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Bilawal grieves over martyrdom of two security personnel

Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of two personnel of security forces during an operation against terrorists in Balochistan. Four terrorists were also killed in the exchange of fire between the forces and terrorists during the operation in the Kaman Pass area of Balochistan.



Amir Muqam for expediting work on proposed Digital Library services at NLP

Adviser to Prime Minister for Political, Public Affairs/ National Heritage and Culture Engr Amir Muqam on Tuesday directed the National Library of Pakistan (NLP) to expedite work on the proposed Digital Library services to facilitate students and researchers. The Adviser, who paid his first visit to NLP, also directed the officials to immediately resolve low speed internet issue at the Library.

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Guard of honour

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif being presented with guard of honour upon his arrival in Beijing on his two-day official visit of China on Tuesday.



Photo: PID

PM gets red carpet welcome, guard of honor on arrival for two-day China visit

PM leads high-level delegation to China on maiden official visit

BELJING : Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Tuesday landed in Beijing on a two-day official visit to meet Chinese leadership and review All-Weather Strategic Cooperation Partnership and discuss regional and global developments.

On his arrival at Beijing Capital International Airport, the prime minister was given a red carpet welcome as the smartly turned-out contingents of the Chinese forces presented him with the guard of honor, a PM Office statement said.

During his first official visit to China after assuming office, the prime minister will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier

Li Keqiang.

He is heading a high-level delegation including the federal cabinet ministers, special assistants as well as Sindh chief minister.

He is among the first leaders to visit China following the historic 20th National Congress of the Communist Party (CPC) of China that elected Xi Jinping as general secretary of the party.

Prime Minister Shehbaz is also scheduled to meet Chinese investors and Pakistani businessmen.

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The prime minister is leading a high-level delegation including Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Minister of Communications

Maulana Asad Mehmood, Minister of Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Minister of Railways Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Minister for Board of Investment Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Minister for Defence Production Sardar Israr Tareen, and PM's Special Assistant Tariq

Fatemi, Fahd Hussain, Zafaruddin Mahmood, Jahanzeb Khan and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah.

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Mariyum-Talk

PML-N knows how to deal with Imran's long march: Mariyum

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Aurangzeb Tuesday said the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) knew how to deal with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) long march which was aimed at creating chaos and anarchy in the country.

"Imran Khan's long march will be sent packing before it would make it to Islamabad," she said while talking to the media on the political situation and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China.

She said the PTI had planned to turn the long march into "bloody march, but the government would protect the citizens' life and property at all cost.

Imran Niazi wanted to get a date of fresh election through "bloodshed, abuses, guns and bloody revolution", which was near to impossible, she remarked.

He was bent upon on dividing the nation and creating the anarchy, she said, adding Imran Khan wanted a martial law in the country as he had already hatched a conspiracy to pit the police forces of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa against the police of Federal Capital.

She said democracy would flourish in the country and the masses would be served in the best possible way.

Mariyum said the statements of Imran Khan showed his desperation to regain the power.

March-Agenda-Rana

PTI long march aims at triggering clashes and creating unrest

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan wanted to create such a law and order situation that might trigger clashes between the people and law enforcement agencies.

Addressing a press conference, the minister accused Imran Khan of planning to spread chaos in the name of the long march and cited press conference of Faisal Vawda, leaked audio of Ali Amin Gandapur, and the statement of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Higher Education Kamran Bangash, who could be heard speaking about bloodshed of innocent people in the federal capital and bringing weapons and ammunition in the long march.

The minister said the government and allied parties decided to provide the tear

gas shells and rubber bullets to personnel of the police and Frontier Constabulary (FC) who would perform duties on front line.

But after certain evidences of collecting weapons, ammunition and hiring persons for creating chaos by PTI, the minister said that it would be requested to Prime Minister and allied parties for permission of giving weapons and ammunition to the security personnel so that they could protect the state, city and themselves from the armed group.

The minister said the politics of the PTI leader, whose ugly face had been unmasked by Gandapur's audio leaks, was aimed at mongering hate and dividing the nation. He said that no political or non-political group would be allowed to damage the economy and stability of the country.

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کسان پیکیج

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Defence and security cooperation

ISLAMABAD: French Ambassador Nicolas Galey called on Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.



French, Oman envoys laud Pakistan's efforts for regional stability

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: French Ambassador Nicolas Galey called on Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, including defence and security cooperation and overall regional security situation were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, the Army Chief General Bajwa said Pakistan values its relations with France and we earnestly look forward to enhance mutually beneficial multi-domain relations based on common interests.

French Ambassador appreciated Pakistan's efforts for regional stability and pledged to play his role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation with Pakistan at all levels.

Oman Ambassador Dr Al Sheikh Mohammed Omar Ahmed Al Marhoon also called on General

Qamar Javed Bajwa in Rawalpindi today.

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, regional security situation and partnership in various fields were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, the Army Chief said Pakistan values its brotherly relations with Gulf countries and Pakistan-Oman relations are close, warm, cordial and deep.

He also expressed that two countries have great potential for cooperation in defence and maritime security which could become a binding factor in our strategic partnership.

The Ambassador expressed his grief over the devastation caused by floods in Pakistan and offered sincere condolence to the families of the victims.

The visiting dignitary also appreciated Pakistan's efforts for regional stability and pledged to play his role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation with Pakistan at all levels.

Imran Khan says capital police will join his Haqeeqi Azadi Movement

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan said that the capital police will join his Haqeeqi Azadi movement once PTI's long march reaches Islamabad, ARY News reported on Tuesday.

Addressing the participants of the long march in Gujranwala, the former premier turned his guns towards Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, saying that the latter was 'hurling threats' at the party leadership.

Criticizing the interior minister's move to deploy Sindh police personnel, Imran Khan claimed that



Rana Sanaullah has gathered over 30,000 personnel and had spent almost Rs410 million of people's money on security.

"Rana Sanaullah, the police you have deployed will also join the Haqeeqi Azadi March", he said, adding

that the security personnel will also join the movement because they were too against thieves. He added that the PML-N leader's time has come now.

Without naming anyone, he said they decided to take action against corrupt

people in 'closed rooms' and later they give NRO to the thieves. "Listen to me, we are not sheep and we will not bow down to anyone," he added.

"If we accept the thieves imposed on us through a foreign conspiracy, then the nation will be destroyed," the former premier said, urging the people of Pakistan to join PTI long march against the incumbent government.

Addressing his first speech on day five of his march near Super Asia Point, Gujranwala, the former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan fired broadsides at Nawaz Sharif and Asif Ali Zardari.

Imran Khan lashed out

at former premier Nawaz Sharif, saying that the latter fled Pakistan by submitting "fake" medical reports. PTI chief said that he will defeat Nawaz Sharif in his own constituency.

"Listen Nawaz... when you come back, I will defeat you in your constituency!" he said while challenging PML-N supremo.

While attacking PPP co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari, Khan said that he will now go after former president. "Asif Zardari get ready for my arrival in Sindh," he said.

"I am coming after you to Sindh. People of Sindh needed freedom the most," said the former prime minister.

MQM-News-Conference

Foul language, aggressive posture of PTI leadership condemnable: Amin-ul-Haque

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin-ul-Haque on Tuesday said the foul language and aggressive posture demonstrated by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership during the ongoing long march was strongly condemnable.

Addressing a news conference at MQM-Pakistan's Bahadurabad Markaz, the minister said during his tenure, Imran Niazi made tall claims but failed to deliver in any respect. PTI chief should seriously reconsider his policy and choice of words, he added.

He said MQM-Pakistan was continuing its struggle within the framework of the Constitution and law.

Amin-ul-Haque said the people of Pakistan were democratic and wanted long-lasting peace. Imran

Niazi should talk with the negotiating committee that the government had formed. Negotiations were the only solution to all the prevailing political problems, he added.

The minister further said, "MQM-Pakistan also appeals to the federal government to deal with the long-march holders with tolerance and patience."

He said census and delimitations would be carried out before 2023. MQM-Pakistan had signed agreements with all major political figures of the country, he added.

He announced that MQM-Pakistan was soon going to lay the foundation stone of Pakistan's largest IT Park. Amin-ul-Haque condemned the unfortunate incident of mob lynching of two employees of a cellular company in the Machar Colony area a few days back.

ShaziaMarri condemns IK's statement of martial law, Niazi to be dealt with as per constitution

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety ShaziaMarri Tuesday vehemently condemning the statement of PTI chief Imran Khan said that they would go against him on the issue of his martial law statement as per constitution and took it up on the floor of assemblies as well resolutions would also be tabled, if needed.

Addressing a press conference, she said that Imran Khan was the friend of General Pervez Musharraf and he had voted for Musharraf in referendum. She further said that Imran Khan was the polling agent of Pervez Musharraf.

Shazia said that Imran Khan leveled allegations against PPP President Asif Ali Zardari, who did not respond to his allegations because he did not value him.

She said that Imran Niazi

adventured in 2014 and his sit-in ended when students of APS embraced martyrdom.

She said, "We coped with fire, storms and sacrificed for the achievement and restoration of democracy."

She said that our leaders and workers embraced martyrdom for democracy and not for letting crushed the constitution under Imran's feet.

She said that they did not sacrifice that a person named Imran Khan talked of imposing martial law.

While rejecting again the statement, she said, "We demand of those, who provide relief to him again and again, they must call him and ask him about the meaning of bloody march and ask him how he dared to get imposed martial law in Pakistan."

The minister said that it was not an ordinary statement.

Criticising Imran Khan, asked why he wear black glasses in the night time.

She said that he wanted to be Prime Minister again.

"He brought FarhaGogi and minted money and wanted to have government," she added.

Imran Khan did not answer the performance of his previous four-year government, she said adding that PTI chief was the thief, who stole watch.

ShaziaMarri said that such kind of fascism was also spread in the past.

Imran Khan and his allies were talking of weapons, she said, adding that two persons had lost their lives in bloody march.

She asked Imran Khan, if he was not guilty then why not a fair and transparent inquiry was conducted on the death of a female report, who lost her life in the march.

Sherry Rehman slams IK for his statement inciting martial law

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman Tuesday slammed Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan for his statement inciting martial law.

In a flurry of tweets on her official Twitter handle, the minister condemned Imran Khan's statement of imposing martial law.

Sherry Rehman said, "Imran Khan's statement of imposing martial law is condemnable. A politician who claims 26 years of political struggle does not say martial law should be imposed. A democratic politician did not encourage institutions to impose martial law, she said, adding, "Imran Khan is provoking the entire nation to violate the constitution."

She said Khan's statement alluded

that he wanted martial law in the country.

"If Imran Khan is not in power then no one else should be. This is a sign of fascist thinking, not democratic and constitutional. Institutions are saying we will not interfere in politics, but Khan is saying interfere and bring me to power. His aim is to deal or impose martial law."

