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Kaira asks world community to take cognizance of genocide in IIOJK

Adviser to PM on Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan Affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira has said that India was engaged in planned genocide of Muslims in IIOJK and demanded the world community to take cognizance of the act. He recalled that on this day in 1947, Dogra forces and Hindu extremists turned the Muslim majority of Jammu into minority by killing more than hundred thousand people and forcing millions to migrate to Pakistan. (Report on Page 3)



A new survey to be launched to expand BISP: Kundi

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection Faisal Karim Khan Kundi has said that a new survey across the country would be launched by the start of next month in order to expand the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). While talking to media at Kundi Model Farm here Sunday, he said an agreement has also been made with NADRA for the purpose. (Report on Page 3)

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Climate Implementation Summit

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is being received at Sharm El-Sheikh International Airport by senior officials of Egyptian government, the ambassador of Pakistan to Egypt and officers of Pakistan Embassy in Egypt on Sunday.



Photo: PID

PM to leave for Egypt on two-day visit to attend Cop-27: Marriyum



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Sunday said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will leave for Egypt on a two-day visit on Sunday.

Prime Minister will attend the COP-27 conference starting on November 7 in Sharm el-Sheikh, she said in a statement.

The minister said that 197 member countries were participating in the conference.

Pakistan attached great

importance to COP-27, she said, adding the conference will consider the need for urgent action on climate change as well as climate justice issues.

She said that the PM will present Pakistan's position on important issues in his address to the heads of state during the World Leaders Summit.

The PM will also meet United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres on the occasion of the conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, she said. PID

Bilawal strongly condemns attack on police party in Ghotki

KARACHI: Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has strongly condemned an attack on police party by criminal elements in Kacha area near Rawanti town of Ghotki district.

In a statement issued from Media Cell Bilawal House on Sunday, the Chairman of PPP expressed deep grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of five police officials including the DSP and two SHOs in the incident.

"I salute to Shaheed DSP Abdul Malik Bhutto, Shaheed SHOs Deen Muhammad Laghari and Abdul Malik

Kamangar and two policemen Shaheed Salim Chachar and Shaheed Jatoi for sacrificing their lives in the line of duty and my heart goes out to the families of martyrs", he added.

The Foreign Minister also prayed for the speedy recovery of SHO Ghulam Ali Brohi and other officials, who were injured in the attack.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the sacrifices of the Sindh Police to protect the lives and property of the people and maintain law and order are unparalleled. "I am sure that the criminals involved in this heinous crime will meet their logical fate," he said. APP

PM reaches Egypt to attend Climate Implementation Summit

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday reaches Egypt to participate in the "Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Implementation Summit" being held on November 7-8.

The prime minister will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, cabinet members and other senior officials.

This summit is taking place as part of the 27th UN Climate Change Conference (COP-27).

At the invitation of the Egyptian Presidency of COP-27,

the prime minister would also co-chair, along with his Norwegian counterpart, a high-level roundtable discussion on "Climate Change and the sustainability of vulnerable communities" on 8th November, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister will also participate in other high-level events as a speaker, including the UN Secretary General's roundtable to launch the 'Early Warning Systems for Executive Action Plan', and the 'Middle East Green Initiative Summit'

on November 7, being hosted by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mohammad bin Salman.

The prime minister is also scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with several world leaders on the margins of the summit.

COP-27 is taking place at a time when millions of people in Pakistan, and millions more in other parts of the world, are facing severe adverse impacts of climate change, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a related press release.

As a developing country most affected by this phenomenon, Pakistan would make a robust call, inter alia, for urgency of climate solidarity and climate justice, based on the established principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

"In its capacity as the incumbent Chair of the Group of 77 & China, which is the largest negotiating bloc of developing countries within the UN system, Pakistan would also lead the Group in the climate change negotiations; including in thematic

areas such as climate finance, adaptation, mitigation, and capacity building," it was added.

The COP is the supreme decision-making body under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which meets on annual basis to review and advance collective efforts to address climate change.

As a main stakeholder, Pakistan would continue to, proactively, make positive contributions to the global climate change debate, negotiations and collective action, the spokesperson added. APP/PID

MQM-P leaders to meet with Bilawal, Zardari



Bureau Report

KARACHI: Muttahida Qoumi Movement (MQM-P) leadership has decided to meet with Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chief Bilawal Bhutto and co-chair Asif Ali Zardari over the implementation of their 'Charter of Rights' with the PPP.

According to details, the MQM-P leadership would meet with the PPP chief and co-chair to discuss the slow progress on their 'Charter of Rights' signed ahead of the VONC. The meeting would take place after the Foreign Minister returns from his visit to China and Former President Asif Ali Zardari returns from Nawabshah.

The MQM-P leadership would discuss the issues relating to the local bodies. Important decisions would

be made in the key meeting, party sources said.

In an earlier meeting with the PP leadership on October 21, MQM-P leader Khwaja Izhhar-ul-Hasan said that they have had a breakthrough with the PPP on some issues after six months.

Addressing the media after the party's Raabta Committee session the MQM-P leader said that the MQM-P presented small traders' and Karachi's case in front of the provincial government. In Punjab, parties are trading MPAs for Chief Ministership, but they have not asked for anything other than Karachi's rights, he added.

He added that they have demanded the PDM leaders hold the local body polls in Karachi.

RMB clearing arrangements to benefit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: China's central bank has signed an agreement with the State Bank of Pakistan to establish RMB clearing arrangements in Pakistan. According to a statement on the People's Bank of China website on November 2, these arrangements will assist enterprises and financial institutions in both countries in conducting cross-border transactions using the RMB.

A report published by China Economic Net (CEN) referred to the Bank's statement and stated, these arrangements will also facilitate bilateral trade and investment, according to the bank. At present, the emerging markets demonstrated a low elasticity of demand for US dollars. The currencies of

developing countries will inevitably depreciate as a result of a possible negative spillover effect caused by a surge in USD interest rates and a monetary tightening cycle.

Indicated by a report titled '2022 RMB internationalization report', conducted by bank of China, about 78.8% of the surveyed global industrial and commercial firms are thinking about adopting RMB or growing its share in cross-border transactions. According to SWFIT data, in 2021, RMB made up 2.7% of all currency payments made by nations, recording an increase of 1% over the previous five years. Since the global COVID-19 pandemic, the RMB declined

less than other major currencies other than the US dollar.

The Japanese yen has decreased 48% from its peak since the pandemic, while the euro has decreased by 22%, following a 27% decrease in the UK pound, and the Korean won has decreased by 33%. The Yuan declined by 16%. As Europe and the United States' inflation and energy crises have eroded market confidence, and China's economy is the same size as the EU's, the RMB may become a future safe haven for investors.

Since 2006, annual trade between Pakistan and China has averaged 17.61 billion US dollars (Source CEIC).

According to the joint statement released after the Pakistani prime minister's visit to China, the two are expected to enhance trade liberalization under the second phase of CPFTA and fully leverage overland trade and exchanges.

Direct settlement and clearing in RMB between China and Pakistan can balance the possible trade fluctuations caused by changes in U.S. dollars. Moreover, RMB clearing can be a fast track for China and Pakistan to deepen industrial cooperation in financing and purchasing. The trade volume of Belt and Road countries has reached 11.6 trillion yuan in 2021. If RMB clearing and settlement is encouraged, trade efficiency in countries along the Belt and Road will improve, as will more extensive financial cooperation. INP

NA to resume its business on Monday



ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly will resume its scheduled business on Monday at 5:00 pm after a two-day break.

According to the agenda shared on the website of the National Assembly, the House will take up calling attention notices, presentation of standing committee reports and matters other than a point of order.

The house is likely to discuss two calling attention notices including a collection of transport charges from students of Schools and Colleges under the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad at high rates and non-availability of life-saving drugs like Florinef and Hydrocariztan Tablets specially used for children in the country. APP

News Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan on Sunday announced to resume Azadi Long March from Tuesday, ARY News reported.

Addressing a press conference from Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Imran Khan said the march will resume from Wazirabad and he will address the long march participants on daily basis from the hospital.

He said Azadi Long March will reach Rawalpindi in 10 to 15 days, where he will physically join the march.

Imran Khan invited the masses to join their protest and break the shackles of fear. The former prime minister also welcomed PM Shehbaz's decision of the judicial commission to probe an assassination attempt on him in Wazirabad during a public rally.

The FIR of the attack is

not being registered for the last three days despite the PTI-PML-Q-led Punjab government, he added.

"First, video surfaces that I'm committing blasphemy, it should be probed in the investigations. The video is then highlighted by a journalist affiliated with a political party.

Who is releasing confessional videos of the alleged suspect, he questioned.

Imran Khan condemned the alleged objectionable video leak of party Senator Azam Swati and went on to say that the video is not fake and should be investigated.

Azam Swati will observe the sit-in outside the Supreme Court for the delivery of justice, he added.

The PTI chief also demanded the judicial commission should also investigate the killing of senior journalist Arshad Sharif and US cipher that according to Imran Khan was the base of toppling PTI-led federal government.

Gas Load Shedding start

RAWALPINDI: A labourer is loading gas calendars on a loading van for delivering As gas load shedding in different area of the city due to cool weather after the first winter rain.



Photo: Online

PM says he will urge world to deliver on its climate finance, loss fund commitment

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said that he would urge the world, as Chair of G-77, to deliver on its commitment on climate finance and loss and damage fund.

On his Twitter handle, the prime minister said without financial support, the devel-

oping countries would continue to remain exposed to the multifarious threats of climate change.

"We are asking for climate justice," the prime minister posted in a tweet prior to his departure to Egypt to participate in the "Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Implemen-

tation Summit" being held on November 7-8.

The prime minister in a related tweet said the COP27, being held in Egypt, could be a watershed in humanity's fight against climate change and global warming. Extreme climatic events in Pakistan and the Horn of Africa this year

had showcased globalization of climate change, he added.

The prime minister further observed that turning a blind eye to the lethal effects of climate change would be criminal.

In another tweet, the prime minister said that their post-disaster needs assess-

ment had shown that Pakistan's journey to recovery and rehabilitation could be held back by public debt, rising international energy, food prices and lack of access to adaption funds.

"The world should treat Pakistan as a case study," he further stressed. APP

At COP27, Pakistan to lead push for making polluting countries compensate poor nations

WASHINGTON: Flood-hit Pakistan, which heads an influential bloc of nations at the United Nations, is set to lead the push at the upcoming U.N. Climate Summit in Egypt for compensation to developing countries suffering from climate change—a class of impacts collectively known as "loss and damage."

"To the developing countries that are suffering these impacts because of the policies of industrialized countries over the past 150 years, this is a matter

of climate justice," Ambassador Munir Akram, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN and Chairman of the Group of 77 (developing countries) and China, said in an interview with The Washington Post.

The Group, which was formed in 1964, now has 134 members and is the United Nations' biggest intergovernmental group of emerging countries.

Ambassador Akram is a member of Pakistan's top-level

delegation to the summit, known as COP27, taking place in Sharm el-Sheikh from November 6 to 18.

His interview with the Post was weaved into a report from Dadu, Sindh, that highlights the vast devastation caused by the unprecedented, climate-induced floods.

Developing countries have long warned that rising temperatures would hit them the hardest, punishing the people who contributed the least to planet-warming emis-

sions and have the fewest resources to cope, the report pointed out. Now, as the floods in Pakistan and other recent disasters make the consequences of climate change impossible to ignore, it said, the world is gearing up for a showdown over who should pay the costs.

The G-77/China has called for the creation of a loss-and-damage fund, which hard-hit countries can rely on for immediate assistance after a disaster, rather than waiting for humanitarian aid or loans that will

drive them into debt.

Developed countries have historically resisted such calls, fearing liability for the billions of dollars in damage that could be linked to their emissions. But the dramatic escalation in extreme weather, coupled with deep frustration over unfulfilled climate funding promises from the industrialized world, have put pressure on nations like the United States — which has resisted providing compensation — to shift their stance, the Post said. APP

President Biden pens down letter to Kashmiri leader, says promoting 'freedom' integral part of US policy

MIRPUR (AJK): US President Joe Biden has said "defending democracy, promoting freedom, human rights, respecting the rule of law and treating everyone with dignity are the important part of core values of foreign policy of the United States and American society".

The US President Biden expressed these views in his recent letter to Raja Muzaffar, a Washington-based veteran Kashmiri leader, according to a message released to the media, here, on Sunday.

