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## Gwadar to change country's fortune: DG GDA

Director General of Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Mujibur Rehman Qamb-rani on Sunday said the port city has the potential to change the lives of not only the people of Balochistan but the rest of the country. He said that the water supply to Gwadar had been increased from various dams in the vicinity, and the pipeline network was also upgraded to meet the needs of the growing city.



## Targeting institutions for vested interests not acceptable: Ashrafi

Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Sunday said targeting national security institutions for vested interests would not be acceptable at all costs. Ashrafi said the continuous defamation campaign against the country's defense institutions compelled Director General of ISI Lieutenant General Nadeem Anjum along... News on Page 3

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## Govt hasn't decided to allow long march in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Sunday said the government hasn't decided whether to let the long march enter Islamabad or not.

In an interview with a private tv channel, Sanaullah said: "It has not yet been decided whether to allow them entry into Islamabad. They would be allowed to enter if they ensure a peaceful protest."

The interior minister shared that the government has expanded the boundaries of the Red Zone and the PTI would be allowed to enter the capital if they ensure their protest would take place according to the court's decision.

Commenting on the audio conversation between PTI leader Ali Amin Gandapur and a man named Asad Khan on bringing ammunition to the long march, Sanaullah said: "They should not be allowed to enter Islamabad based on the audio that surfaced yesterday."

A day ago, the minister shared a purported leaked audio of Ali Amin Gandapur, who could be heard speaking about bringing arms for the long march which, according to Sanaullah, was PTI Chairman Imran Khan's plan to spread chaos in the capital.

"Some people are wanted. Once they are found, their intentions will be revealed through interrogation," the minister informed in the programme. Speaking about the negotiation offer by the PTI chief and party leaders, Sanaullah said that Khan sent the message to talk about the election date and the army chief's appointment.

"Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif did not accept Imran Khan's suggestion," he shared, adding that Pervez Khattak and Fawad Chaudhry also contacted [the government] for a similar discussion a few days back. APP

## Deliberation

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing a delegation of YouTubers in Lahore on Sunday.



Photo: PID

# PM calls for political, economic stability in country

Shehbaz says our armed forces have presented unprecedented sacrifices for country's defence

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has stressed the need for political and economic stability in the country to restore its lost prestige.

Talking to a group of YouTubers in Lahore on Sunday, he said the politics of disruption must be eliminated to make Pakistan according to the vision of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

The Prime Minister said the PTI leadership is once again bent upon vitiating the peaceful atmosphere by fanning politics of disruption through another long march and sit-in, but the government will not allow any anti-state activity.

He said Imran Khan ruined the country's economy during his tenure and did not development

## PM urges Chinese firms to invest in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged Chinese companies to take advantage of investment opportunities, Pakistan offers in areas of industry, agriculture modernisation, infrastructure, green energy and digital economy. In an article appeared on the website of Global Times on Sunday, he said Pakistan can serve as the manufacturing base for China and an extension of its industrial and supply chain network. The Prime Minister emphasised on making an optimal use of second Phase of China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement and enhancing industrial cooperation. The Prime Minister said the two countries can fast-track bilateral cooperation to boost corporate farming, efficient water usage, development of hybrid seeds and high yield crops and establishing cold storage chains.

work and now he is throwing the public in economic turmoil for his personal interests.

Criticizing the PTI Chief for his baseless propaganda against state institutions, he said our armed forces have presented unprecedented sacrifices for the country's defence and elimination of

terrorism. The Prime Minister said no patriotic Pakistani can tolerate Imran Khan's narrative against state institutions which has provided a chance to Indian media to mock Pakistan. He said that it was the responsibility of the elected coalition government

to ensure stability in the country and they would not allow anyone to create political and economic crises.

Referring to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's long march, the prime minister reiterated that any wrong attempt to enter the Red Zone would be thwarted under the relevant laws. During his interaction with UTubeers, the prime minister said that PTI's leader Imran Niazi had the sole personal agenda, and he was hell-bent on pushing the country into turmoil and economic destruction for the achievement of his vested interests.

"Expect everything from the person. Unfortunately, Imran Niazi's thinking revolves around his personal vested interests. Even he did not spare his close friends who were sidelined," he added.

## Mariyum rejects reports of talks with IK

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Aurangzeb says political landscape has been transformed in the country where all the state institutions are working within their constitutional domains.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad, she said this is the Naya Pakistan in which the institutions have drawn a constitutional line for their functioning. She castigated Imran Khan for dragging the institutions into his dirty politics by hurling abuses and naming them in his speeches.

She said Imran Khan would not have the support of any institutions for pursuing his future politics saying this is a victory of the narrative of Nawaz Sharif who wants supremacy of the constitution and law.

Paying tribute to the media, state institutions and allied parties in the government for their unflinching efforts in



carrying out relief and rescue activities during flood, she said the work on the rehabilitation of flood affectees is being initiated.

She categorically dismissed reports about any political dialogue with fascist, liar and hypocrite Imran Khan in the wake of his impactless long march toward Islamabad.

## Economic outlook shows optimistic picture: report

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Finance Division has released economic outlook report showing an optimistic picture of the economic performance in the coming months.

The report states that Consumer Price Index for inflation is declining, rupee has gained stability and current account balance is on improving trend which indicates that economic activity will remain positive and persistent in coming months.

It mentions that for future path of inflation, the exchange rate is of utmost importance.

The report says the catastrophic situation due to floods demands rehabilitation and massive expenditures which



will pose significant challenge for fiscal consolidation.

The report has emphasized the need for enhancing productive capacity and productivity in each sector to substitute imports by domestic production and provide more supply capacity to the foreign markets.

## Behind long march

# Imran Khan hiding his poor performance: Shazia

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri said on Sunday that Imran Khan was hiding his poor performance and misdeeds behind his so-called long march.

Addressing a press conference at Pakistan People's Party Secretariat here, she said: "The PTI chairman is confused, and that is why he takes U-turns again and again." She said it was for the first time that people were witnessing long march in phases.

Imran Khan had a misconception that he could oust a government through force, adding that the government could only be ousted through constitutional and democratic process, she added. She said alleged audio leak of Ali Ameen Gandapur had exposed ill intentions of Imran Khan. Shazia said Imran had never talked about his four-year performance, but believed in spreading negative propaganda.

She said Imran should stop misguiding people and promoting culture of indisciplin



cipline among youngsters. A fraction of people, who supported Imran Khan, was regretting now because Imran was not speaking the truth, she added.

The minister said Imran was criticising country's institutions which, she added, was very unfortunate.

About floods, she said that prime minister had announced Rs70 billion for people of flood-affected areas, adding that Benazir Income Support Programme had a unique data, with the help of which, the department had been given a task to distribute the money.

She said that with the grace of Allah Almighty, 96.82 per cent of the amount had been distributed among

deserving people. She said that Rs70 billion was for 2.8 million flood-hit families, adding that no doubt there were more families which needed help but the government was making all possible efforts to provide relief to maximum number of people.

She thanked all those countries and the development partners which extended support to Pakistan in the difficult situation.

Shazia Marri said that Pakistan was facing the consequences of global climate change.

Regarding killing of journalist Arshad Sharif, she condemned it and added that "we want transparent investigation into the incident." APP

# No hope of talks with Shehbaz: Imran Khan

KAMOKE: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan while reacting to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's claims of contact over the appointment of the new army chief said that there is no hope of talks with one who used to meet the army chief in a car trunk.

According to media reports, the former premier said that negotiations with Shehbaz Sharif cannot be held because there is no hope of talk with the one who meets the army chief in a car trunk, adding that the incumbent government was created with the aid of turncoats and foreign conspiracy.

"Our only demand is a free and fair election, and President Dr Arif Alvi has been nominated for negotiations," Imran added. "It would be good if the matters were not resolved before reaching Islamabad because the rulers should see the sea of people," said the former premier.

On day three of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) "Haqeeqi Azadi March" former Prime Minister and PTI supremo Imran Khan on Sunday said that Pakistan has an inhuman justice system, and thieves and bandits were imposed on us.

Addressing the participants of the long march at Sadhoke, the former PM said that he said that there was only one difference between the society of animals and humans. "In the society of animals, the powerful can do whatever they want, and the weak have no one to protect them.

"But in a human society, there



is justice," Imran claimed, adding that this was exactly the "revolution" Pakistan was seeing right now. Imran Khan said that he and the nation would not stand with the establishment for supporting thieves.

He went on to say that people on social media were receiving threats and were being oppressed. The former premier questioned, "You should be ashamed of what you did to Azam Swati. What was his crime? A tweet in which he criticised the army chief?"

"What kind of a calamity was it that you had to inflict torture on him [Swati]?" he added. He told his supporters that this was the time to change their destiny and side with the truth.

"These tyrants make us worship the idol of fear," Khan said. Imran Khan told his supporters that "I have one goal, we want justice in

our country. It's time to change our destiny. They are threatening and oppressing."

Earlier on Saturday, asked the Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial to protect the fundamental rights and also to take action against the "custodial torture" of PTI leader Azam Swati. "You should know why I am on the streets at the age of 70. The only reason I am marching is because you are like my children and I want you to be educated and know what real freedom is," said the former PM while addressing the long march participants at Shahdara, Lahore.

The PTI chairman said that when he condemned the torture of Shahbaz Gill, a case was filed against him, adding that he had opposed torture during detention. If action had been taken then, Azam Swati would not have been so cruel that he would have been forced to think of suicide. Agencies

## PTI stops long march journey for the day post newswoman's death

KAMOKE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) suspended the long march activities for the day after a female journalist Sadaf Naeem who was working for Channel 5 died while covering the march. Speaking to the supporters after the tragic incident, the former PM said that the march was supposed to move towards Kamoke, Gujranwala, today. "However, due to the tragic incident, we will stop the march immediately." Talking to Twitter, the PTI leader, Asad Umar, said that the march would now commence from Kamoke today (Monday). Our Correspondent

## Domestic Politics

SIALKOT: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif addressing a Press conference at his residence. APP



Photo: APP

President, PM saddened over death of lady reporter

## Spokesman Report

LAHORE/ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President Dr. Arif Alvi have expressed deep sorrow and grief over the tragic death of Lady Reporter Sadaf Naem, who died after falling from the container of PTI's long march.

In his message President Dr. Arif Alvi prayed for the departed soul and bereaved family.

In a tweet on Sunday, the Prime Minister said Sadaf Naem was a hardworking journalist. He prayed for the departed soul and commiserated with the bereaved family.

Prime Minister also announced five million financial aid for the family of the late female reporter Sadaf Naem.

Shehbaz Sharif instructed the authorities concerned to immediately complete the regulation process and hand over the cheque to the bereaved family.

## Nov to prove important in country's politics: Asif

Defence Minister says incumbent Govt to complete its constitutional tenure

SIALKOT: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that the country's politics has reached a turning point and the month of November will prove to be very important in the country's politics.

Addressing a press conference at his residence here on Sunday, he said that it was claimed from the march container that negotiations were going on with the government, but "I would clarify that no negotiations are taking place with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf".

The minister said that due to the language Imran Khan was using against the Pakistan institutions, the Indian media was giving full coverage to him. He said PTI chief had been exposed before the nation, adding that his narrative showed that he was not sincere with the public.

That was why, he added, his march was reducing in strength with each passing day. When he started the long march on Friday, 10 to 12 thousand people were with him. But now when he reached Muridke, only 3,500 to 4,000 people are part of his long march, he added.

Khawaja Asif said that earlier, the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), then

the opposition parties, used to expose Imran Khan's real face before the nation, but now it was being done directly by top officials of the institutions. He welcomed the armed forces' decision to distance them from politics. He said that the institution, which had been making sacrifices for the country and the nation for the past 75

Khawaja Asif welcomes armed forces' decision to distance them from politics

years, was being dragged into politics by Imran Khan, which was regrettable.

He said, "Our forces and our intelligence agencies are among the best forces and agencies in the world. The armed forces have always rendered sacrifices in the war against terrorism and the entire nation support them."