The minister queried, "Can a politician who believes in parliamentary and constitutional democracy demand that institutions do unconstitutional act?"

His "26 years of struggle" had only been spent eating money in the name of charity, the minister alleged.

"Which politician calls for unconstitutional intervention or martial law?" she concluded.

Türkiye Embassy in Islamabad celebrated 99th Republic Day

Pakistan and Türkiye enjoyed exemplary fraternal relations based on common faith, culture, values, civilization; Khawaja Asif

Naveed Ahmad Khan Photos By Ghulam Farid

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defense Khawaja Asif congratulated the Ambassador and said that Pakistan and Türkiye enjoyed exemplary fraternal relations based on common faith, culture, values, civilization and historical linkages, mutual trust, and support. He addressed the gathering on the occasion of Türkiye 99th Republic Day hosted by Embassy of Türkiye in Islamabad as chief guest.

The Republic Day event was attended by Minister for foreign affairs Ms Hina Rabbani Khar, Dean of the diplomatic corps Ambassador of Turkmenistan Atajan Movlamov, Nawabzada Shazain Bugti, Federal Minister for Narcotics Control, Asad Mehmood, Federal Minister for Communications, Faisal Karim Kundi former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of



Pakistan, parliamentarians, diplomats, Defense Attaches, Businessmen and media persons.

The Minister for Defense said that Türkiye had developed as a regional, economic, strategic, and military power. The minister also appreciated the defense engagement between

Pakistan and Türkiye focused on building forces' capabilities through defense industrial collaboration and regular exchange of training, delegations, courses, and joint exercises.

During the ceremony, Dr. Mehmet Paçacı, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye, addressing the partici-

pants, said that 99 years ago, on October 29, 1923, the Republic of Türkiye was established under the leadership of Gazi Mustafa Kemal, after a victorious war of independence.

He also read a message from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for Republic Day, which states, "we all together feel the pride and the enthusiasm of celebrating the 99th anniversary of the foundation of Türkiye. We pursue our uninterrupted struggle to elevate the Republic of Türkiye, which we founded by paying heavy sacrifices under very difficult conditions."

"We transformed Türkiye into a country with an exemplary democracy, an impressive economy, whose diplomacy is followed with interest, and which preserves its national unity and brotherhood in the strongest way possible, despite all attempts of sabotage. We compete with ourselves in every field, from agriculture to tourism,



transport to education and health, and we constantly raise the bar for success".

After the cake cutting ceremony guests enjoyed the Türkiye and Pakistani cuisine specially prepared for

this occasion under the supervision of well-known Malaysian chef Pathmanathan Balagangdaram, Executive Chef of Serena Hotels which was liked by the guests.

Amir S. Chinoy group marks pinktober

Hosts an evening raising awareness on breast cancer among group companies' employees

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Amir S. Chinoy Group marked Pinktober, a global movement dedicated to raising breast cancer awareness among women, by hosting an evening for its group companies' employees in Karachi. The Honourable First Lady of Pakistan, Mrs. Samina Alvi was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In Asia, Pakistan has the largest rate of breast cancer. It is the second leading cause of death among women. An estimated 83,000 cases are being annually reported in our country, and over 40,000 deaths are caused by it, which is alarming. 1 in every 9 Pakistani women develops breast cancer at some stage of her life.

"This day provokes all of us—especially women—to think about our health, how we can protect ourselves from a curable disease with periodic check-ups, lend support and help to the ones suffering and appreciate



efforts of the caregivers and survivors who inspire us with their drive to beat cancer", said the First Lady, Mrs. Samina Alvi. The session also included briefings from

Prof. Dr. Naila A. Zahid, Head of Department, Department of Oncol-

ogy, Liaquat National Hospital and Ms. Sadia Hamid, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Mental Health shared useful tips on risks and impacts of breast cancer. The evening was followed with an inspiring survivor's account of the illness, Ms. Sue Ellen,

also an employee of Pakistan Cables Ltd.

The Group companies showcased efforts undertaken over the years to promote awareness among staff and also other social areas where work to uplift vulnerable segments has been undertaken through its corporate social responsibility programs. "We encourage our employees to think positively about themselves and adopt preventive measures in their routine life, so as to avert the risks of breast cancer and ensure that early detection can have a great impact on their precious lives", said Kamal A. Chinoy, Director Amir S. Chinoy Group.

The event was also attended by Yousuf Mirza (CEO, International Steel Ltd.), Fahd K. Chinoy (CEO-Pakistan Cables Ltd.), and senior management team from across the group companies that include International Industries Ltd., Pakistan Cables Ltd. and International Steel Ltd.

UNODC successfully completes training on 'Advance Investigation Skills' for Balochistan Levies Force

Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: UNODC Criminal Justice and Legal Reforms Programme in collaboration with Balochistan Levies Force has successfully completed the 'Advance Investigation Skills' training for Investigation Officers of the Balochistan Levies Force. This initiative is funded by European Union under the larger ambit of the Rule of Law Project in Balochistan.

The trainings were conducted for 3 batches of Investigation Officers at the Levies Headquarters in Quetta. Training for the 1st batch was held from 22-26 August 2022 with the participation of 20 Investigation Officers. This was followed by a training



on 17-21 October for 25 participants including 3 women and, concluded with the 3rd batch on 24-28 October for 27 Investigation Officers including 4 women. The last two training sessions are of particular importance due to the unprecedented participation of women levies officials in the inves-

tigation skills trainings organized by UNODC. Prior to this, 'Basic Investigation Skills' training was conducted earlier this year in June and July 2022. UNODC planned a series of trainings for the Investigation Officers to progress gradually from basic to advance investigation skills.

PM appoints the new Executive Director COMSATS

Spokesman Report



ISLAMABAD: Appointed by the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria has today assumed the charge as the new Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS).

The Secretariat is permanently based in Islamabad. COMSATS being an intergovernmental organization of 27 developing countries is mandated to achieving S&T led socio-economic development of the countries of the global South.

Ambassador Zakaria is a seasoned civil servant of Pakistan, who joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1988. In his illustrious diplomatic career, he represented Pakistan as its High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (2019-20), and Malaysia (2017-19). He also served at various positions at Pakistan's foreign missions in UAE, Indonesia, Thailand, the UK and Canada. At the Ministry's Headquarters in Islamabad he performed the duties as Additional Foreign Secretary/Spokesperson, Director General (South Asia and SAARC), as well as Director General (Europe). Most recently, after his retirement from the Foreign Services of Pakistan, he served as Member of Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) of Pakistan (November 2020 - October 2022).

Ambassador Zakaria is also the recipient of honorary doctorate degree by the Forman Christian College, a chartered university of Pakistan.

National unity cannot be divided through conspiracies

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Special Advisor to Zhejiang Chamber of Commerce Syed Jawad Ali Shah on Tuesday said the country's economic conditions are alarming, floods have wiped out the agriculture sector and unity is required to cope with the challenges.

At this critical juncture, a failed politician is engaged in defamation of the Pak Army, its leadership, and spy agencies, for his ulterior motives, he said.

Jawad Ali Shah said that the Pakistan Army is the savior of the nation, while the intelligence agencies are not only saving the country in difficult situations but their personnel are also sacrificing their lives to protect the country.

But, some failed politicians are constantly spewing venom against the Pakistan Army and its leadership and making sensitive professional issues controversial, which is reprehensible, he added.

COMSTech Organizes Nobel Fest Lectures

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: COMSTech organized a lecture series as part of "Nobel Fest Lecture Series". In the second session of this series three talks have been delivered. The session was attended by participants online from different OIC member states and in-person at COMSTech.

The Chairman & CEO, Interactive Group of Companies, Dr. Shahid Mahmud talked on the topic of "building an educated nation". He said that the education means "Preparing a person to face everyday life." He talked about COVID and said that it had changed our lives for years to come. To meet the challenges of the future he quoted Albert Einstein "We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive." Dr. Shahid said that the goal should be to connect youth, policy makers, academia, think tanks, ideas and insights, bring transparency in data and process, and solve complicated national and global problems.

He suggested that the improvement of our understanding of ourselves and each other, creating cultures of harmony and civilizations of peace, adopting technologies of greater good can be the best way forward.

The talk title of the Chairman, National Center of Artificial Intelligence, and Central Project Director, Prof. Dr. Yasar Ayaz was "artificial intelligence on leading edge".

He said that artificial intelligence is a method by which computers become able to perform tasks which normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making and translation of languages. He talked about the significance, future trends, application and expected revenue generation from the application of AI.

Director Research, National University of Sciences and Technology, Dr. Hamood Ur Rahman talked on the topic of "strategic policy framework—research leading to commercialization". He talked about the excellence achieved by NUST and discussed and addressed the question of how research leads to commercialization.

PTA Receives PKR 166 Million against First Instalment of A&K and GB Licenses

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has received Rs. 166 Million (equivalent to USD 0.744 Million) against first annual installment of A&K and GB NGMS Licenses from Telenor Pakistan Limited (Rs. 154 Million) and Pak Telecom Mobile Limited (Ufone) (Rs. 12 Million) in line with payment terms of respective licenses.

PTA has also received Rs. 1.88 Billion (equivalent to USD 8.76 Million) from CMPak Limited (Zong) in the month of August 2022 on account of upfront 50% of renewal fee of its license renewed in the year 2022.

PTA has so far received Rs 9.57 Billion (equivalent to USD 54.66 Million) against cellular mobile license renewals and spectrum auction in A&K and GB since 2021.

Vidly.to announces Sevak – The Confessions, an original action thriller web series

Spokesman Report

KARACHI :- The Past, never remains in the past. Its tentacles may be found in the present and Vidly.tv is all set to expose them.

Vidly.tv announces Sevak – The Confessions, an original action thriller web series inspired by true stories which can be streamed via the Vidly.tv app (iOS, Android, Apple TV) and on the web.

Vidly, a global OTT platform, hails the series as an anthology of intrigue and nail-biting suspense. Brought to life by the amazing partnership of writer, Sajjad Gul and director, Anjum Shahzad, the series stars Mohsin Abbas, Hajra Yamin, Nazarul Hassan, Nayyar Ejaz, Adnan Jaffar and Amara Malik.

Sevak follows a journalist on the run with her informant as she investigates treacherous crimes. Caught in a web of deep subterfuge, they move from clue to clue, finding themselves in the midst of real terror events as they unravel.

Three tracks and eight scintillating stories intertwined with murder, mystery and espionage, Sevak is based on the ever-present and often potent forces of evil that lurk in society.

Business community of Faisalabad has send relief goods to flood victims



Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: The business community of Faisalabad has been continuing to send relief goods to the flood victims, while today four more trucks have left for Nushki and Rojhan Jamali with Blankets, mosquito nets and other goods. Two trucks by Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry while two trucks directly from the office of Pakistan Bed Sheets and Upholstery Manufacturers Association departed.