"The challenges facing our world today demonstrate how interconnected we are and how the fates of all people are bound together. From famines and climate change to wars and pandemics, no country can solve these shared problems alone, and America cannot afford to be absent from the world stage," the US President further added in his letter while responding to Muzaffar's recent letter. APP

World powers must focus on human survival, security instead of wars; say leaders of faith

ISLAMABAD: The world powers must focus on the survival and security of human beings and resolve the issues with dialogues instead of opting the option of wars.

These views were expressed by the leaders of faith at a three-day global interfaith conference, titled 'Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence', hosted under the patronage of Bahrain King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at Al-Fida' Square of Sakhr Royal Palace in Manama.

Besides the holy father Pope Francis, Sheikh Al-Azhar Ahmed Al-Tayeb and other world-renowned religious leaders and scholars, Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Mufti Abdul Shakoor, Council of Islamic Ideology Chairman Dr. Qibla Ayaz participated in the moot.

They were of the view that Russia and Ukraine should stop the war and initiate the process of negotiation to settle down all the issues for the survival and security of the humanity in the region. "Prosperity and development are possible only through



inter-sects and inter-religious dialogues in the world," they opined.

They said western countries must play their significant role in coping with climate change challenges and increasing poverty across the world. They believed that all religions on earth taught love and peace.

After the conclusion of global interfaith forum, Ashrafi who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) told APP on Sunday that the leadership of Bahrain had taken the step in the right direction and it would help bring the people of various faith closer and remove their differences.

Expressing gratitude on the active participation of Bahrain King Hamad bin Isa Al Khal-

ifa, Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and religious scholars of other religion and sects in the forum, he said it had given a strong message of love, peace and brotherhood to the world.

He said the same great message was also delivered by the Haramain Sharifain, Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him adding that the endeavors of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and other countries for the promotion religious pluralism were valuable.

Ashrafi said it was duty of the Ummah to raise the status of Muslims and protect their interests and rights worldwide.

"We appreciate the efforts of the Organization of Islam-

ic Cooperation and followers of other religions and civilizations to open the doors of dialogue as such initiatives would help expand the areas of dialogue, exchange ideas, discuss measures for joint strategy to deal with the persistent social menaces of violence and extremism and provide an ample opportunity to sit together at the same table," he added.

He said the Muslim World League, Muslim World's leadership and Pakistan's Ulema had disseminated the message of Islam in its true context all over the world in the shape of Charter of Pakistan, Charter of Human Coexistence and Message of Pakistan documents.

He said the PUC and its affiliated organizations endorsed the decisions taken in the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue in its letter and spirit and reiterated the world powers to adopt the peaceful way of dialogue instead of wars to resolve their issues.

He said the tendencies spreading hatred between countries and people should be removed. "Such forums can help bring out the facts and causes of extremism, prevent extremism and terrorism, and counter and expose sectarian groups, he maintained. APP

Pakistan's ambassador to KSA calls on Ishaq Dar



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ameer Khurram Rathore on Sunday paid a courtesy call on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, here, and discussed matters of mutual interests.

The finance minister and ambassador discussed long-standing deep-rooted bilateral relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, which are strengthening with each passing day.

The recent visit of Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif to Saudi Arabia and the support extended by the leadership of Saudi Arabia were discussed and appreciated in the meeting.

Ambassador Ameer Khurram Rathore said that the recent visit of the PM has further enhanced the brotherly relations between Pakistan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar stated that the Ministry of Finance would continue to engage itself in further strengthening brotherly and friendly ties relations between the two countries. PID

Arshad Sharif Murder: Justice Paracha excuses to head commission

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Retired Justice Shakoore Paracha on Sunday excused himself to head the Judicial Commission for inquiry into the murder of noted journalist Arshad Sharif.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had formed the commission to inquire into the murder of Arshad Sharif in Nairobi.

"I have informed the federal government about my decision that the mother of the martyred journalist had expressed dissatisfaction over the commission," Justice Paracha said.

The mother of Arshad Sharif, in a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, had requested the formation of a high-powered judicial

commission to investigate her son's murder.

"A member, nominated in the commission, has already visited Nairobi. A person who become part of a prior investigation should not become the member of the commission as per the law," Justice Paracha said.

Justice Shakoore Paracha also said that no representative of media was included in the inquiry commission. "It is necessary that a representative from media should be taken into the loop," he further said.

Justice Paracha also said that he was agreed with the Prime Minister of Pakistan that the Chief Justice should form a commission for investigation into the murder of Arshad Sharif.

FIA declares Azam Swati's viral video 'fake'

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Saturday declared the video of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Senator Azam Khan Swati circulating on the internet as "fake".

The FIA, in its press release, stated that the video was analysed forensically, as per international standards, and found to be fake.

The agency shared that the said video was made using deep fake tools to create misunderstanding and

defame the honourable Senator.

Initial forensic analysis revealed that the video has been edited and different video clips have been joined with defaced faces.

Further analysis, revealed that faces have been swapped in the images using photoshop, as per the statement.

The agency further shared that the concerns by Swati warrant a proper investigation and requested the Senator to formally register a complaint with the FIA. APP

PTI continues protests against attack on IK



QUETTA/KARACHI: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has continued its protests across the country against the attack on former prime minister and party chief Imran Khan during long march in Wazirabad, ARY News reported on Sunday.

According to details, the PTI has staged protests in several cities for the third consecutive days against the attack on the former premier and non-registration of first information report (FIR) of the Wazirabad shooting.

The party workers and supporters have staged a sit-in at Quetta's Red Zone. The demonstrators — who were chanting slogans against the federal government — vowed to continue protesting till the registration of FIR.

Meanwhile, the PTI workers — including women and children — have also staged a protest at Karachi's Five-Star Chowrangi. A heavy contingent

of police has also been deployed to maintain law and order. On the other hand, the Imran Khan-led party has blocked Ghanta Ghar Chowk in Faisalabad, demanding the registration of FIR against Wazirabad incident.

Addressing the protestors, former federal minister Farrukh Habib said that today the whole nation stands by the PTI Chairman. "Pakistan did not get independence for slavery," he said, adding that Khan has vowed to raise the green flag.

It is pertinent to mention here that Imran Khan and several other PTI leaders were injured after a man opened fire near the PTI reception camp at Allahwala Chowk during party's long march.

According to details, unidentified assailants opened fire on PTI Chairman Imran Khan's container near the Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad, injuring six people and killing one.

Kashmiris won't rest until accomplish Jammu Martyrs' mission: Mushaal

ISLAMABAD: Mushaal Mullick Chairperson Peace and Culture Organisation, while paying rich tributes to the martyrs of Jammu massacre on their martyrdom anniversary, said that the brave Kashmiri people would carry on the martyrs' mission till they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination.

Mushaal, wife of detained senior hurriyat leader Yasin Malik, in a statement on 'Jammu Martyrs' Day' observed on both sides of the Line of Control and across the world on Sunday, reiterated that Kashmiris would accomplish the mission of their martyrs at all costs.

She said that the Jammu massacre was the reminder of the criminal face of Hindutva forces, as scars of the gruesome massacre of Jammu Muslims are still fresh in the memory of Kashmiri people.

The Chairperson stated that on November 6, Jammu Muslims in huge numbers, including men, women and children were seemingly dispatched towards Pakistan in trucks but before they could reach their destination, they were attacked by Hindu extremists, Indian army and forces of Maha-



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Mushaal stated that some areas in

Jammu were subjected to such horrendous torture that roads were covered with dead bodies.

"At least 2,37,000 Muslims were systematically exterminated by the forces of the Dogra State and aided by Hindus and Sikhs," she added.

Mushaal went on to say that Jammu massacre was the first case of ethnic cleansing after the Second World War, adding that gruesome massacre of Jammu Muslims was meant to change J&K's demography.

She said that Jammu massacre of 1947 is a dark blot on the history of mankind. However, Mushaal added that sacrifices rendered by Jammu Muslims are a glorious page of the ongoing Kashmir freedom movement, as the chain of sacrifices that started from Jammu in 1947 is continuing till today in IIOJK.

Mushaal lamented that unheroic muteness of world powers has emboldened India to a chilling campaign of human rights atrocities against innocent Kashmiris.

She deplored that 1000,000 Indian military and paramilitary forces operate outside the rule of law under the protective umbrella of an Indian

immunity statute.

The hurriyat stated that over 500,000 Kashmiris have fell to Indian bullets in the occupied valley during the last 75 years.

The chairperson said that RSS-BJP backed Hindutva forces were trying to repeat 1947 Jammu massacre in IIOJK due to the crime of people of the valley to raise voice against the slavery of Indian subjugation.

However, Mushaal vowed that the unparalleled sacrifices of Jammu Muslims would never go waste and Kashmiris determined to continue resisting Indian brutality with courage and valour till turn the dream of breaking the shackle of Indian slavery.

The hurriyat leader urged the world to take immediate steps to stop merciless killings of the Kashmiris and Narendra Modi and his cohorts must be held accountable for their war crimes and crimes against humanity in IIOJK.

She warned that the unresolved Kashmir dispute could provide the spark to light the South Asian's nuclear fuse; hence steps should be taken on war-footing basis to resolve the decades-long Kashmir dispute as per the aspirations of Kashmiri people.

Barrister Sultan receives briefing on resettlement of Mangla-dam sub-families

Abdul Majeed Tahir

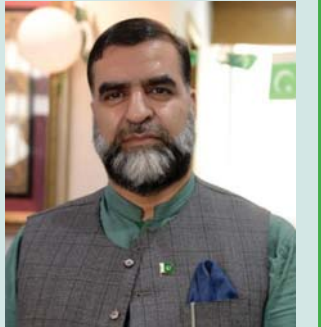
MIRPUR: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry presided over a meeting to review the progress made regarding the resettlement of sub-families of Mangla Dam affectees here yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Physical Planning and Housing Chaudhry Yasir Sultan, Secretary Presidential Affairs Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, Senior Member Board of Revenue Dr. Liaqat Hussain, Director General MDHA Chaudhry Muhammad Mansha Naqshbandi and officers of other relevant departments.

On this occasion, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry was given a detailed briefing about the towns being built for the sub-families of the Mangla Dam affectees.

Chairman JKSM pays glorious tributes to martyrs of Jammu Massacre

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Salvation Movement (JKSM) Altaf Ahmed Bhat in a press statement has paid glorious tributes to the martyrs of Jammu genocide on 6 Nov 1947, when almost five hundred thousand Muslims were butchered by forces of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh, Indian Army and Hindu fanatics.



Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) and across the world are observing the Jammu Martyrs' Day, today, to reiterate their resolve to carry on the martyrs' mission till they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination. Bhat added.

Chairman JKSM Bhat further added that it was this unfortunate day when five hundred thousand 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.

There are hundreds of such incidents in which Indian occupation soldiers massacred innocent Kashmiri people. Citizens demanding their freedom, rights and justice are target of Indian occupation forces.

Kashmiri people will never forget the holy blood and tremendous sacrifices of more than six hundred thousand martyrs who were victims of Indian brutality since 1947 till date. Chairman Bhat added.

Chairman JKSM added that even today, the people of Kashmir are fighting the Indian atrocities with full courage. The Kashmiri people have not recognized Indian Military might even for a moment in the last seventy-five years. Kashmiris will continue all kinds of resistance against India to complete the unfinished mission left by the martyrs.

Kashmiris are fighting Indian occupation since day one, their ultimate goal is completion of Pakistan, as the martyrs of Jammu who were coming to Pakistan on 6th Nov 1947 and Dogra forces and Hindu goons massacred them.

Kashmiris have paid with blood to be a part of Pakistan, their inalienable sacrifices will never go in vain. Government of Pakistan must play practical role for the freedom of Kashmir from Indian occupation.

Bhat reiterated that since the inception of UN, Kashmir dispute is pending, while many countries got freedom after UN intervention. But in case of Kashmir more than 75 years passed but UN resolutions which were agreed upon are not implemented, leaving more than 650,000 Kashmir martyrs, thousands of properties demolished, Economy of Kashmir destroyed and psychological traumas in the younger generation.

Five cops martyred in attack by robbers in Ghotki

GHOTKI: Five policemen were martyred after dacoits attacked them in the Kacha area of Ubauro in Ghotki, Geo News reported Sunday.

The police officers who lost their lives included a deputy superintendent of police (DSP) and two station house officers (SHO).

