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Henrik Persson said that Pakistani students studying in Sweden have the best qualification

Ambassador of Sweden emphasized the steps to further strengthen the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and Sweden. Henrik Persson said that Pakistani students studying in Sweden have the best qualification. He said that Pakistanis working in Sweden are playing a significant role in the development of Sweden.



Blinken condemns firing at Imran Khan

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has strongly condemned the shooting of former Prime Minister Imran Khan at a political rally on Thursday, and wished him quick recovery. "The United States strongly condemns the shooting of former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan and others at a political rally," he said in a statement posted on the State Department's website.

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Protest at Faizabad

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf workers shouting slogans during a protest to condemn a shooting incident on Imran Khan's convoy, at Faizabad flyover bridge.



Photo: Online by Waseem Khan

Mariyum condemns vandalism, arson & violence



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Aurangzeb on Friday strongly condemned the vandalism, arson, and violence by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers in the wake of firing at Imran Khan the other day.

"Those who have attacked the state properties and set the country on fire cannot be its well-wishers," she said in a news statement.

Referring to Imran Khan's politics, she said the mindset of "foreign-funded Fitna" had polarized the nation. His politics of confrontation and chaos had inflicted irreparable damage on the country, he added.

She questioned why Punjab

police had so far not lodged the First Information Report (FIR) of the firing incident.

According to law, she said, the government hospital authored a medico-legal report in a criminal case, but Imran Khan was doing otherwise.

Mariyum said the "foreign-funded Fitna" wanted civil war in the country.

The minister said Imran Khan had waged the war against the country after it exited from the FATF grey list.

He had also waged the war against a country to prevent foreign direct investment in the country, she added.

The minister said everything was fine in the country as the people had rejected the politics of chaos and anarchy. APP

Pakistan, China have shared destiny, says Shehbaz Sharif

BELJING: Pakistan will work with China to promote a shared destiny of achievements and progress, and foster peace and harmony in the region and the world at large, said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Shehbaz Sharif travelled to China for the first time in 1981 and has since witnessed the tremendous transformation of the country through his many visits.

"You could hardly see a car on the road, (only) buses and bicycles in 1981," he remarked in an interview with Xinhua who was on a two-day official visit to China from November 1-2.

He was among the first foreign leaders to visit China after the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

"And over the years the entire country has transformed and become the second largest economy in the world. This is a miracle of its kind."

"I think it is because of dedica-



tion, visionary leadership of the Communist Party of China. Its leaders, its vision and sacrifice," he said. The 20th CPC National Congress conveyed a very powerful message across the world that China stands by continuity and stability and peaceful co-existence,

the prime minister said.

Highlighting China's success in eradicating absolute poverty, providing better job opportunities, and improving education and healthcare, Shehbaz Sharif said Xi Jinping's re-election as general secretary of the CPC Central

Committee is important not only to the Chinese people, but also friendly countries and even globally.

"Today under President Xi's leadership, China is a country without which the world can not move on. This is a great sense of achievements," he said, explaining that Pakistan is trying to learn from China.

Shehbaz Sharif said he has no doubt that China will further grow and progress by leaps and bounds, and the Pakistan-China friendly relations will further deepen and strengthen.

Pakistan and China have enjoyed an "unprecedented and unique" friendship, or Iron Brotherhood, over the seven decades since the establishment of diplomatic ties. The two countries have promoted relations on the basis of mutual trust, respect and cooperation, he said.

Shehbaz Sharif commended the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a game changer in

transforming Pakistan's power, energy, infrastructure and public transport sector. Sharif himself was given the task to implement multiple CPEC energy projects and the Lahore Orange Line, the country's first metro train service.

"I must tell you with a sense of satisfaction that these CPEC energy projects were completed and made operational faster than Chinese regard. This is what we call 'Pakistan speed,'" said the prime minister, referring to the "Shenzhen speed" in China.

"That's what this brotherhood, cooperation and friendship is about," Sharif said, hoping the CPEC will go to the next phase to promote agriculture, modern technology and IT industry.

Shehbaz Sharif said he supports the China-proposed Global Development Initiative and Global Security Initiative as a remarkable vision to promote harmony and peaceful coexistence between nations and societies. APP/PID

Ahsan urges PTI to avoid spreading unrest

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal on Friday urged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan to avoid spreading unrest in the country.

The habitual practice of Imran Khan promoting hatred during public meetings was harmful to society, he said while talking to a private television channel.

The PTI chief was making efforts to make social polarization in the country through the long march, he observed.

Condemning the attacks on Imran Khan during the long march, he said it was a tragic and condemnable incident. APP

Unconditional dialogue only option to address political issues: Kaira

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman-Kaira on Friday said unconditional dialogue was the only option to address all political issues and reaching to a consensus on all outstanding matters.

"We are ready to talk to them [PTI leadership] on their demands but unconditional. Consensus should be acceptable for all democratic forces in the country for strengthening of the democracy and the supremacy of law and constitution," he said while addressing a press conference.

Kaira said, "We never denied holding of dialogue with them but they have to justify their demands as here is a constitution and democratic institutions, which should be respected and obeyed."

He said there should be no deadlock in political dialogues because it's a negative thing in the democratic system and all political issues could be resolved through dialogue and

discussions. "Deadlocks in dialogue create problems while discussions pave the way for positive outcomes."

He suggested that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership should avoid issuing controversial statements which may harm the peace and stability of the country. "Unfortunately, PTI leaders have been issuing irresponsible statements soon after the firing incident, which should be avoided."

Kaira said changing the government was purely an undemocratic and unconstitutional demand of the PTI.

He said, "We are a strong believer in peaceful dialogue with political parties." Unlike PTI leadership, the government's representatives never issued any irresponsible statements and they only responded to their charges in a polite manner, he added.

Replying to a question, the PM aide said, "We want to make the country's political atmosphere a pleasant and calm one. Our enemies

are taking advantage of the situation to destabilize our country."

To another question, he said, "I will request the prime minister and my party leadership to visit Imran Khan to inquire about his health."

He said that the leadership of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) faced alike attacks and even lost their lives but "we never exploited the situation and stimulated the public for wrongdoing just for the sake of the country. I request PTI leadership to play a responsible role to ensure peace in the country and fail the nefarious designs of Pakistan's enemies."

He said that the entire nation was shocked over the tragic firing incident. He prayed to Allah Almighty for the early recovery of the PTI chairman and other injured persons.

He said the PPP leadership strongly condemned the attack on Imran Khan and demanded an investigation into the incident to know the actual reasons behind the attack. APP

President condoles political worker's death in PTI long march attack

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday expressed condolence over the death of Moazzam Nawaz, a political worker killed during an attack on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's long march in Wazirabad on Thursday.

"My all sympathies go with the bereaved family and the children of Moazzam Nawaz," the president said in a statement.

He prayed to Allah Almighty to grant peace and informed that due to difference of premium on import of HSD for importing OMCs and PSO, there is an unsustainable posi-

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar presided over the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) at Finance Division, today.

Federal Minister of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Power Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi MNA/ex-PM, Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha, Minister of State for Petroleum Mr. Musadik Masood Malik, SAPM on Finance Mr. Tariq Bajwa, SAPM on Revenue Mr. Tariq Pasha, Federal Secretaries, Chairman FBR and other senior officers attended the meeting. Ministry of energy (Petroleum Division) submitted a summary on High Speed Diesel/ Gas oil premium and informed that due to difference of premium on import of HSD for importing OMCs and PSO, there is an unsustainable posi-

tion for importing OMCs and smooth supply of HSD in the country.

In order to ensure sustained supply/import security, the ECC after detailed discussion allowed premium on HSD subject to maximum capping at US\$ 15/BBL for importing OMCs other than PSO for the months of November and December, 2022. Federal Board of Revenue presented a summary on increase in rate of Sales Tax on HOB. It was conveyed that the rates of Sales Tax on POL products were reduced to zero from 1st February, 2022, that put pressure on FBR's efforts to achieve its revenue targets. Therefore, the ECC after deliberation allowed to increase petroleum levy from Rs 30 up to Rs. 50/Liter on RON 95 and above with effect from 16th November, 2022, which is a luxury good being consumed by wealthy consumers in expensive vehicles. The ECC also approved Technical Supplementary Grants of Rs. 5 billion for conduct of 7th population census.

World order for total peace

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with a delegation of the Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS), at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Friday.



Photo: PID

President for ethical, moral & humanity-based world order for total peace

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has said that an ethical, morality and humanity-based world order should be pursued to establish total peace in the world as opposed to an order based upon biases, phobias and vested interests. He added that societies the world over had been endeavouring to pursue total peace by eliminating the kinetic use of force to achieve national or international objectives, albeit with little success.

The President expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation of the Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS), Islamabad, led by Director PIPS, Mr Muhammad Amir Rana, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

During the meeting, the President stressed the need

for uniform and fair application of international laws, rules and regulations on all nations and on all peoples equally and fairly without making any discrimination on the basis of colour, creed, race or religious beliefs. He said that total peace in the world may be attainable provided we disregard the concepts of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), Civilized War and Humane warfare. These concepts, he said, were elements of power and circumvented norms of natural justice, professed rules and regulations, and punished the perceived threat unheard and without the due process of law.

He said that laws should be framed while keeping in view the larger public interest as against vested interests,

biases or phobias. The President said that upholding the Constitution, judicious, impartial and fair application of laws, dispensing justice without fear or favour, and practising authentic and universally accepted norms of democracy which include consultations, discussions and negotiations was essential to resolve issues and to defuse and minimize political polarization to lead the country on the path of peace and prosperity.

Referring to the increasing trend of Islamophobia, religious bigotry, and intimidation and chastisement of minorities in India, the President said that such trends and behaviours once unleashed had long-lasting impacts on society and were difficult to reverse.

He further said that there was a need to respect the privacy of individuals, and to create a society that was tolerant, open and welcoming to new ideas, innovations and diversity of views and opinions.

"Any polarization in society, especially in the political arena, reflects the weakness of institutional mechanisms to deal with issues and challenges, and creates unrest and stress in the society", he added.

The President also advised PIPS to broaden its consultative base, interact and expand its network with the national and international think tanks and stakeholders, enlarge its knowledge base, and carry out active and meaningful consultation with the people's representatives, public and private bodies, and civil society for

strengthening its concepts and ideas.

During the meeting, Director PIPS gave a presentation on the "Charter of Peace", which is a policy document developed by PIPS after consultation with different stakeholders. The document lists all elements necessary for bringing sustainable peace to the country by promoting democracy, upholding the Constitution, human rights and rule of law. PIPS is a research and advocacy think-tank and is an initiative of leading Pakistani scholars, researchers and journalists.

PIPS conducts wide-ranging research and analysis of political, social and religious conflicts that have a direct bearing on both national and international security.

Army requests govt for punitive action against perpetrators of institution's defamation: ISPR

RAWALPINDI: The Armed Forces media wing on Friday took exceptions to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman's accusations against Pakistan Army and requested the government to take punitive action against perpetrators of the institution's defamation and false accusations made without any evidence.