On this occasion, Senior Vice President of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dr. Sajjad Arshad said that the business community of Faisalabad has always increased in good deeds, climbed and participated and with their efforts Faisalabad Chamber today claimed that Charity is at the forefront of the recognition of the off-commerce industry. He said that although people from all over the country have helped the victims, Faisalabad is the first and foremost among those who sent the most goods. We must have the special mercy of Allah Almighty. There is no reduction in what they spend and even their business is

blessed. He particularly appreciated the efforts of President Dr. Khurram Tariq and Mian Javed Iqbal in organizing the relief activities and said that due to their leadership, the hardships of the most deserving people of the backward areas are being reduced. He further informed that a few days ago, a truck containing 400 Blankets was sent to Dir region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where the cold is intensifying. He said that winter is increasing in the areas of Balochistan, so 800 Blankets 1500 mosquito nets and 300 packets of coffees are being sent for them. He said that the goods will be distributed among the victims of Rojhan Jamali and Nushki (Balochistan). Which usually needs help from all aid organizations. He prayed that Allah Ta'ala would bless the business of those who gave these donations and enable them to donate more than before. Apart from Mian Javed Iqbal, Arif Ehsan Malik of All Pakistan Bed Sheets and Upholstery Manufacturers Association, former President Chamber Ehtsham Javed, Haji Mohammad Abid, Mian Tayyab and Shafiq Hussain Shah were also present on this occasion.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed through this office notice that **Mr. Qazi Ahmed Akbar** son of Qazi Khalid Mahmood (CNIC#37101-1458708-5) **Sponsor** has applied to Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency (PHATA) for sanction of the housing scheme named **"Campbellpur Greens Attock Housing Scheme"** under PHATA Affordable Private Housing Scheme Rules 2020 located in Mouza Qutba & Jatal in Tehsil Hazro District Attock having total area of **405-Kanal, 15-Marla & 91-Sft.** Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency has sanctioned this Housing Scheme in its **86th** Governing Body Meeting held on **25/08/2022.**

Detail of various category of Housing Units, Commercial Space and Public Building provided in the Housing Scheme is as under:-

Description	Plot Size	Block			Units	Area (in Kanal)
		A	B	C		
Residential	Upto 05-Marla	-	170	148	318	185-K, 15-M & 91-Sft
	05-M to 10-M	62	14	98	174	
	10-M & above	06	-	06	12	
	Apartments Buildings	-	01	09	10	
	Reserve Plots	06	-	-	06	
Total					514	
Commercial	01-M to 02-K-03-M	35	09	32	76	20-K, 05-M & 208-Sft
Public Building	Society Office					10-M & 32-Sft
	Masjid					02-K, 01-M & 208-Sft
	Hospital					02-K, 09-M & 271-Sft
	School					02-K, 11-M & 256-Sft
Others which are transferred to PHATA	Roads					139-K, 03-M & 60-Sft
	Parks & Open Spaces					28-K, 08-M & 22-Sft
	Graveyard					08-K, 02-M & 84-Sft
	Tube Wells					18-M & 165
	Solid Waste Management					10-M

Detail of various plots reserved for Prime Minister **Nava Pakistan Housing Program** provided in the housing scheme is as follow:-

Description	Plot Size	Street No.	Block	Plots Nos.	Total Units		
Residential	25x50'	2	B	Plot No.10 to 14	11		
				Plot No.18 to 23			
		3	B	Plot No.26 to 31		12	
				Plot No.36 to 41			
		4	B	Plot No.44 to 50			15
				Plot No.53 to 60			
	10	B	Plot No.156 to 186	31			
			Plot No.158 to 169				
			Plot No.172 to 212				
	25x50'.2'	8	B		Plot No.72 to 76	05	
					Plot No.96 to 106		
	22x40'	8	B		Plot No.109 to 120		23
				Plot No.123 to 134			
Plot No.138 to 153							
Total					178		

The public is hereby informed through this notice that the following plots in the Private Housing Scheme have been mortgaged with the Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency (PHATA) as security towards provision of development works (provision of roads, water supply, sewerage system and drainage system, street lights and electricity network, gas facilities and horticulture works). It is the responsibility of the Sponsor of the Private Housing Scheme to provide and complete the development work. The Sponsor cannot shell or transfer these plot until are redeemed after due completion of the development works. List of mortgaged plots is as follows:-

Description	Plots #	Block	Street No.	Plot Size	Total Units
Residential	220	C	80-Ft Boulevard	170'X157.5'	01
			80-Ft Boulevard		
			80-Ft Boulevard		
	221	C	80-Ft Boulevard	170'X157.5'	01
	222	C	80-Ft Boulevard	170'X157.5'	01
Total					03

Pubic is informed through this notice not to enter into any transaction, sale or purchase of the mortgaged plots till they are redeemed.

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Visa and Crypto.com Fuse Football, Art, and NFTs for Fan Experience Ahead of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™

Spokesman Report

LAHORE- VISA (V: NYSE), the exclusive payment services partner of FIFA, today unveiled Visa Masters of Movement, a first-of-its-kind hybrid experience featuring a pre-event NFT auction and immersive activation for fans at FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™. The Visa Masters of Movement auction features digital art inspired by iconic goals from five legendary footballers that have been minted into unique NFTs, available now on Crypto.com. Later this month, the Visa Masters of Movement experience will come to life on an interactive pitch at the FIFA Fan Festival™ in Doha, Qatar and will allow fans to create digital art inspired by their own signature movements.

Eligible fans will have the option to mint this digital art into their own NFT in partnership with Crypto.com, the official cryptocurrency trading platform sponsor of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™.

"Visa Masters of Movement is a unique recreation of the experience of seeing iconic movements in digital art form. What we want to show is that the Visa network enables fluid and seamless movement of money around the world, just as the best football players move across the pitch," said Dr. Saeeda Jaffar, Visa's Senior Vice President and Group Country Manager for the GCC at Visa. "As the world comes together to celebrate FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, Visa is proud to partner with Crypto.com to uplift the local communities by supporting Street Child United. We believe that when everyone is included, everyone wins."

Akshay Chopra, Vice President and Head of Innovation & Design at Visa Central Europe, Middle East and Africa, added: "Now at the center of payments conversations globally, NFTs have given new impetus for the creator economy, particularly in art and sports. As the region that minted Visa's first NFT globally, we are delighted that the Masters of Movement NFTs are being launched at our CEMEA Innovation Center, and excited to be able to share this amazing experience with everyone, everywhere."

Bid Now on Crypto.com Starting today (12:00pm GMT)



through November 8 (9:00pm GMT), football fans can bid on the Visa Masters of Movement NFTs on Crypto.com. The auction brings together five unique works of art inspired by iconic FIFA World Cup™ and FIFA Women's World Cup™ goals from legendary footballers: Jared Borgetti, Tim Cahill, Carli Lloyd, Michael Owen and Maxi Rodriguez minted into NFTs. The digital artwork was designed using an algorithm by award-winning XK Studios which transformed the iconic movements into dynamic works of art. A unique collector's item, fans with the highest bid for each NFT at the close of the auction will receive the NFT in their Crypto.com wallet along with a high-quality printable art file and signed memorabilia from the legendary player featured in the NFT. Visa will grant all auction proceeds to Street Child United, a charitable organization incorporated and operating in the United Kingdom, whose mission is to tackle the widespread stigma that street-connected children face globally.

"We are thrilled to partner with Visa to give fans a new way to engage with and experience the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ while benefiting Street Child United," said Stuart Isted, General Manager, Middle East and Africa at

Crypto.com. "It's an honor to partner with such iconic global brands and football legends to bring the game to life through art."

Legendary Australian footballer Tim Cahill said: "In Visa Masters of Movement, the players are artists, and the playing field is their canvas. It's amazing to see the way that one of my most memorable goals has been transformed into digital art and then minted into an NFT. I think that the community focus of the auction is even more impressive, with all proceeds benefiting Street Child United. I could not be prouder to be a part of this and to work with brands like Visa and Crypto.com that create such unique opportunities to give back to the community."

Fans Become Artists at FIFA Fan Festival™

At the center of the FIFA Fan Festival™ in Doha (November 19-December 18), Visa invites thousands of fans to create their own legendary moves in the free-standing Visa Masters of Movement space. Fans step onto a digital LED pitch outfitted with tracking technology to capture and transform their iconic movements into digital art. Beyond taking a shot at a goal or showing off their skills while playing with other fans to create the personalized

dynamic artwork, fans will choose the color scheme based on favorite national colors. Digital art will be emailed as a souvenir and eligible fans can also choose to receive the digital art minted as a one-of-a-kind NFT.

Throughout the immersive Visa Masters of Movement experience, fans can learn about new ways Visa is enabling the movement of money across the world, including emerging technologies like crypto, and other digital solutions that provide more people with access to the global economy.

Visa has been FIFA's Official Payment Service Partner since 2007. As a global supporter of both men's and women's football around the world, Visa aims to offer experiences that bring people closer to the action, whether they are among the 1 million people anticipated in Qatar or the 5 billion viewers expected worldwide for this year's tournament. Always anticipating the next move in payments, Visa provides the latest in payments innovations at official FIFA venues and seeks ways to further its commitment to uplift lives through the power of sport through programs such as Financial Football, a video game that combines entertainment and education in an action-packed virtual football tournament.



Karachi: Chief guest Asif Musa gave the Runners-up trophy of first Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Inter-School Girls Tug of War Championship to the captain of Edu Care Academy. Noushad Ahmed, Dr. Arif Hafeez, Muhammad Salim, Arif Waheed, Shahroz Alvi and others are also present.

11th Culligan boys, girls Throwball tourney rescheduled



KARACHI :Pakistan Throwball Federation has postponed 11th Culligan Boys and Girls Throwball Tournament due to unavoidable circumstances, which was to play from November 1, at City School, Karachi.

This was stated by Secretary General, Pakistan Throwball Federation, Maqbool Arain on Tuesday, said a communicate.

Now the tournament will be played from November 8-12. About 50 teams of Schools, Colleges and Universities will take part in the tournament.

The draws of the tournament will be opened on Nov. 7. The Semi finals and finals will be played on Nov. 11 and 12, respectively.

The concluding ceremony of the tournament will be held on November 12, at 4.30 pm. in which Trophies, Medals and Certificates will be delivered to winning and runner-up teams. APP



Bangladesh Under-19 cricket team has arrived in Multan. The team will play one 4 days match 3 ODI and Two T-20 matches against Pakistan under-19 cricket team, The four days match begin from 4th to 7th November. One days matches series will start from 10,12 and 14th November while the two T-20 matches will be played on 16th and 18 th November. The entry fee for Spectators will be free.

