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Rana Sanaulah clarifies he's 'perfectly fine'

Interior Minister Rana Sanaulah has clarified that he is "perfectly fine" after a photograph purportedly from his hospital visit in Rawalpindi went viral. Various social media accounts were circulating a picture of him lying on a hospital bed wearing a hospital gown and an oxygen mask. His followers speculated about his health condition and the reason for the sudden hospital admission.



Khan tries to make security institutions controversial: Kaira

Advisor to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira has criticized Chairman PTI Imran Khan for creating unrest in the country through long march. Talking to a private television channel, he said Imran Khan is lying to the nation in public meetings and trying to make the security institutions controversial. Qamar Zaman Kaira said the Prime Minister has full authority to appoint the army chief on merit.

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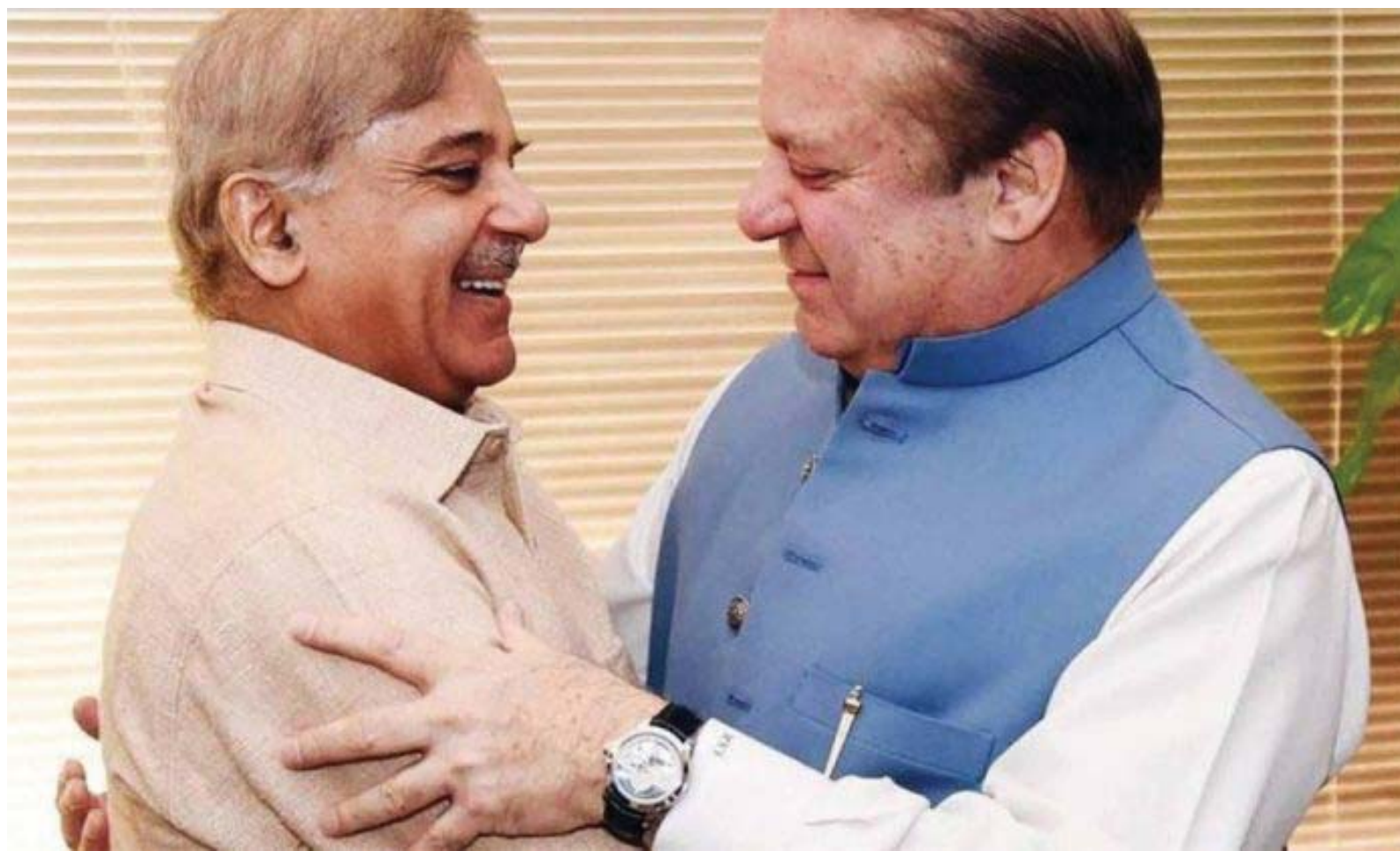
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Nawaz Sharif not only my elder brother but also a pillar of strength: PM



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said that former premier Nawaz Sharif was not only his elder brother but also had been a pillar of strength throughout his life.

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The prime minister's remarks on Twitter came in response to a

social media post showing him and elder brother Nawaz Sharif hugging each other with traditional warmth as the former left there after their meeting in London.

Shehbaz Sharif is seen show-

ing respect to Nawaz Sharif who was staying in London for medical treatment since 2019. The former premier also reciprocated the warmth with affection to his younger brother.

"Mian Nawaz Sharif is not just

my leader and my elder brother but also someone who has been a pillar of strength for me throughout my life. His affection and love is a source of confidence and inspiration for me," the prime minister wrote on Twitter. Agencies

Ishaq Dar meets management of leading commercial banks of Dubai



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held meetings in Dubai with management of the leading commercial banks, which deal commercially with Pakistan and Ministry of Finance. These banks including Dubai Islamic Bank, Ajman

Bank and Emirates NBD, said a press release issued by the Ministry of Finance on Saturday.

The commercial banks reposed their confidence in current economic policies of the government and assured their continued support for Pakistan.

Imran compromised national interests for personal political gains: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Saturday that PTI Chairman Imran Khan compromised national interests for personal political gains.

In a statement, she said Imran Khan who was a foreign agent made mockery of himself, the country and the nation.

The minister said now all the antics of Imran Khan had been exposed, who she opined had been running a show since the 2014 sit-in.

Castigating Imran Khan, she said four years of PTI rule

was a classic example of inefficiency, incompetence and lies.

Imran Khan destroyed employment opportunities and caused inflation as PTI would be remembered for four years of loot and plunder in the country. Referring to Tosha Khana, she said gifted watches and necklaces were looted. She said Imran abused opponents, ran dirty campaigns against martyrs and instigated a revolt against national institutions.

The minister said the time had come to stop Imran's dirty drama targeting opponents and institutions. Agencies

PTI's caravans storming towards Federal Capital from different locations

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Saturday announced members who will be leading simultaneous caravans from three separate locations in the country.

According to the issued tweet, PTI vice chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi is leading the march in Lala Musa while Pervez Khattak will lead in KP.

It added that the convoy led by Asad Umar at Jhang will reach Rawalpindi in a few days after passing through Faisalabad and Sargodha. PTI General Secretary Asad Umar has reached Shorkot in Jhang district to lead the long march rally.

PTI's official Twitter account shared photographs of him interacting with supporters



there. PTI leader Asad Umar has said the "Haqeeqi Azadi" is not just former prime minister Imran Khan's "war" and that the "people of the country are also an equal part of it." Addressing a rally in Jhang, the ex-

minister urged the supporters of Imran to stand by their party leader during the current struggle.

During his speech in Jhang, Asad Umar stated that Imran Khan believes the next COAS

should be appointed based on merit. Further, he slammed the PML-N leaders "sitting in London, making decisions for Pakistan". Referring to Nawaz Sharif, he said that the leaders were seeking advice from "a thief

who fled the country". Responding to a question, Asad said that the PTI had not "started a war to come into power", and highlighted the victory by a great lead in the Punjab elections on July 15. INP

COAS pays farewell visit to Lahore Garrison

LAHORE: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Saturday visited Lahore Garrison and laid floral wreath at Martyrs' Monument and offered fatha during his farewell visit.

The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said the COAS inaugurated Lahore Garrison Institute for Special Education and visited various school facilities for special children during his visit.

The COAS also inaugurated state of the art Hockey Arena, where he interacted with veteran hockey legends.

COAS said, "Youth of Pakistan is our asset and such facilities are must to provide them an enabling environment to achieve excellence in sports."

He also interacted with offi-



cers and men of Lahore Corps and Pakistan Rangers Punjab.

During his farewell address, the COAS lauded troops for their services to nation in the line of duty despite all odds. He appreciated their professionalism and devotion to the defence of motherland.

Earlier on arrival, the COAS was received by Corps Commander Lieutenant General Salman Fayyaz Ghani. Agencies

Saudi Prince postpones Pak visit due to personal engagements: Ashrafi

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Special Representative for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi on Saturday said Saudi Arabia's Prime Minister and Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman had postponed his visit to Pakistan due to personal engagements.

