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New Zealand won't underestimate Pakistan, says Tim Southee

Bowler Tim Southee said New Zealand will not underestimate Pakistan in the Twenty20 World Cup semifinals despite the latter struggles to make it through the group phase. When you get to the top four every side has a chance, said Southee. We've played a lot against Pakistan in recent times and we know they're a dangerous side. (Report on Page 7)



CM Sindh for setting up more check posts to secure Kacha

Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah on Sunday asked the police to set up additional check posts in the Kacha area of Sadiqabad district to clamp down on robbers and dacoits. According to a private news channel, the CM had taken notice of outlaws operating in the Kacha area and using modern weapons against police. (Report on Page 3)

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Global environmental challenges

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo of the World Leaders attending the High Level Engagements of 27th Conference of Parties on Monday.



Photo: PID

PM joins world leaders as 'Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Implementation Summit' kicks off

SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday joined world leaders at the 'Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Implementation Summit' in a bid to deliberate upon the ways to address the global environmental challenges.

At the Sharm El-Sheikh International Convention Center, the prime minister was received by Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The government of Egypt is hosting the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP27), with a view

Pakistan revises budget estimates due to flood relief, rehabilitation: PM

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that due to relief and rehabilitation of the flood affected people, Pakistan has revised its budget estimates.

He expressed these views during the meeting with Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

to effectively tackling the global challenge of climate change.

Pakistan's invitation to the summit along with other coun-

(IMF) Kristalina Georgieva held here on the sidelines of COP-27 Summit.

The Prime Minister said that saving people's lives and rehabilitation of the flood affected masses was the first priority of government.

He hoped that the COP-27 Climate Conference will prove a milestone in getting climate justice.

tries signifies the importance to implement and transform key climate-related decisions into concrete actions and credible

plans.

The Prime Minister said after the COVID-19 pandemic and global recession, the flood situation had also put negative impact on Pakistan's economic recovery pace.

He further said that Pakistan valued the IMF cooperation, adding, Pakistan will complete the current IMF program. APP

At the invitation of the Egyptian Presidency of COP-27, the prime minister will also co-chair,

along with his Norwegian counterpart, a high-level roundtable discussion on 'Climate Change and the sustainability of vulnerable communities'.

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.

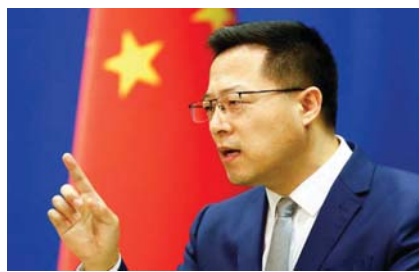
As a developing country most affected by this phenomenon, Pakistan will make a robust call, inter alia, for the urgency of climate solidarity and climate justice based on the established principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. APP

China keeping a close eye on Pakistan's political situation: Zhao Lijian

News Desk

BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said on Monday that China is keeping a close eye on Pakistan's political situation.

"China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners. We have been supporting each other for common development and in joint efforts to overcome difficulties," he said during his regular briefing in response to a question about the debt assistance provided by China and other



financial assistance. "China has done its utmost to help Paki-

stan stabilize its financial situation. We have been doing so, and we will continue to do so," he said.

As per media reports, during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent official visit to Beijing, the Chinese leadership promised to roll out \$4 billion in sovereign loans, refinance \$3.3 billion commercial bank loans and increase currency swept by about \$1.45 billion.

To a question about Pakistan's current political situation, he said that China had noted the relevant reports.

Pakistan suffers over \$32b damage due to recent floods, PM tells UN Sec Gen

Spokesman Report

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that according to the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), the total estimated damage caused by the recent floods in Pakistan was over \$32 billion i.e. around 10% of the country's GDP.

The enormous task of rehabilitation and reconstruction would require substantial international support for Pakistan to build back greener, based on the model of sustainable development, he added.

The Prime Minister highlighted this as he met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres here on the sidelines of COP-27 Summit being held in Sharm El-Sheikh, a press release issued by the PM Media Wing said.

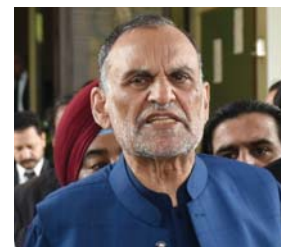
Appreciating the UN Secretary-General for his solidarity with, and call for massive support to Pakistan in the wake of devastating floods in the country, he reiterated that the unprecedented flood disaster in Pakistan was a clear manifestation of the challenge posed by climate change.

Swati questions FIA to explain who was behind raid on his house

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: PTI leader and Senator Azam Swati has asked the Federal Investigation Agency to explain as who was behind raid on his house and torture on him and humiliation.

Talking to the reporters in Islamabad, Azam Swati said it was his simple request that the persons who were behind the raid, torture and humilia-



tion of his family. On Saturday, Swati cried for justice during a press conference which went viral on the social media.

I will quit politics, if IK proves four bullets injury: Rana Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan on Monday challenged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chief that if it will prove that Imran Khan received four bullets, then he (Sanaullah) will quit politics forever.

Talking to journalists outside parliament, he said that the government is ready to be a part of investigations of attack on Imran Khan, if wishes so to nominate the Prime Minister and Interior Minister.

He demanded fair medical checkup of Imran Khan from an impartial medical board for investigations and verification, if he received four bullet wounds.

He said the institution of Pakistan Army is disciplined institute and no one can deviate



from the official policy of the institution and if someone dares to do so, he or she will have to face the consequences.

Regarding extension of Army Chief, the statement of Director General ISPR is sufficient, said the interior minister.

He said the provincial government is investigating chunk of people to protest and the Punjab police is facilitating the protesters.

"Imran Khan took three names because he wants anarchy in the country" said Rana Sanaullah adding that using Judiciary and Pak army for personal politics is devastating for the country.

He said accused of an attack on Imran Khan, Naveed was arrested with the help of workers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and the real accused of an attack on him is Naveed.

He PTI wasted enough time and it's too late for long march however the government is ready to receive them and had completed all arrangements by November 4th. APP

Schedule revised for third time PTI selects Thursday as day to resume long march

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) bigwigs on Monday revised the party's long march for the third time as now the march will be resumed on Thursday.

Earlier, addressing to media, PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi went on to say that Punjab Chief Minister has said many times before that he stands by Imran Khan's

side as there is nothing to doubt about it. Talking about the long march, Shah Mahmood said that the country's masses will get the benefits from the PTI's movement.

Expressing his gratitude to the countries, who inquired after the PTI chief, Shah Mahmood said that he has talked with the Turkish Foreign Minister, who presented the offer to Imran Khan to get his medical treatment in Turkey.

Discussing health

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi chairing a meeting on mental health and well-being, at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Monday.



Photo: Online

President for a committee to develop mental health helpline

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday suggested that a committee might be constituted by the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination on mental health to provide counselling and services to those people who were facing mental health issues or disorders.

The committee comprising members from the public and private stakeholders might brainstorm different ideas, benchmark local and international best practices and come up with a comprehensive plan, the president further suggested.

The president expressed these views while chairing a

meeting on mental health, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Addressing the meeting, the president said that Pakistan had limited resources to cope with the burden of mental health as an estimated 80% of people with mental health needs remain untreated.

He stressed that there was a need to increase the pool of psychiatrists, psychologists and counsellors on a top priority basis to ensure the reach of mental health services to the targeted population, especially to the underprivileged persons in underserved areas of the country.

He further observed that ensuring good mental health and resolving the mental

health issues of the people of Pakistan at the early stages would help increase the productivity of the nation.

The meeting was attended by members of the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR), World Health Organization (WHO), Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS), Tasken Health Initiative, officials of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, and other organizations working on the issue of mental health and well-being.

The president underlined the need to develop and create mental health providers, especially at the primary level for the early diagnoses and treat-

ment to arrest the illness at the initial stages which most of the time required active listening and counselling and stopping it from reaching an advanced level which required expensive curative treatment.

He said that in this regard, all available training resources within the private and public sectors of the country and online training facilities available internationally should be fully exploited to create a critical mass of mental health providers as fast as possible.

The president said that web-based applications, including chatbots and other IT-based applications, might also be fully incorporated into the system to provide the first

line of help to persons suffering from mental issues.

He further said that 45 to 50% of people, who were suffering from mental health issues, could be treated by providing them immediate services.

The president said that there was a need to integrate all the existing mental health helpline services into a national mental health system to provide quality, authentic and credible services to people facing mental health issues.

He said that the elements of trust, confidentiality, authenticity and credibility of the services must be taken into account while establishing a mental health helpline.

Prime minister felicitates Azerbaijan on Victory Day

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, Azerbaijan agree to enhance bilateral trade, expand cooperation in diverse areas

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday extended his felicitations to President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and the people of his country as they celebrated their 'Victory Day'.

The prime minister, who is currently visiting Egypt to attend the COP27 summit, wrote on Twitter that the Victory Day of Azerbaijan

signified the resilience, courage and the national cohesion.

"May the commemoration of this Day usher in an era of lasting peace and prosperity in the Caucasus region," the prime minister remarked.

"Heartiest felicitations to H.E. @azpresident Ilham & brotherly people of Azerbaijan on their 'Victory Day', which signifies resilience, courage & national cohesion," the prime minister tweeted. Spokesman Report

Pakistan, Turkiye share common religion, creed, Sufi values: Abdul Shakoor



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Mufti Abdul Shakoor on Monday said Pakistan and Turkiye had common religion, creed and values of Sufis.

In a meeting with Turkish Ambassador Dr Mehmet Pacaci, the minister discussed the matters of mutual interest and said the people of both the countries had love and respect for each other.

Abdul Shakoor said Turkiye had actively helped Pakistani brothers in the trying times, adding that the people of this region and religious

scholars had given full financial and moral support for the stability of the Ottoman Caliphate.

He said the policy and views of the Turkish government regarding humanity and welfare of the Muslim Ummah were valuable.

The Turkish ambassador said Turkiye considered it an obligation to help Pakistani brothers and sisters in the difficult times. He desired that Turkiye and Pakistan should achieve the common goals of development and prosperity together.

He also called for furthering relations between the two countries both at government and public levels.

Guangzhe Chen calls on Ayaz Sadiq

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank's South Asia Regional Director for Infrastructure, Guangzhe Chen Monday calls on the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq to discussed matters of mutual interest.

Minister for Economic Affairs welcomed the Regional Director World Bank to the Ministry and appreciated the World Bank's continuous support for Economic Development activities in Pakistan, said a press release issued here.