According to Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Javed Jiskani, a police camp was set up in the Kacha area to recover the hostages from the Ronti area.

The DIG said that over 150 dacoits attacked the police camp, killing five officers including a DSP and two SHOs.

A heavy contingent of police has been dispatched to the area where the policemen were attacked. The police said that the bodies of the martyrs are still in the possession of the robbers.

Former caretaker PM Balakh Sher Mazari laid to rest

RAJANPUR: Funeral prayers of Pakistan's former caretaker prime minister Sardar Mir Balakh Sher Mazari have been held in his hometown of Rojhan in Rajapur District on Sunday.

Mazari — the head of the Mazari tribe — breathed his last in a private Lahore hospital on November 4 following a prolonged illness at the age of 94.

Mazari was appointed Pakistan's caretaker premier following the dismissal of the PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's government in 1993 ordered by the then-president Ghulam Ishaq Khan. Mazari's term ended soon after the presidential order was revoked by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The funeral was attended by the former prime minister and PPP leader Yousaf Raza Gilani, National Assembly's Opposition Leader Raja Riaz, and other political leaders.

At the funeral, Mazari's grandson Dost Muhammad Mazari — former deputy speaker of the Punjab Assembly and PTI's dissident member — was also present.

Heavy bikes

KARACHI: Young girls sitting on heavy bikes during Birds and Heavy Bikes exhibition at North Nazimabad area organized by a private school, in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

75 years of Horrendous Genocide in IIOJK

Legal Forum for Kashmir hold In-House Discussion

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Legal Forum for Kashmir (LFK) hosted an in-house discussion titled "75 Years of Horrendous Genocide in IIOJK" to commemorate the November 1947 Jammu Massacre, also referred to as the Jammu Genocide, which was carried out by armed forces under the command of Dogra ruler Hari Singh in the winter capital of the disputed territory. According to an estimate by Kashmiri human rights organisations, the number of casualties' ranges between 200,000 and 300,000, and the magnitude of the slaughter of Muslims on a mass scale in Jammu between August and November 1947 has been labelled as a Holocaust of the East.

During the in-house discussion, the panellists elaborated on the horrifying planned genocide of Muslims that resulted in the conversion of Jammu's Muslim majority into a minority. One of the panellists cited a report from The Times of London dated August 10, 1948, which detailed the Jammu Genocide, "237,000 Muslims were systematically exterminated... by the forces of the Dogra State headed by the Maharaja in person and aided by Hindus and Sikhs. This happened in October 1947, five days before the Pathan invasion and nine days before the Maharaja's accession to India."

Another panellist emphasised how Indian Hindu extremists were complicit with the Dogra ruler, and how a convoy of 70 trucks loaded

with Jammu city Muslims left for Suchetgarh on November 6, with the Dogra ruler promising safe deportation to Pakistan. However, a few miles outside of town, the trucks were stopped, attacked and burned by armed jathas of Sikhs and Dogra state forces, leaving all the people burned beyond recognition.

After 75 years of Mass genocide in Jammu, the Indian government is executing a similar patten by settler colonial machination in IOJK. Since Aug 05 2019 when India robbed the Special status of disputed territory, they have normalized the settler colonial project by bringing a massive change in constitution and other laws which paved the way for non-Kashmiris to settle & seek job in Muslim majority region.

Online Speakers from IIOJK said India is doing similar thing in Kashmir to change the demographic status of Muslim majority into minority. Even the question of genocide is never far from discussion of these brutal settlements for example white settlers wiped out indigenous Tasmanians by executed genocide against the tribes.

The UN genocide watch issue alert Post August 05 2019 for occupied Kashmir, in which it identified the genocidal process, based on Dr Stanton's 10 stages of Genocide. According to Dr Stanton the persecution of Kashmir's Muslims has increased significantly on Prime Minister Modi's watch. "So many of the early stages of genocide are already present. We don't wait

until it is a full out mass killing campaign to declare genocide. There are early warning signs of genocide now and that's what we believe is the situation in Kashmir

The participants agreed unanimously that India's atrocity crimes in IIOJK, such as the Jammu genocide, necessitate an independent and impartial international investigation to reveal the actual amount of lives lost, the number of rapes, the extent of torture, and the multitude of plundered properties. They went on to say that the status and number of survivors/refugees, as well as their current conditions, must be assessed in order to evaluate the true miseries and sufferings endured by Jammu Muslims and hold perpetrators accountable for horrendous crimes.

PM AJK lays foundation stone of housing project in Mirpur

Under the project, separate colonies of 500 houses will be built in Neelam, Bagh, Kotli and Mirpur

Abdul Majeed Tahir

MIRPUR: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan has said that it was for the first time that the Government in collaboration with Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust (KORT) has launched a mega project to provide free of cost housing facilities to heirs of martyrs, poor and deserving families.

He expressed these views while talking on the occasion of the foundation stone laying ceremony of the project here on Sunday. The former prime minister of Azad Kashmir Sardar Atique Ahmad Khan, government ministers, advisors, former corps commander Lt. Gen. Raja Sher Afgan, former corps commander Lt. Gen. Ikram ul Haq, government secretaries and other high ranking officials were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion the PM said, "Under this project, separate colonies of 500 houses will be built in the four districts of Azad Kashmir, Neelam, Bagh, Kotli and Mirpur."

He said that the KORT and government would contribute equally (fifty-fifty) in what he termed a masterpiece housing project. The objective of this project, he said, was to serve the humanity. The purpose of building colonies for the families of martyrs, he said, was not just to earn praise, fame or political gains but the initiative was solely taken for the good of humanity. The government, he said, would provide all possible facilities to accomplish this project. He also hailed the KORT chief Chaudhary Akhtar for his service to humanity.

He said that concrete bunkers will be built for the protection of the people



living in the areas adjacent to the LoC. With the support of Shaheen Foundation, the PM said that Air Ambulance service was also being started so that timely medical assistance can be provided

to those injured on the LoC due to Indian firing. Hailing the sacrifices of the people living along the LoC, Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan said that the people living on the LoC were

Pakistan's first defense line.

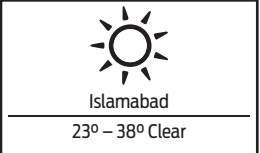
The Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan during his visit to the lake view city also attended the wedding ceremony

of the daughter of Chaudhry Muhammad Akhtar—the Chairman of Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust.

The Prime Minister while congratulating the bride and groom extended his best wishes to the newly-wed couple.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan while talking to media representatives said that the local elections in Azad Kashmir will not be postponed under any circumstances, this is the guarantee of the government of Azad Kashmir.

He said that people should not listen to rumours. "Our promise to the people was to hold local elections. This promise is now being fulfilled. All the arrangements regarding the local elections are complete", he added.



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AIOU re-elected as board member of AAOU

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University has been elected as a member of Executive Board of the Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) for the third consecutive time for a span of three years (2023-2025). Elections are held after three years to elect board members. It is to mention here that this association was formed in 1987 and Allama Iqbal Open University was among its five founding members. Association elections were held yesterday in which an 8-member cabinet was elected.

Allama Iqbal Open University's recent initiatives such as digitization, e-registration of tutors and collaborative projects with known international universities have provided AIOU a high position in the world, especially among the open universities of Asian countries. The AAOU has highly appreciated these initiatives and expressed their desire to follow the footsteps of AIOU specially in digitization. Not a single Vote was casted against AIOU. Director, International Collaboration and Exchange, Dr. Zahid Majeed represented the Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum on this occasion.

Kaira asks world community to take cognizance of genocide in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister on Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan Affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira has said that India was engaged in planned genocide of Muslims in Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and demanded the world community to take cognizance of the act.

In a statement issued here on Sunday on the eve of Jammu Martyrs Day, he recalled that on this day in 1947, Dogra forces and Hindu extremists turned the Muslim majority of Jammu into minority by killing more than hundred thousand people and forcing millions to migrate to Pakistan.

He said that the darkest night of oppression and atrocities by the Indian forces were continuing for the last 75 years in IIOJK and the oppressor was making nefarious efforts to alter the demography of the Muslim majority valley of Kashmir.

Kaira further said that in a bid to strengthen its illegal occupation, India unilaterally and illegally repealed the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on August 05, 2019 and more than hundred thousand of domiciles had been issued to



non Kashmiris.

Besides this, he said that through delimitation and increase in special seats, India was trying to turn Muslims into minority in the assembly and other representative forums which he said was a clear violation of international laws, UN resolutions on Kashmir and 4th Geneva convention.

He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were determined to achieve the goal of right to self-determination and

India despite oppression, killing uncountable people and unprecedented atrocities, could not let down the Kashmiri people from the demand of right to self-determination.

Kaira renewed the pledge that Pakistan would continue full support to the demand of right to self-determination of Kashmiri people and their voice was being raised effectively at all international forums.

The arrival of winter

ISLAMABAD: People are busy buying warm shoes on a green belt at Aabpara area during cool weather after the first rain in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Waseem Khan

Lord Wajid Khan calls on Finance Minister

ISLAMABAD: Member House of Lords Lord Wajid Khan, along with a delegation of prominent businessmen from UK, called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar here on Sunday and discussed matters of mutual interests.

The business delegation comprised Zuber Issa, CBE, head of EG Group ASDA, Mohammad Asim, Mohammad Tayyab and Shakoor Ahmed, Directors of EG Group, Mohammad Younas and Jaffar Iqbal.

SAPM on Finance Tariq Bajwa, SAPM on Revenue Tariq Mehmood Pasha, Secretary Finance and other senior officers also attended the meeting.

Ishaq Dar welcomed the delegation and apprised them



the current overall macroeconomic outlook of the country.

The finance minister further shared about policies and measures being undertaken by the present government for dealing with the challenges to the national economy and putting it in right direction.

He further said that through prudent policy decisions, the challenges to Pakistan's economy were being effectively addressed.

The delegation appreciated business-friendly policies of the government and showed their keen interest in making investment in various sectors of Pakistan's economy.

The finance minister assured full cooperation and support of the Government of Pakistan to the delegation for making investments in Pakistan. APP

Country's bleak economy can't endure political turmoil, instability: Iftikhar Malik

Bureau Report



ISLAMABAD: President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday said Pakistan at this crucial juncture of time since it's inception in the wake of Covid-19 and bleak economy can neither endure political turmoil nor afford political instability.

Talking to a delegation of industrialists and traders led by Momin Ali Malik, he said that political stability is prerequisite for sustained economic growth to cope with the multiple challenges in Pakistan. He said that politics of confrontation, agitation, protest, violence and agitation is not solution.

He said time has changed as now the influential nations are paying more attention to financial warfare to continue their dominance. These countries are successfully using their weapons of economic destruction to weaken economies of poor nations to achieve their unholy designs while Pakistan's economy is not strong enough to withstand economic terrorism.

Iftikhar Ali Malik said it is indeed important to increase our exports and for that purpose we need to reduce our cost of doing business so that our products can remain competitive in the world markets.

He further said trade facilitation is the key to promote industries and we need to remove all the obstacles and create the culture of trade facilitation. "Our Country has tremendous potential as we have enormous talent. What we need is the consistency in the government policies and a clear roadmap to move forward".

The veteran trade leader was of the view that all the sectors including the industrial sector should perform their national obligations and play their key role in strengthening the economy while the government should introduce reforms and control the smuggling of raw material and finished goods.

Leader of the delegation Momin Ali Malik briefly speaking on the occasion urged the government to conduct global market research to find out new foreign destinations for the Pakistani products which are best in the world as far as quality and price is concerned.

He said that Pakistani missions abroad should be duty bound to introduce Pakistani products to the foreign buyers and also ensure dissemination of trade related information so that Pakistan entrepreneurs could avail trade opportunities to the maximum.

Azam Swati never stayed in SC Judges' Rest House in Quetta: SC PRO



ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Sunday clarified that Muhammad Azam Swati never used/stayed in Supreme Court Judges' Rest House at Quetta.

However, according to Special Branch, Balochistan, Mr. Azam Swati during the aforesaid visit stayed at Balochistan Judicial Academy (Judicial Complex Quetta), which is not under the control of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

According to a press release issued by the SC PRO, a press conference of Senator Mr Muhammad Azam Khan Swati has been circulated in electronic/social media whereby it is alleged that during his stay at Supreme Court Judicial Lodges, Quetta, some objectionable video was recorded.