T20 World Cup 2022

Afghanistan vs Sri Lanka Highlights

GABBA, BRISBANE: Afghanistan vs Sri Lanka T20 World Cup 2022 Highlights: In a must win game to keep their semifinal contentions alive, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan go up against each other at Gabba, Brisbane. Having won the toss, Mohammed Nabi opted to bat first. After a good start in the powerplay for Afghanistan (42/0), Sri Lanka came back in the contest. Lahiru Kumara (2/30) and Wanindu Hasaranga (3/13) were the pick of the bowlers as Afghanistan finished at 144/8 in 20 overs.

Powered by a Dhananjaya de Silva 66* off 42 deliveries, Sri Lanka managed to chase down the total with six wickets in hand.

Taimur Hassan Amin's reelected as Chairman of Asia Pacific Golf Confederation

LAHORE: In the general body meeting of the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) held in Bangkok, Thailand Taimur Hassan Amin of Pakistan was reelected as Chairman of Asia Pacific Golf Confederation for a period of two years. This happening is a matter of distinction and esteem for Pakistan and represents a fulfilling accomplishment in the Asia Pacific realm of golf. APGC has come a long way and over the 45 years of its existence and as the international governing body of the Asian, South East Asia and South Pacific Region it has fanned out to 43 countries and four ladies organizations. This financially secure golf body has close links with the world body of Royal and St Andrews (R&A) and is actively involved in helping the golf industry in the region made tenable by passionate



people. As for Taimur Hassan he is an internationally known golfer who has many accomplishments to his credit. Way back in the decade of seventies and eighties he ruled the golf circuit of Pakistan, winning the national title seventeen times. Later he was elected the Honorary Secretary of Pakistan Golf Federation and through various

measures and initiatives he was successful in developing golf in Pakistan.

He is well known as a golf organizer of merit and through his standing in the international golf circles, he gets an extended tenure as the Chairman of this august golf body of Asia Pacific which includes 43 countries, the more prominent ones being, Australia, Bangla

Desh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and many others. "I am honored to continue in the role," said Taimur "and am thankful to all member countries for their support as the international body strives to grow and develop golf around the Asia Pacific at the grass roots and elite level." Here in Pakistan, Lt Gen (R) Muhammad Hilal Hussain, President of Pakistan Golf Federation said that the election of Mr Taimur Hassan to head such a great organization is indeed a matter of pride for Pakistan. Taimur has always brought laurels in the field of golf for his country. Now that Pakistan golf is growing fast, his election augurs well for the players and the game. I wish him well in the continuity of this assignment.

Pakeeza, Asra Gul bag gold medals in Int'l Taekwondo C'ship

ISLAMABAD :Pakistan's Pakeeza Khan and Asra Gul secured gold medals by winning their respective contests during the first day of ten junior category competitions of the ongoing Combaxx 4th Asian Open International Taekwondo Championship (G2) being organized by Pakistan Taekwondo Federation here at Liaquat Gymnasium of Pakistan Sports Complex.

In the -63 kg women's category, Pakistan's Pakeeza Khan secured a gold medal, outplaying compatriot Nuzra Jamal from Pakistan 2-0 in a one-sided game.

In the -55 kg women's category, Pakistan's Asra Gul also fetched a gold medal comprehensively beating compatriot Ajwa Nadeem from Pakistan 2-0. In the -49kg women's category, Bahrain's Yara Binthani won gold by overcoming Pakistan's Aiman Khan 2-1.

In the -63kg Male category, Omer Ismail from UAE athlete beat Muhammad Muath from Bahrain by 2-0.

Athletes from the host Pakistan, Oman, Egypt, Iran, Nepal and other countries competed during the first day's contests and it was a blissful day as the athletes presented remarkable performances. Pakistan Taekwondo Federation President Col. (Retd.) Waseem Ahmed Janjua, along with PTF CEO Omar Saeed and Pakistan Head Coach Yousef Karimi, distributed medals among the athletes at Liaquat Gymnasium. APP

Int'l Sports conference ends, SWA, KP honor leading athletes with awards

PESHAWAR: The four-day International Peace and Sports Conference ends up here on Tuesday, with 12 delegates from as many countries including 52 Young Sports Journalists and more than 150 sports journalists from across Pakistan took part.

Acting Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister on Information Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif, Inspector General of Police Moazzam Jaah Ansari, former World Champion Qamar Zaman, President South Asian Cycling Union Azhar Ali Shah, international karate coach Shah Faisal, Director Sports Merged Area Pir Abdullah Shah, members of the Sports Journalists Association from Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan, Rawalpindi and Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, merged FATA were also present.

Besides journalists from Pakistan, international sports journalists and international delegates who attended the first kind of Peace and Sports Conference in Pakistan including European known sports photo journalist Anna Szilagy (Hungary), Emaneul Fantaneanu (Romania), Eldar Ismail (Azerbaijan), Izhar Atan (Malaysia), Awad bin Mubarak (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Nargiz Muhamdazai (European Member), Ramakrishnan (Sri Lanka), Sami Ullah (Afghanistan), Saeed Safi (Afghanistan) Miss Salma Niazi (Afghanistan), Niranjan Rajbanshi (Nepal), Amjad Aziz Malik (Pakistan), Zahid Farooq Malik (Pakistan).

Acting Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani in his speech on this occasion said that our athletes and youth have always been sending a message of peace to the world through their talent either it is Squash, Tennis, Football, Karate, Boxing, Athletics, Hockey, Cricket, Taekwondo, Wrestling, Bodybuilding, Weightlifting, Rowing, Skiing, etc. or in other sections of the society including education, arts and culture.

He said the present government has been making efforts for the promotion of sports, development of infrastructure of international standards and introducing sports scholarships and support for participating in international events.

Acting Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mushtaq Ahmed Khan said that the efforts made for athletes and sports in the province are not hidden from anyone.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sports Writers Association, Pakistan Sports Federation, and journalists are working for the welfare of sportsmen in Pakistan in general and in KPK in particular.

Speaking at the international Peace and Sports Conference organized by CTA, KP, Directorate General Sports, BoK, PSWF and SWA, KP, Mushtaq Ahmed Khan Ghani termed it a key step in highlighting the softer image of Pakistan to the rest of the world because of the visits of international sports journalists and international delegates in good number.



He said terrorism started in KP in 2005 and during 15 years we had to sacrifice 90,000 lives in this war. Finally, thanks to the many sacrifices of the Pakistan Army, Police and people, we succeeded in bringing peace to this region. He said holding such a conference by Amjad Aziz Malik and his team was a great

initiative in showing the true picture of KP and Pakistan to the rest of the world.

He said it is a historical moment that the City of Flowers Peshawar hosted foreign delegates and sports journalists from all over the world. KP has always sent a message of peace to the world through sports.

Earlier, in the award-giving ceremony of SWA, KP besides honoring foreign delegates and sports journalists of Pakistan also awarded leading international athletes including Murad (badminton), Murad Ali (Karate), Nasir Iqbal (Squash), Ayesha Ayaz (Taekwondo), Hadiya Kamal (Boxing), Fahad Khawaja (TT), Mohsin Khan (Cycling), Muhammad Altaf (Para-Table Tennis).

In the end, both Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani, Barrister Muhammad Saif, IG KP, Qamar Zaman, Syed Azhar Ali Shah and Amjad Aziz Malik distributed the awards among the winners. It was the second time that Pakistan hosted the Peace and Sports Conference for the second time after holding the same in 2017. APP

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Business communities of Pakistan and their role in improving ties with the US

Sara Ahsan

The aim of UN Millennium Sustainable Development Goal Eight (SDG 8) refers to economic growth and decent work for all. The SDG 8 addresses the economic opportunities and sustainable growth for the masses. Pakistan was quicker enough to work on the SDG goals. According to Iqbal Institute of Policy Studies (2022), Pakistan has shown steady economic growth in the time span of 2017-2018. However, the steadiness got hampered due to the global pandemic in 2020-2021 and further complicated in the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine War that resulted in food insecurity and global energy crisis. The economic instability was observed at the micro level amongst the Pakistani population where the socio-economic indicators kept on reflecting on the poor state of public service delivery to common people.

In the past few years, the economic crunch resulted in people opting for opening their own small businesses especially online to meet the economic ends. Establishing small businesses and entrepreneurship has become a new career

choice among many Pakistanis and especially women. In this context, some of the private US companies are facilitating these emerging entrepreneurs and encouraging women owned businesses to make a space for themselves in the local and international markets.

One US based company ATX+PAK, Austin, Texas is already collaborating with Pakistani companies particularly in Lahore, who have invested in small startups, and together with the company these new businesses are expanding in the West. With this, not only local businesses are getting global identification, but also get an opportunity to learn new techniques and skills required for business entrepreneurship in the world. ATX+PAK held a festival in 2022 that attracted 20,000 people with million dollars of investment, however on a larger scale there are policy issues for larger investments which can be overcome if entrepreneurs on a larger scale join them.

Similarly, Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce Industry focuses on facilitating women entrepreneurs in establishing their businesses. Such institutes if provided the needed attention and support they can also liaison with the US based companies to work on joint projects.

This will not only provide them with financial support but also contribute in increasing Pakistan's annual GDP, and project-

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ing a softer image of Pakistan globally. Women associated with the traditional garments industry make a huge proportion within these emerging female business entrepreneurs.

Similarly, another area where

Pakistani business community can get benefit is from getting links with the Pakistani Diasporas abroad and especially in the US. Pakistani diaspora in the US makes the larger portion of the US IT industry; however there is lack of connectivity between Pakistani-US software developers and entrepreneurs which causes isolation of entrepreneurship and US Pakistan software development. The government need to facilitate the newly emerging business entrepreneurs in various fields to be in touch with Pakistani businessmen in the US to get benefit from their experiences and expand accordingly for the benefit of national economy and improved Pakistan-US ties.

Pakistan at the moment is having 60 percent of the youth bulge in its overall population and engagement of the youth in economic activities is vital. Pakistani youth is a reservoir of talent and money. These jobless youngsters and women have garnered the opportunity to prove their mettle from time to time especially during Covid-19 pandemic. This pool of talent and new ideas, comprising both men and women, should be incorporated in any scheme of enhanced people-to-people contacts between the US and Pakistan. Their contribution can serve the economic betterment

purpose of Pakistan along with creating a good will between the two countries.

On the bilateral economic front both the US and Pakistan need to make a conscious effort to explore the untapped economic potential of small businesses and women and youth entrepreneurs. At the national level Pakistan can raise awareness of taking entrepreneurship as a career option; identify the local markets of hand crafted work and convert it to a consumer product. The government needs to review its policy from time to time to support startups initiated by the Pakistani diaspora, review the process to facilitate women chambers to establish connectivity with the US companies, and last but not the least a majority of the stakeholders must invest into these small scale businesses and work on the promotion of these projects. These small steps towards the promotion of skills, can lend a hand in stabilizing the national economy, and significantly help Pakistan attain SDG 8 "Decent Work and Economic Growth."

