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### *PM to depart for* two-day KSA visit today



**ISLAMABAD:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would depart for a two-day visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on Monday. The PM would participate in the Saudi Investment Summit (SIS) and meet with Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Salman and King Salman bin Abdul Aziz.

The PM is embarking on the tour on Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Salman's invitation.

According to media reports, the Crown Prine MBS is also expected to visit Pakistan next month. Pakistan, in the wake of statements made against the Kingdom in the context of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC+) decision, expressed solidarity with the leadership of Saudi Arabia.

"We appreciate the concerns of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for avoiding market volatility and ensuring global economic stability," the Foreign Office said in a statement.

The statement added, Pakistan encourage constructive approach on such issues based on engagement and mutual respect."

### 'Sagacious leadership'

BEIJING: Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, and the other newly elected members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the 20th CPC Central Committee Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang and Li Xi arrive to meet the press at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China on Sunday.



### ll Pak-China relations

# Xi Jinping a true friend of Pakistan: President Alvi

President, PM, Chairman Senate, FM felicitate President Xi on his re-election as CPC Gen. Secretary

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On his Twitter handle the prime



Meanwhile, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanirani has

### **Detailed verdict of** Toshakhana case likely today

PTI's Fawad Chaudhry questions delay in issuance of detailed verdict

### 😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: After issuing its short order disqualifying PTI Chairman Imran Khan in the Toshakhana case on October 31, the Election Commission of Pakistan will likely issue its detailed decision today (Monday).

According to media reports, the electoral body issued its verdict against Khan on the basis of Article 63(1)(p) for making "false statements and incorrect declaration" regarding the Toshakhana gifts.

Headed by the Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja, the ECP's five-member bench unanimously ruled against the former prime minister. The commission, in its judgement, stated that the PTI chief is no more a member of the National Assembly and deemed his response "not correct".

Earlier on Sunday, PTI leader Chaudhry Fawad Hussain questioned the detailed verdict's in the case, inquiring what the CEC read on Friday if there was no verdict to release even after 24 hours.

Chaudhry maintained that if the verdict did not carry the signatures of all the ECP members, then it was not a judgment.

The ECP's initial verdict reads as follows: As a sequel to our abovementioned findings, facts available on record and keeping in view the argument of learned counsel for parties herein, we are of the considered opinion that the Respondent has become disqualified under Article 63(1)(p) of Constitution read with Section 137,167 and 173 of the Elections Act, 2017, consequently he ceases to be a member of the National Assembly of Pakistan and his seat has become vacant accordingly.

### Flood Relief Fund Nestle delegation presents cheque of Rs10m to PM



"We reaffirm our long-standing, abiding and fraternal ties with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," the statement maintained. Earlier this month,

Opec+, the producer group comprising the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) plus allies including Russia, agreed to reduce two million barrels per day from November. Agencies

Alvi and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday ulate President Xi Jinping on his felicitated President Xi Jinping on his re-election as general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) for the third term.

The president, on his Twitter handle, extended his heartiest congratulations to President Xi Jinping on his re-election as CPC General Secretary, and the best

ness. "He is a true friend of Pakistan and champion for All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership between Pakistan and China," the

wishes for his health and happi-

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif minister posted "On behalf of the entire Pakistani nation, I congratreelection as CPC General Secretary for the 3rd term."

president posted in a tweet.

The prime minister further said that it was a glowing tribute to President Xi's sagacious stewardship and unwavering devotion for serving the people of China.

The prime minister was one of the first world leaders who had sent a message of congratulation to President Xi Jinping on his re-election as party's secretary

general. FM Bilawal also congratulated the Chinese leader and said that

his election as the CCP general-secretary reflects the enduring confidence of the Chinese nation in his "sagacious leadership".

"Heartiest felicitations to President Xi on reelection as CCP General Secretary. It reflects enduring confidence of the Chinese nation in his sagacious leadership and befitting acknowledgement of his lifelong service to China," Bilawal wrote on Twitter.

felicitated Chinese President Xi Jinping on being elected as Secretary General of the Communist Party of China for the third consecutive term.

In his congratulatory message, he said that "Under the prudent leadership of President Xi Jinping, China is making unprecedented progress in every field, Pakistani people and leadership attach great importance to relations with China".

He said that the Pakistani leadership aims to promote the joint Pak-China comprehensive strategic partnership and advance bilateral relations.

#### 😂 Staff Reporter

Prime Minister's Flood Relief LAHORE: A delegation of Fund. Nestle Pakistan called on delegation was The Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif in Lahore on Sunday.

comprised of Director Corporate Affairs Sheikh Wagar and During the meeting, the Director Human Resources of delegation presented a cheque the Company, Hajra Omar.

worth 10 million rupees for the

### **Economy showing improvement**

ISLAMABAD: Struggling hard against odds like economic recession globally and devastating flood at home, the country has started showing improvement in its economic indicators with exports solely increasing by 40 percent during first quarter of current financial year.

Rupee value against US dollar has improved and with the concerted efforts of the coalition government, the country is gradually steering out of the fears of bankruptcy as the leading able and inclusive econom- no confidence move, the PML-N's economic managers are also toiling hard to rescue common people from clutches of price hike.

The current account deficit is shrinking and efforts are on to increase foreign exchange reserves besides lowering the interest rate and ensuring incentives to boost agriculture sector and ensure food security for the population growing at the rate of around two percent.

The country's exports standing at Rs 1.147 trillion during July-September 2021-22, have shown 39.9 tally touching Rs 1.605 trillion during July-September 2022-23 as reported by the Bureau of Statistics.

'We have taken series of initiatives to promote PTI leader Imran Khan exports and achieve sustain- was dethroned through a



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(STPF). APP

ic growth, poverty reduc- country was facing serious tion and improvement in challenges of bankruptcy. the living standard of the But, the coalition governpeople," said Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar.

"The main focus of our strategy is to achieve the objectives of economic revival. We are working with all stakeholders and exploring all avenues to stand the economy on sound footing, enhance exports and create maximum job opportuni-

ties," he added. 2027) strategies are the "We need to attract result of a consultative investment in textiles and process between public and percent increase with its apparel sectors and fully private-sectors meant for employ SMEs as engine of our growth to enhance our taking specific steps to avail manufacturing capacities," opportunities in a compre-Naveed Qamar remarked. hensive manner as speci-

Few months back when

Will not accept govt without two-third majority: Imran

#### 😂 Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan on Sunday said that he will not accept the government without the two-third majority.

Expressing his thoughts in an interview over the long march, the PTI chief claimed that his long march will be marked in history as the 'biggest' of all and went on to say that he will announce the long march on Thursday.

Reiterating that this National Priority Sectors Export Strategy (NPSES) is time his party is coming one of the initiatives taken with full preparations for for fulfilling the country's the long march, Imran warned that now he will ambition of enhancing not end his protest with the long march. Talking about The five-year (2023the foreign policy, the PTI chief said that there is a dire need for an independent foreign policy for the country.

addressing constraints and Taking a dig at the coalition government, Imran claimed that the rulers are not interested to fied in Pakistan's Strategic strengthen democracy but Trade Policy Framework they are looking to stash money.

## Istanbul Declaration for addressing disinformation in post-truth era

It also emphasizes upon the importance of cooperation among the member states

### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Istanbul Declaration adopted by the 12th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers has emphasized upon the importance of cooperation among the member states in developing necessary mechanisms to fight disinformation and other related challenges of the Post-Truth era.

The declaration also underlined the need for devising short, medium and long-term strategic processes in the total fight against disinformation.

The Information Ministers of the OIC Member States, participated in the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, titled 'Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era' held in Turkiye on October 22.

The declaration said that the conference recognized the importance of focusing on specific issues and possible scenarios in the short term, multidimensional crisis communication and management and mechanisms to check the accuracy of the information in the medium term, and news content, media literacy and digital media literacy in the long term.

The conference took into consideration the Final Report of the 12th



Islamic Conference of Information non and highlighting the risks it posed Ministers, which aimed to promote OIC Member States' contributions and cooperation in the area of media and information, a press release of the OIC Secretariat said.

The Istanbul Declaration underscored the need to combat Islamophobia/hatred against Islam in all its manifestations by presenting the truth about the magnanimous religion of Islam in an effective manner, utilizing new and emerging platforms and technological innovations.

Underscoring the perils of disinformation as a destructive weapon, the declaration said, it was easy to wield and require complex measures to counter, targeting the noble religion of Islam and the need to combat this phenome-

particularly in countries with Muslim communities and minorities.

It recognized the necessity of raising awareness against disinformation and fake news through social norms.

The declaration highlighted the importance of combatting disinformation, which posed a serious threat to their countries and societies in the new digital era, as encapsulated in the theme chosen for the conference.

"Recognizing that terrorism has no particular identity and that correlating this term with other identities is a product of disinformation and condemning all manifestations of violence, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism which distort the noble messages of human cultures," the declaration said.



# The Spokesman

### **Bolstering IT sector**

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chaired meeting of Prime Minister's Task Force on Information Technology (IT) and Telecom at Finance Division, Islamabad on Sunday.



### Soldier embraces martyrdom

### 🐞 Our Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: A soldier of Pakistan Army on Sunday embraced martyrdom while thwarting terrorists' attack from inside Afghanistan across the international border who opened fire on a military post in Hassan Khel Sector of North Waziristan district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a news release said the Pakistan Army troops responded in a befitting manner. The martyred soldier was identified as Assistant Lance Daffadar Waqar Ali (32-year-old, resident of Chota Lahore, Swabi) who embraced martyrdom during the fire exchange.

"Pakistan has consistently been requesting Afghanistan to ensure effective border management. Pakistan strongly condemns the use of Afghan soil by terrorists for activates against Pakistan," the ISPR said.

The Armed forces media ing further added that Paki

# PDM saved country at cost of its political credibility: FM

Bilawal says we will together tackle the political and religious extremism

### 😂 🛛 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said on Sunday that the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) saved the country at the cost of their political credibility.

Addressing the closing session of the 2-day Asma Jahangir Conference at a local hotel here, as the chief guest, he hoped that constitutional and democratic journey of the PDM would continue for the betterment of the country. "We will together tackle the political

and religious extremism," he added.

Bilawal said that India, Europe and the United States were also struggling against the political extremism and expressed his hope the new generation would welcome democracy and reject all nature of extremism.

He urged the vouth to understand the destroy the country for his politics. her absolutely not," Bilawal said. He great trouble. "About 33 million people

one should accept that the parliament and the institutions have progressed in several aspects. "There is always scope of betterment, " he said. "It is important to be observed for the progress of parliament and democracy that Imran Khan was sent home through a constitutional way of no-confidence," Bilawal stated.

Whether you like it or not that there is only one method to remove a prime minister in the constitution and it is no-trust motion," he added. He said that he believed that Imran Khan was a selected prime minister. He said in the past prime ministers were either hanged or forced to leave the country.

He said the political parties had never thought that Imran would attack on the economy of the country for his political survival.

issues of the country and protect them- succeeded in rescuing the country from unanimously. He said that the governselves from the propaganda of an arro- economic crises, unfortunately the histor- ment would make this challenge as a test gant and selfish person who wanted to \_\_ic flood had created another problem for \_\_case and it would be a pilot project for the nation, adding that from Gilgit-Balti- the globe. "If Asma Jahangir was alive and she stan to KPK, South Punjab, Balochistan asked whether you have become the and Sindh provinces had badly affected minister in result of a deal then I replied by the flood and still these areas were in

added that everything was not fine, but are affected due to the flood,"he added. The flood was a historic calamity, he said.

He said that the world should also rescue us to face the challenges after the flood as the rest of the world was responsible for the global warming not Pakistan, adding that today Pakistan was in trouble and tomorrow any other country could face the same situation.

"Our core issue should be restoration of flood affected people's life instead of politics now," Bilawal said. He said that political clashes would continue but need of time was to help flood victims by joining hands.

He said that the people themselves were struggling against the burden of weather change which was injustice as the political parties should jointly support them in this hard times. He said that solution of the impact of glob-Bilawal said that as soon as the PDM al warming in Pakistan was in working

### Govt accords priority to tap potential of IT sector: Dar

### 😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar here on Sunday said that the government accords priority attention to IT sector to tap its true potential as it has immense potential for growth and could play significant role in strengthening Pakistan's economy

The minister was chairing a meeting of Prime Minister's Task Force on Information Technology (IT) and Telecom, which was also attended by Minister for IT and Telecom Sved Amin Ul Haque, Special Assistance for Prime Minister (SAPM)

on Youth Affairs Ms. Shaza Fatima Khwaja, SAPM on Finance Tariq Bajwa, Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Secretary Finance, Secretary IT and Telecom, Chairman Federal Board Revenue and Chairman Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA).

The meeting discussed issues related to IT sector's declining export and measures to bring it back to a growth trajectory.

The meeting considering the proposals of Ministry of IT&T and directed to the concerned authorities to take steps for facilitation of IT sector and to remove bottlenecks in order to encourage its exports.

### PR planning to upgrade five major stations

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways is planning to upgrade five of its major railway stations across the country on modern lines to facilitate passengers and help the department generate more revenue

The purpose to upgrade the railway stations is to make them commercial hubs for business activ ities and facilitate the passengers," an official in the Ministry of Railways told on Sunday.