"The World Bank's assistance has played and shall continue to play a vital role in the socio-economic uplift of Pakistan", said Minister for Economic Affairs.

He further expressed grat-



itude to World Bank for its flood relief assistance to the country. "We are extremely well-supported by World Bank's team," said the Minister.

The South Asia Regional Director World Bank appreciated and highlighted the progress of the development projects.

He apprised that currently the World Bank portfolio in Pakistan comprises 54 projects

and expansion of renewable energy for the long-term development of the country.

He further apprised the Minister that the World Bank is not only putting special focus on Renewable energy development projects but also putting special focus on Energy Conservation activities to help overcome the energy demand.

Minister appreciated and assured complete assistance and facilitation to the World Bank's team from Ministry of Economic Affairs to help expedite the implementation of the development projects.

He assured the World Bank about the efficient distribution of funds and apprised him about the rigorous monitor-

ing of foreign funded projects through continuous meetings of National Coordination Committee on Foreign Funded Projects and Steering Committee for Coordination regarding International Assistance for Flood Relief Activities.

He stated that the Ministry is pushing the projects especially those facing chronic delays so as to pace up implementation progress and disbursements and progress.

Moreover, he stated that he has also directed Ministry of Law to help expediting the approval of agreements with the development partners to facilitate quick process of approvals. The meeting ended with vote of thanks. APP

PTI protestors block Islamabad's entry-exit points

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protestors have closed the entry and exit points of Islamabad in protest against PTI chief Imran Khan's assassination attempt during a long march in Wazirabad.

PTI workers have blocked the main highway in protest on the Motorway (M2) near the New Islamabad Airport. Protestors have closed Rawat, Shamasabad, Bakery Chowk, Khanna Pul, and Main Expressway near Koral and Thaalian by burning tires.

While the Taxila road from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) to Islamabad has also been blocked.

The closed roads by PTI workers at various places in Rawalpindi have caused problems for the citizens. The movement of traffic has been disturbed in the federal capital due to closures at various points.

On the other hand, the Islamabad police, in a tweet, has said that troops of the capital police and the Rangers have been sent to Lahore and Peshawar after protesters blocked the Islamabad motorway.

In another tweet, the capital police said that it would take action against those who would be involved in staging protests without permission in the federal capital.

A statement from the capital police has



alerted the citizens including students and patients that they may face inconvenience in transit as the leaders of a political party have announced to block roads. The police have also appealed to contact '15' before starting travel and get updates about the situation on the roads.

Earlier, it has been decided to arrest the main leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) prior to PTI resuming long march to the capital, which the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) believe will cause the closure of internal and external routes of Islamabad.

According to sources, an important

meeting of the law enforcement agencies was held late at night on Sunday, in which the arrest warrants of some of the PTI leaders were received.

The political leaders whose arrest warrants were received include Pervez Khattak, Sheikh Rashid Shafique and Amir Kayani, while it has also been decided to arrest Ali Amin Gandapur and Malik Aamir Dogar.

Furthermore, rangers, FC and federal police will be deployed on patrol in the capital and strict action will be taken against those blocking the road to Islamabad Airport.

Imran Khan politicizing everything: Amir Muqam

News Desk

LAHORE: Adviser to Prime Minister and Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Division Engineer Amir Muqam said that Imran Khan was politicizing everything just to keep his politics alive.

Addressing a press conference here on Monday, he said that it was very unfortunate that PTI chairmen's agenda was to destabilize the country. "In current political situation a question arises that what Imran Khan will get by creating chaotic situation and by tarnishing the image of country's institutions."

Amir Muqam said Imran Khan was continuously misleading people and telling lies to them.

He further said that first he misguided people over cipher issue and later the murder of journalist Arshad Sharif was politicized which was condemnable.

Amin ul Haque launches Rs 42 bln Karachi IT Park Project



KARACHI: Federal Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin ul Haque on Monday launched Pakistan's largest Information Technology Park project in Karachi to facilitate the fastest growing IT sector in the metropolis.

The minister laid foundation stone in a ceremony held here at the project site near Karachi Airport that would provide state of the art facilities to national and international companies besides job opportunities to more than 20,000 IT professionals.

The project was approved by ECNEC at estimated cost of Rs. 41.39 billion or USD 186.658 million which included a loan amounting to \$ 158.416 million by Korean Exim Bank and PSDP local share of Rs. 6.25 billion. The project would be completed in June 2026.

Speaking at ground breaking ceremony Syed Amin-ul-Haque felicitated people of Karachi, Sindh and the entire country on the launch of the project and said that projects of public interest were first priority of the government. APP

Turi paid a surprise visit to OPF Valley Phase 5 Islamabad

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi paid a surprise visit to Overseas Pakistanis Foundation Valley Phase 5 Islamabad and reviewed the ongoing development works there.

He directed that all the issues related to OPF Valley should be resolved on priority basis and the project should be completed as soon as earliest. He emphasised that allottees should be given possession of their respective plots without any delay.

Mr. Turi said that no further delay will be tolerated in the completion of the project. He further added that speedy completion of work is a priority at the same time there must be no compromise on the quality of work. Federal Minister for OP&HRD said that solving the problems of over-



seas Pakistanis on a priority basis and redressing their grievances is the prime responsibility of his ministry.

Job opportunity

LAHORE: Candidates are buying form for applying to police vacancy outside Police Line in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Ufone 4G offers convenient mobile top-up facility on 10,000 OPay Smart POS machines countrywide

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani mobile company, Ufone 4G is set to transform its customers' user experience through provision of convenient mobile top-up facility on 10,000 OPay Point-of-Sale (POS) machines. Ufone 4G customers will be able to access these machines at petrol stations, convenient stores, pharmacies, shopping malls and other public places countrywide to recharge their mobile phones with greater ease and accessibility. OPay is a fast-growing mobile payment Fintech Company that offers advance payment facilities including contemporary mobile



top-up solutions. Deploying Ufone's Top-up on OPay's current active footprint of 10,000 POS machines will enable consumers with a secure and user-friendly method to process top-up payments at frequently visited public places. Additionally, top-ups can be purchased

from OPay's POS-merchants and will be printed on the bill invoice to verify transaction. Commenting on the collaboration, Shahbaz Khan, Head of Product Portfolio Management (Wireless), Ufone, said, "Ufone 4G establishes synergies within telecom and Fintech industries to usher in greater ease and enablement to its customers. Our partnership with OPay will expand our service footprint to 10,000 additional points of sale. Enhanced accessibility is one of the key focus areas for Ufone in its continued quest to improve its services quality to provide a superior user experience to its customers." OPay Pakistan's Vice

President, Zeb Khan said, "This alliance with Ufone means increased customer engagement and traffic, resulting in spike in revenue of merchants' business. I am very excited to bring to the table an innovative offering to Pakistani consumers as the accessibility of topping-up at anytime and anywhere will provide an experience of unmatched convenience, which is the aim of OPay as a company." The nationwide network of POS machines will be secure, simple and modern for mobile top-ups to further Ufone 4G's long-term commitment to improve the user experience of its customers.

ANF seizes over 126 kg narcotics; arrests two

RAWALPINDI: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) on Monday seized over 126 kg of narcotics in three operations conducted in different areas and arrested two accused.

According to ANF Headquarters spokesman, ANF in an operation at Islamabad International Airport recovered 69 heroin-filled capsules from the possession of a passenger, a resident of Waziristan, going to Dubai via flight PK-181.

In another operation at Islamabad International Mail Office, ANF recovered 2,720 grams of heroin and 780 grams of Ice drug from a parcel being sent to Bahrain.

In the third operation, ANF seized over 123 kg of charras from the secret cavities of a double cabin vehicle near Pattoki Toll Plaza and arrested an accused resident of Dera Ghazi Khan.

Separate cases have been registered against the accused and raids were being conducted to net the accomplices of the accused, the spokesman said. APP

Security forces kill one terrorist in Khyber District

Raja Furqan Ahmed

RAWALPINDI: A terrorist of a banned outfit was killed and three others were arrested in injured condition in exchange of fire with the security forces in district Khyber on Monday. According to Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the security forces were conducting a search operation in the area when terrorists opened fire on them. These terrorists were wanted for attacking government officials and law enforcement authorities. A huge cache of arms and ammunition were also recovered from the possession. The killed terrorist remained actively involved in terrorist activities against security forces.

The Confessions released

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Vidly.tv just released the first action-packed motion poster of their original web series, Sevak-The Confessions, which is set against the backdrop of true events ranging from 1984 to 2022. Nothing is what it seems as the race is on to seek the truth from a dark web woven of terror and deceit.

The story is written by Saji Gul and brought to life by director Anjum Shahzad. The multiple dimensions of espionage open with each episode and the viewers are left in shock by the end. The protagonists hide and run to save their lives, as they are thrown deep into situations that seem impossible to get out of. In this journey for the truth, the resilience and courage of the true heroes is revealed.

Before the show even premieres, its success is confirmed. The incredible talent is perfectly chosen for their roles. All the characters of the series team up for an action thriller that will have us on the edge of our seats.

Audiences will be able to watch the series, streamed via the Vidly.tv app (iOS, Android, Apple TV) and on the web.

The Diabetes Centre conducts awareness and free medical session



ISLAMABAD: The Diabetes Centre Islamabad conducts a free awareness and medical camp at Headstart School, GulMohar Campus H/11 Islamabad here today.

A large number of students and faculty members attended the session.

Mr Shahzad Lodhi, Head Marketing and Communications TDC, said that Hospital's Chair Dr Asjad Hameed, CEO Mr Tahir M Abbasi and BODs have a resolve to make Pakistan a diabetes free country Ms Shafaq Bushra, Nutritionist TDC, explained the importance of healthy life style in her presentation Principal, Headstart School, Ms Lubna Fareed appreciated TDC's efforts and distributed certificates of appreciation among students along with TDC officials.

Faculty members actively participated in free Diabetes' screening camp.

High altitude areas of KP, AzJK receive intermittent snowfall

PESHAWAR: High altitude areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Azad Jammu Kashmir continued to receive intermittent snowfall for the third consecutive day on Monday. Winter has taken hold in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) high altitude areas, particularly in the Hazara Division and the Swat valley with many tourist destinations blanketed by whitepowder.

In the tourist attraction, Mahudand Lake of Swat, the entire landscape has turned white after receiving heavy snowfall. Similarly in the Hazara Division, at least three inches of snow was recorded in the hill station of Naran.