"Supreme Court Judges Rest House, Quetta is being managed and supervised by the Registrar Office Supreme Court of Pakistan Islamabad and is meant for the use of Hon'ble serving and former Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan," it added. Press Release

Biomass gasifier to provide cheap, environment friendly energy solutions

ISLAMABAD: Gasifiers are synthetic gas producers that convert biomass such as wood chips, wood pallets, wood shavings, grass, tree leaves, branches, cow dung and vegetable waste into cheap and environment-friendly synthetic gas.

Talking to APP here, a local producer of Biomass Gasifier Muhammad Siddique Malik said that gasification plant was based on established technology around the world that could benefit Pakistan as an agricultural country. He said Pakistan had been producing immense biomass that could be converted into gas with a minimal cost of around Rs 50 per kilogram. "The produced gas can be used in stoves and to run the generators for producing electricity", he added.

Discussing the features of Biomass Gasifier, the manufacturer said that produced gas could be stored in especially designed gas balloons for several days. He said indigenously manufactured Gasifiers provide solution for heating, electricity generation and hot water production for residential and commercial scale. He highlighted that the synthetic gas was composed of carbon monoxide and hydrogen due to which it was safe and eco-friendly. Answering a question, Siddique said that gasifier plant could be designed according to the need, availability of biomass and requirement of the consumer at local level.

He said different designs of gasifier work multiple types of biomass including rice husk, cotton stick, banana tree waste, date palm tree, wheat straw, bagasse, maize sticks and wheat husk. He said gasifier could become a free energy supply in rural areas where biomass sources would be available.

He urged to the legislators that a favorable policy in the field of renewable energy would attract the investors, manufacturers and the consumers towards environment friendly energy solutions. APP

A new survey to be launched to expand BISP: Kundi

District Correspondent

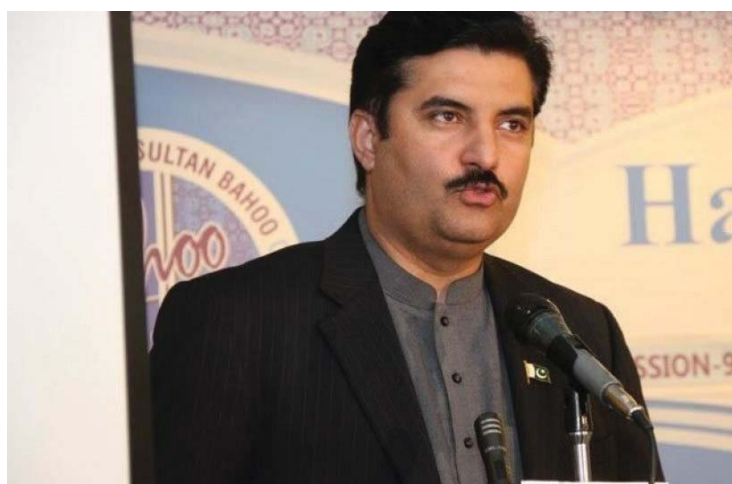
D.I.KHAN: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection Faisal Karim Khan Kundi has said that a new survey across the country would be launched by the start of next month in order to expand the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

While talking to media at Kundi Model Farm here Sunday, he said an agreement has also been made with NADRA for the purpose.

He said that during the PTI era, the cards of 0.8 million deserving people were blocked however the present government has so far restored 40,000 to 45,000 blocked cards while work was in progress for remaining cards.

The cards of government employees or those going abroad will not be restored, he clarified.

He urged upon the citizens living below the poverty line to must partic-



ipate in the new survey.

Kundi informed that Rs 70 billion were allocated for the help and rehabilitation of flood affected people under the BISP, out of which Rs 59 billion had been spent so far.

Similarly, for provision of healthcare facilities to pregnant women, the Program is also going to be started.

Moreover, he informed that under the BISP, one lac students were provided with educational scholarships so far

across the country.

Commenting on the firing incident on PTI chairman Imran Khan in Wazirabad, he said many questions arose in the minds after the incident. He was of the view that instead of demanding action against the Prime Minister, Interior Minister and officer of national institution, the PTI should demand action against Punjab government and Punjab Police where the incident was happened.

Imran Khan always claimed that his party has provided best healthcare facilities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab during their rule then why he preferred to go Shaukat Khanum Hospital instead of any local hospital after the Wazirabad incident. Will ordinary citizens also get such facilities and protocols in the Cancer Hospital, he questioned.

Kundi said Imran Khan should have to submit his evidences to Judicial Commission after the announcement

of a judicial inquiry into the Wazirabad firing incident by the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Replying to a question regarding Senator Azam Swati video leak, he said the debate over the matter should be ended as the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has declared the video as fake and edited after the forensic report.

Faisal Kundi, who is also the Central Information Secretary of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), said the local people would get the good news about making the Dera Ismail Khan airport as an international airport within four months. He was in contact with the Minister for Civil Aviation for the purpose, he added.

He said that he was making efforts to fulfill the deprivations of local people. In line with these efforts, the offices of different government departments have been restored in the district which were closed or shifted to other areas during

the previous governments, he told.

On the question of establishing a separate circle of WAPDA PESCO in Dera Ismail Khan, Faisal Karim Kundi said that after the formation of PESCO Board of Directors, the WAPDA team has also discussed about a separate circle. Dera Ismail Khan will soon get the status of a separate circle due to having three divisions.

He said the offices of Press Information Department (PID), PTV, Associated Press (APP) and PIA Sales Offices have been restored in Dera Ismail Khan while the Zonal Office of National Bank will also be brought back soon.

"We are trying to solve all the basic problems of Dera Ismail Khan in short term. I am extremely grateful to the leadership of Pakistan People's Party and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and federal ministers for supporting the development and new projects of Dera Ismail Khan," he concluded.

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The Disappointing Role of Muslim Ulama in The Subcontinent - II



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In the period of three hundred and thirty-one years, neither Mughal rulers did build a single modern school, college, or university, nor did they develop Islamic teachings in the region. Except for Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and a handful of his contemporaries, the rest of the religious scholars lacked a scientific approach and peace-based vision. Sir Syed wanted Muslims to be educated and modernized. However, seventy-three years before the demise of Shah Waliullah, Newton's book "Principia" had been published. Shah Waliullah's books are worth reading in terms of studying Islam but lack scientific reasons. It means Muslim Ulama were completely unfamiliar with scientific advancements taking root in the world. Thanks to Lord Macaulay for providing the subcontinent with modern scientific and time-friendly English education, but Muslim Ulama

rejected it and got up in arms against the British and Hindus as well. Going against English education proved another blunder and created a language gap between the Muslims and non-Muslims of the world. English was the language of mutual conversation, economic needs, and political affairs, but they could not avail themselves of the opportunity and preferred mutiny. The language gap proved detrimental to the preaching of Islam as well. Similarly, Hijrat Movement displaced around 30,000 Muslims and the Hindus started buying their lands and property at throw-away prices. The decree (Fatwa) of 500 Ulama declared the Non-Cooperation Movement religiously lawful, which left hundreds of thousands of Muslim students uneducated.

The Muslim world is also on the verge of collapse due to the Shia-Sunni confrontation. In the Muslim world, such fatal religious factions are the product of ill-educated or gullible Muslim Ulama. Non-Muslim countries keep the foundations of their foreign policies on economic possibilities, while the Muslim world is still busy with faith-based local skirmishes. On the other hand, the Muslim world has become an arena of internal ethnic strife, racial differences, and linguistic

divisions. Every Muslim country interprets Islam according to its national interests. "Paigham-e-Pakistan" is considered a milestone in discouraging and fighting against terrorism and extremism, but Afghanistan does not consider it a universal message. While the Muslim Ulama are not on the same page on the Yemen crisis, Kashmir issue, Palestine cause, Afghanistan dilemma, and so forth. In this scenario, the term "Muslim Ummah" has become a nightmare; otherwise, the unity of Muslim countries would be an antidote to all problems faced by them.

In fact, the Muslim world is the best amalgamation of various ethnicities, races, languages, and sub creeds. In this regard, Islamic teachings are the only source to bring whole the Muslim world together internationally and Muslim states internally as well. By adopting Islamic teachings in letter and spirit, the Muslim world can solve their problems and will remain united; but who will educate the world? This responsibility lies on the shoulders of Ulama. It is the dire need of the time for Muslim Ulama to part ways with politics and equips themselves with modern scientific education. Until and unless they prepare a society equipped with science and Islam simultaneous-

ly, it is impossible to materialize the dream of making a developed Ummah. In this regard, Ziaul Haq, religious political leaders, and now Imran Khan have failed to make Pakistan "Riasat-e-Madina" by imposing Islamic teachings from the top. Perhaps secularism may part religion with politics, but as of now — Delhi is a far cry. Maulana Maududi considered secularism as an attempt to depoliticize Islam. To him, politics was inherent in the theology of Islam. However, secularism is not religionlessness, rather it is religion-neutral. On the other hand, Maulana Maududi was against the traditionalist Ulama and called them "frozen minds." Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah used to say: "Religion has nothing to do with state affairs." "Martin Luther accused the Church and the Pope of exploiting their power to grow rich."

Undeniably, in all Muslim countries, religious political parties are in opposition and trying to topple installed governments. According to Maulana Waheeduddin Khan, toppling an installed government was first of all introduced by Khawarizj (religio-political party in Islam). Throughout the Muslim world, religious sections are against women empowerment, social reforms, scientific approach, and

Ijtihad. Maulana Waheeduddin Khan states that religious seminaries (Deeni Madaris) are good and pro-poor residential Islamic learning system, but unfortunately lacks a scientific approach, cannot comply with modern needs, and produce non-productive graduates. The wish to eradicate all kinds of evils from society by adopting the way of protests and sit-ins is not wisdom, rather it needs the assumption of key administrative posts on merit.

In a nutshell, the role of Muslim Ulama in the subcontinent has been disappointing. Muslim Ulama are responsible for the backwardness of the Muslim world in general and the subcontinent in particular. Muslim Ulama are on the path of exclusion and aggression. They have been problem-creators rather than problem-solvers. Muslim Ulama have to keep up with the modern world. They have to accept science and treat women with respect by allowing them to attend schools, colleges, universities, parks, and entertainment facilities. Only educated, mainstream and moderate Ulama can play a constructive role in the making of a developed Muslim world.

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Pakistani products attract customers at 5th CIIE in Shanghai

Pakistani products like jewellery, salt lamps, blankets and marbles have attracted a large number of customers for the fifth consecutive year at China International Import Expo (CIIE) being held in Shanghai.

"Of the consumers who buy our products, the percentage of re-purchase within a year is as high as 60%, and another 30% of customers make a third or more purchase within a year," said Li Long proudly, a four-time Pakistani jewellery exhibitor at CIIE.

On the booth stands out a girly pink gemstone with the largest size. "This pink morganite originates from Pakistan. This is the first of its kind exhibited at CIIE and it is part of the Mughal series. 150-carat pink morganite is very rare even in Pakistan." In this year's CIIE, Li Long brings emeralds, morganites, tourmalines and chrysoprase, which originate from the northern mountains of Pakistan.

He said expectantly, this year, our booth is specially decorated for brand image display, and we hope to meet more quality buyers."

Large exhibitions such as CIIE are the major means of product promotion as Pakistani exhibitors make their foray into the Chinese market. However, such exhibitions only last a few days each year, and there are no suitable sales channels for most of the year. Their greatest wish is to open a store of their own in China where they could sell all year round and establish a firm foothold in the country.

At the first CIIE in 2019, Li Long told CEN journalist that Pakistan was his IP. Now he set up a shop on East Nanjing Road in Shanghai. Focusing on high-end jewelry strategy, he has fulfilled his dream and to some extent reversed the stereotype that Pakistani products are cheaper.

"To create high-quality products, our offline stores are open 365 days a year, and sales are considerable," Li Long said. Coincidentally, Pakistani exhibitor Habib and his brothers, who became famous for selling salt lamps in the 4th CIIE, have opened 3 stores in different areas of Shanghai and sold products through online and offline platforms simultaneously, showing the "spillover effect" of CIIE.

Data from the General Administration of Customs China shows that in the first nine months of this year, China's import of pink salt (other salt HS:25010019) from Pakistan reached \$4.356 million, more than double that of the whole year of 2018, which was \$1.948 million. It can be seen that Chinese consumers are increasingly fond of powdered salt.

