas Pakistanis was made after consensus of all officials and authorities of provinces," President Medical and Dental Council Prof. Dr. Noshad A. Shaikh said while addressing a press conference.

He said that provincial public sector universities will conduct this test in all provinces and Islamabad on a single day and time included Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences (Balochistan), University of Health Services (Punjab), Khyber Medical University (KPK), Dow University of Health Sciences (Sindh) and Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (Islamabad, AJK, Gilgit Baltistan).

He said that 210,000 candidates have been registered for MDCAT whereas the total seats for medical and dental Colleges are 20,800 in the country.

He added all the vice-chancellors of public universities and important concerned stakeholders were taken on board to decide the conduct of MDCAT through meetings in every province to smooth the conduct of

He said that exam conducting universities will decide on the modalities of conducting exams either by themselves or through the testing

He said that in order to facilitate Pakistani students seeking admission in recognized colleges offering MBBS and BDS programs, the council decided that the pass percentage of MBBS will be 55% and that of BDS will be 45% so that the maximum number of students are catered in the





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QUETTA: IG FC (North) Major General Chaudhry Amir Ajmal visited the Central Police Office to review the security arrangements for the 12th of Rabi Awwal procession. On this occasion, the Inspector General of Police Balochistan and IGFC were given a detailed briefing about the command and control center by senior police officers regarding the security arrangements for Eid Milad un Nabi (PBUH).

IGP Balochistan and IGFC monitored the various routes of the Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) procession at the (D3C) Data Command and Control Center live. Expressed satisfaction that the procession of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) was progressing towards its conclusion in a peaceful manner. Inspector General of Police Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh said that on the occasion of Milad-ul-Nabi (PBUH), all possible measures have been taken under a comprehensive strategy for the security of special events and processions in all the districts of the province.

Security arrangements have been made in all districts under the personal supervision of RPOs and DPOs for the security of processions and gatherings across the province with the coordination of local peace committees and religious scholars. A briefing has also been given. He further said that the best security arrangements have been made regarding the Eid Milad un Nabi (PBUH).

Federal Minister inaugurates flats for labourers

QUETTA: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Sajid Hussain Turi on Monday inaugurated the flats constructed for labourers in Nawa Kali area of Quetta.

Advisor to CM Balochistan Goharam Khan Bugti, Secretary Labour, Secretary Workers Welfare Board, federal and provincial officers and representatives of the labor organizations were also present.

Addressing at the opening ceremony, the federal minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development said that on the special directives of Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari newly constructed flats will be handed over to the laborers in the next two

"I am happy to inaugurate four hundred and eight houses for the laborers of Balochistan," If the workers of a country are prosperous, then no one can stop its development".

"In the next phase, the federal minister noted that labor colonies will so be inaugurated in Rawalpindi. Taxila and Mardan cities

Sajid Hussain Turi recalled that a project of four hundred houses for Balochistan initiated by the PPP in the previous government has been completed today. He further government is committed to provide best facilities to the families of the labourers living in the labour colonies. To send skilled workers abroad, the government will open technical training centers in different cities of Balochistan".

Stressing the need for protecting the rights of the workers, he maintained that no stone will be left unturned to ensure the rights of the working class are protected as per law and constitution of the country.

Pak-Qatar General Takaful, Mentor Health ink MoU

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Pak-Qatar General Takaful Limited (PQGTL) and transforming the existing health-Mentor Health held a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ceremony with an aim to transform the healthcare and wellness experience of masses through digitally integrated health

Saqib Zeeshan (Deputy CEO, PQGTL) and Mr. Yusuf Ansari (GM Corporate Business Solutions & ADC, Mentor Health) signed the agreement along with senior officials of both

While expressing his views at the space has revealed that the specif-

signing ceremony, Mr. Saqib Zeeshan ic Human Centered Design methsaid, "We are delighted to partner with Mentor Health with a mutual aim of care and wellness landscape which has immense room for innovation. I believe that these kind of partnerships will be instrumental to not only bring the positive change but help transform the way health solutions are obtained which eventually offers a simplified customer journey, help save lot of time,

boost accuracy and more efficiency". Mr. Yusuf Ansari while sharing his views stated that, "Mentor Health works in the Health tech

ods are extremely effective in uncovering the unmet needs of our client's customers. When we balance these needs against our client's business ambitions and constraints, we have found that several emerging technology and product categories are capable of delivering very promising new engagement models that will enable insurers to dramatically recast their relationships with their clients to the advantage of both parties. I am sure, this partnership will work on many innovative models and the real goal of both organizations is to add value in customers' lives."

Barrister Sultan asks diaspora in US to highlight Kashmir issue

MUZAFFARABAD: Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhary has stressed upon the Kashmir diaspora in United States (US) to play their effective role for highlighting the plights of their brethren in illegally Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (ÎIOJK) through different activities at their host country.

According to a statement sued by his office here. of Kashmiri and Pakistani diaspora in Huston.

He reiterated the pledge Jammu and Kashmir staving elsewhere in the world hary Ejaz and others. that the people will continue



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Monday, the president was a nation provided in the Unit-with US officials, UN repreaddressing a public meeting ed Nations (UN) resolutions. sentatives and OIC members The meeting was presided and highlighted the issue on from unjust Indian occupadifferent forums during his He further claimed that

his presentations had helped these leaders to understand Barrister Sultan claimed different aspects of the longstanding Kashmir issue and

now the Indians had gone on defensive position. He said human rights abus-

es in IIOJK were at peak now a days and life of innocent people in the valley had been shortened but Indians must remember that she can't suppress the commitment of people for the right to self-determination through use of gun and atrocities.

He made it clear that the struggle of people of IIOJK odds till the culmination on liberation of their territory tion. He appealed Kashmiri people living in US to stand up at this critical juncture of freedom struggle and play their role to raise the plight of people at different interna-

International Space Week concludes at AIMS School System

Senator Kamran Murtaza says such events are necessary to promote and encourage students





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ISLAMABAD: International Space Week was held under the auspices of the AIMS School System.

Senator Kamran Murtaza was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony. He said that such events are necessary to promote and encourage students and it is very important for the future of the students. He said that the institution is giving due importance to modern education without sacrific-

ing religious education. Students are being imparted quality education in the fields of science and technology which is very encourag-

ing, he added. The aim of the AIMS School System is not business but transforming students into good human beings. The administration of the AIMS School System informed that the week was



observed in connection with Space crafts, and home economics partic-Day in which all the disciplines including social sciences, science, arts and

Competitions for recycling, baking,

writing, recitation of the Quran, screening of documentaries, model making, and arts were held which

were participated by many students

The administration of the school

said that such activities have a very positive impact on the students and help them become a better person.

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69 more infected with dengue virus

RAWALPINDI: As many as 69 more dengue cases were reported in Rawalpindi during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 3.174.

District Coordinator **Epidemics Prevention** and Control (DCEPC), Dr Sajjad Mehmood Monday said among the new cases, 28 patients had arrived from Potohar town urban area, 17 from Municipal Corporation, Rawalpindi, 13 from Rawalpindi Cantonment, seven from Chaklala cantonment, four from Potohar rural, three from Taxila Cantonment, and one of each from Taxila rural, Kalar Syeda and Gujjar Khan.

Dr Sajjad added that 239 patients were admitted to the city's allied hospitals, including 117 to the Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH), 79 to the District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ) and 43 to the Holy Family Hospital (HFH).

Speakers highlight importance of CPEC for regional connectivity

CLAS, NIMA hold conference on Pakistan's Maritime Security & Blue Economy

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ISLAMABAD: Centre for Law & Security (CLAS), in collaboration with the National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA), held a one day conference on Pakistan's Maritime Security & Blue Economy at TMUC Forum, Islamabad says a press release.

The speakers at the conference focused on providing concrete recommendations concerning the way forward for Pakistan regarding the full potential of its maritime boundary and realizing the goal of economic development through its seas.

Dr Musadik Malik, Minister of State

HI(M) SI(M) SS(M) SB(M) SJ(M), Cdre. (Retd.) Zafar Mahmood Tippu, Dr Shaheen Akhtar, Dr Masood Khattak.

Opening remarks at the conference were delivered by Dr. Faisal Mushtaq, Chairman Advisory Board, CLAS and Chief Executive TMUC Pakistan.

Executive Director CLAS Mr Rehman Azhar moderated the conference. Baber Bilal Haider SI(M) emphasized the significance of CPEC for developing a Blue Economy and Regional Connec-

(Petroleum Division) was the Chief tivity. He stressed that the 110million Guest. The panelists included Dr Zafar cargo being transported through our Nawaz Jaspal, Dr Huma Baqai, Cdre. waters has affected maritime tourism (Retd.) Baber Bilal Haider SI(M), Dr and resulted in dirty beaches. Focusing Nazir Hussain, V/Adm Ahmad Tasnim on CPEC and the Gwadar port, he reiterated that unless all the powerplants would be fully operational, only then can Pakistan claim to progress.

