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## Indonesian Ambassador call on Chairperson of NDMA

Ambassador Adam Tugio of Indonesia thanked the Chair of NDMA for facilitating the deployment of Indonesian Medical Team to deliver health services for flood victims in Mirpur Khas District and Tent City Bin Qasim. The Chair of NDMA expressed his appreciation to the Indonesia government for its continued support to help Pakistani Government to address challenges posed by severe floods.



## Swati should cooperate with FIA to reach real culprits: Ashrafi

Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Saturday said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s Senator Azam Khan Swati should cooperate with Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to reach the real culprits behind the leaked video.

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## Press conference

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing a press conference in Lahore on Saturday.



Photo: PID

# PM demands full SC commission to investigate allegations of Imran Khan

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday appealed to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to establish a full court commission to investigate the firing incident aimed at Imran Khan and his long march's convoy in Wazirabad and the ensuing allegations levelled by the chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Addressing a press conference, here, he said, the commission of the Supreme Court should probe the allegations of Imran Khan

## PM expresses condolence over Sher Mazari's death

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday expressed his condolence over the death of Mir Balakh Sher Mazari, a prominent Baloch politician.

On his Twitter handle, the prime minister said that Mir Balakh Sher Mazari was a veteran Baloch politician who played a leading role in the country's politics. "Our national politics is poorer with his death. He belonged to a breed of public servants who believe in values & principles. My heartfelt condolences to his family & friends," he said while paying tribute to the contributions of late Mazari in politics.

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"Our national politics is poorer with his death. He belonged to a breed of public servants who believe in values & principles. My heartfelt condolences to his family & friends," he said while paying tribute to the contributions of late Mazari in politics. He was a chief of Mazar tribe and had served as a caretaker prime minister during 1983. He passed away on Friday. He was 94. APP

The same full court commission should also investigate the murder of [senior journalist] Arshad Sharif and the circumstances surrounding the tragic incident, he added.

He assured that the federal government would fully support the commission. Shehbaz Sharif said it was unfortunate that Imran Khan had falsely alleged that the prime minister, interior minister and an important officer of the institution hatched a conspiracy against him.

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## PTI to stage peaceful protest countrywide: Qureshi

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Senior PTI leader Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said the party will stage a 'peaceful protest' countrywide.

In a tweet, he said the nation will not remain quiet in the wake of an armed attack on party chairman Imran Khan. "The bullet that hit Imran is a heinous conspiracy to harm the honour of the nation," he stated. On the other hand PTI leader Hammad Azhar has said a murder attempt was carried out against Imran Khan and yet he and his cohorts would be arrested. "Are they running a country or a circus," he asked on Twitter while quoting a tweet by a journalist.

The quoted tweet included four screenshots of a news channel displaying news about "the interior minister's order to the FIA to take action against the baseless allegations against an army officer". Another screenshot said that there was a possibility of arresting Imran Khan and some of his partners in light of the evidence and legal opinion.

# Imran Khan's real face to be exposed after decision in pending cases: Javed Latif

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif on Saturday said Imran Khan's real face would be exposed after decision of pending court cases against him within the next three months.

"There will be no one to remember Imran Khan's name once the court announces its judgment", Javed Latif said during a presser held here.

He criticized Imran Khan for violating law and constitution and said, "Popularity doesn't mean that someone is above the law and constitution".

He said Imran Khan had been playing havoc with the country and by so he had exposed his real face but "violation of law and constitution of the country is not tolerable at all for the government and the people". He said patriotic people in the country and its institutions believe that the state could not run without the supremacy of constitution and law.

The government had been working tirelessly for the last six months to bring investment back into the country but PTI leadership was trying to thwart these efforts by creating instability in the country which was unacceptable for any patriotic citizen, Javed Latif said.

The handlers of PTI were terminating Imran Khan as their red line



but "State is the red line for the 220 million people of Pakistan", he said.

The PML-N leader said the video release of the accused statement, Imran Khan's act of hurling allegations at state institutions and individuals, Fawad Chaudhry's attempt to instigate public for violence and revenge, and attack by PTI workers on the sensitive building were the actual conspiracies against the state.

Javed Latif condemned the attack on PTI long march and said the people's houses under the leadership of PTI's leadership was more condemnable than the incident. "Imran Khan has failed in his efforts to malign and divide the institutions", he added.

"Public will know how Imran Khan is playing with their sentiments to gain political mileage through blaming state and its institutions once the results of the investigation will go public", he said.

He said those who were providing patronage to Imran Khan must realize that since his launch in the year 2011, the country had been facing severe unrest and destabilization.

He said that Azam Swati and Shahbaz Gill get relief despite speaking against the state institutions, however, former deputy speaker Dost Muhammad Mazari, who faced PTI's revenge, was still in the custody of Punjab government and no one was raising voice for him.

Javed Latif said those who were threatening Rana Sanaullah with their intentions to take revenge should know that the whole party was standing behind him.

"We are silent in the larger interest of the state and its people but will not allow anyone to blackmail the institutions", he said.

He said only 2937 people came out for protest on call of Imran Khan, burnt tyres and attacked people's houses under the leadership of PTI in two provinces.

It was the responsibility of the government to make those accountable who were blaming state institutions without any evidence. To a question, the PML-N leader asked for probing into the Imran Khan's claims of his connections in agencies and army. "Who can be in contact with the person who malign state institutions", he asked.

## Pakistan, IMF likely to hold talks by month-end

News Desk



ISLAMABAD: Negotiations between Pakistan and International Monetary Fund (IMF) are expected to be held in last week of November, it has been learnt on Saturday. As per sources, IMF has put up the condition for Pakistan urging review of budget targets. IMF also asked Pakistan to enhance tax collection. Matter related to international payments will also come under discussion during negotiations.

According to sources, China and Saudi Arabi have assured Pakistan of financial support. Chinese President Xi Jinping assured Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif of financial support when the premier was on official visit to China.

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## Institution's defamation

# Army requests govt for punitive action against perpetrators: 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 professional 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,



and prestige of its rank and file were being tarnished by vested interests through frivolous allegations, "the institution would jealously 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. Agencies

# China, Saudi Arabia agreed to provide \$13b package, says Ishaq Dar



ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said that China and Saudi Arabia have agreed to provide \$13 billion package to Pakistan. During an informal talk with journalists, the finance minister divulged that during current fiscal year, China apart from rolling over its loans, will provide \$8.8 billion financial support to Pakistan which includes \$3.3 billion loans from Chinese commercial banks and \$1.45 billion additional financing.

Dar said that there was likelihood of additional \$4.2 billion financial assistance from Saudi Arabia which includes \$3 billion additional package and supply

of Saudi oil on deferred payment. Saudi Arabia will also build a \$10-12bn petrochemical refining project at Gwadar, the finance minister said adding that the leadership in China and KSA assured Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of their cooperation.

Apart from this, Pakistan was also engaging the KSA in privatization transactions like in LNG power projects and shares in other entities to ensure non-debt creating foreign inflows. Dar said there was an understanding that both the countries would take care of the financial needs of Pakistan till June 2023.

# Pakistan, UAE agree to further deepen mutual cooperation in all fields



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the UAE have agreed to further deepen mutual cooperation in all fields including economy, trade, energy and investment. The understanding was reached at a meeting between Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and UAE's Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on the sidelines of the Annual Sir Bani Yas Forum in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. The two sides emphasized the vital importance of Pakistan-UAE relations and exchanged views

on regional and international issues of mutual interest. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari expressed his gratitude to the UAE leadership for their generous support for the flood affected people. He said this was a manifestation of the deep and time tested brotherly ties between the two nations that have always stood by each other in the hour of need. The Foreign Minister emphasized the need for increasing the volume of trade and investment between the two countries. Agencies

## Security alert

ISLAMABAD: Police personnel stand alert near water cannon vehicle at Faizabad Flyover due to PTI workers protest in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online

# President inquires after Imran Khan's health

LAHORE: President Dr. Arif Alvi and First Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi on Saturday visited Shaukat Khanum Hospital to inquire after the health of former prime minister and chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan, who was wounded during a failed assassination attempt while addressing a long march near Wazirabad.