Talking to APP, Ashrafi who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council said, as per reports, the Crown Prince had not only postponed his visit to Pakistan but also delayed his visit to some other countries.

"As soon as his visit is rescheduled, it would be intimated to the quarters



concerned," he added.

He also clarified that Pakistan's internal affairs had nothing to do

with the postponement of the Crown Prince's visit. He also urged the people "not to be misguided by the rumours being propagated by negative elements."

He said the Crown Prince was not only a state guest but was the most-adored personality of the Pakistani nation, also expressing the hope that he would be given a historic welcome on his arrival to the country.

He said Pak-Saudi relations were not only based on diplomacy but they were based on faith and belief which could not be shaken by any propaganda and conspiracy. APP

Qureshi believes Imran will be PM again

GUJRAT: PTI vice chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi stated he believes Imran Khan will become the prime minister again. Salute to the passion and spirit of the people of Gujarat.

From city to city is one voice, 'Prime Minister Imran Khan'. "I firmly believe that not only our Haqeeqi Azadi movement will be successful but very soon Imran Khan will once again be the Prime Minister of Pakistan," he said on Twitter

Kundi urges big polluter to help Pakistan during climate related calamities

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) of Pakistan for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Faisal Karim Kundi has urged the big polluter to help Pakistan during climate related calamities.

He was addressing the WBG Pavilion Event at the COP-27 conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, said a news release.

Addressing the occasion, the SAPM said that Pakistan has gone through one of the worst natural calamities in the form of floods and more than 40% of the country and crop fields were submerged under flood water.

Kundi informed the forum that people in the flood affected areas are living under the open sky as all houses and their villages have been devastated by floods.

He noted that such ruins were the result of climate change and global warming, therefore, it is the responsibility of big polluters to help Pakistan in these testing times.

The SAPM while highlighting the government's initiatives for social protection and poverty alleviation apprised the forum that under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Rs. 2500/- (US \$ 100-115) were being paid to every household who lived

below a certain poverty level.

He pointed out that BISP is an effective and efficient digital program through which the level of poverty can be ascertained through National Identity Card (CNIC) into National Socio-economic Registry (NSER).

Special Assistant to PM also briefed the forum on BISP's various incentives such as, scholarships and mutation programmes with primary focus on gender parity and poverty alleviation.

He specifically highlighted that the government provides more stipends to girls in order to encourage female literacy in the country.

IDEAS 2022

KARACHI: Pak Army officials are displaying tanks in preparation of the 11th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS) at Karachi Expo Centre in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

President sees mutually agreed date for general elections

LAHORE: President Dr Arif Alvi on Saturday said that all stakeholders might sit together and decide upon a mutually agreed date for the next general elections which should be held in a free, fair and transparent manner.

He hoped that it would help reduce the political temperature in the country.

The president said further said that the stakeholders should also consider discussing the use of technology to bring efficiency, transparency and fairness in elections.

The president expressed these views during an interactive meeting with a delegation of Lahore-based journalists, at Governor House, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

He said that he would continue his efforts toward reducing the political polarisation, adding that his efforts had made some impact towards reducing the distance from extreme positions to some extent.



The president informed that in his personal capacity, he had been and still trying to bring stakeholders together on one table and resolve their differences by democratic means of discussion, consultation and deliberation and to find mutually agreed upon solutions on major issues and matters to reduce the political polarisation in the greater national interest.

He said that efforts had been made and would continue to be made within the framework

of the constitution and laws of the land for bringing political stability in the country.

The president said that the country required strong and effective institutions and every endeavour should be made for strengthening them and enabling them to perform their respective functions in accordance with the constitution.

He said that the government and institutions should focus on a greater vision and mission and should avoid

getting embroiled into petty matters and issues of narrow scope.

The president said that there was a need to focus our time, energies and efforts to embrace new and emerging technologies, developing out of the box solutions to resolve issues and challenges and to develop capability to avail each and every opportunity to take the country forward on the path of progress and development.

He further said that issues

like inflation, economy, improving service delivery and reducing political polarisation were pressing issues which, in his opinion, needed to be addressed on priority.

Replying to a question, the president said that Arshad Sharif had sent him a letter about threats to his life and he forwarded that letter along with his comments to the prime minister.

He said that media was an integral part of the democratic dispensation and it should perform its functions freely without any intimidation or harassment under the relevant provisions of the constitution and laws.

The president said that fake news was like a "Gheebat", similarly any statement presented out of reference and context also sometimes led to serious consequences.

He said that they should train themselves to verify every news and should not become an instrument for promoting fake and unverified news. APP

CDWP approves Rs 40 billion for uplift of 20 vulnerable districts

ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) on Saturday approved Rs 40 billion projects for the uplift of 20 poorest districts of Pakistan, besides addressing disparity in economic development in the country.

The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has launched the program, which is comprising on 5 years (2022-27) and would be completed on 50 percent cost sharing basis by federal government and provincial governments.

The CDWP met here with Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal in chair, said a press release issued by the



ministry. Speaking on the occasion, Ahsan Iqbal said that this is the first of its kind project in the economic history of Pakistan where the federal government is undertaking a national intervention to uplift the poorest districts and address dispar-

ity in economic development in the country.

During our last tenure, we completed the Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index survey with the help of the United Nations Development Program, which for the first-time mapped poverty at district levels across the

country," he added. Identified on the basis of scores in this MPI, the selected 20 districts include 11 districts from Balochistan, 5 from Sindh, 3 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 1 from the Punjab, he said adding that many of these districts have been directly affected by the recent flood disaster, especially in Balochistan and Sindh.

He said that the main objective of this project is to promote inclusive growth and equitable development through targeted investments in infrastructure and human capital development in the poorest districts of the country, adding that investments in human capital development, especially young people and women, is among

the primary pillars of the project.

Aligned with Pakistan Vision 2025 and the Global Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030, the project aims to make a significant contribution towards reducing regional inequality and strengthening national integration and harmony in the country, he added.

He said that the project is part of the Youth Development Program launched by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif last month, adding the other initiatives under this program include 2,000 internships for young engineers, besides 250 mini-sports complexes initiative, Pakistan Innovation Fund and 75 National Top Talent Scholarships. APP

ATC awards death sentence on 13 counts



ABBOTTABAD: A special Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Friday handed over death sentence on 13-counts to each of two accused in Dasu Hydro Power Project (DHPP) terrorist attack case.

The court also imposed Rs 40 million fine on the two convicted terrorists, besides awarding them a total of around 800 years of imprisonment; including life imprisonments. All the sentences shall run concurrently. Benefits of Section 382-B CrPC has also been extended in favour of the accused.

ATC Special Court Judge Sajjad Ahmed Jan delivered the verdict in a camp court, established at Central Jail Haripur (CJH) after the completion of the case hearing where the two were found guilty and sentenced 801-year imprisonment. The court also issued orders to release the four other accused for not being guilty.

The ATC special court sentenced the accused Muhammad Hussain, alias Syed Muhammad alias Zawan alias Mama, son of Abdul Rahim age 49, resident of Sabin Burat, Tehsil, Matta, Swat, and Muhammad Ayaz, alias Jan, 42, resident of Zurai Balu Jabril Tehsil, Matta Swat, and awarded each a 13-count death penalty and 801-year imprisonment. The court also imposed Rs 40 million fine on the convicts.

The court ordered hanging each convict on 13 counts for the crime under section 302 PPC (on 13

counts) and 7(A) ATA. They were also imposed a 1.5 million fine per victim which the heirs of the deceased, would receive and ordered one-year additional imprisonment in case of non-payment of the fine by the convicts.

The ATC special court also ordered under Section 324 PPC, 32-time 10-year imprisonment for an attempt to murder each convict, two-year imprisonment under Section 337 PPC, two-year imprisonment under Section 427 PPC, and a fine of one million, six months imprisonment under Terrorist Act, Section 11-F (2) ATA, 1996, six months imprisonment under 120/B PPC, life imprisonment under 3/4 EXP for use of explosives.

The other punishments that were awarded to both convicted were under section 21 (1) ATA 1997, sentenced to life imprisonment and six months in prison in 202 PPC. The court acquitted both the accused as the charge in Section 353 PPC and section 21-J ATA were not proved.

The special ATC ordered to release four other accused in the case including Shaukat Ali, Anwar Ali, and Fazal Hadi residents of Matta Swat and another accused who was already on bail, was also acquitted. On July 14, 2021, ten Chinese engineers and three Pakistani workers were traveling to the Dasu Hydro Power Project construction site when their bus suddenly plunged into a deep ravine after an explosion on board. APP

Delhi court grants bail to illegally detained Kashmiri youth

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has granted bail to a Kashmiri youth illegally detained in a false case registered by India's notorious National Investigation Agency (NIA) under the draconian law, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The Principal District and Sessions Judge, Dharmesh Sharma of Patiala House Courts granted bail to 25-year-old Fayaz Ahmad Khan after NIA failed to file a charge-sheet within the statutory period against him.