Kh Asif said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had rejected a proposal from PTI Chairman Imran Khan about appoint-

ment of the army chief jointly. He said the appointment of army chief was a routine matter and Imran Khan was nobody to intervene in the PM's prerogative.

The defence minister said Imran Khan should tell the nation which of his promises had been fulfilled during his government. He said national interest should be given priority over personal interests. He said the most important issue at the moment was country's economy; the country should be economically stable, for which the coalition government was striving.

To a question, Kh Asif said most of the PTI's march was taking place within the boundaries of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces, and if any bloodshed happened, the provincial governments of Punjab and KP would be responsible for it.

Replying to another question, he said Imran Khan was demanding fresh elections, but first he should dissolve his provincial assemblies in two provinces, Punjab and KP, and hold elections there. He reiterated that the general elections would undoubtedly take place on time. APP

## Unofficial results

## Imran Khan leads NA-45 Kurram by-poll

## Our Correspondent

PESHAWAR: As the counting of votes in the NA-45 Kurram by-elections continues, unofficial and preliminary results show that PTI Chairman Imran Khan is leading with 16,441 votes.

A tough contest was expected between Imran Khan and JUI-F's Jamil Khan, who is backed by the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM).

According to the unofficial final results from 113 out of 143 polling stations of NA 45, Imran Khan is leading with 16,441 votes, while Jamil Khan stands second with 9,231 votes.

Polling started at 8am and continued till 5pm without any break. Aside

from Imran Khan and Jamil Khan, 14 other candidates contested the elections.

There are 198,618 registered voters — 111,349 men and 87,269 women — in the constituency, according to the spokesman of the election commission.

District Police Officer (DPO) Kurram, Arbab Shafiqullah said that security arrangements had been completed for by-elections in NA-45 and transportation of election material had been started.

He said that 2,100 policemen had been deputed on polling duty. The DPO has called on political leaders and workers to abide by rules and cooperate with police to maintain peace during the election today. Agencies

## MOITT launches projects of Rs1b for Tharparkar, Gwadar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque has said his ministry had launched two more projects worth Rs. 1 billion for the provision of mobile and high-speed internet services in Tharparkar and Gwadar districts.

On the directive of Minister IT & Telecom, the Universal Service Fund (USF) Board approved an award of 2 contracts worth approx. Rs.1.06 billion to Telenor and Ufone for the unserved and under-served communities of Balochistan and Sindh provinces.

"We own the urban and rural areas of Sindh and continuously rolling out Broadband, OFC and other connectivity projects for these areas without any discrimination," Haque said in a statement.

A project worth more than Rs. 870 million for Tharparkar district will be completed in 18 months and provide mobile and broadband facilities to more than 72,000 residents of various unserved villages spread over an area of 10,432 sq. km.

Syed Amin Ul Haque said the broadband project had also been approved costing Rs 188.1 million for more than 15,000 people in 19 villages of Gwadar, Balochistan.

He said that the completion of these projects would provide an opportunity to the residents of unserved, under-served and remote areas of Balochistan and Sindh "not only to connect with the digital world but also be able to find convenience"



in their daily routines, their businesses and other life needs with this connectivity.

The Federal Minister for IT congratulated the USF Board of Directors, its Chairman Additional Secretary MOITT Mohsin Mushtaq Chandna and CEO Haaris Mahmood Chaudhary for launching these projects.

He said that with the projects of providing broadband services in the unserved, under-served areas of the country under the USF expanding Connectivity Network, the performance of the USF was being appreciated globally.

GSMA Asia Pacific and ITU had praised USF's structure and project methodology in this regard, he added. APP

## Two-day physical remand of Dost Mazari approved

ACE Punjab arrested former deputy speaker of provincial assembly in alleged land encroachment case

LAHORE: A magistrate in Lahore approved the two-day physical remand of former deputy speaker of the Punjab Assembly Dost Muhammad Mazari.

Mazari was presented before a judicial magistrate's court a day after he was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab.

During today's hearing, ACE Punjab's lawyer had requested the physical remand of Mazari to complete the investigation.

The court, after approving the remand, directed ACE Punjab to pres-

ent the Punjab Assembly lawmaker in court on Tuesday.

On Saturday, ACE Punjab arrested the former deputy speaker of the provincial assembly in an alleged land encroachment case. Confirming the arrest, his cousin Shabab Mazari said that the disgruntled PTI MPA was arrested when he was visiting his ailing grandfather Balakh Sher Mazari at a private hospital. Speaking to a private tv channel about the deputy speaker's arrest, PTI's dissident Member of the National Assembly Sardar Riaz Mehmood Khan Mazari

said: "My father Balakh Sher Mazari has been unwell for 15 days. Dost Muhammad Mazari came to visit my father at the hospital."

The MNA revealed that ACE officials came to arrest Mazari at the hospital without any warrant or first information report (FIR). "Dost Mazari is being targeted in political vengeance," Riaz Mazari said. Mazari's arrest comes a day after the Lahore High Court called out ACE Punjab for becoming a "political tool" for its recent actions against Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah. Agencies

## Kundi demands PTI chief to dissolve assemblies

## Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistance to Prime Minister (SAPM) Faisal Kareem Kundi on Sunday demanded Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan to first dissolve assemblies of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and Punjab, if he seriously wishes to compel the federal government to announce early elections.

He said the government would only hold elections on its schedule after completing its constitutional tenure, that is in October, 2023, however, quipping that the government could only extend favour to the PTI chief was that

if he offers any date of the said month (October) next year.

He denounced all fake news attributed to former president Asif Ali Zardari and categorically ruled out any backdoor meetings with PTI chief. Meanwhile, he slammed Imran Khan for allegedly holding the "midnight secret meetings", which he said was continuing to this day.

He said that the appointment of the next army chief would be held as per the set procedure that was practiced in the past as well, ruling out any consultation with the PTI chief.

"The appointment of chief of army staff is a prerogative of the prime minister," said Kundi, adding that the secretary defence would forward names to

the prime minister, and out of those names PM would select one name.

He also said that the prime minister can also hold deliberations with the allied political parties in the coalition government over the appointment of the army chief, categorically stating that "Imran Khan is nobody that the PM would hold discussion pertaining to this matter".

He said the sole purpose of constituting the committee, to hold talks with the PTI leadership in the wake of the long march, was to avoid criticism from the media on a democratic government which believed in amicable solutions to all problems, adding the committee had representation from all the allied political parties.

## UN chief working for resumption of Russia's participation in grain deal: Spokesman

## Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is "deeply concerned" about the UN-brokered Black Sea grain deal, which was set up to reintroduce vital food and fertilizer exports from Ukraine to the world, delaying his travel to Algiers for the Arab League Summit by a day to focus on the issue, a UN spokesperson said on Sunday.

"The Secretary-General continues to engage in intense contacts aiming at the end of the Russian suspension of its participation," UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.

"The same engagement also aims at the renewal and full implementation of the initiative to facilitate exports of food and fertilizer from Ukraine, as well as removing the remaining obsta-

cles to the exports of Russian food and fertilizer," he said.

Russia suspended participation in a UN-brokered Black Sea grain deal after what it said was a major Ukrainian drone attack on its fleet in Crimea, dealing a blow to attempts to ease the global food crisis.

Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022, mountains of grains built up in silos, with ships unable to secure safe passage to and from Ukrainian ports, and land routes were unable to compensate.

This contributed to vertiginous rises in the price of staple foods around the world. Combined with increases in the cost of energy, developing countries were pushed to the brink of debt default and increasing numbers of people found themselves on the brink of famine.

The Initiative was due to run out in the second half of November, but there was an option to extend it, if all parties, including Russian and Ukraine, agree.

The deal was demonstrably successful in bringing down prices, allowing millions of tonnes of grain to be safely transported from Ukrainian ports, it was pointed out. By September, Rebecca Grynspar, the head of the UN trade body, UNCTAD, and Amir Abdulla, the UN Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative, announced that prices had come down five months in a row, and that the Food Price Index, which measures the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities, had decreased nearly 14 percent from its March peak.

According to UN estimates, the Initiative has indirectly prevented some 100 million people from falling



into extreme poverty.

However, on Saturday Russia announced that it was suspending its involvement in the deal, citing an attack the same day on ships in the Ukrainian port of Sevastopol in the Crimean peninsula, which was annexed by Russia in 2014.

The move reportedly took traders by surprise, and raised fears of another steep rise in food prices. Arif Husain, Chief Economist at the World Food Programme (WFP), reportedly warned that Russia's decision poses a danger to a large number of countries, and should be resolved as soon as possible.

Dujarric said that the Secretary-General is continuing to engage in intense contacts aimed at ending the Russian suspension of its participation in the Initiative.

# Climate change affected Pakistan, particularly Sindh: CM Murad

People ask why they suffer when Pakistan's CO2 emissions stand at 0.8%: CM Sindh

KARACHI: Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that people of Pakistan, particularly of Sindh are questioning persistently why they have suffered when their total contribution to Carbon emissions is hardly 0.8 percent.

Speaking at a diplomatic reception organised by Consul General of Indonesia Mr & Mrs. Ani lune Kuncoro at a local hotel, the CM said the climate change affected Pakistan, particularly Sindh, causing mammoth destruction to life, cattle, and homes.

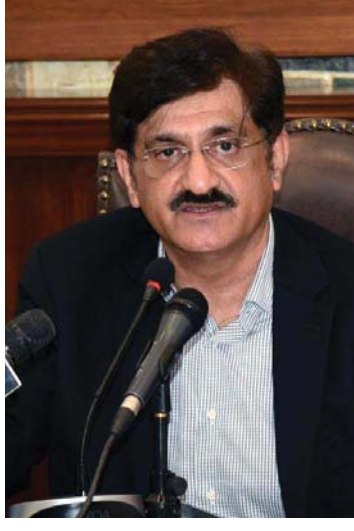
"Climate change has claimed more than 600 lives, displaced over 12 million people, and damaged 1.8 million houses," he said, adding that people of Pakistan, particularly of Sindh questioning persistently why

they are suffering when their share of world's CO2 emissions was hardly 0.8 percent.

Murad Ali said he had no answer to offer to the people, but he left the question as food for thought for the diplomats sitting there.

While apologising for speaking about such a tragic and painful issue at a pleasant event, he said, "This is a forum to discuss international issues, and share sorrows and sufferings." The CM Sindh said the diplomatic reception not only provided him but all of the participants with the wonderful opportunity to sit together, exchange views and share experiences of mutual interest.

He said such diplomatic receptions were common, but unfortunately, the



Covid-19 pandemic robbed people of such practices and gatherings.

"Alhamdulillah, undivided attention, timely action, and massive vaccination drives curbed the spread of the virus," he said added however, as the situation has gotten much better, the diplomatic culture of hosting receptions and bringing friends together to meet, and greet as well as exchange views seem to be reviving, with this delightful reception he attended.

"Indonesia holds the honour of having the world's largest Muslim population while Pakistan has the world's second-largest Muslim population and both the country share the same religion, culture, and faith." Indonesia and Pakistan must have a stronger bilateral relationship, he stressed. APP

## Book Lovers

LAHORE: People are busy buying old books from a stall at Nila Gumbad area in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

## Breast Cancer Awareness

# Early detection of breast cancer can save lives: Dr. Rufina Soomro

Bureau Report

KARACHI: In connection with the ongoing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Colgate-Palmolive Pakistan collaborated with Pakistan Olympic Association Women and Sports Commission for a special session. Hosted at the Sindh Madressat-ul-Islam University in collaboration with Syed Foundation and Karachi Sports Foundation, the event featured a lecture by internationally well-known expert Prof. Dr. Rufina Soomro, who educated those in attendance about the risks, preventative measures and treatment options.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Dr. Rufina Soomro, Professor of Surgery, at Liaquat National Hospital, said that early detection of breast cancer can save lives and added that awareness is important especially in our country where the mortality rate of this disease is the highest in Asia.