He said the stations include Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Pesha war and Quetta. The official said that the decision was made in line with the direction of Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique.

The official said that the government was taking several steps to improve the performance of Pakistan Railways and would provide maximum facilities to the masses.

Responding to a question, he told that the railway infrastructure in Balochistan was being maintained as per available resources in order to provide safe and secure travelling to the passengers. The tracks include Sibi-Quetta-Chaman, Spezand-Taftan, and Sibi-Hurnai and some portion of Jacobabad-Sibi Section, he added.

He said that improvement of passengers' amenities had been carried out by providing washrooms, drinking water and renovation of waiting rooms at the buildings of various stations.

Regarding the Sama Satta-Amruka section, he said that the contract for the rehabilitation

### *JUIF demands* decisions of BRT, billion trees, foreign *funding cases*

PESHAWAR: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUIF) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter on Sunday demanded that the decisions about Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Malam Jabba scheme, Billion Trees and Foreign Funding cases should be announced soon to unveil the face of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Pakistan Democratic Movement

(PDM) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman would address public meetings in Dir on November 24, Mansehra on November 26, and Kohistan on November 27.

In this connection, the meeting of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province was held under the chairmanship of Provincial Ameer Maulana Attaur Rahman at Mufti Mahmood Markaz in Peshawar. Syed Hidayatullah Shah, Maulana Attaulhaq Darwaish, Gul Azim, Mufti Fazal Ghafoor, Abdul Jalil Jan, Asif Iqbal Daudzai, Maulana Amanullah Haqqani, Haji Daneshmand, Muhammad Israr Marwat and others attended the meeting.

Provincial Information Secretary Abdul Jalil Jan said that Maulana Fazlur Rehman would address public meetings on November 24 at Talaash Dir, November 26 in Mansehra and November 27 in Kohistan to inform the people of the areas about the hollow slogans and lie politics of PTL.

stan Army was determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of its brave soldiers further strengthen its resolve.

The minister said that the coalition government would work to improve the agricultural and irrigation system for the better future.

the track had been awarded to the Frontier Works Organisation (FWO) which was signed in March 2021 at a cost of Rs 7,735 million. APP

#### He said that in the meeting, it was also demanded to announce pending decision of BRT, Malam Jabba scheme, Million Trees and Foreign Funding cases. APP

### **Rising Hindutva belies India's claim to** be a secular democracy: AJK president

### 😂 Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON: India's reputation as a secular democracy has been eroded ever since the right-wing Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came into power in 2014, the Azad Jammu and Kashmir President, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, has said.

"Gone are the days when India used to be called the land of (Mahatama) Washington on Sunday, while assert- Administration the importance of playing that rising Hindutva fascism calls ing a role in persuading India and Pakiinto question the country's claims that it upholds secular values.

BJP government has been pushing tion as guaranteed under 18 substantive

ly right-wing Hindu nation, it was thanks to the Organization of Islamic pointed out. Barrister Chaudhry said that Kashmiri diaspora in the US has played an important role in mobilizing global public opinion in favour of the rights of Kashmiri people, while highlighting that the rise of fascism was a clear threat to the minorities in India

Kashmiri Americans, he said, were Gandhi," he told a public meeting in best suited to bring home to the Biden stan to resume their dialogue that would lead to the exercise by the Kashmiri Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led people of their right to self-determinato change the secular and democrat- United Nations Security Council reso-

ic fabric of India into that of a pure- lutions. Barrister Chaudhry expressed Cooperation (OIC) - the second largest forum after the United Nations which has once again reiterated its principled stand on the Kashmir dispute and also appointed a special envoy on Kashmir. Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman of the World Forum for Peace & Justice, said that Kashmir was at war that India cannot win — like Vietnam for the United States.

"Kashmir is living proof that the people will not compromise, far less abandon, their demand for self-determination which is their birthright and for which they have paid a price unparalleled in the history of South Asia," Fai said.

### 😂 In Puniab Assembly Hamza Shahbaz appointed **Opposition** leader

### Notification in this regard issued on Sunday

#### 😂 Our Correspondent

LAHORE: Former chief minister of Punjab and PML-N leader Hamza Shahbaz has been appointed as the leader of the Opposition in the provincial assembly, according to a notification issued on Sunday.

Hamza became the chief minister of Punjab on April 30, 2022, after which he was de-notified as the Opposition leader. However, the PML-N-led government lost its power in Punjab

after Pervez Elahi became the chief minister of the province as the Supreme Court had declared the ruling of former Punjab Assembly deputy speaker Dost Muhammad Mazari in the chief minister's election "illegal".

Elahi, who had been defeated by Hamza on July 22 during the Punjab CM's election after 10 PML-Q votes were rejected by former deputy speaker Mazari – had challenged the ruling in the SC.

The Supreme Court, in an 11-page

short order, had said: "We find that the understanding and implementation of the said short judgment as well as the provisions of Article 63A(1)(b) of the Constitution by the Deputy Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Punjab, Lahore (Respondent No.1) was patently incorrect and erroneous and cannot be sustained.

The order then declared Elahi as the duly elected chief minister of Punjab as it ruled that he had obtained 186 votes compared to Hamza's 179.

# **Boris Johnson** battling to win for PM comeback bid

was fighting to get enough before Johnson was forced support to become Britain's next prime minister on Sunday after prominent figures on the right-wing of the Conservative Party coalesced around the man establish whether he lied to once accused of betraying him, Rishi Sunak.

Leading figures who previously backed Johnson, came finance minister Sunak ahead of a first vote by Conservative lawmakers on Monday.

Baker said on Sunday he News. "I'm afraid the trouwould vote for Sunak because ble is because of the privileges the country could not afford vote, Boris would be a guara return to the soap-opera anteed disaster." APP

LONDON: Boris Johnson that built up earlier this year out of office over a string of scandals.

Johnson is currently under investigation by parliament's Privileges Committee to the House of Commons over parties held at Downing

Street during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ministers found out in support for former to have knowingly misled parliament are expected to resign.

"This isn't the time for Junior minister Steve Boris's style," Baker told Sky

## Islam rejects sectarianism, terrorism in all forms: Tahir Ashrafi

He says no room for myths of terrorism in Islam as it was a religion of peace, security, and moderation.

### 😂 🛛 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and the Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi said Islam rejected sectarianism, extremism, and terrorism in all their forms and manifestations.

Addressing an "International Tahzeeme-Harmain Al-Sharifain Conference" in Abuja (Nigeria), he said to get rid of these social evils, it was necessary to disseminate the message of Islam in its actual context, which Muslims received from the holy lands of Makkah and Madinah.

Ashrafi, who is also the Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council and Secretary-General of the International Tahzeem-e-Harmain Al-Sharifain Council, said there was

no room for such myths in Islam as it was a religion of peace, security, and moderation.

He said the situation of unrest in some Islamic countries was due to external interference which could be stopped by forging unity in the Muslim Ummah

He said the union would help contain Islamophobia and resolve the issues confronting the Muslim Ummah on the global level.

Ashrafi also endorsed the stance of Saudi Arabia on the oil issue and said that Pakistan and the entire Islamic world were standing by its narrative for global economic stability.

Ashrafi said the entire Muslim Ummah's message was loud and clear that they would not compromise on the security, sanctity, and stability of the soil of Harmain Al-Sharifain at all costs.



The PM's aide further said that Kashmir and Palestine were the two burning issues of the Muslim Ummah, and they should be resolved as per the will of the Kashmiris and Palestinians.

He maintained that interfaith dialogue was also the need of the hour adding that

Pakistan had prepared a document, titled "Paigham-e-Pakistan" (Message of Pakistan) to get rid of sectarianism, extremism, and terrorism.

Terming Harmain Al-Sharifain as the centre of Muslim Ummah, he said the way Saudi Arabia serves humanity was admirable and praiseworthy.

Besides leading Ulema, Mashaykh and religious scholars from all over the Islamic world addressed the conference, including Dr Ibrahim Jamia Otoyo, Dr Dawood Abdul Baqi Muhammad, Dr Imam Issa Abdul Kareem, Dr Sulaiman Usman, Dr Muhammad Abdullah Al-Thani, Dr Sharafuddin Badibur Aji, Dr Muhammad Munir Ilyas, Dr Muhammad Al-Haaj Abu Bakr, Dr Abu Bakr Muhammad Al-Thani, and Dr Al-Khizar Abdul Baqi Muhammad.

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ساتھ منایا جارہاہے،24 اکتوبر کا دن ہمیں اس جذبے کی یا دتازہ کرتاہے جب آ زاد کشمیر کے باسیوں نے اپنے قوت باز وؤں سے چار ہزار مربع میل سے زائد کاعلاقہ آ زاد کرایااور یہاں ایک ایس حکومت کی بنیا درکھی جس کااولین مقصد ہندوستان کے زیر قبضہ ریاست کا بقیہ حصہ آ زادکراناتھا۔مقبوضہ کشمیر کی دشمن سے آ زادی کے مقصد میں ہم کس حد تک کامیاب ہوئے اس کا قابل اطمینان جواب موجود نہیں تاہم یہ بھی

سیاسی واخلاقی محاذ پر بیه مقصد حاصل ہندوستان مقبوضہ کشمیر کو ہڑ پے کرنے کا سشميرى عوام اورعالمي برادري فيتسليم آ زادی جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں۔

حقیقت ہے کہ ہرآنے والی حکومت نے كرنى كو تشش ضروركى ب- آج دعوى ضروركرر باب مكراسس دعو ي نہیں کیا۔ کشمیری آج بھی اپنی جدوجہد

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والے بے حمیت

اپنے اقتدار میں جواہر

یوں تو ہرروز مقبوضہ کشمیر سے آنے والی ظلم وستم سے بھری خبریں دل کوا داس کر جاتی ہیں۔ مگر 24 اکتو بر کا دن ہر سال ایک ادھورے پن کا احساس پھر سے زندہ کرجا تاہے۔ہمارے آباء واجداد نے 24 اکتوبر 1947ء کوجس جوانمردی سے کشمیر کامیڈلڑا آزاد کروا کر آزاد حکومت ریاست جموں وکشمیر کا قیام عمل میں لائے۔ وہ ایک عظیم کارنامہ ہے۔ اسی لیے ہرسال 24 اکتوبر کودنیا بھر میں رہنے والے کشمیری اپنے آباء واجداد کوخراج عقیدت پیش کرتے ہیں۔اوراس عزم کو بھی دہراتے ہیں کہ پیجدوجہد آزادی جس کا آغناز 1947ء میں ہوا

تھا۔ شمیر کی آ زادی تک جاری رہے گی۔ کیونکہ تاریخ گواہ ہے کہ کشمیر پر غاصبانہ قبضہ کرنے والے ہر دور میں نیست دنا بود ہوئے۔ ہر ذی شعور شخص اس حقیقت کو کلیم کرتا ہے کہ ہندومتان، سال ہاسال سے شمیریوں کے بنیادی حقوق پامال کرر ہاہے۔اقوام متحدہ سے لے کر، د نیا کے ہرانسانی حقوق کے فورم پر منصرف اس بات کا اعتراف کیا گھا کہ ہندوستان کمشمیر یوں کے بنیادی حقوق کی پامالی کررہا ہے بلکہ ہسر

رائے شماری بھی باربار کوئٹل کی قرارداد یں کے ضمیر پر ہر روز بدشمتی سے ہر آنے ہندوستانی حکمران نے لعل نہر وکے اقوام عالم