Dr Huma Baqai joined virtually to discuss the role of the Government in pursuing Pakistan's Maritime interests. She started by stating that Pakistan needs to realize its Maritime potential, and it also needs maritime security and protection. She further touched base on governance issues regarding the coastal area and disapproved of the declining

shipping capacity and development of maritime industrial zones.

Dr Zafar Nawasz Jaspal spoke about the wake of emerging Indo-Pacific Alliances such as QUAD and believed that the world is changing. Pakistan needs to form a coherent National Security Plan for its MAritime affairs, and Pakistan needs to form Counter Alliances to pursue its Maritime interests.

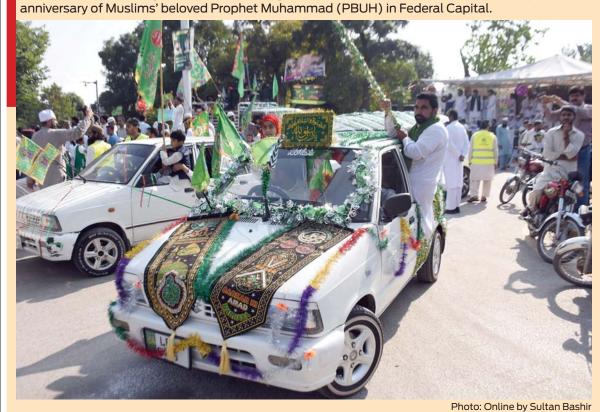
Dr Nazir Hussain discussed the prospects of Pakistan's Maritime Regional

Collaboration. He asserted that Pakistan did not have enough data to move forward with regional collaboration. However, policy papers being developed

may have potential. V/Adm Ahmad Tasnim HI(M) SI(M) SS(M) SB(M) SJ(M) was of the view that Blue Economy cannot be detached from the main economy, Maritime laws about shipping, ports, coastal zones, and explorations need to be developed and

Celebrations

ISLAMABAD: Muslims gather to attend a religious celebrations for Milad-un-Nabi (SAW), the birth



Centaurus Mall

Chief Commissioner assures to expedite structure stability report

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Usman, Chief Commissioner Islamabad and Chairman CDA assured that he would expedite the post-fire structure stability report of the Centaurus Mall and move master to finalize its matters.

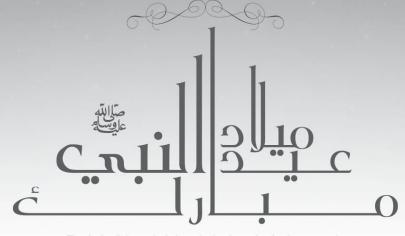
He also allowed the Centaurus management to arrange the cleaning of the mall besides allowing owners to collect their possessions from the mall. He said this while talking to a delegation of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) that called on him led by its President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari. Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan former President ICCI and CEO Centaurus Mall, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi former President ICCI and Ch. Naseer Ahmed senior member ICCI were in the delegation.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President ICCI and Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan former President ICCI and CEO Centaurus briefed Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Usman, Chief Commissioner ICT and Chairman CDA about the fire incident in the mall and thanked him for monitoring the rescue and firefighting operations in his presence.

They also thanked Lt. Gen. Sahir Shamshad Mirza Corps Commander 10 Corps Rawalpindi, Pakistan Air Force, Pakistan Navy, Rescue 1122 and Fire Brigade for their active role in bringing the fire under control due to which the Centaurus Mall was saved from serious damages. They assured that ICCI and the Centaurus Mall Management would fully cooperate with the ICT Administration in completing the technical report and restoring the mall back to its normal operations.

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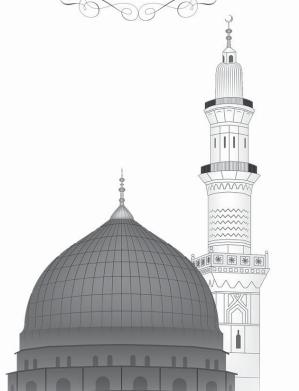
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Pakistan stands with Kashmiris

he Indian government is severely frustrated that Pakistan is supporting the rights of Kashmiri people on every world forum and condemning the human rights violations of India troops on a regular basis. India is trying to hoodwink the world by claiming that everything is peaceful in IIOJ&K. On the other hand, Pakistan continues to unveil the nefarious face of India in front of the world. The world community has come to the conclusion that peace and stability in the South Asian region cannot be attained until the Kashmir issue is resolved. It is due to the efficient working of the incumbent Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his efforts to improve relations with the world leading countries. Current government is working for the betterment of the economy and the country.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto was once asked by an international media outlet about his views regarding Russian aggression over Ukraine, he counter questioned the role of international community in not speaking on human rights violations in IIOJ&K. Unfortunately, international community is not nudging India over its human rights violations in IIOJ&K for its commercial and business ties with India. The US and some other international powers have some geostrategic interests with India due to their opposition to China. They want to prop up India against China. We must keep highlighting the plight of Kashmiris at every international forum, so that they get their inalienable right to self-determination.

The unabated series of atrocities against the Kashmiri people and unresolved status of IIOJ&K is the unfinished issue of the partition of the sub-continent. India conspired to malign Pakistan at all the world forums but could not achieve its objective. On the other hand, Pakistan is enjoying the support of all important countries of the world. The Hindutva ideology is on rise in India, under which minorities are facing the worst kind of atrocities by the fascist Indian government and Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir is not an exception. It is high time that the world community puts pressure on India to stop its human rights abuses against Kashmiris and come to negotiating table to resolve this long standing dispute with Pakistan. Pakistan has always expressed solidarity with the Kashmiri people. Pakistan will keep on raising its voice against the atrocities of Indian army and its government in the region, until their right of self-determination and freedom is achieved Pakistan has been highlighting the Kashmir issue in front of the world and made it a matter of international interest. Pakistan and India can work together in diverse fields and can grow gradually through it. We have to work for the settlement of the Kashmir issue to achieve peace and stability in the region.

The populist climate threat must be confronted

Izabella Teixeira. Ana Toni & Laurence Tubiana

eactionary populism is now the biggest obstacle to tackling climate change. With outright climate denial no longer an option, populist politicians have increasingly positioned themselves as climate doubters and delayers, and this new approach is proving to be quite insidious. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns that global greenhouse gas emissions must peak within three years to keep the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degrees Celsius target in reach; by slowing effective action, the tactics of today's populists are becoming an existential threat.

This trend is reversible, but it is tenacious. Following former US President Donald Trump's dismantling of America's climate commitments, the Biden administration has managed to pass landmark climate legislation despite notable headwinds. But opportunities for populist climate spoilers remain. A recent study

though supporters of climate policies vastly outnumber their opponents nationwide, most Americans believe the opposite to be true. Given this "false social reality," the climate legislation promises to be a wedge issue in November's midterm elections.

Perhaps even more significant is Brazil, where reactionary populism threatens to become normalized under President Jair Bolsonaro. It is no coincidence that Steve Bannon, Trump's former chief strategist, sees Brazil's election as an inflection point for the international system. In his words, the "second most important election in the world." Bannon-style tactics have prevailed in many countries in recent years, poisoning the public discourse on issues such as immigration, reproductive rights and vaccines.

There are multiple reasons why climate action is an especially appealing target for aspiring and incumbent authoritarians, but none has anything to do with the climate itself. The first reason is the perceived cost. Even though decarbonizing and building more resilience into the economy will ultimately be much cheaper than covering the costs of a runaway climate be exposed to political opportunists' bad-faith attacks.

Moreover, populists will smear policies geared toward international accords like the 2015 Paris climate agreement as an abdication of sovereignty. It is no surprise to see Brexit architect Nigel Farage now agitating for a referendum on the UK's stated commitment to achieve net-zero emissions.

A simplistic notion of national sovereignty has also underpinned Bolsonaro's refusal to discuss the Amazon in international forums, even though its role as a carbon sink is vital for the rest of the world. Bolsonaro's failure to fight criminal activity in the Amazon has allowed for the wanton destruction of Brazil's forests, rivers and people (including indigenous groups, environmental activists and journalists). As is true of other right-wing populists, "sovereignty" for him amounts to claiming rights but denying the responsibilities that come

with them. Out of either cynicism or naivety, populists refuse to acknowledge that stronger national borders cannot solve our biggest problems. That

for this year's energy and food crises, COVID-19 and mounting debt distress. As a result, climate action and reactionary populism could remain tangled for decades to come, amid climate disruptions, sharpening inequalities and a social contract fraying everywhere.

According to a recent study of 25 countries over more than a decade, right-wing populist parties have had a consistently negative impact on climate ambition, making international targets even harder to reach. As the host of the foundational 1992 Earth Summit, Brazil previously had a reputation as a leading consensus-builder in multilateral negotiations; yet, in the space of just a few years, it has come to be associated with diplomatic volatility and environmental destruction.