Meanwhile in Mansehra and Ayubia, rain and snow have fallen for the third consecutive day. Tourists visiting the northern parts of Pakistan rejoiced. In the Kaghan Valley, employees of the Galiyat Development Authority (CDA) have been engaged in relief efforts, clearing roads and any landslides. In the autonomous region of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) snow has turned mountain tops white apart from rains washing the countryside. After snowfall, Lipa Valley and Haveli District have seen the temperature drop. INP

Beaconhouse successfully concludes its 15th School of Tomorrow Conference

ISLAMABAD: Beaconhouse, the country's largest network of private educational institutions, has successfully concluded the 15th edition of its flagship 'School of Tomorrow' (SOT) conferences, themed 'Guardians of the Future'.

The three-day conference hosted multiple insightful discussions with over 150 global and local thought leaders in education, healthcare, athletics, social and environmental development. Educationists, senior advisors, diplomats, policymakers, and experts from various fields came together to conclude this three-day event on a high note.

The opening session of the conference 'Setting Directions for the World of Tomorrow' explored topics and actions required to make this world a better place for future generations. Moderated by Kasim Kasuri, CEO of Beaconhouse Group, the panel included



ed Cynthia Guyer, Dr John Siraj Blachford, Rashid Rana, and Dr Faisal Khan.

Mr Sean Covey, President of FranklinCovey Education and author of the acclaimed book 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens', was interviewed by a group of students about the timeless habits that can help teenagers improve their self-image, build

friendships, resist peer pressure, and achieve their goals. Furthermore, the discussion provided guidance for the next generation to not only realise their potential but also become effective leaders of tomorrow.

More than 40 sessions were held over three days that focused on building communities that value the rights

of children and in doing so promote globally-minded, critical thinkers who will not only be future leaders but also contribute to making the world a peaceful place for everyone.

Speaking about the conference, Kasim Kasuri, Event Chair and CEO of Beaconhouse, said, "We are overwhelmed with the discussions and thought-provoking conversations that have taken place not only during but after the sessions amongst participants, delegates and speakers. These outcomes will undoubtedly inform the direction our schools and help our students become stronger and better prepared guardians of the future."

The 15th SOT conference included prominent leaders including Yousaf Kerai, Dr Ger Graus, Dr Sara Baker, Dr Ishrat Hussain, Vaneza Ahmed, Dr Abdul Hameed, Wajahat Malik, Hira Yousafzai, Sanne Kanis and many more.

CM Sindh for setting up more check posts to secure Kacha



KARACHI: Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah on Sunday asked the police to set up additional check posts in the Kacha area of Sadiqabad district to clamp down on robbers and dacoits.

According to a private news channel, the CM had taken notice of outlaws operating in the Kacha area and using modern weapons against police.

Voicing serious concerns over security issues in Kacha, he said the provincial government would provide all necessary equipment to the police to ensure peace and tranquillity in the far-flung areas of Sindh.

He admitted that there were security issues in the rural areas of Sindh, and assured that the provincial government would utilize all available resources to address the genuine grievances of the public. APP

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World Bank delegation calls on Khurram Dastgir

ISLAMABAD: A high level delegation of World Bank led by regional director called on Federal Minister for Energy Khurram Dastgir Khan here on Monday.

During the meeting, the delegation was given a briefing about Dasu Hydropower and CASA100 projects, said a press release.

The Bank would provide over \$ 3 billion for infrastructure development in energy sector. The Bank would also provide assistance to the provinces and K-Electric in solar energy sector, it was further said.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that Pakistan was confronted to challenges in the energy sector adding that the government has to take tough decisions.

Govt not to allow anyone to create chaos in country: Minister

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Education and Vocational Training Rana Tanveer Hussain said on Monday that Imran Niazi was misleading people by making baseless allegations but the government will not allow anyone to create chaos in the country.

"Those who tried to violate the constitution would be punished accordingly", he said while talking to a private news channel.

He said that former prime minister Imran Khan was "playing with Pakistan's interests", adding, Khan detracts people for his personal interest.

Replying to a question, he said Imran Khan's long march was an attempt to create political chaos and destabilize democracy.

He said that Imran could not come to power through politics of agitation. APP

Huawei Pakistan offers solutions for cyber security threats and user data protection

Spokesman Report

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

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

Mr. Babar Haq, the CTO of Huawei Middle East, stated that; "Data is the new "Crude" Oil which needs to be structured to be utilized in the Real-Time and Big Data Applications". He further emphasized the need to Build Data-Centric Secure Storage foundations for the requirements of diverse applications while keeping comprehensive protection against Ransomware Attacks.

On this occasion, Mr. Eric Zong,



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

Mr. Malik Shoaib, Director of Cloud and Storage Solutions from Huawei emphasized the need for Cyber resilience and data protection in modern times where Ransomware attacks are constantly growing he stated "Ransomware attack is the biggest cyber security concern of every organization and it has led to the financial and data loss of many companies.

Huawei in partnership with Commvault presents an End to End Ransomware Protection using key solution technologies offering comprehensive protection, end to end data encryption,

accurate detection and rapid recovery."

Appreciating the ownership and the commitment of Huawei as an OEM, Mr. Ali Mehdi RSM Central Region Infotech added, "Infotech is pleased to join Huawei in its journey to digital transformation. It is the key to Data management, security and cyber resilience solutions deployment in Pakistan."

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

Victory day celebration

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov and others cutting the cake during Victory Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan ceremony at a local hotel in Federal Capital.



Seminar held in PAC to mark Iqbal Festival

RAWALPINDI: A seminar was held in Punjab Arts Council in connection with Iqbal Festival with the title of "Fikar-e-Iqbal aur Dure Khazir kay Taqazay".

Mr. Naeem Akram Qureshi, an expert on Iqbalism, shed light on the thoughts of Allama Iqbal. Naeem Akram Qureshi said that the focus of Iqbal's poetry was the young generation.

Our freedom owes to the dream of the thinker of Pakistan, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal. He awakened the Muslims of India from slumber. His message is a beacon light for us and future generations.



The purpose of celebrating Iqbal festival is to enlighten the youth with the message of Allama Iqbal. Allama Iqbal

was the first to present the concept of a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent. This concept

stands proudly in front of the world in its embodiment today.

Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmad said that it is a fact that the teachings of Allama Iqbal not only guide us towards the general ways of life but also provide solutions to the problems of our era.

Our nation can always get light and guidance from Fiqr Iqbal. With the thoughts of Allama Iqbal, the youth and new generations can be trained best so that we can gain a prominent position in the international community.

A large number of students participated in the seminar

Business Community at RCCI sends SOS call to current uncertainty and political polarization



Staff Report

RAWALPINDI: The current political and economic uncertainty of the country is very disturbing, the situation has reached such a level that urgent steps should be taken, the authorities should consider this as an SOS call from the business community.

In a joint statement, the business representatives and chamber officials at the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), in an emergent meeting here on Monday, demanded that the current uncertainty requires that all parties sit at the table and find a solution to pull country out of crises and bring normalcy so that trade activities can be restored.

The meeting was chaired by President RCCI Saqib Rafiq and Group Leader Sohail Altaf, and Senior Vice President Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Vice President Faisal Shehzad, Anjuman Tajran representatives Shahid Ghafoor Paracha, President Small Chamber Tariq Jadoon, Sharjeel Mir, Nadeem Sheikh, Sheikh Hafeez, Taj Abbasi, Zahid Bakhtavari and others were present.

President Saqib Rafiq said that uncertainty has brought business and the entire economic system into a state of stagnation, with protests, sit-ins and long marches affecting the twin cities the most.

RCCI former president and group leader Sohail Altaf said that political mistrust and polarization have led the country to such a point that if timely measures are not taken, it is impossible to return, we have to think for the country beyond political affiliation.

Shahid Ghafoor Paracha said that business activities are in decline, Taj Abbasi said that the country has to be taken out of confrontation.

Nadeem Sheikh, Zahid Bakhtavari and Sheikh Hafeez while showing grave concern added that all the stakeholders should realize their responsibility.

Tariq Jadoon said that we all have to come together to get out of the crisis, Sharjeel Mir said that political tolerance has to be demonstrated.

Saima Builders Launch of ZSZ Mid Town



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A leader in the real estate industry of Pakistan, Saima Builders officially announced the launch of their latest housing society, ZSZ Mid Town. Situated amid the Karachi-Hyderabad highway, the new venture aims at providing affordable housing for individuals and investors seeking economical options. The announcement was made earlier this month in Karachi.

After various successful projects in the construction and real estate business over the last few years, Saima Builders now seeks to grow deeper into providing affordable and convenient housing facilities to Pakistan's ever-growing population. These include mega projects falling under the residential and commercial categories, such as ZSZ Mid Town. The ceremonial activities started in the afternoon and continued till midnight. With a greater influx of the general public and prospective buyers the event was prolonged till the end of the day. Saima Builders has great credibility in building a variety of construction projects, especially in Karachi. Therefore, despite being located away from the main city, ZSZ Mid Town experienced a massive downpour of potential buyers and investors looking to invest in affordable property.

With various projects all over Pakistan, Saima Builders thrives to work on multiple new ventures and deliver the best quality to its clients. Their Real Estate has now become a dynamic and progressive organization with a glorious past showing great promise for the future. With the help of a comprehensive regional network throughout Pakistan, Saima has become a leader in the industry.

Commenting on their latest venture, Zeeshan Saleem Zaki, Director, Saima Group commented, "Saima Real Estate has so far launched, developed and delivered innumerable flats, shops, villas, apartments, luxury condominiums, intricately sophisticated mega projects, high rise sky scrapers and trade towers. Our core focus has always been to give the best residential or even commercial results to our clients. We saw a need to provide a more affordable housing solution for the common man, hence we introduced ZSZ Mid Town. Rest assured, like all of our projects, we ensure both durability and finish while strictly adhering to our delivery schedules."

Saima Group and their latest venture ZSZ is currently amidst working on numerous other projects. Details of each will be disclosed at a later date.

Visa program unlocks new opportunities in the creator economy



LAHORE: Creators are driving a revolution in digital commerce and culture - producing content that entertains, engages, and educates online communities in powerful new ways. To serve this growing category of small business, Visa (NYSE: V) today announced the launch of the Visa Ready Creator Commerce program. The global initiative will help creator-centric platforms, such as social-commerce and video gaming companies, embed financial tools - like faster and more flexible payouts through Visa Direct and tipping and donations.

"Creators are reshaping and expanding the small business ecosystem," said Vanessa Colella, SVP and Global Head of Innovation and Digital Partnerships at Visa. "We want to harness the scale and reach of our network to help this community thrive. With the Visa Ready Creator Commerce program, we're building a connective layer - bringing platforms and technology enablers together to deliver modern financial tools for the creator economy."