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), in a news release, said the baseless and irresponsible allegations by the PTI chairman against the institution and particularly a senior army officer were absolutely unacceptable and uncalled for.

"Pakistan Army prides itself for being an extremely profes-

sional and well-disciplined organisation with a robust and highly effective internal accountability system applicable across the board for unlawful acts, if any, committed by uniformed personnel."

The military's media wing said, however, if the honour, safety, and prestige of its rank and file were being tarnished

by vested interests through frivolous allegations, "the institution would jealousy safeguard its officers and soldiers no matter what."

"The baseless allegations hurled at the institution and officials today are highly regrettable and strongly condemned. No one will be allowed to defame the institution or its

soldiers with impunity."

Keeping this in view, the ISPR said, the government of Pakistan was requested to investigate the matter and initiate legal action against those responsible for defamation and false accusations against the institution and its officials without any evidence whatsoever. APP

Indian police arrest APHC leader in Sopore



ISLAMABAD: In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Indian police arrested All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) leader and Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Tehreek-e-Shababul Muslimeen Molvi Bashir Ahmed Irfani in Sopore town. Molvi Bashir Ahmed Irfani was arrested during a raid in the town yesterday, the Jammu and Kashmir Tehreek-e-Shababul Muslimeen spokesman said in a statement in Srinagar.

The spokesman, condemning the arrest of Molvi Bashir Ahmed, reiterated to continue the ongoing freedom struggle.

The statement urged India to shun its military might policy on Kashmir and settle it as per the United Nations resolutions. INP



ISLAMABAD: The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Umar Ata Bandial with the members of the outgoing and incoming cabinets of Supreme Court Bar Association in the Supreme Court of Pakistan on Friday.

Pakistan expresses concern over situation in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday expressed deep concern over the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), noting that only during October, the Indian occupation forces in their continued acts of state terrorism martyred 14 Kashmiris in fake encounters and illegal custody.

Speaking at the weekly press briefing here, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said, "Indian police, paramilitary personnel, and notorious National Investigation Agen-

cy also arrested 47 people and destroyed a residential house during a cordon and search operations and house raids in different areas of the occupied territory during the month."

He said Pakistan had consistently called upon the international community to shoulder its responsibility with regard to IIOJK. "India must be held responsible for its nefarious scheme of altering the demography of IIOJK, as well as its unabated brutal repression of the innocent Kashmiris."

The spokesperson said Pakistan had categorically rejected India's baseless propaganda directed against Pakistan at the meeting of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) in Mumbai last week. "We have also strongly condemned the highly irresponsible, provocative, and gratuitous remarks by the Indian Defence Minister at a public event on Kashmir Black Day in IIOJK."

He told that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would be participating in the COP-27

related summit in Sharm El-Sheikh on 7-8 November. "We will be sharing more details about that visit in due course."

Talking about the PM's recent visit to China, he said there was complete consensus to accelerate the high-quality development of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It was also agreed to fast-track the implementation of the Main Line-I and Karachi Circular Railway projects. APP

PM informs UN Coordinator about steps for rehabilitation of flood affectees



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Friday held a meeting with Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of United Nations Julian Harnies and informed him about the permanent effects on the lives of people in the areas affected by unprecedented floods.

He also informed about the measures taken for the rehabilitation of flood affectees and about the activities of the government for rescue and relief.

He said Pakistan was already facing difficult economic conditions

and then had to face economic losses of \$ 40 billion because of floods. The prime minister thanked the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres who came to visit the flood-affected areas of Pakistan and became the voice of Pakistanis in the whole world.

Julian Harnies expressed sympathy with the flood affectees and reiterated complete support of the United Nations for their rehabilitation. He declared as exemplary the steps taken by government for the timely rescue, rehabilitation and restoration of the affectees. APP

OIC condemns assassination attempt on Imran Khan



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has expressed its strong condemnation of the assassination attempt on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief and former premier Imran Khan on Friday.

While expressing its concern on social media website, Twitter, the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation said that the OIC stands with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan against any

threat to its security and stability and extends to it and to its people wishes for stability and prosperity.

It is pertinent to mention here that former prime minister Imran Khan was shot at and injured on Thursday evening when a suspect, standing in front of the container carrying the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief and senior party leaders, showered a volley of bullets with an automatic pistol when the party's 'Haqaaqi Azadi' march reached Wazirabad's Allahwala Chowk.

Imran Khan 'stable, doing fine and recovering': Dr Sultan

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: PTI Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan was recovering in hospital on Friday after an assassination attempt that left him with a gunshot wound to the leg. The attack on his convoy killed one man and wounded many others, significantly raising the stakes in political crisis gripping the country since ouster of Imran Khan's government in April.

Imran Khan "Was stable and he was doing fine" at Shaukat Khanum Hospital in Lahore, his doctor Faisal Sultan told reporters Friday morning. The 70-year-old former international cricket star had been leading a campaign convoy of thousands since

last week from Lahore to Islamabad when he was attacked.

Imran Khan escaped with at least one bullet wound to his right leg when a gunman sprayed pistol fire at his modified container truck as it slowly drove through a thick crowd in Wazirabad. Everyone who was standing in the very front row got hit," former information minister Fawad Chaudhry, who was standing behind Khan.

Fawad Chaudhry said PTI officials would meet later Friday to discuss the immediate fate of Khan's campaign march, but vowed it would continue.

"The real freedom long march will continue and the movement for people's rights will remain until an announcement on the general elections," he tweeted.

Sherry Rehman tops The Washington Post's list of leaders to watch at COP27

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman has been placed at top of the list of people to watch at the upcoming Conference of Parties (COP27) in Egypt.

In a list released by The Washington Post, five people are mentioned who could help determine the outcome of the negotiations, and the Federal Minister tops the list. The Washington Post said that Senator Rehman's leading role on the issue of climate justice will play a key role, as she will urge the developed and wealthy countries, who are among the major polluters, to compensate lower-income countries currently facing the loss and damage from climate induced events. Other names included in the list are Jennifer Morgan from Germany, John Kerry from United States, Xie Zhenhua from China, Vanessa Nakate from Uganda.

Earlier last week, the Federal Minister was also on top of the list published by Climate Home News, which mentioned nine global leaders who are influencing and shaping the climate agenda on key issues, and the Federal Minister was identified as a 'Climate victim defender' among the list of global leaders.

For being recognized as a leading voice on climate change, Senator Rehman said, "It is indeed an honor to be among such a distinguished list of global leaders. This COP comes at a pivotal time for humanity, and we hope that the world can band together in the face of this global climate crisis. Pakistan's position at COP27 is clear - we must advocate for climate justice, so the burdens of climate induced disasters are shared equitably amongst the Global North and the Global South." APP

NADRA to facilitate the process of obtaining ID card for persons with disabilities: Shazia Marri

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and NADRA signed a bilateral agreement for new survey under Dynamic Registry, today, at Benazir Income Support Program Headquarters. Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety/Chairperson BISP, Ms. Shazia Marri, Chairman NADRA, Mr. Tariq Malik, BISP and senior officials of NADRA attended the meeting.

Talking to the participants at the event, Ms. Shazia Marri said that for those women who could not participate in the first survey, BISP is organizing a new survey for them under Dynamic Registry. In this survey, applicants can register any change in their household information immediately. BISP and NADRA partnership is a long term and highly effective in terms of serving poorest of the poor. "Under the agreement, NADRA will set up 647 dynamic regis-



try offices across the country", she added and said that the new data will be a great source for other institutions as a shock response in the need of time.

Federal Minister/Chairperson appreciated NADRA's role supporting BISP to serve people in need, and urged Chair-

man NADRA to simplify the process of CNIC issuance for the persons with different disabilities and assured him of all support if any legislation required in this regard. She said that the persons with disabilities are facing procedural hurdles and difficulties in the issuance

of CNICs meant for them. She further asked Chairman NADRA to help BISP in getting back those actual needy and eligible/deserving women who were excluded from the BISP system through installing undue filters in the past. She said that financial assistance to deserving women was the vision of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, and it's beyond any political affiliation and for every deserving woman, and it is her aim to include every needy woman in BISP beneficiaries list without any discrimination.

On this occasion, Chairman NADRA Mr. Tariq Malik said that NADRA's aim is to ensure re-survey of new applicants and three and a half crore households already registered under dynamic registry. He said that marital status, disability, family information of applicants through dynamic registry and biometric will be updated as per the NADRA database.

AIOU organizes lecture on Iqbal and Ishq e Rasool



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Iqbal Chair on Tasawwuf and Muslim Thoughts, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) organized a seminar on "Iqbal and Ishq e Rasool". Head, Iqbal Chair, Prof. Fatch Muhammad Malik presided over the event. A well-known philosopher, researcher, and religious scholar of the country, Dr. Habib-ur-Rahman Asim, gave a detailed lecture on "Iqbal and Ishq Rasool". Sahibzada Sajid Ur Rahman, Dr. Abdul Wajid Tabassum, faculty members and students also attended the seminar.

Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman Asim, in his lecture, said that the love of Rasool (PBUH) is an integral part of our faith being Muslim and is our way to success in this world and hereafter. He said that there is a need for academic events at the university level to instill the love of Rasool (PBUH) in the new generation.

Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman Asim further said that Allama Iqbal had deep love and affection for the Prophet (PBUH) and his poetry revolves around Ishq E Rasool and Obedience to the Rasool. Iqbal had extensive knowledge of the Qur'an, which is the reason for the fragrance of Ishq e Rasool in his poetry. He said that there is a lot of darkness of hopelessness in society and the love of Muhammad (PBUH) is the only way to remove it.

Professor Fatch Muhammad Malik said that Allama Iqbal's heart was full of love for the Prophet. The Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum, has established the Iqbal Chair along with other two chairs in the Center of Excellence of the University, where academic events are being held continuously. Professor Muhammad Rafiq Tahir explained the aims and objectives of the Center of Excellence and said that after Rabi-ul-Awwal, it is the month of Iqbal and we will organize more events under Iqbal Chair on Tasawwuf Muslim thoughts to know Iqbal.

President 'WAWA' formally inaugurated the computer lab



By Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: President of Wana Welfare Association (WAWA) Rahmatullah Khan Wazir formally inaugurated the computer lab at Musa Nika Public School and College Wana in the tribal district of Lower Waziristan.

On this Occasion Ghulam Hussain, Principal of Government High School Wana, Gul Hasan, Principal of Musa Nika Public School and College Wana and Javed Nasir, Principal of Umma Children Academy Wana and other social workers of the area were present in the inauguration ceremony.

In this regard, General Secretary of Wana Welfare Association (Wawa) Jalal Wazir says, this is the second computer lab of Wana Welfare Association (Wana), earlier Umma Children's Academy has set up a computer lab in Wana.

He said that 20 computers have been set up in the computer lab to be established in Musa Nika Public School and College Wana, by the end of November, another 30 computers will be set up.

He said that we have recruited an expert IT teacher to give students advanced technology and advanced skills in computer education.

