



**PM highlights Green Pakistan Project's features: Marrayum**

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marrayum Aurangzeb Tuesday said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had addressed the COP27 high-level segment of Saudi Green Initiative and highlighted salient features of Green Pakistan Project which championed journey towards green future. She, in a tweet, said the prime minister also underscored urgency to curb escalating pollution by utilizing modern technology.



**UNICEF working with climate activists to spotlight impact of climate crisis**

Director of the Division of Global Communication and Advocacy, UNICEF, Paloma Escudero on Tuesday said that agency is working with youth climate activists from around the world to spotlight the impact of the climate crisis on the poorest children. According to a UNICEF analysis report released, around 27.7 million children in 27 countries have been impacted by flooding so far this year.

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**Flood-hit Pakistan**

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif gives National Statement at Sharm El-Sheikh Implementation Summit - 27th Conference of the Parties on Tuesday.



Photo: PID

**PM sensitizes world on plight of struggling flood-hit Pakistan as financing gap widens**

SHARM EL SHEIKH: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday sensitizing the international community on the plight of flood-hit Pakistan, said the country needed additional funding, not debts, to rebuild a resilient and adaptive infrastructure as the financing gap was widening by the day.

"We have to fight and rebuild a resilient and adaptive infrastructure which can only be done through additional funding, not loans and debt... But the gap is widening by the day. It is the duty of the global north to understand our plight," the prime minister said in his National Statement at the COP27 summit held here.

He told the international gathering that climate change-induced catastrophic flooding in Pakistan had impacted 33 million people - the size of three European countries - with more than half being women and children.

He said that the floods had destroyed over 8000 kilometers of highways, damaged more than 3000 kilometers of railway tracks and washed away crops over four million acres.

The Post-Disaster Needs Assessment estimates over US\$ 30 billion in loss and damage, he added.

He said Pakistan suffered the manmade disaster despite less than one percent contribution to the carbon footprint.

He told the gathering that the flood-hit Pakistan had to import wheat, palm oil, and "very expensive" oil and gas spending around \$32 billion dollars.

He said the country had also redirected its resources to meet the basic needs of the millions of flood-affected households.

He said Pakistan was spending billions of dollars from its own resources to provide shelter, homes, medical aid, and food package to millions of people.

"How one can expect us to carry out this gigantic task on our own?" he questioned and thanked the international community for extending support to Pakistan for the relief of the flood survivors.

Highlighting Pakistan's priorities, the prime minister emphasized prioritizing the Global Goal on Adaptation both in terms of financing and timelines. The current financing gap is too high to sustain any real recovery needs of those on the frontlines of climate catastrophe, he added.

Secondly, he said the Loss and Damage needed to be part of the core agenda of COP 27 to meet the pressing humanitarian needs of those who were trapped in a crisis of public financing fueled by debt and yet have to fund climate disasters on their own.

Thirdly, Prime Minister Shehbaz called for clearly defining climate finance as new, additional and sustained resources

with a transparent mechanism to meet the needs of developing and vulnerable countries with the required speed and scale.

"We have been talking for years. But have failed to even agree on the basics. Pledges made at the Copenhagen COP 15 in 2009 for mobilizing USD 100 billion per annum by 2020 have still not been realized. They need to be enhanced given the increased frequency and intensity of climate extreme events," he urged.

Moreover, the prime minister also called for the creation of a Global Climate Risk Index of all parties of the UNFCCC where the projects from the most vulnerable countries must get prioritized and speedy approvals for climate finance.

Besides, he said the mitigation ambition needed to be revived in a clear burden-share formula.

He said Pakistan's 2030 ambition in the NDCs were already

higher than many countries and that the country was heading towards a Net Zero plan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said the COP27 summit rang an alarm bell for humanity as it was the only platform where the vulnerable countries took their case to the rich and the resourced, to build a common purpose for justice, carbon neutrality and a roadmap to crucial policy resets.

He said the bargain between the North and the South would not work unless there was a transformational shift in the flow of capacities, finances and technology that reversed the pyramid of climate capital. Agencies

He said the COP might have a real chance to find common ground toward achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

"It is now or never. For us there is indeed no Planet B," he concluded.

**Entire nation should brace itself to counter climate change effects: President**



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday said that Pakistan despite contributing less than 1% to global warming was amongst the top ten most affected countries by climate change and global warming.

He said that by 2050 Pakistan would become one of the most vulnerable countries to face the brunt of climate change.

The President called upon the entire nation and relevant organizations to brace themselves with the help of international community to minimize the negative impacts of climate change.

He expressed these views while addressing the 'Pakistan-International and National Donors Conference' for Relief and Rehabilitation, organized by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in Islamabad.

The Conference was attended by Minister for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Abdul Qadir Patel, Chairman PRCS, Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, representatives of international and national organizations, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), diplomats and others, a press release issued by the President's Media Wing here said.

While highlighting the importance of first-aid training, the President urged the Pakistan Red Crescent Society and other such organizations to launch comprehensive training and skill-imparting programs to train the youth in first-aid techniques and expertise with the aim to provide immediate relief to the affected population during man-made or natural calamities. APP

**PM confident of Saudi crown prince's upcoming Pakistan visit**



SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in a meeting with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud on Tuesday, expressed confidence that the Saudi leader's upcoming visit to Pakistan would promote bilateral cooperation.

"Looking forward to the upcoming visit of the Crown Prince to Pakistan, the prime minister said that he was confident that this visit would promote bilateral cooperation in all areas of mutual interest," the PM Office said in a statement following the meeting.

The meeting held on the side-

lines of the Conference of Parties (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh reviewed the bilateral relations with a view to further enhance the ongoing cooperation in various fields.

"Both sides expressed determination to further strengthen the multilateral partnership between the two brotherly countries," the statement added. During the meeting, the two leaders also discussed regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reiterated that Pakistan attached great importance to its ties with Saudi Arabia, which were deeply rooted in common faith, culture, values and an eternal tradition of mutual support.

The prime minister also appreciated the hospitality and cooperation of Saudi Arabia for the two million Pakistanis working in the Kingdom, which contributed to the development and prosperity of the two brotherly countries.

**No holiday in SC on Nov 9**



ISLAMABAD: It is informed to all concerned that the Supreme Court of Pakistan will remain open on 9th November, 2022 (Wednesday) due to the fixation of some important part-heard cases.

All the Benches will function normally as per the cause list.

**Argentinian investors invited to exploit CPEC incentives**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar has asked the Argentinian business community to take advantage of the incentives offered by the Pakistan government in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The minister who is currently visiting Argentina visited Chamber of Commerce-Asia Pacific in Buenos Aires, Argentina, said a message received here on Tuesday.

The Minister invited the Chamber to send a business delegation to Pakistan to explore business opportunities in Pakistan and to meet with the relevant stakeholders.

He urged the Chamber and Argentine businessmen to avail the excellent opportunities of trade and investment which Pakistan offers.

The Minister was warmly welcomed at the Chamber by Dr. Luciano Ojea Quintana, the Vice President of the Chamber.

Martin Lococo, the Chief Executive Officer and Laura Miani, the Institutional Relations Officer in the



Chamber also attended the meeting.

The Vice President expressed his deep appreciation for the visit and gave a brief overview of the Chamber and its contribution for promotion of trade and economic relations between Argentina and the nations of Asia and Pacific.

He explained the objectives as to foster commercial exchange and relationships between local businesses and the countries of Asia-Pacific - a region that has become the major market for Argentine products - and to bridge the cultur-

**Nepra hikes power tariff for K-Electric consumers**

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved another hike in electricity tariff by Rs0.51 per unit on account of uniform tariff across the country.

The federal government had asked the Nepra to notify 51 paisa per unit additional charge from all KE's consumers with effect from November to January 2023.

"Such adjustment shall be applicable on the consumption of September to November of 2022 to be recovered from consumers in November, December and January 2023", the Power Division earlier told Nepra. "Total per unit quarterly adjustment has been assessed Rs. 3.55, while Rs0.51 per unit passed on consumers, while Rs 3.04 subsidy will be paid from the state exchequer," Nepra stated.

**Islamabad Police obtain arrest warrants for PTI leaders**

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad police on Tuesday obtained arrest warrants for several senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders, ARY News reported.

According to sources, the police got arrest warrants for many PTI leaders including Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Zulfi Bukhari Punjab Assembly Deputy Speaker Wasiq Qayyum, Ali Amin Gandapur, Pervaiz Khattak and others.

Sources said that Ali Amin Gandapur and Pervaiz Khattak were already wanted by the Islamabad police in several other cases.

**Pakistan suffering from effects of climate change: Bilawal**

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Monday said Pakistan suffered a lot of damage because of climate induced disaster caused by floods.

In an interview with CNN, he said the world has to address the issues caused by climate change. It was shared responsibility of the global community to find solutions to mitigate effects of climate change, he added.

He said Pakistan contributed less than one percent of the global carbon footprint but it was the 8th most stressed country on the planet, in that sense it was a great injustice to the country. APP

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## Stand alert

ISLAMABAD: Frontier Constabulary personnel stand alert during protest of All Pakistan Government Grand Alliance at Pak-Secretariat in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

# Imran politicizing national institutions for vested interests: Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar said on Tuesday that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan was politicizing national institutions for his vested interests and PTI leadership was not sincere in resolving real public issues.

Talking to a private news channel, he said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was hatching conspiracies to



entangle the people and the institutions to fight with each

other.

The misleading conspiracy-induced statements are linked to their bad intentions, he added.

Imran Khan and his party leadership to divert public attention from real issues were making hater statements in public one after the other, he mentioned.

He made it clear that PM Shahbaz Sharif was striving for real freedom in the coun-

try, he was leading the nation with an independent foreign policy merely focused on the betterment of its people.

Replying to a Question, he said that Imran Khan is responsible for unemployment, inflation, and economic crisis in the country, adding, the public is fully aware of Imran Khan's lies, corruption, and conspiracies.

He said, it was ironic that Khan's incompetence and bad economic policies were the reason behind the inflation being faced by the people, now Imran and his party was shamelessly blaming the incumbent government for PTI's bad governance and incompetence.

He advised Imran Khan that instead of making hue and cry, he should hold himself accountable for inflation and economic crisis. Agencies

been disrupted and also not fulfilled promises made with nation during electoral manifesto, Kaira said while criticizing the PTI leadership.

# CJP recommends regularization of three IHC additional judges

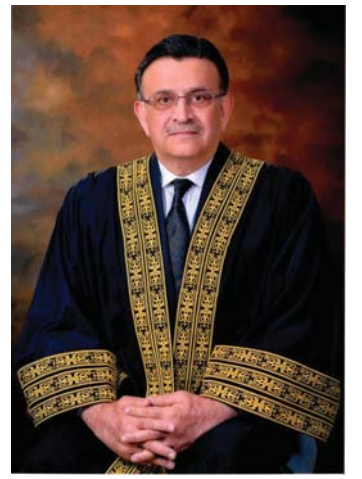
ISLAMABAD: The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) on Tuesday recommended the confirmation of three Islamabad High Court (IHC) additional judges.

The JCP meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial to consider the confirmation of additional judges including Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan, Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir and Justice Saman Rifat Imtiaz.

The JCP is responsible for approving the appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and five high courts of the country. The chief justice of Pakistan also heads the commission as its chairman.

The body comprises four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court, a former judge, the federal law minister, the attorney general for Pakistan and a senior advocate nominated by the Pakistan Bar Council.