She informed the seminar participants that one in eight women develop breast cancer in their lifetime while the mortality rate is about 3 percent (1 in 36), adding that if detected in early stages, the survival rate is higher.

In the wake of the rising cases of



the disease in the country, she advised women to conduct regular breast exams for themselves at home themselves at home and to consult a doctor if they experience any symptoms.

Talking about the risk factors, Prof. Dr. Rufina Soomro said that being a woman is the main risk factor for breast cancer, which is 100 times more common in women than men.

She added that the risk for breast cancer increases with age, as around 77 percent of women with breast cancer are over the age of 50 at the time of diagnosis. A person with one first-degree relative with breast cancer, like a mother, sister, or daughter, has doubled risk for breast cancer, and a large number of women with breast

cancer have no family history. Prof. Dr. Rufina Soomro said other breast cancer risk factors included women over 40 years, early menarche, late menopause, oral contraceptives, genetics, late first child, alcohol use, hormone replacement therapy, radiation, geographic location, diet, obesity, cancer in another breast, family history, etc.

She said that a three-step approach, including self-examination, clinical examination and mammography can guarantee good breast health. She advised women to follow a healthy lifestyle marked by physical activity and balanced and nutritious food, advising them against smoking, and to limit their alcohol intake.

## PN demonstrates fire power during drills with UAE Navy

KARACHI: The Pakistan Navy on Sunday demonstrated fire power in the Arabian Sea amid bilateral naval exercise NASL AL BAHR-IV conducted with United Arab Emirates (UAE) Navy at Karachi.

The exercise comprised of advanced-level naval operations, including practical demonstration of Live Weapons Firings (LWF), said a Pakistan Navy news release.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi and Head of UAE Naval Training Brigadier Staff Abdulla Sultan witnessed the LWF at the North Arabian Sea.

The exercise NASL AL BAHR is the fourth edition among the two navies aimed to enhance interoperability, display operational readiness and consolidate existing strong bilateral relations in Naval Operations. The hallmark of the exercise was Live Weapon Firings by both navies Surface and Aviation platforms. All units successfully engaged the respective targets.

On the occasion, the Chief of the Naval Staff expressed his complete satisfaction over the immaculate war preparedness of the Pakistan Navy against the entire spectrum of threats.

## Senate chairman's car meets accident, remains safe

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The Senate chairman Sadiq Sanjrani's car on Sunday met an accident near DI Khan. According to the details, due to a failure of the hydraulic break system, the car lost its control and met an accident. However, Sadiq Sanjrani remained safe and shifted to another vehicle. Federal Minister Talha Mehmood and Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haidari were also riding in the Sanjrani's car to attend the wedding ceremony of JUI (F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's nephews. Agencies

## Karachi family trapped under debris of collapsed house

KARACHI: Several members of a family have been trapped under the debris of a house that collapsed in the Metroville SITE area of Karachi on Sunday. The family members were buried under the debris of the structure. The rescue teams rushed to the site after receiving information. So far, the workers have rescued two children and a woman in injured condition. However, more people were trapped under the rubble. The rescue officials said the collapsed house was built on the mountain located in the area. Agencies

## DPO SW visited various police stations

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: According to the details, District Police Officer South Waziristan Attiqullah Wazir (PSP) inspected the government offices including police station DPO office prison under construction in Wana and took a briefing regarding the construction work. The DPO, while issuing instructions, said that the speed of work should be accelerated and all the essentials in connection with the construction should be fulfilled and no lapses would be tolerated. The construction material will be checked on daily basis and no compromise will be made on the material. The DPO while speaking said that the construction of all the offices should be ensured as soon as possible and will be made functional as soon as possible. He said that the police are shifting all their offices here therefore, the offices will be completed as soon as possible so soon people will benefit from their fruits our endeavor is to provide all the facilities under one roof to the people.



## Musical program Sound Spirit Episode 3 held at ACP

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: A colorful program called Sound Spirit Episode 3 at the Open Air Theatre. Where under one roof, the shining stars of the Pakistan music industry performed together with the new singers and musicians in the world of music. Singers Ahmed Jahanzeb, Ahsan Bari, Auj Band, Kashmir Band, Acma The Band, Maria o Nayara large number of fans were swaying on the wonderful performances of Natalia Gul, Mustafa Baloch, ACP Music Ensemble, Qurtas Band and Jambros. The proceeds from the program will be deposited in Arts council of Pakistan Karachi's flood relief fund.

## Saka festival at Gurdwara Punja

## Sikh community lauds Pakistan govt

Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Sikh community is highly obliged to Pakistani govt for giving respect, honour, security, protocol and religious freedom on the occasion of Saka festival at Gurdwara Punja Sahib Hasanabdal. Indian Sikh pilgrims group leader Sardar Harmeet Singh said this while addressing concluding ceremony. Sardar Harmeet Singh said, all the Sikh pilgrims are thankful to ETPB (Evacuee Trust Property Board) for making excellent arrangement. He said, our Gurdwaras in Pakistan are well maintained and Sikhs are enjoying full religious freedom. Former President Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sardar Premjeet Singh in his address said that the love and respect Sikhs enjoyed here is exemplary for which we have no words. President Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Pakistan Sardar Amir Singh said that Govt of Pakistan issued special visas for this festival which is a praise worthy step. Sardar Bishan Singh, Sardar Autar Singh, Sangera, Sardar Satwant Singh, Dr Mamial Singh, Sardar Partab Singh, Rowindar Singh and Parmet Jeet Singh also addressed the gathering.

# Public relief and well-being are our utmost priority: CM Elahi

The CM lays foundation stone of CBD Punjab Boulevard and remodeling of Kalma Chowk underpass



Our Correspondent

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab, Chaudhary Pervaiz Elahi laid the foundation stone of CBD Punjab Boulevard & remodeling of Kalma Chowk Underpass on Sunday. CBD Punjab Boulevard is a project of the Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA), also known as the Central Business District (CBD Punjab).

The ceremony was graced by the CEO of PCBDDA, Mr. Imran Amin, COO of PCBDDA, Brigadier (R) Mansoor Janjua, Directorate Heads of PCBDDA and staff members of the National Logistic Cell (NLC).

CBD Punjab Boulevard is a project worth Rs 4.2 billion which will be completed in 180 days. The 365-meter-long boulevard will provide a signal-free approach from Barkat Market to Jail Road and Ali Zaib Road and will give a hassle-free entry and exit to Pakistan's first business district. CBD Punjab Boulevard will facilitate more than 250,000 vehicles daily.

During his address at the event, CM Punjab said that "We are stabilizing Punjab as a developed economic welfare province. Public relief and

well-being are our utmost priority. PCBDDA has secured a prominent spot in the development of Punjab. That is the reason that we have expanded the jurisdiction of authority to all over Punjab". He further added that Punjab Government is extending the working scope of public relief to all over the province and has ensured complete support for the projects of public interest.

While expressing his views CEO of PCBDDA, Mr. Imran Amin stated that "We have achieved another milestone today. CBD Punjab Boulevard is another feather in the cap. We are not just paving a road we are opening new doors for the development of Punjab. This project will be a game changer in reshaping the development landscape of Punjab".

The Technical Team of PCBDDA also explained the salient features of the project during the ceremony. The authority has awarded the contract of the project to NLC whereas the contractor has already assured high-quality work and completion of the project in the given time. CBD Punjab Boulevard will be an amenity for the residents of Lahore which will make their daily commute easy

# The Elasticity of Time

Iqra Rasheed

The Elasticity of Time can be experienced with various states of mind. When you are happy you experience it as moving fast as compared to when you are sad"

What is time? Time is an observed phenomenon, by means of which human beings sense and record changes in the environment and in the universe. Time which is a measuring instrument of changes experienced by our mind.

Relation between Time, Mind and Consciousness:

Time is not a fundamental physical reality like matter energy and physi-

cal space. Time exists only when you want to measure it. When mind feels unhappy, times appears to be too long. When it is happy times appears to be too short. When there is no mind that is no thoughts and emotions. When the mind is dull or unconscious, it is unable to experience itself. When the mind is excited or happy, time seems to be too short and when the mind is miserable, time seems to be too long. In fact time is a greatest healer just like the mind experiences time, this moment has a mind of its own, a big mind which has enormous and infinite organizing power. Thought is nothing but the ripple in this moment, and thus a few moments of no mind state gives the mind a lot of energy.

Time is...

- SLOW: when you wait.
- FAST: when you are late
- DEADLY: when you are sad
- SHORT: when you are happy
- ENDLESS: when you are in pain
- How to improve your perception of time?

There are some ways to improve your perception of time:

Reduce traffic of mind: reduce traffic of your thoughts to feel the actual mind state and perceive the real time. If you have thoughts about past or bad memories you cannot do anything. No bad thoughts of your life in your mind can make you more creative.

Set achievable targets: achievable goals with a relaxed mind changes to experience the way the mind perceive the time Write down your goal with as

much detail as possible. Identify quantitative targets for tracking your progress and results. Make sure it's possible to achieve the desired result. Acknowledge the practical requirements necessary to accomplish the goal.

Believe in your Knowledge: Essentially, that notwithstanding, mastering time has to do with doing the things you planned to do when you planned to do them for no longer than you planned to do them. Equally vital too, you have to believe in your knowledge.

Work intelligently rather than mechanically: when you work smartly and intelligently your ability to attain knowledge increases stop wasting time to irrelevant tasks the more you walk intelligently the more you save time.

So have a nice time always.

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**Islamabad police organize feast to greet FC, Sindh police jawans**

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad capital police organised a feast to welcome the jawans and officers of FC and Sindh police who joined them to ensure law and order in the Federal capital.

Following Minister for Interior Rana Sanaulah's directions, the meal was served at various locations including Pak-China Friendship Centre, Faisal Mosque, F-9 Park and Hajj Complex. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Dr Akbar Nasir Khan welcomed the Jawans at F-9 Park and Pak-China Friendship Centre and boosted their morale.

**At Euro Village 2022**

**Tetra Pak reiterates its commitment to sustainability**

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Tetra Pak asserted its commitment towards sustainability and ensuring a greener environment at the Euro Village 2022 gala recently organized by the European Union in Islamabad. Participating at the Euro Village 2022 event served as an ideal opportunity for Tetra Pak to highlight its approach to sustainability which is shaped by its promise of protecting what's good and its commitment to making food safe and available, everywhere. As a reflection of practically implementing this approach, a swing set for children which was



completely manufactured by recycled Tetra Pak packaging material was also placed at Tetra Pak's designated booth which reiterated the fact that Tetra Pak is taking practical steps towards realizing its sustainability vision.

Notable dignitaries, including the Swedish Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E.

Henrik Person, also visited the Tetra Pak booth and were greeted by company representatives. They were delighted to learn more about Tetra Pak's achievements within the sustainability realm and its commitment towards a low-carbon circular economy. During his visit, the Swedish Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Henrik Person said, "I am very happy to be visiting this installation made by a Swedish company Tetra Pak, which is a leading company in packaging, as well as, sustainability. Tetra Pak is making sure that the used cartons are recycled to make items for other purposes. This is of course a very fun purpose to make

a swing set for children made out of Tetra Pak cartons. I will encourage all consumers to support recycling of cartons as much as possible, Tetra Pak will do the rest to ensure that we are working towards a sustainable future."

Tetra Pak Pakistan also made special arrangements to apprise the audience about its local partnership with Green Earth Recycling, which started in 2014 and since then has been successfully achieving increasing recycling targets every year by collecting and recycling packaging waste into sellable products such as garden furniture, school desks, roofing solutions, and much more.

**Targeting institutions for vested interests not acceptable: Ashrafi**

*Ashrafi made it clear that the martyrdom of Arshad Sharif was a national tragedy*

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Sunday said targeting national security institutions for vested interests would not be acceptable at all costs. Addressing a press conference here, Ashrafi, who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council, said the continuous defamation campaign against the country's defense institutions compelled Director General of Inter-Services Intelligence Lieutenant General Nadeem Ahmed Anjum along with Director General Inter-Services Public Relations Lieutenant General Babar Iftikhar to appear before the nation to disclose the truth.