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Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China

Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif, begins a visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese counterpart, Li Ke-qiang, China. Wang Wen Bin, intends to consider the visit as an opportunity to "favor the further progress of strategic cooperation" and "contribute more to the maintenance of regional peace and stability".

Since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries over 70 years ago, despite the evolutions on the international scene, Beijing and Islamabad have always lent mutual understanding, trust and support. In recent years, in response to changes in the global landscape. China and Pakistan have marched forward side by side. They jointly responded to the problems caused by Covid-19 and major natural disasters, pursued high-quality cooperation within the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), deepened exchanges and cooperation at all levels and strengthened coordination in international and regional affairs.

The Pakistan Foreign Ministry, in the statement announcing Sharif's visit, specified that he will be accompanied by a high-level delegation including the Foreign Minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, and stressed that this is the first visit to China since the premier took office in April this year and that the leader of Islamabad will be among the first to go to Beijing after the twentieth congress of the Chinese Communist Party. Sharif, the note reads, in addition to meeting with Li together with the respective delegations, will be received by President Xi Jinping. The visit aims to take stock of the strategic cooperation partnership "for all seasons" (how it is defined) and to advance it further: the signing of various agreements and memoranda of understanding in various sectors and a consolidation of the collaboration for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are expected.



The Century of Türkiye and stability of Eurasia

By Kerem Alkin

At the beginning of the 21st century, it was seen as the century in which many problems would be solved, sustainable development goals would be achieved and an "Age of Reason" would be ushered in, bringing with it breakthroughs that would make hunger and poverty a thing of the past in all parts of the world.

What has happened in the past 22 years, the imbalances between the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere, injustices and even worse, selfishness, mistakes and evils committed by leading countries have imprisoned humanity in an "Age of Uncertainty." It is a pity that global power centers are still concerned with which country is siding in the "darkness" instead of focusing on solutions to dispel the darkness in question.

In the midst of all this difficult and relentless struggle, a leader, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, is beginning a great revolution that will bring democracy, peace and prosperity to all parts of the world. With the "Century of Türkiye," Erdoğan has focused on a deep-rooted, comprehensive vision that will carry Eurasia to lasting stability and a bright future, and a mission where the steps to be taken are defined in detail. Because, while the global economic-political order is being restructured in the Age of Uncertainty that we

have been through, the 30 leading countries, which have the weight to shape this new order, Türkiye among them, need to build up a "high quality" fortified political and economic capacity in order to maintain their claim.

Hence, President Erdoğan underlines that the Century of Türkiye will be the century of power. The continuation of our country's rise as a political and economic power at the global level with harmonious management and infrastructure to be developed further is critical for our sustainable contribution to the capacity of the global economic-political structure to produce more concrete solutions on behalf of humanity. For this reason, we will turn the Century of Türkiye into a century of sustainable development in every corner and point of our country. While strengthening the ecosystem that embraces life with all its elements, we will work with all our might for the same moves all over the world. For this purpose, the Century of Türkiye will be transformed into the "century of science," in addition to the "century of digital" and the "century of production."

The right production areas will be designed that will reach all markets of global trade and increase employment for our working population, which is expected to reach 62 million in 2060, with high added value in all sectors such as air and space technologies, energy technologies, defense technologies, information technologies as advanced technology and strategic sectors. And with all this, Türkiye will become one

of the world's leading global industrial and trade centers.

This target will be achieved with a century of young people who have been brought up with the basic values of Türkiye and know what they want, are equipped and have a broad horizon. As a playmaker country that changed the fate of Eurasia with the Century of Türkiye, the "century of peace," the "century of ancient values," the "century of individual and social rights," the "century of compassion" will be made permanent with a humanitarian and conscientious stance.

The Century of Türkiye will also be the century of independence and future. Together, we will witness the country's pursuit of even more ambitious mega-projects, new works, new programs and new services in order to make the independence and future of its people permanent. And in order to convey the meaning, importance and indispensability of the Century of Türkiye to the whole world in the best possible way, an effective "communication century" will be built that will inform the citizens and the world accurately and on time with reliable sources and eliminate all disinformation. With this success, the Century of Türkiye will turn into the century of "confidence and stability" for humanity.

(Kerem Alkin is an economist, professor at Istanbul Medipol University. He currently serves as the Turkish Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Int'l Day to end impunity for crimes against journalists observed tomorrow

Like other parts of the world, International Day to End Impunity for crimes against journalists would be observed on Wednesday.

According to details, the theme and tribute of this years would be goes to renowned Journalist Arshad Sharif who was killed in Kenya Police last week.

This landmark resolution condemns all attacks and violence against journalists and media workers.

It also urges Member States to do their utmost to prevent violence against journalists and media workers, to ensure accountability, bring to justice perpetrators of crimes against journalists and media workers, and ensure that victims have access to appropriate remedies.

It further calls upon States to promote a safe and enabling environment for journalists to perform their work independently and without undue interference.

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2 November as the 'International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists' in General Assembly Resolution A/RES/68/163.

The Resolution urged Member States to implement definite measures countering the present culture of impunity. The date was chosen in commemoration of the assassination of two French journalists in Mali on 2 November 2013.

Ending impunity for crimes against journalists is one of the most pressing issues to guarantee freedom of expression and access to information for all citizens. Between 2006 and 2020, over 1,200 jour-

nalists have been killed for reporting the news and bringing information to the public. In nine out of ten cases the killers go unpunished, according to the UNESCO observatory of killed journalists.

Impunity leads to more killings and is often a symptom of worsening conflict and the breakdown of law and judicial systems.

While killings are the most extreme form of media censorship, journalists are also subjected to countless threats - ranging from kidnapping, torture and other physical attacks to harassment, particularly in the digital sphere.

Threats of violence and attacks against journalists, in particular, create a climate of fear for media professionals, impeding the free circulation of information, opinions and ideas for all citizens. Women journalists are particularly impacted by threats and attacks, notably by those made online.

According to UNESCO's discussion paper, The Chilling: Global trends in online violence The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2 November as the 'International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists' in General Assembly Resolution A/RES/68/163.

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Women journalists, 73 percent of the women journalists surveyed said they had been threatened, intimidated and insulted online in connection with their work. APP

US again rebuffs Imran Khan's claims about involvement in his removal from power

WASHINGTON : The United States will counter misinformation with information, a State Department spokesperson said Monday, reiterating rejection of former prime minister Imran Khan's persistent allegations that US was responsible for his ouster from power, as his "long march" winds its way through various cities to Islamabad.

"What we can do is counter disinformation, misinformation with information," Spokesperson Ned Price said in response to a question at his daily press briefing from the correspondent of a Pakistani TV channel about the Khan-led March during which the PTI chief was again blaming the US of "regime change" in Pakistan.



"We said many times now, including truth to these allegations," Price said, adding, "We won't let propaganda, we

won't let misinformation or disinformation get in the way of an important bilateral relationship, including our valued bilateral partnership with Pakistan.

"We've always viewed a prosperous and democratic Pakistan as critical to our interests," he said. "That remains unchanged."

Responding to another question, the spokesperson said although general elections in Pakistan have not yet been announced, "We support the peaceful holding of constitutional and democratic elections, not just in Pakistan but around the world."

"These are issues that we discuss with all of our partners around the world," he added. APP

Sultan urges Kashmiri Americans to highlight Kashmir issue at world level



Abdul Majeed Tahir

NEW YORK: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has said that the Kashmiri immigrants living in the United States should play their role in highlighting the Kashmir issue at international forums.

He expressed these views while addressing the receptions hosted in his honor by Chaudhry Rashid Masood of Bhalot in New Jersey and Haji Nazir Chawla of Chachoi in New York today.

The reception was attended and addressed by former member Kashmir Council Sardar Sawar Khan, Chaudhry Muhammad Ishaq, Chaudhry Muhammad Shabbir, Chaudhry Tariq, Chaudhry Sajid, Qazi Mushtaq Ali Raja Mazhar and others.

Speaking on the occasion the president said, "Since the Kashmir issue has entered a critical phase it is imperative that the Kashmiri expatriate community should play their role to expose Indian brutalities and human rights violations committed by the Indian forces in Kashmir."

Referring to the family contribution of Chaudhry Rashid Masood and Haji Nazir Chawla towards the Kashmir cause, he said that since 1984 both the families have played an important role to project the Kashmir cause in the US. He urged the Kashmir American citizens to take part in the upcoming gubernatorial and mayoral elections in the USA and vote for candidates who support the stability of Pakistan and our position on the Kashmir issue. He expressed the hope that the expatriate community would contribute to American politics and participate in the elections here to make it easier for us to gain support on the Kashmir issue.

Federal Minister for ST met with the Kazakh Ambassador



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Science and Technology Agha Hassan Baloch met with the Ambassador of Republic of Kazakhstan H.E. Yerhan Kistafin today at his office.

The meeting discussed various measures to strengthen the bilateral ties of brotherly states in areas of Science, Technology, Innovation and regional connectivity by holding delegation level talks, joint working group sessions and signing of MoUs.

The meeting also discussed the OIC 15 session on Science and Technology scheduled to be held in Islamabad in December 2022, wherein most developed OIC countries in Science and Technology would discuss to strengthen the scientific and research collaboration among the member states of OIC. Mr. Zain ul Abdeen, joint scientific advisor and D.G. PSQCA has been appointed by the minister to represent Pakistan in the summit.

Federal Minister Agha Hassan Baloch while talking on the summit, said that the mutual collaboration of OIC member states in Science, Technology, Innovation and Research is very optimistic and need of the hour.

While commending the progress of Pakistan in Science and Technology, the Ambassador H.E. Yerhan Kistafin reiterated his desire to further the scientific cooperation, exchange of each other's experience and signing of MoUs with Pakistan. The sidelines meetings between Ministry of Higher Education & Science of Kazakhstan, Ministry of Science and Technology Pakistan, HEC and different Universities from both sides during the OIC 15 session also came under discussion.

The meeting was marked with traditional warmth, mutual understanding and trust. In concluding remarks both sides reaffirm their firm resolve to broaden ties in field of Science, Technology, Innovation and Research. The Scientific collaboration between two countries was first signed in 1999 and in 2020 it was again extended for next ten years, however it would be further activated during the OIC 15 session.

German envoy assures to assist city government in addressing pollution, traffic related issues

PESHAWAR: Mayor Peshawar, Haji Zubair Ali Tuesday said that the German government has agreed to extend cooperation to local government departments in addressing pollution and traffic management-related issues.

He was talking to the media after a meeting with German Ambassador, Alfred Grammas who visited City Council Hall and addressed a gathering of tehsil chairmen. Former Nazim, Haji Ghulam Ali was also present on the occasion.

The city mayor also expressed gratitude to the German Ambassador for the visit and desired to take benefit of experiences made by the German government in the provision of municipal services, reducing air pollution, disposal of garbage, rehabilitation of addicts and traffic management.