سے کیے گئے وعدول کو پس پشت ڈال کر تمثمیریوں پرظلم وستم کی ایک نئی دامتان چھوڑی ہے۔ آج کے دورکاانسان،خواہ وہ کسی بھی خطے سے تعلق رکھتا ہو پاکسی بھی مذہب کا پیردکار ہو، بنیا دی انسانی حقوق کی بات کرتا ہے۔ بلکہ آج مغرب شخصی آ زادی تک پرز دردیتا ہے۔اس دور میں مودی سرکارفوجی طاقت کے بل بوتے پر آئے دن بنیا دی انسانی حقوق کو پس پشے۔ دال كرجو ظالماندا قدام الحاربى ہے وہ ہندوستان كے خلاف ايك ريفرند مكى حيثيت اختيار كر كميا ہے۔ ہن دوستان روزان کشمیریوں کو بے نام قسب روں کے حوالے کرر ہا ہے ایس الگتا ہے جیسے مہندوستان جنت ارضی نہیں بلکہ قب رستان پر قت ابض ہونا حیا ہت ا ہے۔ آئے روز نہتے کشمیریوں کوشہ بدکیا حب تا ہے اور پھر میتوں کواحب تماعی قب روں کی نذر کردیا حب تا ہے۔ جوع المی قوانین برائےان انی حقوق کے سسراس رحن لاونے ہے۔ جدوجہداً زادی کشمیر جب اپنے عروج پڑھی، تو بھارت ایک مکروہ چال چلتے ہوئے کشمیر کامسکہ سلامتی کونسل میں لے گیا۔ جہاں یہ قرار داد منظور ہوئی کہ کشمیر کامستلہ رائے شاری سے حل کیا جائے ،جس پر دونوں ممالک نے انفاق کیا ،مگر بھارت نے آج تک رائے شاری کے کمل کو ممکن نه ہونے دیا۔ اکتوبر 1947 کوسر دار محدابراہیم خان کی سربراہی میں آ زادریاست جموں دکشمیر کی حکومت کا قیام عمل میں آیا جو پوری ریاست جموں دکشمیر میں رائے شماری کے انعقاد کے نتیجہ میں مقبوضہ ریاست کی آزادی کے مقصد کے حصول تک ایک عبوری حکومت کے طور پر کام کرے گی۔ اس اعتبارے آزادکشمیرتحریک آزادی کشمیرکابلیں کیمپ ہے۔جس کاہردن مقبوضہ کشمیر کے عوام کی جدوجہد آزادی کی ترجمانی،ان سے ہرطرح كانعادن ادرآ زادخطه كى آزادى كى قدرو قيمت كاغماز ہونا چاہيے۔گذمشته كَنْ دہائيوں كى طرح اس مرتبہ بھى 24 اكتوبر آزاد كشمير كايوم تاسیس وزیراعظم سردار تنویر الیاس خان کی قیادت میں پوری آن بان اور عید آزاداں کی طرح منایا جار ہا ہے۔24 اکتوبر سے ہفتہ قبل ہی تقریبات آزادی کا آغاز ہوا۔ سکولوں اور کالجوں میں تقریر ی مقابلوں اور می نغموں نے ماحول کو گرمایا۔ یوم تاسیس کشمیرمنا کر، جہاں ہم اپنے بزرگوں کوآ زادریاست جموں وکشمیر کے لیے جدوجہد پرخراج عقیدت پیش کرتے ہیں، وہیں ہم اس عزم کوبھی د ہراتے ہیں کہ ہماری جدوجہد تب تک جاری رہے گی، جب تک ہم مقبوضہ کشمیرکو ہندوستان کے غاصبا نہ قبضے سے آ زادنہیں کروالیتے۔ 24 اکتوبر کادن آ زاد کشمیر کے عوام اور حسکومت کو یہ بھی یاد دلاتا ہے کہ انہ میں اپنی وہ ذمب داریاں پوری کرنی ہیں جو بھب ارتی مقبوض کے شمیر کے اندر محکوم تھب ئیوں ، بہسنوں اور بز رگوں اور ہم وطبنوں کی طب رونے سے ان پر عب ئد ہوتی ہیں اور بے اسس کیے بھی ان پر لازم ہے کہ مقبوض جموں و کشمیر کے عوام مجسارت کے عناصب حکم رانوں اور اسس کی قت بض افواج کے حسلاف زندگی اور موت کی اسس حبد وجہ دمسیں مصروف ہیں جن کامد عب اجب ارت کے نوآ بادیاتی نظ ام کی عندامی کے چنگل سے آ زادی ہے



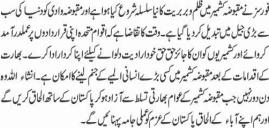






صدر آزاد جمول وکشمیر بیر سر سلطان محمود نے کہا اوز پر اعظم آزاد جمول وکشمیر سردار تنویر الیاس خان نے کہا کہ پانچ اگست 2019 ہے کہ آ زادجموں وکشمیر کا قیام محض اتفاق نہیں تھا سے بھارتی فوج کے محاصرے کا شکار مظلوم بلکہ اس کے لئے ریاست جموں وکش میر کے بن، بجب ائيول بييول اور بزرگول كويقين مسلمانوں نے تاریخ ساز جدوجہد کی تھی۔19 لاتا ہوں کہ آزاد کشمیر کے عوام تحریک جولائى 1947 كوسرينكر كے مقام پررياستى آ زادی کشمیر کا ح<del>ہن</del>ڈ انہیں گرنے دینگے اور مسلمانوں فے قرارداد یا کستان منظور کر کے اپن ں میں اپنا بھر پور حصہ ڈالتے رہیں گے۔

بيرسٹر سلطان محمود چوہدری ستقتبل پاکستان کے ساتھ دابستہ کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا تھا۔جب وہ یہ فیصلہ کر چکے تو انہیں اس بات کا احساس بھی ہو گیا تھا کہ تقسیم برصغیر کے اصولوں کے مطابق ریایتی مسلمانوں کواپنے مستقبل کا فیصلہ لرنے کاموقع فراہم نہیں کیا جار ہااورا یک سازش کے ذریعے ریاست جموں دکشمیر کو بھارت کا حصر بنا ياجار ہاہے۔ چنانچدانہوں نے ڈوگرہ راج کے خلاف اعلان جہاد آ زادی کر کے قرار دادالح ق یا کستان کوملی شکل دینے کے لیےا پنی عمل جدو جہد کا آغاز کردیااور پندرہ ماہ تک مسلسل بھارتی افواج کا بھر پورمقابلہ کرکے شمیر کے ایک بڑے جھے کوڈ دگرہ فوج اور بھارتی تسلط سے آ زاد کراکے آ زاد جموں وکشمیر میں آج ہی کے دن ایک انقلابی حکومت قائم کر دی۔ان خیالات کا اظہارانہوں نے آ زادحکومت ریاست جموں وکشمیر کے 75 ویں یوم تاسیس کے موقع پراپنے پیغام سیس کیا۔صدر بیرسر سلطان محود نے کہا کہ بحارت کے 5اگست 2019 کے اقدام کے بعد مقبوضہ کشمیر میں نظام زندگی مفلوج ہو گیا ہے۔اس وقت کشمیری عوام آگ وخون کے دریا عبور کرتے ہوئے آ زادی کی جدد جہدکوجاری رکھے ہوتے ہیں اس تحریک کے دوران انہوں نے قربانیوں کی جوعظیم داستان مرتب کی ہے اس کی مثال تاریخ انسانی میں کہیں نہیں ملتی ہے۔ سمیر یوں نے اپنی بے مشل قربانیوں سے میرثابت کردیا ہے کہ وہ حق خودارادیت کے حصول تک اپنی جدو جہد جاری رکھس<u>ی</u>ں گے <sup>س</sup>ٹمیر کی عوام نے اپنی بے شک قربانیوں سے میڈابت کردیا ہے کہ وہ حق خودارادیت کے حصول تک اپنی جدوجہدجاری رکھیں گے۔



قابض بھارتی افواج کے سامنے سینہ پر اپنے تشمیر یوں بھائیوں کوسلام پیش کرتا ہوں۔ ہمارے آباؤ

جدادنے جب بیدخطہ آزاد کرادیا تو وہ اس وقت شدید بے سروسا مانی کے عالم میں تھے۔اس وقت

شمیریوں نے قربانیوں کی لازوال مثال رقم کی۔ ہمارے آبادًاجداد کی قربانیاں اس بات کی

تقاضی ہیں کہ ہم اپنے شمیری بھائیوں کے ساتھ استقامت سے گھڑے رہیں۔ آ زاد حکومت کے

قيام كامقصد تحريك آزادى تشمير ب- بهارى حكومت كى اولين ترجيح تحريك آزادى تشمير ب اوراس

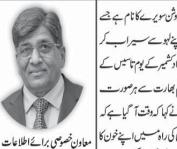
کیلیے ہم نے اپنا بھر پور کردارادا کرنے کی کوشش کی۔ بھارت کے ہٹ دھرم روپے نے کشمیر ی عوام

وال بات پر مجبور کیا کہ دہ آ زادی کے حصول کے لیے میدان عمل میں کود پڑیں کے شمیری عوام نے

ا گ اور خون کے دریا عبور کرتے ہوئے آ زادی کی جدوجہد کی تاریخ میں جن ابواب کا اضافہ کیا اس

کی مثال تاریخ میں مشکل ہی ہے ک سکے گی۔ان خیالات کا اظہارانہوں نے آزاد جموں وسمیر کے

75 ویں یوم تاسیس کے موقع پر اپنے پیغام میں کیا۔5 اگست 2019 کے بھارت کے غیر آئینی،غیر قانونی اور غیراخلاقی اقدام کے بعد مقبوضہ دادی بھارت کے فوجی محاصرے میں ہے۔قابض بھارتی



معادن خصوصی برائے اطلاعات، سال انڈسٹر یز دما حولیات محدر فیق نیئر نے کہا کہ 24 اکتوبر 1947 صد یوں کی قربانی کے ردشن سو یرے کا نام ہے جسے لاکھوں کشمیر یوں نے اپنے لہوے منور کیا ہے۔ آج بھی کشمیر یوں کی جدد جہد جاری ہے، لاکھوں کشمیر کی تحریک آزادی کواپنے لہو سے سبیر اب کر چے، بھارت نے تمام تر مظالم آ زمالے تکروہ کشیری عوام کے جذبہ تریت میں کمی نہ لا سکا ہے اور نہ آ ئندہ لا سکے گا۔ حکومت آ زاد کشمیر کے یوم تاسیس کے موقع پرانہوں نے اپنے پیغام میں کہا کہ بھارت تشمیری عوام کے جذبہ تریت کونہ تو دباسکتا ہےاور نہ اس میں کمی لاسکتا ہے۔ ہم بھارت سے ہرصورے آ زادی لے کرر ہیں گےاورالحاق پاکستان کی منزل حاصل کر کے اپنے شہداء کے مشن کو پائیچ کیل تک پہنچا ئیں گے۔انہوں نے کہا کہ دفت آ گیا ہے کہ مسئلہ کشمیرکی عوام کی خواہشات اوراقوام متحدہ کی قراردادوں کے مطابق حل کیا جائے۔ یوم تاسیس کے موقع پر ہم آ زادی کی راہ مسیس اپنے خون کا

نذرانه پیش کر نیوالول کوز بردست خراج عقیدت پیش کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بھارت طاقت کے زور پر کشمیر یول کود بانا چاہتا ہے کہ کن وہ بھی اپنے چوہدری محمد رفیق نیر ً

یذموم مقاصد میں کامیاب نہیں ہوسکتا۔ شمیر یوں نے اس تحریک کیلئے اپناتن من، دھن اور سب کچھ قربان کردیا ہے۔ پاکستان کی حکومت اور عوام کشمیر یوں کے لئے جو سیاسی، اخلاقی اور سفارتی حمایت جاری رکھے ہوئے بیں اس سے تحریک آزادی کوتقویت ملی ہے۔ بھارت نے مقبوضہ شمیر کوعکی طور پر فوجی کالونی بنارکھا ہے جہاں ظلم و ہر بریت کی نگی داستان مرتب کی جارہی ہے۔انسانی حقوق کی بدترین خلاف ورزیوں، تشمیریوں کو گاجرمولی کی طرح کا شخ کے عمل کو تیز کرنے نے تشمیری عوام کواس بات پر مجبور کمیا کہ دو مدیدان عمل میں کو دپڑیں۔





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# **ICCI assures support to PSH** for empowerment of orphans

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari says providing education to orphan children of PSH a great service to humanity

### 腾 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Zummarad Khan, Patron-in-Chief, Pakistan Sweet Homes (PSH) said that his institution was working to provide better education to orphan children to make them productive citizens of the country. He said that many of these children would emerge as tomorrow's rising entrepreneurs to contribute effectively in the economic development of the country. He expressed these views during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with orphan children to congratulate the ICCI Office Bearers.

Zummarad Khan said that Pakistan Sweet Homes was the largest organization in the country dedicated to providing shelter and education to the orphan kids. He said that with the support of collaborators, PSH has established its network in all parts of the country to make orphan children valuable human capital of the country. He said that the network of PSH was expanding with the support of collaborators to empower the orphans so that they could lead a respectable life and make useful contributions towards the economy of Pakistan. He hoped that the business community would continue to cooperate with PSH so that it could play a more effective role for the economic empowerment of the orphan children.

Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry lauded the valuable services of Zummarad Khan for dedicating his life for the welfare of the orphan children. He said



that providing education to orphan children of PSH was a great service to humanity and hoped that many of them would excel in various fields of life including entrepreneurship. He said that ICCI was ready to work with PHS for the skills development of orphan children to make them skilled manpower for the industry. He said that ICCI can help in fostering Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan entrepreneurship in these children to

make them job creators instead of job seekers. He assured that the business community will continue to cooperate with PHS in its mission of providing a better quality of life to the orphan kids.

Azhar ul Islam Zafar, Vice President ICCI said that businessmen were cooperating with many welfare-oriented projects to contribute for social development and assured that they would cooperate with PHS enabling it to serve more orphan kids across Pakistan. Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad Ejaz

Abbasi, Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh, Tahir Abbasi, Muhammad Naveed Malik, Ch. Muhammad Naeem, Maqsood Tabish, Faizan Shehzad, Ch. Masood, Abbas Hashmi and others were also present in the meeting and they appreciated the services of Zummarad Khan for PSH.

### Reopening with safety

ISLAMABAD: People busy eating food outside restaurants after the opening of Centaurus Mall, as the Islamabad administration sealed the Mall after a fire broke out in the shopping center



On October 21, police had taken into custody Saleh and his two security guards from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police, under



# Health Corner

# Early HIV diagnosis, treatment important for long-term health

ISLAMABAD: Starting antiretroviral treatment (ART) early in the course of HIV infection when the immune system is stronger results in better long-term health outcomes compared with delaying ART, according to findings presented today at the IDWeek Conference in Washington, D.C.