The provincial and Islamabad



bar councils each nominate a representative as a JCP member.

According to Article 175-A of the Constitution, the JCP, after confirmation, will propose the names to parliamentary committees for the appointment of judges in superior courts. APP

# Imran selected conflicting path which becomes his narrative: Kaira



ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira said on Tuesday that Imran Khan as usual selected the path of conflict which has become his narrative now.

Talking to a private news channel, he said Imran have no economic policy to bring the country out of crises.

In their tenure, the economic, foreign and internal policies have

been disrupted and also not fulfilled promises made with nation during electoral manifesto, Kaira said while criticizing the PTI leadership.

He said the PTI should shun the politics of agitation and stubborn attitude to fulfill its unconstitutional demands and called for a collective effort to sign a new charter of democracy and economy for a stronger and prosperous Pakistan. APP

# Centre asks Punjab, KP governments to open up highways, motorways

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan has asked the provincial governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to open up the national highways and motorways in their jurisdictions and avoid creating trouble for people under the protection of the police.

Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, the minister said that provincial governments should fulfill their constitutional duty otherwise there would be consequences. He said that it was the constitutional duty of provincial governments to protect the rights of the people and the federal government was reminding the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab governments about this duty.

He said that both provincial governments have been written for the restoration of

traffic on national highways and motorways in their jurisdictions and to ensure peace in their limits.

He also called on the chief justices of the apex and high courts of Punjab, Islamabad and Peshawar to take notice of the protests, saying that the people causing trouble for citizens would later approach the court for relief.

He said that a handful of protesters were agitating in various districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as well as Punjab and causing inconvenience for citizens. The nation had rejected the PTI's "fitna march" and I apologized to the people affected by the march on behalf of the federal government, its allies and prime minister, Rana Sanaullah added.

He said that the protesters were burning tyres and blocking roads. Later, they



film videos to show that a sea of citizens is protesting, he said adding that citizens were being prevented from going to the hospital, picking up their children from school and running important errands.

He said that at some sites, the protesters had blocked roads from both sides and police is assisting them by placing barriers.

Citizens have shown resent-

ment at the attitude of PTI's protesters and the situation would be tense if people started reacting over such protests, he added.

The minister reiterated that only a few thousand people had joined the party's march which was intent on pushing the country toward chaos. He said that only one suspect, Naveed, had been arrested for involvement in the Wazirabad incident and

there was no other suspect.

He said that suspect had the same motivations as those behind the attacks on Ahsan Iqbal and the attack on Khawaja Asif.

The minister said the suspect was self-motivated and was not a part of any political or religious party. All the people he was linked to and in contact with are being investigated, and maintained.

Regarding the allegations of Imran Khan about the Wazirabad incident and his wish to include three personalities in it, the minister said there must be some sort of evidence for the first information report (FIR) to be registered, otherwise, anybody would be free to lodge complaints against their opponents. By that argument, someone can even register a case against the chief justice, the minister added.

## PTI creating chaos in country: Fawad Latif



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Mian Fawad Latif Tuesday said Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) was creating chaos in the country with different tactics.

Talking to a private news channel, he said Imran Khan actually wanted to gain power unconstitutionally adding the PTI chairman had adopted extremist attitude to achieve goals.

"We should take measures to address the issues of extremism being promoted by Imran's party through long march," he said. APP

# UNICEF working with climate activists to spotlight impact of climate crisis

ISLAMABAD: Director of the Division of Global Communication and Advocacy, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Paloma Escudero on Tuesday said that agency is working with youth climate activists from around the world to spotlight the impact of the climate crisis on the poorest children.

According to a UNICEF analysis report released, around 27.7 million children in 27 countries have been impacted by flooding so far this year.

In Chad, the Gambia and north-east Bangladesh the worst floods in a generation were recorded this year. For Pakistan, the floods were the worst on record.

"These rolling disasters are straining the ability of governments and the international community to respond at the enormous scale needed and placing millions of children at severe risk of starvation, disease, exploitation and death.

There, 11 million children are in need of immediate assistance in Pakistan."



In the weeks since the unprecedented floods devastated Pakistan, the emergency has become a multi-headed monster.

Pakistan's worst floods in 100 years have killed at least 615 children and left 10 million girls and boys needing immediate, lifesaving support.

The floods have contaminated drink-

ing water, which is spawning deadly water-borne diseases such as acute watery diarrhea, which compounds already acute malnutrition. Estimates suggest close to 1.6 million children in flood areas could be suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

The stagnant water is a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of malaria and dengue. There are crises on top of crises. APP

Without urgent action, many more vulnerable children and young people will lose their lives in the days and weeks to come. And without climate action, hundreds of millions more will almost certainly suffer like those in Pakistan.

"We are reaching final warnings. Right now Pakistan is drowning in the world's inaction."

"One of the most important but heartbreaking things about climate change is that its most horrific impacts are often reserved for those who are least responsible for creating the problem.

# PTI leaders reject FIR registered against assassination attempt on Imran Khan

## Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Tuesday announced to challenge the First Information Report (FIR) of the assassination attempt on Imran Khan by the Wazirabad police before the court.

PTI leaders including Fawad Chaudhary and Musarrat Jamshed Cheema rejected the FIR, terming it a useless paper.

The FIR is about the assassination attempt on PTI Chairman Imran Khan and others during the long march near Allah Chowk, Wazirabad. Fawad Chaudhary said

that FIR without the names of the three people is useless, pointing out that the FIR is just a useless piece of paper to PTI.

Musarrat Cheema was of the view that they reject the FIR of the attack on the PTI chief. An FIR without naming the prime suspects was a waste of time, she added.

Mrs Cheema said that an FIR without the people named by the PTI Chief would lead to complicating the case. She also stated that such a cover-up is unacceptable to Imran Khan and the whole nation, adding that it was a matter of Pakistan most popular leader life, not a joke.

# Shazia Marri participates in Global Forum for Women Leadership

## Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Parliamentary delegation led by Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri is currently visiting Iceland for participation in the "Fifth Annual Reykjavik Global Forum Women Leadership" scheduled from November 8-10, 2022.

The Pakistani delegation held a bilateral meeting with Silvana Koch who is the President and Founder of Women Political Leaders (WPL).

Silvana stated that the Forum's mission is to provide a platform where women leaders discuss and share ideas and solutions on how to further advance society, increase gender equality and promote and positively develop the number of women in leadership positions. Shazia Marri acknowledged the mission of WPL to increase both the number and the influence of women in political leadership positions. She also appreciated the sincere

efforts of WPL to invite extraordinary women participants from different sectors of life across the globe.

MNA Shazia Pervaiz while discussing the significant role of women in any society, renewed her commitment to continue to work for the empowerment of women and improvement in gender parity around the globe.

She added that political parties in Pakistan mostly pick women indirectly on reserved seats through a gender quota in Parliament. It limits women legislators' power and influence. She mentioned that now its time to take steps to move away from symbolic representation for women to have more female politicians in influential decision-making positions.

Ms. Silvana reaffirmed the commitment of WPL to accelerate the progress toward the equality of women.

Shazia Marri committed to continue finding innovative ways to bring women's leadership into the spotlight and inspire future generations.



# 20th anniversary of Jaun Elia observed

**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: In connection with the 20th anniversary of the famous poet of Pakistan, Jaun Elia, a ceremony was held in the Auditorium II of the Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi. Where the speakers shared the moments spent with Jaun Elia and his poetry with the audience. Renowned poet Iftekhar Arif presided over the event through online participation from Islamabad.

The participants of the discussion included President Arts Council Muhammad Ahmad Shah, Dr. Anbreen Haseeb Anbar, Abbas Naqvi, and Sohail Javed Express their views. On this occasion, Iftekhar Arif said that Ahmad Shah has always protected the honor of people. He did not tolerate abuse of people. Ahmad Shah should be praised for this. June was a cultured man, he came from a cultured society, he belonged to a traditionalist family, and he wrote many immortal poems. Before Jaun, poetry was not written in a common language. At that time, there was more emphasis on classical poetry, but Jaun.

He broke the language and wrote poetry. Life should not be found in poetry and Jaun used to write such poetry. President of the Arts Council



President of the Arts Council Muhammad Ahmad Shah said that Jaun belonged to a family that produced great writers. Our love for reading and writing came from Jaun's house, a poet of our own. It leaves an impact. Jaun was a rebel. Jaun was an educated person in our society. I read Ghalib, and Iqbal since childhood, but I felt that Jaun was close to Ghalib. Sometimes he seemed to me like Qurrat-ul-Ain. In his poetry.

You will find all the characters. Jaun's colors were numerous. Wherever Urdu is understood and spoken, Jaun most

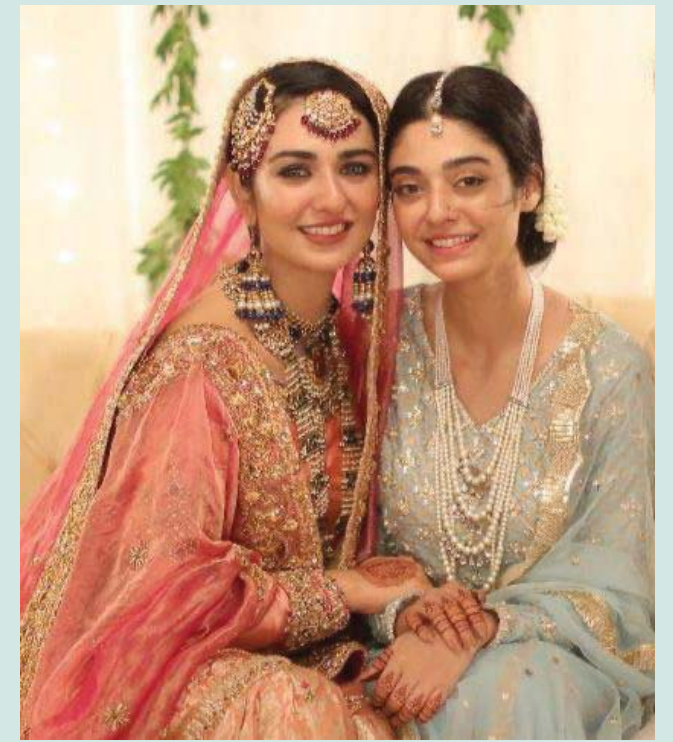
eloquent poet, but he is also popular among those people who do not know Urdu well. Jaun was such a sweet poison embedded in the veins that show its effect slowly. No one escaped the effect of his charm.

I am grateful to Jaun Sahib he taught me to walk on this difficult path. Ahmad Shah read Jaun Elia's poetry written on the political situation of Karachi. Manwar Saeed said that Jaun Elia was a very difficult person. He came to Pakistan from Amroha in 1957. Jaun used to live in our house. My uncle

spent a lot of time with Jaun. Jaun was very fond of wrestling in Amroha. There used to be Dargal. Uncle Jaun used to take me to see Dargal. Jaun was a wonderful person. Jaun was a very sensitive person. If anything was said against his mood, he would keep quiet. Filmmaker Sohail Javed expressed his opinion and said that twenty years back. I was introduced to Ghalib at a young age. Seven years ago I became connected with Jaun Elia.