2nd second Pakistan Property Exhibition will now be held from December 23 to 25, Barlas

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The meeting organized by Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry was chaired by Khurshed Barlas, in which after mutual consultation with all stakeholders, taking into consideration the political situation of the country, the second Pakistan International Property Exhibition and Convention, which is from 18 to 20 Novem-



ber was to be held at the Pak-China Friendship Centre.

After the unanimous decision, the new dates of the Second Pakistan International Property Exhibition have been announced, which will be held from December 23 to 25 at the Second Pakistan International Property Exhibition and Convention, Pakistan-China Friendship Center.

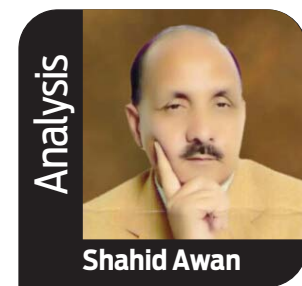
A large number of various busi-

ness community associated with bank projects and tourism industry including prominent builders, developers, allied construction industry from across the country will participate in the three-day exhibition.

It is one of the most important investment fairs that will boost Pakistan's economy, creating great opportunities to attract investment from national to international levels

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‘Fifth Generation War’



Shahid Awan

An new type of war has emerged in modern times, which is called “Fifth Generation War”. Some experts say that we have moved from Fourth Generation War to Fifth Generation War. To understand the fifth generation war, one must first understand the difference between Battle and War. In battle, two military armed forces fight each other directly, while war is used in the sense of the whole nation, it includes propaganda with weapons, economy and various other tactics are also used. In the present era, the power of a country is divided into two parts namely ‘hard power’ and ‘soft power’. Hard power refers to a country’s army, war weapons and war technology; while soft power refers to lobbying, negative propaganda, proxies and economy.

The basic weapons of the fifth generation war are not planes, tanks and missiles, but media and social media. It is not fought on the ground, but on the minds.

In the first stage, not humans are targeted, but their minds. Instead of sending troops, the citizens of target country are used against their own state and military. Instead of direct attacks, proxies weaken the target state and convert its own citizens into proxies through direct and indirect support. In the first phase of this war, the target is not the military bases and installations of the target country, but to find the fault lines in the society through which an attempt is made to incite internal chaos. In this war, special attention is paid to the elements and institutions that influence the public opinion of a country.

For this purpose, mass media, radio, TV, newspaper, social media are considered as special weapons of this war and they are also the first targets. In this regard, the hideous game being played by India under the “Ajeet Dowk” Doctrine by fueling nefarious ambitions like separatism in Balochistan, linguistics in Karachi and religious terrorism in FATA areas is also a form of Fifth Generation War. In this war, the extent to which India has gone in hostility towards Pakistan can be gauged from the consciousness report broadcast by BBC on December 16, 2019, according to which India is running 265 such fake website accounts which are affecting the opinion formation of the residents of these coun-

tries and undermining the positive image of Pakistan by spreading negative, poisonous and false news and disinformation against Pakistan in 65 western countries. These organizations are well aware of the difference between creating a mountain of rye and the clear distinction between reality and perception, so it is said that a half truth is more dangerous than a whole lie.

The chaos that has been spread in the country by the head of a political party in our beloved country can be called the Fifth Generation War under the same strategy. He has taken advantage of his political reputation to target first his political opponents, then the election commission and the courts and now the army and senior officers associated with it.

During the last six months since he left power, he has not seen day or night, but on the auspicious occasions of Eid, Muharram and Eid Milad-ul-Nabi (PBUH), he continues to advertise his special goals on electronic media in general and social media in particular. In this regard, the Election Commission and other national institutions have been targeted. By using the same propaganda, he finally announced a long march to Islamabad and the way he has used the electronic and social media specifically, the government machinery and government institutions, despite

the control over them, still seem ineffective in comparison.

The long march that started from Lahore continued at a very slow pace, which would be ended at night after walking a few kilometers and then started again the next day. When the long march approached Wazirabad on November 3, a young man who appeared to be a villager allegedly opened fire on the container with a pistol, injuring 13 people including Chairman Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan and one person died. Earlier, four people lost their lives in Long March after falling under the container.

Meanwhile, former federal minister Fawad Chaudhary delivered an emotional speech and announced revenge against those who attacked Imran Khan. In the Long March, I.K has been repeatedly criticizing the Pakistan Army and agencies. At the time of writing, the FIR of this incident has not been filed because Imran Khan is determined to file a complaint against the Prime Minister, the Federal Interior Minister and the senior army official of the intelligence agency and has demanded the resignation of all of them. On the other hand, PTI own Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhary Pervez Ellahi wants to file an FIR according to the divine law. In this regard, the ISPR also had to issue a press release in which they took a clear stand in defense

of the responsible officer of the army, strongly denying the allegations leveled against the army and demanding that the government should take legal action against the baseless accusers.

Looking at historical facts, the real importance has been technology quality and negative propaganda rather than quantity. Did you not hear that the elephants of Porus crushed an army four times the size of himself instead of the enemy, if it were not for this we would have written “Great” with Porus instead of Alexander. Mir Jafar and Mir Qasim were the destroyers of Siraj-ud-Daula. To conquer any strong fort a lot of bravery, among them, one person should be able to open the gate of the fort for outsiders, for which Hakeem Ahsan Ullah Khan alone is sufficient, who is the salt-loving Bahadur Shah Zafar and the partner of General Nikson in salt-hoarding. It is a strange coincidence that from Alexander to General Nikson, no one in this land has been disappointed.

I.K can allegedly cross any limit in defaming the country’s destiny and the Pakistan Army for the sake of power, even though he is not willing to listen to or even feel the need to answer a single word about his tenure. This game of fifth generation war is being cruelly played in Pakistan to divide and weaken the army which this nation rejects.

7th Digital Census 2022

Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Monday directed Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) to send a fresh summary to the Council of Common Interest and Prime Minister Office with a fresh timeline over the 7th Digital Census 2022.

The Minister made these directions while chairing a meeting to review progress on the 7th Digital Census 2022. The meeting was attended by the Secretary Planning Commission, Chief PBS, Chairman National Database & Registration Authority NDRA and other officials.

During the meeting, the Minister was apprised about the so far progress on the Census, PBS chief informed the Minister that earlier summary was submitted after agreement with NADRA for conduct of Census w.e.f 15th October 2022 to 15th November 2022.

However, due to delay in opening of Letter of credit due to prevailing economic situation, NADRA unable to provide tablets and informed that complete 126000 tablets will be handed over in installments by December 2022 and census ERP(complete software solutions) by 15th October 2022 for testing.

Keeping in view the sensitivity of matter, PBS adjusted the training of Master trainers and Training of trainers at divisional level in month of November and December 2022.

However, as training at tehsil level for 120000 field staff and field work cannot be initiated before the complete handover of tablets therefore after all considerations and running activities in parallel, the timelines has been revised and now the field work will be conducted w.e.f 1st February 2023 to 4th March 2023 and results after conduct of post enumeration survey will be handed over to ECP by 30th April 2023 for delimitation purposes.

However, the Minister expressed concerns over the extension of the deadline and asked the PBS to urgently intimate the CCI and PM Office due to sensitivity of matter.

He also emphasized that the further delay cannot be acceptable as the next elections will be based on this Census.

The Minister also directed PBS to ensure the quality of the training at Tehsil level. He advised to include HEC and academia to monitor the training at Tehsils level as quality training is essential for credible and reliable data. He was of view the assessment should be done by independent third body.

The PBS chief further informed the Minister that so far NADRA has handed over 22,000 tables for the census which have been hardened and now ready to dispatch and the remaining will be handed over soon. He apprised test 21600 more tablets will reach PBS today and will be in hardening process soon.

It was further informed that training of Master trainers will be started from November 28 to December 10, 2022, Self-enumerator will be started from January 15 2023. The Minister directed to expedite the process and strictly adhere to the revised timelines, keeping in view the sensitivity of matter.



Faith leaders urge ‘civilization acquaintance’

Baria Alamuddin

The shocking, racist comment that “Europe is a garden ... Most of the rest of the world is a jungle, and the jungle could invade the garden” was made last month by the EU’s foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell.

At last week’s Bahrain Dialogue Forum, Al-Azhar’s Grand Imam Sheikh Ahmed Al-Tayeb — without mentioning Borrell by name — retorted that such “irresponsible” statements demonstrated “gross ignorance of the civilizations of the East and their history.” Sitting alongside him, Pope Francis added his voice, warning that “in the garden of humanity, instead of cultivating our surroundings, we are playing instead with fire, missiles and bombs.”

This is an era in which wars, intolerance, environmental destruction and religious tensions are multiplying — yet never have complacent global leaderships appeared more apathetic and disengaged. This Bahrain event offered a moment for resetting the global clock, with high-level representation from all the world’s major faiths.

The Bahrain Dialogue Forum: East and West for Human Coexistence came into being with backing from major religious organizations like the Muslim Council of Elders, the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Al-Azhar, the Catholic Church, and the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence. During the event, Al-Tayeb made a groundbreaking call for Sunni-Shiite dialogue.

King Hamad stressed the necessity of working for “the good and advancement of mankind, so that every human being may enjoy a dignified and fulfilling life in a more stable and secure world.”

Bahrain is a microcosm for this vision of tolerant coexistence. Al-Tayeb stressed that Bahrain’s history was defined by the cherishing of “diversity and accept-

ance of the other, no matter the differences in race, belief, thought or culture ... They have transformed the best aspects of these civilizations into a source of creative energy that fosters societal stability and constructive social development.” Pope Francis spoke movingly about how the islands of Bahrain served as a model of peaceful coexistence for mankind, reminding us “that we are indeed one family: not islands, but one great archipelago.”

This is a perilous era for religious coexistence. In India, the Hindu nationalist ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has unleashed a torrent of hostility and discrimination against Muslims and minorities. Not to mention the genocidal campaigns against the Uighur and Rohingya peoples.

Daesh recently exploited the unrest in Iran to stage its first attack in the country for several years, massacring worshippers at a major shrine in Shiraz. Daesh’s expansion throughout Africa has seen the burning of dozens of churches and the slaughter of thousands of Christians and Muslims.

All this demonstrates that efforts to foster religious coexistence are not merely window dressing, but rather constitute an essential element for ensuring mankind’s continued coexistence. For much of our collective history, humans have been genetically programmed to see those who are different, physically and culturally, as the enemy. This is glaringly apparent in Europe, where the fear of Black, Muslim or impoverished immigrants has long been a dominant political force. There are those who would be only too happy to see the boatloads of refugees fleeing conflict and persecution all drown in the Mediterranean Sea or the English Channel.