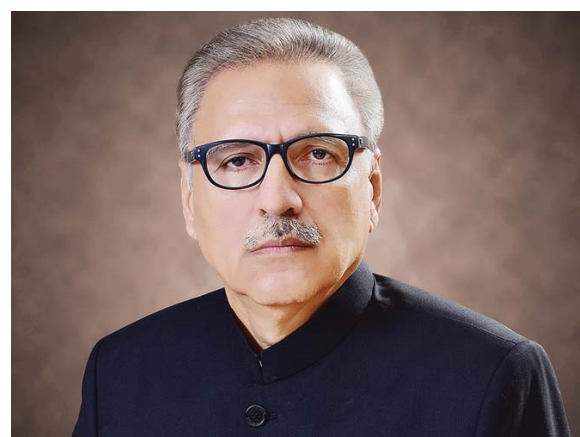
The president and the first lady expressed their best wishes and prayed for his speedy recovery. They stayed with Imran Khan for almost three hours, President Secretari-

at Press Wing said in a press release.

The president and Imran Khan also exchanged views on the political and economic situation of the country. The president once again offered his services in his personal capacity to mediate amongst stakeholders for developing consensus on major issues.

On the occasion, the president said that it was through Allah Almighty's grace that Pakistan was saved from a huge crisis.

The president once again condemned the cowardly



attack on Imran Khan and called upon the government

to take all possible measures to bring the culprits to justice.

He said that the government should ensure safeguarding the constitutional fundamental rights of every citizen which included the right to peaceful assembly, safety of life and liberty, and the right to freedom of speech and expression.

The president reiterated that all stakeholders should pursue their political objectives and find solutions to issues within the confines of democratic means of discussion, negotiation, consultation and deliberation. APP

# Protest call by Imran rejected by public: Rana Sana Ullah

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rana Sana Ullah Khan on Saturday said that people had totally rejected the protest call of Imran Khan and the irresponsible attitude of Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) after the Wazirabad incident.

In a statement, the minister said that the non-participation of the people in the protest, apart from dozens of workers, had proven that the people of Pakistan do not support "PTI's agitation and anarchist politics". "They (the people of Pakistan) believe in



tolerance, honour, politics of respect and democratic attitudes," the minister added.

He said that acts of blocking roads and closure of national

highways by PTI for the last two days with the coordination of police and support of the provincial governments were "shameful and condemnable."

He said that PTI was totally frustrated after the failure of its fascist politics and it was putting the people in trouble and worry. Due to the closure of the roads, people were facing extreme hardship and were unable to reach their destinations, the minister said, adding that patients could not reach hospitals because roads and highways were blocked.

The minister said this action of the PTI workers and the silence of the Punjab government along with its support to them in this illegal act was "regrettable and condemnable."

He said that the Ministry of Interior demanded from the governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to refrain from supporting a handful of workers.

The provincial governments should immediately stop the act of causing inconvenience to the people and blocking the national highways by a few workers.

The minister directed the Inspector General of Police Punjab and the Chief Secretary to arrest those violating law and ensure strict action against them.

## Japan condemns assassination attempt on Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD: Japanese Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa on Saturday condemned the assassination attempt on former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan. In a message to Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Foreign Minister of Pakistan he viewed, "I was deeply shocked and saddened by the shooting on November 3 which left former Prime Minister Imran Khan wounded and others dead and injured, near Gujranwala.

I pray for the speedy recovery of Mr. Khan and those who are wounded. I also express my condolences to the victim and the bereaved family. Japan resolutely condemns this act of violence against democracy and expresses its strong solidarity together with the Government of Pakistan and Pakistani people. Agencies

# Sikh pilgrims' special train derails in Toba Tek Singh



TOB TEK SINGH: A special train boarding Sikh pilgrims was derailed near Shor Kot Cantt in Toba Tek Singh on Saturday morning. However, none of the passengers got hurt in the incident. As per the reports, nine bogies of the special train on which Sikh pilgrims were travelled were derailed. The special train for the Sikh pilgrims was going to Nankana Sahib from Karachi. The special train was brought from Faisalabad.

The accident took place at 7:55 am between Pir Mahal and Shorkot. Most of the passengers were adjusted in the cars attached to the engine and were sent to Nankana at 9.55 am. The authorities have also made arrangements to transport the remaining passengers as a new train was sent to Shorkot for this purpose.

Pakistan Railways Divisional Superintendent along with his staff has rushed to the accident.

Police have also reached the place of incident. Pakistan has issued 2,942 visas to the Sikh pilgrims coming from India to attend the birth celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak, starting at Nankana Sahib from Sunday. According to a press release issued by Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, these visas are in addition to the visas granted to the Sikh pilgrims participating in the celebrations from other countries.

During the visit, the Sikh pilgrims will go to Dera Sahib, Panja Sahib, Nankana Sahib and Kartarpur Sahib.

They will enter Pakistan tomorrow and return to India on 15th of this month. In its tweet, the PHC in New Delhi said: "On the occasion of Birth-day Celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak, the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi has issued 2942 visas to Sikh pilgrims from India to attend the Birth

# Sub-campus of UAF to be setup in Narowal: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD, NOV 5 (APP): Federal Minister for Planning and Development & Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal Saturday said that a sub-campus of University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) would be setup in Narowal in order to produce skilled manpower and tangible research work in the area for agricultural uplift.

The minister made this announcement while addressing at University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF), where the farmers were gathered as a part of eight-day activities on wheat enhancement drive launched by UAF, Agriculture Extension Department Punjab and other agricultural universities of the province.

The objective of this drive is to inform the farming community about latest trends and to increase the per acre productivity.

"It is a matter of grave concern that despite being an agricultural country, we are importing edible worth billions of rupees," said the minister.

The minister further added that the country imported three million ton of wheat, edible oil worth four billion ton, cotton, sugarcane and others.

The Prime Minister Agriculture Package worth 1800 billion was a hallmark step for the rehabilitation and progress of the sector, he added.

He urged the agricultural scientists to play their role for increasing the productivity.

Vice Chancellor, UAF, Prof Dr Iqbal Ahmad Khan stressed upon the need to promote mechanization and latest practices in the agriculture sector to increase wheat production, ensure the food security and poverty alleviation.

# Islamabad police registers FIR against PTI leaders



ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police on Saturday registered FIR against 24 Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders for vandalizing state property and confronting police during staging protest against armed attack on PTI chief Imran Khan. Federal police has initiated action against violent protesters of PTI who damaged state property and thrashed police while recording their protest on roads. An FIR has been registered at I-9 police station in which 24 leaders of PTI nominated.

The PTI leaders nominated in FIR are Ali Ahmed Awan, Amir Mehmood Kiani, Wasif Qayum, Chaudhry Shoaib and others. It is pertinent to mention here that during protest PTI leaders and workers attacked police and FC personnel with batons and stones. Reportedly, 9 FC personnel and 5 police personnel were injured by the act of PTI workers. About 30 PTI workers are in the custody of police who were detained during violent protest.

# Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs meet the Foreign Minister of Iraq

ABU DHABI: On the sidelines of the 13th annual meeting of Sir Bani Yas Forum in Abu Dhabi, today, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar met the Foreign Minister of Iraq, Dr. Fouad Hussein.

The Ministers exchanged views on bilateral relations, as well as regional and global issues of common interest. They reaffirmed the long-standing ties of amity and cooperation between the two countries, rooted deep in shared faith, common values and cultural affinities; and reiterated the desire to further strengthen bilateral relations in all fields.

FM Bilawal reaffirmed Pakistan's support for Iraq's territorial integrity and sovereignty. He acknowledged Iraq's success in the fight against terrorism and appreciated

the resilience of Iraqi people in their efforts to overcome challenges and rebuild the country.

Matters pertaining to Pakistani Zaireen visiting Iraq and people-to-people contact between the two countries also came under discussion. While appreciating the measures taken by the Iraqi government for the well-being of the Zaireen, the Foreign Minister requested his counterpart for further facilitation in visas and travel, particularly during Ashura Muharram and Arbabeen.