He said we want to strengthen relations with friendly countries for capacity building of youth and providing better amenities to people living in Peshawar. APP

Friendship Invariably Develops for over Half a Century

Spokesman Report

KOREA: This year is a significant year which marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries on November 9, 1972 became an epoch-making event that could comprehensively develop the bilateral relations in all fields including politics, the economy and culture in the interests of the two peoples under the ideals of independence, peace and friendship.

For the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, friendly and cooperative relations between the DPRK and Pakistan have been developing in greater scope in various fields under the deep attention of the leaders of the two countries.

The great Comrade Kim



Il Sung personally granted an audience to the government delegation of Pakistan led by President Zia-ul-Haq who paid an official friendly visit to our country in October 1982 and unreservedly supported and encouraged the Pakistani people in their struggle to build a new prosperous society.

When the Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto visited our country in December 1993, the great Comrade Kim Il

was adopted and the Joint Economic Committee was established. Accordingly, successful exemplary cooperation based on the principle of South-South cooperation was realized in various fields such as joint venture and collaboration, and the culture.

Today, our two countries are continuing to exert their efforts to seek close cooperation in the development of the bilateral relations and in the international arenas while maintaining communication on a regular basis even in the face of the global health crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic and turbulent international situation.

As in the past, so also in the future, we will invariably strengthen and develop the long-standing and traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in keeping with the requirements of the new era and the common aspirations and desire of the two peoples.

The Secretary of State Davies appreciated Malik's efforts

CARDIFF-UK: The Secretary of State for Wales UK Mr Davies appreciated Sarfraz Malik's efforts to promote trade and education in both countries UK and Pakistan in an event organized by Chamber Wales at Cardiff.

According to the details, Mr. Paul Executive chair Chamber Wales and Director General of British chambers of commerce Ms Shevaun Haviland presented a commemorative souvenir to the Managing Director British Council's Gold Partner SLS College and Chairman Incredible Jhelum Committee Jhelum Chamber of Commerce and industry Sarfraz Malik & Mr Sarfraz Malik also presented a souvenir to Chamber Wales, on the occasion of signing MOU of both Chambers which was held in Cardiff Council Hall, Secretary of state Wales Mr Davis welcomed Sarfraz Malik, appreciated and congratulated him for signing the MOU. Sarfraz Malik also presented a SLS's souvenir to the H.



Councilor Faheem Azhar, Both Jhelum Chamber of commerce and Wales chamber of commerce committed to continue to mutual cooperation. Many businessmen from UK also participated in this event.

With picture Pakistan's Faisal Shahkar appointed police adviser to UN Dept. of peacekeeping: Spokesman

UNITED NATIONS: Faisal Shahkar, a top Pakistani police officer, has been appointed as the Police Adviser in the United Nations Department of Peace Operations (DPO), a

Police, including as Additional Inspector of Police in the Punjab (2015-2018), as well as Regional Police Chief (2014-15).

IGP Shahkar has more than nine years of experience with the United Nations at Headquarters and the field where he most recently served as Team Leader within the United Nations Standing Police Capacity (2020-2021). He further served with the Department of Peace Operations' Police Division, backstopping field operations (2011-2013 and 2005-2008), the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) (2004-2005) and the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) (2000-2002).

Shahkar is a graduate of the University of London, United Kingdom with a master's degree in law (LL.M). He also holds a master's degree in political science from the University of the Punjab, Pakistan. He is fluent in English and Urdu. APP

Power, water restored in Kyiv after Russian strikes

KYIV, UKRAINE: Water and power supplies were fully restored in Kyiv on Tuesday a day after Russian missile strikes, as grain exports from Ukraine continued despite Moscow pulling out of a deal to let ships through.

Russian authorities meanwhile announced that tens of thousands more civilians would be "evacuated" from the Russian-occupied southern Ukrainian region of Kherson amid a counter-offensive by Kyiv.

Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich said on Monday's bombardment was "one of the most massive shellings of our territory by the army of the Russian Federation".

Following the strikes, aerial views showed Kyiv plunged in darkness overnight, with the only lights coming from cars on the road.

In a town near Kyiv on Monday, the powerful explosions had woken up Mila Ryabova, 39.

Ryabova told AFP that she and her family were "worrying and talking about opportunities to move abroad, because there is a cold winter ahead. We may not have electricity, heat supply."

Monday's shelling had left 80 percent of the capital's consumers without water and 350,000 homes without electricity.

On Tuesday, Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko said water and electricity supplies had been "fully restored" in the capital. Klitschko warned that there would still be planned power cuts in the city "because of the considerable deficit in the power system after the barbaric attacks of the aggressor". AFP

Monkeypox still global health emergency: WHO

GENEVA: The World Health Organisation said on Tuesday that its emergency committee had determined that monkeypox should continue to be classified as a global health emergency.

Following a meeting on October 20 about the virus that suddenly started spreading across the world in May, the experts "held the consensus view that the event continues to meet the ... criteria for a Public Health Emergency of International Concern," WHO said in a statement.

The UN health agency first declared the so-called PHEIC — its highest level of alarm — on July 23, and the experts said that while some progress had been made in reining in the disease, it was too soon to declare the emergency over.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus had accepted and agreed with the experts' advice, the statement said. —AFP

Global jobs market set to deteriorate amid Ukraine war shocks: UN agency

UNITED NATIONS : The outlook for global labour markets has worsened in recent months and if current trends continue, vacancies will grow more scarce while global jobs growth will deteriorate significantly during the rest of the year, according to a new report by the International Labour Organization (ILO), a Geneva-based UN agency.

Estimates from ILO for the third quarter of 2022, indicate that the level of hours worked was 1.5 per cent below pre-pandemic levels, amounting to a deficit of 40 million full-time jobs.

The 10th edition of the Monitor on the World of Work confirms that rising inflation is causing real wages to fall in many countries.

This comes on top of significant declines in income during the COVID-19 crisis, which affected low-income groups most in many countries. The report finds that labour market inequalities are likely to increase, contributing to a continued divergence between developed and developing economies.

According to the Monitor, a set of multiple and overlapping crises, compounded by the Ukraine war and subsequent negative spill-over effects, have materialized over 2022 which have impacted the world of work deeply.

The effects are being felt through food and energy inflation, declining real wages, growing inequality, shrinking policy options and higher debt in developing countries.

A slowdown in economic growth and aggregate demand

will also reduce demand for workers as uncertainty and worsening expectations affect hiring.

The Monitor finds that worsening labour market conditions are affecting both employment creation and the quality of jobs, pointing out that there is already data that suggests a sharp labour market slowdown.

At the beginning of 2022, the number of global hours worked was recovering strongly, notably in higher-skilled occupations and among women.



However, this trend was driven by an increase in informal jobs, jeopardizing 15 years of progress towards formalization.

ILO says that a strong commitment is needed to initiatives such as the UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection; its

objective is to create 400 million jobs and extend support to the four billion people who have nothing to fall back on should they fall sick or get hurt at work.

A rapid end to the conflict in Ukraine, as demanded in the resolutions of the ILO Governing Body, would further contribute to improving the global employment situation, the UN agency noted.

"Tackling this deeply worrying global employment situation, and preventing a significant global labour market down-

turn, will require comprehensive, integrated and balanced policies both nationally and globally," said ILO Director-General, Gilbert Houngbo.

"We need the implementation of a broad set of policy tools, including interventions in the prices of public goods; the rechanneling of windfall profits; strengthening income security through social protection; increasing income support; and targeted measures to assist the most vulnerable people and enterprises." APP

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
41,808.69	41,264.66
Day's High	Day's Low:
41,833.43	41,264.66
Index Value	Change
4,925,859,713	+544.03
Percentage	Time
+1.32%	1 Nov, 2022 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,177.13	+82.18
Percentage	Time
+1.16%	1 Nov, 2:58 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
32,519.99	-212.96
Percentage	Time
-0.65%	1 Nov, 10:58 am GMT-4

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,678.92	+91.46
Percentage	Time
+0.33%	1 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	142.4	143.65
Bahrain Dinar	589.98	594.48
Canadian Dollar	162.99	164.34
China Yuan	30.68	30.93
Euro	230	232
Hong Kong Dollar	28.26	28.61
Kuwaiti Dinar	713.78	718.78
Malaysian Ringgit	46.85	47.3
New Zealand \$	128.99	130.19
Omani Riyal	573.64	578.14
Qatari Riyal	60.68	61.18
Saudi Riyal	61.9	62.5
Singapore Dollar	156.91	158.21
Swedish Krona	20.19	20.49
Swiss Franc	222.65	224.4
U.A.E Dirham	65.5	66.1
UK Pound Sterling	267	269.5
US Dollar	224.5	226.5

IESCO to set up Special Desk for ICCI to address issues of commercial and industrial consumers

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Engr. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) said that special desk for Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) would be set up in IESCO Head Office to resolve the electricity related issues of commercial and industrial consumers. He said this while addressing the business community during his visit to ICCI. Muhammad Jaffar Murtaza Chief Engineer Customer Services, Muhammad Aslam Chief Engineer Operations, Waheed Akram Manager Commercial and Ghulam Sarwar Assistant Chief Engineer Operations also accompanied him at the occasion.

Engr. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Khan said that ICCI should provide a list of the focal persons of Market Associations and he would direct the concerned officials of IESCO to contact them for addressing the electricity related issues of relevant markets including the proper arrangements of meters and electricity wires. He admitted that the response of IESCO to consumers is poor and added that the business community should give him suggestions to further improve its performance. He said that he wants



to make IESCO a corruption free organization for which cooperation of the business community is needed. He said that he fully supports the ICCI representation in the IESCO Board. He assured that IESCO would facilitate the

business community in promoting trade and industrial activities.

Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry briefed the IESCO

Chief about the various electricity related issues of the business community. He said that ICCI should be given representation in the IESCO Board to take care of the issues of the business community. He said that in many markets and plazas, electricity meters and open wires are posing great danger as they can cause short circuits any time and stressed that IESCO should arrange them properly as per international safety standards. He said that IESCO officials should work in close liaison with trade associations to address the issues of respective markets. He said that IESCO should arrange billing offices in all major commercial centres and industrial areas to facilitate the business community in billing matters.

Faad Waheed Senior Vice President ICCI said that the industry is moving to solar power, but is facing the issue of adjustment of exported units to IESCO, which should be addressed.

Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI, Khalid Iqbal Malik Group Leader, Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Ch. Muhammad Ali, Akhtar Hussain, Maqsood Tabish, Faizan Shehzad, Khalid Chaudhry, Ch. Waseem and others also highlighted the various issues that needed the attention of IESCO Chief for redress.

CCP takes record number of enforcement actions during last 2 years

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A team of the Competition Commission of Pakistan visited the Korangi Association of Trade & Industry (KATI) for an advocacy session as part of its advocacy initiative to create awareness regarding the law and to reach out to the business community for purposes of understanding their relevant concerns.