If we are going to manage the increasingly disruptive effects of climate change, collective intelligence must prevail over populist division and disinformation. Some countries are already showing the way. In Australia, for example, voters ousted a conservative government that had become one of the most obstinate climate laggards is as true for climate change in the G20. And in Slovenia, a al network of propagandists,

in Nature showed that, even crisis, such outlays will forever and biodiversity loss as it is populist prime minister was denied a second consecutive term when his party was defeated by the environmentalist Freedom Movement party.

> Could the same message gain traction in Brazil? Recent polling shows that 81 percent of Brazilians want presidential candidates to protect the Amazon and 65 percent consider such protections to be important for economic development. More than 90 percent know that climate change is happening and over 75 percent attribute it to human activity.

> As in many countries around the world, social movements in Brazil have been organizing on an unprecedented scale. Groups from the Amazon — especially those representing traditional communities, women and young people — are leading the charge and others, including financial and private sector players, have joined with them.

Bolsonaro, meanwhile, has remained hostile toward climate ambition, painting all environmental concerns as the sinister creation of shadowy international interests. The irony, of course, is that today's "anti-globalist" populists rely on their own well-funded transnation-



Trump-Biden feud dominating US midterm campaigns

Maria Maalouf

t is widely felt that the US midterm congressional elections on Nov. 8 are not just about the election of 435 members of the House of Representatives and 35 members of the Senate, but also a replica of the presidential race between Joe Biden and Donald Trump two

They are the ruthless continuation of a fierce rivalry between two presidents. On the one hand, Trump is recycling his old presidential themes, emphasizing that Biden and the Democrats are making the US vulnerable to foreign influence and are weakening America by making it a socialist country. On the other hand. Biden and the Democrats are accusing the Republicans and Trump of racism and extremism, including often employing the word "fascism" to denote the dangers of right-wing politics in America.

There is no moderation in the election campaigns. America is as divided as ever, with Biden and Trump trying to denounce and trounce each other. This is not a good sign for American democracy. It leads to vicious methods of campaigning and an unwillingness to compromise.

Visibility is a critical aspect of this congressional contest. Trump will try to be the most visible person in the race. He wants to renew his presidential campaign through the voting on new members of Congress that he has backed. He is using this campaign as a barometer to test his popularity ahead of a potential run for the presidency in 2024. According to a Republican consultant: "If 70 percent of the candidates whom Trump endorsed... for the Republican nomination for the offices they are

contesting, including those who were nominated for the offices of governors of states, for sure, Trump will consider himself the natural candidate for the Republican ticket in the presidential election of 2024."

Biden is less visible and is limiting his appearances to offering support for a very few candidates. The reason for this is that Biden has been making many gaffes, giving the impression to many that he may not be in sound mental and physical health. Biden is also not very popular. Therefore, most Democratic candidates will not want to associate themselves with him.

 $Trump\,will\,use\,language\,that\,could\,amount$ to charging the Democrats and Biden with treason. Nevertheless, Biden will refer to Trump as someone who violated the US Constitution by keeping sensitive national security documents in his private residence. This will insinuate that Trump must face justice and be put on trial.

It is expected that the rivalry between Biden and Trump will continue after the elections in November and its ferocity will depend on the outcome of the midterms. It is also important to recall the phenomenon in American politics known as "the October surprise." This means that a big, unexpected event can occur in the few days or weeks prior to the elections that could create a totally new reality. There are few predictions regarding what the game changer could be this time. Several analysts are saying that something dramatic, such as the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons, could be the creator of a new reality ahead of the midterms. This is still a remote possibility.

Biden is trying to portray himself as a leader who has made significant contributions to American politics, such as with the passing of legislation supporting the rebuilding of infra-

structure in America and boosting the country's scientific and technological advantage. Trump will tout the fact that he is still very popular and will renew the charge that the 2022 election result was not legitimate.

Interestingly, absent from this Biden-Trump animosity are their deputies. Former Vice President Mike Pence has not involved himself in many of the races, while the incumbent Kamala Harris has not been campaigning strongly. This gives Trump the chance to sharpen his attack on Biden personally. Such shrewd political propaganda is being utilized by Trump to send a message to the American electorate that he is practically a candidate in this race.

Trump wants to reclaim his political mandate in this current race for Congress. He insists that his speeches are drawing large crowds, even overshadowing the candidates he is soliciting votes for. He is spreading the narrative that he is so concerned about the deteriorating situation inside America that he wants everyone to be aware of the damage Biden and the Democrats have been doing to

What is unique about this Biden-Trump confrontation is that neither are talking about the regular victories and losses typical of any political race in the US. Instead, they are addressing the American people as if calamities will befall them if the other's candidates are elected. While Biden and Trump are intensifying and perpetuating their hostility toward each other, the millions of dollars Americans are spending on the elections are provoking and endorsing such a political feud.

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A century's worth of growth for China's transportation

Jay lan Birbeck

he Ever Alot, the largest container ship ever built, sailed out of a Shanghai shipyard earlier this summer. The behemoth, constructed using only Chinese patents, is nearly as long as the Eiffel Tower and can transport 24,000 containers. Aside from these accomplishments, the Ever Alot was noteworthy for another reason: It completed China's nearly decade long streak of record-breaking feats in the transportation sector.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, China has pumped remarkable amounts of investment into its transportation network. In the past decade, China has completed the world's biggest airport in Beijing, opened the world's first autonomous highspeed railway (HSR) - which also includes the deepest and largest underground HSR station - and opened the planet's longest sea crossing stretching 55 kilometers across the Pearl River estuary.

The HSR network is a good place to start as it exemplifies this debate. The untiring expansion of China's HSR network, growing over 30.644 kilometers since 2012, is one of the country's most successful largescale infrastructure initiatives. Thanks to innovative manufacturing techniques, the network is now the world's busiest and longest after just over a decade of

Above ground, a somewhat more straightforward kind of transportation has transformed China's metropolises. Shared bikes of every color line the streets, providing an affordable, environmentally friendly and congestion-easing option for getting around cities. Short-term bike sharing is a relatively new industry, but this has not stopped its rapid adoption in China. The two largest operators, Meituan Bike and Alibaba-backed Hellobike, did not even exist before 2015, yet their shared bikes have become an iconic characteristic of urban China.

Bike sharing has several advantages, including health benefits, reduced fuel use and financial savings

Aiding the urban transformation, new energy vehicles (NEVs) are changing private vehicle ownership, public transportation and ride-hailing services to make them more sustainable. Several cities, such as Shenzhen, now operate taxi and bus fleets composed entirely of NEVs. In fact, above all the other transportation developments, China's growing dominance in the NEV industry may have the most significance in the years to come.

Ten years ago, the prospects for China's NEV industry were gloomy, with just seven of 25 Chinese cities fulfilling a goal of having 1,000 NEVs and hybrids on the road by 2012. China has since risen to the top of the global NEV sector and now leads industry research and manufactures the majority of the world's automotive batteries. NEVs are expected to become the dominant mode of transportation in the coming decades, so China's first-mover advantage in the industry is significant.

From cycling to electric cars, China's transportation system has changed dramatically in the last 10 years. The nation finishes the decade with the world's largest HSR network, longest highway network, most shared bikes, longest metro system and most extensive stock of NEVs.

It's no exaggeration to say that the country has crammed a century's worth of development and invest-

Meanwhile, the rate of change is showing no signs of slowing. Before 2035, China is looking to build a 100-kilometer sea tunnel across the Bohai Strait, guarantee one-day domestic deliveries and create an almost 2,000-kilometer ultra-high-speed maglev line linking Guangzhou to Beijing in three hours. Whatever achievements China makes in the coming years, they will be due to the formidable foundation it has laid over the last decade.

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Russian strikes kill 17 following bridge attack

 $Put in \ vows \ a \ "tough" \ and \ "proportionate" \ response \ should \ Ukraine \ carry \ out \ further \ attacks \ that \ threaten \ Russia's \ security$

ZAPORIZHZHIA/MOSCOW: A behind police tape as emergency bled apartment buildings and housed dozens, Ukrainian officials said as Moscow strained to enforce its takeover of illegally annexed territory.

The blasts that collapsed at least one high-rise residential building ing, the barrage blew windows and and blew out the windows of others came from six missiles launched in Russian-occupied areas of the Zaporizhzhia region, the Ukrainian air force said. The region is one of four Russia claimed as its own this month, but the regional capital remains under Ukrainian control.

The multiple strikes came after an explosion Saturday caused the partial collapse of a bridge linking the Crimean Peninsula with Russia. The Kerch Bridge attack damaged an important supply route for the Kremlin's faltering war effort in Ukraine and a towering symbol of Russia's power in the region. know," he said. "I am left without an

Russian missile barrage that crum- crews tried to reach the upper floors of a building that took a direct hit. The es in Ukraine's city of Zaporizhzhia attack collapsed several floors, leaving killed at least 17 people and wound- a smoldering chasm at least 40-feet wide where apartments had stood. Several hours later, the top floors caved

> In an adjacent apartment builddoors out of their frames in a radius of hundreds of feet. At least 20 private homes and 50 apartment buildings in all were damaged, and at least 40 people were hospitalized, city council Secretary Anatoliy Kurtev said.