The most visual poet after Ghalib was Jaun Elia. helped me a lot with visuals. People are still celebrating Jaun's work. Abbas Naqvi, speaking at the event, said that when he spoke, there was some message in it. He taught us to sit up in gatherings. Dr. Anbreen Haseeb Anbar presented his essay on Jaun Elia. She said that we have in the modern era, the concept of beloved is very different. Love is the next destination for Mr. Jaun. When he started to know the truth of things, he did not think of writing any passion. Mr. Jaun himself writes that he has humiliated beautiful women all his life. Jaun believed that beautiful women do not love poets like us but are attracted to rich men. Well-known journalist Pirzada Salman performed the duties of moderator

## Sarah Khan expresses her Dil Ki Baat for sister Noor Khan



**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: After celebrating her second wedding anniversary just a few months ago, Sarah Falak recently took to Instagram and shared beautiful pictures from her wedding with a heartfelt message for her sister, Noor Khan, expressing her Dil Ki Baat.

The Khan sisters have always had a really beautiful bond as we have usually seen.

Sarah Khan, in a heartfelt note told that after watching the latest 7up commercial she was even more grateful for how Noor was always there for her during her shaadi preps and how much she had grown up in the last few years.

Sarah also said—"I've always treated you as my baby but when I saw you taking care of everything on my wedding realized how much my baby has grown up, from taking care of my food to my dress, to looking after all the arrangements and the guests—I wanted to say thank you for everything that you've been doing."

## The Ombudsman's office intervenes to resolve public issues

LAHORE: On the orders of the Office of the Ombudsman Punjab, 22 people, including a professor, have been appointed to the Punjab Bioenergy Institute (PBI) of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, and a total of Rs.44 million plus funds have been provided to run the project aimed at achieving self-reliance and sustainability in alternative energy resources and other growth and economics related prospects. PBI is also focused to provide energy solutions at the domestic and industrial levels.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the spokesman said that the irrigation department has released over 2684 million rupees to land acquisition collector Faisalabad for procurement of land for the channelization of Deg Nullah. This step has been taken on the own-motion notice of the Ombudsman Punjab Major (R) Azam Suleman Khan. Moreover, a sum of 259.5 million rupees, allocated against land acquisition during the current financial year, has also been released by the department, the spokesman added.

In another development, the spokesman reported that the metropolitan corporation Lahore has installed new street lights in the areas of Nishtar Town, Badami Bagh, and Shahdara after the involvement of the ombudsman office to resolve the long-awaited issue of the locals.

## Protest

KARACHI: Young doctors, nurses and paramedics of Grand Health Alliance (GHA) are shouting slogans during protest against non-provision of health risk allowance, in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

## IIUI Holds Seminar on Career Counseling & Personality Development

ISLAMABAD: International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) organized a seminar on "career counselling and personality development" on Tuesday at the new campus of the university. The seminar was organized by the Offices of Students Advisor and Protocol & Public Relations.

The seminar was addressed by Dr. Aamir Tuaseen, a renowned scholar, educationist, member of the Board of the Governors of IIUI, DG Majlis e Ilmi Foundation, member National Rahmatul-lil-Alameen Authority and also former Chairman Madrassa Board. He has



won the award of best National Seerah Article for 8 times

Addressing the seminar, Dr. Aamir Tuaseen opined that without prop-

er career counselling, the country would continue to face a shortage of required, trained professionals. He also discussed issues prevalent in the society that

damage the personality development. He called for provision of guidance and counselling to students at school-level regarding their future planning and taking up any suitable profession. Defining the role of career counselors, Dr. Aamir said it often happens that few teachers are not best at career counseling as it requires proper training and the person must be a qualified career counselors. Dr. Aamir pointed that it is a dire need that personality development must be part of the syllabus and dedicated officials and centers must be initiated in the organizations to work on this important cause.

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KARACHI: Ruqiya Naeem Qureshi has been conferred an award for showing excellence in the fields of event management and public relations for the past three decades.

Mrs. Naeem Qureshi received the excellence award at the recently held event SRM Couture Celebrating Women's Empowerment.

The event was held to celebrate and recognize the achievements of distinguished women in the fields of business and entrepreneurship, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. A total of 35 women were given awards on the occasion for showing distinction in various fields.

Mrs. Naeem Qureshi has been the Secretary-General of the National Forum for Environment and Health for the past two decades. She has been looking after the accounts, human resources, and event management functions of the non-govern-



mental organization. She has organized a number of events related to environmental protection, tree plantation, cleanliness drives, corporate social responsibility, clean energy, fire safety, and health, particularly women's health.

She also looks after the operational affairs of the Publicity Channel which is a leading PR agency in Karachi. Earlier, she remained associated with the PR section of Pakistan Steel for 12 years and was responsible for maintaining cordial relations between the media and one of the largest industrial

corporations of the country.

She also did freelancing for a number of leading print publications.

Dr. Aamir shared his life experiences and observations as well as he discussed the dichotomy persistent in the educational system adding that Madaris must be brought into mainstream with meaningful reforms.

He also discussed common issues of youth due to lack of career counselling and absence of the opportunities of personality development.

The seminar was also attended by Students Advisor Dr. Rizwan Aftab, Provost Dr. Abrar Anver, Incharge Protocol & Public Relations Nasir Farid and a large number of students.

Dr. Abrar Anver termed the seminar vital for youth adding that it was a comprehensive speech of Dr. Aamir Tuaseen in which he discussed fault lines and also gave solutions.

## Daraz 11.11: Bringing Pakistanis most value for money

**Special Correspondent**

KARACHI: Daraz, Pakistan's biggest e-commerce platform and number one shopping app, is gearing up for 11.11, the coveted online shopping festival that has grown to become the largest sale of the year in the country. Since its inception in 2018, consumers anticipate the 11.11 sale to fulfill their shopping needs, and benefit through saving from the plethora of discounts, deals and mega prizes. With inflation at an all-time high in the country and consumers struggling to maintain their standard of living, the 11.11 sale becomes the perfect solution for them to make bulk essentials and high involvement purchases due to the best prices guaranteed by Daraz.

"Since the past four years, 11.11 has been not only Daraz's largest campaign of the year but also the country's biggest sale event. This year especially we have put together the biggest assortment and deals in collaboration with our partners, which would provide our consumers with the best prices



is guaranteed. At a time where inflation is affecting every Pakistani, the Daraz 11.11 sale is the perfect place for them to make all their purchases while getting to save significantly. Our team has been working all year round to introduce further improvements and new initiatives in our ecosystem, which has increased our capacity to cater to an even larger user base which we are anticipating this year," stated Ehsan

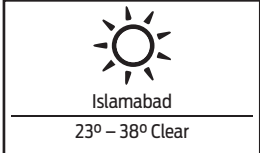
Saya, Managing Director, Daraz Pakistan.

This year, 11.11 will be featuring the highest average discount amount across all categories, assortment of 16.3 million products, participation from 971 Daraz Mall brands and 18,000+ marketplace sellers. The total worth of discounts being offered is PKR 50 crores. Mega Deals will be live on the platform from the beginning of November, to allow consumers to browse through and Add to Cart prior to 11.11 going live. Moreover, users opting to pay through their bank cards will receive additional discounts, for which Daraz has partnered with 15 banks and payment partners including HBL and Visa. The biggest consumer brands of the country have partnered with the platform to make 11.11 bigger than ever. These include Unilever, P&G, Reckitt, L'Oréal, Haier, Dawlance, OPPO, Infinix, Molyfoam, Sapphire and many more. All orders are with a guaranteed 7 days return policy, and same day delivery for customers opting for Express Delivery. TCS has partnered for subsidized shipping rates for this event. The sale will go on from

11th till 21st November.

In order to prepare for the grand event, this year Daraz launched the country's first-ever Smart Distribution Centres that have increased their capacity to be able to deliver a million parcels a day, added two new warehouses in Karachi and Lahore, included over 20 Logistics Marketplace Partners and introduced Authorized Daraz Logistics Partners in several semi-urban cities to ensure consumers receive a smooth shopping experience. The company's total operations staff across Pakistan has crossed 6,000 to provide support for deliveries of orders. Daraz Advertising Solutions was also launched prior to 11.11, which offers sellers sponsored search solutions. With this state-of-the-art tool and technology, sellers will be able to increase traffic to their store, increase engagement with their products, and boost their sales. Last year, Daraz recorded sales worth 66 crore in the first one hour of 11.11, which set a new benchmark for e-commerce in the country. This year, the platform is aiming to surpass these numbers.





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# PTI Continues Protest in Rawalpindi on Second Consecutive Day

**Spokesman Report**

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) continues to protest in Rawalpindi on the second consecutive day against the assassination attempt on former Prime Minister Imran Khan.

PTI workers continuing their sit-ins at 12 spots in Rawalpindi including, Murree Road, Shamsabad, Old Airport Road, Gulzar Quaid, IGP Road, Rawat GT Road, Taxila GT Road, Margala Chowk, Fateh Chowk and other areas.

The protesting PTI workers are being led by Ghulam Sarwar, Wasiq Qayyum, Aamir Kiyani, Raja Basharat and Fayyazul Hassan Chohan.

Following the protest in Rawalpindi, educational institutions have been closed for two days.

In a late-night development, Federal Police in an official communique sought permission from federal secretary of interior to clear M-1 and M-2 on Motorway to ensure restoration of traffic for VVIPs from and towards Islamabad International Airport.



It maintained that 'unpleasant incident' at the airport can bring disgrace to the country, urging the federal administration to issue instructions to the Chief Secretary of Punjab and Police Chief per the Constitution. "The capital police should be given permission with full authority to clear the roads", the letter stated, adding that all provinces should be given instructions to give access to three major toll plazas.

## Hassan emphasizes need for enhanced cooperation with Chinese film industry



**Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: Director General Radio Pakistan and Chairman the Central Board of Film Censors Muhammad Tahir Hassan has commended the Chinese media especially FM-98 Dosti Channel for giving excellent coverage to the recent visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to Beijing.

During a visit to the studio of FM-98 Dosti Channel in Islamabad, he said the Channel has proved itself true to its nomenclature.

The DG Radio Pakistan said under the dynamic leadership of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the bilateral relationship between the two countries has seen rapid progress, and Dosti Channel is an excellent manifestation of it.

Muhammad Tahir Hassan emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation with the Chinese film industry. He noted that the Chinese film and drama industry is considered as one of the best in the world.

The Director General said Radio Pakistan has recently produced a song regarding Pakistan-China bilateral relations.

## New PFMA Chairman vows to ensure excellence in footwear industry

**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Mr. Mansoor Ehsan has been elected as new elected chairman of Pakistan Footwear Manufacturing Association (PFMA) for the year 2022-2023. Mr. Mansoor Ehsan Sheikh is the Chief Executive Officer of the renowned shoe brand Xarasoft.



A simple but an impressive ceremony was arranged to the PFMA office where the members of the body's Lahore office warmly welcomed the newly elected chairman.

In his address, Mr. Mansoor Ehsan lauded the efforts of the out-going chairman Mr. Zahid Hussain from Rafum Industries, office-bearers and retiring members of the Executive Committee. He vowed to put in sincere efforts for the resolution of the problem afflicting the industry. He pledged to continue the on-going projects and asserted that all out efforts would be made for future progress and prosperity of the footwear sector.

Mr. Mansoor Ehsan said that all the possible avenues would be explored for joint ventures with the international footwear companies besides focusing on the skill development of workers and managers for the collective good of the sector.

The newly elected chairman said that excellence would be ensured in all the departments so Pakistan's footwear sector could compete at the global level to ensure quality in shoe production. He said that horizontal and vertical linkages would be developed to support the industry in the country.