We hope that these IT specialists will produce around 200 IT specialists annually.

On the other hand, the common people declared the day and night hard work and services of wana Welfare Association as a good omen for the area, and appreciated their activities and efforts.

KARACHI: Street vendor is selling dry fruit alongside a road on his pushcart at Sadar area, in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

foodpanda partners with Reckitt to donate and raise awareness for breast cancer

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: foodpanda has partnered with Reckitt to raise awareness about breast cancer in Pakistan. The MOU for the partnership was signed recently, under the terms of which both parties will make a donation for every unit of Veet sold till October, 2023 through pandamart.

More specifically, foodpanda and Reckitt will donate Rs 2 for every Veet unit sold on the platform for the next 1 year with combined contributions going towards fighting breast cancer. foodpanda will also endeavor to create awareness about the partnership with its user base and spread the word about the social impact of purchasing Veet through pandamart.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director pandamart, Ibad Ahmed shared, "In Asia, Pakistan has the highest rate of breast cancer; to put it in numbers 1 in every 9 women in Pakistan has a lifetime risk of being diagnosed with breast



cancer. Most cases go unnoticed due to late diagnosis and delayed referral to appropriate facilities. Given the stigma attached to breast cancer in our society, foodpanda along with Reckitt is playing its part to raise awareness and help women examine themselves as the first

line of defense against breast cancer."

The Director Marketing APAC foodpanda, Javier Mauricio Delgado Granados, shared the same sentiment and said, "Through this partnership foodpanda and Reckitt will break the taboos surrounding breast cancer and

encourage women from all walks of life to examine themselves and seek help if they notice any changes to nip the bud. Breast cancer, if diagnosed in earlier stages, is very much treatable and promises a full recovery, but the longer you take to diagnose it, the more complicated the treatment becomes and reduces the chances of a full recovery."

Kashan Hasan, CEO, Reckitt Pakistan says, "In Pakistan breast cancer is still a taboo subject for many. You don't need to be a woman to be diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Raising awareness is the first step towards the fight against this ailment. Hoping that this collaboration can contribute in helping our communities overcome the most basic task of diagnosis. Only with early diagnosis can we help save precious lives."

The ceremony was attended by the members of higher management of foodpanda and Reckitt along with dignitaries from the corporate and media spheres in Pakistan.

Beaconhouse hosts the 15th Edition of the 'School of Tomorrow'

LAHORE: Beaconhouse, the country's largest network of private educational institutions, has launched the 15th edition of its flagship 'School of Tomorrow' (SOT) Event series today in Lahore, marking the 47th anniversary of the Beaconhouse Group.

The three-day event, themed 'Guardians of the Future' will host over 150 global and local thought leaders from various sectors, including education, development, healthcare, technology and digital media, for insightful panel discussions on a multitude of topics relevant to the youth and varying factors impacting the general public.

Over the last four decades Beaconhouse has been a committed advocate for the



rights of children and encourages young people to be active participants in their learning, and be viewed as guardians of the future: the next generations of mentors and leaders within their families, communities, and nations.

Taking the narrative forward, the first on-ground SOT conference in four years,

includes 40 plus sessions ranging from panel discussions on the future of education, the global economy, climate change and technology to interesting interactions with thought leaders including Jeffrey Archer (best-selling author), Dr Faisal Bari (Dean, LUMS School of Education), Ron Berger (Professor,

Harvard Graduate School of Education), Sean Covey (President, FranklinCovey Education), Salima Hashmi (Founding Dean of the Mariam Dawood School of Visual Art & Design, BNU), John Hattie (internationally acclaimed Researcher and Professor), Kamran Lashari (DG, Walled City Lahore Authority), Syeda Arfa Zehra (Educationist and Human Rights Activist), Samina Baig (High-altitude Mountaineer), Shae Gill (internationally renowned singer), Ali Xeeshan (leading Fashion Designer), and Hasan Sheheryar Yasin (iconic Fashion Designer and TV Host).

Speaking about the conference, Kasim Kasuri, Event Chair and CEO of Beacon-

house, said, "We are excited to bring School of Tomorrow back to Lahore after 6 years — our XVth edition since 2000! The aim of SOT Events is to catalyse conversations around the future of learning, climate change, technology, arts and culture, entrepreneurship, and inclusion. Edition XV of SOT is called "Guardians of the Future" — and is dedicated to the youth, who are the true custodians of our future. We hope to promote communities that value the rights of children and, in doing so, promote globally-minded, critical thinkers who will not only be our leaders of tomorrow but also contributors to making the world a peaceful place for everyone — despite our differences."

Dost Muhammad Mazari sent to jail on judicial remand



News Desk

LAHORE: A judicial magistrate sent the former deputy speaker Punjab assembly Dost Muhammad Mazari to jail on judicial remand on Friday.

Mazari was sent to jail on judicial in a case of alleged illegal allotment of 2,500 Kanal lands in the Rajanpur district.

remand of the former deputy speaker of Punjab Assembly Dost Muhammad Mazari in a case of alleged illegal allotment of 2,500 Kanal lands in the Rajanpur district.

The Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) team produced Mazari before the magistrate on expiry of his two-day remand. At the outset of the hearing, the ACE officials demanded 10-physical remand of former Punjab Assembly deputy speaker Mazari. The Prosecutor of the ACE told the court that further custody of the suspect was required to complete the investigation.

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SC to hear appeal against de-seating of PTI MPs on Nov 9

ISLAMABAD: A three-member Supreme Court of Pakistan bench will take up an appeal against the de-seating of 25 PTI members of provincial assembly (MPAs) on November 9, 2022.

Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial will head the bench comprising Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Ayesha Malik.

Defecting their political party, PTI, these members had voted for PLM-N Vice President Hamza Shehbaz Sharif in the election for the Chief Minister of Punjab on April 16.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) de-notified these alleged defectors on May 23.

These included five elected MPAs on seats reserved for women and minorities after a reference filed by PTI chairman Imran Khan seeking the removal of defectors from the assembly.

The case was heard by a three-member bench of the ECP, comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja, Nisar Ahmed Durrani and Shah Mohammad Jatoi.

Later the deserters and former MPAs moved to the Supreme Court to challenge the ECP ruling.

The votes of the dissident lawmakers got Hamza a total of 197 votes, which is well over the 186 required for a simple majority. However, it did not work out for the PML-N leader as dissident MPAs were de-seated from the house later.

The de-seated lawmakers are Raja Sagheer Ahmed, Malik Ghulam Rasool Sangha, Saeed Akbar Khan, Mohammad Ajmal, Abdul Aleem Khan, Nazir Ahmed Chohan, Mohammad Amin Zulqernain, Malik Nauman Langrial, Mohammad Salman, Zawar Hussain Warraich, Nazir Ahmed Khan, Fida Hussain, Zahra Batool, Mohammad Tahir, Aisha Nawaz, Sajida Yousaf, Haroon Imran Gill, Uzma Kardar, Malik Asad Ali, Ijaz Masih, Mohammad Sabtain Raza, Mohsin Atta Khan Khosa, Mian Khalid Mehmood, Mehar M. Aslam and Faisal Hayat.

SAPM Tasneem Qureshi urges USC to expand service to rural level

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Industries and Production Tasneem Ahmed Qureshi here on Friday asked the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) to expand its services to the rural level as majority of population resides in the country side. Speaking at a briefing on performance and initiatives of USC, the SAPM said that the coalition government was committed to provide maximum relief to masses across the country.

Briefing the SAPM about the performance and initiatives, Managing Director (MD), Muhammad Ali Ammer informed him about the Prime Minister special relief package and overall operations of the USC. The MD said that utility store was working hard to provide branded and non branded items to the public at comparatively lower prices. The prices of these items in utility stores were still less than in the open market. The meeting was briefed on the progress made on subsidy on utility stores, targeted subsidy to the poor, expansion of number of utility stores across the country and provision of low price flour in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The MD said that USC had put in operation as many as 200 mobile stores in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to facilitate people at their doorsteps. Current-



ly, 100 mobile stores were operational in Abbottabad zone and 100 others in Peshawar zone, which were facilitating people to buy products in their localities in addition to availing subsidy on essential food items, he added.

He said that the USC had been made a profitable entity since 2020-2021 fiscal year and so on as the consumer reposing confidence on the good quality of the food items of it, purchased a 30 percent ghee and sugar 16 percent of the total market share. The subsidy mechanism is digital whereas National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) and the Ministry of

Poverty Alleviation are linked to the data. In Balochistan, subsidised supply of essential commodities was being ensured not only at utility stores but mobile stores had also been set up to ensure supply in remote areas, the MD added. He said that USC was always ready to work in coordination with federal, provincial governments and National Disaster Management Authority during natural hazards like floods, earthquakes etc as it supplied 250000 rashan bags daily to meet Provincial Disaster Management Authority demand of total 3450000 rashan bags during floods in Sindh.

PTI's protest

KARACHI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf' workers shouting slogans during a protest to condemn a shooting incident on Imran Khan's convoy,



Photo: Online

Pak-Saudi Joint Working Group discusses political, security situation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Joint Working Group of the Political and Security Pillar of the Saudi-Pakistan Supreme Coordination Council met here and discussed the political and security situation in their immediate neighborhood and the wider region.

Held on Thursday, the meeting was co-chaired by Acting Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Jauhar Saleem, and Ambassador Dr. Saud bin Mohammed Al Sati, Deputy Minister for Political Affairs of Saudi Arabia, a Foreign Office press release said.

During the meeting, in-depth discussions were held on wide-ranging topics of mutual interest.

The two sides resolved to further strengthen the longstanding bilateral



cooperation in political and security domains.

There was commonality of views on various recent developments. The two sides agreed to continue coordination and consultations on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest.

The Joint Working Group meeting will

be followed by the meeting of the Ministerial Committee of the Political and Security Pillar to finalize the proposals agreed. The Saudi Arabia Pakistan Supreme Coordination is a high-level institutional framework, established between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in 2019. It comprises three pillars: Political and Security Pillar; Economic Pillar; and Social and Cultural Pillar.

The Council aims to institutionalize and fast-track the decision-making and implementation with regards to areas of collaboration agreed under its framework.

Pakistan attaches great importance to its longstanding, fraternal ties with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which are firmly rooted in common religion, shared values, and culture, the press release added.

ECP reschedules Islamabad local body elections

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday rescheduled the local government elections in Islamabad with the polls now set to take place on December 31. The electoral watchdog had earlier announced holding local bodies elections on December 24.

According to the schedule, the date for submission of nominations would be from November 7 to 11, he added. The ECP would scrutinize the nomination papers from Nov 15 to 18. The election commission will issue the final list of candidates on November 29



and symbols would be allotted to candidates on December 1, as per the schedule.

Meanwhile, a ban has been implicated on posting and transfers after the announce-

ment of the schedule of the local bodies' polls. In another development, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has decided to take up the case pertaining to local government (LG) elections in Karachi on November 9.