He said in the wake of senior journalist Arshad Sharif's murder, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan had launched a malicious drive to build pressure on the security institutions in a bid to achieve his undemocratic and ulterior motives.

"It should be stopped now as the PTI chief was consistently crossing the redline besides promoting and strengthening the anti-state agenda," he added.

Ashrafi made it clear that the martyrdom of Arshad Sharif was a national tragedy and it had infused grief and sorrow in the people of all segments of the society. "But it is totally against the social and political norms to manipulate the situation for point-scoring and gaining cheap popularity in the public," he maintained.

He said if the PTI chief's long march was continuing peacefully, its cred-



ent went to the security forces who had rendered unprecedented sacrifices for the restoration of peace in the country after the 9/11.

He said Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bjwa had played a vital role in the war on terror which is also acknowledged by the world powers.

Regarding Senator Azam Khan Swati's allegations, Ashrafi asked him to appeal in the court against those military officials naming for custodial torture if he had any evidence. He lamented that Azam Swati was also fueling the malicious campaign launched by the PTI chief in the garb of Arshad Sharif's murder to malign the national defense institutions.

He categorically stated that "our national security institutions were competent enough to bring the killers of Martyr Arshad Sharif to justice in a short span of time." Brushing aside the false impression on the prime minister's visits to Saudi Arabia and Qatar, he gave good news to the

nation that all those projects which were in doldrums due to PTI's bad governance were being started in near future.

He also informed that Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman was visiting Pakistan soon. If there would be political stability in Pakistan, the Arab Islamic world was bringing a huge investment in the country's various economic sectors in a couple of months, he added.

He said Pakistan's bilateral relations with friend countries were strengthening with the passage of time, urging some elements to avoid the negative propaganda against them as they were friends of Pakistan instead of any individual person or party.

Alerting mischievous persons spreading false notions, he said they would be given a befitting response by the nation, if they did not mend their ways. He also made it clear that national security forces were our redline besides Islam and sacred Islamic personalities. APP

**Picnickers enjoying**

ISLAMABAD: Families are enjoying boating during Sunday holiday at Rawal Lake in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

**Health Corner**

**Monkeypox risk higher in children aged 8 or younger: study**



ISLAMABAD: Children aged 8 years or younger should be considered a group at high risk for more severe monkeypox disease, researchers report. Few children are affected by monkey-

pox so far but risks are higher in children aged 8 or younger, according to a study published in The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal. Despite the low reported rates in children so far, there are special concerns about complications and other serious outcomes of monkeypox in children.

"Children are reported to have an increased hospitalisation rate and increased mortality, even in high-income countries," said Dr Petra Zimmermann from University of Fribourg, Switzerland and Nigel Curtis of The University of Melbourne.

Based mainly on data from low-income countries, children under 8 are particularly at higher risk of complications, including potentially serious bacterial infections, Medical Daily reported.

Young children may also be at increased risk of complications related to scratching and spreading the infection to other parts of the body, including the eyes, said researchers.

As of August, nearly 47,000 laboratory-confirmed cases of monkeypox were reported worldwide.

Of these, just 211 were in children and adolescents under 18 years. Most patients with monkeypox recover with supportive care.

However, more specific treatment is necessary for severe cases and high-risk groups, especially children under 8 years and those with underlying skin conditions, the study noted.

Other vulnerable groups include pregnant women, immunocompromised patients, and people with eczema or with monkeypox rash near the mouth, eyes, and genitals.

Smallpox vaccination is effective in preventing monkeypox, although the duration of protection is unknown.

For children who have been exposed to monkeypox virus, medications or vaccines to prevent monkeypox have been recommended, again with "very limited data." Especially since monkeypox can be asymptomatic, the outbreak could become uncontrolled and spread to vulnerable groups, including young children. APP

**Weather turns cold**

**Sale of fried fish on rise in Pindi**



Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: As the weather turns cold, the fried fish shops in Rawalpindi are once again seeing a rush. Most of the people go to eat fried fish in the restaurants at Committee Chowk and Sixth Road.

All over the sea and river fish are being fried in ghee and cooking oil while some restaurants are also frying fish in mustard oil.

Different types of fish include finger fish, rho, kalarho, maha lion and native fish. A fish seller Imrooz Khan said that we have been doing this work since the time of our ancestors and have never disappointed the people of Rawalpindi.

**foodpanda organizes road safety awareness session**



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Keeping up with its commitment of prioritizing the safety and well-being of its fleet, foodpanda recently organized a road safety awareness session for its riders, which was conducted by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Traffic Police. The session was followed by a talk from the SSP ICT Traffic Police Dr Mustafa Tanveer. The training aimed at ensuring that all riders strictly follow the traffic rules and drive with more responsibility and care, not only for their own safety but also for the safety of all drivers and pedestrians on the roads. Speaking on the occasion, Hassan Arshad, Director Policy & Communications at foodpanda Pakistan, stated that delivery riders spend a lot of time on roads and at all hours, making it essential that they are adequately coached on safe driving practices. "We believe that road accidents are entirely preventable and more sessions like these to be organized to train the riders all over the country as the company is cognizant of its responsibility in mentoring its delivery riders." He further added

**SAHA Expo**

**Pakistan's defence firm signs agreement with Turkiye' Atesci Limited**

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The four-day SAHA Defence and Aerospace Exhibition 2022 concluded in Turkiye that hosted a plethora of global participants, including Pakistan and extended a wide range of modern defence, aviation, aerospace and cutting edge technology based products.

The Global Defense Insight, the official media partner of SAHA Expo from Pakistan and a leading defence news portal on its official Twitter handle wrote that Pakistan's

Wah Industries Limited (WIL) and Turkiye's Atesci Limited signed a contract for a new ammunition line project, on the sidelines of SAHA EXPO 2022.

The SAHA EXPO 2022 is a biennially held defence, aviation and space industry fair, held by SAHA Istanbul which is the largest industrial cluster of Turkiye and Europe having a consortium of 876 companies and 24 universities.

The Turkiye's Presidency with the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Indus-

try and Technology, Ministry of Trade, Presidency of Defense Industry and other civil and military public institutions organised the mega defence exhibition.

The SAHA EXPO 2022 is an international platform that showcased Turkey's rising domestic production potential and its independent production power.

The EXPO, along with high-tech products, also presented various strategically important products in the defence, aviation, maritime and space industries for the first time.



Pakistan's Minister for Defence Production Muhammed Israr Tareen also held a meeting with Turkish Minister of National Defence Hulusi Akar on the sidelines of SAHA EXPO.

According to the official Twitter handle of the Turkiye Armed Forces (TRK), Chief of General Staff General Yasar GÜLER held a meeting with

Pakistan Army's Chief of Logistics Staff Lieutenant General Saqib Mehmood Malik at the sidelines of SAHA EXPO 2022. During the meeting, both the dignitaries discussed bilateral military relations.

The Defence and aerospace platform producers from Turkiye and the world met with hundreds of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that produce parts, components, and subsystems at the SAHA EXPO.

A special panel discussion was also held at the Turkiye's indigenously developed unmanned naval systems which

was participated by Turkiye's defence experts and producers who deliberated their views on the latest technology.

The forum was participated by regional, local and international defence entrepreneurs, particularly local youth acquiring knowledge of most modern defence, aviation and related technology.

The youngsters took keen interest in learning about the latest products showcased at the exhibition which provided the SAHA EXPO a stimulus to focus on novel ideas and unique solutions.

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## It's time to Review the Sports Reforms

**Quratul Ain Salman**

This is with reference to the Article titled "Its time to take bold decisions" written by Mr. Alam Zeb Safi, published in the daily "The News" Rawalpindi on 30th October, 2022. Before, we comment on the views expressed in it, let us have a quick glance to set the context in real perspective. The plain reading of this article reveals that PSB is a failed institution and needs to be replaced through establishment of Sports Authority. It has also been mentioned that empowered bureaucracy without relevant knowledge in IPC Division coupled with politics resulted into the removal of DG, PSB who was facing obstructions to exercise his powers. The writer raised concern about the survival of the PSB and talked about how it can be converted into a vibrant professional organization. His views are supported by respectable Syed Aqil Shah, former Sports Minister for KP, famous sportsperson and former Senator who also raised certain issues to justify the thesis of the writer. He questioned the capacity of the PSB, financial constraints, lack of professionalism etc. He also questioned, inclusion of representative of suspended Federations, by POA, in executive

committee of PSB and stressed need of establishment of nurseries for talent growth.

Before considering the above perspective, my humble analysis with objectivity is meant to improve the sports conditions in the country.

First, we talk about the concern regarding bureaucracy. The bureaucracy is not supposed to be the professional in each and every specialized field rather they are expert in general management serving in the Ministries/Division. The professional expertise and support pour into Divisions/Ministries from the specialized Institutions like PSB. But this Institution appears lacking professional relevant experts. Out of six DDGs only one is functional. Similarly, other technical posts of Director or Assistant Directors are vacant. Even, the office of DG remained dormant for years till Mr. Asif Zaman joined Col (R) with the expectation to revitalize the Institution. His focus remained on reforms through revision of Constitution of PSB, National Sports Policy and progress in development projects. Constitution of PSB has been revised but the National Sports Policy could not be aligned with the Constitution and emerging needs of the modern era. While revising the Constitution and National Sports Policy, the consultation with the stakeholders were not held properly. No seminar, no workshop, no consultative meeting held.

The new Constitution has posed a number for challenges for implementation. While implementing it, there could be resistance from NSF's and other key stakeholders. It would lead to further deterioration of sports in the country. Therefore, first of all, Minister for IPC/PSB may consider reviewing the Constitution and National Sports Policy, in consultation with the key stakeholders by holding Seminars, Workshops; and Consultative Meetings with the experts.

As pointed out in the Article under discussion, the financial constraint is one of the challenges being faced by PSB. Funds are not the problem for PSB. The Government allocated billions and billions but for infrastructure development. We need to prioritize and spend on athletes' development. More resources should be allocated for athlete development, the recognition, reward, career path with transition before retiring as an athlete, adding grace to their identity and professional status. There is a dire need pay attention on research and enhance technical capacity of NSF's. The project of Norowal Sports Complex should be made functional to benefit the athletes.

The legislation on Sports from Parliament to establish Sports Authority does not appear appropriate. If at all an attempt is made, the resolution from the four provincial assemblies would be required which does not appear to be translated into real-

ity, in current situation. PSB can be transformed into a vibrant and professional organization, if its role is redefined and restricted to national and international level. But unfortunately, while revising the Constitution, the PSB's role is widened by encroaching provincial sports domain and sports organizations registered under other laws. We may review the Constitution and confine the role of PSB, as earlier pointed out.

About recognition of POA role, it is stated the same has been recognized by the PSB. The Minister for IPC and President, PSB held meeting with the top brass of POA to discuss how the harmonious relations can be developed between the two. Both agreed to bring harmony, as reported in the media. About inclusion of representative non-affiliated NSF's with the POA, in the Board, it is stated that the Government is empowered to include members in the Board and its Executive Committee. She did like any political government. About establishment of nurseries, it mentioned here that the same can be established at grass root level. After the devolution, it is now mandate of the provincial governments, to work at grass root level. However, properly established linkages for growth and development of talent from grassroot—district-national and international level through coordination with the provincial governments can improve the situation. A concept

note forwarded to PSB, a couple of months ago, by an NSF for athlete development, needs to be considered, reviewed and implemented by PSB.