He assured to take all necessary decisions in consensus of the Executive Committee for the larger interest of the footwear sector and manufacturers of Pakistan.

He said that every possible step would be put in place to engage government departments for an enabling environment to serve for the benefit of exporters, manufacturers, component supplies, large, medium and small industries of footwear along with mutual interest of SMEs.

He said that rapport would be developed with the relevant government quarters and national policy makersto address the key challenges and issues faced by the industry and manufacturers.

The out-going chairman thanked the Executive Committee members for their support and cooperation achieve success for the PFMA and footwear industry of Pakistan. He wished New Chairman best luck to keep the flag high and fulfill the dream of self-reliance "Made in Pakistan" for the footwear industry.

## The 553rd birth day celebrations of Baba Gurunanak started

**Raza Naqvi**

ATTOCK: The 553rd birth day celebrations of Baba Gurunanak started here at Gurdwara Punja Saub Hasanabdal today on 9th Nov. Security , accommodation , medical , transport and other facilities being provided to the Sikh pilgrims. A large number of Sikhs including three thousand Indians are expected to participate.

The pilgrims will perform their rituals including recitation of their holy book Guru Grunt. On the occasion Attock police have made elaborate security arrangements.

DPO Attock Fazl I Hamid told this journalist that more than 900 cops had been deployed to provide fool proof security to the Sikh pilgrims. He said , sweeping of the route had been done by special branch while snipers had been deployed on roof tops. He said, security camera and walk through gates had been installed.

On the other hand ETPB has ensured all facilities which include boarding , meal , medical and other facilities. It is due to Pakistan's efforts that Sikhs are able to visit their sacred sites. Sikhs are in thin minority but having many of their religious sites in Pakistan which are well maintained.

## Agitations

ISLAMABAD: Activists of All Pakistan Government Grand Alliance are protesting in favour of their demands outside Pak-Secretariat in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

## AIOU postpones exams of 8,9 November in Rawalpindi

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has rescheduled the exams of AD, ADC, BEd, BBA, BS (ODL), MA, M.Sc, M.Com, MBA/MPA (Commonwealth of Learning), MLIS, M.Ed and, post-graduate diploma programs.

The exams scheduled on November 8 and 9 have been postponed in the examination centers located within the limits of Tehsil Rawalpindi after the holiday announced by the local government in Rawalpindi city.

These postponed exams will now be held on 12th and 13th December respectively.

According to the notification issued by the examination department, the exams are being held as per the schedule in other tehsils of Rawalpindi (Murree, Kotli Satian, Kahota, Kallar Syedan, Gujjar Khan and Wah Cantt). It is pertinent to mention here that the already issued roll number slips will be valid for the new dates, there will be no change in examination centers and timings.

## Digital arts exhibition held in PAC

**Staff Reporter**

RAWALPINDI: A digital art exhibition was organized in connection with the Iqbal Festival at the Punjab Arts Council. President, Pakistan Green Task Force Dr. Jamal Nasir was the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony. Addressing the participants of the exhibition, Dr. Jamal Nasir said that Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, was one of the leading thinkers, poets, writers, jurist, politicians, Muslim Sufis and one of the most important figures of the Pakistan Movement.

Allama Iqbal had given rise to the idea of an independent state among the Muslims of the subcontinent; his words had such power that he encouraged the Muslim Ummah to struggle for their rights and take steps forward for freedom. He was a philosopher and revolutionary who chose poetry as the most effective means of expression at that time to convey his ideas to his people.



Through his poetry, he brought out the feeling of separate nationality to free the Muslims of the subcontinent from the chains of slavery.

Finally, he also congratulated the Arts Council for the successful organization of Iqbal Festival. Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmad said that Pakistan is the realization

of Allama Iqbal's dream. Allama Iqbal's Shah Afaq Kalam is read and understood in every part of the world. He always exhorted the Muslims for unity, consensus and action.

The digital artworks of Waqar Ali, Mah Noor Syed, Rabia Saleem, Sana Kanwal, Maimoona Nasir, Fahad Ali, Ahmed Bilal, Usman Khan

and Mir Ajmal were displayed in the exhibition. The famous poems of Allama Iqbal were written on the artworks. At the end of the ceremony, certificates of appreciation were also distributed among all the students.

A large number of people from the cities participated in the exhibition.

# Grand National Dialogue 'Pakistan-China Relations'

**Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: China-Pakistan Study Center at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISS) in collaboration with the National Security Division (NSD) and Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) conducted a roundtable discussion, "Pakistan-China Relations" under the series of Grand National Dialogue (GND) on November 8, 2022.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed delivered the keynote address while the distinguished speaker of the occasion was former Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Masood Khalid. Director General ISSI, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry gave welcome remarks and Director CPSC, Dr. Talat Shabbir delivered introductory remarks and moder-



ated the session. President IPRI, Amb. Dr. Raza Muhammad also joined the discussions.

Amb. Aizaz, in his introductory remarks, briefed the audience about GND, and its objectives. He said that

Pakistan and China share historic ties with each other that stood the test of time. Director CPSC, Dr. Talat Shabbir was of the view that mutual trust, respect, and goodwill characterize the bilateral relationship between the two

neighboring countries.

Senator Mushahid Hussain gave a cutting-edge analysis of Pakistan-China relations. He said that Pakistan's relations with China are pivotal not only, in terms of, its foreign policy but relations

with the world also. The bilateral relations stand on a firm ground of mutual trust and mutual gains, which are time-tested. He informed the audience about the tectonic shifts and changes that are taking place among the great powers in the global arena. He was very loud and clear in stating that China never undermined Pakistan's core national and Pakistan reciprocated the same by supporting China on its important issues. He also maintained that Pakistan's foreign policy is not ideological; it is realistic and pragmatic, based on safeguarding its national interests and sustaining its friendship with China. He also talked about revival of second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which will boost Pakistan's economic status in the longer term.

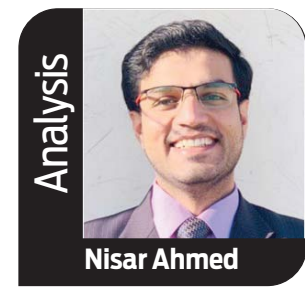
Ambassador Khalid Masood highlighted the main points that steer the relations forward. He gave an overview of Pakistan-China relations and covered the major milestones that resulted in mutual understanding and trust that makes this relationship even stronger. He was very clear about how trust played a major role in forging an exceptionally stronger bond that the two countries share with each other. He particularly mentioned China's assistance to Pakistan, which comes with no strings attached. CPEC, in his view, is a propellant for the two countries to take the relations forward.

The remarks were followed by an interactive Q&A session. In the end, Chairman BoG ISSI, Amb, Khalid Mahmood presented the distinguished guests with ISSI memento.



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# ‘British Raj to Chinese Rule’



**Nisar Ahmed**

“...it is WE WHO have apportioned among them their livelihood in the life of the world...”

Al-Quran (43:32). The Indo-Pakistan region witnessed a colonial British Raj for almost a century before finally partitioning it into two sovereign states. Afterwards, both nations moved under the aegis of international economies, at a cost that fettered their sovereignty differently, however Pakistan’s increased dependence on foreign aid is pushing it into oblivion.

On November 1, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif embarked on a two-day visit to a friend in the north. China, a decades old friend who helped us in smudging the fear of black-listing in FATF plenary meetings and always stood at the forefront bearing firm support for Pakistan. In the meeting, Mr. Sharif and the President Mr. Xi Jinping discussed the ongoing China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects and agreed on enhancing mutual strategic ties where the latter also promised a \$68 million flood relief package for flood affectees.

CPEC, an extension of the larger Belt and Road Initiative, is almost a decade old partnership encompassing multiple projects in areas of energy, infrastructure and other economic development projects. As of the existing statistics, 12 energy projects with an aggregated installed capacity of 11,000 MW are operational with the remaining nine projects in the progress phase. Six mega transport infrastructure projects covering 1,650 km have been completed with 18 projects in the pipeline. All of the nine scheduled projects under industrial cooperation are in initial stages with a number of public sector development projects in different phases of completion.

CPEC is highly praised as a game-changer project for Pakistan; the reality is not the same if light is shone from a different side. Is it wise to outsource the country’s economic and infrastructure development to other countries? Does it tantamount to surrendering its sovereignty? Is Pakistan heading towards a “Chinese Rule”?

China is the world’s second largest economy with a GDP of \$17,734 billion while Pakistan is struggling at 42nd place with a GDP of \$346 billion. During 2022, foreign exchange reserves of China leveled around \$3.2 trillion while Pakistan only had \$7 billion in its coffers with an immediate need for replenishment.

Without an iota of doubt, Pakistan with such a thin liquidity position cannot finance this

Then another factor that fans the flames is the poor performance of Pakistani currency, which is not showing any signs of miraculous recovery but a further down drive, this is therefore expected to increase the outstanding debts and their servicing costs.

multi-billion-dollar project, then who funded this project and at what cost? The answer to the first part is not worrisome but delving into the second part fails to give an assuring answer. This multi-billion-dollar project is financed by loans from China to the extent that it constitutes more than 30% of Pakistan’s external debt.

This percentage is expected to rise further for obvious reasons; firstly, pipeline projects would need funding which means attracting further debts in future, secondly, throw-forwarding of existing liabilities due to either delays or unavailability of sufficient financing at the moment is piling up debt towards the future. Then another factor that fans the flames is the poor performance of Pakistani currency, which is not showing any signs of miraculous recovery but a further down drive, this is therefore expected to increase the outstanding debts and their servicing costs.

For these reasons, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already raised red flags over the burgeoning volume of debt from China and required extra assurance before releasing the last tranche. Consequently, Pakistan must be prepared for discouraging responses to securing further debts from the IMF, World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB).

IMF expressed its hesitation owing to the conspiracies around international politics of China. China is greatly criticized for its debt trap diplomacy where it enters into lending arrangements with opaque terms ultimately entangling its borrowers into a closed ended street. No one but Pakistan witnessed this better than else;

it has been sabotaged not once but multiple times for the sake of securing funds. Is it heading towards that closed end too!

During Jul-May 2022, the fiscal deficit increased by 5.2% to PKR 3,468 billion as against PKR 2,197 billion in the comparable period last year. On the revenue side, FBR deserves a laurel crown for improving tax collection by 30% to PKR 6 trillion for FY 2022, however, this increase is hampered owing to a surge in international oil prices, rising global inflation and a strengthening dollar; the gap was filled with external dollar denominated loans. Without forgetting that China is not the sole foreign lender and Pakistan owes debts to other bodies including IMF, WB and ADB.

After enough policy trials and experiments, what’s the lucky escape for Pakistan? An approach to escape oblivious fate is to focus on fiscal consolidation through structural reforms aimed at shedding reliance on foreign loans. Once achieved, Pakistan can then only finance its infrastructure and development projects without any threat to its sovereignty.

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## Achieve Iqbal’s Pakistan marking peace, forbearance

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged the nation to make a pledge to achieve a Pakistan as dreamed by Allama Muhammad Iqbal which should feature peace, political forbearance and brotherhood.

The prime minister, in his message on the birth anniversary of Allama Iqbal annually observed on November 9, said the great poet had a vision for Pakistan where the youth should have the thinking capability for taking the country to unprecedented heights.

He said the characteristics of Iqbal’s Pakistan should also include respect for elders and a mature debate on ideological differences without losing sobriety. It should also mark the strong institutions, pragmatic people, and a stable national economy free from the debt burden.