Over the past five years, China has opened its door even wider to the outside world. Under the second phase of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement, 313 new Pakistani products will enjoy zero tariffs when exported to China. Pakistani Onions, buffalo embryos and tiger's tail plants have been approved for export to China. Exports of Pakistani cherries to China are not far off.

Over the past five years, Pakistan's exports to China have reached a record high of \$3.6 billion in 2021. "The value of Pakistan's exports to China will double in the next few years." In an interview with China Economic Net, Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin Haque expressed great expectations for China-Pakistan trade.

How to regulate sports federations?

QuratuAin Salman

Government or non-Government organizations of the day are facing numerous challenges to achieve their desired goals. They need to work hard in this competitive, constantly changing world. National Sports Federations (NSFs) are encountered with much more multiple challenges quite difficult to achieve their goals due to complex organizational structures and variables mostly beyond their control. The revision of Constitution of Pakistan Sports Board and proposed revised National Sports Policy, stoppage of grants by the former Government has threatened their survival. Perhaps, top brass and other stakeholders of the sports do not appear to have been taken on board. The leaders are also not enlightened with the complex nature of NSFs and challenges being faced by them. There is a dire need to understand organizational complexities of NSFs before implementing agenda of the reforms for effective regulation.

The complexities are very much inherited in the formation of NSFs. Their hybrid form, constitutions, structures, governance, politics, lack of professionalism, weak regulatory framework have led the sports deterioration. The recent sports reforms, most probably without proper consultation and ignoring the importance of harmonized relations of the key stakeholders; likely to pose the more challenges for sports promotion and development in the country.

Let us try to understand the NSFs. They are mandated to promote, develop and regulate respective sports in the country. They are basically an NGO. These organizations are very much a legal entity as they came into existence, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of Pakistan Sports Board. NSFs are affiliated or recognized by respective International/Asian Federations, Pakistan Sports Board and

Pakistan Olympic Association, as well.

The NSFs are hybrid in the sense that, as an NGO perform role of the Government in proxy. Since these organizations are affiliated/recognized by multiple organizations and follow rules, regulations, policies and directions and supposed to keep align their Constitutions with the expectations of the each such organizations, they are recognized by. The NSFs springs from the grass root. The basic unit is club, its structures are raised from tehsil-district-provincial associations culminating as NSFs at national level. The Departments, and some technical officials and athletes are part of its general council. It becomes quite difficult for an NSF to fulfill and meet the requirements of the multiple organizations simultaneously which whom it is affiliated. However, it should not undermine the role of Government to uphold the law of the land.

According to the new Constitution of PSB, each NSF is required to be registered under Section 42 of the Companies Act with Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). Addition of a regulatory body would make it quite difficult for the NSFs and also for PSB to regulate them through multiple regulatory frameworks. Each and every organization with whom NSF is affiliated, an arbitration mechanism exists. Another mechanism of arbitration would add complexities as multiple arbitration cannot be implemented, simultaneously. It seems next to impossible to align the Constitution of a NSFs with a large number of such bodies. There is a four-year tenure of all sports governing bodies i.e. NSFs, Provincial Association, District Associations, Asian, World Sports Federations and Olympic Associations whereas SECP requires three year tenure. According to SECP regulations, office bearers are not elected directly rather Board of Directors (BoD) are elected first, then they elect office bearers out of them. For registration with SECP each founder is required to contribute non-refundable Rs.2,00,000/-. Why one should deposit this amount, when he is not sure whether he would

be elected or not, later on. There are more issues of multiple regulators which cannot be taken into account due to time and space constraints. Therefore, it seems quite challenging for NSF to align its Constitution, Structures with new requirements.

There is much wider spectrum to understand the real problem which led to poor performance of NSFs and we do have alternatives to resolves the issues. The deteriorating situation of governance in public sector organizations has pushed the country at the almost lowest level by Transparency International. The situation in NSFs is not different. The reasons are obvious. The lack of professionalism/accountability, politics, nepotism, conflict of interest have adversely affected their performance. There is a need to prescribe some qualifications of professionalism for the key office bearers of such Federations. An effective checks and balances can also serve to avoid nepotism and conflict of interest. Formulation and implementation of Code of Good Governance for all the key stakeholders and building the capacity of the office bearers of NSFs can also help to improve the situation.

The national politicians mostly have positive contribution and support for sports development. Especially, when we see some of politically influential office bearers of few federations using their political influence get loan share from the funding by the Government. At times, their role influence elections and other matters of the federation which are not considered best practices. Perhaps, this is the reason why the politicians in India are not allowed to context elections of the NSFs. Indian regulations, more than 70 years persons are not allowed to context the elections of the Federations. These aspects are also required to be looked into while reviewing the national sports policy.

To be concluded
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China Pakistan US: triangular geostrategic ties, opportunity for Pakistan

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Pakistan is strategically located near the mouth of the Persian Gulf and shares land borders with Iran, India, and China. It helps maintain stability and gives access to Central Asia. This proves Pakistan's importance to U.S. economic and security objectives in West and South Asia.

Pakistan's location drew Chinese investment. Due to Pakistan's strategic importance, China has invested billions. China has partnered with Pakistan for decades. This is crucial for China's economic growth. It offers access to ports and roadways from the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman to western China, Central Asia, and Afghanistan. CPEC could play a crucial part in China's rise to economic and military supremacy. Pakistan relied on the U.S. for military hardware and aid before the 1990s. In the 1980s, the two countries teamed up to remove Soviet forces from Afghanistan. China sees Pakistan as its Israel; hence CPEC and China's involvement in Pakistan is unstoppable. China contributes roughly half of its military gear, so it cannot afford to cut ties. Pakistan is in a diplomatic quagmire due to deteriorating U.S.-China relations. Pakistan struggles to keep the two nations friendly. Pakistan values both countries.

The Imran Khan regime change claim and Cypher propaganda have harmed US-Pakistan relations. Recent Pakistani delegation visits to the U.S. have helped mend tense ties. Resultantly, the U.S. has restored F-16 maintenance and assistance.

Private sector investment will push countries to pursue economic change, as evidenced by worldwide business-to-business links. Small-

er, more personal levels of government involvement in commercial interactions can spur new ventures more quickly than large bureaucracies.

People are a country's greatest asset. Many Pakistani Fulbright recipients, a vibrant Pakistani-American community, and American enterprises in Pakistan's rapidly growing consumer market indicate future contacts between these groups. Two-thirds of Pakistan's population is under 30, indicating the market's potential.

U.S.-Pakistan relations have a shady past, but there is a chance to start fresh. The U.S. can reestablish a long-lost alliance. Afghanistan needs peace. Peace in Afghanistan and the area requires favourable ground conditions. If the U.S. wants to continue relying on Pakistan to keep the peace, it must invest in more than security. The strategic needs of both Islamabad and Washington have created a window of opportunity that, if exploited properly, may benefit U.S. regional interests and encourage reform in Pakistan.

Pakistan has to adopt a more proactive and balanced foreign policy. It needs to reassure China and the United States that it is not the same weak country it was 30 years ago. Pakistan is significant for both states; it is essential for China as it has to keep an eye on India and the One Belt, One Road project. While the U.S. needs to preserve U.S. interests, and the U.S. could keep an eye on south Asian affairs.

At this critical juncture, the Pakistani foreign office must convey to the Chinese and American governments how vital Pakistan is to them. They need Pakistan more; instead, Pakistan need them. Pakistan bargains with both states on logical, rational, regional ground realities.

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Pakistan is a brotherly country which stood by Syria in its hard times: Syrian PM

Spokesman Report

SYRIA / ISLAMABAD: Rana Tanveer Hussain, Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training held a productive bilateral visit of Arab Republic of Syria on invitation of Dr. Darem Tabba, Minister of Education, Syria. His visit was a follow up visit of Syrian Education Minister to Pakistan last year. During his visit, Rana Tanveer Hussain held meetings with H.E. Hussein Arnous, Prime Minister of Arab Republic of Syria, Mr. Bassam Bashir Ibrahim, Minister of Higher Education, Mr. Namir Habib Makhlof, Governor Homs and Mr. Mahmoud Zaubua, Governor Hama, Syria.

Syrian Prime Minister while conveying his felicitations and best wishes for Prime Minister of Pakistan mentioned that Pakistan is a brotherly country which stood by Syria in its hard times. Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain also conveyed Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's best wishes to Prime Minister and People of Syria. During the meeting, which was also attended by Syrian Education Minister and Pakistan's Ambassador to Syria, both sides agreed to further strengthen collaborations in the field of Education, Skills and Scientific research.

Besides, his visit to Ministry of Education and Ministry of Higher Education, Federal Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain also visited the Pakistan International School Damascus, which is considered as one of the top ranked educational institute in Syria. He, accompanied by the Syrian Education Minister and Governor Homs, also visited the National Center for Distinguished (NCD), Homs, where he was received and briefed by Dr. Hala Al Dakkak, President of the Distinction & Creative Agency, Syria. Federal Minister while appreciating the NCD residential model aimed at selecting & nurturing the best talent, assured that Pakistan will provide teachers in basic sciences to serve in NCD for one year in response to the request made by Dr. Hala. Federal Minister Rana Tanveer, accompa-



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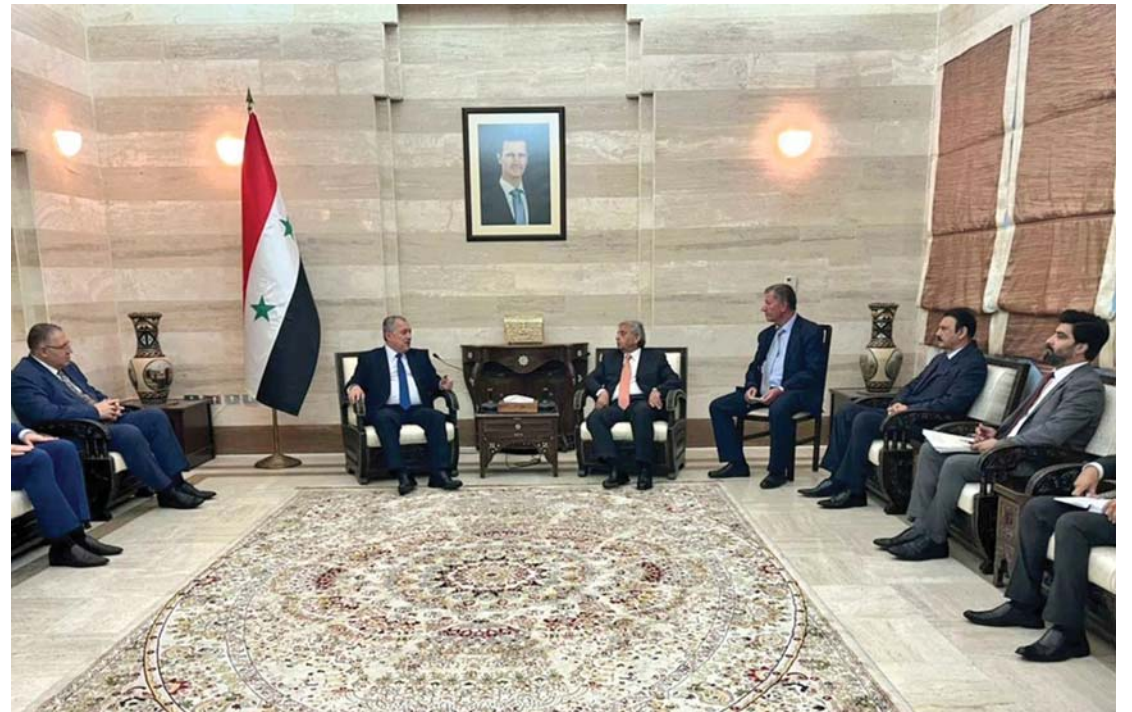
nied by Syrian Education Minister and Governor Hama, also visited the Hama Education Platform (HEP) meant to deal with distance educational learning operations, where he witnessed live lectures being broadcasted on Syrian Education channel.

Following HEP, the delegation also visited Industrial High School of Hama, which is a TVET sector training institute. Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain accompanied by his counterpart Syrian Education Minister also attended the launching ceremony of educational initiative "Iqra (read)" at the Basic Education School in Qatana City, Damascus.