The Ministers also exchanged views on ways to expand commercial cooperation and improve connectivity between the two countries. Both sides reaffirmed their resolve to continue collaborating closely to further strengthen bilateral ties and coordinate at the multilateral fora. Agencies

# Cloudy weather likely to prevail over upper, central areas of country

ISLAMABAD: Cloudy weather is likely to prevail over upper and central areas of the country. However, rain with wind and thunderstorm and snow over the hilly areas is expected in Islamabad, upper and central Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir. Rain-wind, thunderstorm with snow over the hilly areas is likely in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, upper, central Punjab, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). Hailstorm is also likely to occur at isolated places in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and upper Punjab.

According to the synoptic situation, a westerly wave was likely to affect western parts of the country from tonight and may persist in western/upper parts of the country till Monday.

During the last 24 hours, the weather remained dry in most parts of the country, while cold in northern areas. Temperatures of some major cities recorded on Saturday.

Islamabad and Muzaffarabad sixteen degree centigrade, Murree twelve, Lahore and Peshawar twenty, Karachi twenty-two, Quetta and Gilgit ten degree centigrade.

According to Met Office forecast for Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and

Kashmir, partly cloudy weather with chances of rain, wind and thunderstorm is expected in Srinagar, Leh, Jammu, Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian and Baramulla. Temperature recorded. Srinagar, Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian and Baramulla eight degree centigrade, Jammu seventeen and Leh minus one degree centigrade. INP

# President, PM pay eulogizing tributes to martyrs of Jammu

Call for early solution of Kashmir dispute

Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: President Azad Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhary and Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan have paid glowing tributes to martyrs of Jammu on their 75th martyrdom anniversary.

In their separate messages released on the eve of Jammu martyrs' day the duo while highlighting the supreme sacrifices rendered by the Kashmiri people said that the day was not far when Kashmiris' sacrifices would bear fruit and the Indian occupied territory of Kashmir would be free from the Indian bondage.

In his message the AJK President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhary said that more than seventy years have passed since Indian forces invaded Kashmir illegally. The Indian forces deployed in the length and breadth of Kashmir have destroyed the peace by wreaking havoc in the region. Terming India as an aggressor, the president said that despite the passage of seven decades India was not ready to grant Kashmiris their right to self-determination, which it had guaranteed to them under various UN resolutions. He said that November 6 (Martyrs' Day) was an important milestone of the Kashmiris freedom struggle on which millions of Kashmiris sacrificed



their lives for the love of Pakistan and freedom of the homeland from India.

He said that the massacre of the Muslims in Jammu by Hindu extremists was not a mere coincidence but a deep-rooted conspiracy aimed at making the goal of creation of Pakistan impossible.

In a special message the Prime Minister said that the Indian army and the puppet administration in Occupied Kashmir were engaged in their efforts to suppress the voices of those who raise the slogan of freedom. The PM said that India cannot dampen the spirit of freedom of Kashmiris by unleashing reign of terror in the region.

Lauding the Kashmiris' sacrifices, the PM further said, "The people of Kashmir are continuously making

sacrifices to achieve their goal of freedom from India's illegal occupation". Paying rich tributes to Jammu Martyrs the PM said, "We pay our respects to the martyrs of the freedom movement, we also pledge that we will keep burning the torch that these martyrs lit with their blood".

They said that Jammu Martyrs' Day was being observed on both sides of the line of control with a renewed commitment to take the ongoing struggle to its logical end for which their ancestors sacrificed their precious lives.

Referring to horrendous incidents of bloodshed and violence perpetrated by Hindu extremists in connivance with Dogra forces, they said that "During the first week of November 1947 the Dogra ruler unleashed havoc in the

Jammu region by killing hundreds and thousands of innocents Muslims including men, women and children".

The bloodshed and violence that left indelible scars on the Kashmiris' collective conscience, they said, finds no precedent in human history.

Referring to the ongoing human rights violations in the Indian occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir they said that the blood of Kashmiris Muslims was being spilt on the streets in Kashmir today. "The hands of the Indian forces are stained with the blood of innocent Muslims", they said.

Reiterating the government's all out support to Kashmir cause they said, "Strengthening Kashmir cause and the Freedom Movement in Kashmir is the first priority of the present government".

They said that India's nefarious attempts aimed at distorting the region's history, culture and changing the proportion of the population in the occupied territory would be thwarted by the valiant Kashmiris despite all odds.

They also urged the international community to help stop the atrocities on Kashmiris and force India to implement the UNSC resolutions to settle the lingering dispute peacefully once and for all.

## Over 40,000 litres petrol spilled as tanker overturned



MUZAFFARGARH: Over 40,000 litres petrol spilled on DG Khan Road near Chaman Bypass on Saturday when an oil tanker turned turtle.

According to Rescue 1122 officials, the oil tanker was of a private company and was going to Peshawar from Karachi with a load of 50,000 litres petrol.

An eye witnesses informed the tanker met the accident while trying to save a car. The fuel started to spill from the tanker soon after it turned turtle, the witness added.

Upon receiving the information, Rescue teams rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area and also informed the police.

District Emergency Officer (DEO) Rescue 1122 Dr Hussain Mian has issued instructions banning the use of mobile phone near the accident site to avert any untoward incident.

Rescue staff has started putting sand on the spilled petrol, while arrangements were being made to shift the remaining fuel to other tanker.

## 18th Cholistan rally arrangements reviewed

BAHAWALPUR: Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Raja Jahangir Anwar has said that all arrangements should be completed on time for the International Cholistan Desert Rally scheduled to be held in February 2023.

The repairing of the roads to Derawar Fort should be completed soon. He was presiding over a high level meeting. The meeting decided to form a committee to monitor the road repair work.

Commissioner said that direction boards will be installed to indicate the locations of Derawar fort. On the occasion of the International Cholistan Desert Rally, temporary tuck shops, washrooms, and mechanics shops will also be set up at various places.

Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Raja Jahangir Anwar has said that planning will be done for traffic management. Managing Director TDCP Waqas Malik, Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur Zahid Parvez Waraich, DPO Ibadat Nisar, MD CDA Tariq Mehmood Bukhari, Additional Commissioner Consolidation Aamir Khachi, MD Bahawalpur Waste Management Company Naeem Akhtar were present in the video link meeting.

## 279 new dengue cases surface in KP

PESHAWAR: As many as 279 new dengue cases were reported in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the last 24 hours, an official of the Health Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa told media men here on Saturday.

The number of dengue patients in the province had now reached 19,720, wherein 13 more dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals of KP and the number of admitted patients had increased to 53, the official informed.

He said the highest number of 142 new dengue cases had been reported in Peshawar and with this the number had risen to 8,141. He disclosed that 24 cases of dengue were reported in Mardan taking total tally of the district to 3,807, 31 cases of dengue reported in Haripur, which increased the number of dengue cases in Haripur to 1030. Similarly, 17 dengue cases were reported from Khyber, 12 from Bannu, 14 from Dera Ismail Khan, 11 from Kohat, and 17 from Malakand.

He said so far the "dengue virus had claimed 15 lives" in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and currently, the number of active cases in the province stood at 1,587. APP

## Heavy smog

FAISALABAD: A view of heavy smog at Ghanta Ghar Chowk road in the city.



Photo: Online

## Conducting condolence reference of 'Maulana Abbas Ansari'

KARACHI: Kashmiri Hurriyat leader in collaboration with Palestine Foundation Pakistan in Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Addressing the condolence reference of "Maulana Abbas Ansari", leaders of various political and religious parties and civil society members said that the eternal sacrifices of Hurriyat leaders cannot be forgotten. Hurriyat Conference's former chairman Maulana Abbas Ansari along with the leaders of Hurriyat Conference in front of Sheikh Abdullah's secularism.

He guided the youth of Jammu and Kashmir in a timely manner and inculcated the Islamic society and freedom movement from Kashmir to the youth.

Former members of Sindh Assembly Mahfooz Yar Khan, Major (ret'd) Qamar Abbas, Allama Baqir Abbas Zaidi of Majlis Wahdat Muslimeneen, PTI leader Asrar Abbasi, columnist and analyst Bashir Sadouzi, Hafiz Amjad, Haider Imam, Syed from where the Kashmiri people are on one side of India. Aggression and brutality are being faced, along with new conspiracies from the global imperialist forces. Speakers said that talks of mediation on Kashmir by powerful countries indicate that the aim is to divide Kashmir and



civil. Other members of the society spoke. While Sajjad Ansari, the son of the late Maulana Abbas Ansari, was also addressed on the telephone from Srinagar.