He was arrested by the probe agency on 14th May in the territory in a false case. As the period of

180 days for filing the charge-sheet against Fayaz Khan expired, his counsel Tamanna Pankaj moved a bail application following which the judge ordered his release.

The court has ordered Fayaz Khan to report and provide his contact number, before the local police station in Kupwara district of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir on every second Sunday.

He is also required to notify the local SHO in advance in case he decides to visit any place outside his native village in the Kupwara district. INP



Zaheer Janjua hails conferral of Canada's Gairdner Global Health Award 2022 on Pakistani doctor on Saturday.

Pak-Indonesia possess potential to enhance future economic ties

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Foreign Minister of Indonesia for Asia Pacific and African Affairs Abdul Kadir Jailani on Saturday said that Pakistan and Indonesia possess a huge potential in the development of economic, trade and diplomatic ties in the future.

"In order to enhance the existing capabilities in the relations between the two countries, more intensive economic diplomacy is going on and there is already a consensus in both countries for that matter," Deputy Foreign Minister of Indonesia for Asia Pacific and African Affairs told APP in an exclusive chat from Jakarta.

The bilateral trade between the two countries had already reached \$4 billion dollars with more potential to be executed in the future, he said.

He said that there was already a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between Pakistan and Indonesia which would help to promote mutual free

trade in both sides.

The minister said that Pakistan was an important country in terms of its geographic location which shared borders with Central Asia, Middle East and China.

He said that Indonesia would prove to be a gateway for Pakistan in the Association of South East Asian Nation (ASEAN) countries and that Pakistan was also willing to give Indonesia market access in its region on which there is consensus in both sides.

He said the private sector of the two countries needed to come closer through dialogue through which both the economies could get better results by connecting with each other through mutual economic integration.

Replying to a question, he said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an important project in which Indonesia was also thinking to investment.



Kadir Jailani said that Indonesia has its interest to invest in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Pakistan, which would promote economic and trade relations between the two countries.

He said the economic, socio-cultural connectivity was of utmost importance in both countries and at the same time giving importance to the relations

between the people of both sides would lead to the strengthening of relations.

In response to another question, he said that after the Covid-19, the global supply chain was greatly affected, which impacted sector including health, education and livelihood.

He said that by connecting to the global supply chain both countries could increase their trade and livelihood.

He said that Pakistan and Indonesia were the two largest Islamic countries in terms of population with a combined population of 500 million "which is a potential market for economic and trade cooperation and can open new avenues for bilateral economic cooperation".

The deputy minister said that both sides were working to enhance bilateral economic, trade, diplomatic, political and cultural cooperation, and new avenues of cooperation would open up

in this regard in the future.

The minister said that the mutual relations between Pakistan and Indonesia had been strong since independence, which needed to be further improved so that our future generations are also the guardians of this heritage.

He said that during the current flood, the Indonesian government helped Pakistan in every way and sent three aircraft as aid and "we are in touch with the government of Pakistan to extend further help in rehabilitation in the future".

He said that Indonesia did not believe in any rivalry anywhere in the world, but "we believe in global economic and trade integration".

He further said that Indonesia was determined to develop our economic and trade relations with all regions of the world including South Asia, Central Asia and Africa.

Kadir Jailani said that Indonesia attaches importance to mutual economic and trade integration among ASEAN countries and its economic relations with the rest of the world were extremely important.

There are good economic and trade relations in the Pacific region and ASEAN countries and "we valued this partnership and cooperation in the future".

He said that due to the Russia-Ukraine war, food security problem had arisen in the world and efforts were being made to resolve it which would yield good results.

The deputy foreign minister said that ASEAN is currently an emerging economic bloc in the world economically and commercially with free trade and other agreements with various countries including China and Pacific Asia through which Pakistan can reap the benefits through Indonesia. APP

CPC's 20th NPC outcome will take China to new heights

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: A Seminar on "The Significance Of The 20th National Congress Of The Cpc And The Re-Election Of President Xi Jinping" was organized by China Study Center, University of Peshawar, and Pakistan-China Friendship Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa jointly at the Conference Hall of the China Study Center, University of Peshawar. Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Director China Study Center, University of Peshawar welcomed all the distinguished speakers, Guests, Academicians, Scholars, and Students to the Seminar. Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar in his keynote speech shed light on the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the Re-Election process of President Xi Jinping. He further said that Chinese modernization is based on pursuing high-quality development, development of people's democracy, and economic prosperity, promoting harmony between humanity and



nature, building a human community with a shared future, and creating a new form of human advancement. He also congratulates Ms. Hira Ali Lecturer, Department of Arts and Design, University of Peshawar for Securing Silver award for Pakistan in the Orient Star Design Award, China. Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani Secretary-General Pakistan-China Friendship Association (PCFA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in his key note speech highlighted the Pakistan-China relations from a historical perspective. He said that China's Political system is unique

in the world, which yields prosperity in all fields of life in China. Recently concluded 20th NPC shows the strengthen of this Political system to the world and regarded best.

Ms. Hira Ali Lecturer at Department of Arts and Design, University of Peshawar in her presentation talked about the Orient Star Design Award competition to the audience in which she participated. In the ASEAN division of the Orient star design contest she represented University of Peshawar. She secured Silver Award for Pakistan. Ms. Afsheen Zaman Lecturer at

Department of Arts and Design, University of Peshawar said that China is a growing economy and Pakistan should take full advantage of China's capability through Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Madam Farida Rashid Chairperson Department of Arts and Design, University of Peshawar in her speech suggested organizing / conducting an Art competition on any theme that reflects China. This will help us in understanding more about China and its culture particularly.

At the end of the seminar Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Director China Study Center, University of Peshawar presented Souvenir to Ms. Hira Ali for her outstanding performance in the Orient Star Design Award competition, China. And also distributed Chinese Language Certificates among the students who successfully completed their Preparatory Chinese Language Course (HSK I) at China Study Center, University of Peshawar.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Secretary Azad Kashmir Muhammad Usman Chachad meeting with President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry at the President House, Kashmir.

Italian theater play 'The Virtuous Burglar'



Bureau Report

KARACHI: Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi's Theater Academy of presented theater play "The Virtuous Burglar" by Italian director Dario Fo at Studio II. play written by Italian director Dario Fo was presented in English language at Arts Council Karachi.

The play was directed by director Asad Gojar. While in the theatre, the students of Arts Council Theater Academy showed the essence of acting. Bilal Ahmed, Shizza Khan, Mustafa Shah, Malaika Haider, Sheryl John, Hassoon Rafi, Armaghahan Kathri participated. A large number of fans appreciated the great performance of the artistes. It should be noted that the theater "The Virtuous Burglar" will continue on November 13 at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi.

Political instability and floods have badly affected the Pakistani economy

Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: 237% increase in gas prices will create a new tsunami of inflation which will not only increase political and economic unrest but also increase unemployment.

Therefore, the government should never allow this increase. Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Dr. Khurram Tariq said that inflation, political instability and floods have badly affected the Pakistani economy, while the increase in gas prices could worsen the situation.

He said that even before winter, the government has issued notices to commercial connection holders to switch to LNG. If the prices of LPG also increase by the same ratio, the industrial sector will not be able to bear these huge additional costs and as a result there will be a storm of unemployment due to closure of industries.

He warned that street crimes are already high in Faisalabad due to unemployment, while the closure of industries will make it difficult to provide security to people.

He said that the government should take a decision after reviewing the facts on the ground, because the decisions made in haste not only worsen the situation, but later withdrawing these decisions also raises questions about the government's performance.

He said that the industrialists understand the financial constraints of the government, but the government should also understand the problems of the people so that decisions can be taken together in the best interest of the country.

Preparations for winter

KARACHI: People are busy is buying warm clothes in Landa Bazaar at Lines Area in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Sehat Kahani partnered with Akhuwat to make healthcare accessible

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Sehat Kahani signed an agreement with Akhuwat to benefit directly or indirectly five million people with sound digital healthcare services.

In order to provide patients with online chat, audio and video-enabled instant or on-appointment consultations, and online diagnostics, Sehat Kahani created a one-window digital healthcare platform. Through their service lines, patients in underprivileged and difficult-to-reach locations can connect with doctors through a mobile application and intermediary-assisted tele-medicine facilitation centers.

The largest interest-free micro-finance organization in the world, Akhuwat, is committed to enhancing



the lives of the underprivileged, particularly those who are financially mistreated, neglected, and ignored by society. As a recognized non-governmental organization, Akhuwat offers interest-free loans to the underprivileged so they can acquire the means of support, education, and employment necessary to realize their full potential.