During the delegation level talks at

Ministry of Education and Ministry of Higher Education, Federal Minister, Rana Tanveer Hussain offered 80 fully funded scholarships (Undergraduate & Graduate) to Syrian side under various programs and mainly in the fields including medicine, dentistry, engineering, physical, natural & applied sciences, agriculture, education and etc. He also mentioned that out 20 slots out of 80 shall be offered at Pakistan's top ranked Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) with preference to students from NCD, Homs.

He also mentioned that six months fully funded (local hospitality) research fellowships at QAU were on offer for Syrian students and faculty members.



While understanding the importance of agriculture sector in both countries, Federal Minister proposed for consortium of agriculture and livestock universities between Pakistani and Syrian universities which will encourage MSc & PhD students / scholars to carry out joint research relevant to common agriculture & livestock issues of both sides. The consortium will nominate faculty for exchange visits between Pakistan & Syria as well as to provide research facilities for joint research endeavors. Federal Minister informed that Pakistan will be represented by Agriculture Universities in Faisalabad, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Tandojam and Multan as well as by University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore. Pakistani side also offered capacity development program for Syrian school and university teachers at National Academy of Higher Education at HEC in various modules focusing on teachers development and leadership qualities for which the duration and need assessment will

be agreed by both sides. Allama Iqbal Open University and National Curriculum Council Pakistan will collaborate with Syrian Directorate of distance learning for knowledge exchange and proposal for establishment of AIOU campus in Syria.

Federal Minister also informed that HEC will establish Pakistani cultural corners in Syrian universities mainly located in Damascus, Aleppo, Latakia, Homs and Hama. Syrian side also welcomed Pakistan Education Minister proposal for establishment of Visual Arts Center by National College of Arts at Syria. Both sides also agreed to send a group of 10-15 school level students to Islamabad and Damascus for 10 days to get familiarity about the education and culture of both countries. Federal Minister Rana Tanveer assured Syrian side of sending teachers in basic sciences to teach at NCD Hama for one year. It was also agreed to sign a separate MoU in the field of TVET sector between NAVITC Paki-

stan and Syrian side.

Syrian side while thanking Pakistan's Education Minister also conveyed that President of Arab Republic of Syria has approved a special program for Pakistani students and faculty to avail scholarships in various Syrian universities. Syrian will also workout for establishing a cultural center in Islamabad.

In order to materialize and monitor the overall engagements agreed between Pakistan and Syria, both sides agreed to form a Joint Working Group (JWG) consisting of senior officials from both sides in areas of School education, Higher education and TVET sector together with ambassador(s) of the two countries. The group will meet biannually and submit its report to both sides.

Both sides acknowledged the efforts of Air Marshal (Retd) Saeed Muhammad Khan, ex Ambassador of Pakistan to Syria for his active role in fostering the bilateral ties between both Countries.

The UK's Presidency of COP26 ends as world leaders meet in Egypt for COP27

News Desk

One year on from hosting COP26 in Glasgow, the UK has handed over the Presidency of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to Egypt as world leaders, including the UK's PM, Rishi Sunak, meet at Sharm el Sheikh for COP27.

The UK's Presidency of COP26 made progress on each of its four goals of: mitigation (reducing emissions), adaptation (helping those already impacted by climate change), finance (enabling countries to deliver on their climate goals) and collaboration (working together to deliver even greater action). Most importantly, if countries which agreed the Glasgow Climate Pact deliver on their commitments to phase down coal power, halt or reverse deforestation and speed up the switch to electric vehicles, limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees is still possible. This will be critical for preventing devastating climate impacts and protecting vulnerable countries like Pakistan.

At COP26 the UK pledged \$55m in financial support to



Pakistan to assist with building climate resilience and tackling climate change. This support is in addition to £26.5m provided by the UK Government and £30m donated by UK citizens to provide relief following this year's devastating floods.

Having handed over the Presidency, the UK is maintaining its ambitious goals on climate

change. This year the UK is launching the 'Accelerating to Zero Coalition' which will promote the use of more electric cars worldwide. The UK is also initiating the 'Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership' to halt and reverse forest loss and will be working with developed countries to increase the availability of climate finance to countries such as Pakistan.

Development Director at the British High Commission, Islamabad Jo Moir, said that "This year's floods are a stark reminder of impact climate change is having on our lives. Globally, we will face more climate catastrophes, and climate-vulnerable countries like Pakistan face enormous challenges. Business as usual is not enough.

Indonesian Consulate hosts Diplomatic Reception in commemoration of the 77th Independence of the Republic of Indonesia



Bureau Report

DUBAI/KARACHI: The diplomatic reception was attended by the highest officials in Sindh Province, namely the Chief Minister (CM) of Sindh, Murad Ali Shah; Governor of Sindh Kamran Tessori; and Commissioner of Karachi, Muhammad Iqbal Memon, as well as partners of the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi, from diplomatic circles, business people, press and media, academics, and others. This activity was attended by around 400 people.

CM Sindh, Murad Ali Shah as the Guest of Honour, congratulated Indonesia on the 77th Independence Day of the Republic of Indo-

nesia and expressed hope that the relations between Indonesia and Pakistan as the two friendly countries will strengthen in the future. In particular, CM Murad Ali expressed his gratitude for Indonesia's humanitarian assistance, especially to the Indonesian Health Team for helping Pakistan in difficult times.

Closing the series of diplomatic receptions, the Indonesian Consul General in Karachi together with CM Sindh, the Governor of Sindh, the Mayor of Karachi and the President, International Business Management, Muhammad Saleem Bikiya jointly cut the cake for the 77th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia.

Global injustice session includes Kashmir, Palestine and Hindutva: Dr. Fai

EDISON, NEW JERSEY, USA: An informative and educational session on 'Global Injustice' was organized during ICNA-Mid-Atlantic Convention, held at Sheraton Hotel, Edison, New Jersey on November 5, 2022. The topic included injustices in Kashmir, Palestine, and Indian minorities. Speakers included: Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman, 'World Forum for Peace & Justice', Dr. Osama Abu-Irshad, a well-known human rights activist and National Director, 'American Muslims for Palestine' and Dr. Zahid Bukhari, Executive Director, 'ICNA/Council on Social Justice.'

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai elaborated that the seeming conspiracy of silence over gross affronts to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Indian occupied Kashmir – an occupation which itself violates still binding Security Council resolutions dictating a self-determination there under international and impartial supervision – is worrisome. That unheroic muteness of

world powers has emboldened India to a chilling campaign of human rights atrocities against innocent Kashmiris.

The 900,000 Indian military and paramilitary forces operate outside the rule of law under the protective umbrella of an Indian immunity statute. Egregious human rights violations are commonplace: involuntary disappearances, extrajudicial killings, rape, torture, plunder, abductions, mutilations, arbitrary detentions and discovery of over 4,000 mass graves in Kupwara district alone. It is even a crime in Kashmir to salute implementation of the Security Council resolutions, a shocking affront to the Council itself.

It is one thing to deny a people their right to freedom of speech and the freedom to vote. It is another thing to deny them the right to live. Fai added that there is no freedom in Kashmir, only death, destruction, and depression.

The movement in Kashmir Fai highlighted, reverberates

with cries of Aazadi (freedom) and believes in a simple truth: a fair, impartial referendum held under the auspices of the United Nations. Attempts at delegitimizing the Kashmiri struggle have fallen entirely on deaf ears. No amount of wishful thinking has successfully persuaded growing international opinion that Kashmir is not an integral part of any society other than its own. This belief is unshakable, consistent, and formidable," Fai emphasized.

He warned that if India or Pakistan or any other power would like to bring pressure on the people of Kashmir to capitulate, or to agree to any terms which will compromise their freedom, then any so-called peace process is foredoomed. The people of Kashmir wish to leave no doubt in anyone's mind on that score.

Fai clarified that Kashmir is the Gordian knot of peace and prosperity in South Asia. A just and final resolution of its sovereignty in accord with the wish-



es of the people of Kashmir is of utmost regional and international importance. Kashmir is the most densely soldiered and most nuclear combustible territory on the planet. It is the only region in the world which shares border with three nuclear countries – India, Pakistan, and China, thus makes it the most dangerous place on earth.

"India's image suffers far more

from the obvious duplicity and an incorrigible unwillingness to confront openly its wrong-headed policies than it would if it just laid its cards on the table. The flaunting of its inhumanity – as if to say, we're going to do it and you can't do anything about it" – is only deepening its commitment to permanent conflict and suffering in Kashmir. It's time for the international community to

act decisively and intervene in the interest of global peace to settle the Kashmir dispute to the satisfaction of all parties concerned – India, Pakistan and the people of Kashmir," explained Fai

The U.S. was once considered a shining example to the rest of the world of what democracy can mean, and yet, now, too, we see a complete breakdown of this grand vision at its very source that awakened generations of people to hope for real change. What is the significance of an alliance between the great democracy (US) and so-called largest democracy in the world (India) when universal principles, democratic values and human rights are completely ignored, Fai asked?

Fai expressed his anguish by saying that it is quite unfortunate that the Biden administration and the United Nations both have chosen to adopt India's view that Kashmir is simply a bilateral issue. Unfortunately, it is the Big Lie, and an extremely dangerous one. India and Pakistan remain

on the verge of war with each other, and this is a threat to international peace. When two nuclear countries are facing each other down, as they have for going on 75 years, with already three wars under their belts, that's not a bilateral issue whatsoever. That has the makings of a world war. Nothing else demands international attention like such a threat, and it greatly behooves the United States, the United Nations, and other allies to sit up and take heed.

Fai suggested that the breaking of the impasse over Kashmir between India and Pakistan would be greatly facilitated by the presence of a facilitator, a person of an international standing, like Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister of Norway, who would define the obligations of the parties under the agreements concluded between them, spell out the contentious issues and the conflicting positions and remove the confusion about what needs to be done to narrow the gap.

Rupee to strengthen marginally against dollar in coming week: dealer

KARACHI: Following the positive sentiments due to the \$13 billion funding assurance from friendly countries, the rupee will either hold steady or strengthen marginally against the dollar in the upcoming days, The News reported citing dealers.

The local currency traded range-bound during this week against the greenback and started the week on a positive note following a decrease in the real effective exchange rate (REER) which dropped from 94.4 in August to 90.9 in September.

The fall allowed the State Bank of Pakistan to appreciate the value of the rupee. However, according to Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, the actual value of the local unit is below the 200 per dollar mark.

However, the local unit was under pressure in the middle of the week due to banks beginning to retire \$100,000 worth of letters of credit, higher-than-anticipated inflation, a robust recovery of the US dollar index versus other major currencies, and an extremely turbulent political situation.

On Friday, the rupee ended at 221.92 per dollar in the interbank market before closing at 220.89 on Monday. It lost 0.46% of its value against the dollar this week.

The demand for the greenback was on the rise since the central bank allowed the clearing of stuck-up credit letters.

Additionally, consumer price index inflation rose 26.6% in October from a year earlier mainly due to an increase in perishable food prices. The US dollar regained strength following 75 basis points raise in interest rates by the Fed on Wednesday to fight against soaring inflation.

"There is some resistance on the 221 level, so we expect the rupee to remain range-bound or appreciate slightly next week owing to the prevalence of the positive sentiment in the market supported by some good developments," said a foreign exchange dealer.

The forward swaps are once again in the positive range, indicating sufficient forex liquidity. Pakistan and China have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on setting up RMB (Chinese currency) clearing arrangements in Pakistan. The country is expected to receive inflows from international financial organisations. World Bank has promised Pakistan \$2.5 billion in flood aid. Additionally, the climate summit's participants' position is that afflicted nations should receive compensation, so help may continue to trickle in.

Dar said that Saudi Arabia and China have promised Pakistan a funding commitment of \$13 billion. China has agreed to refinance another \$3.3 billion in commercial bank borrowings, increase the currency swap facility by up to \$1.45 billion, and rollover \$4 billion in sovereign loans to the South Asian country as a result of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Beijing.

"Although the FM (Finance Minister) has announced \$13 billion coming from China and Saudi Arabia, the timelines are vague. One of the biggest casualties of the attempted assassination of Imran Khan could be the rebuilding of the long-term Pak-China relationship and CPEC initiatives," wrote Tresmark in a weekly note.

Courtesy Geo News

No new tax amnesty, mini-budget: FBR chairman

KARACHI: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) rejected reports about an upcoming mini-budget and ruled out any new tax amnesty schemes due to International Monetary Fund (IMF) restrictions, The News reported Saturday.

FBR Chairman Asim Ahmed made the announcement while speaking to the business community in successive meetings held at the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) and Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI).