Addressing the participants of the conference, speakers said that the issue of Kashmir has entered a new historical turning point where the Kashmiri people are being faced, along with new conspiracies from the global imperialist forces. Speakers said that talks of mediation on Kashmir by powerful countries indicate that the aim is to divide Kashmir and

sabotage the Kashmir issue.

The speakers said that any heinous conspiracy to annex India against the aspirations of the Kashmiri people cannot be accepted under the pretext of mediation on the Kashmir issue. The speakers said that the people of Pakistan, political leadership, and civil society will not allow the black plans made on the Kashmir issue to succeed. The speakers said that the fate of Kashmir has to be decided by the Kashmiri people, whether they join Pakistan or become independent, no power in the world has any right to decide the fate of Kashmir.

The speakers further said that the issue of Palestine is also in the hands of the Palestinian people, but no state in the world has the right to take any decision related to Palestine that does not reflect the aspirations of the Palestinian people. Participants paid tribute to the sacrifices and struggle of Maulana Abbas Ansari, Syed Ali Geelani Ashraf Sehrai, and other Hurriyat leaders and said that the people of Pakistan will always remember the Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders and will introduce the future generations to the history-making Hurriyat leaders

## Mehmood expresses grief over death of Mir Balakh Sher Mazari

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Maulana Asad Mehmood has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of former caretaker Prime Minister Mir Balakh Sher Mazari.

He, in a statement issued here, prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss. Mazari was a prominent figure in the politics of Pakistan and his services for the country will be remembered forever, the minister said.

## Centre suspends CCPO Lahore over 'failure' in protecting Governor House

ISLAMABAD: The federal government Saturday suspended the Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Ghulam Muhammad Dogar for his alleged "failure" to protect Punjab's Governor House, sources said. The establishment division of the government issued a notification to suspend the 21-grade officer of the police service.

## Kashmiris to observe Jammu Martyrs Day on November 6



ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris across the world will observe the Jammu Martyrs' Day on Sunday, November 06 to reiterate the resolve to continue the martyrs' mission till they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination.

Hundreds of thousands of Kashmiris were martyred by the forces of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh, Indian Army and Hindu fanatics in different parts of Jammu region while they were migrating to Pakistan during the first week of November in 1947, Kashmir media reported on Wednesday.

Preparations have begun to commemorate the historic Jammu Martyrs' Day on both sides of the LoC and rest of the world.

In Azad Jammu and Kashmir, anti-India demonstrations, seminars and symposiums will be held in all small and major towns of all ten districts as well as in various parts of Pakistan on Sunday to pay rich tribute to the Jammu martyrs.

Special prayer meetings will be held under the auspices of various social, political, religious and

other public representative organizations to pay homage to the Kashmiri martyrs.

The day will dawn with special prayers in all mosques for the early liberation of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir from Indian yoke and progress, prosperity and stability of Pakistan and AJK.

Quran Khawani will be held at various places for the Kashmiri martyrs under the auspices of various social, political and public representative organizations.

Meanwhile, All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders, Khawaja Firdous and Syed Bashir Andrabi, in a joint statement paid rich tribute to the Jammu martyrs. They said on the Jammu Martyrs' Day, the Kashmiri people will renew their pledge to continue the freedom struggle.

They said the Kashmiris have been rendering sacrifices for a great cause for the last several decades and the day is not far when they will achieve their cherished goal. They urged the international community to impress upon India to stop its brutalities in IIOJK. APP



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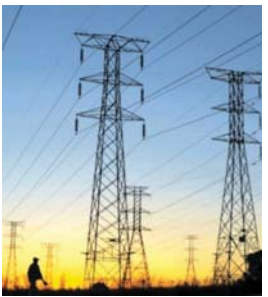
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*IESCO issues power suspension programme*



ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Saturday issued a power suspension programme for November 6 (Sunday) for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work.

According to IESCO spokesman, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in F-6/2, PM Secretariat, CBR, PM Staff Colony, Blue Area, OGDC, Quaid-Azam University, Saudi Embassy, Residential Embassy feeders and 132KV New Islamabad International Airport (T-1) Consumer grid station and surroundings. APP

# First university announced in newly merged districts, ex-FATA: Sajid Turi

By Tooba Khan



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi announces with great pride the launch of the first ever university in the newly merged districts, ex-FATA. This University is a catalyst project of for the people of tribal areas who have been deprived of their basic rights since the creation of Pakistan.

Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi had a meeting with Chairman Higher Education Commission Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed. It was decided in the meeting that one university will be established in every district of ex-FATA (commonly known as newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) so that the students there do not

face any difficulties in obtaining higher education and they are not deprived of their basic right of getting higher education. The progress and prosperity of the region depended on quality education.

The educated youth would have more opportunities in this era of competition. Education is a form of investment as it provides a stream of income just as any other investment would. Mr. Turi said that it has been ardent desire that universities be established in all trib-

al districts including Karam district and today he is happy to announce that Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST) in Karam district is being established. He further added that a formal decision has been taken to establish a university in Parachinar, which will be inaugurated soon and admissions in various fields of science, IT and arts will be announced from the new academic year.

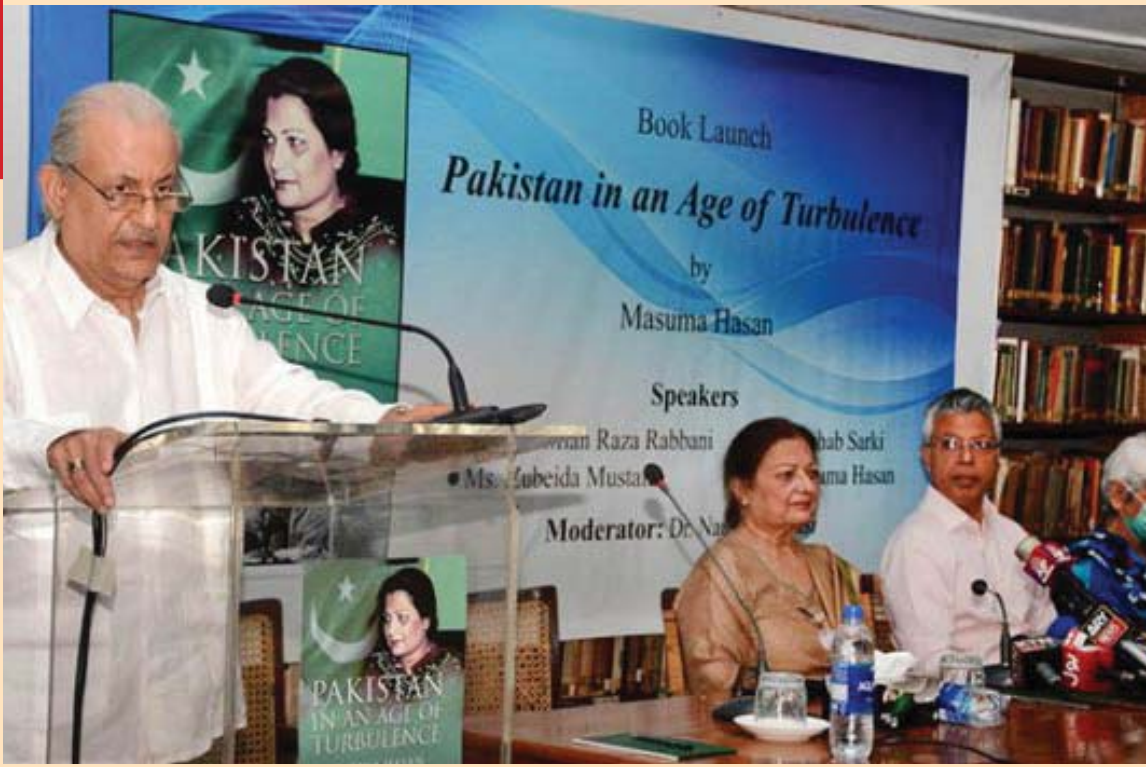
He said that classes initially will be held temporarily in Government College No. 2 Parachinar,

but in the previous government of Pakistan People's Party, acres of land was purchased for the construction of a magnificent building for the university, on which the construction will be started by the end of this year. He said that this university will be the first university in the history of tribal areas for which he is very excited adding he was grateful to the then President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani who announced funds to purchase land for Kurram University.