The findings are based on an extended follow-up of participants in the National Institutes of Health-funded Strategic Timing of Antiretroviral Treatment (START) study. In 2015, START demonstrated a 57% reduced risk of AIDS and serious non-AIDS health outcomes among participants who began ART when their CD4+ T-cell counts - a key indicator of immune system health - were greater than 500 cells per cubic millimeter (mm\*) compared with those who did not begin ART until either their CD4+ counts fell below 350 cells/mm\* or they developed AIDS. Following the 2015 report of these findings, the participants in the deferred treatment arm were advised to begin ART.

Approximately, 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV, and roughly 13% do not know they are infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When HIV diagnosis and treatment are delayed, HIV continues to replicate. This can negatively



impact the infected individual's health and increase the risk of transmitting the virus to others.

The international START study proved the benefit of early ART initiation, but longer-term follow-up of 4,446 participants was undertaken to determine whether the health benefits of early ART compared with deferred ART increased, remained constant, or declined after the participants in the deferred arm were advised to begin ART. The primary study endpoints included the number of participants who developed AIDS; those who developed serious non-AIDS health conditions, such as major cardiovascular disease, kidney failure, liver disease and cancer; and those who died.

For participants who began ART before the end of 2015, the median CD4+ cell count at the time of ART initiation was 648 cells/mm\* for the immediate arm and 460 cells/mm\* for the deferred arm. The analysis presented today compared the primary study endpoints before the end of 2015, with those in the extended follow-up period, from Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2021. In the latter period, most deferred-arm participants were taking ART. During the second period, people initiating ART in the deferred group had rapid and sustained declines in HIV viral load (less than or equal to 200 copies/mL); however, CD4+ cell counts remained, on average, 155 cells lower compared with that of individuals in the immediate ART group. While the risk of serious health outcomes was substantially diminished soon after ART was initiated in the deferred treatment group, some excess risk remained compared with the immediate treatment group. The deferred ART group continued to have a somewhat greater risk (21%) of serious health consequences or death in comparison to the immediate treatment group. Twenty-seven cases of AIDS occurred in the five-year follow-up period in the deferred treatment group compared with 15 cases in the early treatment group. Similarly, 88 cases of serious non-AIDS health issues occurred in the deferred treatment arm compared with 76 cases in the immediate treatment arm. Lastly, there were 57 deaths in the deferred treatment group compared to 47 in the immediate treatment arm.

Courtesy: Science Daily

### Farhan Saeed's song 'Ehsaan Hai Tumhara' is out now 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The first song Farhan

terrorism charges for allegedly shooting at the police contingent deployed outside the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

The incident took place as PTI workers and leaders protested outside the ECP's office in Islamabad after the commission's verdict in the Toshakana reference - which disqualified PTI Chairman Imran Khan.

Saleh, who comes from Mansehra, was also booked on the charges of attempted murder, violation of Section 144, and abutment.

Saleh was arrested after PML-N leader Mohsin Shawnawz alleged that his gunmen opened fire to wound him fatally.

In his letter to the NA speaker, Qaiser said that Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah should be summoned by the National Assembly's privileges committee, while the inspector-general of Islamabad and others responsible should be suspended.

He said that the capital's police violated the rules and regulations on October 21. Qaiser added that the police released a photo of their MNA with a white slate inscribed with his details around his neck in an insulting manner. Agencies

Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

## PRCS celebrates 'Global Hand Wash' Day

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Red Crescent Society South Waziristan Branch celebrated "Global Hand Wash" Day at Government High School Chagmalai In which a large number of students participated

Speakers gave speeches on the occasion and students also created paintings on the occasion.

On the occasion of the event, the secretary of Pakistan Red Crescent Society



South Waziristan said that hand washing stations in areas so that the people will we will try to establish such Chagmalai and Baloch Kot benefit

Along with this, give hygienic kits to school students so that they can easily wash their hands.

Various schools in the event, Chagmalai High School Principals of APS and Unique Public School also participated and Health Manager of THQ Mouley Khan Sarai "MERF Organization" also participated in this program.

At the end of the event, an awareness walk was conducted and hygiene kits were distributed to students who made good speeches and paintings.

# Promoting Kashmir cause govt's top priority: PM AJK

#### 😂 🛛 Abdul Majeed Tahir

#### ISLAMABAD/MUZAFFARABAD:

Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan has said that promoting Kashmir cause both at national and international level was the first and foremost priority of the government of Azad Kashmir.

Reiterating his government's commitment to Kashmiris' ongoing struggle for right to self-determination the PM said that the government and people of Azad Kashmir will never let down the people of the Indian occupied he said that we salute to our brothers



Kashmir who have rendered matchless sacrifices to achieve the cherished goal of freedom from India's illegal occupation. Lauding the Kashmiris' resilience in the face of Indian state terrorism,

of state oppression with utmost courage and resilience since August 5, 2019. In his message released on the eve 75th founding day of the govern-

ment of Azad Kashmir the PM while paying rich tributes to heroes of freedom movement said,"our forefathers sacrificed immensely and toiled hard to liberate the territory of Azad Kashmir where we live freely in a dignified manner today".

He said that the aim of the establishment of revolutionary government in the liberated territory was to

and sisters who have borne the brunt liberate the Indian occupied Kashmir. The Prime Minister said that since the Indian government's unconstitutional, illegal and immoral action on August 5, 2019, the HR situation has further deteriorated in the occupied valley.

The valley, he said has been turned into the world's largest prison.

Urging world community to play its role to help resolve the dispute peacefully the pm said that it was high time that the UN should implement its resolutions and play its role to give the Kashmiris their right to self-determination.



Saeed's debut film Tich Button "Ehsaan hai Tumhara" released. Jonita Gandhi has lent her vocals alongside Farhan Saeed, for this romantic track, which has been composed by Adrian David Emmanuel and penned down by Shakeel Sohail (late).

The music video released showcases the exquisite Iman Aly being romanced by the 'King of Romance' Farhan Saeed in the stunning locales of Turkey.

"Adrian Emmanuel has outdone himself with the music of Tich Button.", stated Farhan Saeed. "Ehsaan hai Tumhara is a special treat for my music fans, as it's the only song in the film that I have sung myself. I genuinely hope they enjoy listening to it as much as we have enjoyed making it for them."

# Mehfil Milad held at Rawalpindi Press Club

RAWALPINDI: The Crime Court Reporters Association Rawalpindi (CCRAR) held a Mehfil Milad at Rawalpindi Press Club (RPC) to pay homage to the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

The mehfil was attended by a large number of journalists, representative from Commissioner office Rawalpindi Harris Butt, Rescue 1122 spokesman Farooq, PRO CTO Kashif Saroosh, lawyers, and people belonging to different walks of life.

The stage was decorated with a beautiful backdrop creating the right ambience for the Milad.

The decorations along with the soft recital of darood and salam created a soothing environment, leaving the audience mesmerized.

The President of CCRAR Yasir Hakeem said that the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) provide enlightened guidance on fostering tolerance, mutual understanding and peace in society.

The 'Usswa-e-Hasana' (lifestyle) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) features love for mankind, he highlighted and called for adopting the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) for eternal success and blessings. He shed light on the life and teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH) and thanked the audience for the support and enthusiasm they showed in making the event a success. APP

### AIOU holds int'l mood on interfaith relations today

### 😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A three-day international conference on "Interfaith Relations: Challenges and Prospects" is starting today (Monday, October 24) at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad. International and national experts, teachers and researchers will present their research papers. The purpose of the conference is to promote interfaith harmony and to examine the challenges we are facing today. Currently, efforts are being made to create a society based on tolerance all over the world, and this conference will be a milestone in these efforts.

Vice Chancellor, AIOU Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum will preside over the opening session of the conference while the Dean, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Prof. Dr. Muhyiddin Hashmi is the chief organizer of the conference. Chairman, Department of Interfaith Studies, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Shamas ur Rehman has invited scholars and researchers from all over Pakistan who are interested in the study of religions to participate in the conference.

# **Editorial/Opinion**

South Korea.

Geo-Political Analysis

Japan, New Zealand, Malay-

sia and Indonesia have already

expressed their concerns over

involvement of a SSN in Western

Pacific, especially South China

Australia will require 93

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Due to obvious reasons, Japan

despite being a Quad member,

is against nuclearisation of the

Considering the concerns

highlighted by regional powers,

ASEAN forum and Japan

despite being a Quad member

U.S is pressuring New Zealand

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### **Removal from** FATF's grey list an achievement

he Financial Action Task Force has announced to formally remove Pakistan from its grey list. This was announced by FATF President T Raja Kumar in Paris on Friday. T Raja Kumar said Pakistan had been on the grey list since 2018 and after a lot of work by the Pakistani authorities, they completed a combined 34 action items to address deficiencies in the anti-money laundering and counterterrorism financing systems. Raja Kumar said FATF welcomes this significant progress as a result Pakistan can now more effectively tackle anti-money laundering and terror financing. He said an FATF team has verified that the reforms are in place and that there is a high-level of commitment and capacity to sustain those reforms. Raja Kumar said these reforms are good for the stability of the country and the region.

Inclusion into grey list of FATF had been one of the major sources of strain on Pakistan's economy which created a lot of challenges for the country. Due to this nuisance created by our enemy, it cost us decline in foreign direct investment, dwindling foreign exchange reserves and a nerve raking experience for businesses in Pakistan. The banking sector also faced a stress as it had to operate under a lot of restrictions. Finally, due to our diplomatic lobbying efforts and various measures required to fulfill the FATF conditions, we are successfully out of this list. It will have an impact on flight of dollars from Pakistan and the price of rupee will appreciate vs. dollar. It will also open the door to foreign investments into the country. Prime minister rightly said it was the national endeavour and all the stakeholders played their role. It will also help bringing stability in the system with improvement in financial well-being of the country.

It is very good news that Pakistan has come out of FATF's grey list. We suffered for a long time under the list. Now, we are fully integrated into the international financial system which will help us work smoothly. Our banks will now be able to open the LCs without any issue, and foreign direct investment will pour into the country in various sectors. All the stakeholders played their full role in getting the country out of this penalty. Now, we need to be watchful in future in the areas of terror financing, money laundering and financial transactions. We have to ensure proper documentation of financial transactions of individuals as well as institutions.

Getting out of the grey list is a remarkable achievement of Pakistan. Pak Army, ANF, banking sector and all other institutions of Pakistan really worked hard to get the country out of the grey list of Financial Action Task Force. Strong anti-money laundering measures were adopted and the criminals prosecuted. India has been continuously trying to malign Pakistan in the world and has left no stone unturned to include Pakistan in the grey list of FATF. Inclusion into white list of FATF will help the country in a number of ways. Now, the remittances into the country and sending out dollars for educational and business purposes will be easier. Now, the country has a positive image and international financial institutions will trust the country.

# Australian trade dependencies on regional powers and ASEAN Forum

### Dr. Hasan Yaser Malik

The Spokesman

fter WW-II, once U.S was avowing its worldwide leadership, Beijing was continuing to pursue Deng Xiaoping's 'Open Door Policy' since 1978 to advance diplomatic relations and foreign investment through adoption of the principle of mutual respect. With quest for global socio-economic development, Chinese President Xi Jinping introduced the BRI. It is assessed that this Chinese initiative will develop its economy with infrastructure development at the rate of 6000 km per year

henceforth reducing the trade time by 12 per cent and trade improvement to 9.7 per cent for 150 BRI member countries. On the contrary with a view

to increase its domination, U.S President Bush, President Bush envisaged and adopted the Pre-emption Doctrine In September 2002 to enhance U.S. military and economic dominance across the globe. The doctrine allowed U.S to attack anticipatorily a country even without evidence of threats. However policy implications

to wars in Afghanistan and ME, and ultimately leading U.S to lose its military, economic and diplomatic influence. Consequently in 2012 U.S. was compelled to adopt a different defence strategy only to sustain U.S. global leadership. Main provisions of the 'New Defence Strategy' included the pronouncements to bring down U.S. defense budget to 987 billion USD for over a decade and shifting 60 per cent of U.S naval vessels to the South Pacific, to maintain its domination in IOR against the Chinese 'String of Pearls Strategy'. To strengthen its presence in Asia Pacific Region in 2007; USA, Australia, Japan and India initiated the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, which was later evolved into QUAD by sharing the vision for a free and open Indo-pacific to counter Chinese maritime claims. Moreover, again in 2021, another trilateral security pact between Australia, UK and USA (AUKUS) was announced on 15 September 2021 with an aim to help Australia in acquiring nuclear-powered submarines (SSN) at cost of breaking Australia-France submarine

deal. Considering the contemporary Asia Pacific Scenario, it will be challenging for Australia to botched the U.S. efforts as it side with U.S led AUKUS against

utilised most of its resources due its dependencies on ASEAN and dependencies (88.16 per cent) India is being backed by U.S to other Regional Powers which are discussed in succeeding paragraphs. Considering the ever enhancing value of geo-economic global tendencies, it will be relevant to carry out economic analysis first:

#### **Economic Analysis**

Australian imports from U.S remained only 10.10 per cent of its total imports in 2021.