He said the whole nation was observing Allama Iqbal’s birth anniversary with great fervor as the great poet had acquainted the Muslim youth with the sacrifices of their sages and their lost grandeur.

The prime minister said Iqbal had likened the Muslim youth with Shaheen which was unique among the birds for its courage, self-confidence, and humility. Iqbal also urged the youth to learn from the glorious past of the Muslims to explore new avenues in research and education.

He said Iqbal’s philosophy of self-esteem had provided such a recipe for success in the world as well as the life hereafter which still had its impact not only in the subcontinent but also across the world.

He said the research was being carried out on Iqbal’s teaching not only in this region but also at modern universities throughout the world.

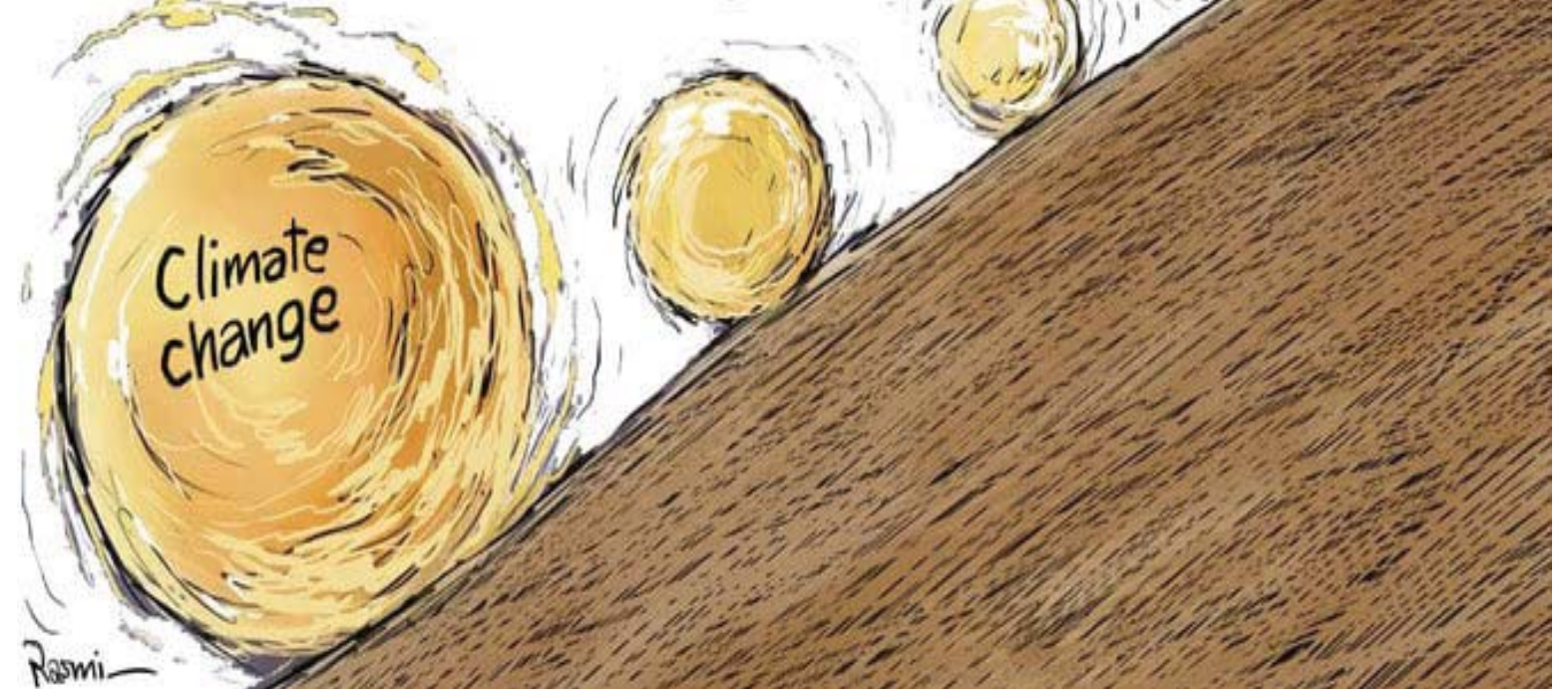
Highlighting his services to the religion, the prime minister said Allama Iqbal had introduced modernity to the Muslim world and always encouraged research. Besides, he had an unprecedented love for Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) and devotion for Quranic teachings.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said Iqbal had united the Muslims of the subcontinent by awakening them to their fundamental right to freedom.

He said Iqbal had dreamed a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent which was realized by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and other Muslim League leaders through their untiring struggle.

However, unfortunately, the great poet died before the accomplishment of his dream.

He urged the nation to carry out self-accountability whether they succeeded to safeguard Iqbal’s Pakistan which came into being consequent to the remarkable struggle and sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of people. He urged the nation to make a pledge to achieve Iqbal’s Pakistan and expressed the confidence that they could make it once resolved.



## It’s time China, US resumed climate talks

**Liu Yuanling**

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States in 1979, Sino-US climate diplomacy has experienced many ups and downs. It reached a flashpoint during the Barack Obama administration, and then hit a low during the Donald Trump administration, which abandoned many of Obama’s policies apart from pulling the US out of the Paris Agreement. Initially, the Joe Biden administration revived hopes of resuming Sino-US climate cooperation, but those hopes have not materialized.

So it’s time the US and China resumed their climate talks.

Many countries across the world experienced frequent extreme weather and natural disasters in the summer, indicating that it is becoming increasingly difficult to tackle climate change. The Sixth Assessment Report the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released in April says the interaction between climate change, ecosystems and human society is mainly negative and harmful. This means human beings face greater climate risks.

First, climate change poses a bigger risk to human survival, and global warming is increasingly influencing weather patterns, causing frequent heat waves, heavy downpours and droughts in many parts of the world, which are worsening global food insecurity. In fact, by June 2022, the number of people suffering from acute food insecurity in 82 countries increased to 345 million from 135 million in 2019.

Therefore, to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, the world needs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at all levels in the next eight years.

What happens without US-China climate

cooperation? Can the Paris Agreement goals be achieved? That seems impossible. That the COVID-19 pandemic is yet to be effectively contained worldwide, the Russia-Ukraine conflict is going on and the climate crisis is intensifying suggests it’s time to resume the US-China climate dialogue.

The US President’s Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry told the Financial Times on Aug 30 that he “wants to resume bilateral climate talks with China”, and reiterated it in an interview with The Guardian on Oct 25.

Kerry is not the only one who holds this view. Many people in China and other countries, and that includes the US, too, want China and the US to resume cooperation on climate.

The inaugural Global Youth Climate Week at Tsinghua University on Oct 31, 2022, gave us an inspiring slogan of some students: “Together we will change the world.” At the opening ceremony, the voices of young people from across the world were heard. And there is no doubt that these young people, who represent the future, also hope Sino-US climate cooperation and dialogue will be resumed.

But how can the dialogue be resumed?

China and the US signed the Letter of Intent for Cooperation in Urban Air Quality Monitoring Projects between the two sides in 1998, laying the foundation for subsequent climate cooperation. But it is very important to keep in mind that the US pledged to uphold the one-China principle in the three joint communiques, and the communiques are the political foundation for the healthy development of Sino-US ties.

But US is bent on undermining that foundation. US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan on Aug 2, followed by some other top US officials’ visits to the Chinese island and the passage of the Taiwan Policy Act of 2022 by the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee are attempts to challenge

the one-China principle. Worse, Biden has been making provocative statements on the Taiwan question, and has even vowed to defend Taiwan in case the Chinese mainland is provoked to use force to reunify Taiwan with the motherland.

Kerry was right when he said it is time the two sides restarted the climate dialogue, but that is possible only when the US changes its belligerent stance against China and stops interfering in the Taiwan question.

But Kerry was wrong to say that China’s proposal to suspend the climate dialogue was punishing the entire humankind. China has never believed in punishing people in any other country, let alone people across the world. Instead, China has made efforts to help build a better world, especially on the climate issue.

Suspending the bilateral climate dialogue was a decision China was forced to make due to the US’ anti-China moves. What Kerry and the US administration need to realize is that China will never turn a blind eye to the US’ interference in the Taiwan.

Despite the pain and anger caused by the US’ interference in China’s internal affairs, we hope Kerry and other Americans will see reason and change their stance in order to resume cooperation with China on climate and other issues. China has always pursued peaceful national reunification, but it will not rule out using force to reunify the island with the motherland if separatists on the island.

At the time of the UN Climate Change Conference in Egypt, it is hoped the two sides should resume the bilateral climate dialogue and the US will stop interfering in the Taiwan question to help make that possible.

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## Middle East’s grain diplomacy challenges and opportunities

**Dr. Diana Galeeva**

Last week’s Ukraine grain deal saga, with Russia withdrawing and rejoining again within a few days, demonstrates the vulnerability of the agreement brokered by the UN in collaboration with Turkey in July. Ukraine and the West accuse Moscow of using food as a weapon; and what if it decides to do so again? In 2021, Middle East and North African countries imported more than 36 million tons of wheat, almost 30 percent of worldwide wheat imports that year, with Ukraine and Russia among the world’s biggest exporters. This demonstrates the clear and widely felt impact of any changes to the July deal.

It is a new feature of world politics to leverage food security for strategic needs. So, what is the best course of action for MENA states to decrease the impact of the Ukraine war on their supplies? And how might they, rather than being merely affected, also take advantage by using proactive measures to tackle this issue?

The leverage of food security is an old method of diplomacy. Since the 15th and 16th centuries, there has been an understanding of the great importance of food as a sign of strength and a tool for influence. According to American sociologist and economic historian Immanuel Wallerstein, “food needs dictated the geographical expansion of Europe” in that period. In the 18th century, Scottish Enlightenment philosopher David Hume cited public granaries of corn, in addition to magazines of arms and storehouses of cloth, as evidence of “real riches and strength in any state.”

Despite this food diplomacy existing for centuries, the recent example of the food crisis in 2007-2008 highlighted the fragmentation in tackling food security at the international level. With different rules, mechanisms and norms in place, there was little collaboration. The current problems with the grain deal also illustrate these challenges.

Furthermore, as food has been used in diplomacy,

it also offers further possibilities to contribute and to reap rewards, especially for rich countries. Just as the GCC states offered foreign aid during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the UAE, for example, distributing aid both regionally and globally — to Croatia, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Seychelles, Serbia and Somalia, among others — they can also use their financial capacities to offer help in facilitating shipments of grain and agricultural products such as fertilizer as foreign aid to in-need countries.

If the results are similar to the aid efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, it might offer them a way to emerge as “strong” countries. However, the problem could be in purchasing wheat in the first place, given the vulnerable nature of the Ukraine deal and the difficulty of finding an immediate alternative. Russia this year reported a new grain production record, making it potentially able to offer these supplies. However, the Middle Eastern states could face consequences if they economically deal with Western-sanctioned Russia or trade in US-sanctioned commodities, such as Russian oil. Whether or not the MENA nations will choose to prioritize their own policies and further worsen already cool relations with the West, especially Washington, is a decision that remains to be made by the regional players.

Another option is to buy grain from Ukraine, but the issue is to what extent Kyiv will be able to meet demand due to the ongoing Russian attacks and the possible implications of Moscow repeating its withdrawal from the deal, which again would bring the whole mechanism into doubt.