Dr. Amjad Saqib, Chairman & Founder Akhuwat, expressed his hopes for this partnership by saying;

"The Islamic idea of Mawakhat, or brotherhood, serves as an inspiration for Akhuwat. When Islam originally emerged, the people of Madina gave the first public demonstration of Mawakhat

by giving a portion of their income to the Meccan muhajirin. With increasing inflation, healthcare is becoming a luxury for low-income communities, and to cater to that, I believe our partnership with Sehat Kahani is going to immensely help."

Furthermore, Dr. Sara Saeed Khurram, CEO and Co-founder of Sehat Kahani added,

"Having the mission to democratize healthcare access for all using digitally enabled primary care doctors, expertise and services, Sehat Kahani has always worked to make healthcare more and more accessible to the masses. To achieve great things, collaboration is important, and with great empathy and anticipation, I am looking forward to this partnership with Akhuwat."

The decision to install modern AMI meters FESCO should not be taken unilaterally

Bureau Report.

FAISALABAD: The decision to install modern AMI meters for industrial and commercial customers by Fesco should not be taken unilaterally. Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Dr. Khurram Tariq has said that these meters installed experimentally by Fesco will automatically shut off the supply if the bill is not paid.

He said that along with the installation of these meters, Fesco should also be bound that it will not cut off the electricity of these consumers and if the electricity of these consumers is cut off due to Fesco's fault, then they will also have to pay for it. Damages should be paid.

Tribal elders celebrated a day of thanksgiving in Wana

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: A grand ceremony was held at the house of MPA Naseerullah Khan Wazir regarding the division of tribal district of South Waziristan into two districts.

People also thanked MPA Naseerullah Khan Wazir for laying the net of development projects in the area and praised him for his excellent services in the area.

A dignified function was organized at MPAs house to celebrate the day of thanks giving for the division of two districts.

On this occasion, the tribal elders expressed special grat-

itude to former Prime Minister Imran Khan, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan, MPA Naseerullah Wazir and his father, former Customs Collector Nasrullah Wazir.

Tribal elders said that MPA Naseerullah Khan and his father retired customs collector Intelligence Nasrullah Khan Wazir have won the hearts of the people of Lower Waziristan by fulfilling their pre-election promise to the tribal elders in Wana.

In this regard, tribal elders Malik Rez Muhammad Dinoo, Malik Musa Jan Karmaz Khel, Malik Dost Muhammad Toji Khel, Malik Shah Mahmood



Karmaz Khel and So that the tussle over the distribution of benefits between Mehsud and Wazir Tribes ends and the interests and rights of all nations in terms of population are protected.

On which the provincial

government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa issued the official notification of the tribal district of South Waziristan and divided the district into Upper and Lower Waziristan.

The tribal elders said that the difficulties faced by the people

who had to go to other district tank for minor work,

It will now end after the establishment of headquarters in both the districts, All public problems at the local level will be looked into and resolved.

It should be remembered that people had to go to Tank district, 120 km away, because the head offices of all the departmental departments of Waziristan are in Tank.

Even the district head sits in the DC tank, while the police chief also sits in the tank.

In the end, while addressing the ceremony, MPA Naseerullah Wazir said that I was nominated by the nation in the assembly and I have tried my best.

Govt to help out NGOs working to improve environmental conditions



Bureau Report

KARACHI: Sindh Governor, Kamran Khan Tessori, has said the government will do its best to help out the non-governmental organizations working to improve environmental conditions in the country through an increase in tree cover.

The Sindh Governor expressed his resolve to this effect on behalf of the government as he met a delegation of the National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH). The delegation was led by NFEH President Naem Qureshi.

Delegation includes Secretary General NFEH Ruqya Naem, Vice President Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Information Secretary Mustafa Tahir and Advisors Imran Taj and Mussadiq Aziz.

The meeting took into consideration issues related to the drives underway to lessen environmental pollution and increase the tree cover in Sindh. The Governor told the delegation

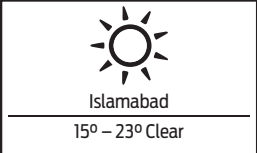
that after health and education environmental protection was the third most important area of concern for him.

He acknowledged that an increase in tree plantation would go a long way to keep the environment clean and free of pollution.

Tessori assured Governor House will support for awareness on environmental issue, Start tree plantation campaign in city and support to corporate sector for CSR activities. He stressed on awareness & prevention of Fire Safety in all commercial and residential buildings.

He said NFEH organizing various activities to improve environment, CSR, Fire Safety, Energy Sector since 1999 and more than 300 events & plantation campaign has been organized.

Qureshi said the NFEH required constant patronage of the government to continue with its activities to improve the environmental conditions in the country.



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EC all set to hold free, fair LB elections in AJK on Nov 27: Sulehria



Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Chief Election Commissioner Justice (R) Abdul Rashid Sulehria Saturday said that the Election commission with strict security measures is all set to hold free and fair local government elections in Azad Jammu and Kashmir on November 27.

In an interview with PTV, he said that all arrangements have been completed to ensure impartial local bodies polls aimed at shifting the power to the people at the grass-roots level, adding, AJK's progress is directly linked with the local government elections.

Pakistan this summer was an inflection point for Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed on Saturday said what happened in Pakistan this summer was an inflection point for Pakistan and the entire World.

Speaking during a panel discussion titled "Is Adaptation The New Climate Normal" held in Pakistan Pavilion at COP27 Sharm El-Sheikh, Senator Mushahid Hussain highlighted that Climate Change was a "borderless issue", a news release received here said.

Referring to Climate Justice and Climate Financing, he termed these two issues as a priority and a collective responsibility towards humanity.

Responding to a question on political debate regarding climate crisis, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed recalled his first public hearing of the Climate Change committee in 2014 which he organized in Pakistan Parliament, wherein he stressed for redefining



national security towards people centric approach. The National Security Policy was adopted in consultation with all the stakeholders is leading to a paradigm shift and redefinition of national security. Now, the focus is more towards human security, environmental security, livelihoods, health, population and

education of the people.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed commended UN Secretary General for becoming an advocate of Climate Justice. At global level, he demanded the major powers should shift their focus from geo-politics to humanitarian issues.

Traditional Foods

ISLAMABAD: A woman is preparing traditional food item Paan attracting costumers for selling purpose at F-9 Park in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Women empowerment among top Pakistan's priorities

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ms. Shazia Marri, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) on Wednesday stated that women empowerment was among the top priorities in Pakistan. She was addressing the Fifth Annual Reykjavik Global Forum Women Leadership in Iceland.

The federal Minister Ms. Shazia Marri is representing Pakistan in Fifth Annual Reykjavik Global Forum Women Leadership along with MNA Ms. Shaista Pervaiz.



Ms. Shazia Marri in her speech, said that she hailed from a flood affected district in Sindh province and highlighted that she herself and five other women Ministers are in the Federal Cabinet of Pakistan, which reflects women empowerment in Pakistan.

The Minister informed the forum that she was coming from a country that was facing

unprecedented floods due to historic rains which Pakistan never experienced before that. She highlighted that 33 million people were displaced due to flooding, a population more than total population of many countries around the world.

She underscored that there were around 650 thousand pregnant women among these people who needed maternal services while 4 million children are also suffering from the calamity.

"I am also the Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety" she continued, "I take pride to lead Pakistan's most successful social protec-

tion programme, that is called Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)".

The Minister informed the forum that BISP covers about 8 million families of Pakistan which are the poorest of the poor, and the Government of Pakistan is providing targeted cash relief to these needy families for a better living.

Ms. Shazia Marri also quoted two other programmes, one pertained to nutrition and other one to the education. "We are trying to incentivize nutrition and education through Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)" she concluded.

Ban on online advertisements and sale of tobacco products required to save Pakistani youth

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Society for the Protection of the Rights of Child (SPARC) organized an interactive session on "Social Media's influence on sale & advertisement of modern tobacco products" on Friday. The purpose of this interactive session was to reach out to social media influencers to expose the tactics of tobacco industry's deceptive social media campaigns.

Malik Imran Ahmed, Country Head Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (CTFK) said that according to statistical data, about 1200 children initiate smoking each day in Pakistan. Tobacco industry is utilizing social media to promote their innovative products and manipulate children and adolescents into buying these harmful products. Children are being attracted by tobacco industry's tricks because of newly introduced ways of advertisement and involvement of celebrities. The responsibility falls onto the govt. to ban advertisement and sale of all kinds of new tobacco products to children to save the future of our children.

Dr. Zia Uddin Islam, Country Lead (Vital Strategies) shared that, ratio of young smokers in Pakistan is only increasing due to the absence of check



and balance on online advertisements and sale of innovative tobacco products. Industry has given children easy access to these dangerously addictive new tobacco products everywhere in the country. Only possible way to erase tobacco popularity among children is to ban all sorts of sale to children and advertisements especially on social media.