Australian exports to U.S remained only 2.53 per cent of its total exports in 2021.

Australian imports from Pacific Regional Powers remained 40.67 per cent of its total imports in 2021.

Australian exports to Pacific Regional Powers remained 40.53 per cent of its total exports in 2021.

Australian imports from ASEAN remained 17.5 per cent of its total imports in 2021.

Australian exports to ASEAN remained 4.00 per cent of its total exports in 2021.

Australian trade with U.S remained 8.6 per cent of its total trade in 2021.

Australian trade with China need a SSN. remained 26.4 per cent of its total trade in 2021. join AUKUS, the next choice will

be a non-Anglo Saxon; India. Australian trade with Japan (QUAD Member) remained 27.5 USD more as compared to U.S being irresponsible to stop the in 2021.

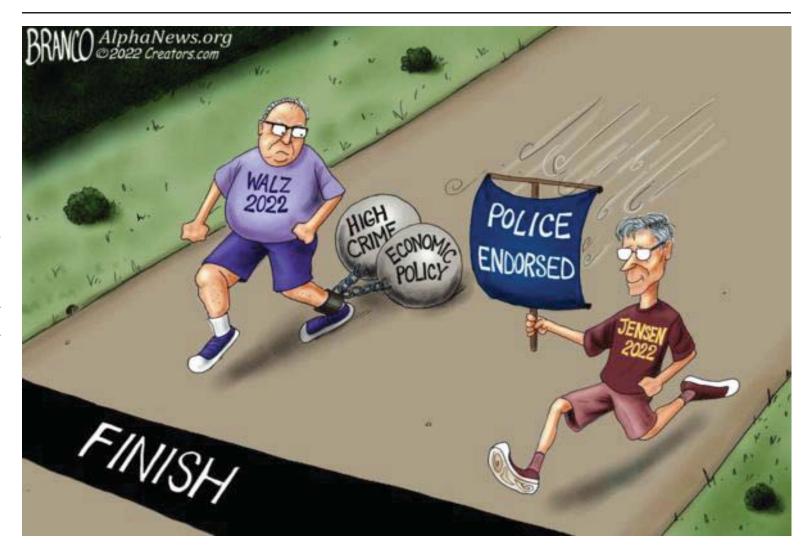
Australia fulfilled its oil and despite being a non-NPT,

worth 8.9 billion USD from be a member of Nuclear Suppli-Singapore, Malaysia, China and er Group.

Like Quad etc., AUKUS has also not been institutionalised Australia imported (11.83 per cent) oil worth 1.06 billion USD as it still lacks a secretariat and a legal frame work. The first ever document or plan by Submarine Pacific Regional Powers like Task Force has to be formulated Russia, China, South Korea,

in March 2023. Keeping in view the Australian trade dependencies on regional powers and ASEAN Forum combined with its hydrocarbon reliance upon China, Malaysia, Singapore, and South Korea and geo-political limitations, it will not be comfortable for Australia to remain aloof from the neighbouring countries. Considering such facets and possible Indian involvement in to AUKUS, it will be imperative for Pakistan to get the eight promised Chinese Submarines as soon as possible and to formulate a mari-

time security policy. Dr. Hasan Yaser Malik holds Ph.D in International Relations. Fellow Research Member with Charted Institute of Logistics and Transportation (ŬK). Fellow Research Member with Environ Monitor. Fellow Research Member with National Foundation for Environment Education & Research. Research Member with ResearchGate. Director Thinkers Forum of Pakistan.



# **Socio-Political impact of Arab** Spring in Syria-I

was a series of popular pro-democracy uprisings that enveloped several largely Muslim countries. The events began in the spring of 2011. However, the political and social impact of these popular uprisings remains significant today.

The term "Spring" refers to the Revolutions of 1848 also known as the "People's spring" when political upheavals swept Europe. Ever since spring has been used to describe movements toward democracy. Western media began popularizing the term "Arab Spring". After successful uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt presidents, it also gave hope to Syrian pro-democracy activists.

The movement starts in March 2011 when a peaceful protest erupted in Syria after 15 boys were detained and tortured for writing graffiti in support of the Arab Spring. One of the boys, a 13-year-old, was killed after having been brutally tortured. The Syrian government, led by President Bashar al-Assad, responded to the protests by killing hundreds of demonstrators and imprisoning many more. The event caused the situation to develop into a full-blown civil war.

Mass Protesters also demand

he Arab Spring reforms, the ouster of President Bashar al-Assad, allow- are supported by the US, Gulf ing political parties, equal rights for Kurds, and broad political freedoms, such as freedom of the press, speech and assembly.

formation of the Free Syrian

brigades which is backed by the United States, Turkey, and severnal al Gulf countries. While the ⊲ protests in 2011 were mostly non-sectari-

an, the armed conflict surfaced starker sectarian divisions. Most Syrians are Sunni Muslims, but Syria's security establishment has long been dominated by members of the Alawi sect, of which Assad is a member.

In the Syrian crisis there are domestic as well as foreign ter the US and Saudi Arabia. factors involved. Mainly four main groups are fighting first the Syrian armed forces and

states, Turkey, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

According to the reports, the USA intelligence Agency CIA In July 2011, defectors from trained nearly 10,000 rebels. As the military announced the in the crises, the main conflict is regarding sectarian Shia Army, a rebel group aiming to and Sunni. Assad regimes get overthrow the government, and support from Shia states as well Syria began to slide into war. as a Shia militant organization The Free Syrian Army (FSA) is a but on the other side Al-Qaida loose conglomeration of armed the Sunni militarized organization backed

by the Sunni Gulf The ic Republic of Iran has also done amazing efforts to keep the president Bashar al-

Assad in power. Iran has provided significant support for the Syrian government in the civil war which includes financial, technical, and logistical as well as the training of the troops. As the main reason for supporting the Assad regime by Iran is to coun-

States.

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Foreign backing and open intervention have played a big role in Syria's war. Russia its allies which include Iran, entered the conflict in 2015 Russia and especially the and has been the Assad govern-Lebanese Hezbollah secondly ment's main ally since then. Kurds then ISIS and the four Since 2016, Turkish troops

groups are Syrian rebels which have launched several operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS) near its borders, as well as against Kurdish groups armed by the United States. The US has armed anti-Assad rebel groups and led an international coalition bombing ISIL targets since 2014. Israel carried out air raids inside Syria, reportedly targeting Hezbollah and pro-government fighters and facilities. The first time Syrian air defences shot down an Israeli warplane was in February 2018.

The USA has repeatedly stated its opposition to the Assad government backed by Russia but has not involved itself as deeply. Former US President Barack Obama had warned that the use of chemical weapons in Syria was a "red line" that would prompt military intervention. In April 2017, the US carried its first direct military action against Assad's forces, launching 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at a Syrian air force base from which US officials believe a chemical attack on Khan Sheikhoun had been launched.

To be concluded Raja Furqan Ahmed is a freelance journalist based in Islamabad, Pakistan. Twitter: furqanraja1122

# Restructuring of Radio Pakistan is need of Hour

here was a time when Radio Pakistan was stronghold of intellectuals, progressive writers and poets. It is a historical truth that the journalist, poet, writer and intellectual who would have been stamped by Radio Pakistan would have become immortal in their field. With the passage of time, new and new technology continued to occur, and television was invented, so the impression continued to emerge that the importance of radio would decrease, but radio continued its evolutionary process and made its presence felt in every age. It is an undeniable and clear fact that after Pakistan came into existence, Radio Pakistan fulfilled its responsibility well in creating an ideal society for almost a century. The unique role of this ancient broadcasting station

in providing awareness about traditions, human values and historical and cultural heritage to the new generation is not hidden from anyone. The current age is the age of modern technology, especially social media has taken all kinds of technology under its influence. It is an undisputed fact that despite the easy access of social media, the importance of radio cannot be denied in any corner of the whole world. Unfortunately, in our country, the most impor-

tant broadcasting institution has been neglected since last two decades. but before two months ago when the flood destroyed the infrastructure of communication of all four provinces. And when the electricity system was disrupted, the broadcasting of Radio Pakistan was the only source of communication in the flood-affected areas. The most important cultural heritage like radio is sought to be preserved on a limited scale. Many governments came and went and claimed to upgrade of Radio Pakistan, but unfortunately they could not fullfil their promise to improve this most important media organization.

Radio Pakistan as a national institution has played its vital role whenever the country faces any calamity, a clear example of which was when the Corona virus destroyed the life system of the whole world, It has played an exem-

plary role to provide absolute awareness and awareness through Radio School in collaboration with the Ministry of Education to present its special broadcast for students which has been appreciated in all over the world. The services of Radio Pakistan to effectively respond to the negative propaganda of our enemy country India on the Kashmir issue is a part of history, even the Indian Prime Minister had to refer to Radio Pakistan broadcasts in his public speeches. Indian Prime Minister referring to Radio Pakistan in his speeches is no less than an honor for Radio Pakistan. It is impossible to deny the fact that Radio Pakistan is mother of institution of all electronic media of our country.

Radio Pakistan needs to be developed on modern technology. To face new challenges in the rapidly chang-



ing in the world and in the field of communication latest technolog. A few days ago, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has assigned the duties of the Director General of Radio Pakistan to the senior officer of the Information Group, Muhammad Tahir Hassan. Tahir Hassan has worked in key positions in various subordinate departments of information ministary. He has served as

Press Secretary to Prime Minister & President, Principal Information Officer (PID). He is working more than 12 hours a day to make the organization fanancially strong. Tahir Hassan is a senior officer with a disciplined and domineering personality who intends to change the situation of an old broadcasting institution. Radio Pakistan the oldest and huge media network is going to plan a technology park. Tahir Hassan vision is that to incrase the income of Govt Radio. The listners of Radio Pakistan are expecting that they will get easy access of radio pakistan's transmission after installation of new transmitters. It is so hoped that Tahir Hassan will be able to develop the organization on modern lines by using his best management skills. No doubt Radio Pakistan's income can be increased by using its assets for commercial utilization.

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# Xi Jinping elected secretary general of CPC Central Committee

Xi Jinping presided over the session which was attended by 203 members

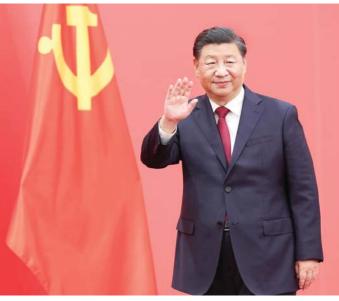
BEIJING: Xi Jinping was elected general secretary of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the committee's first plenary session held on Sunday, according to a communique.

Xi Jinping presided over the session which was attended by 203 members of the 20th CPC Central Committee and 168 alternate members.

Xi was also named chairman of the CPC Central Military Commission at the session

Xi Jinping, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang and Li Xi were elected as the members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee at the session. Also elected were members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee at the session, which endorsed the members of the **CPC** Central Committee Secretariat nominated by the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

The plenary session named the members of the Central Military Commission. The session approved the secretary, deputy secretaries and



of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) elected at the first plenary session of the 20th CCDI.

Ding Xuexiang, Xi Jinping, Ma Xingrui, Wang Yi, Wang Huning, Yin Li, Shi Taifeng, Liu Guozhong, Li Xi, Li Qiang, Li Ganjie, Li Shulei, Li members of the Standing Committee Hongzhong, He Weidong, He Lifeng,

Zhang Youxia, Zhang Guoqing, Chen Wenqing, Chen Jining, Chen Min'er, Zhao Leji, Yuan Jiajun, Huang Kunming, Cai Qi are the members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

Xi Jinping, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuex-

### Category 4 Hurricane Roslyn

A lifeguard walks along the beach as Hurricane Roslyn approaches tourist zones along Mexico's Pacific coast, in San Blas, Nayarit state, Mexico.



Photo: Online

### Two pilots killed as Russian fighter jet crashes It is the second such fatal incident in six days involving a Sukhoi fighter plane

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IRKUTSK: A Russian military jet crashed into a residential building in the Siberian city of Irkutsk on Sunday and the two pilots were killed, officials said, the second such fatal incident in six days involving a Sukhoi fighter plane.

In a post on Telegram, Irkutsk governor Igor Kobzev said the plane crashed into a two-storey house in the city. He published a video showing firefighters clambering over the wreckage and directing jets of water at the still smouldering rubble.

No one on the ground was hurt, the governor said.

Officials said the plane was a Sukhoi Su-30 fighter on a test flight. Last Monday, a Sukhoi Su-34 crashed into an apartment block in the southern city of Yeysk, near Ukraine, and at least 15 people were killed. Authorities said an initial investigation of that disaster-in which

the pilots ejected-pointed to a technical malfunction of the aircraft.

Videos of Sunday's incident, shared on social media, showed the plane dived almost vertically before crashing in a fireball, sending dense black smoke into the sky. Kobzev said 150 nearby homes were without electricity and work was underway to restore power. Reuters

### *Five killed in militant attack* on hotel in Somalia



MOSCOW: An ongoing siege of a hotel in the Somalian port city of Kismayo by Islamist militants has left five people killed, Somalian news website Garowe Online reported on Sunday.