With these potential questions in mind, however, and by calculating all the advantages and disadvantages of these paths, the Middle Eastern countries might further find politically and economically profitable niches as this war plays out.

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# Every country can import Russian oil like India, says US

WASHINGTON: As Russia became India top oil supplier last month, the US State Department said that the United States does not currently have sanctions on Russian energy exports to other countries.

The Indian media reported earlier in the day that Russia had surpassed traditional sellers Saudi Arabia and Iraq in exporting oil to India. The report noted that India remained non-committal on a plan proposed by the G7 group of nations to cap the price of oil purchased from Russia as a means of limiting Moscow revenues. The United States does not currently have sanctions in place against Russian energy exports to other countries, & quot; a US State Department spokesperson told.



We have been very clear that each country will have to make its own choices based on its own circumstances in terms of energy imports, said the US official. We continue to coordinate with allies and partners,

including India and European allies and partners, to mitigate the impact of (President Vladimir) Putin war of aggression against Ukraine on global energy markets.

The current US sanctions that followed the Russian invasion of Ukraine earlier this year include carve-outs for payments related to energy, trade and transport, the official added.

## US midterms

# Millions of Americans to vote with congress at stake

NEW YORK: Millions of Americans will vote in the midterm elections on Tuesday, with the balance of power in Congress at stake. The entire US House of Representatives, about a third of the Senate and key state governorships are up for grabs. President Joe Biden, a Democrat, and ex-President Donald Trump, a Republican, made their closing arguments in duelling rallies. Mr Biden ability to pass laws will be stymied if Republicans take the House, as most projections expect. Democrats currently control the White House and-by razor-thin margins-both chambers of Congress. The party in power typically sheds an average of two dozen or so seats in the midterms, which



fall midway through a president four years in office. While Mr Biden himself is not up for re-election on Tuesday, midterms are often seen as a referendum on a president leadership.

Despite delivering on promises to lower prescription drug prices, expand clean energy and revamp US infrastructure, Mr Biden has seen his popularity suffer

from the worst inflation in four decades, record illegal crossings at the US-Mexico border, and voter concerns about crime. A political thumping for Democrats on Tuesday could embolden murmurs within the party about whether Mr Biden, who turns 80 this month, should run for re-election in 2024. He went to Maryland on Monday night to

campaign for Wes Moore, who is expected to make history as the third black governor ever elected in the US. Today we face an inflection point, Mr Biden told a cheering crowd at a historically black university outside Washington. We know in our bones that our democracy at risk and we know that this is your moment to defend it. INP

## India man murders wife for spending too much time on social media

TAMIL NADU: A man in India's Tamil Nadu allegedly murdered his wife for spending too much time on social media and making reels for the platforms, reported India Today.

Amirthalingam, 38, killed his wife with her shawl by choking her Sunday night. Angry over her social media reels, he attacked his wife and ended up allegedly murdering her.

The suspect, originally from Dindugal, has been arrested in Tamil Nadu's Tiruppur district.

Amirthalingam worked in the local vegetable market as a daily wage labourer while his wife, Chithra, worked in a garment factory.

Chitra regularly made reels for Instagram and TikTok which was a bone of contention between the husband and wife. The 38-year-old argued with his wife several times over her habits and complained that she spent too much on social media.

# President chairs Syndicate Committee meeting of university of Azad Jammu & Kashmir

## Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry on Tuesday presided over the meeting of the Syndicate Committee of University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Muzaffarabad. During the meeting Dr. Ayesha Sohail the registrar of the Kashmir University gave a detailed briefing to the president on the affairs of the university.

On this occasion, the financial budget for FY /2022-23 worth 1.98 billion rupees has been approved for the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Similarly, the performance of the university was also evaluated in detail. Speaking on the occasion, the AJK President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry



instructed the competent authorities to take steps for further improvement standard and ranking of the varsity.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor University of Azad Jammu

and Kashmir Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, Justice Syed Shahid Bihar Judge Azad Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Advisor Higher Education Commission Owais Ahmed, Former

Vice Chancellor University of Kotli Prof. Dr. Syed Dilnawaz Ahmed Gurdizi, Secretary Presidential Affairs Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, Secretary Higher Education Khalid Mahmood Mirza, Registrar Azad Jammu and Kashmir University Professor Dr. Ayesha Sohail, Ghulam Yasin Deputy Secretary Ministry of Finance Government of Pakistan Islamabad, Former Secretary to Government Sardar Muhammad Farooq Tabasim, Dr. Ghulam Murtaza Dean Faculty of Sciences University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Prof. Dr. Haroon-ul-Rashid, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Bashirur Rahman Kanth, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and others.

## CJ-AJK calls on president Barrister Sultan Mahmood



## Spokesman report

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice Supreme Court, Justice Raja Saeed Akram called on President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry here on Tuesday. On this occasion, the duo discussed in detail the issues of mutual concern. During the meeting, Justice Raja Saeed Akram expressed his concerns on the performance of some institutions and it was decided that improvements will be made in these institutions.

## Over 27m children at risk from devastating floods in Pakistan & other countries: UN



UNITED NATIONS : Overwhelming flooding has affected at least 27.7 million children across 27 countries worldwide, with the number of children affected by flooding in Pakistan, Chad, Gambia, and northeast Bangladesh, being the highest in over 30 years, according to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).

In its alert on Tuesday, as the COP27 Climate Conference in Egypt continues, the UN agency said that a large majority of the children affected are among the most vulnerable and that rolling disasters are straining the ability of governments and the international community to respond, given the enormous scale of need.

With millions of children at severe risk of starvation, disease, exploitation and death, the agency is calling for delegates at COP27 to commit to funding to protect children from the devastating effects of a changing climate.

UNICEF says that this year, floods have contributed to the increased spread of major killers of children, such as malnutrition, malaria, cholera and diarrhoea, and that the aftermath of floods is often more deadly for children than the extreme weather events that caused the flooding.

In Pakistan, more than one in nine children under five, who were admitted to health facilities in flood-affected areas of Sindh and Balochistan, were found to be suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

In South Sudan, 95 UNICEF-supported nutrition sites have been affected by floods, hampering the delivery of life-saving and preventative malnutrition services for 92,000 children.

An estimated 840,000 children were displaced by floods in Nigeria in recent months.

Heavy rains and flooding in Yemen triggered floods causing extensive damage to shelters in displacement sites. Up to 73,854 households were affected and 24,000 households have been displaced.

"COP27 provides an opportunity to chart a credible roadmap with clear milestones for finance for climate adaptation and solutions for loss and damage," said Paloma Escudero, UNICEF's Director of Global Communications and Advocacy.

She added that youngsters "from the most affected places on Earth are drowning in climate inaction. Enough is enough. Lives are on the line - children need action now."

As well as pressing governments and big business to rapidly reduce emissions, UNICEF is urging leaders to take immediate action to safeguard children from climate devastation by adapting the critical social services they rely upon.

Adaptation measures, like creating water, health and education systems that stand up to flooding and drought, will save lives.

Paloma Escudero said that "without urgent action, many more vulnerable children and young people will lose their lives in the days and weeks to come. And without climate action, hundreds of millions more will almost certainly suffer like those in Pakistan."

# Azerbaijan Embassy in Islamabad celebrates victory day



## Spokesman Report & Photos Online by Sultan Bashir

ISLAMABAD: The Azerbaijan Embassy in Islamabad celebrated the 'Victory Day Azerbaijan', marking the liberation of Azeri territories from illegal Armenian occupation.

Addressing the victory day ceremony in Islamabad, Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar

Farhadov said November 8 marks victory day in the Republic of Azerbaijan every year.

He said Armenia kept Azerbaijani territories under illegal occupation for almost three decades despite the decisions and resolutions of the leading international institutions. Armenia ignored all these decisions and resolutions and continued to illegally occupy almost 20 percent of our territory, he added.

During the occupation, more than one million Azerbaijanis became refugees and IDPs. "Our people became the subject of ethnic cleansing. The UN Security Council adopted four resolutions demanding the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian troops from our territories, but these resolutions were never implemented."

The ambassador further stated that two years ago, in 2020, under the leadership of Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces President Ilham Aliyev, Azeri army liberated Azerbaijan's territories from Armenian occupation, and Armenia was forced to sign an act of capitulation, thus acknowledging Azerbaijan's historic victory. After the liberation, he said,

Azerbaijan started large-scale restoration and reconstruction works in the liberated areas. Azerbaijan also ensured its territorial integrity, and restored the fundamental rights of nearly one million displaced Azerbaijanis, he added.

In 2021 and 2022, the Azerbaijani Government allocated nearly \$3 billion to large-scale reconstruction and restoration activities in the liberated lands. "I would like to inform you that two international airports, namely Fuzuli and Zangilan International



Airports, were built quickly. We restore our lands", he added. The ambassador said, "I must also mention Pakistan's support. Brotherly Pakistan, from the first day of the former Karabakh conflict, as well as during the Patriotic War in 2020, morally and politically supported the just position of Azerbaijan, and the Government and people of Azerbaijan have highly appreciated it."

Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, speaking on occasion, said, "The Armenian

occupation in Azerbaijan was always considered a very similar situation as we have in Kashmir."

He further stated that the relationship of Pakistan with Azerbaijan was historical. "We have supported our brothers in Azerbaijan in their struggle on the political front or any other front available to us to support our brothers."

The minister also urged to enhance people-to-people exchanges and to work on establishing connectivity to Central Asian countries.



## Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
42,265.36	42,047.36
Day's High	Day's Low:
42,314.14	42,047.36
Index Value	Change
4,148,611,702	+218.00
Percentage	Time
+0.52%	8 Nov, 2022 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,309.26	+9.27
Percentage	Time
+0.13%	8 Nov, 4:26 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
33,248.50	+421.50
Percentage	Time
+1.28%	8 Nov, 11:26 am GMT-5

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,872.11	+344.47
Percentage	Time
+1.25%	8 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9

## Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	143.14	144.39
Bahrain Dinar	589.09	593.59
Canadian Dollar	164.08	165.43
China Yuan	30.64	30.89
Danish Krone	29.77	30.12
Euro	234	236
Hong Kong Dollar	28.22	28.57
Indian Rupee	2.7	2.78
Japanese Yen	1.48	1.53
Kuwaiti Dinar	715.48	720.48
Malaysian Ringgit	46.65	47.1
New Zealand \$	131.11	132.31
Norwegians Krone	21.6	21.9
Omani Riyal	575.4	579.9
Qatari Riyal	60.85	61.35
Saudi Riyal	62.5	63.1
Singapore Dollar	157.79	159.09
Swedish Korona	20.39	20.69
Swiss Franc	223.61	225.36
Thai Bhat	5.93	6.03
U.A.E Dirham	64.7	65.3
UK Pound Sterling	268	270.5
US Dollar	225.5	227.75

## TCL announces biggest prize pool of over 1.5M through its Gamer Super League

Staff Reporter

LAHORE: To celebrate the spirit of eSports, Pakistan's No.1 LED TV brand, TCL Electronics, brings the biggest Football E-Gaming Event, "TCL Gamers League 2022," with a massive prize pool of PKR 1.5 million. Registration for the league has started. Mark your calendars for the 12th and 13th of November for Karachi Qualifier which will be held at Lucky One Mall and 18th and 19th of November for Lahore Qualifier followed by Grand Finale on the 20th November at Packages Mall. The series of events will be full of exciting games and surprises for families, and TCL will be giving away cash prizes and led TVs for the participants.