> Zaporizhzhia resident Mucola Markovich, 76, said he and his wife hid under a blanket when they heard incoming rockets and booms from blasts. "There was one explosion, then another one," he said. Then, in a flash, their fourth-floor apartment was gone, Markovich said, holding back tears.

"When it will be rebuilt, I don't Stunned residents watched from apartment at the end of my life."

Russian officials did not immediately comment on the strikes. Following Russian President Vladimir Putin's annexation of the Zaporizhzhia region last week, Russia has repeatedly bombarded the city of the same name. At least 19 people died in Russian missile strikes on apartment buildings in the city on Thursday.

"Again, Zaporizhzhia. Again, merciless attacks on civilians, targeting residential buildings, in the middle of the night," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote in a Telegram

"Absolute meanness. Absolute evil. ... From the one who gave this order, to everyone who carried out this order: they will answer. They must. Before the law and the people," he added.

Tetyana Lazunko, 73, and her husband, Oleksii, took shelter in the hallway of their top floor apartment after first hearing air raid sirens and building and sent their possessions flying. Lazunko wept inconsolably

as the couple surveyed the damage to their home since 1974, wondering why an area with no military infrastructure in sight was targeted. "Why are they bombing us. Why?" she said.

While Russia targeted Zaporizhzhia before Saturday's explosion on the Crimea bridge, the attack on the 12-mile-long span was a significant blow to Moscow. Russia annexed Crimea in March 2014 following a hastily called local vote, a move that drew U.S. and European Union sanc-

Putin personally opened the \$3.7 million Kerch Bridge in May 2018 by driving a truck across it in a symbol of Moscow's claims on Crimea. The bridge, the longest one in Europe, is vital to sustaining Russia's military operations in southern Ukraine.

The Crimean Peninsula is a popular destination for Russian tourists and home to a Russian naval base. A then an explosion that shook the Russian tourist association estimated that 50,000 tourists were in Crimea on Saturday.

China launches space-based observatory to unravel Sun's

secrets

JIUQUAN: China sent a solar exploration satellite into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China, furthering the country's scientific endeavor to

unravel the mysteries of the Sun. The Advanced Space-based Solar Observatory (ASO-S), nicknamed Kuafu-1 in Chinese, was launched aboard a Long March-2D rocket at 07:43 a.m. (Beijing Time) and entered its planned orbit success-

After four to six months of testing, the 859-kg satellite will start normal operation 720 kilometers away from the Earth to study the causality between the solar magnetic field and two major eruptive phenomena, namely solar flares and coronal mass ejections, thus providing data support for space weather forecast-

The solar observatory, named fter Kuafu, a giant in Chines mythology who indefatigably chased the sun, will extend its working hours to over 96 percent of the year. A space-borne observatory running at a sun-synchronous orbit is not hampered by the Earth's rotations, while an Earth-based telescope can see the Sun only in the daytime.

"ASO-S is capable of probing the Sun 24 hours daily for most of the year," said Gan Weigun, the satellite's principal scientist from the Purple Mountain Observatory (PMO) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). "Its longest daily time-out is no more than 18 minutes when briefly running through the shadow of Earth each day from May to August."

The solar probe, with a projected life of no less than four years, is designed to accumulate and transmit back some 500 gigabytes of data within a day, which is equivalent to tens of thousands of high-quality

"The onboard detectors take pictures every few seconds or minutes, and during solar eruptions, they can rapidly increase their shutter speed to only one second so as to capture solar activities with more details," said Huang Yu, associate chief designer of ASO-S science application system.

Dozens of Mexico students mysteriously poisoned

MEXICO CITY: At least 57 students were poisoned by an unidentified substance in a rural secondary school in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, according to local authorities.

The mass poisoning was the third at Chiapas schools reported in local media over the past two weeks, spooking students and prompting outrage from parents.

The Mexican Social Security Institute said Friday that 57 teenage students in the rural community of Bochil had arrived at a local hospital with symptoms of poisoning. One student in a "delicate" condition was transferred to a hospital in the state's capital while the rest were

Authorities did not speculate on a cause, but local news outlets said some parents believe the students were exposed to contaminated water or food.

"We are outraged by these events," leaders of Bochil said in a statement, adding that they are collaborating with a state prosecutor's

Videos circulating on social media showed a chaotic scene in which adults carrying teenagers in school uniforms rushed through a hospital hallway amid anxious shouting.

The state prosecutor's office said on social media on Saturday that it had conducted 15 toxicology exams which had all come out negative for illicit drugs, after reports circulated in local media and on social media that students had tested positive for cocaine.

In a Facebook video on Saturday, dozens of parents gathered at the basketball court of the secondary school, passing a microphone around as they demanded answers from authorities while over a dozen police, some with shields, looked on.

One man in the video said his daughter had been poisoned and tested positive for cocaine at a private laboratory, along with other students. The state prosecutor's office said it would continue testing students but did not respond to questions about the prior poisoning events

Since Sept. 23, local media have reported two previous cases of mass poisoning in the city of Tapachula, affecting dozens of students.

Armed attackers kill seven Djibouti soldiers

NAIROBI: Seven Djiboutian troops have been killed in clashes between the army and an armed opposition group, a presidential adviser said. Djibouti, home to one of East Africa's major ports as well as US and Chinese military bases, has faced sporadic violence, usually sparked by

protests against the government of President Ismail Omar Guelleh. The latest attack in the north of the country was carried out on Thursday night by the Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy, said Alexis Mohammed, an adviser to Guelleh.

A spokesperson for FRUD, made up of members of the ethnic Afari community, denied being involved in the attack, and instead blamed a splinter group.
FRUD, formed in 1991, signed a peace deal with the government in

1994, when it split into two groups with one staying out of the accord. Assailants attacked an army post in an area called Garabtissan in Tadjourah region on Thursday night, leading to the deaths and an unspecified number of injuries, Mohammed said.

The barbaric act perpetrated ... by a terrorist group against our army established in the north of the country will not go unpunished," he said. FRUD Spokesperson Ibrahim Hamabou Hassan said in a statement the violence was "unjustifiable," and accused an armed splinter group run by former military soldiers of carrying it out. The last attack by FRUD was in January 2021, when one policeman was killed, Mohammed said.

Indian Railways move to rename Tippu Express criticized

NEW DELHI: A popular train between Bengaluru and Mysore 'Tippu Express' has been renamed as the 'Wodeyar Express' by the Indian

The move has drawn criticism from Muslim community as many eem the move another attempt by the Hindutva regime to un mine Tippu Sultan.

Sharing an image of Tippu Sultan, the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi said," Tipu irks Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) because he waged three wars against its British masters. Another train could have been named after Wodeyars. BJP will never be able to erase Tipu's legacy. He scared British while alive & scares British slaves even now".

Tippu Sultan who goes by the name "Tiger of Mysore" is famous for fighting the British in the 18th century.

German state vote tests support for Berlin's crisis management

BERLIN: German voters in Lower Saxony went to the polls in a state election that will gauge support for the crisis-management skills of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's coalition as it seeks to avert energy shortages and an escalation in the Ukraine war.

National issues such as the highest inflation in decades have dominated the campaign in the economically powerful swing state of eight

million people, home to carmaker Volkswagen. "I have never experienced a campaign which focused so much on citizens' very weighty concerns," said Lower Saxony Premier Stephan Weil of Scholz's centre-left Social Democrats (SPD), who is running

for re-election, after casting his ballot. Opinion polls had put the SPD on between 31% and 33% support, suggesting they were on track to land less than the 37% they got in the 2017 election but still retain power, partly thanks to Weil's own

Weil has a sensible approach and it would be good if he really implements what he is promising," said voter Holger Gruetzner, noting his main worry was "that many people won't be able to pay to heat their

UNSC highlights benefits of Yemen truce

NEW YORK: The members of the Security Council expressed their deep disappointment at the passing of the 2 October deadline to extend the Yemen truce by six months.

welcomed the They Government of Yemen's engagement with the efforts of the Special Envoy and stressed that the Houthis' maximalist demands in the final days of negotiations had hindered the United Nations efforts to broker agreement, risking negative consequenc- ni people would continue expectation that the parties find a way forward to reinstate the truce.

The members of the Secubrought more calm and secu- into Hudaydah port. rity than at any point in the sharp reduction in civil-



The members of the Security Council underscored that with an extension to the truce, these benefits for the Yemees. They reiterated their to grow, including paying Yemen's teachers, nurses, and other civil servants, opening roads in Taiz and around the country, expanding internarity Council underscored tional flights and ensuring that the past six months had that fuel flows more freely

their support for the United Government of Yemen's underlined that an exteninto Hudaydah and commer- opportunity to reach a cease- ic crises. cial flights to and from Sana'a. fire and ultimately a Yeme-

ni-led inclusive and comprehensive political settlement, with the full, equal and meaningful participation of women, under the auspices of the United Nations, based on the agreed references and in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, with the intention of addressing the broader issues underlying the conflict. They stressed that returning

The members of the towards engaging in negopast eight years, including Security Council reiterated tiations and reinstating the truce is the route towards ian casualties, as well as the Nations Special Envoy and permanently ending this that the Security Council efforts in enabling fuel to flow sion would also provide the humanitarian and econom- action to support efforts for

The members of the in Yemen.

the major costs of an end to the truce, first and foremost for the Yemeni people. They expressed their deep concerns about rhetoric that deliberately threatened negotiations and actions which impeded the economic stability of Yemen.