This was decided in a meeting chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja. The meeting was also attended by ECP Secretary Omar Hamid Khan, Special Secretary Zafar Iqbal Hussain and other members of the commission. The attendees were briefed about the Sindh government's report on holding local body elections in Karachi. INP

Arshad Sharif's mother moves IHC over autopsy report



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Riffat Ara Alvi, mother of slain journalist Arshad Sharif, on Friday approached the Islamabad High Court seeking the copy of autopsy report of her son. In a petition filed by Riffat Ara, she pleaded that she is not being provided with the copy of autopsy report of her son despite of paying several visits to administration offices and police station. As per petition filed by Riffat Ara, on November 3, the focal person of the family of slain journalist Arshad Sharif asked the administration to provide the copy of autopsy report of Arshad.

Upon which the administration said that they don't have autopsy report and advised the focal person to contact police station. When the family focal person approached the police they suggested him to contact the administration. The petitioner expressed fear that facts could be distorted in the autopsy report. In a petition, the family pleaded the court that the autopsy report should not be made public with the family's consent.

Sweden Ambassador call on Owais Siddiqui



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A meeting was held between Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Muhammad Owais Siddiqui and Ambassador of Sweden Mr. Henrik Persson in Islamabad. In this meeting, there was a detailed discussion regarding education and social sector in Pakistan. Muhammad Owais Siddiqui and the Ambassador of Sweden emphasized the steps to further strengthen the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and Sweden. MR. Henrik Persson said that Pakistani students studying in Sweden have the best qualification. He said that Pakistanis working in Sweden are playing a significant role in the development of Sweden.

Abnormality in any part of the body should not be ignored: Dr. Abuzar Khan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Abuzar Khan, Medical Officer of the Department of Accidents CGH, has said that any abnormality in any part of the body should not be ignored. With the help of modern surgical facilities, even difficult and complex operations can be successfully completed and pain relief can be achieved in Rawalpindi. Dr. Abu Zar Khan, who served in the accident department of Cantonment General Hospital, said that the awareness campaign regarding breast cancer is going on with vigor and it is important for women to avoid breast cancer. So, do your own medical examination in time and get guidance from surgeons in case of breast lump and get your complete medical examination.



Foreign and Expatriates condemn the assassination attempt on Imran Khan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Palestine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants condemns in the strongest terms the assassination attempt on former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, and affirms the State of Palestine's stand with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and its people in confronting terrorism in all its forms, and wishes it and its friendly brotherly people safety, security and prosperity, expressing its warm condolences to the families of the victims and its wishes for a speedy recovery to the President The former Pakistani minister and the wounded.

European expertise in renewables

'Pakistan looks forward to get benefit: Khurram Dastgir

ISLAMABAD: Federal minister for Power Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan held a meeting with a delegation of European Parliamentarians here today.

Federal minister briefed the delegation about the rehabilitation efforts done in flood affected areas. The tireless efforts of Ministry of Energy enabled early restoration of electricity in the worst hit areas. Minister highlighted that climate change is no more a theory but a real disaster for Pakistan. Despite minimum share in world pollution, Pakistan had to face the brunt of Climate change.

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan apprised the delegation of the present government's solar policy. He stressed that every new generation capacity will be based on indigenous resources. In this regard, Pakistan hopes to benefit from European expertise particularly in replacing fuel plants. The MEPs appreciated the solar initiative and called it a step in right direction.

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Palestinians pay price of disunity

Ray Hanania

With every year that passes, the ability of Palestinians to prosecute the case for their inalienable rights to statehood and independence diminishes.

Much of the problem lies with their own failed leadership and the many divisions that dissect the Palestinian political landscape, creating internal conflict and animosity. Too often, Palestinians are angrier with their own people than they are with the crimes committed against them by Israel's military and its illegal, racist and violent settler movement.

The most recent evidence of this failure was on display this week when Israelis, Jews and non-Jews, went to the polls to vote on a new government.

The Israeli electoral system

rewards political unity and punishes fragmentation. Parties must win at least 3.5 percent of the vote to gain representation in the Knesset — obtain less than that, and all your votes are wasted.

There is no better player of the system than former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who consolidated his political forces around a racist and Jewish-focused coalition that included the far-right Religious Zionism bloc. Netanyahu campaigned on a promise to strengthen Israel's Jewish identity, suggesting in his rhetoric that non-Jews — the Palestinian citizens of Israel — were less important. That campaign was enough to propel him back into government.

Instead of fighting among each other, Palestinians in Israel should set aside their petty differences, come together as one voice, and make a sacrifice for the common good.

Palestinians live in Israel as quasi-citizens under an umbrella of more than 65 laws that discriminate against them specifically because they are not Jewish. But instead of smartly

confronting that discrimination, they too often wallow in self-pity.

And instead of creating the political unity that would give them a voice in the Knesset, they squabble among themselves. The consequence is that Palestinians are effectively disenfranchised because their votes are wasted, or because they simply fail to vote — turnout among Palestinians in this week's election was signif-

icantly lower than in the electorate as a whole.

Palestinians in Israel represent 20 percent of the population. If they were provided with unified political representation they could take 24 seats in the 120-seat Knesset, creating a powerful voice for Palestinian rights.

In 2015, Palestinians living in Israel forced themselves to overcome their selfish rivalries and came together under the unified banner of the Joint List. The 13 seats they won were still below their potential, but they showed what could be achieved. However,

reality outlives reason. The Joint List broke up last year into separate Arab slates representing the four Arab parties. As a result, after this week's election Arab parties will have no more than 10 seats in the new Knesset, and the Balad party even failed to reach the 3.5 percent threshold.

Instead of fighting among each other, Palestinians in Israel should set aside their petty differences, come together as one voice, and make a sacrifice for the common good. That they appear unable to do so reflects a much bigger problem than merely hoping for some miracle to bring about change.

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UNGA calls for US to end Cuba embargo for 30th consecutive year

The United Nations General Assembly Thursday adopted, by a huge majority, a resolution demanding the end of the United States' economic blockade on Cuba — for the 30th year in a row.

The vote in the 193-member General Assembly was 185 countries in favour, to two against (the United States and Israel), with two abstaining (Brazil and Ukraine).

While the Assembly's vote carries political weight in terms of international diplomacy, only the US Congress can lift the economic, commercial, and financial embargo in place for over six decades.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said before the vote that since 2019, the U.S. government "has escalated the siege around our country, taking it to an even crueler and more humane dimension, with the purpose of deliberately inflicting the biggest possible damage on Cuban families."

During the first 14 months of the Biden administration, the damage to the Cuban economy was estimated at \$6.35 billion, equivalent to more than \$15 million a day, Rodriguez said.

The Cuban foreign minister said the Biden administration is continuing former President Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" policy. He said that despite some positive but limited adjustments in recent months on U.S. flights to Cuba, remittances and consular proceedings, these in no way "modify American economic, commercial and financial measures."

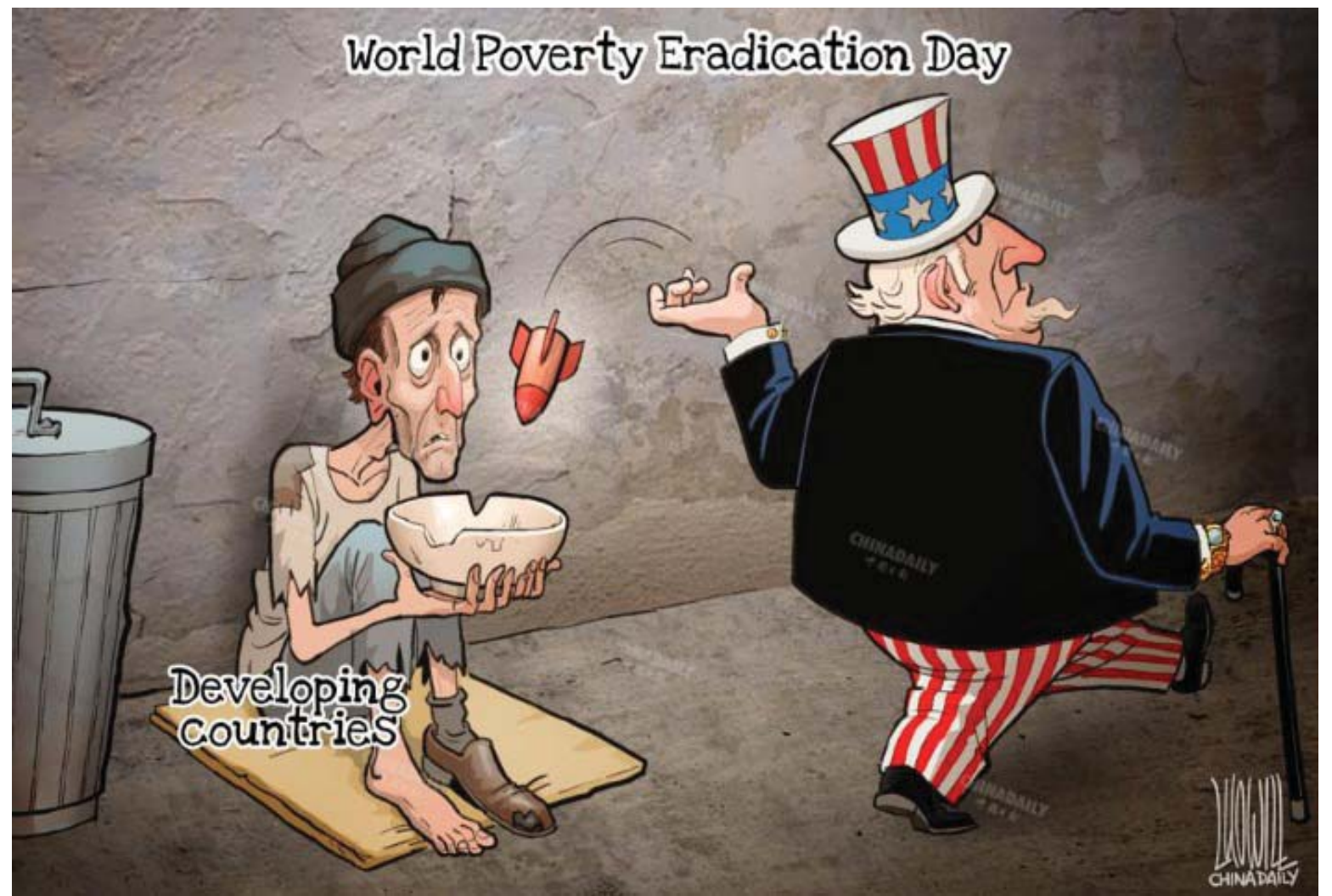
"The blockade, which has been tightened to the extreme, continues to be the central element that defines the U.S.-Cuba policy," Rodriguez said.

U.S. political counselor John Kelley told the assembly after the vote that the United States remains committed to the Cuban people's pursuit of freedom and dignity, is focused on their political and economic well-being, and centers its efforts "on democracy and human rights and fundamental freedoms."