Borrell’s comment that the European “garden” was menaced by invaders from the world’s “jungles” exemplified these fears, while failing to recognize the irony that such intolerant dynamics are subverting the vision of a European oasis of progress, coexistence and stability that the EU seeks to propagate.

Al-Azhar’s imam called for replacing the “clash of civilizations” theory with the concept of “civilizational acquaintance” (al-ta’aruf al-hadiri), highlighting the Qur’an’s emphasis of the need for acquaintanceship and engagement between “peoples and tribes.” He warned of the dangers of “stoking the fires of nationalistic and ideological sentiments ... The cruelty of our world against humanity has grown even worse with the violation of man’s most basic rights to minimum security.”

Pope Francis warned of the “bitter consequences if we continue to accentuate conflict instead of understanding, if we persist in stubbornly imposing our own models and despotic, imperialist, nationalist and populist visions, if we are unconcerned about the culture of others, if we close our ears to the plea of ordinary people and the voice of the poor, if we continue simplistically to divide people into good and bad.”

We can never simply cast our enemies into the sea. Many religions teach how we have to learn to have love for our enemies and treat all mankind as our neighbors. If we desire as a species to survive into the 22nd century, then these are lessons we must quickly learn. I am often accused of being too idealistic, yet cherishing the hope that we do not destroy ourselves and our planet does not feel like an excessive aspiration.

The grand imam called for the rebuilding of “bridges of dialogue, understanding and trust, and to establish peace in a world full of wounds,” while the king of Bahrain urged the replacement of “disagreement with consensus” and “unity in place of division.”

Across this increasingly multipolar planet, we can either learn to amicably coexist or die in bloodshed and anarchy. As Pope Francis observed: “In a globalized world, we only advance by rowing together; if we sail alone, we go adrift.”

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How to regulate sports federations?-II

Quratulain Salman

Above all, the placement of a regulatory framework for NSFs is immediately required. Currently, a very weak reporting mechanism exists. Only audit report, and a vague form for quarterly report is required to be submitted to PSB before release of Annual Grants. For special grant, post visit report is rarely shared by NSF and that too not properly examined for provision of future funding. Even, there is no proper mechanism to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the funds provided by PSB; and generated from other resources by such organizations. The allocation of funds/ resources to NSFs should be made on merit, clearly defined and quantified criteria. The selection of athletes for training camps, international participation and other prestigious events are not carried out in an open and transparent manner. Introduction of open and transparent selection process, online reporting and performance management system and engagement of third-party evaluation can lead to achieve the desired goals for sport promotion and development in the country. Taking on board, all the key stakeholders to address the challenges of wider spectrum, would remove trust deficit and bring harmony which is essentially required for sports development.

Keeping in view the complex vertical and horizontal structures with its variety of constituents and stakeholders of the NSFs, a quick review of new Constitution and review of National Sports Policy is required before implementation. These consultations should also focus on professionalism, good governance, an effective and efficient regulatory framework, support by the government, use of modern tools of information technology & communication; infusion of fresh blood in PSB with proper allocation of funds/resources, priorities focusing athletes development. More precisely, instead of adding another regulator, the Government while realizing the complex nature and autonomy of NSFs, may introduce its own strong regulatory framework. Let us see to what extent, the present sports leadership regains the confidence of the key stakeholders, brings harmony to cope with the complex situation full of challenges or continue to maintain status quo?

Concluded
 (The writer is MS(Media & Communication). Recently started contributing articles in the newspaper.)

PM AJK stresses on recitation of Holy Quran, Darood before ceremonies, meetings

Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan has issued special instructions to the PTI office bearers urging them to make sure that every meeting starts with recitation of holy Quran and Durood Sharif.

Highlighting the importance of reciting Quran and sending Darood-o-Salam to the prophet Muhammad (SAW), the PM said, "Durood Sharif is the greatest and blessing of Allah's mercy, and a unique source that takes a person closer to Allah".

It may be recalled here that since recitation of the Holy Quran along

with Darood Shareef has been made mandatory before the commencement of the official functions in Azad Kashmir on the instructions of Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan, the recitation of Durood Shareef next to the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran before the commencement of ceremonies in all government institutions was being followed in letter and spirit all across the State. Meanwhile, the PM while issuing directives regarding the maintenance of cleanliness, implementation of hygienic rules, preventing artificial increase in essential commodities had asked the concerned authorities to ensure 100% implementation of hygiene rules at the slaughterhouses,

public hotels and restaurants saying that strict action should be taken against those who violate the hygiene rules.

"Concerned authorities should be present in the slaughter-houses and do not allow unstamped meat to be sold in markets at any cost", he said. Regarding the maintenance of cleanliness in the cities and market, and public places, he said that administration along with trade unions should ensure cleanliness.

The Prime Minister said that as per the government's instructions, implementation should be ensured by imposing a complete ban on plastic shopping bags after 45 days. "Those throwing garbage in open places should be fined and a special public awareness

campaign should be launched in this regard", he said adding that wall chalking should be stopped and encroachments should be cleared.

He said that ministers, assembly members and administrative officers should make a surprise visit to the markets and check the cleanliness there. "I will also make surprise visits to the markets to check the situation on the ground", he said.

The PM said that artificial increase in prices of food items including vegetables and fruits will not be tolerated under any circumstances. "Price control committees should work in an active manner and maximum relief should be given to the citizens", he added.

PM, President during one-on one meeting discuss issues of mutual concern

Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan called on President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry here at Kashmir House on Monday. During the meeting the duo discussed in detail the issues of mutual concern. On this occasion, President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry while referring to his recent visit to the USA termed his visit as fruitful. Expressing satisfaction over the diaspora community's role, the PM said, "Overseas Kashmiris are aggressively raising the Kashmir issue at the international level and they are more enthusiastic than before".

Citing his recent engagements with the high officials



of the OIC, the UN and US administration the president said that there was dire need to amplify efforts both at national and international level and increase diplomatic outreach to shape up world opinion in favour of Kashmir. "It is our responsibility to take effective measures at every forum to expose the

violation of human rights in Occupied Kashmir", the president said. Regarding municipal polls, the president said, "By holding local body elections in Azad Kashmir, the power will be transferred to the grassroots level which will be helpful in resolving problems of people at their door steps".

The federal government will provide security for the local elections. By holding local body elections in Azad Kashmir, the power will be transferred to the lower level and it will help to solve the small and big problems of the people. He said that the federal government will provide the requisite security for holding local elections.

On this occasion, President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry and Azad Kashmir Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan agreed to gear up efforts to establish good governance in Azad Kashmir. Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan appreciated the President for his efforts to highlight the Kashmir issue at the international level during his successful visit to the United States.

China, hails adoption by COP27 of its proposed 'loss and damage' agenda item

UNITED NATIONS: The UN Climate Summit opened in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, with an agreement to discuss "loss and damage", meaning compensating developing nations for mounting damage linked to climate change, placing the controversial topic on its agenda for the first time.

The agenda item "Matters relating to funding arrangements for loss and damage", was proposed by Pakistan, on behalf of the Group of 77 (developing countries) and China, during inter-sessional work at Bonn, Germany, in June this year.

After prolonged negotiations spread over several months, an agreement was reached at a hectic session of the conference Saturday night. Subsequently, the agenda item was adopted with consensus on Sunday at the conference's plenary, according to a report received at UN Headquarters in New York.

The accord will allow some 200 nations participating in the conference to officially debate the matter during the two-week conference.

In his remarks at the opening session, Pakistani Ambassador Munir Akram, as Chair of G77 and China, highlighted that the G77 and China were united in their demand for the establishment of a dedicated finance facility to provide new and additional financial support to developing countries for addressing 'loss and damage' associated with the adverse impacts of climate change.

The agenda item on 'loss and damage' was the only one out of eight additional items proposed by various groups, which was adopted by consensus. All the rest were dropped due to lack of consensus.

Ambassador Akram, as the Chairman of G77 and China, played a crucial role in achieving the consensus on the agenda item on 'loss and damage' compensation.

The adoption of agenda item is the first step towards the establishment of an independent finance facility to address loss and damage in developing countries caused by the impacts of climate change, diplomats said.

The adoption of agenda is also the recognition of the fact that countries, like Pakistan, which confront climate-induced disasters, should not be left to fend for themselves, dependent on the resilience of their suffering people, or the generosity or charity of friends. APP

Wuhan Consensus: An Initiative for a New Geoscience Education was released

WUHAN, CHINA: Celebrating its 70th anniversary on November 6, 2022, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) held International University Presidents' Forum, themed "Habitable Earth: Mission and Challenges for Research Intensive Universities".

Representatives from world-renowned research universities in Earth Science, principals of primary and secondary schools, and distinguished scholars from all over the world gathered in-person or online. The participants engaged in discussions on major challenges to the habitability of the Earth, and exchange of ideas on the mission, responsibilities and pathways of promoting the habitability of the Earth through education. The forum jointly released the Wuhan Consensus: An Initiative for a New Geoscience Education.

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The Consensus emphasizes that a shared future of mankind hinges on the habitability of the Earth. A shared future for mankind is determined by the habitability of the Earth. Due to the combined effects of the Earth's own evolution and anthropogenic changes, a global shortage of energy resources, environmental pollution, climate change, frequent disasters and ecological damage become increasingly serious, threatening the livability of the Earth at unprecedented rates.

Modern Earth Science has made significant progresses

and entered into the era of Earth System Science, with a focus on studying the past, present and future of a habitable Earth by looking into the deep Earth, deep sea, deep space and deep time.

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In response to the advancement of science and the call of the times, the Consensus advocates a renewed perception and definition of the role of mankind and its position and living style in the world under the multiverse outlook. The Consensus informs that all mankind

should adjust and optimize the value system, knowledge system and dissemination system of geoscience education.

To form a more diversified, comprehensive and inclusive paradigm, under which theories, technologies and methods could be generated, contributing to green and low-carbon production and life styles.

The habitability of the Earth has long been wrecked in the "Anthropocene". It is high time to initiate, facilitate and practice a brand-new geoscience education that helps to reposition humanity as one of the multitudinous participants and builders of a habitable Earth.

The Consensus calls on global universities, research institutions, primary and secondary schools, as well as all sectors of society for concerted actions to implement the new geoscience education and promote harmonious co-existence between man and nature in a timely manner. Xinhua-AsiaNet/Knowledge Bylanes.

N. Korea vows overwhelming response to US-South Korea war games



The North Korean military stated that its response to US-South Korea war drills would be resolute and overwhelming, state media reported.