The main aim of TCL is to promote eSports, gather all the football fans under one roof and provide them with the best gaming experience in the world. The participants will be competing with each other on TCL's latest C series, which includes Mini LED TVs and QLED TVs and have the most advanced gaming features:

# ICCI and Graana.com agree to establish Desk for Urban Re-Generation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Works shall organize the 1st International Housing Expo from December 9-11, 2022 at Convention Center, Islamabad, said Ahsan Zafar Bakhtwari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry during a meeting with Shafiq Akbar, CEO Graana and Imarat Group. He said that both local and international developers, builders, architects, designers, allied industries and real estate development companies shall participate in the Expo to showcase their projects and announce state of the art residential and commercial projects. He invited Graana for collaboration in this mega event. Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President, Sh.Aamir Waheed, Convener Expo Committee ICCI, Khalid Iqbal Malik, Zaffar Bakhtawari and Muhammad Ijaz Abbasi, Former Presidents were present in the meeting.

The main theme of the Expo is "SHELTER FOR ALL", as this is one of the basic rights of every citizen of Pakistan, said Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari. He said that in the Expo, on the sidelines panel discussions shall be held in which renowned national and international speakers shall participate to discuss the policy reforms for urban regeneration, technology and experience sharing, eco-friendly, affordable and low-cost housing. He informed that exhibitors and speakers from 10 countries have shown their interest to participate in the Expo



and there would be exclusive sessions with the Chinese companies. He invited Graana for its collaboration in the Expo and offered to establish a desk for urban regeneration at ICCI.

ICCI President said that with Public-Private partnership, new housing schemes shall be started to develop low cost and affordable housing. He said that bylaws should be framed for vertical development and building of skyscrapers in the capital and other cities of Pakistan.

Shafiq Akbar, CEO Graana appreciated the initiative of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce

& Industry and Ministry of Housing and Works for International Housing Expo and assured the collaboration and support of Graana in the upcoming event. He emphasized that ICCI should focus more on urban-regeneration and assured to establish a desk for urban regeneration in collaboration with ICCI.

He said that CDA has started the process for online verification of property and it is important for any investor to make verification of property before making any investment. He informed that about 450 town planners are

operating and Graana is serving about 12000 clients and have invested huge amounts in 15 mega projects.

Shafiq Akbar said that there is a great need of proper town planning to meet housing needs and informed that Graana has prepared a White Paper setting vision 2047 focusing on youth and area to provide housing to all. This paper has already been presented to the Government, he said. He said that there must be proper utilization of money of urban planning.

## Rashid Rana Creates Larger-Than-Life Experience in Collaboration with Js Bank

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Rashid Rana, the creator of the exterior of Pakistan Pavilion, once again brings a unique large scale installation to the people of Karachi. Rana's recent installation 'It Lies Beyond', as part of Karachi Biennale 2022, is an interactive art piece allowing observers to fully immerse in the experience through an AI app that converts the display into moving pictures. A stimulating art work of such a huge scale has been possible because of the generous support of JS Bank.

Rana depicted an ominous, serene seascape that, on closer inspection, reveals the heaps of garbage that it is composed of. The artwork refers to the post-renaissance materialist inquiry, the explorations of and expansions to the other worlds, sea-trade, colonization, industrial revolution, consumerism and highlights tainted waters owing to human waste and pollution followed by global climate change resulting in various natural calamities like recent floods - all unfolding as various chapters of a saga that begins and ends with waters.



The work is on display in Karachi Biennale 2022 at NED University City Campus till the 13th of November. JS Bank aims to continue in its strive to promote the arts and artists of Pakistan in an effort to raise awareness.

On the opening day of installation, Rana commented "The drive behind making a work of this scale and magnitude was to give people an opportunity to actively

become a part of an environment, because we rarely get to experience such immersive installations in Pakistan."

Visiting the exhibition, Basir Shamsie, President and CEO of JS Bank remarked "Art is one of the finest ways to put a difficult message across masses. This exquisite art piece by Rashid Rana is sure to get the audiences thinking about the harm we are doing to our environment as a nation"

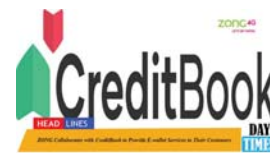
## ZONG collaborates with Credit Book to provide e-wallet services to their customers

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Zong 4G, Pakistan's leading telecommunication Network has joined hands with Credit Book, a prominent fintech start-up to provide their customers access to e-wallet services. This collaboration will allow Zong4G's millions of customers to access Credit Book's mobile wallet, send balance through the application and earn commission on each sale.

CreditBook has a retail network in over 400 cities thus, the partnership will provide Zong 4G's customers with access to the expansive retail network to recharge and purchase bundles anywhere in the country.

"Our partnership with CreditBook is a testament towards promoting our agenda of the digitized economy. It is also part of our wider digital transformation of Pakistan, aiming to support customers quickly and efficiently via cutting-edge self-service technologies. Through our partnership, we are enabling our customers to have access to various e-wallet features,



and offering convenience through fin-tech solutions, so they can recharge their balance and send balance." Shared the spokesperson of Zong 4G.

CreditBook founded in 2020, aimed to help micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises achieve better financial accessibility and outcomes, a segment that contributes massively to the economy but is often overlooked. With its many fin-tech products, CreditBook is helping uplift and impact millions of businesses throughout Pakistan.

Zong 4G has always been a customer-centric brand. Through various packages and deals, the business focuses on making its customers' lives easier. The company's goal is to bring real digital innovation to Pakistan, and the entire Zong 4G team is dedicated to turning everyone's aspiration to "Let's Get Digital" into a reality.

## Fly Jinnah chooses Sastaticket.pk as preferred booking platform

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan's leading travel booking platform, Sastaticket.pk and Fly Jinnah; a new entrant to Pakistan's aviation sector, have entered into a collaboration/partnership under which Fly Jinnah tickets would be available through the Sastaticket.pk platform.

Under the collaboration, Fly Jinnah customers would be able to seamlessly book their flights through the Sastaticket platform on attractive and discounted rates.

Expressing his views, Shazil Mehkri, CEO Sastaticket.pk said, "The Post-pandemic times have seen an unprecedented increase in global tourism and air travel, same is the case with Pakistan; both inbound and outbound travel has increased manifold and we're proud to be able to facilitate this growth through our platform."



"This exciting collaboration with Fly Jinnah reflects our resolve to facilitate the tourism sector and the aviation industry, in particular." He added.

Sharing his thoughts, Syed Armaan Yehia, CEO at Fly Jinnah said, "Being a new addition

to Pakistan's aviation sector, we're very excited about this new development and grateful to sastaticket.pk for facilitating Fly Jinnah and extending all out support on their platform."

He added, "I foresee tremendous growth and a healthy

competition in this sector, and as Fly Jinnah grows and adds more exciting international destinations, there will be more avenues to explore for mutual collaboration in the future; exciting times ahead I must say!"

It is pertinent to mention here that Sastaticket.pk is the brain child of brother-duo Shazil and Bilal Mehkri. Part of the Quality aviation group, it was founded in 2015 and since then has expanded to all major cities and eyes further expansion in the upcoming future.

Fly Jinnah is a new budget airline; a JV between Lakson group and Air Arabia with Head Office in Karachi, Pakistan. Currently Fly Jinnah is operating on domestic routes within Pakistan offering flights to Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta with plans of further expansion in the near future.

## Bank holiday on Nov 9

KARACHI: State Bank of Pakistan, its allied facilities and other banks will remain closed on Wednesday, 9th November is Allama Iqbal Day and has been declared a public holiday by the govt of Pakistan. APP



# Over half of Pakistanis believe mobile technology significantly improved their careers: Telenor study

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Nearly 54% of Pakistanis believe mobile devices and mobile technology have significantly improved their careers and aided in developing their skills, with women reporting that their mobile devices have significantly improved their quality of life, according to a study conducted by Telenor Asia.

The study, and the second installment of the "Digital Lives Decoded" series launched in conjunction with Telenor Asia's 25th anniversary, looks at how respondents across Asia are using their mobiles to adapt to changing realities as new work cultures emerge post-pandemic. The report was surveyed by over 8,000 mobile internet users across eight countries

in South and Southeast Asia. These countries include Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The report highlights how the workplace has evolved exponentially in the past three years due to the increasing influence of mobile devices in our daily life. Today's workplace is characterised by processes enabled by mobile technology, and hybrid working practices bring increased flexibility to business and the lives of professionals.

"Our research points to mobile connectivity as an enabler of productivity, progress, flexibility and economic opportunity. Yet, we continue to see gaps in how this technology is used between urban and rural populations, large companies and SMEs, between industries and



even between C-suite executives and their junior counterparts. In addition, people remain highly concerned about their skills and ability to keep

pace with advancing technology. The aspect of trust is also preventing people from realising their full potential through mobile use in the

world of work. As time spent working online increases, our survey findings can help identify the right tools and knowledge to close these gaps and improve digital work lives," said Jørgen-Rostrup, Head of Telenor Asia.

Speaking about the importance of understanding today's changing workplace, Irfan Wahab Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Telenor Pakistan said, "This is a defining moment for businesses as companies around the world are adapting to new and affective ways of work. In addition, mobile technology has unlocked new revenue streams and empowered individuals in new ways; and the Pakistani workforce, including freelancers, entrepreneurs and tech enthusiasts to understand and utilise the opportunities surrounding mobile connectivity."



# Abdul Qadir honoured with ICC Hall of Fame

DUBAI: International Cricket Council on Tuesday announced the induction of Pakistan's legendary leg-spinner, Abdul Qadir, into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

The late spinner has been included in the most illustrious list of cricketers for a remarkable career that lasted more than a decade.

Qadir became the seventh Pakistani to receive the honour as his compatriots Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Javed Miandad, Zaheer Abbas, and Hanif Mohammad had already been admitted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

The legendary spinner was joined by West Indies' great Shivnarine Chandrapaul and England women's team former captain Charlotte Edwards in the latest



entries to the elite list.

Qadir, who passed away in 2019, is well known for revolutionising the art

of spin bowling as Australian legend Shane Warne once recalled that he looked up to Qadir while watching him

on television during the 1980s.

He made his debut in 1977 against England in the home Test series and went on to represent Pakistan for over 13 years during which he appeared in 67 Test matches and 104 ODI games. He finished his career with 236 Test wickets and 132 ODI wickets.

"On behalf of the family, I want to say thank you very much to the ICC for nominating my father for induction into the Hall of Fame. It is a very big honour for the family to hear of this news, we see it as a huge achievement, and one that my father would be very proud of if he was still with us today," said Qadir's son Usman – who now plays for Pakistan as a right-arm leg spinner, continuing his father's legacy. Agencies

## 2nd IHNN annual Corporate Cricket Championship

KARACHI: Shan Foods joined hands with Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHNN) as one of the key sponsors and participating team at the 2nd IHNN annual Corporate Cricket Championship to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer treatment.

The two-day Corporate Cricket Championship is an annual initiative by IHNN as a means to gather corporate community to support their mission to provide free-of-cost quality healthcare to the people of Pakistan. Pakistan has a vulnerable position in terms of cancer treatment. About 8,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year, 50% of which have no access to treatment owing to a lack of specialised oncology

centres while 70% do not complete treatment. Shan Foods, in addition to sponsoring 2nd IHNN annual Corporate Championship event, also participated as a playing team at the tournament where its employees played against teams from other participating organizations in an exciting cricket match for the cause of ensuring pediatric cancer patients, regardless of their socioeconomic status, a chance at healthy life. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to ensure provision of complete treatment of pediatric cancer patients.