Security Council stressed

The members of the Security Council urgently called on the Yemeni parties, in particular the Houthis, to refrain from provocation, prioritize the Yemeni people, and return to engaging constructively in negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations and to urgently work towards an extension and expansion of the truce.

They reiterated the need to avoid resumption of hostilities inside of Yemen as well as attacks within the region and on the Red Sea. They stressed peace, security and stability

war, and resolving Yemen's would continue to take all

North Korea fires more missiles, seventh launch in two weeks

the sea, Seoul's military said, the seventh such launch in over Japan last week, with two weeks, just hours after officials and analysts warna nuclear-powered American aircraft carrier wrapped tions for another nuclear test. up joint drills off the Korean

ington have ramped up missiles between 0148 and combined naval exercises in recent weeks, infuriating Pyongyang, which sees them as rehearsals for inva- the East Sea", referring to the sion and justifies its blitz of body of water also known as missile launches as necessary "countermeasures".

Pyongyang has doubled

mediate range ballistic missile ing it has completed prepara-

South Korea's military said Sunday it had "detect-Seoul, Tokyo and Wash- ed two short-range ballistic 0158 (1648-1658 GMT) fired from the Munchon area in Kangwon province towards the Sea of Japan.

The missiles "flew approx-With talks long stalled, imately 350 kilometres (217 it had detected signs the miles) at an altitude of 90

SEOUL: North Korea fired down on its banned weapons kilometres", Seoul's Joint an SLBM, a weapon Pyongtwo ballistic missiles into programmes, firing an inter- Chiefs of Staff said in a state- yang last tested in May. ment, calling the launches a "serious provocation".

> the launches, with the coast guard saving the missiles had landed outside the Japan's clusive economic zone. Japanese senior vice

Tokyo also confirmed

defence minister Toshiro Ino said Tokyo was analysising the missiles, adding that "either one of them has the possibility of being a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM)".

Seoul said last month North was preparing to fire

The US military's Indo-Pacific Command said in a statement that they were "consulting closely with our allies and partners", adding that the launch highlighted the "destabilising" nature of North Korea's missile programmes.

North Korea's missile tests usually aim to develop new capabilities, but its recent launches, "from different locations at different times of day, may be intended to demonstrate military readiness," said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University

The excavations of an ancient site of Afrasiab, Samarkand

Spokesman Report

SAMARKAND: Scientists refer to the beginning of Samarkand VIII-VII centuries BC. It was at this time on the northern edge of modern Samarkand there is an ancient settlement Afrosiab. The area of settlement is more than 200 hectares. From the north and east it was protected by the cliffs of river channels, to the south and west by deep ravines.

It is believed that Afrasiab was the ancient capital of the Sogdiana – famous Marakanda. The ancient city got its namein honor of the legendary king of Turan - Afrasiab and one of the heroes of the poem of the great Persian poet Ferdowsi 'Shahnameh".

During the reign of the Achae-BC) the city was surrounded by a high wall with massive internal corridors and towers.

Persian Empire in the IV century BC surrendered to the army of Alexander the Great. In 329 BC Greek phalanx entered to Marakanda, Macedonian hike to the East for several years was arrested Sogdians revolt under the leadership of Spitamen, the suppression of which, Alexander destroyed Marakanda. The revival of Sogdiana was at Seleucids.

Now Afrasiab-a huge cluster of barren hills. But in the past it was full of life, noisy markets, working artisans. This explains the keen interest of scientists to Afrasiab.

Archaeological investigations at the Afrasiab were carried out from the end of the XIX century. Archaeological studies have confirmed that several centuries menid Persian Empire (VI cent. before the BC Samarkand was one of the largest shopping and

cultural centers of Central Asia. On the mound of clay samples

were found terracotta statuettes, fragments of ossuaries, glassware, a variety of tools, jewelry, coins. It was found that the city of

cobbled streets intersecting lines and divided into quarters -Huzar, was surrounded by thick defensive walls, inside of which was the citadel-Shakhristan, temples, nouses and workshops. For example, in the exposed

buildings, dating from VI-VII centuries, the walls were decorated with highly artistic paintings, made with bright colors of clay adhesive plaster. In one room were found a kind of genre paintings, which are located on the walls in three tiers. They were shown a procession of men and women in festive fancy costumes, accompanied by real and imaginary animals, bearing rich gifts.

On the walls of that palace of city was found a large composition, depicting the procession, headed by a figure on a white elephant, which was apparently represented a princess or queen. Apparently, the wedding procession was depicted as an elephant to his bride to that palace of the princess sent, accompanied by friends and important dignitar-Also, in Afrasiab was found a

large hall, decorated with wooden sculptures, charred by fire, killed the town thirteen centuries ago. When excavations were also found bas landscape character.

In IX-X centuries, when Samarkand was one of the cultural centers of the Islamic East and the first capital of the Samanid dynasty, in the western part of Afrasiab was built the magnificent royal palace. By the X centu-

ry the area of the inner part of the city reached 220 hectares. The south side was placed in a suburb of bazaars, mosques, baths and caravanserais. The city was built by water from lead pipes "Arzis" and had launched production of

In the XI-XIII centuries, Samarkand became the capital of Karakhanids and was surrounded by new defensive walls. In the

citadel was built the palace of Karakhanids. At the beginning of the XIII century Horezmshah Moham-

med conquered Samarkand and built a new palace on the site of that palace of Karakhanids. In state was conquered by Genghis Khan, Samarkand was captured by the Mongols. During the civil war on the second half of the XIII

greatly, and this led to a complete desolation of the settlement in In the future, Samarkand will

century Samarkand suffered

be developed on the site of the former "rabad"-the city suburbs. In the Museum of City Histo-

ry, located on the site of Afrasiab collected artifacts of different periods of ancient history of Samarkand-ossuaries, the remnants of ancient swords, knives, arrows, coins, pottery and unique frescoes were discovered during excavations at the ancient settlement.

After visiting the museum, you can also wander around Afrasiab, from a height of the hills to the XIII century the Khorezm admire the panorama of the old city, its blue domes and minarets. Here, the sounds of wind and the rustle of grass your thoughts will seamlessly transfer into the past.

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index				
Current	Prev. Close			
42,211.64	42,085.25			
Day's High	Day's Low:			
42,441.29	42,071.67			
Index Value	Change			
9,445,345,125	+126.39			
Percentage	Time			
+0.3%	10 Oct, 2022			
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Index Value	Change			
6,959.31	-31.78			
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-0.45%	10 Oct, 4:35 pm			
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USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average			
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29,245.31	-51.48		
Percentage	Time		
-0.18%	10 Oct, 12:02 pm GMT-4		
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average			

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average				
Index Value	Change			
27,116.11	-195.19			
Percentage	Time			
-0.71%	7 Oct, 3:15 pm GMT+9			

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	140.23	141.48
Bahrain Dinar	584.42	588.92
Canadian Dollar	159.74	161.09
China Yuan	30.91	31.16
Danish Krone	28.78	29.13
Euro	214	216
Hong Kong Dollar	27.99	28.34
Indian Rupee	2.65	2.73
Japanese Yen	1.1	1.15
Kuwaiti Dinar	706.11	711.11
Malaysian Ringgit	47.24	47.69
NewZealand \$	123.18	124.38
Norwegians Krone	20.5	20.8
Omani Riyal	570.6	575.1
Qatari Riyal	60.37	60.87
Saudi Riyal	58	58.6
Singapore Dollar	153.33	154.63
Swedish Korona	19.58	19.88
Swiss Franc	220.79	222.54
Thai Bhat	6.2	6.3
U.A.E Dirham	60	60.6
UK Pound Sterling	243	246
US Dollar	218	220



PTCL Group has illuminated its Ufone Tower with pink colour to mark 'Pinktober' in solidarity to raise Breast Cancer Awareness in Pakistan. The month-long global campaign also honours the victims and survivors of the life-threatening disease. PTCL Group, being a socially responsible organization supports such cause and creates awareness for welfare and safety of not only PTCL & Ufone employees, but also general public at

Decision to subsidize export sector is commendable: PEW

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Monday said the government's decision to give power subsidy to the export sector is commendable, which will increase domestic exports and stabi-

lize foreign exchange reserves. The subsidy will ensure the provision of electricity to the export sector at Rs19.99 unit, it should not only benefit the manufacturers but workers as well who are reeling under unprecedented inflation, it said. Government should link subsidies to the working conditions and wages of the workers in the factories of the export sector, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of PEW.