In short, there is neither any need nor possibility to establish a Sports Authority in Pakistan. Instead, review of PSB's Constitution and National Sports Policy with maximum consultation of the stakeholders, including implementation mechanism is required immediately. Formulation of long-term strategy with holistic approach reflecting national aspirations, according priority to athlete development; formulating code of conduct for the key stakeholders, principles of good governance, monitoring and evaluation of the performance, accountability and Regulatory Framework for NSF's, induction of young blood of professionals/experts in PSB; would transform PSB into a vibrant professional organization. It would bring harmonious relationship among the key stakeholders, facilitate and encourage the NSF's to achieve the common and higher goals. The political will shall be a catalyst to initiate this process for which sports fraternity is eagerly waiting with advent of new Government. Hence, it is the right time for the leadership to review the reforms, bring harmony, take strategic actions. Let us wait and see how long it will take or status quo would continue to prevail?

## PM's visit to China

The upcoming visit of Prime Minister to China is of key importance. It is first bilateral visit of a Pakistani Prime Minister to China after a very long time. Prime Minister knows and understands China very well as he has previously dealt with the country. Timing of the visit is also important as there are tensions between China and the West. It is important that leadership of China and Pakistan sits together and discusses issues of concern. We will also have to coordinate our position and strategic alignment with China to ensure that we stand on right side of Beijing. It will also help increase economic and political cooperation between the two countries. This project is also going to give a new momentum to China Pakistan Economic Corridor. Earlier, there was a delay in execution of projects due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Prime Minister's upcoming visit to China was need of the hour as Pakistan needs cooperation of friendly countries in this time of economic challenges. Pakistan needs foreign investment to improve its economy. China invested in Pakistan at a time when no other investor was willing to invest in the country due to precarious security situation. It is better to talk to China to increase economic cooperation as we need to establish more industries in the country to increase business as well as employment opportunities. CPEC has pivotal role for Pakistan's economy. During the last four or five years, we could not accelerate the work on various projects under the CPEC. We had to establish nine Special Economic Zones to attract Chinese investors. Now, there is a new momentum to this project and we hope it will reinvigorate the CPEC.

The Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's upcoming visit to China is of vital importance. Shehbaz Sharif will be the first foreign leader who is visiting the country after the just conclusion of 20th CPC meeting. The visit will definitely boost China Pakistan Economic Corridor as we have been seeing propaganda by Western media that is building a wrong narrative about both friendly countries. The visit will help overcome ambiguities surrounding CPEC. There had been a slow pace of work on CPEC projects during the tenure of PTI government. This visit will reinvigorate the project and kick off works which were facing delay.

The visit of Prime Minister to China is very important as a lot of developments have been taking place in the region and beyond. For example, tensions between China and the West, war in Ukraine, unstable situation in Afghanistan and many other issues are taking place in the world simultaneously. Since President Xi Jinping has been re-elected for another term, it was crucial that Pakistani leadership visits there to forge ties. Our Prime Minister will brief the Chinese leadership on economic and political situation in Pakistan as well as our views on issues around the world. This is the renewal of ties to more warmth. CPEC has achieved very good results in the first phase and we are entering into second phase of this mega project. Recently, JCC meeting was held in which outline was presented for what is next to come. Chinese side will hopefully understand our economic challenges and provide support to us in this difficult time. There have been attempts to sabotage CPEC by enemies of Pakistan including attacks on Chinese nationals in Pakistan. We have taken effective measures to foil these nefarious designs.



## Shaping the economic landscape

**Lu Feng and Ren Hui**

Since early 2020, suffering from the combination of shocks from the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic policies of major countries, and geopolitical tensions, and the impact it has had on supply-demand relations, global inflation has experienced three stages.

In the first stage, after the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, the inflation level touched the bottom before climbing and stabilizing. In the second stage, inflation picked up quickly in 2021, and the general trend of high inflation began taking shape in the West. And in the third stage, to curb the runaway inflation exacerbated by the Ukraine crisis since February this year, major developed countries tightened their monetary policies mainly through hiking their policy interest rates.

Europe is bearing the brunt of the energy crunch provoked by the Ukraine crisis, which has disrupted normal supplies of natural gas. After the crisis broke out in February, the United States-backed Western countries imposed several rounds of sanctions on Russia, and Russia hit back with countermeasures, pushing up natural gas prices. The crisis of natural gas supply is expected to peak this winter and even next year.

As the issuer of the world's dominant reserve currency, the US has tightened its monetary policy to tame its rampant inflation, creating spillover effects that have added to the difficulties of other economies in managing their macro-economics. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes since March have not only exerted depreciation pressure on the currencies of emerging economies and developing countries, but also led to sharp drops in the value

of currencies of major developed economies, including the euro, British pound and Japanese yen.

While its risk of stagflation remains low, the Chinese economy stills faces the shockwaves sent from external stagflation.

The tightening monetary policies of major developed countries and the spillover effects brought by the risk of global stagflation will dampen external demand and affect China's exports. At a time when domestic demand remains sluggish because of the pandemic, the weakening external demand as a result of slowing down of developed economies will have negative impacts on the Chinese economy. Moreover, the tightened liquidity of the US dollar may trigger debt problems in developing countries with shaky economic fundamentals. As a major creditor of many developing countries, China will be affected by should-be sovereign debt defaults. Third, the economic policies to curb high inflation and possible stagflation in the US and Europe, the issuers of the two dominant international currencies, will probably trigger serious consequences globally, eroding the values of China's vast overseas financial assets.

Under the current circumstances, China should first ameliorate the pandemic prevention and control measures as well as macroeconomic policy, boost domestic consumption and investment to cement the recovering momentum of the economy, and reduce dependence on external demand.

Second, it should adhere to the principle of advancing international economic cooperation and uphold globalization, sum up the experience in international cooperation through the Belt and Road Initiative over the past decade, and put forward Chinese solutions to the sovereign debt problems plaguing developing countries to which China is a major creditor, thus creating favorable conditions for elevating the Belt

and Road cooperation to higher levels.

Third, China should urge major developed countries to pay attention to the spillover effects of their tightening monetary policies on global platforms such as G20 and the International Monetary Fund, so as to mitigate the negative impacts on emerging markets and developing economies.

Currently, the high inflation and the risk of stagflation in Western countries indicate that there will be less space for them to stimulate economic growth via aggressive monetary policies by taking advantage of their dominant position in the international currency system, which is of implications for the reform of the West-dominated international monetary system. However, the old international monetary system can only be replaced with a new one when emerging economies and their currencies are able to withstand internal and external tests and challenges.

As such, under the current domestic and international economic circumstances, China should formulate holistic planning and make necessary adjustments and innovations in its economic structure, macroeconomic policies, and reform and opening-up and strive to build a high-level, open market economy that is based on the reality and with an eye on the future. It is imperative for the country to do its utmost to ensure that the international landscape, which is undergoing profound changes, evolve in a direction that will be conducive to the sound development of the global economy as well as to China's economic modernization.

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 Courtesy: China Daily

## Ukraine makes for unpredictable G20 summit

**Andrew Hammond**

World leaders are making their final preparations for what could be a blockbuster G20 summit next month, which has the potential to be the most unpredictable multilateral meetings of recent years.

This is not least because of the Ukraine conflict, now in its ninth month, which has shaken up the international landscape. Tensions over Moscow's invasion already caused diplomatic fireworks in the G20 this year. The group's foreign ministers clashed during their meeting in Bali over the summer, with Russia's Sergey Lavrov walking out of meetings at least twice.

With Ukraine proving so divisive, there are potentially huge barriers to any constructive discussion taking place. For instance, Western leaders fear Russia is likely to try to use a possible extension of the UN-brokered Black Sea grain-export deal as a way to gain leverage in other discussions.

Ahead of the expiry on Nov. 19 of the existing grain agreement, which kick-started Ukrainian grain exports in recent weeks, Moscow has repeatedly stated there are serious problems with it. So a potential extension of the deal could prove to be a centerpiece of the summit, with Russia holding court on the issue.

Western leaders, who will be gathering for the first time since the G7 and NATO meetings over the summer in Europe, will use the summit to renew their Ukraine strategy. They will also welcome new UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak into their midst and discuss wider challenges, including those originating from China.

This pressing matter, which will also be a key topic for discussion during the world leaders' gathering at COP27 in Egypt on November 7-8, was highlighted in a major report published on Thursday by the UN, which asserted that there is currently no credible way for the world to deliver on the central goal

of Paris: Namely, to limit the average increase in global temperatures to no more than 1.5 C above preindustrial levels.

Hence the compelling need for strong leadership from G20 leaders and bolder statements of intent because, in the words of UN climate change chief Simon Stiell: "We are still nowhere near the scale and pace of emission reductions required to put us on track toward a 1.5 degrees Celsius world. To keep this goal alive, national governments need to strengthen their climate action plans now and implement them in the next eight years."

Broader global economic-development issues will also be a key feature of the summit, reflecting Indonesia's status as a key emerging market with the ambition of spurring a more-inclusive global economic order. This will include discussions on sustainability finance, financial inclusion through digital financial inclusion and the development of micro, small and medium enterprises.

All of this highlights why this year's G20 summit could be one of the most unpredictable. While it could collapse into rancor, there is an outside chance significant agreements could be reached, including for Black Sea grain exports.

Widodo is well aware that in the past decade and a half, while the G20 is widely considered to have seized the mantle from the G7 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation and global governance, it has failed so far to realize the full scale of the ambitions some have thrust upon it.

In part, this is because it has no formal mechanisms to ensure enforcement of agreements by world leaders.

However, the Indonesian presidency will still try to exceed the expectations of what the summit will deliver. Whether it manages to do this will depend significantly on whether Ukraine-driven global divisions ameliorate or grow in the days ahead.

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 Courtesy: Arab News

**IS Food crisis concerns**

# Russia halts Ukraine Black Sea grain exports

*President Biden called the move 'purely outrageous', saying it would increase starvation*

MOSCOW: Russia pulled out of a key United Nations-brokered grain deal, provoking international outrage and dealing a blow to attempts to ease a global food crisis triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.



On Saturday Moscow said it was suspending participation in the Black Sea deal, which has sought to avert famine and tame inflation, in response to what it called a major Ukrainian drone attack on its fleet. In a conflict that began in February, Russia calls its actions in Ukraine "a special operation".

The suspension of July's Black Sea Grain Initiative will cut shipments from Ukraine, one of the world's biggest grain exporters, from its crucial Black Sea ports.

U.S. President Joe Biden called the move "purely out-

rageous", saying it would increase starvation, while his top diplomat accused Russia of weaponising food.

"Any act by Russia to disrupt these critical grain exports is essentially a statement that people and families around the world should pay more for food or go hungry," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a

statement.

Russia's defence ministry said Ukraine attacked the Black Sea Fleet near Sevastopol on the Russian-annexed Crimean peninsula with 16 drones early on Saturday, and that British navy "specialists" had helped coordinate the "terrorist" attack.

Moscow also accused Brit-

ish navy personnel of blowing up the Nord Stream gas pipelines last month, a claim that London said was false and designed to distract from Russian military failures in Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said the United Nations and Group of 20 (G20) major economies must make a strong response to what he called Russia's nonsensical move.

"This is a completely transparent attempt by Russia to return to the threat of large-scale famine for Africa, for Asia," Zelenskiy said in a video address, adding that Russia should be kicked out of the G20.

Russia's departure from the grain deal marks a new development in a war that has recently been dominat-

ed by a Ukrainian counteroffensive and Russian drone and missile attacks that have destroyed more than 30% of Ukraine's generating capacity and hit populated areas. Each side has accused the other of being prepared to detonate radioactive bombs.

President Vladimir Putin ordered Russia's invasion of its smaller neighbour in an offensive he said was aimed at demilitarising and "denazifying" Ukraine. Kyiv and the West say the war is an unprovoked act of aggression by Moscow.

The grain deal had restarted shipments from Ukraine, allowing sales on world markets, targeting the pre-war level of 5 million metric tonnes exported from Ukraine each month.

## Japan to establish new joint military command in 2024



TOKYO: The Japanese government will establish a new joint military command in 2024 to manage the operations of its Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces, Nikkei reported on Saturday.