Maria Rashdi, Head of Corporate Communications and PR Shan Foods, said, "Shan Foods is pleased and honored to support

Indus Hospital in its fight against pediatric cancer. Easy access to affordable and quality healthcare is a right of every individual. This is very encouraging to see the entire corporate sector come together for the cause. We appreciate IHNN efforts for it. Shan Foods will always stand by the cause and is committed to contribute towards the health and wellbeing of our children."

Expressing his appreciation for Shan Foods' contribution to making the tournament and its mission successful, Haider Rizvi, Senior Corporate Relationship Manager Indus Hospital & Health Network, said "Cancer is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality among chil-

dren and adolescents. With our vision to provide excellence-driven healthcare services free for all, IHNN is committed to ensuring access to complete treatment to pediatric cancer patients with the global goal of reducing childhood cancer mortality. The idea behind our annual corporate championships is to bring public-private sectors to join the cause while also promoting a healthy sport. I would like to thank Shan Foods for supporting our efforts to offer the people of Pakistan free, high-quality healthcare."

As part of its prior partnership with IHNN, Shan Foods also sponsors chemotherapy sessions for pediatric cancer patients every three months for over a year.

## Quaid-e-Azam Trophy: Runs continue to flow from Abdullah Shafique's bat

LAHORE: "Central Punjab's Abdullah Shafique is in prime form in the ongoing Quaid-e-Azam Trophy season. He entered the eighth round as the leading run scorer and on Tuesday, the 23-year-old right-handed opener stroked his third century of the tournament against Northern on what was the first day of the first-class four-day affair at the LCCA Ground.

Central Punjab were 302 for five in 82 overs at the close of play with Abdullah's 155, scored at an impressive strike rate of 70.45, standing out. He punched 20 balls for fours and deposited three over the boundary rope for maximums in his 220-ball innings.

Musa Khan got the better of opener Abid Ali and one-drop Mohammad Saad that reduced Central Punjab to 34 for two. Soon, Tayyab Tahir, who has been in good touch this season, was undone by Nauman Ali as problems compounded for Central Punjab with the scorecard now reading 50



for three. Abdullah then took control of the day's proceedings. He added important 92 runs with Qasim Akram, who made 38 off 97 before getting trapped LBW by Mubasir Khan, for the fourth wicket. The most crucial phase of the Central Punjab's innings, however, was the rearguard partnership between Abdullah and Faheem Ashraf of 145 that shifted the momentum in their favour.

The partnership ended when Abdullah was caught behind off Aamir Jamal.

Abdullah now has 791 runs in 11 innings at a handsome

average of 79.10. That he is in good form in the longer format augurs well for Pakistan who will host England and New Zealand for three and two Tests respectively over this winter. Abdullah has already made a name for himself in a brief seven-Test career by amassing 736 runs – which include two centuries and five half-centuries – at a brilliant average of 67.

On Wednesday, Faheem, who was not out on 68 off 108 (13 fours), will resume the proceedings in the company of Aamer Yamin, who was unbeaten on seven.

Due to heavy overnight

rain and wet outfield, only two balls were bowled at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium during the match between Southern Punjab and Balochistan, who decided to bowl without contesting the toss.

Southern Punjab's opener Umar Siddiq was dismissed on what was the second and last ball of the day by Khurram Shahzad as the scorecard stood at none for one.

The third match of the round between Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will commence tomorrow at the Pindi Cricket Stadium.

Scores in brief: Central Punjab elects to bat against Northern at the LCCA Ground

Central Punjab 302-5, 82 overs (Abdullah Shafique 155, Faheem Ashraf 68 not out, Qasim Akram 38; Musa Khan 2-62)

Toss uncontested – Balochistan opt to bowl against Southern Punjab at Abbottabad Cricket Stadium

Southern Punjab 0-1, 0.2 overs (Khurram Shahzad 1-0

## CA Championship

### Rahat Ali's five-fer skittles Balochistan for 109

LAHORE: A brilliant bowling performance from Rahat Ali bowled out Balochistan for 109 in just 24.1 overs against Southern Punjab at the Bugti Stadium, Quetta on day one of the eighth round of the Cricket Associations Championship 2022-23.

Rahat took five wickets for 37. Majid Ali and Tahir Hussain took two and three wickets respectively.

Southern Punjab has scored 72 for two with openers Zeeshan Ashraf and Maqbool Ahmed making 27 each.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were 252 for four against Sindh at the UBL Sports Complex as Mohsin Khan scored a brilliant century. Mohsin scored 109 not out off 172 balls and hit 11 fours. Nabi Gul was the next best batter as he was unbeaten on 72.

Sindh's Mustafa Nasir took two wickets for 55. Central Punjab's Abdul Samad and Saif Badar scored half-centuries against Northern at the NBP Sports Complex.

Central Punjab were 169 for two in 50 overs with Samad and Saif unbeaten on 60 and 57. Zaman Khan and Umer Khan picked up the two wickets.

Scores in brief: Balochistan v Southern Punjab at Bugti Stadium, Quetta

Balochistan 109 all out, 24.1 overs (Fahad Iqbal 23, Mohammad Shahid 20; Rahat Ali 5-37, Tahir Hussain 3-21, Majid Ali 2-49)

Southern Punjab 72-2, 22 overs (Zeeshan Ashraf 27, Maqbool Ahmed 27 not out)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa v Sindh at UBL Sports Complex, Karachi

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 252-4, 66.3 overs (Mohsin Khan 109 not out, Musadiq Ahmed 30; Mustafa Nasir 2-55)

Central Punjab v Northern at NBP Sports Complex, Karachi

## Geoff Lawson sees Pakistan triumphing T20 World Cup

SYDNEY: Former head coach of the Pakistan cricket team Geoff Lawson feels that the Men In Green were lucky to get through the semi-finals but now they are capable of winning the T20 World Cup.

In an exclusive interview with Geo News on Wednesday, the 64-year-old said that Pakistan should play without fear of consequences in the semi-final against New Zealand.

"Predictable in the unpredictability as ever," the former Australian cricketer said while talking about Pakistan's journey in the tournament.

"And, lucky to get through the semi-finals. We know that they can be brilliant on their day. And I think the bowling has been fairly brilliant. The batting just let them down a little bit bought."

## T20 World Cup

### Pakistan's semi-final match excites CJP Umar Ata Bandial

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial has suggested putting up a screen to televise the much-hyped semi-final of the T20 World Cup between Pakistan and New Zealand.

The excitement is gripping the entire country as Pakistan is set to take on New Zealand in the semi final after the Green Shirts unexpectedly snuck into the last four by sending Bangladesh packing.

The match came under discussion in the Supreme Court during the hearing of a case pertaining to the NAB Ordinance 1999 amendments on Tuesday.

The lawyers objected to the deferral of the court's proceedings till Wednesday, saying that the semi-final match of Pakistan has to be played on Wednesday.

"The match will start at 1pm," lawyer Makhdoom Ali Khan said while requesting the court not to adjourn the hearing till then.

At this, CJP Bandial said that he didn't even know about it. Why don't we skip the hearing of the case tomorrow due to the semi-final, he asked.

Meanwhile, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah remarked: "If you don't mind we'll watch the match while you continue giving arguments." He also asked the lawyer to spare Wednesday as he himself is a cricket fan.

"Let's put up a screen outside the court for the match. I pray that Pakistan wins the semi-final," the CJP said, adding that they will wrap up tomorrow's hearing early by the time the match is in a good situation.

## Taniya Malik gave the reception to Pak-Ireland women's cricket teams



Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: PCB Head of Women's cricket Wing Taniya Malik gave the reception to Pakistan and Ireland women's cricket teams here at National High Performance Centre, Lahore. Both the teams management, PCB Chief Executive Officer Faisal Hussain, CEO cricket Ireland Dev Trum, Chief Operating officer PCB Salman Naseer and Director International Zakir Khan, dignitaries and other officials were present on the reception which was given by PCB wing head of women's wing Taaniya Malik and she welcomed both the teams..The Ireland team also watched the cricket Museum at National high performance centre and during the event cake cutting ceremony was held in the honour of star all rounder Pakistan women cricket team Nida Dar who declared the player of the month.

## 4th Combaxx Asian Open International Taekwondo Championship G2

### World athletes praise PTF for the successful hosting of the tournament



ISLAMABAD: Iran's Gold medal winner taekwondo athlete Armin Hadipur and other world athletes have showered heaps of praise on Pakistan Taekwondo Federation (PTF) for the successful hosting of the 4th Combaxx Asian Open International Taekwondo Championship G2 in Islamabad and termed it as a prologue to more such prestigious international events in the country in future too.

The process of going back of the participating world contingents to their respective home countries is completed now but before their departure for their homelands, they said they were impressed by the traditional hospitality of Pakistan, where they enjoyed the play to the fullest.

Armin Hadipur said that Pakistan athletes are very talented which can be gauged from their securing second place in the Asian level championship, also an indication that they are going to be tough opponents in future international outings," he said.

Armin Hadipur termed his visit to Pakistan as a historical one, saying he used to read about Pakistan on social media but after landing here, he found it to be a more beautiful land than their expectations, adding, "I am impressed by its beauty and I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed my sports trip."

Kazakhstan's female gold winner athlete Noray Honova termed Pakistan to be the most lovely place. "We visited Shakarparian, and View Lake resorts in Islamabad which were really beautiful picnic spots full of natural beauty, she said, adding, "I enjoyed Pakistani cuisine, especially the traditional tasteful dishes."

## Youth Affairs and Sports Department Punjab and Civil Services Academy sign MOU

LAHORE: Taking another key step Youth Affairs and Sports Department Punjab will provide top class sports training, coaching and other relevant facilities to under-trainee officers of Civil Services Academy (CSA).

In this regard, Youth Affairs and Sports Department Punjab and Civil Services Academy have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at Civil Services Academy on Tuesday.

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab EhsanBhutta, Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi, Director General Civil Services Academy Omer Rasool, Additional Secretary Sanaullah, Directors Civil Services Academy Ms Ayesha Zarin, MrAsim and other officials were also present at the occasion.

Talking on this occasion, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab EhsanBhutta said that around 200 probationary officers took training in the highest training academy of civil servants every year. "Besides their highest professional training, these officers must also focus on their physical health and it could be possible only through featuring in regular sports activities."

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab EhsanBhutta further said that Civil Services Academy will arrange multiple training courses for trainee

officers with an aim to update their knowledge and skills in management, sports science and doping issues etc. "Youth Affairs & Sports Department Punjab and Sports Board Punjab will extend every kind of technical help to Civil Services Academy in the carrying out these valuable courses," he elaborated.

He informed that Youth Affairs & Sports Department Punjab will also provide all out help to under training officers not only in Civil Services Academy but other training academies like MPDD, QAED, NSPP etc.

Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi on this occasion said

that the under training officers can play an important role in the promotion of sports after their deployment. "There is no doubt that the progress and uplift of any country is closely linked to development of sports and that's why we need to promote sports culture as much as possible in our country," he added.

Director General Civil Services Academy Omer Rasool expressed his gratitude to Sports and Youth Affairs Department Punjab for conducting sports courses for under-training officers. "Sports and Youth Affairs Department Punjab is taking effective measures for the growth of true sports culture across the province," he added.