The warning came after a spate of North Korean weapons tests last week including an intercontinental ballistic missile as the United States and South Korea conducted their biggest-ever air force exercise. The United States and South Korea have warned that such missile launches could culminate in a nuclear test by North Korea.

The North Korean military, formally known as the Korean People Army (KPA), said it was responding to Vigilant Storm — the US-South Korean exercise — describing it as an open provocation, according to the official. Vigilant Storm was aimed at intentionally escalating the tension in the region and a dangerous war drill of very high aggressive nature directly targeting North Korea.

North Korea will respond to all anti-DPRK war drills with sustained, resolute and overwhelming measures, it said. The United States has dismissed criticism of the exercise as North Korean propaganda, saying it posed no threat to other nations.

One ballistic missile was launched to test a special functional warhead paralyzing the operation command system of the enemy, the KPA said, without providing any further details about that weapon. The North Korean air force also conducted a large-scale all-out combat sortie operation, involving 500 planes, according to KCNA. INP

Over 75,000 Canadian Sikhs vote in Khalistan Referendum despite opposition by Modi govt



Despite vocal protests by Narendra Modi's government and fierce opposition from Canadian Hindutva groups, more than 75,000 Canadian Sikhs voted in Khalistan Referendum Phase II in Mississauga in a massive turnout for the secession of the state of Punjab from India to create an independent homeland for Sikhs. The voting opened at 9am under the supervision of the Punjab Referendum Commission (PRC), but the Sikh men and women from Greater Toronto Area (GTA) had lined up since 6am to cast their votes at the Paul Coffee Arena, Mississauga, a Canadian government owned and operated facility.

The November 6 Khalistan Referendum voting drew a counter-protest by a handful of Canadian Hindus who carried Hindutva symbols and were sloganeering that they will make India a "Hindu Country" under Modi's leadership. Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) General Counsel stated that "today Canadian democracy won and Modi's fascism lost because Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Government stood with the Sikhs' right to freedom of expression in the face of immense pressure from all Indian quarters".

The New York based lawyer said: "After 110,000 votes on September 18 voting, 75,000 plus Canadian Sikhs once again proved their resolve to liberate Punjab from Indian occupation to create Khalistan in line with aspirations of thousands of Sikh martyrs who have laid down their lives for the cause."

The second phase of the Khalistan Referendum was announced by SFJ after over 110,000 Canadian Sikhs participated in the first phase of the Khalistan Referendum on September 18, 2022, and several thousand were unable to cast their votes due to a huge turnout and closure of the voting process at 5pm. The Khalistan advocacy group Sikhs for Justice, which is spearheading the Khalistan Referendum campaign aimed at garnering support at the international level for the separation of Punjab from India and declaring it a separate homeland for Sikhs, had started preparations for the second phase of the referendum soon after the September 18 voting.

In the wake of the September 18 voting, India and Canada have been at war. The government of Justin Trudeau issued the travel advisory exactly four days after India issued an aggressive advisory on September 23 for its students either living in Canada or planning to travel to Canada, telling them that Canada had become a hub of Khalistan supporters and anti-India activities.

India's External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India had raised with Canada serious concerns on the Khalistan Referendum voting on September 18 in Brampton. India's External Affairs Ministry said that India had deeply objected that "politically motivated exercises by extremist elements" are allowed to take place in a friendly country like Canada. India became agitated after Canada told India that any peaceful and legitimate activity by Canadian Sikhs will not be stopped and the Canadian government will not get involved. Credit: Independent News Pakistan-INP

Several Ukrainian regions issue air raid warnings: Ministry

MOSCOW: Air raid sirens sounded in several Ukrainian regions early on Monday morning, according to air raid data from the country's Ministry of Digital Transformation.

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Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
42,047.36	41,856.31
Day's High	Day's Low:
42,207.42	41,856.31
Index Value	Change
3,132,819,313	+191.05
Percentage	Time
+ 0.46%	7 Nov, 2022 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,300.73	-34.20
Percentage	Time
-0.46%	7 Nov, 4:17 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
32,616.92	+213.70
Percentage	Time
+0.66%	7 Nov, 11:18 am GMT-5

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,527.64	+327.90
Percentage	Time
+1.21%	7 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	143.34	144.59
Bahrain Dinar	590.22	594.72
Canadian Dollar	164.64	165.99
Euro	233	233.25
Hong Kong Dollar	28.27	28.62
Indian Rupee	2.71	2.79
Japanese Yen	1.53	1.58
Kuwaiti Dinar	714.26	719.26
Malaysian Ringgit	46.74	47.19
New Zealand \$	131.55	132.75
Norwegians Krone	21.66	21.96
Omani Riyal	576.72	581.22
Qatari Riyal	60.97	61.47
Saudi Riyal	62.9	63.5
Singapore Dollar	158.11	159.41
Swedish Korona	20.31	20.61
Swiss Franc	222.36	224.11
Thai Bhat	5.95	6.05
U.A.E Dirham	65.2	65.8
UK Pound Sterling	266.5	269
US Dollar	225.5	227.75

Huge Opportunity for Pharmaceutical products in EU Market: European Union Envoy

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A Parliamentary delegation of the European Union visited FPCCI Capital Office in Islamabad. The delegation comprises MEP Hervé Juvin, Identity & Democracy Group (France), Member of the Committee of International Trade (INTA) and Subcommittee on Security and Defence, MEP Ms. Virginie Joron, Member of the Committee on the Internal Market, Consumer Protection and Committee on Legal Affairs MEP Mr. Mick Wallace, Left Group (Ireland), Member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Subcommittee on Security and Defence, MEP Ms. Clare Daly, Left Group (Ireland), Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Vice Chair-Delegation for relations with Afghanistan and Ms. Roxana Cristea.

Pakistan is gold but unfortunately, the victim of propaganda stated by Mr. Hervé Juvin, leader of the EU Parliamentary delegation. He said the GSP Plus scheme of the European Union for Pakistan will be ended this year while they have started favorable working on the further renewal of the scheme from January 2023 with diversification of potential sectors of Pakistan's economy.

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) said that EU - Pakistan relations have a strategic aspect that covers all the relevant areas including counter terrorism, trade, climate change and GSP Plus Scheme.



He further said that GSP Plus status holds significant importance for Pakistan's economy as it has played a vital role in the expansion of multilateral trade. He quoted the statistics and informed that in 2021 Pakistan's total volume of trade with the EU was US\$ 13.289 billion out of which our exports were US\$ 7.63 billion which is 29.4% of our total exports and our trade balance with the EU is positive. However, the existing GSP Plus scheme is confined to the textile sector but it should be enhanced to other sectors also, he added.

He highlighted various potential sectors including pharmaceutical, surgical, sports goods, agricultural sector, minerals and mines, and gems stone and said that Pakistan needs foreign investments under joint ventures in these sectors. He also highlighted the potential in the tourism sector of Pakistan and invited investors for investment. He further said that Pakistan is a gateway to the central and

south Asian market, CPEC is very important for Pakistan and Gwadar is a gold mine of our country. He told that CPEC has special economic zones and we invite European investors to take benefit from this profitable investment in Pakistan.

The President of FPCCI further said that Pakistan has 51% women population and we are working on it to convert them into a real working force for the development of our country. The FPCCI supports businesspersons and in this regard 24 women's Chambers of Commerce and Industry in different parts of the country under its umbrella.

During the meeting, it was told that the EU member states are importing 90% of the pharmaceutical products from India and on the recommendation of the committee; we have to diversify our suppliers. It would be a good opportunity for Pakistan's Pharmaceutical sector to explore the EU market. Pres-

ident FPCCI ensured the delegation that in this regard he will lead a business delegation of Pharmaceutical companies to EU Countries very soon to tap this business opportunity.

The meeting was also attended by President Rawalpindi Chamber Mr. Saqib Rafique, Sohail Altaf, former President RCCE and Mr. Hamza Sarosh, Senior Vice President at FPCCI Capital Office, Islamabad.

The business leader of Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and former Vice President of FPCCI Sohail Altaf said that Pakistan also has good human resources and there is 70% youth population with excellent English conversant. During the Covid pandemic, Pakistan adopted good governance, controlled, and managed it very well which was appreciated by the whole world. He further said that during this pandemic era, the government had given various concessions to the Construction sector that links almost 40 other sectors but now all such concessions has been withdrawn due to the IMF program.

The President of FPCCI expressed his gratitude and said that we are grateful to European Union that they have approached us for the enhancement of trade even though Pakistan is in a difficult situation due to the recent flood. In this tough time, the effect of the enhancement in trade with EU member states with their support will leave trickle down to the flood victims. The leader of the EU Parliamentary delegation thanked the President for a warm welcome and said that international trade is essential for every country.

Army has dismissed allegations as baseless: Mian Zahid Hussain

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Monday said the attack on PTI chief and former Prime Minister Imran Khan has widened the political divide in the country. Political disturbance has increased in the country due to this incident while Imran Khan's demand for the resignation of the Prime Minister, Interior Minister, and a top intelligence officer has added to the unprecedented uncertainty, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that in response to the accusations, the army has dismissed the allegations as baseless and demanded an investigation into allegations against the ISI that would weaken the country.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the political temperature in the country had already risen to an alarming level and the murderous attack has taken it to new heights,



which has greatly increased the concern of the people and the business community.

The impact of the limping economy has accelerated which is not in the national interest. He said that even before the investigation of the incident, the flurry of accusations and conspiracy theories have made the situation complicated.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the political situation is damaging the country's economy. Despite loans from IMF, friendly

countries, and other international institutions, the situation is not improving.

The current account deficit needs to be bridged and billions of dollars are needed to service debts and obligations which will be a challenge to manage, he added.

He noted that floods have caused at least \$30 billion in damage, foreign exchange reserves can barely cover six weeks of imports, and the country's ranking is falling, while the war in Russia and Ukraine has triggered oil and commodity prices.

The prices of many items, including food, are also skyrocketing. The burden of political and economic instability is also being borne by the local currency, whose value is not getting stable any time soon.

It is self-deluding to have any hope from investors in these circumstances because the business community believes that things will not improve but only get worse.

He said that external loans are a temporary solution, Pakistan's economic problems will not be fixed without far-reaching reforms, while political tensions and accusations against the establishment are only benefiting Pakistan's enemies.



Murtaza Ali, Head of JazzCash and Habib-ur-Rahman, Chief Executive Officer at Sarmaya have partnered to bring Sarmaya's active customers to the JazzCash platform.