The joint command will be positioned as "an organization responsible for communication and strategic coordination," aiming to strengthen operations with the U.S. military, the report said. CGTN

## 30 killed in suspension bridge collapse in India



AHMEDABAD: At least 30 people were killed and dozens critically injured when a suspension bridge in India's western Gujarat state collapsed on Sunday, two government officials said.

"We can confirm that 30 people have lost their lives, many have been rescued from the river and some are still missing," said Amit Jhala, a senior administrator at the state-run hospital to where victims had been taken.

More than 400 people were on the bridge over the Machhu River in the town of Morbi at the time of the collapse, local TV channel Zee News said.

Footage broadcast by the TV channel showed dozens of people clinging onto the cables of the collapsed bridge as emergency teams struggled to rescue them.

The 230-metre historic bridge was built during British rule in the 19th century. It had been closed for renovation for six months and was reopened for the public last week.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in his home state Gujarat for a three-day visit, said he has directed the state chief minister to mobilise teams urgently for the rescue operation. Reuters

## NATO calls on Russia to urgently renew Ukraine grain deal



BRUSSELS: NATO on Sunday called on Moscow to urgently renew the UN-brokered deal that enabled Ukraine to resume grain exports via the Black Sea amid a global food crisis.

"President Putin must stop weaponising food and end his illegal war on Ukraine," NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu said. "We call on Russia to reconsider its decision and renew the deal urgently, enabling food to reach those who need it most."

All NATO allies had welcomed the agreement that came about with the help of Turkey, she noted.

"These exports have helped reduce food prices the world over," Lungescu added.

Earlier, the European Union had also called on Russia to reverse its decision to pull out of a UN-brokered grain deal.

Moscow suspended its participation in the Black Sea deal on Saturday, effectively cutting shipments from Ukraine, one of the world's top grain exporters, in response to what it called a major Ukrainian drone attack earlier in the day on its fleet near the port of Sevastopol in Russian-annexed Crimea.

"Russia's decision to suspend participation in the Black Sea deal puts at risk the main export route of much needed grain and fertilisers to address the global food crisis caused by its war against Ukraine," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on Twitter.

"The EU urges Russia to (reverse) its decision."

On Saturday, US President Joe Biden called the move "purely outrageous", saying it would increase starvation, while Secretary of State Antony Blinken accused Moscow of weaponising food.

On Sunday, Russia's ambassador to Washington, snapped back, saying the US response was "outrageous" and made false assertions about Moscow's move. Reuters

## Tragic Incident

Rescuers work at the site of a stampede accident in Itaewon, a district of Seoul, South Korea on Sunday.



Photo: Xinhua

# 151 killed, 82 injured in stampede in Seoul

SEOUL: At least 151 people were killed and 82 others injured in a stampede that occurred Saturday night at Itaewon, a district of the South Korean capital Seoul, during Halloween gatherings, local authorities said Sunday.

Twenty-two foreigners were among those killed in the accident, according to local firefighting authorities.

A total of 82 people were injured in the crush, including 19 seriously.

Witnesses reported seeing crowds surging into a downhill alley and then people instantly pushed down by others.

"People kept pushing down

into a downhill club alley, resulting in other people screaming and falling down like dominos," an unidentified witness wrote on Twitter.

"I thought I would be crushed to death too as people kept pushing without realizing there were people falling down at the start of the stampede," the witness said.

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol on Sunday announced a period of national mourning over the tragedy.

"This is truly horrific," he said in a televised national address. "The government will designate the period from today until the accident is brought under control as

a period of national mourning and will place top priority in administrative affairs in recovery and follow-up measures."

He also expressed condolences over the deaths and wished a speedy recovery for the injured.

Immediately after the address, Yoon visited the accident site in Seoul.

The president also ordered all government offices to lower their flags to half-mast, according to his office.

South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo told reporters that the mourning period would last from Sunday until Saturday at Yoon's instructions.

The stampede was believed to have happened near a narrow alley next to a hotel in the famous nightclub Itaewon district Saturday night. It was said the partygoers at the front fell, and the people in the back were crushed.

Several large Halloween gatherings took place at Itaewon and the police estimated roughly 100,000 people had participated in the Halloween parties.

Local media reported late Saturday that about 50 people were suspected to have gone into cardiac arrest in the accident. More than 140 first-aid vehicles had been sent to the scene to rescue the injured. Xinhua

## Man attacks UK migrant processing centre, kills himself

LONDON: A man threw petrol bombs attached with fireworks at a centre for processing migrants in the southern English port of Dover on Sunday and then killed himself, a Reuters photographer said.

The attacker, a white man in a striped top, drove up to the centre in a white SEAT sports utility vehicle. He got out and threw three petrol bombs, one of which did not go off, the photographer said.

He then drove to a nearby petrol station, tied an improvised noose around his neck, attached it to a metal pole and drove off, killing himself, the photographer said.

Video posted on social media by a GB News journalist showed staff putting out a small fire on the centre's exterior wall. Reuters

# Millions at risk of climate displacement in Middle East

CAIRO: Little rainfall, aggressive heatwaves and worsening drought make the Middle East the most water-stressed region in the world, with climate change threatening to displace millions of people.

Hussein Abu Saddam, head of the farmers' syndicate in Egypt which is hosting the COP27 global climate summit in November, told AFP he is already witness to a climate-induced exodus from the countryside.

Agriculture in Egypt — "one of the most arid countries in the world" — has grown even less profitable because of new climate-linked hazards such as "the appearance of new parasites", he said.

"Young people from rural areas are migrating abroad or to big cities to work in industry."

According to the UN refu-

gee agency (UNHCR), "roughly 90 percent of refugees come from countries that are the most vulnerable and least ready to adapt to the impacts of climate change".

"If people can't farm, if people can't work, if people can't find food, they have few alternatives to displacement," Amy Pope, deputy director of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), told AFP.

In 2021, natural disasters forced "nearly three million people" to leave their homes in Africa and the Middle East, she said.

"And the situation is only going to get worse."

By 2060, Egypt's already stretched agricultural sector could shrink by as much as 47 percent, researchers predict.

In addition to "the decline

in agricultural production", rural-urban migration is also fed by "the attractiveness of urban life, the city and services that are available there", according to Florian Bonnefoi, a research fellow at the Centre for Economic, Legal and Social Study and Documentation (CEDEJ) in Cairo.

Globally, the World Bank estimates that by 2050, if nothing is done to prevent it, there will be 216 million people internally displaced by climate change, including 19.3 million in North Africa.

Some seven percent of people in North Africa — where densely populated coastlines are among the world's most threatened by rising waters — live less than five metres (16 feet) above sea level, according to the European Institute of the Mediterranean

(IEMed).

As coastlines are affected, populations will naturally converge on big cities: Cairo, Algiers, Tunis, Tripoli, the Casablanca-Rabat area and Tangier.

But these "hotbeds of climate migration", the World Bank warns, are themselves vulnerable to rising waters.

In the Egyptian city of Alexandria, for example, two million people — nearly a third of its inhabitants — could be displaced and 214,000 jobs lost if the sea level rises by half a metre.

Climate-induced urban migration can "increase the pressure on natural resources", according to economist Assem Abu Hatab, "thus leading to social tensions and violent conflict" in a region where agriculture currently accounts for 22 percent of employment.



Already in Sudan, tribal clashes over access to water and land leave hundreds dead every year. In just two days in October, at least 200 people died when violence erupted in the southern Blue Nile state.

According to UNICEF, of the 17 most water-scarce countries

in the world, 11 are in the Middle East or North Africa.

In Iraq, 20 percent of the country's fresh water could disappear if the world warms by "one additional degree" and rainfall decreases a further 10 percent, according to the World Bank.

A third of agricultural land

could be deprived of irrigation, creating acute shortages for the country's population of 42 million.

Jordan, one of the world's driest countries, had to double its water imports from Israel in 2021, and the blockaded Gaza Strip has for years suffered chronic water shortages.

The international community has committed — first in Copenhagen and then in Paris — "to help developing countries adapt to the impact of climate change", including by supporting "different mechanisms for farming and water management", according to Pope.

In order to help communities "find other jobs and thus other sources of income" and stem climate migration, these financial commitments must now be kept. AFP

## Bilateral trade between Pak-Italy can swell to €4b annually

ISLAMABAD: The bilateral trade between Italy and Pakistan can swell to €4 billion annually by fully exploiting the existing potential of the private sector to a maximum extent.

Talking to the honorary investment consular to Milano, Italy Muhammad Sheheryar Khan, Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq said on Sunday that Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese is playing key role in boosting the trade relations and strengthening close coordination between the private sectors of either side.

He said this year trade has exponentially grown and can reach around €2 billion and in 2021 it was recorded to €1.52 billion. It is the first time that Pakistan's exports surpass €1 billion and are more than imports in Italy, making Italy the second largest export destination in the European market.

He told that to achieve the €4 billion goal both countries need to enhance investments and explore new avenues of business cooperation such as in Information and renewable technologies.

He further added that during the last 10 years the Pakistani community in Italy has grown up from 25,000 thousand to 200,000 and "they're very well accepted by the Italian population as they are hard workers".

He further added that Pakistan and Italy have a long history of cordial relations and cooperation in political, economic, cultural, and social spheres. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the two nations have unanimity of views on several issues of global importance, and mutual cooperation in all fields has been on the rise.

Muhammad Sheheryar Khan who is also an honorary tourism ambassador to Italy said with a population of around 220 million and a constantly growing demand for high-end products, Pakistan remains an attractive market for Italian manufacturers and business people, he added.

He said it is worth mentioning that remittances from Pakistani workers in Italy hit an all-time high. With figures of \$711.7 million in FY22, Italy has become the seventh-largest center of worker remittances to Pakistan globally and the top one in the EU countries. APP

## PM visit to China to further cement bilateral trade ties: Meher Kashif Younis

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The business community Sunday viewed that the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China would further cement bilateral trade and fortify existing relations.

In a press statement issued here, Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis hoped that under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, the bilateral relationship would further strengthen.

He said the Chinese President recently announced during his visit to Uzbekistan that "Irrespective of the situation, China will always stand by Pakistan", which reflects the strong ties that bind both countries together.

He said China is the third largest trading partner.

He said the all-weather strategic cooperation, partnership and exchange of views on regional and global development will be strengthened and solidified; and visit will provide fresh impetus to the bilateral ties besides boosting trade.

He said the visit comes at a time when regional and global dynamics are shifting rapidly. He said the major areas of cooperation are industry, agriculture, and technology.

He said in the second phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the private sector would take lead and help implement projects through business to business cooperation. He said in the first phase of CPEC, Pakistan is reaping the benefits of enhanced electricity capacity, better infrastructure and great employment opportunities.

# Business community asked to explore investment potential in Gwadar

*Gwadar has the potential to transform the lives of the people of Balochistan and entire country*

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Mujeeb ur Rehman Qambrani, Director General, Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) said that Gwadar is destined to emerge as a hub of business and investment activities and the business community should focus on this port city for joint ventures and investment. He said that Gwadar has the potential to transform the lives of the people of Balochistan and the entire country.

He said this while giving a detailed presentation to the business community about the development works in Gwadar during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mujeeb ur Rehman Qambrani said that a central business district over an area of 2,500 acres has been established in Gwadar that offers great opportunities to investors. He said that the New Gwadar International Airport, which is one of the largest in the region, will be operational by Sept 2023 with its 1st test flight in March 2023. He also briefed the business community about the planned health, educational, sports, cultural, and tourist facilities that are being established in Gwadar.



He said many important projects have been completed in Gwadar including boat parking padizer, jetty structure, pishukan jetty, sewerage treatment plant, marine drive, school, hospitals, restaurant, central park, padizer park, beach model park, cricket stadium and

small tuck shops. He said that the ICCI delegation should visit Gwadar to explore the potential for business and investment opportunities. Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that the remaining development works in Gwadar should be expedited to make it functional and

that would generate more economic activity in the province. He said that all international flights should land in Gwadar to make it a hub of business activities like Dubai and Doha. He said that Gwadar should be connected with other major cities through a railway network. He proposed that the government should declare Gwadar as winter capital of the country to promote it as an attractive destination for economic activities. He assured that ICCI would consider sending its delegation to Gwadar to explore business and investment prospects.

Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI, Mian Shaukat Masud, Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Nasir Qureshi, Muhammad Shakeel Munir, Ajmal Baloch, Faseeh Ullah Khan, Akhtar Hussain, Khalid Mehmood, Chaudhary Javed Iqbal, Sheikh Muhammad Ijaz, Dr. Muhammad Usman, Muhammad Yahya, Muhammad Shabbir, Rizwan Chheena, Chaudhary Muhammad Ali, Khalid Chaudhary, Hasan Iqbal Gardezi, Ms. Parveen Khan, Ms. Naina Ali and others were also present at the occasion.

## Dr. Syeda Shahida stresses need to improve productivity, competitiveness

*Parliamentary Secretary, Industries, Production visited NPO head office*

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Syeda Shahida Rehmani, Member National Assembly of Pakistan, Secretary Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Federal Parliamentary Secretary Industries & Production Division visited National Productivity Organization (NPO) Head Office, Islamabad. Speaking on the occasion, she recognised the critical role of NPO for improving competitiveness and productivity in Industry, Service sector and effective public governance.

She stressed the need to improve productivity and competitiveness to remain competitive both in local and global markets. She assured that the Ministry of Industries and Production would support NPO in its efforts to enhance the productivity.

Earlier, the CEO NPO Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry briefed the Parliamentary Secretary regarding mandate, services offered and different projects of NPO Pakistan & APO (Japan). He informed her that APO Japan and NPO Pakistan are closely working together for Productivity improvement in Pakistan. APO is playing major role to promote Productivity drive in the region. APO's services are reorienting the requirements of the current era of competitiveness both in the domestic and global markets and support export sectors in enhancing competitiveness and yielding higher productivity culture in the country, he added.



CEO NPO explained that rise in production costs is a serious issue due to which our products cannot find their place in global markets. Without improving competitiveness, it would be hard to compete globally and locally. The need to focus on the reasons why Pakistan runs low on productivity, he said adding; There is strong need to create awareness on the emerging need of improved productivity.

He said Singapore, Korea, Japan, China and Malaysia are few examples who transformed their economies based on improved competitiveness (basically improved productivity) and innovative strategies. Among the other key success facts, top leadership

commitment and massive campaign are the basic requirements in bringing higher productivity culture.

CEO NPO also informed the Parliamentary Secretary about the upcoming Mega Project of National Productivity Master Plan (NPMP) being developed by Korean Development Institute (KDI). He also apprised that Under the able leadership of the NPO Board, NPO Pakistan generated record revenue ever in the history of NPO. The Company has been turned around from loss bearing to a surplus company in 3 years' time. The parliamentary secretary appreciated the efforts of NPO in bringing productivity culture in Pakistan.

## Traders at RCCI urge to tap in lucrative incentives in Gwadar

RAWALPINDI: Director General, Gwadar Development Authority Mujib ur Rehman Qambrani visited the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and called on President RCCI Saqib Rafiq and other officials.

A detailed presentation was given to businessmen about investment opportunities in Gwadar and development projects in Gwadar were highlighted.

Qambrani said that Gwadar has the potential to change the lives of not only Balochistan but the entire country. Mujeeb Qambrani said that the water supply to Gwadar has been increased from various dams in the vicinity and the pipeline network has been upgraded



to meet the needs of the growing city. He said that the desalination plant will also be completed by March 2023 to use the sea water at the time of low availability of water in the dams.

DG GDA said that New Gwadar International Airport will be operational by September 2023.

During the interactive session, DGGDA also highlighted the possibilities of joint

ventures with local and Chinese companies to the participants.

President Saqib Rafiq informed about the ongoing activities and upcoming programs of the chamber. He said that RCCI is the only chamber in the country which has organized the Gwadar Conference and All Pakistan Chambers Presidents Conference to highlight investment opportunities. He said that the business community considers China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a game-changer, which will enable the access of Pakistani products not only to Central Asia but also to Europe. The establishment of industrial zones under CPEC is important, he added.

## Punjab govt urged to make rules of business

*Ensure 10% free & compulsory enrollment in private schools as per Free & Compulsory Education Act 2022*



Spokesman Report

LAHORE: As the Punjab government has made a law for free and compulsory education across the province, stakeholders, while welcoming this long due legislation towards improving literacy rate, have urged the government to take practical measures to ensure the law is implemented without any delay and targets of sustainable development goals in education sector are achieved.

The provincial government last week had approved the Punjab Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2022 after a rigorous initiative of stakeholders especially educationists, teachers and parents led by AwazCDS-Pakistan to make free education compulsory across the province.

"The passage of this law is a great achievement on the part of both government and all stakeholders as it would contribute a lot towards popularizing free and compulsory secondary education across the province," remarked Chief Executive Awaz CDS Pakistan Zia ur Rehman while reacting to the government's major step towards promoting education.

Towards achieving the desired goals of this law, he, however, said the government needs to ensure quick and across the board implementation of this law by taking along all stakeholders through sustainable collaboration.

It is to be mentioned here that the Punjab Education

Department has instructed all private schools in the province to provide free education to ten per cent poor and deserving students, which is appreciated by the stakeholders.

Zia ur Rehman, however, urged the government to ensure that all private schools implement this clause immediately and without any discrimination so that poor but talented students can get quality education at these institutions for better future. He further urged immediate preparations of Rules of Business for the said law. He also appreciated the role of Legislatures Core Group Members on Education especially MLAN Muhammad Shafee, Ayesha IQBAL, Aisha NAWAZ, Kanwal Liaqat, Uswa Aftab, Shamim Aftab, Seemabiah TAHIR and Rahila Khadim Hussain among many others for their regular efforts to ensure the entice

Giving her input on the subject, Mariam Amjad Khan, Program Manager-Awaz CDS-Pakistan, welcomed the law and suggested the government to establish more and more schools in order to encourage students enrolment ratio.

She mentioned that accessibility, low budget, teachers' improper training and people's socio-economic conditions are affecting literacy rate in the province. However, she stressed the need for extensive efforts from both government and stakeholders to sensitize more and more people on education.

## APBF confident after Pakistan's exclusion from FATF's grey list

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Business Forum (APBF) has welcomed the removal of Pakistan from FATF's grey list, expressing the hope that the move would drive positive impacts and revival of confidence in the economy.

APBF President Syed Maaz Mahmood, however, raised his concern over the Pakistan's downgrading by the Fitch and Moody's rating agencies, indicating the country's worsening liquidity and policy risks, anticipating the removal of the country from the grey list is a big decision, which would help overcome several financial and fiscal challenges.

He said being on the grey-list was creating a very negative perception among the investment community, which negatively influenced a country's ability to attract foreign inflows,

Now getting out of the grey-list would help in attracting investment. However, this cannot be quantified as global environment does not offer much support at the moment. Thus, no monetary benefits are expected in the near term, but the improvement in perception would be helpful for Pakistan in the long run, he said.

APBF Chairman Ibrahim Qureshi said Pakistan needs to work on structural reforms to attract investment. While removal from FATF will help, Pakistan's other major problems in attracting FDI are inconsistent policies, high corporate taxes, unstable rupee, perpetual political instability and above all, utter disregard for commercial contracts.

Ibrahim Qureshi referred that Pakistan's FDI inflows plunged by 47% during the first quarter of this fiscal year. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has reported that Pakistan fetched FDI

amounted to \$253.4 million during July-Sep of FY23 as against \$479.2 million in the same period of last fiscal year (FY22).

APBF President Maaz Mahmood said that the development will increase confidence, especially for the country's banking sector, which would also boost the level of business confidence, especially among international investors, bringing Pakistan back into the limelight, he added. He opined that Pakistan never really attracted much Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) even prior to its entry into the FATF grey-list, as this has more to do with government policies and the overall economic situation of a country.

He said that in the short-term, removal from the grey-list would change the sentiment, but would not attract much monetary benefit. The FATF white list does not guarantee instant



foreign inflows, but it does offer long-term flows added with some market reforms, he said.

He asked the government to take bold steps and austerity measures as the Fitch downgrading reflects further deterioration in Pakistan's external liquidity and

funding conditions, and the decline of foreign exchange reserves. However, we should also acknowledge that after four years, the global anti-money laundering watchdog decided to pull Pakistan out of the 'increased monitoring list' after the country completed a 34-point agenda,

which seemed to be impossible.

Being on the grey list has had direct ramifications on the economic front with different challenges arising for Pakistan, he said and added that FATF has recognized this progress, as its team has verified that reforms are in place, and there is high-level commitment and capacity to sustain these reforms.

He said that over the last few years, international agencies such as International Monetary Fund and World Bank have emphasized on curbing anti-terror financing. He observed that removal from the grey-list would have a huge positive impact for the country, as it carried out a very strict agenda with respect to anti-money laundering and terror financing reforms. The development is good for medium to long term with respect to the perception of Pakistan, which is considered a risky investment.

# Pakistan beat Netherlands in T20 World Cup

Pakistan restricted the Dutch to 91-9, and then cruised to 95-4 with 37 balls to spare as **Mohammad Rizwan made 49**

**Spokesman Report**



PERTH: Pakistan bowlers, led by spinner Shadab Khan, helped them hammer the Netherlands by six wickets in Perth on Sunday for a first win at the Twenty20 World Cup to keep their faint hopes of reaching the semi-finals alive.

Pakistan restricted the Dutch to 91-9, and then cruised to 95-4 with 37 balls to spare as Mohammad Rizwan made 49.

But it was the bowlers set up victory for a side that lost their opener to India and then were shocked by Zimbabwe in Group 2.

Shadab returned figures of 3-22 and pace bowler Mohammad Wasim took two wickets to set the tone for their team's domination against a Dutch side who are out of the semi-final running after losing a third straight Super 12 match.

Pakistan lost skipper Babar Azam, for four, in the second over of their chase when he was run out

by a direct throw from Roelof van der Merwe.

Rizwan attacked from the start, hitting five fours and putting on 37 with the returning Fakhar Zaman.

Fast bowler Brandon Glover had Zaman caught behind for 20 as a crowd of over 10,000, dominated by Pakistan supporters, feared for the worst at a venue where Pakistan fell short by one run in their chase of a modest 130 against Zimbabwe on Thursday.

But Rizwan and Shan Masood calmed the nerves with stand of 30 and despite both falling near the end Pakistan sailed past their target as bowling hero Shadab hit the winning four.

Netherlands captain Scott Edwards won the toss and chose to bat first but Pakistan's new-ball bowlers kept a disciplined line and only three runs came from the first two overs.

Returning opener Stephan Myburgh broke the shackles with

a boundary off Shaheen Shah Afridi only to fall next ball, caught at fine leg attempting another big hit to be out for six.

There was no respite from the Pakistan quick bowlers.

Wasim took two wickets in two balls only for Paul van Meekeren to survive the hat-trick delivery, and Haris Rauf made good use of the bounce on offer.

A nasty bouncer from Rauf got through Bas de Leede's helmet grill, forcing the batsman off the ground with a bruised cheek bone. He sat out the rest of the match in the dugout sporting a nasty-looking black eye.

Shadab's leg spin had Tom Cooper caught for one after the power play and then trapped Max O'Dowd lbw for eight in his next over.

After crawling to 34-3 after 10 overs, and with De Leede retired hurt, Netherlands captain Edwards and Colin Ackermann (27) attempted to rebuild with a 35-run stand but once they

were separated the wickets kept tumbling.

Shadab trapped Ackermann lbw with a quicker and flatter delivery and Edwards fell soon after, for 15, to Naseem Shah.

Van Meekeren was last to fall, run out off the final ball for seven.