Khalil Ahmed, Program Manager

(SPARC) mentioned that, the tobacco industry is hunting for new buyers and children seem much of an easy target to entrap. The online advertisements on tobacco products gives the industry a huge platform to manipulate children by gaining their attention on social media. Govt. should take notice of these vast online advertisements and save our children as the future of our country depends on them.

Event was attended by renowned youth influencers who appreciated SPARC's efforts and made commitments to produce content on tobacco control as their contribution towards tobacco-free and healthy future for Pakistani children.

Sulehria further expressed his hope that the electoral exercise at the grass-root level would positively change the social, political and economic structure of AJK, adding, all political parties should come together to formulate long-term policies in the public interest.

Election Commission of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) has issued the schedule of local bodies elections, which will be held after 31 years, he said, adding, the total number of registered voters are 29,50,000.

Replying to a question, he said more than 11,000 candidates including females are participating in LB polls in AJK.

To another question related to demands for teachers' duties in elections, he made it clear that teachers are respectable to us and no such demands were coming from their side yet, adding, there is no change in the local government election procedure and they will be conducted on the same pattern.

PAC organized Aik Sham Nawaz Anjum Kay Nam



RAWALPINDI: Punjab Arts Council organized Aik Sham with famous TV and Theater actor Nawaz Anjum here on Saturday.

The chief guest of the program was Provincial Minister for Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Taimur Masood Akbar. The organizers of the program were Shahzad Pappu while Zahoor. Ahmed Shah and Qamar Shah were the producers. The special guest Malik Taimur Masood Akbar said that artists are our identity in the world. Artists have a positive face of any country in front of the world.

Artists like Nawaz Anjum have made the name of Pakistan famous all over the world including Pakistan, India, United Kingdom, America. Pakistani artists have no second in comedy acting. Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmad, Anjum Khabibi, Basharat Jafri, Yar Muhammad Khan, Jalil Khan, Shabbir Khan, Shaughta Khan, M Aslam Bhatti and Zahoor Ahmed Shah paid tribute to Nawaz Anjum's personality and artistic abilities in the program. Wazir Ali, Mana Mast, Komal Malik, Sadia, Shabana, Rameez, Mehwish Khan, Sana Khan and Ali Nadeem Shaukat sing beautiful songs and received loud applause from the audience. In his speech, Nawaz Anjum thanked the people of Rawalpindi and expressed his grief over the death of renowned artist Masood Khawaja. At the end of the ceremony, Provincial Minister for Culture Malik Taimur Masood Akbar, Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmad, Zahoor Ahmad Shah presented Nawaz Anjum with his portrait as a gift.

CTO Lahore visited Kalma Chowk Underpass Remodeling and CBD Boulevard project



Bureau Report

LAHORE: CTO Lahore Dr. Asad Malhi visited the CBD Punjab Boulevard Kalma Chowk Underpass Remodeling project site and met the official contractor NLC and Punjab Central Business District Development Authority's Project Director of the CBD Punjab Boulevard project to ensure uninterrupted flow of traffic.

He said that this project is under the vision of infrastructure development of the government. During the construction work, there will be traffic pressure in Kalma Chowk and adjacent areas, to control the traffic congestion CBD Punjab administration and city traffic police have identified alternative routes and placed traffic diversion signboards for the uninterrupted flow of traffic. CEO of CBD Punjab Imran Amin has also directed to take all possible steps to ensure an uninterrupted flow of traffic.

Ignite signs agreement for 8th incubation center in aerospace technologies

ISLAMABAD: Ignite has signed contract for launching its first vertical incubator in Aerospace Technologies in collaboration with Aviation City Pakistan.

The National Incubation Centers in Aerospace Technologies (NICAT) will be established at National Aerospace Science & Technology Park (NASTP), Rawalpindi, said a news release.

The Contract for establishment of NICAT was awarded to NETSOL Technologies Ltd. and signed by CEO Ignite, Asim Shahryar Husain, CEO ACPL, Air Commodore Dr. Liaquat Ullah Iqbal SI(M), and CEO NETSOL, Salim Ghauri. NETSOL team, based in Lahore, participated virtually.

In his welcome address, Asim Shahryar, CEO Ignite stated that the global aviation industry is estimated to be around \$3.5 trillion at present. Hence, Ministry of IT and Ignite have planned this new incubator so that Pakistan can unleash its potential in aerospace technologies and get its share in this huge market.

The new incubator in Aerospace Technologies will be Ignite's eighth incubation center with a focus on nurturing high-tech startups related to aerospace and engineering.

He said that the engineering facilities available at NASTP will enable our startups to develop hardware in addition to software for aerospace systems.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO ACPL, Air Commodore, Dr. Liaquatullah Iqbal, SI(M) revealed that ACPL is establishing NASTP to promote, form and develop small to large sized aviation and space related enterprises, laboratories, and R&D centers at national level.

He added that NICAT will be established at NASTP and will help in nurturing and building aerospace related entrepreneurial ecosystem of Pakistan.

CEO NETSOL Technologies Ltd., Salim Ghauri, stated that NICAT will transform the potential of aerospace and high-tech ICT related ideas into reality in accordance with national and global needs and trends.

He said that Netsol will leverage its experience of past 26 years as well as its international linkages to make the new incubator successful for inducted startups.

Ignite's existing seven NICs in Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, Hyderabad, and Faisalabad have incubated more than 1150 startups so far which have created more than 117,000 direct and indirect jobs, raised funding of Rs. 15.4 billion, and generated revenue of Rs. 9.1 billion so far.

Renovation work for NICAT is expected to be completed within 3 months followed by induction of first cohort of startups.

The signing ceremony was also attended by executive management of Ignite, Imran Jattala, CEO Innovators Garage, and senior officers from ACPL and NASTP. APP

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A useful role for the G20

Sinem Cengiz

International status is an important source of soft power for states: the higher their ranking, the more opportunities they have for increasing their influence and promoting their interests. Global platforms such as the G20, whose annual summit takes place in Indonesia next week, are a crucial tool for states to enhance their international status.

The G20 could also create common ground for Turkish-Saudi economic cooperation, as the two countries share similar goals from this platform.

In recent months, Ankara and Riyadh have engaged in efforts to bolster their economic ties. Last week the Saudi Cabinet mandated Investment Minister Khalid Al-Falih to encourage direct investments into Türkiye. Saudi investments in Türkiye amount to \$18 billion, according to Saudi Minister of Commerce Majid Bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi.

Policy statements also indicate that two countries share common positions in international matters. Ankara's support for the OPEC+ decision to reduce oil output was important for three reasons. The first is that Ankara is on the same page as Riyadh when it comes



to the US. The second is that Ankara and Riyadh face similar adverse consequences of the Russia-Ukraine war. The third is that Ankara is looking for more cooperation with Riyadh as it plans to be an energy hub to Europe.

How could the G20 be a platform for Ankara and Riyadh in achieving their long-term goals?

After the 2008 crisis, the G20 gained more prominence in the perception of Turkish policy-makers in fostering the country's role in global economic governance and international affairs. They viewed it as an alternative to

other global organizations in producing global responses to international security-related challenges. For Saudi policy-makers, the G20 could help the Kingdom in completing its Vision 2030. Being part of this platform is significant for Riyadh, not only for economic reasons but for diplomatic ones too. Being members of the G20 enables Saudi Arabia and Türkiye to fully engage in shaping policies to overcome the challenges confronting the global economy.

In this regard, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia have three common goals from the G20. The first is to reinforce econom-

ic cooperation with the G20 countries. The second is to reinforce inclusiveness and representativeness in international financial institutions. The third is to cooperate on areas such as development, energy, and environmental politics.

Two countries hosting the rotating G20 presidency increased other G20 member states' expectations about their contributions and roles within the G20 agenda. However, the deteriorating economic situation in Türkiye seemed to have adversely affected the positive economic contribution that Türkiye could make. In this regard, the recent econom-

ic cooperation between Türkiye and Saudi Arabia is mutually beneficial. Considering its Vision 2030, Riyadh seeks socio-economic cooperation and Türkiye appears as a significant market. Bolstering their cooperation on diverse areas, both Türkiye and Saudi Arabia could achieve their long-term goals from the G20 platform, while placing their recent rapprochement on a more sustainable track.

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 Courtesy: Arab News

For the sake of humanity, Russia!

The horrible images coming out of Khan Sheikhun in Syria's northern province of Idlib are both shocking and mind-numbing. The pictures of lifeless little ones in the arms of their parents and relatives are heart-breaking.

No words can describe this and other horrors that have been visited upon the innocent people of Syria by an inhuman and murderous regime.

This is not the first time the Bashar Assad regime has used chemical weapons against its own people. Nor most likely is it the last. The first time these weapons of mass destruction were used was in August 2013 in Ghouta.

The Assad regime was not held accountable for that, despite tough talk from the then-US President Barack Obama.