In an earlier report, the news website said that eight people were injured in the attack, including children from a school located nearby.

Militants started the siege of Tawakal Hotel, a popular meeting place for government officials, by detonating a car bomb, according to reports.

Al-Shabaab, an Islamist group affiliated with al-Qaeda (terrorist organization, banned in Russia), has claimed the responsibility for the blast. The radical group has been waging armed insurgency against the government of Somalia for years and is controlling large areas in the southern and central parts of the country. Sputnik

## Russian strikes cause blackouts in much of Ukraine, more flee Kherson

Hurricane Roslyn makes lanďfall in Mexico's West

Coast

MOSCOW: Hurricane Roslyn has made a landfall in the Mexican state of Nayarit, the National Water Commission (Conagua) said on Sunday.

iang and Li Xi are the members of the

Standing Committee of the Political

Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

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men respectively.

Xi Jinping is general secretary of the

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Shulei, Chen Wenqing, Liu Jinguo, Wang Xiaohong are the members

of the Secretariat of the CPC Central

Xi Jinping is Chairman while Zhang Youxia and He Weidong are vice chair-

The members of the Central Mili-

Li Xi is Secretary while Liu Jinguo, Zhang Shengmin, Xiao Pei, Yu Hong-

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Zhang Shengmin, Zhang Fuhai, Chen

Guoqiang, Zhao Shiyong, Hou Kai, Yin

Bai (Naxi), Yu Hongqiu, Fu Kui, Mu

"Hurricane Roslyn made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane ... in the municipality of Santiago Ixcuintla in Nayarit," Conagua said on Twitter.

A tropical storm gets a name when its wind speed surpasses 63 kilometers per hour (39 miles per hour), and classifies as a hurricane when the wind speed is over 119 kilometers per hour.

According to CNN, Roslyn formed off the western coast of Mexico and its sustained wind speed increased by 60 miles per hour in a 24-hour period from Friday to Saturday morning. Sputnik

Ukrainian President Zelenskiy says Russian attacks had struck on a 'very wide' scale

KYIV: Russian missiles pound- the threat of terrorist attacks, all ed Ukrainian energy and other facilities on Saturday, causing blackouts in various regions, Kyiv said, while Russian occupation authorities in the southern city of Kherson urged civilians to evacuate.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said the Russian attacks had struck on a "very wide" scale. He pledged his military would improve on an already good record of downing missiles with help from its partners.

With the war about to start its ninth month and winter approaching, the potential for freezing misery loomed as Russia continued to attack Ukraine's power grid.

In Kherson, a target for Ukraine's aggressive counterattack to the invasion Russian President Vladimir Putin launched on Feb. 24, the occupation authorities instructed civilians to get out.

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"Due to the tense situation at the front, the increased danger of bit more. Hang in there. The massive shelling of the city and Ukrainian Armed Forces are at

civilians must immediately leave the city and cross to the (east) bank of the Dnipro!" occupation authorities posted on Telegram. Thousands of civilians have left Kherson after warnings of a Ukrainian offensive to recapture the city.

At Oleshky on the opposite bank of the Dnipro, Reuters saw people arriving by river boat from Kherson, loaded with boxes, bags and pets. One woman carried a toddler under one arm and a dog under the other. "I really didn't want to (leave), I'm still in work," one resident said. "We wanted to stay here in the region, but now we don't know."

Ukraine's military said it was making gains as its forces moved south through the region, taking over at least two villages it said Russian troops had abandoned. Kherson links Ukraine to the Crimean Peninsula, which was

annexed by Russia in 2014. Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said on Telegram: "Kherson region! Just a little

work." Reuters could not independently verify the accounts.

Since Oct. 10, Russia has launched devastating salvos at Ukraine's power infrastructure, hitting at least half its thermal power generation and up to 40% of the entire system.

Officials in a swath of regions on Saturday reported strikes on energy facilities and power outages as engineers scrambled to restore the network. Governors advised residents to stock up on water.

More than a million people were without power, said presidential adviser Kyrylo Tymoshenko. Parts of Kyiv suffered power cuts into the evening, and a city official warned strikes could leave Ukraine's capital without power and heat for "several days or weeks".

Presidential aide Mykhailo targeting energy infrastruc-Podolyak said Moscow wanted to create a new wave of refugees into Europe with the strikes, while Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said on Twitter the attacks Ukraine. constituted genocide.

Moscow has acknowledged



technical ability to knock down ture but denies targeting civil-100% of the Russian missiles ians. Zelenskiy, in his nightly that, gradually, we will achieve video address, said the "latest mass strike" affected regions in that, with help from our partners. Already now, we are downwestern, central and southern ing a majority of cruise missiles, "Of course we don't have the a majority of drones."

Ukrainian forces had downed 20 missiles and more than 10 and strike drones. I am sure Iranian-made Shahed drones on Saturday, he said. The air force command earlier had said 33 missiles had been fired at Ukraine, with 18 shot down. No new developments were

reported regarding the Nova Kakhovka dam. Zelenskiy on Friday urged the West to warn Moscow not to blow up the Russian-controlled dam on the Dnipro. Russia has accused Kyiv of rocketing the dam and planning to destroy it in what Ukrainian officials called a sign that Moscow might blow it up and blame Kviv. Neither side has produced evidence to back up their allegations.

The Soviet-era structure holds back 18 cubic km (4.3 cubic miles) of water, about equal to the Great Salt Lake in the US state of Utah. Its destruction could devastate much of the Kherson region. It supplies water to Crimea and the Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

Regarding the Zaporizhzhia plant, considered a potential flashpoint for catastrophe, the Group of Seven industrial powers on Saturday condemned Russia's kidnapping of the Ukraine-operated plant's leaders and called for the immediate return of full control of the plant to Ukraine. Reuters

### Muslim schoolchildren in France often denied halal food options Court ruling found offering alternate menu choices did not violate secularist principles

PARIS: Although the subject gets little media coverage, the problem of food in French school cafeterias is a headache for many parents of Muslim students.

Citing their version of secularism, some mayors have decided not to offer alternative menus in school cafeterias.

This is the case in Tassin-la-Demi-Lune, a commune on the outskirts of Lyon, which since 2016 has mandated that only a single menu be offered for school meals

offered is sometimes centered around pork, students who eat only halal or kosher - approved under Muslim or Jewish guide-

lines, respectively - have trouble getting enough to eat.

To get around this problem, some mayors have proposed an exclusively vegetarian menu,

citing environmental concerns These mayors have given the choice to parents with three possible menus: meat, fish, or vegetarian. The Grenoble City Hall asked parents to choose the menu they wanted, and 94% opted for fish or beef/chicken menus.

Children in those schools were able to choose their meals, unlike And when the only meal the situation created by other mayors who think that secularism means making Muslim and Jewish children either eat pork or go hungry.

Faced with a lack of empathy by mayors, parents in schools where pork is often the only choice launched an online petition to demand alternative menus.

They said that last December, the Council of State clearly ruled that proposals for alternative menus in fact do no undermine ecularism or religious neutrality. Moreover, it argued that "a

single menu goes against the sense of history at a time when food waste is being criticized."

'The unique menu, defended by the City Council in Tassinla-Demi-Lune, hinders access to catering for 20% of students, whether for religious reasons, health, or belief (vegetarianism),"

said the parents' petition, adding: "The role of a mayor is to serve the population, all the population, in the name of the general welfare."

Several well-known figures, including journalist and feminist activist Rokhaya Diallo, have lent support to the petition and encouraged others to sign it.

In France, Muslims are subjected to unrelenting attacks and exclusion amid an intensifying debate over the visibility of the community.

There is a question about the definition and concrete application of the principle of secularism. While some want to go further by prohibiting any "Muslim-related" visibility, others are looking to live



and let live.

Among the hardliners, Eric Ciotti, the mayor of Nice, France's fifth-largest city, and a presidential hopeful last year, wants to their clothes. modify a 2004 law on religious

Muslim young girls who wear long skirts, he called allowing such clothing "a misuse of secularism."

Some elected representatives in France apparently want to have "a clothing police" that will have the right to decide if attire is a religious dress.

For weeks, several French media outlets have charged that the abayas "violate secularism," and so young girls should not wear them.

Many of the same outlets also believe that girls should not wear short skirts. In short, unlike Iran, which imposes the wearing of the veil, some in France try to impose "republican" clothes. AA

referring to

symbols in schools to ban certain

types of clothing, such as abayas

worn by Muslim women over

Apparently

- a long, free-flowing garment

# The Spokesman

# Economy/Commerce

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### *Confiz partners* with USI Group

To reinvent retail, wholesale, and distribution operations globally



#### 😂 Our Correspondent

KARACHI: Hashim Ali, Chief Operating Officer at Confiz, and Safeer Khan, Executive Director at U&I group, joined hands to scale the retail, wholesale, and distribution operations for U&I group. This conglomerate holds the largest retail brands in Pakistan, like J., JJ International, Almirah, Al Tayyab, and U&I Garments

As part of this strategic agreement, Confiz will implement Microsoft Dynamics 365 F&O to ensure omnichannel fulfillment by utilizing end-to-end financial visibility of their business alongside integrated operations. This signing ceremony took place in the presence of senior management from both organizations at the Marriott Hotel, Karachi, on October 22,2022.

Founded in 2002, J. has been a mainstay in Pakistan for over 20+ years with a unique philosophy to revive the country's heritage, having 118 branches globally.

"We are very excited to partner with U&I Group to help them build a unified digital operating system for their business using Dynamics 365 to manage all key business operations across all companies worldwide," said Hashim Ali, COO of Confiz."

By integrating Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance & Operations, the U&I group will have a unified approach toward productivity and complete visibility over all aspects of inventory and operations.

Before adopting Confiz's highly scalable omnichannel fulfillment solution, U&I group had multiple business management solutions. However, it lacked a unified system, which led to process inefficiencies due to isolated systems, scattered information, disconnected applications and integrations, and a lot of grunt work to get to the P&L of the group.

"As the most prominent retail player, they faced multiple challenges and required a technological business apps suite that could enhance the control and visibility gaps and improve executive insights, said Safeer Khan, Executive Director of U&I group. Our quest for digital transformation led us to reach out to Confiz".

# **Atif Ikram lauds leadership for** bringing Pakistan out of grey list

The decision comes at a time when Pakistan's credibility on the global market has taken a pounding because of its precarious economic situation

### 🐞 Tarig Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Former Vice President of FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh on Sunday lauded the national leadership for bringing Pakistan out of the FATF grey list after four-and-a-half years. The victory proves that country can overcome almost all the challenges if leadership unites to achieve a common goal, he said.

when Pakistan's credibility on the because of its precarious economic situation, he added.

Talking to the business commu-

The decision comes at a time

global market has taken a pounding

nity, Atif Ikram Sheikh said that later increased to 34-points, relatafter placing Pakistan on the grey ed to money laundering, terrorist dog which has now verified Paki- our financial system by plugging delay.

list in 2018, FATF gave Pakistan a 27-point action agenda, which was

financing, and action against armed groups and individuals. Being on the list severely restricted Pakistan's international borrowing capabilities as it had to face higher transaction costs due to the higher processing burden that 'enhanced monitoring' imposed on all transactions with the outside world.

A neighbouring country continued to conspire to keep Pakistan on the grey list and friendly country China thwarted her recent move for which the business community is thankful. FATF's conditions were met despite many disadvantages and resistance from the hostile nations having influence in the watch-

well as the measures are taken to may be exploited. block terrorism financing, he added.

The business leader said that Pakistan was placed on the FATF's enhanced monitoring list which was widely resented but it has also done well for the country as authorities worked together to overhaul the regulation of the domestic financial system to enhance monitoring. These efforts have not only satis-

fied the FATF but it has also made it much more difficult to use the system to launder black funds or move them around. Authorities should continue strengthening

stan's progress on reforming the remaining gaps and making sure anti-money laundering regime as no vulnerabilities are remaining that

Pakistan would never have ended up on the FATF grey list had our regulatory agencies acted more responsibly and proactively in the past. Grey-listing scares investors and lenders, hurts exports and creates a barrier for the global financial system from participating freely in the country therefore authorities should ensure that we are not exposed to those risks again, he demanded.

Pakistan is at a difficult juncture in its history and all the weak sports, if any, must be covered without any

# Pakistan's removal from FATF grey list a positive sign for business community: Ch. Sultan

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Central Chairman Pakistan Hardware Merchant Association Ch. Sultan Mehmood has said that the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed Pakistan from grey list which is very positive sign for business community and due to this economy situation will be better and revive and business will be explore in Pakistan. He further said that Pakistan had been on the grey list since 2018 and this is very good sign that FATF has now removed from grey list.

He said the result of these action plan Pakistan has significant improvements to strengthen for combatting terrorism financing and due to this strengthen risk based supervision of financial and non-financial institutions, improve asset, confiscation outcomes, and investigate and prosecute and stop the money laundering helpful. He said as a resolution of this Pakistan has been removed from the increased monitoring list. He said as a Central Chairman of PHMA and our Business Community Welcomed Pakistan Significant progress in improving its anti money, Laundering, and combatting financing terror (AML/CFT) regime.