During the meeting, the chairman also announced that a tax reforms commission was being revived on the directions of Finance Minister Ishaq Dar.

Achieving November's tax collection target would be a difficult task for the FBR because the reduction in imports had dried up, the chairman said.

Trade Officers asked to cooperate with Private Sector in promoting trade and exports

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called upon the trade officers to cooperate with the private sector in promoting Pakistan's trade and exports. He said that Pakistan is facing a serious economic crisis and promoting exports is the only best option to improve the economy. He stressed that the public and private sectors should work together to identify new markets for Pakistani products to take our exports to the next level. He said this while addressing a delegation of TDAP's trainee officers who visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by Dost Muhammad, Deputy Director, Trade Development of Pakistan.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that China's annual imports were over US\$ 2 trillion and Pakistan has great potential to increase trade with China. He said that TDAP should cooperate with ICCI in setting up a China Desk at Chamber that will help boost bilateral trade between the two countries.



He informed the delegation that ASEAN and African countries offered good potential to Pakistan for exports and ICCI has established Facilitation Desks of ASEAN and African countries to facilitate the business community in promoting trade and exports with these countries. He urged that TDAP should develop market study reports of various countries and share them with chambers of commerce so

that the private sector could take advantage of potential business and investment opportunities in foreign markets. He said that Pakistan's trade missions in foreign countries should find new markets for enhancing Pakistan's trade and exports.

He said that TDAP should share information about trade opportunities and support the private sector's participation in trade fairs/exhibitions that can help boost Pakistan's exports.

Dost Muhammad, Deputy Director TDAP said that his organization was making all efforts to help the business community in business promotion through its effective participation in the international exhibitions and foreign delegations. He said that TDAP was trying to forge an effective liaison with the private and public sector stakeholders to help them enhance the trade of the country.

Mr. Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President and Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI briefed the delegation about the role of ICCI for resolving issues of business community and facilitating them business development. They said that the government should simplify the rules and regulations regarding trade and exports and focus on promoting ease of doing business. They further stressed for improving information collection and dissemination about foreign markets and requirements for exports. The TDAP's trainee officers asked many questions from the members of the business community about business & economy and received satisfactory answers.

Naveed Qamar elected president of Parliamentarians for Global Action

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA: It is indeed a great pride for Pakistan as Federal Minister for Commerce and Investments Syed Naveed Qamar on Sunday was elected the President of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).

Mr. Naveed Qamar defeated Dip. Margarita Stobilzer a very senior Member Parliament of the host county, Argentina by an overwhelming majority of over 90% of the votes, in the election held on November 5, 2022 (Saturday) in Buenos Aires Argentina.

In the election 133 elected members, has exercised their right of vote, out of 140 parliamentarians around the globe and elected Syed Naveed Qamar as its new President.

It is pertinent to mention here that, Syed Naveed Qamar is the first Pakistani Member of the Parliament who is elected as president of PGA for the term of two years (2023-2024).



He is a longest serving parliamentarian who had joined in 1991 along with former prime minister, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and some other PPP members and Mr. Naveed is also a Nishan-e-Pakistan recipient.

On the occasion, Syed Naveed said that it was a "great honour" for him to be elected as the President of the PGA and that it was also an outcome of the current government's diplomatic efforts.

Naveed Qamar pledged to promote peace, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, climate and population issues by informing, convening, and mobilizing parliamentarians to realize these goals.

A number of local and foreign parliamentarians, including Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervez Ashraf, Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani congratulated the Minister for holding such an important International position and hoped that Naveed Qamar would play his role for promoting and protecting human rights, democracy and peace in the world.

Former member PGA and leader of PPP, in his tweet said "Heartiest congratulations on your election. Hope during your presidency the Parliamentarians for Global Action will further strengthen parliamentary platforms for climate action and revisiting death

penalty". PGA, is a non-profit, non-partisan international network of approximately 1,300 legislators in over 140 elected parliaments around the globe.

Which contributes to creating an enabling environment for positive changes, especially through activities that facilitate connections between civil society and parliamentarians, as well as building bridges between domestic and international policy-makers.

It was established in 1978 in Washington, D.C., by a group of concerned parliamentarians from around the world to take collective, coordinated and cohesive actions on global problems.

PGA operates under the political direction of the Executive Committee and the International Council, with the technical and legal assistance of the Secretariat based in New York and The Hague.

The Educators partners up with tech valley to adopt Google



Bureau Office

KARACHI: The Educators, a network of pre-schools, primary and secondary schools across Pakistan, and a project of Beaconhouse Group, has joined hands with Google for Education's partner in Pakistan, Tech Valley, to digitize their teaching and learning practices using Google for Education tools. An MoU signing was held in the presence of the global Google for Education team including the Director of JAPAC, Google for

Education. Colin Marson, Director of Google for Education, JAPAC mentioned at the event, "We have great partners worldwide that are working to enhance the global education system with the help of technology and standardizing the curriculum."

Established in 2002, The Educators now has 900+ campuses & is the market leader in Pakistan's educational landscape with a presence in over 225+ cities and a student strength exceeding 200,000+.

Installation of new cameras will increase coverage of important locations: IG Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Islamabad Police (IGP) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan visited Islamabad Industrial Area on the invitation of Islamabad Industrial Association (IIA). In the meeting, President Islamabad Industrial Association Zikaria Akbar Zia, President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, Former President IIA Mian Akram Farid, Senior Vice President ICCI Fahad Waheed and senior members were also attended they have the apprised IG Islamabad about the problems of the industrial area and fruit & vegetable Market.

President Islamabad Industrial Association Zikaria Akbar Zia has explained the IG Police that due to the parking of trailers and big vehicles on the road on I-9 Dry Port Road, the road is closed every day and the citizens and visitors have to wait for hours. This issue should be resolved immediately. ICCI President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that police patrolling in industrial areas and markets should be increased to make



the capital a crime-free city.

ICCI will fully cooperate with the police and Islamabad Chamber ready to provide motorcycles to police for better surveillance/ petrolling and Market and industry. Former President of Islamabad Industrial Association Mian Akram Farid have told to IG Islamabad Police that any measures taken by the police for the improvement of the industrial area should be continued permanently.

He further said that the roads of Islamabad should not be closed due to long march or any political protest in the coming days, and before taking any such steps, the business community of Islamabad should be taken into confidence. Beggars on the roads, which many times the business community of Islamabad raised their voice against and for remedy, which had ended due to the actions of the Islamabad police, are again on

the roads of Islamabad. are also present and are seen demanding on road signals.

Therefore, Islamabad police should take steps to remedy this immediately. And in the police stations of industrial area, the maintenance committees should be formed and every room within the police station should be allocated for the committee, ex. Vice President FPCCI Karim Aziz Malik said that check dis In the case of FIR registration takes a lot of time, so the FI of check dishonor should be registered immediately.

There is a lot of problem. And Afghans from Rawalpindi come to the vegetable market and its adjacent areas and commit various crimes in the vegetable market and industrial area and go to Rawalpindi. Actions should be taken to remedy them. G. Islamabad Police Akbar Nasir Khan while addressing the business community at the office of Islamabad Industrial Association said that cameras installed in commer-

cial areas and industrial areas will be linked to the Safe City project to ensure maximum vigilance in the city. can be made The installation of new cameras will increase the coverage of important locations and help improve the law and order situation in the city.

He said that this initiative will improve the security of the city. All markets and commercial areas should try to install security cameras that will be linked to the Safe City project to ensure better surveillance of business areas. Regarding the rising crime situation, he said, "In the society. Intolerance is one of the reasons for the increase in crime and better education is necessary to improve tolerance in society which will reduce crime. Former presidents of ICCI Sheikh Tariq Sadiq, Mian Shaukat Masood, Nasir Khan, Mohsin Khalid, Sheikh Atif Ikram, Council Member Founder Group Chaudhry Waheed-Ud Din and other seniors present in the meeting.

China's high-level opening-up to drive global economy

The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China has sent a strong signal that China is committed to widening higher-level opening-up in the coming years. The congress also, for the first time, proposed to steadily widen institutional opening-up with regard to rules, regulations, management and standards, and called for preserving the diversity and maintaining the stability of the international economic landscape and trade relations.

After 10 years of efforts, China has made all the required preparations and created the right atmosphere for institutional opening-up. As such, China now

has a broader agenda of opening up more areas and to a larger extent.

To promote institutional opening-up, China will create a more business-friendly environment by introducing more advanced rules, regulations and standards, further shortening the negative list to allow foreign businesses to enjoy the same treatment that domestic and State-owned enterprises get, and promoting fair, green and mutually beneficial development of international trade.

The 20th Party Congress also called for accelerating China's transformation into a country trading in high-quality goods and services. This is important because China has become the

main trading partner of 146 countries and regions, and has been the world's largest trading country of goods for five consecutive years.

China's international trade grew by 10.1 percent year-on-year in the first eight months of this year and 9.9 percent in the first nine months, which is a remarkable achievement given the global and domestic challenges it faces including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and some countries' threat to decouple the global industry and supply chains from China's. Therefore, this is the best time for China to intensify innovation-driven, high-quality development in order to consolidate its position as the world's leading trading nation.

First, China should make

efforts to safeguard the diverse but stable international economic landscape and free and fair international trade, while firmly opposing all forms of protectionism and unilateralism.

Second, it needs to sign more free trade agreements with more economies, especially with those involved in the Belt and Road Initiative, to raise the share of Chinese zero-tariff goods in international trade.

And third, it should encourage all developing countries to come together and play a more prominent role in boosting the world economy's recovery, especially because the United States and the European Union, according to reports, are likely to go into recession due to the world energy

and food crises.

Given the challenges that the global economy faces, World Trade Organization Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala recently warned against creating rival trade blocs, saying such a scenario could cost the world dearly.

And precisely because of this reason, China has urged the international community to safeguard the diverse but stable global economic landscape and trade relations. Only by doing so can all economies further strengthen the global industry and supply chains and prevent decoupling of economies.

Besides, despite the claim of some foreign politicians and media outlets that the Chinese

economy is in for a shock due to a few companies shifting (or having shifted) their production units from, or ceasing operations in, China, there is no need to be alarmed. Instead, we should remember that because of the popularity of Chinese goods, such as the cold-proof goods from Yiwu, Zhejiang province, in Europe, it has become very important to deepen cooperation in international trade.

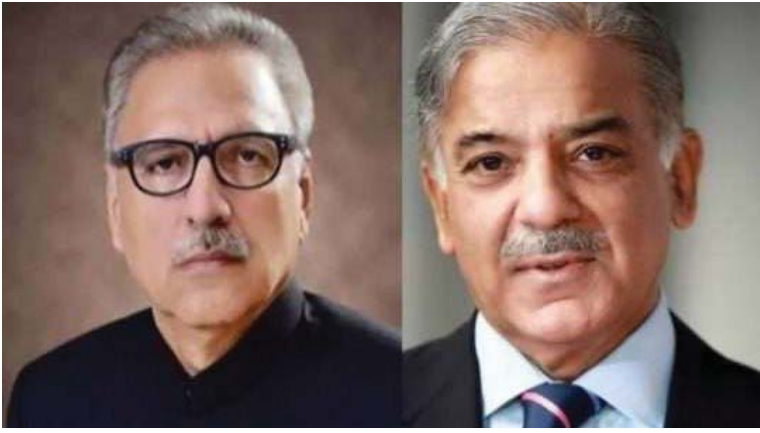
In fact, the 20th Party Congress has initiated China's high-level opening-up and paved the path for China to become a bigger and stronger trading nation, and emphasized that China's development will continue to drive the world economy and boost its recovery.

Moreover, China will make greater efforts to expedite its economic and trade development to help strengthen its modernization drive. That China is the only country to have mobilized its resources to hold an import expo every year is unprecedented in history and shows it remains committed to further opening up its economy. The China International Import Expo also shows that China is committed to sharing its development fruits with other countries so as to contribute more to the world economy.

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T-20 World Cup: Pakistan qualifies for semi-finals



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, India, New-Zealand and England have qualified for the semi-finals of the ICC T-20 Cricket World Cup.

Pakistan beat Bangladesh by 5 wickets at Adelaide on Sunday.

Batting first, Bangladesh scored 127 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in allotted

twenty overs.

In reply, Pakistan achieved the target in 18.1 overs. Shaheen Afridi was declared player of the match.