In contrast this time, the world seems united in its condemnation of the regime's barbarous and abominable act. Nonetheless, there is one country that continues to stand by a dictator whose appetite for blood-letting and killing does not seem to have been slaked even now.

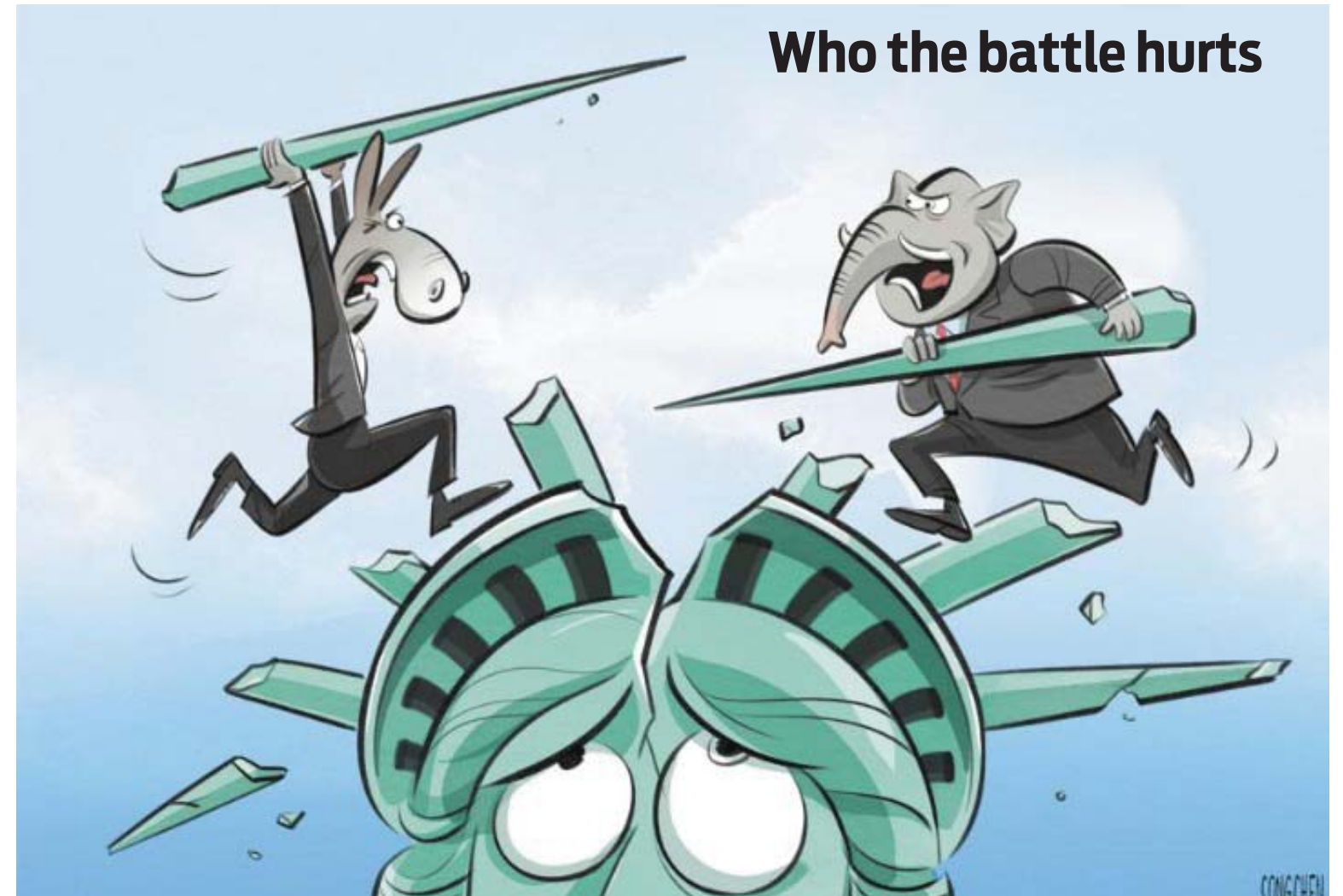
Russia maintains the attack came from opposition fighters. There is, however, clear evidence to the contrary. The attack was, according to the evidence, the result of an aerial bombing and only the regime has aircraft. The opposition has none.

It defies logic and good sense as to why Russia would stand on the wrong side of history. How many more Syrians need to die for the calculations in Moscow to change? More than 400,000 have died in the war and more than 5 million have been uprooted from their land and scattered to countries far and near.

The chemical attack is — as US President Donald Trump rightly said — an affront to humanity.

There has been far too much dilly-dallying at the UN. For much too long, the fate of Syrians has been held hostage to the deadly game of Russian roulette. The business of the veto must stop. And with it, the dance of death in Syria can also be stopped.

Russia must, for the sake of humanity, join the world in stopping the devil in Damascus from raining more death and destruction upon innocent people.



Three foreign priorities for the new US Congress

Luke Coffey

After months of suspense and expectation, the results of the US midterm elections surprised a lot of people. While many were expecting the Republican Party to sweep the board in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, the so-called "red wave" never materialized.

Instead, while votes are still being counted, the Republicans are heading for a majority of only a handful of seats in the House, and control of the Senate remains undecided; it may come down to a run-off vote in Georgia in December.

Considering that inflation and violent crime are at record highs in the US, this mediocre performance by the Republican Party came as a shock to many. Everyone in the Republican camp is pointing fingers and apportioning blame. Meanwhile, the Democrats are breathing a sigh of relief — the results could have been a lot worse.

The midterm election campaign had been dominated by the "bread and butter" issues of American society — the cost of living, the economy, and immigration. The electorate was also motivated by matters that are almost unique to American politics, such as abortion and gun rights. For the most part, there was no meaningful foreign policy debate during the campaign, other than a few outspoken candidates criticizing US "blank check" support for Ukraine.

Much authority in American foreign policy making is rooted in Article II of the US Constitution, which gives the executive branch and the president considerable powers. However, as part of the system of checks and balances, the legislative branch also plays an important role.

As the new Congress meets next January, there are three pressing foreign policy issues that it should focus on.

The first is the war in Ukraine. Since Russia's invasion began in February, the US Congress has authorized \$60 billion to help Ukraine defend itself. While support for Ukraine has enjoyed bipartisan support in the US Congress, there is a small, albeit vocal and slowly growing, minority who are critical of sending more US aid.

It is in America's interest that Ukraine can defend itself. The war is at a pivotal point and Ukraine is on the front foot. The Ukrainian advance on the city of Kherson has delivered the biggest blow to Russia in the war to date. When the new Congress meets early next year, it should continue to provide support for Ukraine. The new Republican leadership must ensure that there are enough votes for future aid packages.

Second, the new Congress needs to send a message to the White House that it will not rubberstamp any deal with Iran. During the 2020 presidential campaign Joe Biden had one major foreign policy pledge: to rejoin the Iran nuclear deal that Donald Trump had left. He seems determined to do this at any cost. In the past 18 months, Iran and its proxy forces have used ballistic missiles and drones to attack civilian infrastructure and US military bases across the Middle East. Meanwhile Tehran has been cracking down on protesters at home while supplying Russia with suicide drones that have been targeting Ukraine's electrical grid.

Any objective assessment of the situation would conclude that the talks in Vienna are a waste of time, and a new deal cannot be had with Iran. In recent years there has been bipartisan support in the form of non-binding congressional resolutions demonstrating concern about the White House's approach to the Iran talks. When

Congress convenes early next year, it must apply even more scrutiny and pressure on the White House when it comes to Iran.

Finally, Congress should put Afghanistan back on the agenda. Although the process started under his predecessor, it was ultimately President Biden's decision to withdraw from Afghanistan last year. This fiasco emboldened America's adversaries and made its friends question US commitment and resolve. The return of the Taliban to power and the disorderly withdrawal of the US from Afghanistan was a stain on America's prestige and honor.

To make matters worse, it has recently been reported that the Biden administration has given the Taliban regime in Kabul about \$1 billion in aid. So far nobody has been held accountable for what was the greatest US foreign policy failure in a generation. The new Congress should use its legislative powers to hold the White House to account and investigate the circumstances and decision-making processes that lead to the Taliban's return to power.

Of course, Congress's main focus is going to be on the domestic agenda. This is what representatives and senators were elected on. It will be the issues of the economy, immigration, and the ongoing culture wars in America that will decide who wins the presidency in 2024.

Even so, the world is growing increasingly dangerous. Congress cannot ignore its obligations and role in the formulation of American foreign policy.

After seeing what happened in Afghanistan last year, the American public is not sure if it can trust the Biden administration on the big foreign policy issues.

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Global Cyber Security Forum in Riyadh - II

Spokesman Research

Abraham added that by 2025, the total amount lost to cybercrime would reach \$10.5 trillion.