Descon Oxychem Limited's production increased by 23.57%

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Descon Oxychem Limited (PSX: DOL), the leading manufacturer and exporter of hydrogen-peroxide (H₂O₂) and allied products, witnessed a 23.57% increase in production as per the company's financial-year 2022 (FY22) results.

The company has delivered exceptional business performance despite challenges posed by increase in energy costs and global supply chain disruption. Due to the improved production, increased exports and surge in H₂O₂ prices in the domestic and international market, DOL witnessed a 52% year-on-year (YoY) increase in revenue (PKR 4.2 Bn) and profit after tax of PKR 471 Mn, a 69% YoY growth. To keep up with growing H₂O₂ demand, the company achieved record production of 40,550 MeL.

"We are very pleased with our yearly results which proved to be one the strongest in the

company's history. Our outlook continues to look promising for the coming months with increased margins, and positive cash flows. We implemented an effective strategy to mitigate the adverse geo-political/Economic impacts through improved price-management, better product-placement, enhanced exports and timely expansion. This performance showcases that the company's resolve to continue to strengthen its position as a regional market-leader," said Chief Executive Officer of DOL, Mohsin Zia.

DOL was established in the year 2004 and over the decades it has achieved sustainable growth. Going forward the company plan to penetrate into new segments enhancing margins and hedging against slow demand in future. In addition to this the company also plans to strengthen its presence into export market therefore creating value for the shareholders and earning precious foreign exchange for the country.

PIAF warns of high inflation on proposed mini-budget

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) has opposed the imposition of more taxes, as the government is finalizing the mini-budget of Rs100 billion, planning to imposing more taxes on imports, besides slapping 17% sales tax on high-grade petrol to cover the expected shortfall of tax collection. The PIAF chairman

Faheem ur Rehman Sigol said that the regular attempt of economic managers to impose new taxes and increasing oil prices along with the hike in power and gas tariffs will ultimately harm the government's overall move of reducing the production cost for the businesses. Recently, the IMF also

asked Pakistan to impose new taxes of Rs600 billion to achieve the tax-to-GDP ratio target of 9.5%.

Possible shortfall in the coming months may expose the government to more pressure from the IMF. Faheem ur-Rehman Sigol said that slapping additional taxes on industrial raw material and essential items would lead to further hike in inflation which is already in double-digit. Tax authorities have recently shared options with the government to bridge the shortfall by imposing taxes on duty-free imports and raising the additional customs duty to collect roughly Rs60 billion in taxes. They also include a reduction in the regulatory duty to allow imports aimed at

compensating for the revenue loss.

He added the additional customs duty is other than the standard customs duty that is imposed to raise more taxes. He said that the proposal of imposing 17% sales tax on high octane blending component (HOBC) was at an advanced stage, aimed at collecting Rs6 billion in the remaining period of current fiscal year. The government is already charging a tax of Rs50 per litre on HOBC and motor spirit (petrol). The cost of HOBC (97 octane) is higher by Rs45 per litre than the 92-octane petrol. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has asked Pakistan to impose 17% sales tax on petroleum products in addition to the Rs50-per-litre levy.

2nd International Hydropower Conference to be held in Islamabad in Dec

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The second International Hydropower Conference will be organized in Islamabad in December with an aim to recommend the best doable strategy to the government to ensure maximum utilization of water resources in the country for clean power generation.

The Energy Update is organizing the daylong event at a hotel in the federal capital to gather at once place all the concerned stakeholders relevant to the scenario of hydropower generation in Pakistan. The theme of this year's conference "Sustainable dams and drains in mitigating climate change" has been specially chosen in the context of the recent devastating flood emergency in Pakistan.

The Energy Update has partnered

with the International Hydropower Association, Water and Power Development Authority and Private Power Infrastructure Board to organize the conference that is likely to be attended by over 250 leading national and international experts on hydro resources.

The conference will be attended by representatives of the power sector regulator, government authorities, private sector, local banks, international donor agencies, energy companies, and prospective foreign investors that are keen to invest in hydroelectricity to help Pakistan decrease its reliance on fossil fuels for power generation.

Former Prime Minister, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, recently performed soft launching of the 2nd International Hydropower Conference at an event at Islamabad Club and praised



the efforts of Energy Update to regularly organize conferences on different aspects of the power sector.

On This occasion Chairman NEPRA Tauseef H. Farooqi, Manag-

ing Director PPIB Shah Jehan Mirza, Director General Hydro PPIB Dr. Munawwar Iqbal, Karot Power's Advisor NA Zuberi, Koak Power CEO Sultan Ahmed and others also

attended the event.

Naeem Qureshi, Chairman of the organizing committee of the conference, hoped that the recommendations of the conference would go a long way to suggest a clear way forward for expanding hydroelectricity resources in the country for greater clean electricity production.

He said that maximum utilization of the hydro resources was key to furthering the government energy sector policy, which stood for electricity generation based on renewable and indigenous power sources while minimizing the use of fossil fuels for energy production.

Qureshi said the development regime under the aegis of the CPEC also provided an excellent opportunity to attract local and foreign investment in the hydroelectricity sector.

SECP introduces Sample Memorandums of Association for NBFCs

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) to further simplify the incorporation of Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), has introduced specimens/samples of memorandum of associations (MOAs) of different NBFC sectors.

The sample MOAs are available at the SECP's website, and can be used for incorporation of NBFC. The MOAs specimen includes, Private Fund Management, REIT Management, Asset Management, Pension Fund Management, Micro Financing, Discounting Services, Housing Finance, Leasing, Investment advisory, Investment Finance and Securities Adviser/Futures Adviser.

New energy vehicles can be new directions that Pak companies can look to: Report

KARACHI: Pakistan is tackling challenges brought by climate change, and its automobile industry is also facing supply chain problems. New energy vehicles and smart vehicles can be the new directions that Pakistani companies can look to, this was noted at the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Smart Mobility Forum held within the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai by UNIDO ITP NETWORK and CIIE bureau, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro on Monday. The forum was under the theme of "Smart mobility: reshape the future." "The automotive sector is one of the world's most interconnected markets, whose supply chains involve many companies spread across the globe. The pandemic hit the automotive supply chain disruptions especially hard. But the industry survives and is changing for the better" addressed Gerd Muller, director general of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, on the forum.

Dravid to consider changes to India side for England semi-final

ISLAMABAD: India coach Rahul Dravid admits he will consider making changes to his XI for the upcoming cut-throat semi-final against England at the ICC Men T20 World Cup. Dravid's charges booked their place in the final four of this year's tournament on a dramatic final day of the Super 12 stage on Sunday, with their comfortable 71-run triumph over Zimbabwe ensuring they finished on top of their group and progressed to a semi-final clash with England. India will travel to Adelaide to play Jos Buttler side on Thursday and Dravid said he will choose an XI for that match that he believes will suit the conditions.

That could mean a first appearance at the tournament for experienced leggie Yuzvendra Chahal, with the Adelaide Oval pitch generally one that suits the slower bowlers. Experienced wicket-keeper Dinesh Karthik could also earn a recall to replace Rishabh Pant, with Dravid revealing he won't make a



call on his final XI until he has seen the pitch presented in Adelaide.

I think we have a completely open mind about everyone in our 15, Dravid said. We believe anybody who comes into the 15 will not potentially make us weaker, the kind of squad we've picked. Again, we'll have to go there and see. I watched some of the games (in

Adelaide) today and I know the tracks were slow and they gripped and they turned a bit. We might be playing on a completely new strip in Adelaide, and the strip we played with against Bangladesh, to be honest, did not spin. It was, again, a different kind of wicket, and it was played at Adelaide, as well. I think I can't sit here now just after a game and

predict what's going to happen there. Well, we have a couple of days; we'll go and have a look at that wicket and see what we think it might do.

Of course, if it's slow well play accordingly to those situations. If we think it might play differently, and then we'll have to put up a squad to match that. INP

New Zealand won't underestimate Pakistan, says Tim Southee

ISLAMABAD: Bowler Tim Southee said New Zealand will not underestimate Pakistan in the Twenty20 World Cup semifinals despite the latter's struggles to make it through the group phase. Pakistan looked set to exit the competition until the Netherlands pulled off a surprise 13-run win over South Africa on Sunday that meant victory over Bangladesh later in the day took Babar Azam and his team into the knockout rounds.

When you get to the top four every side has a chance, said Southee. We've played a lot against Pakistan in recent times and we know they're a dangerous side. Credit to them, they probably turned up thinking they didn't have much of a chance but they put on another good performance and they'll be a massive threat come the semi-final. New Zealand started their campaign with a massive 89-run win against defending champions Australia and followed it up with a six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka, with a washed out game against Afghanistan in between.



A win over Pakistan in Sydney would take New Zealand to a final against either England or India in Melbourne but Southee said the Black Caps, who lost to Australia in last year's final, were taking it one game at a time. There's still a lot of cricket to be played until we get to that stage, he said. Pakistan are a quality side and we're going to have to be on top of our game to get past them on Wednesday.

Semi-final cricket is exciting, it's what you turn up for, to be here in these last couple of games. Hopefully we can continue the way that we've been playing and have another good performance in the semi. One of the consistencies of the side is the way we approach things; it's pretty

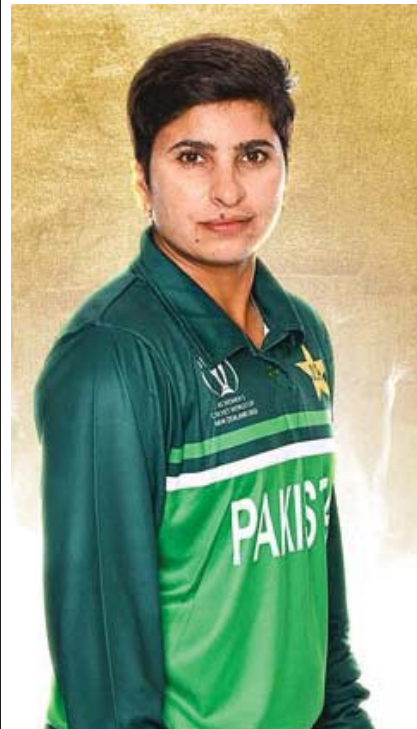
much the same, no matter what game it is.

That something to come back to and that something were very good at. New Zealand Captain Kane Williamson is banking on experience to power New Zealand into a second successive Twenty20 World Cup final as they chase glory at last. The Black Caps have long been a force in white-ball cricket but they have failed to turn that into world titles despite coming agonisingly close in recent years, including falling at the final hurdle to Australia last year. It was their best showing in a T20 World Cup and followed hard on the heels of final defeats in the 50-over World Cup in both 2015 and 2019. Williamson is confident the

silverware drought can end this year.