He said that Pakistan People's Party has a special role in the development, health and education of tribal districts and under the patronage of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, all efforts are underway to bring tribal districts into the national mainstream of the country through development in all sectors.

## Book launch

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani addressing at the launching ceremony of a book titled 'Pakistan in an age of Turbulence' at the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs.



Spokesman Photo by Ghulam Farid

## The UAE strongly condemned the attempted assassination of Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD: The UAE has strongly condemned the attempted assassination of Imran Khan, the former Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, expressing its solidarity and standing by friendly Pakistan and its people in the face of violence and terrorism.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation confirmed that the UAE expresses its strong condemnation of these criminal acts that aim to destabilize security and stability, and are inconsistent with humanitarian values and principles.

## Indonesian Ambassador call on Chairperson of NDMA



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Adam Tugio of Indonesia met with the Chairperson of NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik.

The envoy thanked the Chair of NDMA for facilitating the deployment of Indonesian Medical Team to deliver health services for flood victims in Mirpur Khas District and Tent City Bin Qasim. The Chair of NDMA expressed his appreciation to the Indonesia government for its continued support to help Pakistani Government to address challenges posed by severe floods.

The meeting also discussed ways to strengthen cooperation on disaster relief management between NDAM of the two countries.

## Outstanding Performance Award



LAHORE: Chairman Senate of Pakistan Mr. Sadiq Sanjrani, Mr. Baligh ur Rehman Governor of Punjab and President FPCCI Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, presenting Platinum Award to Hamdard Laboratories (Waqf) Pakistan to Ms. Rabia Butt, Deputy Director International Business, on outstanding performance in Export Marketing (Syrup Rooh Afza & Herbal Medicines) during 10th FPCCI Achievement Awards Ceremony at Governor House Lahore.

# Swati should cooperate with FIA to reach real culprits: Ashrafi

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Saturday said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s Senator Azam Khan Swati should cooperate with Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to reach the real culprits behind the leaked video.

Ashrafi who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council, in a video message, proposed the respective legislator not to be part of the blame game without any solid evidence as it is not in larger interest of the country.

He, in reaction to Swati's emotional presser in which he has accused a national security institution's officer, said although the incident was sorrowful but it did not mean that it should be used for



the political point-scoring.

He said the habit of maligning the nation security institutions and their responsible officers before any logical conclusion of the investigation should be stopped now.

He said the miscreants behind this fake video must be brought to justice as it is a condemnable incident.

Meanwhile, in the talk show of a private news channel, prime minister's aide, on the sad incident of firing on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's convoy in Wazirabad, said in Punjab, Imran Khan's party was at the helm of affairs and it should hold a transparent investigation on the matter.

The prime minister had given

all options to the provincial government to probe the matter thoroughly, he said adding, the way national security institutions responsible officers were being targeted that was not acceptable at all costs.

Ashrafi said the non-state actors were trying to destabilize the country by chaos and anarchy, that was why; they were targeting the national defense institutions time and again as "our religion, homeland and military are redlines for us."

Regarding PTI chief Imran Khan's demand of three resignations, he said it was unconstitutional and it was not the proper way to seek resignations on the basis of mere allegations.

Lauding the matchless services of Major General Faisal, he said the anti-state elements were

## Sanjrani announces to form parliamentary committee to examine Swati's video leak issue

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Saturday announced to form a parliamentary committee to examine Senator Azam Swati's leaked video issue and then compile a report.

In a statement, he said, members of all the political parties in the

Senate would be part of the parliamentary committee.

He said the committee would prepare the report and present it before the House.

The chairman said the issue of the video leak of Azam Swati was "shocking".

"Senator Azam Swati is like my elder brother; I have family relations with him," Sanjrani said.

hatching conspiracies against this son of the soil who had played a heroic role by dismantling the enemies' network in the war on terror.

Criticizing the PTI's leadership

that is consistently engaged in the defamation campaign against the armed forces, he said this illicit drive was pleasing India as its job was being performed by our disgruntled politicians.

# Serena Hotels & the Italian Embassy Hosted an Opera Performance for Flood Relief

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Serena Hotels hosted a fundraising Opera Performance in collaboration with the Italian Embassy. The talented and world-renowned Performing Artist Mr. RameLahaj who was accompanied by Mr. Matteo Pais, gave outstanding performances, and engaged the audience with his well-known pieces. He has performed in prestigious Opera houses of the world.

Among his most notable roles are Alfredo (La Traviata), Duke of Mantua (Rigoletto) and Rodolfo (La Boheme). RameLahaj is the first artist from Kosovo and has won the most prestigious and important prize "Operalia" in 2016 for his extraordinary performances. He was accompanied by Répétiteur who is the Artistic Coordinator at Arturo Toscanini Foundation in Parma and is a vocal coach and honored pianist who is well known for his international masterclasses to upcoming young artists.



Mr. Aziz Boolani, CEO Serena Hotels appreciated the generous support of the Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan H. E. Andreas Ferrarese joining hands with



Serena Hotels in not only raising funds for the flood relief but for strengthening the bonding between Pakistan and Italy through such cultural exchanges, and he expressed, how such cultural exchanges are key in fostering great bonds between the

two nations.

This event is the 4th fundraising event organised by Serena Hotels in collaboration with different diplomatic missions and will continue to play the role in supporting the less privileged citizens by utilizing its hotels platform.



ISLAMABAD-Nov05: Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese posing for a group photograph along with Italian artists Rame Lahaj, and Matteo Pais after the Charity Gala Dinner ceremony for flood effected people in Pakistan organized by Italy Embassy at a local hotel in Federal Capital. Online Photos by Sultan Bashir

It was an evening dedicated to building close cultural ties with the Italian Embassy,

while creating an opportunity to generate funds for the relief efforts.

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# Phytoremediation

**Aiman Shabbir**

**D**ue to ignorance, poor vision, or carelessness, industrial, military, and agricultural activities all over the world contaminate tracts of land, surface waters, and groundwater. The accumulation of harmful contaminants. In addition to having an impact on natural resources, (metals, radionuclides, and organic pollutants in soil, surface water, and ground water) also place a significant pressure on ecosystems. In order to cope with the environmental contaminants that have accumulated through time, plants have developed a wide variety of genetic adaptations. Metals, pesticides, solvents, explosives, crude oil, poly-aromatic hydrocarbons, and landfill leachates can all be removed from the environment via phytoremediation. "Effective use of plants to eliminate, detoxify, or immobilise (fix) the environmental pollutants in a growth matrix (soil, water, or sediments) through the natural biological activities and plant processes" is the definition of phytoremediation. Plants are unusual organisms with extraordinary sorption and metabolic capacities. In addition, the plants have effective transport systems that can selectively absorb nutrients or

pollutants from the soil, water, or growth matrix. Thus Phytoremediation is a cheap, solar-powered cleanup method (photo-sequestration). Sites with minimal pollution levels benefit from it the most. It can be used to remediate a variety of environmental pollutants. Plants can be utilized in a variety of ways to clean up or remediate contaminated environments. Plants have the ability to break down

as well as other non-essential pollutants.

Because tree roots can reach deeper into the soil than those of smaller plants, using trees to cure deeper soil contamination is more successful.

In addition, it is possible to clean up the contamination in deep-lying contaminated ground water by pumping the water out of the earth and utilizing particular plants.