The CCP Chairperson Ms. Rahat Kaunain Hassan, who was accompanied by Member Mr. Mujtaba Ahmed Lodhi and other senior officers addressed the session, which was attended by KATI president Mr. Faraz-ur-Rehman, Senior vice president, Ms. Nighat Awan, Vice President Mr. Muslim S. Mohamedi and other member participants.

While addressing the session, the Chairperson emphasised the need for businesses to understand that competition is pro-business and undertakings carrying out economic activities must recognise the importance of competition and fair play. Businesses need to reach out to CCP where they experience anti-competitive behaviour and are confronted with policy distortions for the CCP to take remedial measures. The Chairperson added that CCP believes in enforcement without fear and favour, which it has demonstrated in

its decisions across different sectors of the economy. Despite several constraints and challenges since its inception in 2007, CCP has enforced the law in letter and spirit. However, the impact of CCP's decisions will be visible to the consumers once the cartel cases are judicially reviewed on merit.

A presentation on Competition Act was given by CCP explaining the role and powers of the CCP and guiding them on how to file a complaint with CCP regarding the four enforcement pillars along with the policy review and advocacy mandate under the Competition Act. In this regard, it was shared that the CCP has undertaken a record number of enforcement actions including the conclusion of 37 enquiries, initiation of 38 new enquiries and issuance of 15 orders against 134 undertakings imposing an aggregate penalty of approximately Rs. 45 billion during the last two years.

The participants were further informed that the major sectors where these enforcement actions were taken include cement, pulses, tractor, sugar, poultry, power, and milk. Moreover, during some of the enquiries, CCP has also conducted over 20 search and inspections in oil, sugar, cement, poultry feed, poultry, vanaspati, tractor, transport, and power sectors.

On this occasion, KATI President briefed

on the role and activities of the association. He said that KATI represents over 5000 industrial, commercial, and service concerns operating in the Korangi Industrial Area (KIA), providing employment to roughly 1.5 million workers. "KATI is contributing millions to the national exchequer daily. Units representing the most important sectors i.e., Textiles, Leather, Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, Engineering, Towel, Paint, two large Oil Refineries, Food Industry including spices, biscuits, tea, and cooking oil are all located here. 40% of Pakistan's Leather exports are routed from KIA," he said.

During the questions and answers session, the KATI members highlighted several competition issues and asked for the CCP's help in resolving those issues. They complained about the alleged collusive practices in the shipping line industry and exorbitant prices of goods and services impacting export from Pakistan. They also expressed their concern regarding the exorbitant price of ghee and cooking oil despite a reduction in the international prices of palm oil. They were told that an enquiry in this regard is already underway.

KATI President appreciated CCP's role in creating a level playing field for all businesses and extended the support of his association in creating awareness and

PTCL marks conclusion of Breast Cancer awareness campaign



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's largest telecommunication group - PTCL & Ufone 4G concluded its month-long breast cancer awareness campaign by organizing a webinar in collaboration with Maroof International Hospital, Islamabad to sensitize its female employees regarding the prevention and early detection of the disease.

The webinar concluded the awareness drive organized in correspondence with the global 'Pinktober' campaign. The guest speaker, Dr. Saira Mehmood emphasized the need to self-examine for early detection, which she said can ensure a full recovery from the otherwise life-threatening disease.

PTCL and Ufone 4G kick-started their Breast

Cancer awareness campaign in early October also called "Pinktober" by illuminating PTCL and Ufone buildings with bright pink colors and turning their corporate logos pink on all digital platforms. The Group also carried out an SMS broadcast campaign in collaboration with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital to instill a sense of awareness amongst its entire user base. A weekly breast examination poll was also conducted to encourage the female staff to examine themselves for early signs or symptoms.

In addition to that, PTCL and Ufone ran a comprehensive digital campaign under 'The Pink Club' to create awareness about the disease and associated risk factors amongst all female employees.

Dawlance employees' generous donation to Indus Hospital to support flood-victims

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Dawlance is an industry-leading enterprise in Pakistan with a generous Corporate Social Responsibility doctrine, to sponsor resourceful initiatives for socio-economic development. Inspired to contribute towards humanitarian well-being, the company's employees have also collected and donated a generous amount to Indus Hospital Karachi, recently, for providing quality healthcare to the large population impacted by devastating rainstorms and super-floods, this year.

Every employee at Dawlance donated passionately to provide funds and enable relief and rehabilitation for unfortunate flood victims. This initiative will help large segments of the Pakistani population, after the natural disaster, which has left millions of people suffering without food, shelter, healthcare and other necessities of life.

The Dawlance brand has always been at the forefront to support society in overcoming major challenges, while it also conducted a large-scale relief programme during the Covid-19 pandemic, as millions of people had lost their livelihoods during that unprecedented global crisis. Dawlance is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the 2nd largest manufacturer in Europe-Arçelik, which



also donated a large number of Respiratory-Ventilators and life-saving equipment to major hospitals in Pakistan, during the pandemic.

The Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHHN) provides quality healthcare, absolutely FREE of cost, to millions of deserving patients through its countrywide network of tertiary and secondary-care hospitals, physical rehabilitation centers, regional blood centers, community health centers, and public-health programs spread across 52 districts of Pakistan. This state-of-the-art healthcare system solely relies on public donations, to achieve its purpose.

The Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of Dawlance-Umar Ahsan Khan recently invited the Chief Executive Officer of IHHN-Dr. Abdul Bari Khan at the

Dawlance Head Office. While presenting the Donation-Amount, Mr. Umar thanked Dr. Bari for his valuable services to the healthcare sector in Pakistan and said: "The thought behind this humble contribution from the Dawlance-employees is that the healthcare institutions all over Pakistan have been devastated by the rain-storms and the flood-victims have lost access to medical-facilities. So, we are donating our whole contribution to Indus Hospital, which is showing exemplary performance to provide quality healthcare across the impacted regions. Dawlance will continue to support the philanthropic endeavors of Indus Hospital in future too and we would also like to request all other resourceful individuals and companies to help the nation in these rehabilitation efforts."

Pakistan Pavilion Dazzles at the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC) 2022



Spokesman Report

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC), one of the world's most influential energy sector event, is taking place from 31-03 November 2022 in Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), United Arab Emirates, under the patronage of President of the United Arab Emirates.

Pakistan's leading national oil and gas companies, Petroleum Institute of Pakistan and Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) is representing Pakistan in this event by setting up a grand double-deck Pakistan Pavilion which is spread over 100 square meters showcasing Pakistan and its upstream, midstream, and downstream energy sectors.

Pakistan Engineering Council UN-SDG's adoption ceremony

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) held the SDG's launching ceremony, chaired by ENGR. NAJEEB HAROON Chairman PEC. Ceremony chief guest MNA Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam (Convener National Taskforce on SDG's and special assistant to prime minister) highlighted the critical role of PEC and engineers in achieving the UN-SDG's. On this occasion, the chief guest MNA Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam acknowledged the PEC initiative on SDG's adoption and emphasized on the formulation of working plan with PEC that is to be adopted to achieve SDG's with engineering solutions which is now the need of world and society. She emphasized on goal 11 of sustainable cities for which requested PEC and respective stakeholders to cater on priority.

PEC Chairman Engr. Najeeb Haroon welcomed chief guest and all participant stakeholders from different professions and industries. He emphasized on the Engineering solutions to achieve SDG's as PEC is the

power house of engineers and Professionals. Engineers can devise best strategic solutions where ample resources are available, but their utilization required in the most efficient way which engineers can do play their role. Engineers play vital role in building up of sustainable societies and decision making as subject matter experts. He offered engineering services to government from PEC platform for which academy of Engineers fellow PHD already established and working at their own capacity. But to work at state level lateral support and collaborative programs to be initiated from government platform like this SDG's taskforce so that engineers may play their role in building up the sustainable solutions to future and current challenges where already successful models set up worldwide.

Mr. Jawaad Haider from UNESCO as special guest appreciated PEC efforts on this initiative and highlighted on the collaborative role of UNESCO and PEC on past working projects.

He emphasized on the critical challenges of clean city, clean water, healthy food, affordable energy, environment, and sustainable cities. PEC having great potential to address these issues with lateral support of government using lens of UN-SDG's.

Dr. Nasir Khan registrar PEC welcomed guests and all participant stakeholders and briefed on the objective of the ceremony and highlighted on PEC initiatives and road map, that how SDG's mapping will be done with FYDP's and competency profile at university level and engineering firms. Building codes to be aligned with SDG's to bring peace and prosperity to the world.

Engr. Mir Masood Rashid advisor to chairman PEC and convener PEC PPDC announced the formation of the SDG's taskforce and highlighted the objective of its formation and its working mechanism. PEC SDG's Taskforce main objective is to sensitize the stakeholders in engineering profession, particularly univer-



sities/HEIs to adopt SDG's and actively engage themselves in achieving the Global Goals in line with regulatory guidelines of PEC.

Pakistan as a state has set UN-SDG's goals

adoption by 2030. To support the common cause, PEC being in the regulatory position pledge to adopt UN-SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals) by 2025.



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Wasa Water Tank
Rawalpindi 0331-5022125

DHQ Wana health manager had a press briefing

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: DHQ Wana Hospital Health Manager Dr Mamoon Ur Rashid while giving a press briefing to the journalists said that the investigation is complete on the video that went viral on social media a few days ago, there is no truth in that video, in which doctors and staff were present of the patient all efforts were made to save his life, but he could not survive. Because the condition of the patient brought was not well, that video was a conspiracy against the MERF organization. Health Manager of District Headquarter Hospital Wana Dr. Mamoon Ur Rashid gave a detailed briefing to Wana journalists today. In the briefing, Dr. Mamoon Ur Rashid highlighted the steps to be taken for the improvement, development and functioning of the hospital after the District Headquarter Hospital was handed over to MERF, I want to district headquarter hospital took regular charge. While taking over the hospital, many challenges were faced including land disputes with local tribes, hospital security, lack of interest in duty by hospital staff, hospital infrastructure, government employees absent from duty, illegal residents in the residential building of the hospital Lack of accommodation, specialist doctors and other staff and there were other problems including renovation of the hospital.

Hostels' Employees Cricket Tournament Concludes at IIUI

BAHAWALPUR: An enthralled final of the Hostels' employees cricket tournament at the international Islamic University (IIU) concluded here at university as its title was clinched by Team of hostel 03 as it defeated team of hostel 01.

The cricket tournament was organized by the Provost Office in collaboration with the Office of Protocol and Public Relations in which 7 teams from hostels participated. 5 teams were from male campus 01 team from female campus hostel employees and 1 team was from Kuwait hostels Faisal Masjid Campus. The activity is part of the vision and initiatives of the IIUI President for providing healthy and quality education environment to the IIUI community. It is pertinent to mention here that H.E. Dr Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, IIUI President inaugurated the event, IIUI President appreciated the efforts of organizers saying that sports activities are equally important along with the academic activities. He reiterated his resolve that there will be stone



left returned to provide healthy and peaceful milieu of learning to the students.