In first match of the day, Netherlands beat South Africa by 13 runs at the same venue this morning.

Batting first, Netherlands scored 158 runs for the loss of four wickets in allotted twenty overs.



In reply, South Africa managed to score 145 for 8 in allotted 20 overs.

Colin Ackermann of Netherlands was declared Player of the Match for scoring 41 runs.

Third match of the day between India and Zimbabwe is underway at Melbourne.

President Dr Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have congratulated Pakistan's cricket team for making to the semi-final of the ICC Men's T-20 Cricket World Cup.

The President, in a tweet, appreciated fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi for his excellent performance in the match against Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister also congratulated Pakistan's cricket team for winning the match against Bangladesh.

U19 Four-Day: Bangladesh's woes amplify after Wahaj, Saad centuries

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan's Wahaj Riaz and Saad Baig scored terrific centuries before Bangladesh lost a wicket in a daunting chase of 411 on what was a thrilling day of cricket at the Multan Cricket Stadium.

The third day of the four-day U19 contest resumed with Pakistan at 54 for two in the second innings and the two batters on strike.

Wahaj and Saad scored 117 each to propel the hosts to 347. Wahaj struck five sixes and 10 fours in his 172-ball innings, while Saad, who is the captain of the side, scored his century more briskly, hitting 18 fours and a six in his 134-ball knock.

The pair struck a crucial 222-run partnership for the third wicket that put Paki-



stan well in front of the tourists.

Haseeb Nazim scored a half-century at number five as he made 53 off 74 balls and struck six fours and a six.

It was Mohammad Shihab James, who was the pick of the bowlers for the tourists with four for 24 in 6.1 overs.

Pakistan pacer Mohammad Ismail got the wicket of

opener Chowdhury Mohammad Rizwan when the scoreboard read 15 to compound the tourists' woes. Bangladesh were 60 for one after 22-overs play with Sharear Sakib unbeaten on 29.

Bangladesh face an uphill task of surmounting 351 with nine wickets in hand on day four's pitch when they play resumes on Monday. Scores in brief: Day three

of four Pakistan U19 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) and 54-2, 18 overs (Rohanat Doullah Borson 2-24) and 347 all out, 79.1 overs (Saad Baig 117, Wahaj Riaz 117, Haseeb Nazim 53, Mohammad Ibtisam 23; Mohammad Shihab James 4-24, Rohanat Doullah Borson 2-61, Mahfuzur Rahman Rabby 2-81)

Bangladesh U19 161 all out, 56 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 40, Rehanat Borson 23 not out, Jishan Alam 22; Abdul Basit 3-18, Aftab Ibrahim 2-31, Mohammad Ibtisam 2-32, Ali Asfand 2-39) and 60-1, 22 overs (Sharear Sakib 29 not out).

Pakistani runners ready for Istanbul, New York marathons today



NEW YORK: All three matches of the ICC World Cup being played today are extremely critical for Pakistan, as they play their last group match today as their chances of making it to the semi-finals hinge on other matches as well.

On the other side of the world, a large number of Pakistani runners are geared up to run in the world's biggest marathons — New York Marathon and Istanbul Marathon — today, Geo News reported on Sunday.

The New York marathon will feature over 50,000 runners, including several high-ranking Hollywood actors and activists.

Several Pakistani-origin runners from the USA, UK, and Australia are taking part in NYC Marathon which includes Hira Diwan, Faisal Shafi, Huma Rehman, Saad Usmani, Imran Aleem, Aamar Butt, Shariq Samad, Shabab Hussain, Osman Aziz, Mohammad Omer Afzal, Obaid ur Rehman Awan, Muhammad Raza, Prem Kumar, Bilal Ehsan, and Saifullah.

Faisal Shafi and Hira Dewan are participating in their second major marathon in forty days. Shafi previously ran the Berlin Marathon on September 25 in 3 hours, six minutes and seven seconds and qualified for the Boston Marathon 2024.

Dewan completed the London Marathon in 3 hours and 54 minutes. Before the New York Marathon, Pakistani runners, carrying the flags of Pakistan, participated in a parade in Central Park on Friday. The event was broadcast live on US channels.

Meanwhile, Sadiq Shah, M Sajjad, Umair Hafeez, Rehman Azhar, Affan Baig and Muzamil Niazi will represent Pakistan in the 44th Istanbul Marathon. Sadiq Shah ran the marathon in 2020. He covered 42.20 kilometres in three hours and 42 minutes.

South Korea sweats on Son's World Cup fate

News Desk

SEOUL: South Korean football fans were nervously following the saga of Son Heung-min's facial injury on Friday (Nov 4) and fear their World Cup will be ruined if the influential skipper is ruled out.

His club Tottenham said the forward suffered a fracture around his left eye and will have surgery, less than three weeks before the country's opening match in Qatar.

The nasty injury, which Son picked up in a Champions League win over Marseille earlier this week, has put his World Cup in doubt.

Spurs and the Korea Football Association (KFA) are keeping tight-lipped about his chances of making it.



"Regarding Son Heung-min's status for the World Cup, we will have to monitor his progress after the surgery," the KFA said.

"We will remain in touch with Tottenham's medical staff."

The Daily Telegraph reported that Son had four fractures to his eye socket, with surgery brought forward

to Friday to give him more time to recover.

South Korea's opening match of the World Cup is against Uruguay on Nov 24. Paulo Bento's side will also face Ghana and Portugal in Group H.

Son is not only the side's best player, but captain and talisman. He has 35 goals in 104 international games,

including nine in his last 14.

In October last year, he came 11th in the voting for the Ballon d'Or, the prestigious award for the world's best player, and last season jointly won the English Premier League's Golden Boot for most goals scored.

Though he is yet to lift a trophy at club level, in 2018 he led South Korea to gold at the Asian Games. AFP

Underlining just what he means to South Korea's chances, angry fans posted thousands of abusive messages, some racist, on the Instagram account of the Marseille defender who collided with Son to cause the injury.

"Dirty gross player. You messed up our World Cup," one message aimed at Chancel Mbemba read.

Qatar's vast wealth helps it host FIFA World Cup

DUBAI: Qatar is home to some 2.9 million people, but only a small fraction — around one in 10 — are Qatari citizens. They enjoy massive wealth and benefits fueled by Qatar's shared control of one of the world's largest reserves of natural gas.

The tiny country on the eastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula juts out into the Persian Gulf. There lies the North Field, the world's largest underwater gas field, which Qatar shares with Iran. The gas field holds approximately 10% of the world's known natural gas reserves.

Oil and gas have made the 50-year-old country fantastically wealthy and influential. In a matter of decades, Qatar's roughly 300,000 citizens have been pulled from the hard livelihood of fishing and pearl diving.

The country is now an international transit hub with a profitable national airline, a force

behind the influential Al Jazeera news network and is paying for the expansion of the largest U.S. military base in the Mideast.

Here's a look at Qatar's economy and how this tiny country was able to spend so much to host the FIFA World Cup:

QATAR'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH: For most of its existence, the tribes of Qatar relied on pearl diving and fishing for survival. Like other parts of the Gulf, it was a harsh and bare existence. The discovery of oil and gas in the mid-20th century changed life in the Arabian Peninsula forever.

While much of the world grapples with recession and inflation, Qatar and other Gulf Arab energy producers are reaping the benefits of high energy prices. The International Monetary Fund expects Qatar's economy to grow by about 3.4% this year. Despite a massive spending

spree to prepare for the World Cup, the country still earned more than it spent last year, giving it a cushy surplus that is continuing into 2022. Qatar's riches are likely to grow as it expands capacity to be able to export more natural gas by 2025.

ITS SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND, the Qatar Investment Authority, manages and invests the country's financial reserves.

QATAR'S WORLD CUP SPENDING: Qatar has spent some \$200 billion on infrastructure and other development projects since winning the bid to host the five-week long World Cup, according to official statements and a report from Deloitte.

Around \$6.5 billion of that was spent on building eight stadiums for the tournament, including the Al Janoub stadium designed by the late acclaimed architect Zaha Hadid.

Billions were also spent to build a metro line, new airport, roads and other infrastructure ahead of the matches.

The London-based research firm Capital Economics said ticket sales suggest that around 1.5 million tourists will visit Qatar for the World Cup. If each visitor stayed for 10 days and spent \$500 a day, spending per visitor would amount to \$5,000, the research firm said. That could amount to a \$7.5 billion boost to Qatar's economy this year. However, some fans may fly in just for the matches while staying in nearby Dubai and elsewhere.

QATAR'S LAVISH BENEFITS: Like other rich petro-states in the Gulf, Qatar is not a democracy. Decisions are made by the ruling Al Thani family and its close advisors. Citizens have little say in their country's major policy decisions.



The government, however, provides citizens with vast perks that have helped to ensure continued loyalty and support. Qatari citizens enjoy tax-free incomes, high-paying government jobs, free health care, free higher education, financial support for newlyweds, housing support, generous subsidies that cover utility bills and plush retirement benefits.

The country's citizens rely on

T20 WC: Netherlands beat South Africa by 13 runs



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: In the ICC Men's T-20 Cricket World Cup at Adelaide, Netherlands beat South Africa by 13 runs today (Sunday).

Batting first, Netherlands scored 158 runs for the loss of four wickets in allotted twenty overs while South Africa could score 145 for 8 in allotted 20 overs.

Netherlands' Colin Ackermann was declared player of the match for scoring 41 runs.

In the second match, Pakistan will play against Bangladesh at the same venue at 9am Pakistan Standard Time.

The third match will be played between India and Zimbabwe at Melbourne at 1pm Pakistan standard Time.

Pakistani women team once again got convincing win over Ireland by 9 wickets



Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Women team once again got convincing win over Ireland by 9 wickets Earlier Irish Captain Laura Delany won the toss and decided to bat first and Ireland made 194 all out in 47.2 overs Mary Waldron 35, Arlene Kelly 34, Amy Hunter 30, Captain Laura Delany 28, Orla Prendergast 24, and Eimear Waldron 23 were the main scorers for Ireland and from Pakistan Women Ghulam Fatima 3/32, Nashra Sandhu 3/41, and Fatima Sana got 2/26 were the successful bowlers. In reply Muneeb Ali and Sidra Amin who were the century makers in the first ODI once again provided solid start and the first wicket was fell at 59 when Muneeba Ali was out for 27. Once again Sidra Amin who scored brilliant 176 runs in first ODI played vital role with her Captain Bismah Maroof both added 136 runs for 2nd wicket partnership Sidra Amin made unbeaten 91 runs in 93 balls which included 12 fours while Bismah Maroof scored unbeaten 69 in 70 balls included 10 fours Pakistan achieved the target in 32.4 overs. From Ireland Eimear Richardson got 1 for 34. Sidra Amin 2nd time declared women of the match award. Pakistan Women has taken the lead in three IDI series by 2-1 and the last ODI between these two teams will be played on 9th November at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore

Shaheen Afridi eyes T20 World Cup final after Bangladesh win

ADELAIDE: Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi set his sight on the final of the T20 World Cup 2022 following a victory against Bangladesh.

Afridi was asked whether he was looking forward to the semi-finals of the mega event, to which he made a tongue-in-cheek comment.

"Now, we are looking forward to the final," Shaheen chuckled while speaking during the post-match presentation ceremony. Shaheen bagged figures of 4-22, his best in T20I cricket, to lead Pakistan to victory against Bangladesh on Sunday. For his brilliant performance, the lanky pacer also bagged the award for player of the match.

"I have improved. Not easy to come back from injury and bowl 140ks but I'm trying my best. As a team, we are very happy. We've played great cricket. Bowling in the right areas and fast was the plan," he said.

Pakistan qualified for the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup by defeating Bangladesh by five wickets in Adelaide.

Chasing a target of 128 runs, Pakistan reached home in 18.1 overs for the loss of five wickets.

Asian countries. These men live in shared rooms on labor camps and work throughout the long summer months, with just a few hours of midday respite. They often go years without seeing their families back home.

The work is often dangerous, with Amnesty International saying dozens may have died from apparent heat stroke.

Rights groups have credited Qatar with improving its labor laws, such as by adopting a minimum monthly wage of around \$275 in 2020, and for dismantling the "kafala" system that had prevented workers from changing jobs or leaving the country without the consent of their employers.

Human Rights Watch, however, has urged Qatar to improve compensation for migrant workers who suffered injury, death and wage theft while working on World Cup-related projects.