He recalled that the Cuban government pursued a crackdown on demonstrators in response to July 2021 protests by tens of thousands of Cubans across the island demanding freedom.

He said Cuba's government also "has used harsh prison sentences, even against minors, intimidation, tactics, arrests, Internet disruptions, government-sponsored mobs, and horrendous prison conditions to try to prevent Cubans from exercising their human rights."

Cuba's deputy U.N. ambassador, Yuri Gala, responded: "If the United States government really did care for the well-being, human rights and self-determination of Cuban people, it could lift the embargo."



South China Sea governance calls for more joint efforts

Ding Duo

The peace of the sea is more precious than gold. Six centuries ago, Zheng He, a Chinese navigator of the Ming Dynasty, led the most powerful fleet in the world on seven voyages, a journey undertaken earlier than Columbus discovered the New World. But the Chinese did not engage in any colonization, killing or looting. Instead they sent tea, silk, and porcelain to various countries. Meanwhile, the aggressive expansion and maritime hegemony carried out by some traditional maritime powers around the sea has lasted for a long time, and some negative effects have continued to this day.

At present, Asia is standing at a new historical starting point and faces unprecedented development opportunities. At the same time, many countries in the region, including ASEAN, are under pressure to pick a side, and the regional strategic environment is at risk of being reshaped by geopolitical needs. China has always called for countries in the region to uphold peace, development, independence, and inclusiveness, and unwaveringly practice open regionalism. At the same time, countries in the region can draw experience and wisdom from Asian civilizations and practices, and continuously inject new connotations into open regionalism.

Specifically, three points need to be paid attention to on building rules and order in the South China Sea. First, the purpose of building order is not to resolve disputes, but to manage them. Its rules are not intended to clarify, confirm, or change the legal position of any party, but to regulate its specific behavior without affecting the positions of all parties, maintain maritime peace and stability, ensure maritime security, and prevent accidents and conflicts. Such rules should not have the effect of recognizing the legitimacy of the status quo.

Second, the purpose of formulating rules is not only to define the boundaries of action, but also to promote cooperation. The ocean is a flowing whole, and man-made boundaries cannot change the fact that a particular sea area concerns the interests of all coastal states. Regardless of whether there is a dispute, or before or after the dispute is settled, the maritime order should be jointly maintained by the countries concerned. Cooperation must be an integral part of the rule-making process.

Third, the rules should be applied equally, and double standards should be avoided. From the perspective of international law, any rule should bind all parties equally. From the point of view of international politics, if a particular order is to be durable and not quickly overturned, every country involved must feel that its interests and concerns are satisfied and guaranteed.

The most prominent rule-making process in the current South China Sea issue is the Code of Conduct (CoC) that China and ASEAN countries are negotiating. Some countries are more concerned about whether the CoC should be legally binding. The issue ultimately rested on the consensus of all parties and was influenced to some extent by the specifics of the text. Under the circumstance that the CoC is legally binding, its entrance into force may require all parties to perform their respective domestic legal procedures, and the implementation of such domestic legal procedures will be a political process in nature.

Over the years, China and ASEAN countries have accumulated positive and negative experiences in dealing with the South China Sea issue. The two sides have an increasingly profound and intuitive understanding of each other's concerns and demands on the South China Sea issue. The ups and downs of the situation in the South China Sea have proved that it is not feasible to attract foreign forces to engage in group confrontation in the South China Sea. Practice has also proved that it is the right way to properly manage the South China Sea issue by building rules to manage and control crises, using maritime cooperation to dilute differences, and resolving disputes through negotiation.

Among the maritime governance issues in China's surrounding areas, the South China Sea issue faces a complex and unique international political ecology. On the one hand, the economic integration and development of countries in the region has a good momentum of development, but disputes over the territorial and maritime delimitation of islands and reefs have become prominent from time to time, and the geopolitical impact of the strategic game of major powers is prominent. On the other hand, the supply of international public goods in the fields of marine environmental protection, conservation of biological resources, safety of maritime routes, maritime search and rescue, and disaster prevention and mitigation are difficult to meet the growing needs of the countries along the South China Sea.

The South China Sea is regarded as one of the centers of global marine biodiversity, but in recent years there have been increasing challenges such as overfishing, ocean dumping, and plastic pollution. In terms of regional cooperation in sustainable development, Southeast Asia is not without successful experience—the Greater Mekong Subregion Biodiversity Conservation Corridor has been implemented for more than 10 years, and a series of key projects related to this have achieved remarkable results, and new global biodiversity conservation measures are also being promoted.

In non-traditional fields such as the protection of marine biological resources, the prevention and control of marine environmental pollution, and the prevention and rescue of marine disasters, China and ASEAN countries have urgent practical needs and strong political will to deepen cooperation, and their common interests in this regard far outweigh their differences. But at the same time, it should be noted that there are still many problems in the capability system, cooperation mechanism and coordinated response level of countries in dealing with non-traditional maritime security challenges, and it is still difficult to expand functional cooperation from bilateral to regional multilateral.

At present, there are more than 30 non-traditional maritime security cooperation mechanisms of different types and levels established by countries in the South China Sea. The cooperation mechanisms under these weak institutional conditions have overlapping functions and show a trend of fragmentation. This phenomenon may affect the quality of cooperation between littoral countries and should be a key problem to be solved in promoting the establishment of a cooperation mechanism between littoral countries in the South China Sea. The more complex the problem, the more rationally regional countries should maintain maritime stability and the general trend of cooperation, and achieving this goal requires a long-term joint effort of China and ASEAN countries.

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Consolidating peace and cooperation

Patrick Simonnet

There has been some controversy over a recent speech the EU High Representative and Vice President Josep Borrell gave to students at the College of Europe. Part of what he said was taken out of context and given a certain spin in some media. In his speech, Borrell described the profound transformation affecting our world, including but not limited to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which we as European diplomats need to take into account in our daily work. His use of the "jungle metaphor" was in reference to those who violate the rule of law and long-established international policies.

War is back in Europe, and it is the gravest threat to European security in decades. Our vision of a world governed by multilateral rules is under threat, and we are doing all we can to uphold it.

The message is clear: Might does not make right. Never did. Never will. Increasingly, we are witnessing a world of power politics in which interdependencies, such as energy and information, are weaponized.

This is the "jungle" we do not accept, and as the EU we must adjust accordingly our response and stance as a geopolitical actor. And we are not alone: The overwhelming majority of states who voted for UNGA Resolution ES-11/1 also condemned the illegal annexation of territories belonging to a sovereign and independent state, Ukraine.

This shows there are many

around the world who want to preserve a peaceful order and reject the law of the strongest, which erodes agreed international norms. We have moved on since Thucydides said, "The strong do what they can, the weak suffer as they must."

Now on the "garden" remark. Borrell has always spoken out against a "Fortress Europe" approach and has been strongly engaged in advancing relations with other parts of the world, including Latin America, Africa, Asia and, most recently, the Gulf, as evidenced by the new EU strategic partnership with the Gulf unveiled last May.

He has been advocating since the beginning of his mandate to change perspective and look at the EU from an outside perspective.

The combination of political freedom, economic well-being and social cohesion characterizes Europe as a place where it is good to live and where many people would like to live.

Young Europeans are lucky to live in a continent that provides these elements. But as Europeans, we must commit ourselves more to the rest of the world and continue to promote together freedom and the rule of law, which are today under threat. We must stay engaged and not isolate ourselves.

Increasingly, we are witnessing a world of power politics in which interdependencies, such as energy and information, are weaponized.

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In historic first, G20 convenes world's major religious leaders to find faith-based solutions to global crises

Spokesman Report

BALI, INDONESIA: R20 (the Religion 20), an engagement group of the G20, convened some of the world's most prominent religious leaders and civil society actors to leverage the power of world religions to tackle pressing global challenges – ranging from climate change to conflict resolution, on November 4 in Bali, Indonesia.

The opening remarks of the forum were delivered by Dr Muhammad Abdulkarim Al Issa, Head of the Muslim World League, Chairman of Nahdlatul Ulama, Yahya Cholil Staquf and President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo.

A virtual address was also delivered from His Holiness Pope Francis.

On the final day, a statement on religious understanding will be released – including a call for the role of faith and religions to be harnessed on the world stage for environmental protection just days prior to COP27.

The first ever R20 has been organised by two of the world's largest Islamic non-governmental organisations, the Muslim World League (MWL) and the Indonesian Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) which together have hundreds of millions of followers across the globe.

R20 takes place between November 2nd and 3rd, prior to the main heads of state and government summit consisting of the world's most economically



powerful nations between November 15th and 16th.

This year's forum titled "Revealing and nurturing religion as a source of global solutions", provides moral leadership at a time of unprecedented economic turmoil.

He added "it is imperative we translate the values of the R20 into actionable steps that make a tangible difference in the world. It is in this context I announce the launch of the "East-West Bridge Building Initiative" here at the R20 – a new NGO designed to use religious diplomacy to build bridges between diverse groups around the world. It is important we move beyond

'repetitive' dialogue that has had little impact in facilitating cooperation amongst nations and peoples." "I am also proud to announce the creation of a new humanitarian fund for the victims of war everywhere – including of course – in Ukraine. The Muslim world has a significant role to play in providing such assistance to victims of conflict on the world stage."

Yahya Cholil Staquf, General Chairman of Nahdlatul Ulama said "The R20 is an initiative with the intention of infusing geopolitical and economic power structures with moral and spiritual values so that humanity can pursue effective solutions to its many

crises." He added, "we are proud to partner with The Muslim world league, the most important Muslim organisation in the world."

Pope Francis said "all of us have a moral obligation to care for the earth, which is our common home, preserving for future generations the divine gift of creation." He added "we must affirm that extremism, radicalism, terrorism and all other incentives to hatred, hostility, violence and war, whatever their motivations or goals, have nothing to do with the authentic spirit of religion and must be rejected in the most decisive terms possible solution."

Swami Govind Dev Giri from India said the "R20 is a melting pot of all religious faiths."

Archbishop Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba, Primate of the Church of Nigeria said "Nigeria may be a test case for whatever we decide at this conference." He added Nigeria is affiliated with religious extremism, saying "Christian communities in Nigeria face terrorism and attacks." He said "We ask that you (R20) come to our aid" and that "R20 has embraced religious pluralism. This would be beneficial for the world."

Professor Mary Ann Glendon from Harvard Law School said "This is landmark for the G20 to recognise the role of religion in discourse. In future we may look back at this as a turning point as a sort of historic moment."

Pakistan issues visas to Sikh pilgrims on birthday celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak

NEW DELHI : Pakistan High Commission has issued 2,942 visas to Sikh pilgrims from India to attend the birth celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak, scheduled to be held in Pakistan from November 6 to 15.

The issuance of visas was covered under the framework of the Pakistan-India Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines of 1974.

Every year, a large number of Sikh Yatrees from India visit Pakistan to observe various religious festivals/occasions.

The visas issued from New Delhi are in addition to the visas granted to Sikh pilgrims participating in these events from other countries, a press release issued by Pakistan High Commission here on Friday said.