Phytoremediation is less expensive than conventional methods, both in situ and ex Situ. It is simple to keep an eye on the plants. There is a chance that valuable metals can be recovered and used again ("Phytomining"). Because it uses naturally occurring organisms and keeps the ecosystem in a more natural form, it may be the least hazardous option.

or degrade organic pollutants, stabilize metal contaminants by functioning as filters or traps, and remove pollutants from soil, sediment, and/or water. The primary route through which pollutants are absorbed by plants—and where toxicity avoidance systems are present—is through the root system. The root system offers a substantial surface area that collects and accumulates the nutrients and water required for growth,

By releasing inorganic and organic substances (called "root exudates") into the rhizosphere (the region between the soil and the roots), plant roots also affect the rhizosphere. Root exudates alone have the potential to boost directly or indirectly reduce (immobilise) or (mobilise) the availability of the pollutants that enter the plant's rhizosphere (root zone) through: Changes to the physical properties of soil, Changes to the soil's

chemical makeup 3. Release of organic compounds, An increase in the microbial activity aided by plants.

Phytoremediation is a substitute for, or complementary to, mechanical traditional cleanup procedures, which frequently demand significant capital investments, extensive labour inputs, and high energy requirements. A technique for in-situ cleanup called phytoremediation makes use of the natural skills of live plants. It is also a green technology that is based on the idea of employing plants to clean up the environment and is powered by solar energy.

There are different mechanisms involved in phytoremediation. These are phytoextraction, phytostabilization, phytodegradation, phytotransformation, phytovolatization.

- Some of the examples of plants used in phytoremediation practices are the following:
1. Water hyacinths (Eichornia crassipes)
  2. Poplar trees (Populus spp.)
  3. Forage kochia (Kochia spp.)
  4. Alfalfa (Medicago sativa)
  5. Kentucky bluegrass (Poa pratensis)
  6. Scirpus spp., coontail (Ceratophyllum demersum)
  7. American pondweed (Potamogeton nodosus)
  8. Common arrow-head (Sagittaria latifolia)
- Phytoremediation is less

expensive than conventional methods, both in situ and ex Situ. It is simple to keep an eye on the plants. There is a chance that valuable metals can be recovered and used again ("Phytomining"). Because it uses naturally occurring organisms and keeps the ecosystem in a more natural form, it may be the least hazardous option. It protects the topsoil, preserving the soil's fertility. It makes it easier to employ plants to prevent soil erosion and metal leaching. Phytoremediation only affects the surface area and the depth that the roots occupy. The low biomass and slow growth necessitate a long-term commitment. It is impossible to totally stop the leaching of pollutants into the groundwater with plant-based remediation systems. The toxicity of the contaminated land and the general state of the soil have an impact on the life of the plants. The bio absorption of pollutants, particularly metals, into plants, which then enter the food chain from first-level consumers upwards, or the need for the secure disposal of the contaminated plant material. When plants absorb heavy metals, the metal may occasionally become bonded to the organic materials in the soil, making it impossible for the plant to extract the metal.

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## Climate change much deadlier than cancer in parts of world

**T**he impact of climate change on health if carbon emissions remain high, could be up to twice as deadly as cancer in some parts of the world, including Pakistan, according to new data released Friday by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Climate Impact Lab.

The new data shows the need to act quickly, not only to mitigate climate change but also to adapt to its consequences.

For instance, in Faisalabad, Pakistan, even with moderate mitigation, additional deaths due to climate change would average 36 per 100,000 people each year between 2020-2039, according to the data. Without substantially expanding adaptation efforts, Faisalabad could expect annual climate change-related death rates to nearly double, reaching 67 deaths per 100,000 by mid-century. An increment almost as deadly as strokes, currently Pakistan's third leading cause of death. "As we face the punishing impacts of global climate change it can be easy to wonder whether efforts to reduce emissions by individual countries, states, or cities really make a difference. This platform shows the direct role these efforts play in shaping our collective future." Climate Impact Lab's Hannah Hess, Associate Director at Rhodium Group.

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, where under a scenario of very high emissions by 2100, additional deaths due to climate change could rise to nearly twice the country's current annual death rate from all cancers, and 10 times its annual road traffic fatalities, according to the data. "Because of human action, the concentration of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere is reaching dangerous levels, driving Earth's temperatures higher and amplifying the frequency of intensity of extreme events", says the newly launched Human Climate Horizons platform, adding that without concerted and urgent action, climate change will further exacerbate inequalities, and uneven development.

Building on the analyses of 2020, 2021 and 2022 Human Development Reports – and fed by an evolving stream of frontier research – the data shows how climate change can impact people's lives – from mortality to livelihoods, and energy use.

Although higher temperatures and a warmer climate put cardiovascular and respiratory systems under stress everywhere, outcomes will vary between places, according to communities that have the resources to adapt and those that do not.

The data shows that climate change could increase mortality rates in Faisalabad, Pakistan by near 67 deaths per 100,000 population – causing more fatalities than strokes, the country's third leading cause of death.

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, however, higher incomes could keep the death toll to 35 per 100,000, which is still deadlier than Alzheimer's disease – the sixth leading cause of death globally.

Since the late 19th century, the earth's average temperature has risen by nearly 1.2°C, changing the entire surface area of the planet, according to the research.

However, billions live in regions that have already experienced warming greater than the global average.

As an example, the platform pointed to Maracaibo, Venezuela, noting that in the 1990s it averaged 62 annual days with temperatures exceeding 35°C. However, by mid-century, that number will likely soar to 201 days.

Electricity availability and fuels used to generate it to power air conditioners and heaters, play a crucial role in our ability to cope with extreme temperatures, said UNDP.

## The Disappointing Role of Muslim Ulama in The Subcontinent - I



**Prof. Fazal Tanha Gharshin**

**T**here are fifty-seven Muslim countries in the world, and none of them possess veto power, autonomous political status, and a strong economy. The comity of all Muslim countries is called Muslim Ummah and the galaxy of Islamic religious scholars is called Muslim Ulama. Being one Ummah means believing in one God, one Prophet (PBUH), and one Book. Despite being one Ummah, there are umpteen reasons for their failure in leading the world. The main cause for their failure is untimely interference in political affairs. The historic decline of the Muslim empires in the subcontinent is the worst example of Muslim Ulama's epoch-destroying blunder – untimely interference in politics. Indeed, religions are for career building rather than a government building.

In fact, Muslim Ulama's first duty is to make society from the bottom, but not from the top. When Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) started preaching Islam, Makkans offered him (PBUH) Makka's leadership, providing he (PBUH) would leave preaching Islam, but Muhammad (PBUH) refused to do so. Prophet (PBUH) better knew the fact that he and his teachings would not be accepted by Makkans because he (PBUH) had not prepared the society from the bottom. After preaching for almost fifteen years, Muhammad (PBUH) not only became a political leader but also a religious Prophet for half of the world.

There are no two ways in saying that, nowadays, when Muslim Ulama amplify their voices for the cause of Islam, they are offered "Chairs" and they accept it unthinkingly; that is where the shoe pinches. Before the departure of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), he advised that Hazrat Abu Huraira, Hazrat Hassan bin Sabith and Hazrat Abu Zar Ghaffari (May God Be Pleased With Them) would not interfere in politics, in order to educate the society from the bottom; while Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddique, Hazrat Umar Farooq, Hazrat Usman Ghani and Hazrat Ali (May God Be Pleased With

Them) would run political affairs. This advice is interpreted that before governing from the top, it is necessary to prepare the bottom well. It means it is wiser to educate the masses to a degree that they themselves demand Islamic laws willingly than to be imposed forcibly.

The glorious period of Rightly-Guided Caliphs, the contentious era of Umayyad, and the tenure of Abbasid were the times for Islamic development and Muslim advancement. Despite internal conspiracies and external bloody wars, they developed in the fields of science, politics, and economy. They adopted the very formula of "Specialization" – a special person for a special job. This formula kept Muslim Ulama away from politics. According to Maulana Waheeduddin Khan, the basic rule of "Specialization" was first broken by Mughal Emperor Aurangzaib Alamgir, by killing his brother Dara Shikoh for political leadership and Aurangzaib for the cause of Islam, but the plan ended in smoke. Maulana suggests that if Aurang Zaib visited Europe, rather than Deccan, it would be better. At that time, due to the Spain incident, Muslim scholars had sought refuge in

non-Muslim countries. Had Aurangzaib accepted the rule of "Specialization" and invited foreign Muslim scholars to the subcontinent, today, the subcontinent would have become the Europe of the time. Prohibiting Muslims from the use of Gutten Berg's printing machine pushed the Muslim world three centuries back in the field of science.