Circular debt is a major threat to economy: Mian Zahid Hussain

Says power tariff hike failed to reduce circular debt

№ Tarig 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 said circular debt (CD) is a great threat to the country's economy.

The government should accept the challenge of eliminating CD to ensure economic growth at a rapid pace, he said. Mian Zahid Hussain said that the unsatisfactory volume of exports and CD are among the threats to the Pakistani

Talking to the business community, the veter- made announcements to eliminate the CD but



an business leader said that every government

it increased its volume. In the last few months, the electricity tariff has been hiked drastically but the CD has not decreased but has increased, and now its volume has reached 2252750 million rupees which is unsustainable.

He said that reasons for increasing CD include weak power transmission and distribution systems, corruption, theft, and line losses. One of the causes of CD is the generation of electricity with imported fuels and ignoring cheaper sources for power generation, he added.

The business leader said that fuel import bill cannot be reduced and pollution cannot be tackled unless solar power is patronized. Solar power is necessary to reduce dependence on imported fuel, provide relief to the masses and

propel the economy.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that the bureaucracy does not like to do anything itself nor allows the private sector to do anything. Some bureaucrats are after the solar sector and they are discouraging it and all possible efforts are being made to harm it, but no one in power is ready to take notice.

He said that until the private sector is allowed to participate fully in the electricity sector, the recovery of bills is improved and defaulters are not dealt with according to the law, this important sector will continue to suffer. A revived power sector can attract investment, and help reduce poverty play a positive role in economic development.

Emirates appoints new Regional Manager in Pakistan

➢ Our Correspondent

KARACHI: Emirates has appointed Salem Al Mana as the new Regional Manager for Pakistan, with effect from 1 November. This comes as part of the airline's management rotations to support its commercial strategies and efforts in rebuilding its global network amidst the increase in travel demand and the easing of restrictions. Salem was previously Emirates' Commercial Support Manager - Indonesia since

In his new role, Salem will report to Mohammed Alnahari Alhashmi, Vice President - Pakistan and will help Emirates respond to shifting market dynamics in addition to strengthening Emirates' presence in the market and driving growth. Wahid Albalooshi, who was previously Regional Manager Pakistan, will become District Manager Riyadh.

On Salem's appointment Mohammed Alnahari Alhashmi, Emirates' Vice President - Pakistan said: "I am pleased to welcome Salem to the team in Pakistan, which is one of the most important markets for Emirates in the region. We look forward to benefiting from his broad experience, which will help us to drive growth of our online and offline sales through our network of travel partners as well as our operations in five cities in Pakistan. I congratulate him on the new role and

report: Atif Ikram



"I would also like to thank Wahid Albalooshi for his efforts and achievements while he served in Pakistan and wish him the best on his new role in Saudi Arabia."

Salem joined Emirates in 2017 as a fresh graduate and was part of the airline's UAE national commercial outstation program, providing necessary knowledge and exposure to the global aviation industry. Initially based in Emirates' headquarters in Dubai, Salem moved through several roles firstly as Commercial Support Manager followed by his post as a trainee in UAE Sales to gain experience and a strong understanding of the market dynamics and the airline's

In 2019, following his training at Emirates' hub in Dubai, Salem was posted in India as Commercial Support Manager Mumbai, serving in one of the airline's biggest markets in the region. His role in India provided him with an in-depth understanding of Emirates' international

Pakistani market ignores Moody's

Says the local currency is gaining ground against the US dollar

in ten days and if the fall of the

dollar continues, the produc-

due to the reduction in busi-

operations as well as market knowledge and the competitive landscape.

His diversified experience also included training with the internal audit team to gain the knowledge necessary to successfully operate and in full compliance with local regulations in an outstation. Following the completion of his training in 2020, Salem was posted as a Commercial Support Manager for Sri Lanka and the Maldives, initially based in Sri Lanka, but due to the global pandemic, continued to support the two markets from Emirates' headquarters in Dubai.

In his latest stint with Emirates, Salem was posted as a Commercial Support Manager for Indonesia in 2021, learning the ropes of how the market operates and gaining a thorough understanding of customer segments and how to better serve their needs, especially for leisure and corporate customers, as well as religious tourism.

Salem studied in the United Arab Emirates and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Communication from Dubai Men's College. Emirates has held strong ties with Pakistan since 1985 and the airline remains committed to its long-term commercial strategy in the country. Emirates currently operates passenger services to five cities in Pakistan including Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, Sialkot, and Peshawar - connecting customers to more than 130

banks are foreign exchange

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manipulation and now these

sectors are being closely moni-

tored. He said that strict action

against such elements is neces-

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currency mafia as the economy

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In the last few years, the

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Khushhali Microfinance Bank Limited partners with HANDS Pakistan and Saaya Association of PWDs to distribute wheelchairs among needy persons in

Standard Chartered joins hands with IGI Life, EFU Life



跨 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Standard Chara memorandum of under-Assurance Limited and IGI Life Insurance Limited whereby these partner cated sales staff at Standard Chartered branches for cross selling of insurance solutions to the Bank's client base. This alliance is a response to the ever-evolving needs of the clients and is expected help support the Bank's goal towards providing a full suite of wealth management

The signing ceremony was attended by Standard Chartered Pakistan's CEO-Rehan Shaikh, Head CPBB - Saadya Riaz, and Head Wealth Management-Kailash along with Taher Sachak, CEO EFU Life Assurance Limited, Mohammed Ali Ahmed, Deputy Managing Director EFU Life, and Ali Nadim Deputy CEO IGI Life Insurance Limited with their

Standard Chartered Pakistan commented, "Through tionship between the Bank and insurance providers,

we aim to improve product awareness, especially among the financially tered Bank (SCBPL) signed marginalised segments of society. We believe in creatstanding with EFU Life ing value and convenience for our clients and continue to provide cutting-edge financial solutions. We at companies will deploy dedi- the Bank expect synergistic enhancements to result from this deepened partnership and are optimistic that it will help drive the Bank's insurance business into a new era"

> The CEOs of both insurance companies also emphasised the benefits of this partnership with Standard Chartered, and the potential opportunity available to all three organisations with the launch of this new sales model, and the learnings that have been possible for them through Standard Chartered's global network.

Taher G. Sachak, CEO EFU Life Assurance Limited said, "Standard Chartered Bank was our first Bancassurance partner and we are delighted to have the Standard Chartered partnership take a new direction. EFU Life and SCBPL share the Rehan M. Shaikh, CEO same vision of creating value and convenience for the Bank's affluent customthe deepening of this rela- er base through customised offerings, targeted to the need of this segment.

The local currency is gaining to the business community tion of floods, which will have a the tax revenue for the payment positive impact on the situation. of debts and obligations which that the value of the dollar has ing ground against the US decreased by eighteen rupees dollar therefore no one will be Atif Ikram said that the should be reduced. The Coffee Bean & Teal Leaf finds a

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Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: FPCCI's Pres-

idential candidate Atif Ikram

Sheikh on Monday said that the

Pakistani market has ignored

Moody's downgrade and the

dollar continues to retreat

against the rupee which is a

There has been no change

in investor confidence due to

the credit rating agency move

which has been steadily increas-

ing due to the new Finance

Minister Ishaq Dar, he said. Atif

Ikram Sheikh said while talk-

very encouraging sign.

KARACHI: Hollywood's favorite coffee shop, The Coffee Bean & Teal Leaf, has now found its new home in Karachi. The grand opening took place on Friday, Oct 7, through an invite-only event.

This marks the launch of their 12th store in Pakistan, and the very first branch in Karachi. The Coffee Bean & Teal Leaf already has 4 branches in Islamabad, 5 in Lahore, 1 in Sialkot, and 1 in Gujranwala.

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf was first brought to Pakistan in Dec 2017 by Entrepreneurs Adnan Azam, Usman Yousuf and Usman Azam. The first store was opened at Mount View Plaza, sector F-6 of Islamabad.

"Due in part to the pandemic, we know we took some time to reach Karachi, but we're finally here and this is just the beginning of our journey in this city of lights," said Adnan Azam at



the launch event.

new home in Karachi

"We recognize Karachi's undying love for coffee, and we want to give Karachites a space where they can rejuvenate while try it and not hesitate to recomsipping on their favorite brews"

Also sharing his thoughts on the event, Usman Yousuf said, PECHS should stay tuned for "This branch marks the beginning of The Coffee Bean & Teal Leaf in Karachi. We couldn't be more excited to launch it here and make a great addition to Karachiites' list of favorite coffee

"We're sure that the city will show The Coffee Bean & Teal Leaf love. We invite the coffee lovers of Karachi to come and

allowed to play with the people

and economy while the polit-

the economy. If the dollar falls

below 200 rupees as expected,

it will have a pleasant effect on

the economy for which all the

credit will go to Ishaq Dar, he

The business leader said that

the United Nations is calling on

the international community to

help Pakistan, while the World

Bank and the Asian Develop-

and a half billion dollars to help

Pakistan cope with the devasta-

ical parties not do politics on investigated for exchange rate

family," he added. "The residents of Clifton and some great news in the next few weeks. Karachi has so much potential and we have just gotten started" added Usman Azam.