The issuance of pilgrimage visas to religious pilgrims by the High Commission was in line with the Government of Pakistan's commitment to fully implement the Bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines between the two countries.

Expressing his views on the auspicious occasion, Charge d' Affaires Aftab Hasan Khan extended his heartfelt felicitations to the pilgrims and wished them a rewarding and fulfilling yatra.

Pakistan takes immense pride in preserving sacred religious places and providing necessary facilitation to the visiting pilgrims, he added.

During the visit, the pilgrims would, inter alia, go to Dera Sahib, Panja Sahib, Nankana Sahib and Kartarpur Sahib. They would enter Pakistan on 06 November and return back to India on 15 November 2022.

Blinken condemns firing at ex-PM Imran Khan, wishes him full recovery



WASHINGTON : US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has strongly condemned the shooting of former Prime Minister Imran Khan at a political rally on Thursday, and wished him quick recovery.

"The United States strongly condemns the shooting of former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan and others at a political rally," he said in a statement posted on the State Department's website.

"We wish Imran Khan and all others who were injured a quick and thorough recovery, and we offer our condolences to the family of the individual who was killed," Blinken said.

"Violence has no place in politics, and we call on all parties to refrain from violence, harassment, and intimidation," he said.

"The United States is deeply committed to a democratic and peaceful Pakistan, and we stand with the Pakistani people."

India's capital to shut schools as toxic smog chokes city

NEW DELHI: Primary schools in India's capital New Delhi will shut to protect children from the toxic smog choking the megacity of 20 million people, authorities said Friday.

Smoke from farmers burning crop stubble, vehicle exhaust and factory emissions combine every winter to blanket the capital in a deadly grey haze.

On Friday, levels of the most dangerous PM2.5 particles – so tiny they can enter the bloodstream – were almost 25 times the daily maximum recommended by the World Health Organization, according to monitoring firm IQAir.

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, under fire from residents and political opponents for failing to address the crisis, said primary schools would be closed from Saturday until "the pollution situation improves".

"No child should suffer in any way," Kejriwal told reporters. Delhi is frequently ranked as one of the world's most polluted cities. On Friday it again topped IQAir's list of major cities with the worst air quality.

A Lancet study in 2020 attributed 1.67 million deaths to air pollution in India during the previous year, including almost 17,500 in the capital. Authorities regularly announce different plans to reduce the pollution, for example by halting construction work, but to little effect.

Tens of thousands of farmers across north India set fire to their fields at the start of every winter to clear crop stubble from recently harvested rice paddies.

The practice is one of the key drivers of Delhi's annual smog problem and persists despite efforts to persuade farmers to use different clearing methods.

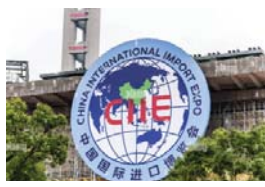
Farm fire smoke accounted for a third of Delhi's air pollution on Thursday, according to India's air quality monitoring agency.

The problem is also a political flashpoint – with Delhi and the northern state of Punjab governed by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), a rival to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party.

But Kejriwal called for an end to "blame games and finger-pointing" over responsibility for tackling the smog, after India's environment minister lambasted the AAP for presiding over an increase in farm fires.

CIIE plays vital role in boosting Pakistan's economy: Pak Envoy

BELJING: China International Import Expo (CIIE) plays an important role in boosting Pakistan's export to China and enhancing Pakistan's economy, said Pakistan's ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque.



"Due to pandemic prevention and control measures, physical participation is not possible but we will set up an online national pavilion to exhibit our products", Moin ul Haque told China Economic Net (CEN).

He further said that last year, Pakistan's export to China touched a record level of US\$ 3.6 billion despite COVID-19.

"The expo is very important for us because China is our largest trading partner and we are taking new

measures to expand our export to China, so in this respect, CIIE becomes very important for us", he stated.

It is also worth mentioning that more than 300 exhibitors have launched an online display this year including Pakistani exhibitors.

Shaikh Muhammad Shariq, Chief Representative of the National Bank of Pakistan in China told CEN that China International Import Expo (CIIE) provides an excellent plat-

form for Pakistani exporters to enter the second-largest economy in the world.

"It will not only help improve the economic and business environment in Pakistan but also help the country improve its balance of trade with China. Since China is opening up to the outside world and the main theme of the expo is shared prosperity and development, therefore, it offers a great opportunity for the business community to enhance their markets in China", he stated.

He further said that the financial sector of both countries has to play an important role to provide more and faster channels for trade settlement to facilitate the business communities

from both countries, adding that settlement channels like CIPS should be enhanced for quick and efficient trade settlement.

According to sources, six local-based Pakistani companies are participating this year in which gemstones, marble, and carpets are the main Pakistani products that would be exhibited in the expo.

It is to be noted that this year the fifth China International Import Expo (CIIE) is scheduled in Shanghai from November 5 to 10. This is one of the largest exhibitions in China that provides a platform for local and international enterprises to display their products and enhance trade with China and globally. APP

Russia warns UK of 'dangerous consequences' after Black Sea drone attack

MOSCOW: Russia Thursday summoned the UK ambassador and warned London of "dangerous consequences" after accusing Britain of helping Kyiv carry out an attack on Moscow's Black Sea fleet in Crimea last week.

"Such confrontational actions of the English carry a threat of escalation of the situation and could lead to unpredictable and dangerous consequences," the foreign ministry said in a statement. Moscow said it had delivered a "strong protest" to UK ambassador Deborah Bronnert.

It claimed UK forces were training Ukrainian special services, including for "sabotage operations at sea". On Saturday, Russia accused the UK of helping Kyiv orchestrate a drone attack on its ships in the port of Sevastopol in Moscow-annexed Crimea.

North Korea fires artillery into sea as South Korea, US pledge cooperation

SEOUL: North Korea fired around 80 artillery rounds into a maritime border zone overnight, South Korea said on Friday, as defence ministers from Seoul and Washington vowed to demonstrate determination in the face of a barrage of missile tests by the North.

North Korea fired multiple missiles into the sea on Thursday, including a possible failed intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), prompting the United States and South Korea to extend air drills that have angered Pyongyang.

Beginning shortly before midnight on Thursday, South Korea's military said it had detected more than 80 artil-

lery rounds fired into the sea by North Korea, in what it says is a violation of a 2018 inter-Korean agreement.

The South issued a warning communication to the North over the firing, the South Korean Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Meeting in Washington, US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and South Korean Defence Minister Lee Jong-sup pledged to seek new measures to demonstrate the alliance's "determination and capabilities" following repeated North Korean provocations, according to a joint statement between the two countries. Tensions have been rising as North Korea has conducted

a record number of missile launches this year, including at least 23 on Wednesday alone and the ICBM launch on Thursday. South Korea and the United States also say that North Korea has completed technical preparation to test a nuclear device at any time, in what would be its first nuclear test since 2017.

Pyongyang, meanwhile, has condemned allied military drills.

On Thursday, Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party, said Washington and Seoul had made a very dangerous decision by extending the exercises, and were "shoving" the situ-

ation out of control.

"The United States and South Korea will find that they have made a terrible mistake that cannot be reversed," said Pak. Diplomats said Washington had asked the UN Security Council to convene publicly on North Korea on Friday, a request backed by other council members Britain, France, Albania, Ireland and Norway.

North Korea has long been banned from conducting nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches by the Security Council, which has strengthened sanctions on Pyongyang over the years to try to cut off funding for those programs.

Interstate cooperation between Uzbekistan and the Organization of Turkic States at a new stage

Spokesman Report

The Turkic Speaking States Summit Process was established as a forum after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 with the participation of countries, namely Azerbaijan in the South Caucasus and Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia. The process began with the initiative of Turkey in 1992, and thereafter, "Summits of Turkic Speaking States" were held every year. During the 9th summit in Nakhichevan, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan signed the Nakhichevan Agreement on the establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States. The main goal of the Turkic Council was to strengthen mutual trust and political solidar-

ity in the Turkic world and accelerate the possibilities of economic and technical cooperation, ensure good neighborly relations with reliable structures and accumulate the historical and cultural heritage of the Turkic world to the maximum extent possible.

During 2011-2019, Summits were held in the member states of the Turkic Council, dedicated to such topics as "Economic and trade cooperation", "Cooperation in the field of education, science and culture", "Tourism", "Youth and sports", etc.

It should be noted that the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on September 14, 2019, he signed the law on the ratification of the Nakhichevan Agreement on the establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States. In this sense, a significant event for the Turkic Council was not

only 10th anniversary, but also the membership of Uzbekistan. In terms of GDP, Uzbekistan ranks fourth among the Turkic-speaking countries with an indicator of \$ 50 billion and second in terms of population of 34 million people. This potential of Uzbekistan served as its active participation in many areas of the Council's activities. For this reason, in the future, external interest in the Turkic Council will increase, and the implementation of many projects will accelerate.

In September 2021, the Forum of Young Entrepreneurs was held for the first time in Uzbekistan, initiated by the leader of Uzbekistan, in which more than 250 young entrepreneurs from Turkic countries took part. Within the framework of the forum, the 5th meeting of the Ministers for Youth and Sports of the organization was also held. In honor of

the announcement of Khiva as the "Cultural Capital of the Turkic World" within the framework of this forum, the International Cultural meeting of the Permanent Council of the Ministers of Culture of the TURKSOY Member States.

The holding of the historic Istanbul Summit for the "Turkic Family" in November 2021 will be remembered as a major turning point for the Organization, as relations between Member States entered a new era of closer and more comprehensive cooperation. During the summit, the presidents of the Turkic states decided to change the name of the Turkic Council to the "Organization of Turkic States" (OTS).

To date, about 15 countries have expressed a desire to establish different formats of cooperation with the OTS. This indicates a good reputation of the organi-



zation, and that its international image is steadily growing.

Positive trends in interstate relations in the OTS sub-region open up new prospects for further expansion of cooperation both within the OTS and in relations with international institutions and mechanisms such as the UN, OSCE, OIC, ECO. All participants adhere to coinciding

or similar views and positions on contemporary issues related to the activities of the Turkic Council, the international and regional agenda. This means that today there are no barriers to active cooperation in such priority areas as the economy, investment, innovation and high technology, alternative energy and ecology, transport and communications,

tourism, science and education, and medicine.

An appropriate legal basis for a simplified migration order between countries is already in place. For example, citizens of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan can stay without a visa in Turkey for up to 90 days. Turkish citizens can also stay in Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan for up to 90 days, and in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan for 30 days.