Highlighting the findings of an Accenture report, he said that a cyber-attack took place somewhere in the world in every 39 seconds.

"These attacks may be either targeting individuals, sometimes private sectors, or public sectors. Because of this, governments are spending a huge percentage of their wealth on cybersecurity."

"In addition, what I think is critical here is the need to attain cybersecurity maturity, and most importantly to attain cybersecurity immunity."

"We must be in a situation, where people, even when they attack, what they are going to lose from the attack is even higher than the damage or costs to the institution which they attacked," Ibrahim added.

Cybersecurity methods, he said, required a proactive approach as technology was advancing every day.

Craig Jones, the cybercrime director of global policing organization Interpol, said that law enforcement was not currently equipped to deal effectively with transnational crime such as cybercrime.

He pointed out that Interpol found it easier to deal with commodity-based crimes such as drugs and human trafficking, because it fitted into the police model of a particular jurisdic-

tion, unlike cybercrime. "The legislation is different country to country. We see the European Union, you have 27 member countries with joint laws, joint inputs, joint political initiatives, to deal with and combat cybercrime."

"But once you spread that out across the globe, there are different priorities. Some countries don't even have the requisite laws. So, if it appears criminals are operating from one country, another country then tries to come in and identify these criminals and look to prosecute them and extradite them," Jones added.

He also discussed the role of the police in combating cybercrime.

"The role of police is to protect communities; police are drawn from their communities. The policing model essentially was set up to deal with a local problem; a crime scene being local, the offender being local, and the victim being local."

"We could then develop legislation and laws, which could then be carried out by law enforcement in their country."

In terms of law enforcement, he highlighted Interpol's role in its 195 member countries.

Jones said: "What we're seeking to do is to reduce the global impact of cybercrime and protect communities for a safer world and the model we're following as a policing model."

"We're looking from a global to local perspective. How can Interpol support and coordinate activities and operations, and we do it with people, process, and technology."

Concluded

Jetex & Royaljet announce exclusive private jet shuttle to Qatar

DUBAI: Founded in 2003, RoyalJet is one of the most respected and acclaimed names in private aviation with the world's largest fleet of Boeing Business Jet (11 aircraft).

This partnership combines the expertise of both companies to offer elevated and seamless customer experiences both on the ground and in the air.

Passengers can look forward to a truly luxurious experience onboard a Boeing Business Jet offering a bespoke VIP configuration equipped with the latest technology. Its spacious 30-seat cabin offers every comfort for the short flight between the two cities.

Mohammed Husain Ahmed, CEO of RoyalJet, said: "The partnership with Jetex enables RoyalJet to fulfill tourism demand during this exciting period in the GCC's history. Customers will experience the very best in-flight experience on board the world-class RoyalJet fleet, coupled with Jetex's superb



private terminal and on-the-ground facilities."

At the Jetex VIP Terminal in Dubai, passengers are invited to enjoy priority

access, personalized service and luxurious hospitality in comfortable and tranquil lounges, discover spaces devoted to well-being as well, curated art collec-

tions and even a pop-up football field. Jetex team will take care of all pre-flight formalities and passengers will be ready to depart within minutes from their arrival at the airport.

Adel Mardini, Founder & CEO of Jetex, commented: "This new, unprecedented and significant partnership with RoyalJet is the reflection of our high ambitions: embracing industry synergies to offer new services that keep customers at the center. By combining our best-in-class private terminal with the private charter expertise of RoyalJet, it will take us forward. The new opportunities offered to our customers are exactly what our teams are working for at Jetex: a unique and unforgettable experience."

Offering the luxurious experience of private jet travel, the return itinerary is priced AED 29,000 per seat. (GLOBE NEWSWIRE/KNOWLEDGE BYLANES).

Sarfaraz Malik appreciated



Spokesman Report

CARDIFF (UK): Managing Director SLS College and Chairman Jhelum Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Incredible Jhelum Sarfaraz Malik met with Chairman and Co-Founder Cyber Wales Colonel John Davies in Cardiff UK. Mr Malik appreciated his International initiative for cyber security. Initiatives were emphasized to make the young generation aware of cyber security. John welcomed Sarfaraz Malik and congratulated him on signing the virtual MoU with them. Finally, Sarfaraz Malik presented SLS College's souvenir to John for his excellent performance.

Protests deeply polarized Brazil



Protests in deeply polarized Brazil have dwindled since presidential elections nearly two weeks ago but some hard-core supporters of President Jair Bolsonaro remain in the streets. A retired metalworker, Jose Carlos Flamino, stood at his encampment near a military barracks in Sao Paulo and vowed to remain as long as is necessary. He still doesn't accept that Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a leftist former president who squeaked out a 50.9 percent victory over Bolsonaro 49.1 percent in the October 30 vote, won fairly and squarely. The balloting that gave victory to Lula is not reliable, said Flamino, 53, demanding the military overturn the vote.

He not alone. Other diehard Bolsonaro supporters are camped out with him at the Sao Paulo garrison and at military barracks across Brazil. Bolsonaro, a retired army captain, was a victim of an injustice but we are fighting here for the fatherland, said Aginaldo Coimbra, a 52-year-old market analyst, a Brazilian flag draped over his shoulders.

About 100 people with him outside the Sao Paulo military base chanted, SOS, armed forces, and called on the military to save Brazil. Most wore green and yellow clothing, the colors of the national flag that has turned into a symbol for Bolsonaro followers. Brazil didn't elect anyone. The people don't accept this.

We don't want to become Venezuela. Our freedom doesn't have a price, said Lena Pasqualini, 62, a jewelry saleswoman resting at a support center with donated food for the protesters. At a temporary encampment of protesters next to the central Duque de Caxias garrison in Rio de Janeiro, around 100 people remained on Friday morning, down from several thousand in the days after the October 30 runoff election. Even as demonstrations melt to only a few dozen people, protesters insist they represent multitudes. The election "was stolen, and that why all of Brazil is in the streets, said Paulo Campelo, 70, a retired soldier. INP

Historic win: Record-breaking 82 Muslim Americans elected in US midterms

This year's midterm elections in the United States proved to be historic for the Muslim community in America with 82 Muslim candidates sweeping local, state, federal and even judicial seats in 25 states, a report from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the JETpac Resource Center said.

Though republican Mehmet Oz, who could have become the country's first Muslim senator, lost, the record-breaking number of Muslims elected is still a win. Oz lost his seat in Pennsylvania.

Most of the Muslim wins were in red states like Virginia, Georgia, and Texas. The list of elected Muslim members includes 20 incumbents and 17 new candidates. Some popular Muslim politicians like congresswoman Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib maintained their positions.

The seats won range from city councils and local boards of education to the US House of Representatives.

CAIR started tracking the Muslim electoral wins in 2020 when 71 Muslims had been elected. In 2022, that record was broken with the highest number of electoral victories in America's history.

CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said that the country was witnessing a "political transformation".

"Yesterday's historic string of record-breaking American Muslim electoral victories is a testament to our community's ongoing rise in American politics and the trust our neighbours have placed in us to represent them and fight for their interests."

Awad added that this was the "next step" for the Muslim community of America whose voice has been marginalised for a long time.

There were also some historic firsts. Some states elected their first-ever Muslim state legislators. Georgia selected its first Muslim woman, Nabilah Islam, in the state senate and house with the state having the second-highest number of Muslim state legislators in the country.

Nabeela Syed, 23, who became the youngest member of the Illinois General Assembly, shared the news on social media. Web Desk

Al-Maliki: Overwhelming int'l consensus on extending UNRWA's

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Riyad Al-Maliki, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, welcomed voted unanimously in favor of 5 resolutions for Palestine in the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, which will be adopted later in the General Assembly.

According to international law, these resolutions affirm the legitimate rights of our Palestinian people, foremost of which is the right to self-determination and the right of refugees to return to their homes, and the rejection of the settlements as illegal. These resolutions are:

1- The operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and voted in favor of: (164) countries, and against the resolution: (6) countries, (5) countries abstained.

2- Providing assistance to Palestinian refugees, and 165 countries voted in favor of it, 10 countries abstained, and the occupying power was isolated by voting against the



resolution alone.

3- The resolution on the property of Palestinian refugees and the revenues from them, which were voted in favor by: (160) countries, and they voted against the resolution: (7) countries, abstaining from voting: (7) countries,

4- The decision of the Israeli settlements and Israeli practices in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan. 150 countries voted in favour, and voted against the resolution: (8) countries, and 14 countries abstained.

Al-Maliki stressed the importance of the decisions and the position of the international community and its unanimous vote on the

important role played by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), in providing humanitarian and development assistance to refugees, extending the agency's mandate for 3 years, and enabling it to continue its work without hindrances.

Al-Maliki welcomed the vote in favor of these resolutions and thanked the brotherly and friendly countries that sponsored and adopted the resolution, and called on the countries that did not support the resolution to re-read the Charter of the United Nations and its resolutions, in addition to international law and its principles, and not to use double standards, and to return to the right track of history.