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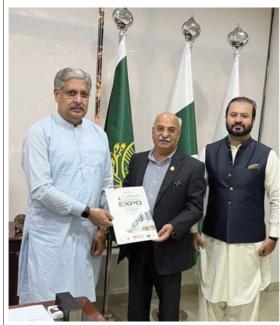
Born and brewed in Southern California since 1963, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf is heralded as

the oldest and largest privately-held specialty coffee and tea retailer in the world, with over 1200 stores across 31 countries

The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf is focused on sourcing and simmering the best 1% of Arabica beans, and serving more than 20 handpicked entire leaf teas, all from little ranches and private bequests in East Africa, Latin America and the Pacific.

The brand is particularly loved in Hollywood, frequented by Johnny Carson, David Beckham, Madonna, the Kardashians, Miley Cyrus and Eddie Murphy and the list goes on.

The Coffee Bean is truly international. The espresso and teas are picked from over the world, roasted in LA and ground in best-in-class Swiss hardware, pulled in an Italian "Ferrari of espresso machines" with water that originates from a worldclass filtration system and served in mugs from Korea.



Today had very successful meeting with Raja Tariq Murtaza Chairman RDA delegation led by M. Khurshid Barlas, Founder Chairman Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry and Fahad Barlas Convinier Diplomatic Affairs.

PCB unveils match schedule of New Zealand's dual tours of Pakistan

New Zealand will be the third high-profile side to tour Pakistan this year

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board on Monday announced match schedule of New Zealand men's cricket team's dual tours of Pakistan.

The BLACKCAPS will play two Tests as part of their ICC World Test Championship title defence and three ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League fixtures from 27 December to 15 January, before returning for five T20Is and five ODIs from 13 April to 7 May.

On the first leg of the Pakistan tour, Kane Williamson's side will play Tests in Karachi (27-31 December) and Multan (4-8 January). They will return to Karachi for the three ICC Super League matches on 11, 13 and 15 January.

The Karachi Test will be New Zealand's first in the metropolitan city since October 1990 when Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis shared 15 wickets between them and Shoaib Mohammad scored 203 not out, and first in Pakistan since the May 2002 Test in Lahore in which Inzamam-ul-Haq scored a memorable 329 and Shoaib Akhtar recorded first innings figures of 8.2-4-11-6.

It continues to be a memorable year for Multan as well. After hosting three



ODIs against the West Indies in May, they will stage the second Test between Pakistan and England (9-13 December), before holding the second Test between Pakistan and New Zealand. Multan has also been announced as one of the four venues of the HBL Pakistan Super League, which will be held from 9 February to 19 March.

New Zealand will begin the second leg of the Pakistan tour in Karachi with four T20Is (13, 15, 16 and 19 April), followed by the fifth T20I and two ODIs in Lahore (23, 26 and 28 April) and last three ODIs

will be played in Rawalpindi (1, 4 and

Zakir Khan, PCB Director – Interour passionate fans that we will deliver high-quality home international cricket in 2022. Today's announcement of New Zealand's double visit to Pakistan is part of that commitment.

"New Zealand is one of the high-performing sides and the more we will play against the top teams in our backyard, the better we will get as a unit, which is crucial to our objective of featuring inside

the top-three across all formats. The New Zealand matches will also provide opportunities to our youngsters to continue to watch and follow their favourite players in action, something they have missed when we were forced to play our international cricket offshore.

"Three Tests against England followed by two Tests versus New Zealand over six weeks will give us a chance to strengthen our claims for a place in the ICC World Test Championship final. The eight ODIs will help us to prepare for September's Asia Cup and October's 50-over ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. As such, the series against New Zealand will not only be from the top drawer but will also have context, making it something to watch out for."

David White, New Zealand Cricket very much looking forward to the dual tours. New Zealand and Pakistan share a terrific history in international cricket and there is genuine respect between the two teams as well as the two boards.

> "I know our players can't wait to arrive and savour the experience of playing in Karachi, Multan, Lahore and Rawalpindi -places that carry a great cricket-

PSB to provide best available trainings

"PSB deems to provide best available trainings to elite athletes in Pakistan and

The board has also arranged foreign training at South Africa for Arshad Nadeem, the gold medalist of the 22nd Commonwealth Games held at Birmingham (UK). An amount of Rs five million was granted to the Athletic Federation of Pakistan in this regard," an official told APP.

He said in a similar way Pakistan Hockey, Taekwondo and Judo federations were granted Rs 5.5 million, 4.5 million 1 million, respectively for training cum competition tours abroad.

"PSB and the government have planned to arrange foreign training cum competition tours to elite athletes for further grooming in different countries keeping in view, the International standards and

In this regard, allocation in the budget has also been earmarked, as well. Meanwhile PSB also organizes regular National Training Camps for preparations of

to athletes ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan sports Board

(PSB) was committed to provide best available trainings to elite athletes and have planned to arrange foreign training cum competition tours for players to groom their skills as per International standards.

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athletes," he said.

T20 tri-series win over Bangladesh CHRISTCHURCH: Devon arriving late to Christchurch scored 16 off 16 balls but failed to make an impact with the ball. He said his side's total was a difficult one to defend. "I thought New Zealand's spin-

Conway guides New Zealand to

Conway showed why he will be New Zealand's key batter at the Twenty20 World Cup by top-scoring in an eight-wicket tri-series win over Bangladesh in Christchurch. New Zealand face Paki-

stan in the next game. Conway batted with control for his unbeaten 70 off 51 balls as the Black Caps chased down 137-8 at Hagley Oval with 13 balls to spare. South African-born Conway continued a bright run of form that has seen him tally 294 runs in his last seven T20I innings, at an average just under 60.

The left-handed opener's career average has now tional format. He put on 85 nine balls rounded out New Hossain soon afterwards missed the first game after on Tuesday.



tournament.

round of matches, having beaten New Zealand by six wickets and Bangladesh by 21 runs. All three sides are using the week-long series to fine-tune for the World Cup in Australia this month.

Earlier, Black Caps climbed above 50, a rarity legspinner Ish Sodhi became in the shortened internathe the fifth bowler to take 100 T20I wickets, removing for the second wicket along- top-scorer Najmul Hossain ners were outstanding." side captain Kane William- Shanto (33) in his first over

Zealand's first win of the to further halt the Bangladesh mid-innings momen-Pakistan lead after the first tum, aided by a miserly 2-14 from fellow-spinner Michael

> Williamson praised his spin pair's accuracy. "We worked hard and pulled it back with the spin, which was huge for us to keep them to a below-par total," he said. "Having no pace on the ball was difficult to play if you hit out of Sunday's game while the right length and our spin-

Bangladesh son (30) before Glenn Phil- to reach the milestone. and world-class allround- finger. New Zealand face lips' quickfire 23 not out off Sodhi dismissed Mosaddek er Shakib Al Hasan, who Pakistan in the next game

abdominal tightness and leaving the field. Fellow quick Lockie Ferguson suffered a similar injury in training to rule him

ners bowled really well," he

said. "We started very well

but in the middle overs, with

their quality spin, we couldn't

handle it. We probably tried

to play too many big shots

and it cost us momentum."

found himself added to

New Zealand's mounting

injury list, bowling only two

overs before pulling up with

Pace bowler Adam Milne

allrounder Daryl Mitchell is in doubt for the World Cup after suffering a fractured

Lopez-Chacarra wins LIV Golf Bangkok by three strokes

BANGKOK: Former top amateur Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra shot a final-round 69 and won the LIV Golf Invitational Bangkok by three strokes over Patrick Reed.

Lopez-Chacarra had a three-round, 19-under total of 197 after the storm-delayed finish on the newly opened Stonehill Golf Club course north of Bangkok.

Reed shot a closing 67 while Paul Casey (65), Richard Bland (68) and Sihwan Kim (68) were tied for third, four shots behind Lopez-Chacarra.

Ex-Oklahoma State player Lopez-Chacarra, who turned professional to play on the LIV series, led after the second round and was among three who led after the

The two-time first-team All-American was No. 2 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking before he signed a three-year contract with the Saudi-backed LIV tour.

West Indies, Scotland win on Day 1 of T20 World Cup warm-ups

MELBOURNE: The warm-up matches for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 kicked off with two exciting battles in Melbourne.

West Indies emerged victorious over UAE by 17 runs in the first match, whereas Netherlands fell 18 runs short of Scotland's total in the second game of the day. West Indies faced a stern challenge from a spirited UAE side as they put on a superb bowling performance against the two-time world champions, led by Junaid Siddique's breathtaking spell of 4-0-13-5. However, Brandon King's 64 and skipper Nicholas Pooran's 46 helped the Caribbean side post a total of 152/9 in their quota of 20 overs.

UAE never got going with the bat as they lost wickets at regular intervals which kept pegging them back in the chase at every stage. Opening batter Muhammad Waseem tried his best but he didn't find enough support from the other end. Lower-order batter Zawar Farid played an excellent cameo of 29* off 14 towards the end of their innings, putting on an excellent stand of 53 runs with Waseem who remained unbeaten on 69. But that came too late in the innings as UAE fell short of West Indies' total by 17 runs.