The team played some good cricket. As long as the team keeps looking to improve and build on some of these performances, hopefully we see ourselves in the next phase, he said. Teams—you need a bat, you need a ball and the guys have been operating well adjusting to the surfaces really well, which I think is always very important in tournament cricket, said the skipper. They've been outstanding that the experience that in the camp. Every team you come up against has different strengths and you play at different grounds, and you're having to really think on your feet and adjust your plans. But they've all done it for a long time. INP

Nida Dar awarded ICC Player of the Month for October



LAHORE: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for October 2022. Pakistan all-rounder Nida Dar has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October 2022 after some terrific performances during the Women's Asia Cup. Indian star Virat Kohli claims the ICC Men's Player of the Month following a series of star performances as India charged their way to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup semi-finals.

Both Kohli and Dar were elected winners following a global vote conducted among media representatives, ICC Hall of Famers, former international players, and fans registered at icc-cricket.com.

Nida Dar taking to Twitter wrote, "Alhamdulillah I want to dedicate this award to my family especially my father who always backed me up who's relentless backing help me to make it possible."

Kohli celebrates his first Player of the Month prize after registering 205 runs with the bat, and showcasing the full array of his batting talent throughout October. As well as scoring a brilliant half-century against Netherlands in Sydney, he produced unforgettable innings in the stunning victory over Pakistan in front of a capacity crowd in Melbourne to kick off their Super 12 campaign in the Men's T20 World Cup.

At one stage 31 for four, Kohli asserted his dominance on the opposition bowlers in a memorable display of controlled aggression, eventually guiding his side to chase down the 160 target on the final ball, thanks to his unbeaten 82 from 53 balls. — Web Desk

U19 Four-Day: Sharear Sakib's century helps Bangladesh to draw match with Pakistan

Bureau Staff

LAHORE: "Sharear Sakib's century and half-centuries by Mohammad Shihab James and Jishan Alam helped Bangladesh U19 to play out a drawn game against Pakistan U19 in the solitary four-day fixture at the Multan Cricket Stadium in Multan on Monday.

Pakistan and Bangladesh will now feature in three 45-over matches and two T20s from 10 to 18 November at the same venue.

Resuming their second innings at the overnight

score of 60 for one, in pursuit of 411-run target, Bangladesh managed to score 357 for six in 92 overs when stumps were drawn. Sharear Sakib and Jishan Alam added 166 runs for the third wicket to give their side a chance down the mammoth target. Jishan was the first to return to the hut, scoring 81 off 97 balls, which included nine fours and three sixes.

Century maker Sharear was joined by Mohammad Shihab James and the pair knitted 53 runs for the fourth wicket. Sharear top-scored for his side, scoring 134 off

202 balls, smashing 21 fours. Shihab returned undefeated on a 130-ball 85, striking 11 fours and one six.

For Pakistan, Mohammad Ibtisam and Mohammad Ismail bagged two wickets apiece.

Scores in brief: Match drawn between Pakistan U19 and Bangladesh U19 at the Multan Cricket Stadium.

Pakistan U19 224 all out, 68 overs (Mohammad Zulfikar 43, Ali Asfand 41 not out; Rohanat Doullah Borson 3-42, Jishan Alam 2-3, Maruf Mridha 2-29) and 347 all out, 79.1 overs (Saad

Baig 119, Wahaj Riaz 117, Haseeb Nazim 53; Mohammad Shihab James 4-24, Rohanat Doullah Borson 2-61, Mahfuzur Rahman Rabby 2-81)

Bangladesh U19 161 all out, 56 overs (Chowdhury Mohammad Rizwan 40, Rohanat Doullah Borson 23 not out; Abdul Basit 3-18, Aftab Ibrahim 2-31, Mohammad Ibtisam 2-32, Ali Asfand 2-39) and 357-6, 92 overs (Sharear Sakib 134, Mohammad Shihab James 85 not out; Mohammad Ibtisam 2-66, Mohammad Ismail 2-83)

The seventh round of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy

Sindh bag third win as they rolled over Southern Punjab by 202 runs

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The seventh round of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy saw Sindh bag their third win of the season as they rolled over Southern Punjab by 202 runs. Sindh's previous two victories have been achieved by a 10-wicket margin.

The last round's win has further consolidated Sindh's position in the points table. They currently sit at the second spot and are just seven points away from top-ranked Northern. With only three more league matches remaining, Sindh, now have a solid chance of securing a berth in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy final for the first time since the revamp of the domestic structure ahead of the 2019-20 season.

Captained by Saud Shakeel, Sindh play Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

who continue to have a poor season after winning the last two titles and languish as the bottom-ranked side with four losses in seven matches, at the Pindi Cricket Stadium in the eighth round, which commences tomorrow.

Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa faced off in the fourth round with the former recording their first win of the season and that is when their campaign kicked off. Sindh will be eager to ensure that the result of their second meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is the same as the first one.

The Pakistan Cricket Board's YouTube channel will live stream the contest produced through High-Definition cameras.

In the other two matches of the round, Northern play Central

Punjab at the LCCA Ground in Lahore and Southern Punjab travel up north to face off Balochistan at the beautiful Abbottabad Cricket Stadium.

Northern are the only other team this season to have bagged three wins. Their last two matches have ended in draws and if recent history is any indicator, their upcoming match promises to end with the two sides sharing points as Central Punjab's all seven matches have been draws.

Southern Punjab are ranked fifth in the points table as their seven matches have produced two defeats and five draws. They are up against Balochistan, who have won and lost two each. While Southern Punjab suffered a defeat in their most recent match and their previous two matches ended as draws,



Balochistan have had a mixed bag of results – a draw in the most recent, a win in the second last, and a defeat in the match before. Top performers: Abdul-Shafiq of Central Punjab regained the title of the leading run-scorer of the season during his first-innings 99 against Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa at the LCCA Ground. He now has 636 runs at 70.67.

Balochistan captain Asad Shafiq, after scoring a century, follows him on the chart with 604 runs at 54.91. These two are the only players with more than 600 runs in the competition.

I will dedicate my all time for work with FIH members: President FIH Tayyab



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LAHORE: The Newly elected international hockey federation President Tayyab Ikram said that to elect the FIH president is big honour for me and for Pakistan. He said that being a first Pakistan to elect the President of FIH I will properly work on development in smellers and bigger country in the field of hockey he said that I will dedicate my all time for work with FIH members for the progress of hockey development. Tayyab Ikram said that this was tough competition with Belgium Mark Colon in voting however god has given me the opportunity as a successful candidate i FIH election and inshallah i will fully focus on my work. He thanked to International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, POA President Syed Arif Hussain, General Secretary Khalid Mehmood, and PHF President Khalid Sajjad Khokhar and Secretary Haider Hussain to congratulate on my success.

The Pakistan beat Egypt by 4-1 in the Azlan Shah hockey cup

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AIBU (MALAYSIA): The Pakistan beat Egypt by 4-1 in the Azlan Shah hockey cup playing at Aibu (Malaysia) From Pakistan Abdul Waheed Scored first goal through plenty corner while the 2nd goal scored by Muhammad Safyan in 26th minutes and Arshad Liaqat, 3rd goal scored in 39th minutes, while 4th goal scored in 44th minutes through Muhammad Safyaan who scored his 2nd goal in this match while from Egypt only goal scored by Muhammad Raghib in 50th minutes. Pakistan will play the third and fourth position match on 9th November at 5.15 pm. There are six teams are taking part in Azlan Shah Cup which include host Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan, Korea, South Africa, and Egypt.

Bismah, Sidra shine taking Pakistan to victory against Ireland in ODI series



LAHORE: Pakistan women's cricket team Sunday won the second ODI against Ireland, as skipper Bismah Maroof and Sidra Amin shined at the Gaddafi Cricket Stadium.

In this one-sided clash, Pakistan has managed to clinch the three-match series which will now take the Girls in Green to the second spot in the ICC Women's Championship 2022-25 surpassing South Africa in the race.

Ireland opted to bat first in the match and were bowled out for 194 runs. Meanwhile, Pakistan's batter chased the target in 32.4 overs with Sidra and Bismah's batting class on display.

Openers Muneeba Ali and Sidra set the foundation strong with 59 runs in the 195-run victory chase. Muneeba scored 27 for 33 balls after hitting two fours for the team. In the 12th over, she was bowled out by Irish all-rounder Eimear Richardson. Sidra was joined at the crease by captain Bismah, and neither batter ever gave Ireland's bowlers a chance to settle in as they hit boundaries at will. Sidra, who struck a perfect 176 in the previous game, returned unbeaten on 91 from 93 balls, including 12 fours. In 70 balls, Bismah scored 69 runs, including 10 fours.

For the second wicket, Bismah and Sidra put up an unbroken 136-run partnership, bringing the team home in the 33rd over. Earlier, Pakistan's bowling line-up led by Ghulam Fatima and Nashra Sandhu toppled the visitor's batting order, bowling them out for 194 runs in 47.2 overs.

Leah Paul was dismissed for no score by pacer Fatima Sana on the second ball of the game. Aliya Riaz's excellent fielding allowed Gaby Lewis to be the next to depart for the pavilion after the visitors were reduced to 27 for 2 in 6.1 overs by a direct hit.

Southern Punjab's Usman Salahuddin and Central Punjab's Azhar Ali are locked at the third spot with 598 runs each. While Usman averages 54.36, experienced Test cricketer Azhar has the best average amongst the top 10 run-getters as he scores an impressive 85.43 runs per dismissal.

Abrar Ahmed (of course, who else?) leads the table of the bowlers with most wickets this season. The Sindh mystery spinner has accumulated 40 wickets in just five matches. He recorded his best figures of the season in the last match (six for 61) and now has five five-wicket hauls.

Mohammad Ali of Central Punjab follows with 24 wickets at 25.54, while Abrar's teammate Muhammad Umar is on the third spot with 23 scalps at an average

of 27.39. Cricket Associations Championship 2022-23: Balochistan's match against Southern Punjab will be staged at Quetta's Bugti Stadium while the Northern v Central Punjab and Sindh v Khyber Pakhtunkhwa contests will be held at the NBP Sports Complex and UBL Sports Complex stadiums in Karachi respectively in the eighth round of the four-day non first-class Cricket Associations Championship.

Central Punjab sit comfortably at the top of the table with 133 points, 40 points clear of second-placed Southern Punjab, having claimed five wins out of seven games. Sindh are third with three wins and 91 points whereas Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are just behind on 86 points.