In November 2022, the summit of the Organization of Turkic States will be held in the city of Samarkand, the main topic of which will be support for youth initiatives, including issues of expanding cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, green economy, digital technologies, transport and communications, as well as education and culture.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
41,856.31	42,090.71
Day's High	Day's Low:
42,090.71	41,720.90
Index Value	Change
3,528,630,066	-234.40
Percentage	Time
-0.56%	4 Nov, 2022 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,347.13	+158.50
Percentage	Time
+2.21%	4 Nov, 3:21 pm GMT

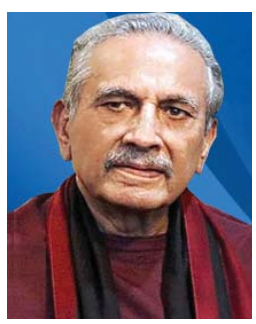
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
32,430.28	+429.03
Percentage	Time
+1.34%	4 Nov, 11:21 am GMT-4

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,199.74	-463.65
Percentage	Time
-1.68%	4 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	139.38	140.63
Bahrain Dinar	589.08	593.58
Canadian Dollar	161.32	162.67
China Yuan	30.32	30.57
Danish Krone	29.31	29.66
Euro	231	233.25
Hong Kong Dollar	28.16	28.51
Indian Rupee	2.67	2.75
Japanese Yen	1.53	1.58
Kuwaiti Dinar	713.04	718.04
Malaysian Ringgit	46.69	47.14
New Zealand \$	127.92	129.12
Norwegians Krone	21.19	21.49
Omani Riyal	575.38	579.87
Qatari Riyal	60.54	61.04
Saudi Riyal	62.8	63.4
Singapore Dollar	156.42	157.72
Swedish Korona	19.94	20.24
Swiss Franc	218.57	220.32
Thai Bhat	5.79	5.89
U.A.E Dirham	64.8	65.4
UK Pound Sterling	266.5	269
US Dollar	225.4	227.7

Frustrated politicians constantly dragging Army into politics



ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Friday said some frustrated politicians are repeatedly dragging Army into politics which is condemnable.

He expressed his concern over the ongoing campaign against the armed forces and urged politicians not to drag the state institutions into politics.

Shahid Rasheed Butt said that Army wants to stay away from politics but this is not acceptable to some upset politicians who want to come to power through blackmail.

Army, bureaucrats, and judiciary should function within their constitutional limits while no one should be allowed to malign the national institutions, he added.

The business leader said that those who were running a campaign against the national institutions were traitors and deserved to be tried under Article 6. Everyone knows who brought the country to the present chaotic situation, he said, adding that the economy was destroyed by some politicians on purpose and now they are painting them as saviors of the country.

These elements want to weaken the bond between the masses and the army which is impossible as they stand exposed.

Mr. Butt said that it is horrifying for our country that an institution responsible for the defense of this country has become so controversial due to allegations by political leaders.

Very serious but baseless allegations have been leveled against the current chief of army staff. Government and army must respond to all allegations and take legal action by lodging defamation proceedings against all the culprits who have leveled these unfounded allegations, he demanded.

DIG Safe City assures to improve vigilance in markets and industrial

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Rommel Akram, Deputy Inspector General Safe City Islamabad Police said that the vigilance for the business community would be further improved by connecting cameras installed in commercial areas and markets with the Safe City Project to ensure high vigilance and improved security in the city. He said this while addressing the business community during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Rommel Akram said that the installation of more cameras would increase the coverage of key locations and help improve law and order situation in the city. He said that the safe city project regulates the different domains of the security of the city by installing security cameras at different designated locations to ensure the 24/7 surveillance of the city. He said that there are many facial recognition security cameras installed at different hotspot points of the city. He said that an Eagle Squad has been established to ensure continuous patrolling in the city. He said that community policing would be encour-



aged to increase participation of the community for public safety initiatives. He said that Islamabad Police is promoting the traffic and safe city education in schools to raise the awareness about the traffic rules and safety of citizens. He further said that the Islamabad Police intends

to promote the student policing to control the menace of drugs among the young generation and counter its handlers and suppliers in the city.

Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry appreciated the efforts of

DIG Safe City for connecting the cameras with the safety city project as it would improve the security situation in business areas. He said that the police patrolling in markets and industrial areas should be increased to curb the incidents of thefts, mobile snatching and other crimes in business areas and the city. He said that the security situation in the Kahuta Industrial Area is not satisfactory due to which the women entrepreneurs are feeling insecure and stressed that the police patrolling in that industrial area should be increased. He assured that ICCI would fully cooperate with Islamabad Police to make the Capital a crime free city.

Faod Waheed Senior Vice President, Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI, Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Saif ur Rehman Khan, Ch. Javed Iqbal, Sheikh Muhammad Ejaz, Maqsood Tabish, Ch. Muhammad Ali, Akhtar Hussain, Dr. Muhammad Usman, Khalid Chaudhry, Shaikat Hayat and others also spoke at the occasion and highlighted various police related issues of their markets that needed the close attention of Islamabad Police for redress.

Economic slowdown due to reduced fuel consumption, says Mian Zahid Hussain

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Friday said the people and the business community have high hopes for Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and his silence has been increasing the anxiety of the business community.

The drastic decline in consumption of petrol and diesel is the result of economic slowdown which also indicates challenges faced by the economy, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that in the first four months of this fiscal, the demand for petrol has decreased by 18% and the demand for diesel has decreased by 26%. The demand for furnace oil has also decreased by 26% as it is becoming expensive to generate electricity with furnace oil.

Talking to the business community, the



veteran business leader said that the situation is also having an impact on many sectors. The demand and production of motorcycles and cars have dropped significantly.

Despite the appreciation of the rupee against the dollar, some car and motorcycle manufacturers are increasing the

prices of their products which is beyond comprehension.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that investments are not being made in the country, instead of foreign aid, more emphasis is placed on promises.

In such situations, the importance of money sent by Pakistanis living abroad increases.

Expats support our weak economy with their hard-earned money. Due to the global and domestic situation, remittances are also decreasing now, which should be noted.

In the first ten months of 2022, remittances fell by 3.6 percent. It was generally believed that remittances would increase after leaving FATF's gray list, but this did not happen.

It is also not clear whether overseas Pakistanis have actually reduced remittances or some of them are sending money through hundi which is not only cheap but also efficient as compared to banks.

TECNO Mobile X BTW showcases its Camon 19 Pro Mondrian Art Inspired Winter Collection in stores

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: TECNO Mobile has always had something new in store for its fashion-forward audience and has found exciting ways to promote and connect with its users. TECNO recently collaborated with Fashion Brand, BTW, with the theme of Mondrian Art. This collaboration's primary source of inspiration was the Camon 19 Pro Mondrian Edition, the epitome of the fusion between style and technology. This collection has recently gone live in BTW stores and is now the talk of the town! BTW has stores all over the country.

You can find outfits from this collaboration in BTW stores like BTW Lyallpur



Galleria FSD, BTW North-walk Karachi, BTW Giga Mall Islamabad, and BTW Packages Mall Lahore. BTW's designer, Hamza Vaince, said, "This collaboration with TECNO and BTW has bridged the gap between Technology and Fashion. The Camon 19 Pro Mondrian edition is a fashion-

able device that can be paired amazingly with outfits from BTW to make style statements. Both the Brands represent the ideology of pushing the boundaries for our customer base!"

The hype around this collaboration was high. The hashtag #ColorChangingMobile, which refers to the 19

Pro Mondrian Edition, was trending on Tiktok and other Social Media platforms. Fashion Models like Areeka Haq, Minahil Malik, and Haris Ali paired their 19 Pro Mondrian edition handsets with chic outfits to further showcase how fashion-forward TECNO is as a brand.

TECNO Camon 19 Pro Mondrian edition has broken the possibilities of how fashionable a phone could be. With the slimmest bezels and an actual color-changing back, the 19 Pro Mondrian is in a league of its own! This is why fans are so excited about trying out the new winter collection inspired by the Mondrian Edition and pairing them up with their devices.

ADB provides \$100mln to strengthen KPK's health system



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Asian Development Bank (ADB) here on Friday inked a financing agreement worth US\$100 million for 'Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Systems Strengthening Program.'

The financing agreement was signed by Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz and Country Director, Pakistan Resident Mission, Yong Ye A while the program agreement was also signed between the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and ADB for the implementation of the Program in the province.

The signing ceremony was also witnessed by Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Minister for Economic, Political Affairs and Law and Justice, according to press statement issued by the ministry.

According to the details, the results-based loan program would help improve the delivery of health services at secondary hospitals by modernizing infrastructure and equipment; ensuring clinical protocols, standards, and guidelines are implemented; and improving human resources planning and medicine supply chain management.

The program aims to transform Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Secondary Healthcare (SHC) System

by upgrading infrastructure of 33 existing SHC facilities; providing quality equipment and ensuring posting and availability of medical, technical, and administrative staff.

It would also ensure efficient outsourcing of certain services to the private sector; introducing and enhancing health management information systems including electronic medical records; and introducing quality assurance regimes.

The program would benefit an estimated 38 million people, including women in need of maternal health care services while reducing infant and maternal mortality rates.

In October, 2022, the Ministry of Economic Affairs had also signed US\$ 1.5 Billion with the Asian Development Bank while US\$ 475 Million are also being repurposed from the existing development for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood affected infrastructure in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh.

On the occasion, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq reiterated the commitment of the federal government to help the provincial governments in 'Building Back Better' in the post-flood scenario by arranging concessional financing from the international development partners.

Shell Pakistan celebrates 75 years in Pakistan

KARACHI: Being the oldest energy company in the country, with a strong and rich legacy, Shell Pakistan hosted a ceremony to celebrate its 75 years in Pakistan, together with its employees, partners, industry leaders, business professionals and academia.

The ceremony also included Shell Tameer Awards 2022, a nationwide contest to recognise the best and the brightest young entrepreneurs in Pakistan. This year, over 250 applications were received for the awards program and 30 finalists were short-listed in six award categories. The finalists presented their pitches to an expert jury of diverse professionals who selected this year's winners and runners-up in each of the six award categories.

The Chief Executive & Managing Director of Shell Pakistan Limited, Waqar Siddiqui stated: "This year marks the 75th year since Pakistan's creation, and 75 years of Shell powering progress with our beautiful country. Shell Pakistan has been here since 14th August, 1947, a story that not many share with us. We have part-

nered with the country to build and grow. Today, we come together to celebrate an incredible milestone; and to celebrate each one of you who have contributed towards this journey. We are honoured to play a part in shaping our country's past successes and future opportunities." He also added, "We are proud of the young Pakistani entrepreneurs and the winners today; and feel honored to be part of their journey towards sustainable businesses, social change and progress of our nation."