Ch. Sultan further said that Pakistan's crate lot of challenges for Pakistan and it He said I congratulate to Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, General Qamar Javed removal from grey list of FATF a remark- cost of decline in foreign direct investment and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), Quetta, Baiwa Chief of Pakistan Army, Foreign able achievement and Lalso appreciate the and now the betterment will come in every Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Civil and role of FATF Press President T Raja Kumar sector after removal of FATF from grey list. The conference will have PSDE.



Central Chairman, Pakistan Hardware Merchant Association, Ch. Sultan Mehmood

Military leadership who played very vital role to removed the FATF from grey list and particularly Pak Army who always save our country from big disaster, I salute Pakistan Army playing very vital role for our nation and sacrificing to save our nation.

that he took brave decision to remove FATF from grey list from Pakistan. He further said that we suffered long time under the list and now we are fully integrated into the international financial system which will help us work smoothly and our Banks will now be able to open the LC's without any issues, and foreign direct investment will pour into the country in various sectors. He said all the Stakeholders played their full role in getting the country out of this penalty in and now we need to be watch full in future in the areas of terror financing, money laundering and financial transactions and we have to ensure proper documentation of financial transactions of individuals as well as institution.

He said that the price of rupees will appreciate vs dollars and it will also open the door to foreign investment into the country. He said all the stakeholders played vital role in this regard. He said it cost us decline in foreign direct investment dwindling foreign exchange reserves and nerve ranking experience for business in Pakistan. He said Banking sector also faced a stress as it had to operate under a lot of restriction FATF had been one of the major sources of strain on Pakistan economy which

# **PIDE provides** key platform for researchers, economists

### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Each year, the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics provides a platform for academics and policymakers to exchange ideas on Pakistan's pressing economic and social problems. In addition, it provides an important forum through the Annual General Meeting and Conference for economic professionals, policymakers, business people, and various schools of interested observers for debate concerning development issues.

According to the Press Release issued by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), it was stated that the annual conference, held continuously for the last 36 years, is an essential platform for researchers, intellectuals, and economists.

This year PIDE is hosting the 36th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the PSDE from 22 November to 24 November at Baluchistan University of Information Technology, Engineering,

6 Invited Keynote Lectures, 6 Panel discussions, two debates, and papers to be presented from across Pakistan. Renowned Academicians, Businessmen, Practitioners policymakers will be joining us for the event to contribute to the 36 years old tradition

It is hoped that the local academia, policymakers, and the business community will actively participate in the conference.

The PIDE Press Release further stated that Pakistan has been experiencing a youth bulge for over a decade now but has not been able to reap a demographic dividend because young people lack the opportunity to let their talent flower.

According to the PIDE statement, PSDE wants Pakistan to be a place that allows people to identify, avail, and maximize opportunity. How would this happen? What is the role of the state, markets, and society in identifying, allowing, and maximizing 'opportunity'? This would be the focus of debate for the 36th AGM and conference of the

### RCCI "2nd Food Fest" to promote entrepreneurship 😂 Staff Reporter

The aim of organizing the food festival is to promote traditional and regional cuisine, introduce new flavors and provide opportunities to entrepreneurs for networking and branding.

Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce President Sagib Rafig has said that more than fifty stalls of different types of food will be set up in the three-day fair. Women entrepreneurs who are associated with the food business are also being given an opportunity to launch their own brand. "This will also enable them to expand their business networks by interacting with other women entrepreneurs. Another goal of this festival is to encourage and inspire women who have not yet started their businesses to enter into the field of entrepreneurship, he added.

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) is going to organize the second edition of Pindi Food Fest (Food Mela) from 11th to 13th November at Ayub Park.

KARACHI: A new ultra-low laten-

cy long-haul fiber network is being Motorway) and separately from deployed jointly by One Network, the Lahore to Sialkot (M-11 Motorway), largest ICT and Intelligent Traffic and Electronic Tolling System operator in Pakistan, and Cybernet, a lead- are now moving expeditiously to ing fiber broadband provider. The install and test a multi-terabit transnetwork will span the entire length of the country and provide much-needed capacity and redundancy to the communications, internet, and media infrastructure in numerous cities, towns, and districts.

😂 Staff Reporter

Haul Fiber Network

The first phase of the project which includes 1800 km of fiber network along motorways and road sections linking Karachi to Hyderabad (M-9 to go live by Q1 2023. Motorway), Multan to Sukkur (M-5

Motorway), Abdul Hakeem to Lahore (M-3 Motorway), Swat Expressway (M-16), Lahore to Islamabad (M-2 Gujranwala, Daska and Wazirabad have been deployed. Both partners port network and attain ready-forservice (RFS).

The second phase which includes Hyderabad to Sukkur, Multan to Pindi Bhattian (M-4 Motorway), Hazara Expressway (E-35), Hakla to D.I.Khan (M-14 Motorway), and Islamabad to Peshawar (M-1 Motorway) has commenced and is expected

in recent floods, the project has implemented extra measures to withstand natural calamities. All critical components including optical networking equipment, distribution networks, and power systems are deployed in such a manner that they continue to function in a range of disaster scenarios. Furthermore, the network is being enhanced through multiple rings, and swap arrangements with other network providers to provide an unprecedented level of reliability.

ONE Network, Cybernet complete 1st phase of Long-

Mr. Asif Siddique, CEO of One Network expressed his views that, "This national long-haul project is the backbone to enable One Network to deploy state-of-the-art platforms for Based on learnings from disrup- electronic toll collection (ETC) and contribute to improving quality of connectivity."

(ITS) for our National Motorways the economic backbone of our country. Built along the national motorways, the fiber transmission network will provide a robust information highway linking many Pakistani cities, towns, and districts. The infrastructure has been built, and will be maintained, by keeping in mind the capacity and communication needs for our nation and its citizens for the next 25 years". The infrastructure shall also be available for all cellular mobile operators to provide quality of service to their 3G/4G subscribers along the motorway routes. "We are building safe and reliable long-haul

tions due to infrastructure damages intelligent transportation systems service and digitalization efforts of the government of Pakistan," added Mr. Asif Siddique.

Danish A. Lakhani, CEO of Cybernet said, "Our goal is to provide a high-capacity fiber network that continues to function in critical times. With careful planning of the fiber plant including ring-based protection and regular, proactive maintenance we aim to construct a robust national fiber backbone for use by everyone - but one which will be owned and managed by local Pakistanis. Such a backbone will not only serve the people, businesses, and institutions of Pakistan but also meet the needs of international customers who fiber infrastructure with an aim to require high-capacity, cross-border

# Govt aware of problems of traders: Shaista Malik

### Problems of business community will be solved together: Hanif Abbasi

#### 😂 Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Former president of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry M. Akram Farid hosted a dinner in honor of newly elected President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari and Executive Members and outgoing

The guest of honor MNA Shaista dinner ceremony said that the government is aware of the problems of the business community, the business community is currently going through difficult situations, and political chaos is a poison for the country's economy. It is imperative that the government be allowed to run, so that the country's economy can improve, and the problems of the business community are reduced. Efforts will be made to provide women and give them a respectable position in the society. The country cannot develop without the full partic-

ties, for which all partners including the government and the private sector will have to make an effort.

Congratulating Bakhtawari and his team, while addressing the dinner, special guest former MNA and former advisor to the Prime Minister of President Muhammad Shakeel Munir. Pakistan Muhammad Hanif Abbasi addressed the business community and Pervaiz Malik while addressing the said that I have spent the whole day with the business community of Islamabad. Reportedly, he will fully support ICCI's efforts to establish new industrial zones and represent the current ICCI President on the CDA Board. He said that 11 new routes have been finalized for Islamabad and will provide quality transport to the citizens very soon and soon the citizens will see electric buses plying on the roads which will reduce the traffic flow by 50%. He said additional economic opportunities to that all the dead development projects of the twin cities including Bara Kahu Bypass and Rawal Road Interchange have been revived to solve traffic prob-

ipation of women in economic activi- lems and promote business activities. He further assured that he would cooperate in expediting the work on IJP Road and resolving all outstanding issues including the de-selling of Centaurus Mall.

> The host of the event was former President ICCI and former Chairman Founder Group Mian Akram. Farid said that the bank sector benefited from the



chaos: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, M. Akram Farid



fluctuations of the dollar, because the industry's letter of credit was available to the banks, the banks took 8 rupees more than the dollar from the industry.

The cost of doing business has increased many times due to the dollar becoming expensive and the huge increase in electricity prices and 18 percent interest rate. There is chaos and despair in business circles and many industries have closed down or are about to close down, he said, adding that many industries have imported billions of dollars of machinery at low markup rates in the past few years after getting loans from banks. This has made access to much-needed finance for the growth of industries more difficult.

He urged the government to bring down the rate of markup keeping in mind the other economics of the region. He said that with the current markup rate, non-performing loans and unemployment in the private sector will increase tremendously. Interest rates should be low to increase the rate of investment and create jobs for the youth entering the workforce every year. It also avoids that an increase in the markup rate will lead to a storm of inflation



and the manufacturing unit will be shut dor at Large for Investment Zeeshan down. The industries which are already difficult to run will become more difficult and this will create a storm of unemployment, so the government should pay special attention to this and solve this problem. Employment depends on it, and is a significant part of the country's revenue.

Speaking at the dinner, Ambassa-

Shah said that in the country It is very important to give a good favorable environment to businessmen for investment, he added that for investment in the IT sector, a summit is being held in the name of Investment in Pakistan on November 12 in Silicon Valley, IT companies are visiting the summit. Bring, American IT companies are also

# S T20 World Cup India beat Pakistan in nail-biting contest

Kohli awarded Man of The Match award for unbeaten 82

### 😂 Spokesman Report

MELBOURNE: The partnership of Virat Kohli and Hardik Pandya sailed India to victory against Pakistan by four wickets Sunday in the opening match of the T20 World Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

In their chase of 160, India suffered early blows as they lost four wickets. But when Kohli and Pandya stepped in, they helped the team bounce back and piled pressure on the bowlers.

Before Pandya's (40) dismissal, he and Kohli (82) shared a partnership of 113 runs off 78 balls.

Although they dominated the match together, India suffered a setback after Panday's dismissal and the match entered a nerve-wracking phase in the last over.

India needed 16 runs in the final over, when Mohammad Nawaz bowled Pandya. In the beginning, it seemed like Pakistan were on top, but Nawaz's no-ball and six from Kohli set the stage for India - and although Dinesh Karthik was sent back to the pavilion, it



did not affect the Men In Blue's determination to win.

At the end of 20 overs, India stood at 160 for the loss of eight wickets. Kohli was awarded the Man of The Match award.

For Pakistan, Haris Rauf and Mohammad Nawaz took two wickets each, while Naseem Shah was able to get one scalp. Earlier, Shan Masood (52) and Iftikhar Ahmed (51) helped Pakistan

reach 159 runs against India. India took control of the match early on by restricting the Men In Green from scoring and dismissing the dangerous Pakistani opening duo in under five overs.

Arshdeep Singh, in his first ball in the second over, dismissed Babar (0) with a full, straight, and pinned lbw. In the fourth over, Singh — who did not perform well in the match against Pakistan in the Asia Cup got the wicket of

Rizwan (4).

But then came Masood and Ahmed, who stabilised the innings at a time when the Men In Green's duo, which they bank on was dismissed. The batters shared a partnership of 76 runs before Ahmed's dismissal.

Shaheen Shah Afridi, who managed to add 16 runs to Pakistan's total at a strike rate of 200, also played an important innings as his quick boundaries in the death overs pressurised India.

For India, Arshdeep Singh and Hardik Pandya starred as they took three wickets each, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami picked up a scalp each.

### Playing XI

Pakistan: Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Babar Azam (c), Shan Masood, Shadab Khan, Haider Ali, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Nawaz, Asif Ali, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf.

India: Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Axar Patel, R Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh.

### alst Punjab Open Title Ashfaq of Karachi prevails over golfing masters

LAHORE: The three rounds and 54 holes 41st Punjab Open Golf Championship 2022 supported by Punjab Golf Association came to a most pleasing conclusion for Mohammad Ashfaq, a golf professional of Karachi Airmen Golf Club, at the wondrous and sublime PAF Skyview Golf Course here.