Pakistan need to win their remaining matches against South Africa on Thursday and Bangladesh in a week's time, and need other results to go their way, to have any chance of a semi-final place.

Netherlands XI: Max O'Dowd, Stephan Myburgh, Bas de Leede, Tom Cooper, Colin Ackermann, Scott Edwards (c, wk), Roelof van der Merwe, Tim Pringle, Fred Klaassen, Paul van Meekeren, Brandon Glover

Pakistan XI: Babar Azam (c), Muhammad Rizwan (wk), Shan Masood, Fakhar Zaman, Ifkhar Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Wasim, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf, Naseem Shah.

# Ireland women team arrives in Pakistan

The visitors will play ODI and T20I series against the hosts

**Bureau Report**



LAHORE: Ireland's women cricket team has arrived in Lahore on its maiden visit to Pakistan. Pakistan's cricket stars expressed excitement over the upcoming home series against the visitors.

The visitors are touring the country for the first time in November to play three ODIs and as many T20Is at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium.

The ODI series will be held from November 4 to 9, as part of the ICC Women's Championship 2022-25. The T20I series will take place from November 12 to 16.

All six matches will be played at the same venue — the Gaddafi Stadium. There is no entry fee for all matches of the series.

The visiting team will

engage in training sessions for four days ahead of the ODI series. They will start training on Monday.

After successful tours by the men's cricket teams of Australia, West Indies, and England earlier this year, Ireland will be the fifth international team to visit Paki-

stan in 2022.

Head of Women Cricket Tania Mallick said: "We had a memorable experience of hosting Sri Lanka earlier this year in Karachi and are now excited to host Ireland here at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. "This is just the beginning of a new

era in women's cricket. After hosting Ireland we are looking forward to organising a women's league soon."

Pakistan captain Bismah Maroof said: "We are all up for an exciting series against Ireland. The series will help us in attracting new fans to the women's game."

# Bayern reclaim top Bundesliga spot

BERLIN: Bayern Munich manager Julian Nagelsmann lauded his "fun to watch" side as they reclaimed the Bundesliga's top spot with a dominant 6-2 home defeat of Mainz.

"It is a lot of fun to watch them. (We are) a great mix of quality and configuration," Nagelsmann said.

"Huge compliments (to the team). It's unbelievable at the moment."

Sublime performances from forwards Jamal Musiala and Sadio Mane pushed Bayern two points clear at the top of the table, the first time they have led the league since August.

Serge Gnabry opened the scoring after just six minutes thanks to an assist from Mane, while teenager Musiala scored his seventh league goal of the season in the 28th minute.

Mainz centre-back Alexander Hack fouled Mane in the box in the 40th minute. The former Liverpool striker took the



penalty and while keeper Robin Zentner saved his shot, the Senegalese pounced on the rebound to put Bayern 3-0 ahead.

Mainz, who missed a 45th minute penalty, had another brief glimmer of hope before the break when Silvan Widmer headed in from a corner, but Bayern midfielder Leon Goretzka scored from a Mane cross in the 58th minute to give Bayern an unassailable 4-1 lead.

French striker Mathys Tel, 17, and Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting added goals for Bayern late on, while Mainz's Marcus Ingvartsen pounced on a mistake from Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich to leave the final score at 6-2.

Mainz manager Bo Svensson congratulated Nagelsmann and Bayern "on a well-deserved victory", but was deeply unhappy with his own side. "We missed everything. I didn't like what I saw in the second half," he said.

In the late game, Jude Bellingham scored a crucial second-half goal to send Borussia Dortmund to third with a 2-1 win at Eintracht Frankfurt. AFP

**T20 World Cup**

## South Africa beat India by five wickets

PERTH: David Miller hit 59 not out as South Africa beat India by five wickets at the Twenty20 World Cup in Perth on Sunday to brighten their semi-finals hopes.

South Africa kept down India to 133-9 and then reached their target with two balls to spare largely due to a 76-run stand between Aiden Markram (52) and Miller. It put South Africa top of Group 2 on five points, one ahead of India and Bangladesh.

South Africa's Lungi Ngidi led a fiery pace onslaught to keep India to 133-9 at the Twenty20 World Cup on Sunday, despite an attacking half-century by Suryakumar Yadav.

India won the toss and chose to bat in their bid for a third straight win but the South African quicks made life difficult on a fast and bouncy Perth pitch. Yadav's 40-ball 68, laced with six fours and three sixes, helped India recover from 49-5.

Ngidi returned figures of 4-29 off his four overs, ably supported by fellow fast bowler Wayne Parnell who finished with 3-15 after starting the innings with a T20 rarity — a maiden over.

Skipper Rohit Sharma hit a six and a four before being caught and bowled by Ngidi, who returned to the side as South Africa's only change.

He got KL Rahul next for nine but the big wicket came when Ngidi sent back Virat Kohli for 12, caught in the deep, to silence an Indian-dominated crowd.

Unable to handle the extra bounce on the Perth track, the Indians lost half their side for 49 inside nine overs.

Kagiso Rabada took a stunning catch at long leg to see the back of danger man Hardik Pandya for Ngidi's fourth wicket.

Yadav hit back with a couple of sixes as he rebuilt the innings with Dinesh Karthik.

The in-form Yadav, who hit an unbeaten 51 against the Netherlands in their previous win, even smashed Ngidi for a huge six over fine leg to bring alive the fans. He then reached his fifty off 30 balls with another four.

Karthik tried to join the attack but fell to Parnell, who broke the stand which had been built 52 and the same bowler finally dismissed Yadav for 68 in the 19th over.

The Proteas need 134 runs to win and stay unbeaten in the tournament after a washout in their opening match against Zimbabwe and a big win against Bangladesh. AFP

## Man City go top, Leeds inflict more misery on Liverpool

LONDON: Manchester City moved top of the Premier League thanks to Kevin De Bruyne's stunning strike to beat Leicester 1-0 on Saturday, as Liverpool's five-year unbeaten home league run in front of fans was ended by a 2-1 defeat to Leeds.

Chelsea boss Graham Potter suffered a nightmare return to Brighton with a 4-1 defeat, while Tottenham came from 2-0 down to beat Bournemouth 3-2 and remain in third.

City were without the free-scoring Erling Haaland for the trip to the King Power due to a foot injury and were blunted up front without the Norwegian's firepower.

But one moment of magic from De Bruyne was enough as the Belgian's free-kick four minutes into the second half clipped the inside of the post on its way past Danny Ward.

City needed one brilliant save from Ederson to prevent another sensational strike from a Belgian international as he turned Youri Tielemans' volley onto the crossbar.

"I want this Kevin and we need this Kevin. The goals and assists he can do blind. But we need this type of involvement in the game and today that was the case," said City boss Pep Guardiola.

With Arsenal not in action until Sunday when they host Nottingham Forest, the victory lifts City one point ahead of the Gunners at the top of the table.

Liverpool now trail City by 13 points after suffering a first league defeat at Anfield in front of fans since losing to Crystal Palace in April 2017.

Leeds began the match second bottom of the table, but climbed to 15th with their first win in nine games courtesy of Crysencio Summerville's stunning 89th minute winner. AFP

## Lewandowski snatches Barca win at Valencia

MADRID: Barcelona, bruised after Champions League elimination in midweek, snatched a late 1-0 victory at Valencia on Saturday in La Liga, with Robert Lewandowski stretching to convert a 93rd minute winner.

The Polish forward managed to divert Raphinha's cross home at the death to pull Barcelona level on 31 points with Real Madrid at the top of the table, before the champions host Girona on Sunday.

It was a hard-fought win — the Catalans lost centre-backs Jules Koukou and Eric Garcia to injury, and they will be worries for their national teams, France and Spain respectively, ahead of the Qatar World Cup which starts in under three weeks.

Valencia saw Uruguayan Edinson Cavani go off injured with an ankle problem too, with the game billed as a shoot-out between him and fellow veteran marksman Lewandowski, who came out on top with his late goal.

"It was not brilliant football, today we were not inspired," said Xavi. "The anxiety of this week weighed on us, Valencia defended very well. These are three vital points."

"I am happy for the win, it was deserved, and each victory is celebrated, and when you don't win, the alarms sound, it's normal, this is a big club."

Gennaro Gattuso said he and Barcelona counterpart Xavi Hernandez played almost different sports in their playing days, but their teams were evenly matched at a feisty Mestalla.

The visitors had the upper hand from the start, although Valencia's tricky forward line caused them concern at the back, with Samuel Lino and Justin Kluivert particularly hard to handle. AFP

# Messi helps PSG fight back to beat Troyes

Argentine star scores one, assists another in team's 4-3 victory in French Ligue 1

PARIS: Lionel Messi started with a goal and an assist as all of Paris Saint-Germain's front three scored in a 4-3 victory over Troyes on Saturday which restored their five-point advantage at the top of Ligue 1.

The league leaders responded to second-placed Lens' win over Toulouse on Friday by twice coming from behind to see off a spirited Troyes at the Parc des Princes.

The attacking trio of Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe have scored 43 goals between them already this season.

PSG coach Christophe Galtier can now turn his attention to Wednesday's



match at Juventus, which the French club have to win to be sure of finishing top of their Champions League group.

In Paris, Troyes forged ahead with a shock opening

goal inside three minutes, as Rony Lopes stabbed the ball back for Mama Balde to lash a fine volley into the net past PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma.

The hosts hit back midway through the first half, as Neymar's clipped pass found the run of Carlos Soler and the midfielder slotted in to level.

The reigning champions then started to dominate, with Troyes' keeper Gauthier Gallon forced into a good save to keep out a Messi header.

But the visitors stunned the home crowd early in the second period, with Guinea-Bissau forward Balde netting his second with a low strike on the turn.

Any thoughts of PSG suffering their first defeat of the season were quickly put to bed in the space of seven

minutes.

Reflecting a positive outlook, the organizers and guests shared similar views: "Lahore Smart City & Pink Ribbon have already done a marvelous job in having such events which support a global cause. A special thanks to the International and National Polo Players who participated and we totally appreciate the crowd of Lahore who showed up with all their efforts and extended all support in this regard."

Representing the Pink Ribbon Pakistan organization CEO Mr. Omer Aftab shared

that: "The Pink Ribbon Organization has started the OPD of a breast cancer hospital in Lahore. Soon the full hospital will be operational and benefit the patients. We encourage everyone to take take part and help raise awareness for the cause of Pink Ribbon." Lahore Smart City (LSC) is being developed in association with Habib Rafiq (Pvt.) Ltd, Future Developments Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and Surbana Jurong (Pvt) Ltd, which are top real estate developers, master planners and asset management companies working across the globe, aiming to develop contemporary state of the art smart cities which are not only dedicated to give a futuristic luxury living but also to provide equal economic opportunities.



# October brings Polo in Pink!

LAHORE: To commemorate the cause of breast cancer awareness in October, The Lahore Polo Club hosted the Lahore Smart City Polo in Pink tournament Grand Finale on 30th October 2022 with an exclusive event organized by Elysium. The event was hosted by celebrity host Ayesha Omar. The event saw national and international players from the USA, Belgium, Canada and Australia participating in an exciting Polo game. Also featured at the event was a special vintage car show, tent-pegging & live music.

Sharing his views, Lahore Smart City COO Mr. Imran Zahid said: "Polo is an international game of prestige which develops inspirational relationships amongst community. As a leading real estate develop-

er, we are proud to promote the positive and soft image of Pakistan by supporting such a noble cause and presenting this year's Polo in Pink. Lahore Smart City has already donated a parcel of land to build the state of the art Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Hospital and Diagnostic Centre."

"The Lahore Polo Club hosts the Polo in Pink every year for a charity event which aims to raise awareness about breast cancer in women," said LPC President Umar Sadiq. While according to LPC, a total of 11 teams have been taking part in the tournament which had been divided into two pools and each team also included foreign players.

Two players are from the United States, Laurel Howe and Danielle Lussi while Mari-