The grand winners of the Shell Tameer Awards 2022 announced were: Circular Economy - Concept Loop - Dabeer Hemani - A tech-based start-up converting plastic waste into building materials and high value lifestyle products through their sustainable data-driven and tech-empowered processes. Clean Energy Solutions - Geoircon - Muhammad Hassamuddin - A clean-tech start-up providing ground-sourced Climate Control technology. Utilizing temperate underground temperatures to dramatically cut down air-conditioning or heating costs by 35-75% for industrial, commercial, residential and agricultural use. Empowering Women - The Method - Insiya Meherally - A young start-up working towards women's safety by providing self-defence training across corporate and private networks. Technology Innovation - Crop2x Pvt Limited - Humaira Rana - A technology start-up advancing the agriculture sector by providing AI-based data-driven insights on soil, land and weather conditions to increase yields and reduce operational costs. Transport & Mobility



- Motto Vest Pvt Limited - Zeeshan Shahid - A tech-based start-up aimed at providing safe mobility for bike riders through their AI sensor-based airbag vest to prevent fatalities and disabilities. Bright Idea - Enviro Solutions - Abuzar Siddiqui - An eco-friendly idea converting plastic waste into road building material. The runners-up are: Davaam Life Pvt Limited from Circular Economy, Pak Bioenergy from Clean Energy Solutions, Asqur for Empowering Women, Oval NFT for Technology Innovation, Juggernaut Pvt Limited

for Transport & Mobility and Bewise for Bright Idea.

Since its launch in 2003, Shell Tameer strengthens local economies by promoting entrepreneurship. A million youth have been engaged through this program. 10 Pakistani entrepreneurs won International Trade Grants worth PKR 3.8 million to visit seven countries and expand their market globally. Nine Shell Tameer entrepreneurs won the global Shell 'Top Ten Innovators Awards' worth PKR 10.4 million receiving global and national recognition.

New Zealand beat Ireland reach T20 World Cup semi-finals

ADELAIDE: Skipper Kane Williamson hit a quickfire half-century to all but take New Zealand into the Twenty20 World Cup semi-finals as they hammered Ireland by 35 runs on Friday. Williamson's 35-ball 61 propelled New Zealand to 185-6 and their bowlers kept Ireland down to 150-9 to top Group 1 with seven points after their final Super 12 match in Adelaide.

Australia, who next play Afghanistan at the same venue, and England can go level on points with New Zealand if they win, but the Black Caps have a far superior net run rate. Only a mathematical miracle can push last year's beaten finalists out of the last four now, leaving Australia and England to scrap it out.

"A really good team performance, which was required. We knew what Ireland were capable of, they have played some stunning cricket," said Williamson. The captain led from the front, having failed to convert starts in the earlier matches, as New Zealand dominated on a sunny afternoon despite a stunning hat-trick by Ireland fast bowler Joshua Little.



New Zealand were cruising at 174-3 in the 19th over when the left-arm quick removed Williamson, James Neesham and Mitchell Santner on successive balls. It was the second hat-trick of this edition of the World Cup after Karthik Meiyappan of the United Arab Emirates against Sri Lanka in round one.

Little's strikes checked New Zealand's surge, but Williamson, with his first fifty of this tournament, had already put his team on course for a challenging total.

Daryl Mitchell hit an unbeaten 21-ball 31 and put on a key partnership of 60 with Williamson, who was under scrutiny for his slow batting but smashed five fours and three sixes in his 35-ball knock.

Finn Allen and Devon Conway started cautiously against a disciplined Irish bowling attack after being invited to bat first. Allen broke the shackles in the fourth over as he smashed leg-spinner Gareth Delany for three fours including two on consecutive deliveries.

He kept up the charge and hit a six and four off fast bowler Mark Adair before the bowler got him caught at mid-off on the next ball as the Kiwis reached 52-1 at the end of six overs. The left-handed Conway found it tough to accelerate despite a couple of boundaries but stood in a 44-run stand with Williamson. New Zealand lost their way in the middle with Delany taking two wickets including Glenn Phillips for 17, but Williamson soon took charge. INP

Pakistan U19 were bowled out for 224 by Bangladesh



LAHORE: "Pakistan U19 were bowled out for 224 by Bangladesh U19 on day one of the solitary four-day match at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Friday.

That Pakistan managed to post a total beyond 200 – after their captain Saad Baig elected to bat – was because of the useful contributions from late middle-order after they had been reduced to 50 for four.

Wicketkeeper Mohammad Zulkifal top-scored with 45-ball 43 (eight fours) and Ali Asfand posted the second best score of the innings with his 41 not out off 85. Mohammad Ibtisam made 39, while Haseeb Nazim scored 33 as only 68 overs were bowled.

Rohanat Doullah Borson was the pick of the bowlers for the tourists, returning three for 42. Maruf Mridha and Jishan Alam took two wickets each.

This is the first of the six-match tour. The two junior sides will compete in three 45-over contests and two T20s at the same venue over the next two weeks.

Scores in brief:

Pakistan 224 all out, 68 overs (Mohammad Zulkifal 43, Ali Asfand 41 not out, Mohammad Ibtisam 39, Haseeb Nazim 33; Rohanat Doullah Borson 3-42, Jishan Alam 2-3, Maruf Mridha 2-29)"

Suryakumar Yadav reveals secrets behind rankings success

India right-hander and newly crowned No.1 T20I batter in the world Suryakumar Yadav has revealed the secrets behind his recent transformation from domestic obscurity to international star. Yadav capped off a tremendous period of dominance on Wednesday when he overtook Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan and became just the second India player to hold the No.1 spot on the MRF Tyres ICC Men's Player Rankings for T20I batters.

The 32-year-old's rise to the top comes less than 20 months since he made his international debut, with the dynamic batter having already amassed a resume that most players would be happy with from an entire career. Yadav has one T20I century and an impressive 11 half-centuries to his name, but it's the batting strike rate in excess of 177 and an ability to score in all parts of the ground and be a 360-degree player that stands out.

Just moments after finding out he was the new No.1 T20I batter in the world, Yadav was asked about his remarkable rise to the top and what had helped him reach the rankings pinnacle. "The freedom from the (India) management is a big boost for any player because the number at which I bat there is a lot of pressure when you go into bat. "I feel the way they have handled me and given me a green signal to express fearlessly and I enjoy what I do wherever I am in the side, even if I get out. INP

Messi heads to World Cup ready for last chance to match Maradona



BUENOS AIRES: Lionel Messi has been building up to this moment, aware that his fifth World Cup with Argentina almost certainly represents his last chance to get his hands on the trophy.

In July he reported back a week early for pre-season training with Paris Saint-Germain and since then he has looked like a man on a mission, determined to head to Qatar in the best shape possible.

After a difficult first year at PSG in which he struggled to overcome the trauma of his departure from Barcelona, Messi is now back to something like his best and has scored or assisted 26 goals in 18 games for his club this season.

Meanwhile, in Argentina a nation has been holding its breath, hoping the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner does not succumb to an untimely injury.

Messi first went to a World Cup as a teenager in 2006 and has scored a record 90 goals from a record 164 caps.

He captained Argentina to the final of the 2014 World Cup but 2018 was a desperate disappointment, with Jorge Sampaoli's side losing in the last 16 to a France team featuring Kylian Mbappe, now Messi's teammate in Paris.

Now aged 35, Messi goes to Qatar remarkably still looking to score his first goal in the knockout stages of a World Cup, never mind actually win it.

Opening Ceremony

JAMSHHORO: Players are in action during All Pakistan Inter Varsity Table Tennis girls championship, opening ceremony organized by LUMHS at Sports Gymnasium LUMHS.



Photo: Online

FUROR Sports organized a Futsal Championship in partnership with Golootlo

Bureau Report

KARACHI: FUROR Sports Futsal Championship powered by Golootlo took place at Karachi United football ground where around 200+ players gathered in an epic display of skills and determination.

In order to revive the glory of sports in Pakistan, FUROR a casual men's wear brand recently introduced 'FUROR Sports'—a platform for our young aspiring athletes to enable their dreams. The purpose behind this initiative is to build an association with sports via organizing matches and tournaments for sports enthusiasts.



The format of their first-ever futsal tournament was group-based followed by knockout stages after which GZ Lightning and Abdul FC made it

Pakistan women cricket team build up huge total against Ireland

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LAHORE: Pakistan women cricket team build up huge total against Ireland in the three ODI matches series first match here at Gazzafi Stadium, Lahore and beat Ireland with huge margin Pakistan Captain Bismarek Maroof won the toss and decided to bat first. Both the openers Sidra Amin and Muneeba Ali established first wicket record overall for Pakistan 221 both scored the centuries Sidra Amin unbeaten 176 who also break his previous highest score record which he made 123 and this was her 3rd century in ODI matches. In her inning if 176 runs she faced 151 balls included twenty fours and one six while Muneeba Ali made 107 in 114 balls with ten fours and two sixes. Aliya Riaz 29, and debutant Sadaf Shams could make 3 runs. From Ireland Arlene Kelly got 2 for



62, while Eimear Richardson took 1/55. In reply Ireland team all out in 49.3 overs Ireland skipper Laura Delany was highest scorer with 69 with the help of 6 fours while Prenderagast Laura 29, Gaby Lewis 15, Mary Waldron 19, and Rachel Delaney unbeaten 22 from Pakistan Nida Dar was the successful bowler she got 3 for 34 Fatima Sana took 2 for 24 and Nashra Sandhu 2 for 40 Sidra Amin got declared women of the match award. The 2nd match will be played on 6th November at Gazzafi Stadium, Lahore

'Miracles can happen'—Taskin on Bangladesh's semifinal chances

ADELAIDE: Bangladesh pacer Taskin Ahmed is still hopeful of a miracle in the closing stages of the Super 12 that can propel his side into the T20 World Cup semifinal. Bangladesh still have an outside chance to qualify for the last four following Pakistan's victory over South Africa, even though it's not straightforward. India are currently leading Group 2 with six points from four games and will take on Zimbabwe in their last game and a win will help them qualify as group toppers. South Africa are currently placed in the second position in Group 2 with five points and a win over Netherlands in their last match at Adelaide Oval on November 6 will help them progress to the

next stage. Bangladesh earned four points so far and will take on Pakistan in their last group match on November 6 and they need to beat them by a big margin in order to better their net run rate and hope that either India or South Africa lose their last game in Super 12. "If you look at this group, every match went down interestingly.

Even now anything can happen. There can be miracles and it can happen (playing in the semis)," Taskin told reporters on Friday following their practice session at the Karen Rolton Oval in Adelaide on Friday.

"We will go with the same spirit in the last game and would like to win the game by playing good cricket. If we can win the game

we can do the calculation later. But our main target is to win the next game. Taskin admitted that beating Pakistan would be a difficult job considering their opponents are

clear favourites to win the game but added that anything can happen in the shortest format. "Look Pakistan is a good team across formats and they proved it. We have to play good cricket if we want to win and our main goal is to improve both individually and team wise.

We are learning and we are playing better cricket than before but we haven't become a great team in the T20 format so to become a good team we need to improve from every aspect," said Taskin. "It is difficult to predict in

T20 games because anything can happen. If we can restrict them to 150 or 160 I think it is chaseable and if we bat first and put up a commendable score it can be defended. We hope that we can win if we play good cricket. They are ahead of us team wise and everyone knows Pakistan is a better team than us. Our main target is improvement and as I said we haven't become a great team in the shortest format." Taskin also heaped praise on young bowler Hasan Mahmud while adding that the entire pace unit has the hunger to make big strides. While Taskin himself has been in good form throughout the tournament, Mahmud had a good game against India picking up three wickets. INP