In the second match of the day, Scotland and Netherlands locked horns at the same venue. Scotland put on a total of 151/7 on the board, led by Richie Berrington's 41 and Michael Leask's 37, while Brandon Glover and Bas de Leede shone with their bowling for Netherlands, picking up three wickets each.

Netherlands had the quality and firepower in their batting unit to chase the target down but Scotland put on a disciplined bowling performance to restrict them to 133/7, winning the match by 18 runs. Max O'Dowd was Netherlands' highest scorer with 43 runs to his name, whereas Brad Wheal was the pick of the Scotland bowlers with figures of 2/24 to his name.

PGF golf trials for Nomura Cup dominated by Saad Habib, Saim Shazli

Spokesman Report

MULTAN: During the third days proceedings of the four days PGF Trials for team selection for participation in Asia Pacific Nomura Cup, in progress at the Sir Nick Faldo designed signature Rumanza Golf Course in Multan ,noticeable is the way sixteen years old Saad Habib Malik of the host club has taken over command of the fiercely competitive ongoing golfing action. It is heartening indeed that a teen ager ,Saad Habib takes over the leadership role through excellence and high quality display of golfing skills.

His round of gross 71, one under par achieved in the third round and compiled through birdies on holes 5,11 and 12 ,thirteen regulation pars and two bogies on holes 4 and 13 enabled him to aggregate a three rounds score of 219 and occupy the top position on the leader board .And this position he shares with Syed Saim Shazli of Karachi who is also placed at an aggregate score of 219 and as the trials move into the final phase the challenge for final selection gets resilient. While Saad Habib and Saim Shazli are bunched together at an aggregate score of 219 ,others in line for honors are Hussain Hamid of Royal Palm and Damil Ataullah of Lahore Garrison ,whose aggregate scores for three rounds are 224. Both these players have strengths of their own ,they are proficient and gifted players ,have age on their side as well as wholesome parental and family support.

As for other aspirants, Umair Saleem is placed at an aggregate score of 225 and also placed at 225 is Rao Muhammed Hassan .Just one stroke down at a three days aggregate score of 226 lie four of the best amateurs of Pakistan . They are Ralfay Raja ,Osama Nadeem, Qasim Ali Khan and Salman Jehangir

The final round on Monday promises a real clash between the top amateur golf players of Pakistan.

In the race for selection amongst senior amateurs, the leader after two rounds is Tariq Mehmood of Lahore Garrison .His two rounds scores aggregate to 155. At a score of 161 are placed four capable contenders Shahid Warriach, Raja Asif Mehdi, Maj Shoaibuddin and Asim Tiwana .Brig Masood Qureshi is at 162 and Omar Javed Zia is also at 162.

High Performance Camp for U19 women cricketers in Multan concludes

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The U19 High Performance Skills Camp for women cricketers concluded at the Inzamam-ul-Haq High Performance

During the course of 13-day camp, the 26 players trained under the supervision of the academy coaches, the camp was headed by former Test cricketer Mohsin Kamal who is part of PCB's coaching panel. The regional academy coaches include Muhammad Kamran Hussain, Tahir Mehmood and Jawad Hamid.

During the camp, the players were given interactive lectures besides rigorous training, practice matches and fitness sessions. The camp also provided 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.

Mohsin Kamal, who also featured in nine Tests and 19 ODIs for Pakistan where he took 24 and 21 wickets, respectively, shed

light on the learning of players from the camp.

He said, "We have looked into players' skills level in the camp and have worked accordingly on each and every player. The camp was very fruitful to prepare players for the inaugural ICC U19 Women's World Cup taking place in South Africa next year. The camp also provided a great opportunity for players to enhance their skills ahead of future camps which will help to select a good squad for the mega event."

Mohammad Rizwan crowned as ICC Men's Player of Month for Sept

ISLAMABAD: International Cricket Council (ICC) has picked its Player of the Month for September 2022, crowning Pakistan wicket-keeper batter Mohammad Rizwan under the category after his recent stellar performances.

A press release issued by the ICC said that Rizwan who is the top T20I batter in the world beat competition from ace Indian spinner Axar Patel and emerging Australian all-rounder Cameron Green, who both had a month to remember.

September, churning out some sizzling achieve this award. performances in T20Is. The No 1 T20I batter in the MRF Tyres ICC Men's Player Rankings continued his domination in the shortest format of the game and put his name on the shortlist for the Player of the Month for September," it read.



On winning the award, an elated Rizwan said: "I would like to thank Almighty Allah and express my heart-"Rizwan was in stunning form in felt delight to all that enabled me to

"I want to give my high appreciation to all my teammates as they made things easy for me. These achievements boost your confidence. I am happy with my performance and I would like to take this momentum forward in Australia."

He said that he would like to dedicate this award to the people in Pakistan who are affected by floods and climate change. "Hopefully this will bring smiles on their faces," ICC quoted him as saying. As per the ICC's statement, Rizwan scored seven fifties in the 10 games that he played last month.

His month began with two scores of 70+ against Hong Kong and India in the Asia Cup. He finished the tournament with yet another fifty and as the leading run-scorer but Pakistan fell short on the final hurdle.

In the first five T20Is of the sevenmatch series against England, Rizwan registered four scores of 60+ to help his side take a 3-2 lead. Despite playing one less game, he still finished the series as the highest run-getter with 316 runs at an average of 63.20 while going

PSG rescue point at Reims after Ramos sees red for 28th time

PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain but struggled to create clear-cut am not convinced that the insult Gravillon and Bradley Locko salvaged a point with 10 men as they drew 0-0 at struggling ous on the counter-attack. Reims but still increased their Ligue 1 lead after Marseille lost 2-1 at home to last-place Ajac-

Both PSG and Marseille rested starters with an eye on midweek Champions League games and their showdown next

Marseille came a cropper, despite Dimitri Payet's 100th Ligue 1 goal. PSG escaped with a draw, despite Sergio Ramos'

28th career red card. PSG coach Christophe Galtier made five changes from the team that drew 1-1 away to Benfica in midweek and his side spent much of the first 40 minutes on the back foot. Reims pressed

chances while PSG were danger-

Yehvann Diouf flew to his right to save a drive by Fabian Ruiz and then blocked a powerful shot from Kylian Mbappe, when the only one of the three PSG superstar strikers to start, broke clear after 33 minutes.

Two minutes later, Marshall Munetsi spun in the PSG box but Gianluigi Donnarumma, the hero against Benfica in midweek, saved the low shot at full stretch.

Four minutes before half time, Ramos argued himself into two quick yellow cards as PSG mobbed referee Pierre Gaillouste to protest a free kick against Marco Verratti.

"I know Sergio Ramos well, I

that came out was in the direction of the referee. It is a training-grond insult that you hear a lot on the field in Spain. The referee took it personally and sent him off," said Galtier

Reims, who had collected six red cards, comfortably the most in Ligue 1 this season, struggled to exploit their advantage. Abner Zeneli drew a sharp save from Donnarumma at the start of the second half but then the home team ran out of steam. Neymar came on and shot wide when clean through.

The game ended with a string of fouls followed by bad-tempered confrontations as Nevmar, Achraf Hakimi, who had come on in the 88th minute, and Mbappe, as well as Andrew

of Reims collected added-time yellow cards. "There was a lot of tension, I can't explain it," said Galtier. "On both sides, with a lot of duels, clashes, discussions. Neither team was in control."

Earlier Marseille crashed back to earth after crushing Sporting Lisbon 4-1 in midweek and lost for the first time in Ligue 1 this season. "We didn't imagine that we would remain unbeaten all season but it's certainly hard to lose at home to the last-placed team," said coach Igor Tudor, who said he was "very angry."

Tudor made seven changes to the starting lineup that beat Sporting. His team took the lead after 15 minutes when Dimitri Payet converted a penalty afer



a handball by Ajaccio defend- delight did not last long. Ajacer Cedric Avinel. It was the cio striker Bevic Moussiti-Oko 35-year-old playmaker's 100th Ligue 1 goal, 16 years after his first for Nantes.

The Velodrome crowd's

equalized with a low left-footed shot, his first Ligue 1 goal, in the 25th minute. The Corsicans

scored for Marseille on Tuesday, put the ball in his own net in the 47th minute. Marseille pressed but the equalizer never came. "I feel like even if we had played 200 minutes, we still wouldn't have won," said Tudor. Marseille stay second but

matches before Saturday, but

got some help when Argentine

defender Leonardo Balerdi, who

could be overtaken by Lens and Lorient on Sunday. Ajaccio climbed off the bottom to 18th in the 20-team league, but could be back in last by the end of the weekend. "Maybe facing the lastplace team did not motivate the Marseille players, especially after they opened the scoring," said Ajaccio coach Olivier Pantaloni. "But maybe we also did what was had only scored five goals in nine necessary to upset them."