The non-Muslim world used Berg's printing machine for the purpose of their religious preaching. That is why Christianity spread by leaps and bounds and the dissemination of Islam came to a halt. When Caliph Abdul Hameed II (1876-1909) in Turkey tried to avail steam engine-possessed ships for economic and transport purposes, the then Muslim Ulama opposed the plan by arguing that there should be the recitation of whole Bukhari Sharif over the ships before navigating. What a bizarre demand was that. The then-educated scholars started making fun of them by saying that ships are run by Bukhar (steam) rather than Bukhari (a holy hadith book). Such irrational and odd stories speak volumes about the economic backwardness of the Muslim world.

*To be concluded*  
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## Why the Arab world needs a unified voice

**Dr. Bashayer Al-Majed**

**A**rab League leaders met in Algiers this week with a lot having occurred since their last summit three years ago.

With winter approaching in the northern hemisphere, COVID-19 infection rates are likely to increase. Armed conflicts continue in Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Mali, and Somalia, with civil unrest in other nations.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has had major global implications, greatly reducing food and fuel supplies, pushing up prices across Europe and other parts of the world, and increasing pressure on already struggling nations such as Egypt who source their wheat from the Ukrainian region.

Added to this are the effects of climate change, which are having a greater impact sooner than scientists predicted, with more severe flash floods, droughts and rising temperatures, and an increase in air pollution caused by ground-level ozone. This is affecting, and will continue to affect, even the richest of countries – but to those already suffering shortages of food, water and other essential resources, it will be devastating. With nuclear threats also in people's minds, there was a lot to discuss at the summit.

It is indeed time, as League general secretary Ahmed Aboul Gheit said, to end conflict in the MENA region. The strengths of the League should be combined to aid one another during this tumultuous time. There is an essential need to broker peace, to stop fighting one another and focus on how we can best weave our way through these next few years, each lending the skills of our nation. After all, what is the point of such a league if we do not use it to strengthen our nations, our economies and our global position?

The issues mentioned above have led to 141 million people in the Arab world suffering from food insecurity. This is only likely to exacerbate unrest and conflict, which in itself then leads to tougher economic hardship. The shortages of wheat and other cere-

als, combined with drought and rising temperatures, really drive home how essential it is to deal with climate change now, as best we can.

Most Arab nations are trying to maneuver around the Russia-Ukraine war, with Saudi Arabia having offered to act as a neutral party for discussions. In the disagreements with the US over increasing oil production, the OPEC+ producers' alliance has decided to adhere to previous plans to reduce output. In light of global warming and the need to increase GDP from alternative sources, this should be seen as a positive. The more we invest in projects that diversify the economy the more sustainable those economies will become, an example being the eco-tourism that has started to develop in Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Not only is this economically more sustainable, but these projects are investing in developing state-of-the-art green energy, protecting and studying coral reefs and other delicate ecologies, and increasing equal opportunities for women to study and take vital engineering, architecture, entrepreneurial and leadership roles.

At the summit, Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah called for peace and sought ways to reconcile the League's nations that are in conflict. Kuwait also addressed terrorism and extremism, which not only, of course, bring instability and fear, but reduce confidence among would-be investors in the region. Kuwait strongly denounced the attack on Yemen's oil port by the Houthis militia, and called on support from the international community for a peaceful, diplomatic resolution.

President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi of Egypt agreed that terrorists and armed militia in the MENA region weakened the Arab world as a whole, and said that eliminating their presence, while simultaneously building better municipal systems and legislatures to respect human rights and equal citizenship, would build a stronger conjoined Arab nation as a whole.

All in all, it seems that much of the summit was given over to discussing ways to developing peace.



## Chinese hybrid canola seeds being sowed on 80,000 hectares of land

ISLAMABAD: About 80,000 hectares of canola seeds developed by China have started to be sowed in Pakistan, which will help reduce the burden on Pakistan's strained foreign exchange, it was reported by China Economic Net (CEN) on Saturday. According to Chairman PARC Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, about 90% of Pakistan's edible oil relies on import. The newly-provided canola seeds, mainly sowed in Sindh and Punjab on an area that nearly doubled that of last year, are bringing vigor and verdancy to the floodravaged land. For every acre of approved double zero canola cultivation with Government subsidy for seeds, farmers can earn Rs.14,000 to 17,000 more than their local varieties. And this year, the government plans to give more subsidy in the future for promotion more canola sowing.

"There is more demand than supply", Mr. Zhou Xusheng, Pakistan Business Director of the company, highlighting the health value of the hybrid seeds. Overcoming the disadvantages of prevailing rape mustard in Pakistan which is low in oil yield but rich in erucic acid and glucosinolate and the vulnerability to pod splitting and lodging of Chinese varieties, the hybrid version lowers erucic content to less than 3% and the glucosinolate content to less than 30 micromoles per gram. Plants are shorter and more resilient to gusts, and growth period is shortened by 8 to 10 days. According to Mr. Ghazanfar Ali, General Manager of agriculture services provider Eyo Group, there was a 10% difference in the price of True Canola varieties compared with Raya last year.

"The planting area is still expected to be doubled next year since government intends to reduce cooking oil imports that stands at \$2.7 billion annually", he said. As the canola-planting area is growing, Mr. Zhou suggests contract farming be applied. "The downstream processing factories should be better informed of the benefits of the hybrid canola, and then they can place orders on farmers directly instead of through the agents, which will be beneficial for both sides", he said. Meanwhile, considering the everincreasing extreme weather in Pakistan as well as around the globe, the company will invest more on the R&D of seeds on to improve their performance under abnormal conditions.

"More tests will do to enhance their anti-heat, anti-stress, anti-disease capabilities", Mr. Zhou told CEN.

## Stocks brace for cold week as politics heats up

KARACHI: Stocks are poised for a cold week as political mercury spiked after the life bid on PTI chief Imran Khan and later his scathing allegations on the government and institutions, whipping up nationwide unrest.

The market closed at 41,856 points, gaining 716 points, up 1.7% week-on-week. Average volumes swelled by 7% to 229 million shares, while average value dropped by 11% to \$25 million.

Arif Habib Limited expects the trade to remain range-bound next week as the participants are largely cautious owing to the political noise in the country.

"Furthermore, any positive outcome of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) ninth review can aid the index," the brokerage said.

The KSE-100 is currently trading at a PER of 4.0x (2023) compared to Asia Pac regional average of 12.4x while offering a dividend yield of -10.2% versus -2.9% offered by the region.

"The market got off to a positive start in the outgoing week. The momentum continued throughout the week; however, towards the end of the week, the market went down because of an attack on the former prime minister Imran Khan," the Arif Habib report said.

Foreigners selling during the week under review clocked in at \$1.58 million compared to a net buy of \$0.97 million last week. Major selling was witnessed in banks (\$0.9 million), fertiliser (\$0.8 million) and other sectors (\$0.3 million).

Topline Securities attribute these gains to a decline in trade deficit number for the month of October, which cemented the investor optimism

# Dar reiterates govt's resolve to proceed privatization process



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Saturday expressed resolve of the government to proceed further for the privatization of loss-making entities.

He also impressed upon the Privatization Commission to frame up modalities to overcome bottlenecks hampering the smooth expeditious privatization. He further extended his

full support and cooperation.

He was chairing a meeting with Federal Minister for Privatization/ Chairman Privatization Commission Abid Hussain Bhayo on privatization programme here at the Finance Division.

SAPM on Finance Tariq Bajwa, SAPM on Revenue Tariq Pasha, Secretary Finance, Secretary Privatization and senior officers

attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the privatization programme of the state-owned entities, and discussed various issues impeding the progress of privatization and bottlenecks in the privatization process of NPPMCL and other entities.