The winner trophy was collected by the captain of team of Hostel 3 Mr. Qadeer, while runner up award was collected by Jameel Qureshi from the Chief Guest of the ceremony senior journalist, Hanif Khalid. On the occasion, Malik Khurram Shehzad, Special Assistant to Prime Minister and Ex-member Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Dr. Samina Malik Vice President Female Campus, Dr.

Abbr Anver, Chief Organizer and Provost male, Dr. Rizwan Aftab, Students Advisor Male Campus, Dr. Sumiya Chughtai Students Advisor female, Dr. Humaira Ashfaq Provost Female, Assistant Directors Provost offices Chaudhary Muhammad Kahlid, and Ali Rafie, Assistant Directors Protocol Al-Hassan and Muhammad Nauman and a large number of employees and students.

The chief guest, Hanif Kahid also awarded medals to the captains of all the participa-

tory teams. He said IIUI is one of the prestigious institutions and it has many distinctions. He also stressed that sports activities must be promoted as these are vital for mental and physical health of youth. He appreciated the efforts of IIUI management for organizing a constructive event.

Malik Khurram Shehzad highlighted the importance of the sports activities. He appreciated the initiative of the Provost Office and Protocol section of the university.

Provost male, Dr. Abbr Anver thanked the honorable guests for attending the event and reiterated his resolve that his office will continue to organize such activities. He said the Provost Office is thankful to employees and management for keen interest in this healthy activity. He also appreciated the efforts of the Provost Office's officers and staff members for making this event a success. Director Female Campus, Dr Samina Malik also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the Provost Office.

Japan Self-Defense Forces Day

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Khurram Dastgir Khan, Japan Ambassador to Pakistan WADA Mitsuhiro, Lieutenant General Asim Munir, Japan Defense Attache Colonel Yamamoto Hidetaka, and others cutting the cake during Japan Self-Defense Forces Day, at a local hotel in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online

Safeguarding Health Care – ICRC's Prime Objective

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: As a mean to ensure quality healthcare relating to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), the importance of adoption of multi disciplinary approach towards increasing protection of Health Care was stressed upon by the health sector practitioners and experts in the session on Safeguarding Health Care: Time to Act organized by International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Health Services Academy during 12th Annual Public Health Conference of Health Services Academy.

The session was facilitated by Health Care in Danger (HCiD) initiative of ICRC, a dedicated program aimed at combating violence against health care. This violence against doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, paramedics, and health centres can disrupt the health-care system when people need it the most.

Dr. Zia ul Haq, VC Khyber Medical College was the chief guest of the session, while Director Emergency Department, Lady Reading Hospital, Dr. Hamid Shehzad, Pro-VC Isra University, Prof. Dr. Umer Ali Khan, Associate Professor HSA, Dr. Juliet David, Associate Professor HSA, Dr. Samina Naeem Khalid, Former ED, PSH Sindh, Head of HCiD Initiative Dr Mirwais Khan, and Project Manager, HCiD, Dr. Faryal Baddia spoke at the session.

Head of HCiD Initiative, Dr. Mirwais Khan, said that this humanitarian issue has widespread and long-term effects. We all need to address it together. He explained that the pillars of HCiD approach comprise



strengthening evidence-base, morphing knowledge and evidence into practical interventions and advocacy tools and promoting awareness regarding respect and protection of health care.

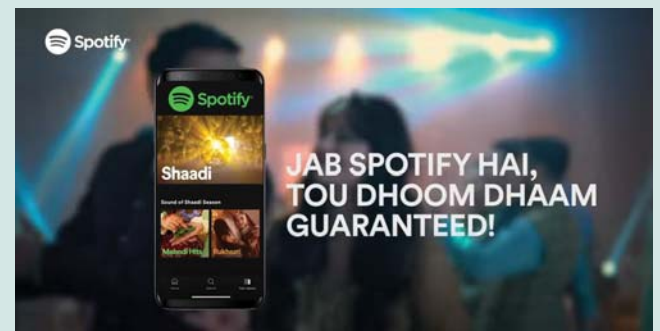
Associate Professor, HSA, Dr. Samina Naeem Khalid said that threat to health care practically leads to a halt in functions, jeopardizing the whole health system. She stressed on the need of enhancing trust and respect for healthcare by bringing the effective role media and advocacy in use. The first basic step of change is to bring about behavioral change in masses through media.

Project Manager, HCiD, Dr. Faryal Baddia enlightened the audience on findings of the reviews of provincial legal frameworks, overview of enactment of amend-

ments and new provincial law for protection of health care and dissemination of legal provisions for protection of healthcare.

Dr. Zia ul Haq, VC Khyber Medical College expressed his concerns regarding safeguarding health care and described potential threat to them especially in the situation of crisis in Pakistan. He said that during crisis situations many people die only because they are prevented from receiving medical attention in time. Entire communities are cut off from vital services, such as maternity care, child care and vaccinations. Sometimes the disruption can be so severe that the entire system collapses. It is about time that we all join hands to address this issue of grave concern and ensure safety of health care

Spotify Celebrates Wedding Season in Pakistan with Guaranteed Dhoom Dhaam



KARACHI: Spotify has launched its wedding campaign in Pakistan titled 'Dhoom Dhaam Guaranteed', to celebrate the wedding season that has just begun in the country. With music being the heartbeat of every occasion, Spotify will be soundtracking all key moments of a Pakistani wedding through this campaign, while also launching a go-to destination with personalized and curated playlists for wedding festivities.

With weddings in Pakistan being grand cultural events that sometimes begin almost a month before the actual wedding date, Spotify has made it easier than ever to access every festive track through a single wedding destination. The 'Sound of Shaadi Season' destination features 7 customized playlists which include; 'Shaadi Hits', 'Dholki Tappay', 'Shaadi Bhangra', 'Mehndi Hits', 'Dulhan Entry', 'Baraat Entry' and 'Rukhsati'—each containing a list of songs that have and continue to set the groove for all the festivities at Pakistani weddings by highlighting the essence of each event and rekindling our traditional 'Shaadi' nostalgia.

Spotify in its ode to 'Dhoom Dhaam Guaranteed' is marking the launch of the Shaadi destination with three TV commercials centered around pre-wedding stress, the complex dynamics of family relationships and dance preparations.

Speaking about the campaign, Talha Hashim, Spotify's Marketing Manager for Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka said, "Weddings are one of the biggest celebrations in Pakistan. A lot of time and effort is put into planning the events and it is rare for them to go just as planned. So, we took it upon ourselves to add a melodic lens to the whole wedding euphoria, that as long as you have Spotify, 'Dhoom Dhaam' will be guaranteed."

The campaign also includes a collaboration between Spotify and TikTok featuring a hashtag challenge, #SpotifyDhoomDhaam, that introduces a unique Spotify branded effect. This filter will provide users with different tasks to perform related to wedding activities.

In addition, "Dhoom Dhaam Guaranteed" campaign will catch your attention through a rich media mix including radio, digital, and out-of-home placements across Pakistan.

Pak Afghan Relations, Grand National Dialogue



ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI) organized a roundtable discussion titled, 'Pak-Afghan Relations' under the Grand National Dialogue being conducted by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute. The discussion was held under the Chatham House Rules. The keynote speaker for the discussion was Ambassador Ayaz Wazir. The discussion revolved around Pak Afghan relations and the implications for Pakistan and the region at large. A select number of participants attended the meeting and shared their views on the topic.

The Diabetes' Centre Australia holds a fund raising event in Sydney Spokesman Report

Islamabad : The Diabetes' Centre Australia holds a massive fund raising event in Sydney organized by hospital's Board of Director, Dr Asrar H Khan along with his team

The purpose of this event was to raise funds for TDC Sahiwal Hospital for which land has already been donated

It was a large gathering attended by Members of Australian Parliamentarians, civil society , dignitaries and Pakistan's High Commissioner to Australia Mr Zahid Hafeez Chaudhry

Chairman TDC, Dr Asjad Hameed recorded message was played wherein he urged the participants to donate generously to save people of Pakistan from soaring diabetes.

People of Manjhand (Jamshoro) start returning to work

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: After launching a "rapid infrastructure rehabilitation" Project for the flood-affected people in Hanna Orak Baluchistan, ILO supports the Government of Pakistan in rolling out emergency employment project now in Jamshoro Sindh. The project will be delivered through Pakistan Workers Federation and will generate around 5,000 of person days of employment for the people of Manjhand.

Sindh and Baluchistan are among the provinces which are hardest hit by the devastating floods of 2022. In a rapid assessment done by the ILO, 50 per cent employment is lost or disrupted in Sindh topping all other provinces. This employment disruption and loss is mostly in agriculture sector and other informal parts of the economy. Women working in the agriculture sector are further disadvantaged because of the floods.

Mr Sajid Hussain Turi, Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and HRD, lauded the ILO for its immediate response to the crisis caused by the floods saying, rapid infrastructure rehabilitation is not only a means to injecting cash by bringing people back to work but also a way of ensuring that dignity of people is respected in the process of recovery and reconstruction.

The rapid infrastructure reconstruction project launched in Manjhand Jamshoro is a small drop in the ocean, but a project that is scalable and can be complemented through an integrated approach that provides health, education, social services, and protection to people along with daily wages for the work they carry out, commented Mr Manzoor Khaliq, ILO Officer In charge for CO Pakistan. The project will ensure that employment opportunities created are in line with international labour standards and that no children is engaged in labour and women and men are provided equal opportunities.

Secretary Workers Welfare Board, Mr Saleh Jumani, ILO Officer In charge for CO Pakistan, Mr Manzoor Khaliq, Mr Waqar Memon, Pakistan Workers Federation joined the Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and HRD during his community visit where they met with those who have been registered with the emergency employment project and girls and boys who are enrolled with the non-formal education sessions organised in the community.

Explaining to the guests visiting the community of Manjhand, Mr Asad Memon, PWF, said that women in Sindh have indigenous skills and we are leveraging these by helping them make rallies and other local crafts and they will be assisted in making market linkages so these products can be sold.

Change of Firm Name With Address

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AIOU rises in international students' admissions

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD :Allama Iqbal Open University has expanded its educational services globally and the number of international students is increasing rapidly. 400 international students from 35 countries got enrolled in the ongoing admissions of autumn semester 2022, it

is hoped that around 500 students will get enrolled by the last date of admissions. Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum, has set a target of enrolling 10,000 international students in the next three years.

It is pertinent to mention here that the VC, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum has taken great steps to increase

the facilities of the students and raise the quality of education, among which digitization of the University is at the top. As a result of digitization, AIOU has come to a position that now Pakistanis living in countries around the world and international students can also enroll themselves in various educational programs of AIOU.