The winner outclassed colossally talented golf professionals like Shabbir Iqbal, Matloob Ahmed ,Ahmed Baig and a few others to

achieve overwhelming victory. round today on Sunday, progressed, noticeable was stan, was placed one stroke when the final 18 holes came behind three leaders, Shabbir to an end his score of gross 67 Iqbal, Matloob Ahmed and represented an illuminated Shahid Javed and not many effort, giving him a commendthan Shabbir or Matloob or ing him to the star status of



even Shahid. But the purposethe title bearing event and ful and resolute Ashfaq had compelling four other bright other plans.

ones to accept the consoling As the competitive activrunners up second position. At the start of the final ity in the final 18 holes While Ashfaq emerged as the Punjab Open Champion, Ashfaq who has yet to attain Ashfaq's brilliance and his established ones like Shahid the leading light status in the score was adorned with bird- Javed, Matloob Ahmed, national golf arenas of Paki- ies and regulation pars .And Tallat Ijaz and A.Zahoor were bracketed at a championship aggregate score of 208, two shots behind Ashfaq. The top ten positions predicted that the ultimate able aggregate score of 206, in Professional Category; winner will be someone other ten under par plus elevat-Ashfaq (Airmen Golf Club) 68 + 71 + 67 = 206; Shahid

Javed (Gymkhana) 68 + 70 +70 = 208; Matloob Ahmed (Garrison) 69 + 69 + 70 =208; Tallat Ijaz (Gymkhana) 69 + 70 + 69 = 208; A.Zahoor (Multan) 68 + 72 + 68= 208; M.Naeem (Peshawar) 72 + 69 = 69 = 210;M.Shabbir (Islamabad) 68 + 70 + 73 = 211; Ashiq Hussain (Multan)72+72+68=212; M. Alam(Garrison)73+71+68= 212; M.Sajjad (AGC) 71 +

71+71=213; Amateur Category Champion was Salman Jehangir with three rounds scores of 70,73 and 73 and an aggregate of 216.

Qasim Ali Khan ended up as runners up .His scores were 76,71 and 73 and the aggregate was 220.Damil Ataullah came third .scores being 73.76 and 72 and a match total of 221.Net section winners were Nosherwan, first net ,Mohammad Shoaib, second net and Ahmed Jibran, third net. APP

### Ten Hag hails Man Utd 'spirit' after Chelsea draw

LONDON: Erik ten Hag hailed Manchester United's "spirit" as Casemiro grabbed his first goal for the club in stoppage-time to salvage a dramatic 1-1 draw at Chelsea on Saturday.

Ten Hag's side were seconds away from defeat after Jorginho's 87th minute penalty put Chelsea ahead in United's first match since Cristiano Ronaldo was sent into exile.

But former Real Madrid midfielder Casemiro ensured United left west London on a six-match unbeaten run as he netted with a header that was awarded by goal-line technology after crossing the line by millimetres.

"I have to make a big compliment to my team. To fight back with a fourth game in 10 days, you see the spirit and how they deal with setbacks. Really good," Ten Hag said.

"We dictated the game and I am happy with that. If you concede a goal late it is difficult. It is a fair result."

Ronaldo was missing from the United squad after being dropped by Ten Hag after his refusal to come on as a substitute in Wednesday's win over Tottenham.

It would be no surprise if United an

### 😂 T20 World Cup

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# If tikhar registers his name in record books

MELBOURNE: Iftikhar Ahmed registered his name in the record books Sunday after sealing the record of smashing the most sixes in Australia among Pakistani batters.

Ahmed smashed four sixes in his innings against India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) during the teams' opening match and was able to score 51 runs off 34 balls.

Before this, it was Ahmed who scored three sixes in Canberra. In 2019, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam hit two sixes in Sydney and Kamran Akmal was also able to hit the same number of sixes at the same venue in 2010. Agencies

### 73rd Punjab Games to get underway from Monday

### 😂 Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The 73rd edition of Punjab Games will get underway here at different venues of Nishtar Park Sports Complex on Monday.

Director General Sports board Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi visited National Hockey Stadium and witnessed the march past, aerobics, gymnastics, cultural performances during dress rehearsal of Punjab Games. He appreciated the performances of young artists.

The Sports Board Punjab finalised preparations for the 73rd edition of Punjab Games. The sports contingents from other provinces and divisions have reached Nishtar Park Sports Complex which has been decorated with colourful banners and lightings.

Sports Board Punjab has released the list of sports disciplines and venues of the Games being staged with the collaboration of Punjab Olympic Association (PbOA).

DG, SBP said on Sunday that all the venues are ready to host exciting competitions of the Games. "We are quite confident that sports lovers will enjoy the thrilling Punjab Games events at various venues of the city," he added.

### Pegula reaches Guadalajara final

MEXICO CITY: Third seed Jessica Pegula overcame a sluggish start to breeze past Victoria Azarenka 7-6(3) 6-1 on Saturday and make the final of the Guadalajara Open, where she will meet Greek fourth seed Maria Sakkari or Czech Marie Bouzkova.

The 28-year-old American, chasing her second career title, found herself in an early hole to the Belarusian former world number one as Azarenka sealed the early break on the way to a 3-0 lead in the opening set.

But Pegula would soon find her rhythm, breaking back to send the set to a tie-break, which she took 7-3. Having let the first set slip away Azarenka unravelled while Pegula stepped up her play, breaking the two-times Australian Open champion twice as she steamrolled through the second to reach her second final of the year.

"I feel really excited, really happy about my performance today. Happy the way I hung in that first set and was still able to win it," Pegula, who also reached the final in Madrid this year, told reporters.

"My second final this year means a lot, especially kind of the last tournament of the year to finish really strong, win or lose tomorrow, is just kind of the icing on the cake of two really good years. I'm really proud of myself."

Pegula's path to the final has included victories over four Grand Slam winners: a second round win over Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina followed US Open champions Bianca Andreescu and Sloan Stephens and Azarenka.

But the world number five said there were still some nerves heading into the title clash. "At the same time you're happy to be there," Pegula said. "You have pressure and you also don't have pressure because when you start a tournament your goal is to get to the end and to give yourself a chance to win a title." Reuters

# Bagnaia on brink of MotoGP title

Rider wins Malaysian GP to extend his lead over Quartararo to 23 points before finale

declared he could relax at last after winning a dramatic Malaysian motorcycle Grand Prix on Sunday to put him on the brink of a first MotoGP world championship.

The Italian's champagne race at Spain's Valencia in for the first time. two weeks.

clinched the title had Quarbut the Ducati rider instead

Bagnaia took the chequered flag in 40min 14:332sec, 0.270sec ahead of fellow Ducati rider Enea Bastianini. Quartararo completed the podium 2.7sec adrift.

"Now I can relax!" said a remains on ice, however, jubilant Bagnaia, who now after rival Fabio Quartara- just needs to finish highro finished third to take the er than 15th in Spain to be battle to the season's final crowned world champion "The weekend was quite the seventh lap when Martin

Bagnaia would have tough after the mistakes I did yesterday. For Valencia, we tararo finished outside the have to understand that we podium places at Sepang, can be strong without forcing like we did yesterday. Today

SEPANG: Francesco Bagnaia extended his lead to 23 points. our pace was good enough without doing crazy things." Bagnaia started ninth on the grid, but made a blistering start which saw him swoop through the field to be second by the end of the first lap, chasing the back wheel of pole sitter Jorge Martin.

"I did the best start I ever did in my life," said Bagnaia. ancy. "It was perfect." The dynamics of the race changed on crashed out, allowing the Ducati rider to charge into first with Bastianini hot on

his tail. "I took some risk at the

front," said Bagnaia. "Following Jorge was a bit too much for the rear tyre and I was starting to stress, then unfortunately he crashed." Bastianini managed to overtake his countryman on turn four of the 10th lap, but his lead was short-lived as Bagnaia regained the ascend-

Quartararo, who earlier in the season had been 91 points ahead of Bagnaia, was meanwhile being drawn in a battle against Marco Bezzecchi for third, but held his ground to stave off the Gresini Racing rider. AFP

Ronaldo parted ways in the January transfer window, but Ten Hag's men did not appear troubled by the striker's latest petulant outburst.

With Ronaldo banished, United were still the stronger side for long periods, while there were no chants in support of the 37-year-old from the visiting fans packed into one corner of Stamford Bridge.

Fifth-placed United remain one point behind fourth-placed Chelsea, who are unbeaten in eight matches in all competitions since Graham Potter replaced the sacked Thomas Tuchel.

"It's disappointing because we're 1-0 ahead at the end but over the course of the game a point is about right and I'm not sure if we did enough to win it," Potter said.

"A really fighting performance from us, we improved a lot after 30 minutes so we will take what we get."

The only concern for United was the sight of France centre-back Raphael Varane limping off in tears in the second half after a World Cup injury scare.

Varane's leg twisted awkwardly as he stretched in a failed attempt to intercept a pass towards Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, leaving him crumpled in a heap on the pitch for several minutes.

The 29-year-old was eventually able to walk around the pitch unaided, but his angst at potentially missing the World Cup, which starts on November 20, was clear as he punched the corner flag in frustration. AFP

### Real Madrid turn on the style to beat Sevilla

MADRID: Just when it seemed Real Madrid might consider dropping points in the title race, the champions calmly moved up a gear to secure a 3-1 win over Sevilla on Saturday and extend their La Liga lead.

Carlo Ancelotti's unbeaten side moved six points clear of rivals Barcelona, thanks to two strikes in three minutes from Lucas Vazquez and Fede Valverde in the final stages.

Sevilla thought they might take something from the game when Erik Lamela's leveller cancelled out Luka Modric's early strike, but Madrid confidently wrestled control of the match back.

Vinicius Junior, through on goal in the 79th minute, unselfishly squared for Vazquez to roll the ball home and then Valverde continued his own sublime form with a rocket which left Sevilla goalkeeper Bono scrambling helplessly.

It was a rip-roaring finale to a fine night for Madrid supporters. Karim Benzema had offered the Ballon d'Or he won on Monday to the masses at the Santiago Bernabeu before kick-off, handed his trophy by former winners Modric and Zinedine Zidane. Fans brandished gold sheets laid out for them by the club.

Although they were not able to watch the French striker here. with a thigh problem keeping him out, their team maintained their momentum.

It took Real Madrid just five minutes to open the scoring.

Vinicius was the architect, picking the pocket of Gonzalo Montiel, driving forward deep into the area and then sliding a perfect pass across to split the defence and leave Modric with a simple finish on his 450th appearance for the club.

# Athar Mehmood scripts Northern's 3rd win of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy

In other two matches, Saud Shakeel, Abdullah Shafique and Azhar Ali score centuries

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Athar Mehmood's splendid figures of six for 40 engineered Northern's dominating nine-wicket win over Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on day three of what was the fifth-round encounter of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2022-23 at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium.

This was Northern's third win of the season and has furthered consolidated their position on top of the six-team points table.

After Northern scored 249 in reply of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's 175 yesterday, the latter began the day with a trail of 56 with nine wickets in hand.

But a brilliant display of fast

bowling from Athar bowled out ation after losing three wickets for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for just 121 runs as the right-armer accounted for Sajid Khan, Kamran Ghulam, Mohammad Sarwar Afridi, Imran Khan Snr and Ihsanullah after he had sent back Waqar Ahmed in the closing moments of day two. This was Athar's maiden five-wicket haul. Northern - set 48 to win-chased the target in 20.1 overs.

Sindh captain Saud Shakeel converted his overnight 30 into his third century of the season. The left-hander was unbeaten on 187 off 387 balls and smashed 20 fours as Sindh scored 390 in 123 overs. The innings handed Sindh a

121-run lead over Balochistan, who find themselves in a precarious situ-

just 56 runs in 22 overs.

Southern Punjab were stuttering in their pursuit of 377 as they had lost two wickets for 80. Usman Salahuddin and Sharoon Siraj batted at 20 and 12 after opening pair of Umar Siddiq (36) and Zain Abbas (11) was dismissed by Faheem Ashraf and Mohammad Ali, who recorded his fifth first-class five-fer yesterday.

Splendid centuries from Abdullah Shafique and Azhar Ali saw Central Punjab post 274 for three at a run rate of nearly five in 57 overs after the day began with the batting side on four for none.

Abdullah smashed 15 fours in his unbeaten 168-ball 114 and Azhar

struck 12 fours and a six in his 126-ball 108.

Scores in brief: Northern beat Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by nine wickets at Abbottabad Cricket Stadium

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 175, 38.5 overs (Waqar Ahmed 35, Sajid Khan 27, Imran Khan Snr 25, Sahibzada Farhan 21, Mohammad Sarwar Afridi 20; Aamir Jamal 5-38, Athar Mehmood 3-95) and 121 all out, 37 overs (Rehan Afridi 29, Sajid Khan 21; Athar Mehmood 6-40, Mehran Mumtaz 2-20, Kashif Ali 2-40)

Northern 249 all out, 61.2 overs (Sarmad Bhatti 114, Faizan Riaz 22; Ihsanullah 5-70, Imran Khan Snr 3-70) and 48-1, 20.1 overs (Mohammad Huraira 23, Abdul Faseeh 21

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Balochistan 269 all out, 90.5 overs (Haseebullah 67, Imran Butt 60, Hussain Talat 55, Haris Sohail 50, Asad Shafiq 27; Ghulam Mudassar 5-73, Abrar Ahmed 3-93, Muhammad Umar 2-36) and 56-3. 22 overs (Imran Butt 24)

Sindh 390 all out, 123 overs (Saud Shakeel 187 not out, Fawad Alam 51, Muhammad Umar 44; Asad Shafiq 2-37, Kashif Bhatti 2-48, Khurram Shahzad 2-92)

Toss uncontested - Southern Punjab opt to field against Central Punjab at the Multan Cricket Stadium

(وا پر اٹاؤن اسلام آباد)

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