The chair was also apprised of the issues related to completion of privatization of PTCL

## Huawei Pakistan Offers Solutions For Cyber Security Threats and User Data Protection

LAHORE: Huawei Pakistan has joined hands with EZY Technologies and Infotech to hold the IT Day Lahore showcasing IT technology solutions jointly. Mr. Inayatullah Lak Secretary of Punjab Assembly attended this event. At the event, officials, executives and experts postulated that keeping up with IT infrastructure advancements is the only solution to address today's ever-challenging business requirements. Ransomware has become a major Global cyber threat, proactive approach to adapting the latest technology solutions by IT service providers is the need of the hour in all public and commercial sectors.

Ransomware is a type of malware that encrypts or steals data and renders computers or specific files unusable or unreadable, and then demands a ransom to recover or decrypt the related components. With ransomware attacks spiking in recent years, this malware is evolving to become stealthier, faster, and more impactful, often evading common antiviral software. Such attacks are now a major cyber trend on the network threat list. Global Ransomware damages reached US\$20 billion in 2021 — 57 times more than 2015.

Mr. Babar Haq, the CTO of Huawei Middle East, stated that; "Data is the new 'Crude' Oil which needs to be structured to be utilized in the Real-Time and Big Data Applica-



tions". He further emphasized the need to Build Data-Centric Secure Storage foundations for the requirements of diverse applications while keeping comprehensive protection against Ransomware Attacks.

On this occasion, Mr. Eric Zong, Director Huawei Partner Development stated, "With today's event Huawei intends to jointly build an IT elites circle in Punjab with vitality and sustainability. I'd like to appreciate our distributors EZY Technologies for organizing today's event and maintaining a strong regional team besides Huawei to enhance business development."

Mr. Malik Shoaib, Director of Cloud and Storage Solutions from Huawei emphasized the

need for Cyber resilience and data protection in modern times where Ransomware attacks are constantly growing he stated "Ransomware attack is the biggest cyber security concern of every organization and it has led to the financial and data loss of many companies. Huawei in partnership with Commvault presents an End to End Ransomware Protection using key solution technologies offering comprehensive protection, end to end data encryption, accurate detection and rapid recovery."

Appreciating the ownership and the commitment of Huawei as an OEM, Mr. Ali Mehdi RSM Central Region InfoTech added, "Infotech is pleased to join Huawei in its journey to

digital transformation. It is the key to Data management, security and cyber resilience solutions deployment in Pakistan."

Underpinned by connectivity, digital skills, and digital platforms, the transformation of the digitization and enablement of information technology is gathering momentum in Pakistan. Propelled by the many facets of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pakistan's industry is riding high tide in technology advancements. To cope up, Huawei introduced its state-of-the-art Ransomware and Cloud Solutions which may help innovative the IT services industry. It will further enable the vision of achieving multi-billion dollar IT service industry target set by Pakistan Government.

## FI Ombudsman Dr. Khawar Jameel directs to settle insurance dispute due on various companies

ISLAMABAD: A meeting was held in Karachi on Saturday presided by Federal Insurance Ombudsman Dr. Khawar Jameel, during which the problems faced by the people across the country regarding insurance were reviewed.

According to the press release, issued here, Dr Khawar Jameel got the details of the applications received regarding the insurance claims and settlements on them.

Regional Ombudsman Directors, across the country, participated through the video link, briefed the ombudsman that public complaints were being addressed and the process of getting the people's

insurance claim amounts due on various companies would be resolved soon.

Meanwhile, Director General Federal Insurance Ombudsman Mubasher Naem Siddiqui said that the offices of the Federal Insurance Ombudsman would start working in Faisalabad and Sukkur, soon.

Whereas, Dr Khawar Jameel directed that all regional directors should intensify the insurance awareness campaign in their respective cities.

He also directed to provide details of the insurance companies, who were neglecting the public in timely payment of their legitimate insurance claims.

## ICCI urges businesses to focus on healthy lifestyle of workers for sustainable growth



ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has called upon the private sector to focus on the healthy lifestyle of workers to achieve sustainable business growth.

He said this while speaking as Guest of Honor at the 3rd International Lifestyle Medicine Conference 2022 organized by the Rifah Institute of Lifestyle Medicine.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that many people at workplaces normally suffer from some common diseases including sugar, high blood pressure and stress, the main cause of which is their inactive lifestyle as most of them remain sitting for hours without any physical activity.

He stressed on the employers to focus on adopting the principles of workplace wellness to keep their employees fit and healthy.

He emphasized that the employers should develop health protection, health promotion and disease prevention programs and policies to reduce health risks and improve the quality of life of their workers

that would reduce direct and indirect costs such as absenteeism and improve the productivity of workers for companies.

He said that employers should provide their workers easy access to health fitness facilities, organize for them seminars and workshops on health education besides arranging health insurance coverage for appropriate preventive screenings.

He said that healthy workers would contribute more effectively to the growth of businesses and organizations by enhancing productivity and reducing healthcare costs.

Hassan Muhammad Khan Chancellor Rifah International University, Dr. Shagufta Feroz Director Rifah Institute of Lifestyle Medicine, Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmed and many local and international speakers also addressed the 3rd International Lifestyle Medicine Conference 2022 and highlighted the benefits of lifestyle medicines to lead a healthy life.

The theme of the Conference was "Science of Preventing, Arresting and Reversing Disease".

## Illegal Occupation

PESHAWAR: A vendor is displaying traditional handmade items attraction for costumers for selling purpose in his shop at Kohati Bazaar in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

# CCP asks firms to refrain from deceptive marketing practices

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) held a learning and awareness session with the members of Overseas Investors Chambers of Commerce & Industry (OICCI) hosted by one of its members, Unilever Pakistan. The purpose of the session was to sensitize OICCI member firms on the importance of fair marketing practices and the repercussions of violating Section 10 of the Competition Act, 2010 for consumers, businesses, and the economy in general.

The Chairperson, CCP, Ms. Rahat Kaunain Hassan, who was accompanied by CCP Member, Mr. Mujtaba Ahmed Lodhi, and other senior officers, addressed the session while the General Secretary, OICCI, Mr. Abdul

Alem, and CEO of Unilever Pakistan, Mr. Amir Paracha, along with his senior team members, and member undertakings of OICCI attended the session.

Addressing the session, the Chairperson said that deceptive marketing practices have a direct impact on consumers and businesses and therefore, firms that are engaged in the business of marketing and selling consumer goods and services must avoid deceptive marketing practices while advertising their products and services. The objective of the Office of Fair Trade at CCP is not merely deterrence but encouraging compliance and corrective behaviour in enforcing the provisions of Section 10. The Chairperson

shared that guidelines in light of the Commission's decision/precedence will be issued shortly to lend clarity and help understand the precautionary principles relating to deceptive marketing.

Responding to several questions from the participants, the Chairperson informed that under the Act, the undertakings can seek advice and clarity from CCP on any actual competition matter where any potential violation is apprehended to avoid such violation. She urged businesses to come forward and flag all aspects where any practice or policy is resulting in competition infringement or market distortions as CCP is committed to provide fair play to businesses.

Speaking to the marketing firms, she particularly highlighted that undertakings must refrain from entering into arrangements of retail price maintenance (RPM) as it is a form of price fixing and globally, in the majority of the jurisdictions (EU, China, UK, Australia, and various States in America), it is taken to be by object/nature anticompetitive, and, unless exempted for any particular efficiency grounds, it is generally taken as violative of competition law. She referred to the recent case of RPM amongst electronic home appliance manufacturers where CCP imposed a total penalty of more than PKR 1 billion. She further added that the choice to offer forms of discount or package deals is an important part of



the negotiating process with consumers, which should be left to dealers as per their own independent commercial decisions. This, coupled with the manufacturer fixing prices, diminishes consumer bargaining power.

On this occasion, Mr. Abdul Alem acknowledged that CCP is playing an active role in ensuring a competitive business environment, which is

a prerequisite for conducive foreign investment climate. Mr. Amir Paracha, CEO Unilever Pakistan, and his team thanked the CCP for arranging the advocacy session and acknowledged that CCP plays a critical role in keeping the industry grounded, fair and objective while protecting the interests of the stakeholders.

At the session, CCP representatives emphasized that while designing the marketing campaigns, firms must not make deceptive claims, hide important/material information, and/or use the competitors' patent designs, firm name, colour scheme, and registered trademark. Another presentation was also given on the overall framework of the Competition Act.