Al-Maliki stressed that settlement operations, colonial settlement expansion, evictions and forced displacement of the Palestinian people from their lands and properties are crimes that Israel and its various tools must be held accountable for.

Al-Maliki condemned all other practices committed by the settlers, settlers in the land of the State of Palestine, and against its people, such as acts of violence, destruction, harassment, provocation and incitement, and called for the necessity of implementing United Nations resolutions, including Security Council resolutions, especially resolution 904 (1994), which obliges the occupation to take measures

UN, Russia grain, fertiliser exports talks end without breakthrough



ISLAMABAD: United Nations chiefs held talks with Russian officials on the Black Sea agreements on exporting grain and fertilisers, eight days before one of the deals is set to expire.

The discussions took place behind closed doors at the UN Palais des Nations headquarters in Geneva and wrapped up mid-afternoon.

The discussions updated on progress made in facilitating the unimpeded export of food and fertilisers, including ammonia, originating from the Russian Federation to global markets, said a UN statement.

The meeting between UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths, UN trade and development agency head Rebeca Grynspan and a Russian delegation led by deputy foreign minister Sergei Vershinin also focused on steps taken to facilitate payments, shipping insurance, and access to EU ports for grains and fertiliser.

The world cannot afford to let global fertiliser accessibility problems become a global food shortage, the statement said.

The UN also managed to unblock a shipment of 20,000 tons of fertiliser in the Netherlands, stuck in the Dutch port of Rotterdam due to EU-imposed sanctions on certain individuals and goods.

The shipment will head for Malawi in the coming days under the auspices of the UN World Food Programme, according to the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The fertiliser in question was frozen because a sanctioned individual is involved with the Russian company that owns it, it said, without naming the individual or company involved.

The decision to release the fertiliser was made on the understanding that the UN would ensure that it is delivered to the agreed location (Malawi) and that the Russian company and sanctioned individual will earn nothing from the transaction, the Hague said. INP

Pak-Hungary on Agreement Defence cooperation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: On the invitation of Dr. Gaspar Maroth, State Secretary for Defence Policy and Defence Development, Ministry of Defence, Hungary, Lt Gen (Retd) Hamood uz Zaman Khan, Secretary Defence and Rear Admiral Faisal Amin, Additional Secretary Ministry of Defence Pakistan visited Budapest from 10-11 November 2022.

During the meeting both sides exchanged views on regional and global security and matters of mutual interest, particularly in defence collaboration. The deadly flood situation in Pakistan also came under discussion.

Secretary Defence Pakistan, thanked the Hungarian State Secretary for arranging the bilateral meeting.

2. In a ceremony arranged at Ministry of Defence, Hungary, the State



Secretary and Secretary Defence signed the "Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of Hungary and the Ministry of Defence of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Defence cooperation".

This agreement will provide solid

legal framework for enhancing defence cooperation between the Armed Forces of both countries. 3. At the end, it was mutually agreed to conduct such visits for promotion of defence ties between both countries.

Pak-Uzbekistan direct air flight to be started soon: Uzbek Deputy PM

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Cultural Heritage Aziz Abduhakimov said the direct air flight between Pakistan and Uzbekistan will be started soon which would promote bilateral economic and tourism ties.

In the first phase, the flight will be started from the city of Samarkand in Uzbekistan to Lahore, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Cultural Heritage Aziz Abduhakimov told APP, also adding that the tourism conference will also be held in Samarkand.

He said that in the second phase, direct flights to Karachi and Islamabad will be started from other cities of Uzbekistan, including Tashkent and Khiva.

He said that the direct air link will increase bilateral economic and trade activities and tourism on both sides and it will help the people of both countries to come closer.

Aziz Abduhakimov said the Tourism Conference to be held in Uzbekistan will increase the tourism integration of Uzbekistan not only with Pakistan but also with all the Muslim countries of the world.

He said that holding such a conference would strengthen Uzbekistan's partnership with other countries in the future and promote local tourism.

He said that there is a lot of potential for Islamic tourism in Uzbekistan which can be visited by tourists from Islamic countries.

Uzbek Deputy PM said that Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva



are the centers of Islamic heritage and learning which are very attractive places for Muslim tourists.

He said that Muslim saints and Sufis, including the shrine of Hazrat Imam Bukhari, are in

Uzbekistan where millions of Muslim tourists come every year.

He said that the leadership of Uzbekistan is paying full attention to the promotion of tourism here and tourism has a very important role in the economy

of any country.

Aziz Abduhakimov said that according to the vision of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev tourism has a very important place in the economy of Uzbekistan and special atten-

tion is being paid to it.

He said that the government of Uzbekistan is promoting direct flights with various countries of the world, which will improve economic, trade and tourism links with these countries.

He said that apart from this, "we are also relaxing the visa policy and providing ease in the visa process for tourists."

He said that in the last ten months till October 30, 3.6 million tourists visited Uzbekistan and in the next two months this number is likely to reach 5 million.

The minister said that this number is 40 percent more than the number of tourists visiting Uzbekistan in 2021.

He said that the United Nations body, UNESCO has declared Samarkand as the best destination for international tourism.

He said that there are all kinds of facilities for tourists from Islamic countries, including Halal food, which they can take advantage of.

He said that Uzbekistan is currently on top in the Global Muslim Tourist Index and thus many global rating agencies have declared Uzbekistan as the best place for tourism.

The Deputy PM said that Samarkand is the tourism hub of Uzbekistan where there are great opportunities for tourism. In this way, we are providing modern tourism facilities and all kinds of infrastructure in this place, which will boost the local tourism.

He said that Samarkand is also the world center of Islamic culture and science, where great scientists and sociologists and scholars of world fame were born.

Administrator Karachi meets industrialists & traders



Bureau Report

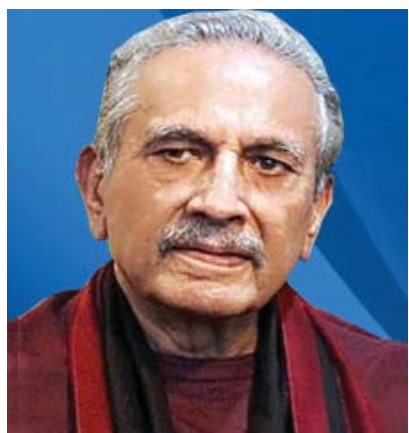
KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, has expressed his profound concerns over the chronically abysmal state of affairs of Karachi's commercial infrastructure, civic amenities, poor law & order, grossly-insufficient public transport, accumulation of solid waste across the length & breadth of the city for years and, above all, gas load shedding, causing billions in losses to Karachi's industry every month. He was speaking on the occasion of Administrator Karachi's visit to FPCCI Head Office.

Mr. Suleman Chawla, SVP FPCCI, apprised the audiences that the business, industry and trade community does not want to highlight the issues only; but, they want to discuss the pragmatic & strategic solutions with the administrator Karachi as well.

Mr. Murtaza Wahab noted that despite contributing 60 percent of the total domestic supplies of gas, Sindh province is being subjected to the worst gas load shedding and other supply disruptions as well. He also informed the session that Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has enhanced its capacity to pick up solid waste from Karachi to 7000 tonnes per day; and, he is striving hard, to achieve optimal capacity as soon as possible.

Administrator Karachi also apprised that plan for Karachi Circular Railway will be revealed in a month and in a 24 months' time, Red Line project will be operational with the help of Asian Development Bank (ADB). He criticized that changes & amendments carried out in Karachi's master plan during the tenures of his various predecessors; as he feels that they did not plan for the future generations and gave up in front of various political pressures & expediencies of their times.

Lack of investment is a major obstacle to growth



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Saturday said lack of investment is a major obstacle hindering national development.

Savings have become impossible for people in difficult economic conditions and high inflation, he said.

Shahid Rasheed Butt said that the Hundi mafia has reactivated and it is grabbing remittances which must be stopped otherwise more loans will have to be taken to run the affairs of the country.

In a statement issued here today, he said that the government is not getting capital for development projects due to the reduction in savings by the people, while the reduction in investment is hitting the development process, which is increasing poverty.

In such circumstances, the purchasing power of the people is also weakening which must be noticed by the policymakers.

He said that the ratio of national savings in India is 31%, while it is 29% in Bangladesh while in Pakistan it is not even a third of India's but has been continuously falling since the last decade.

In Pakistan, those earning between 40,000 and 500,000 rupees a month save 14% of their income, while in other countries of the region this rate is 27%.

In India, only 15 percent of people keep their extra income at home, while in Pakistan, the majority do so because they do not trust the system.

People consider investing money in commercial banks and savings schemes as a waste because they get very little profit.

He said that the sections of society who can save transfer their capital abroad so that they can get more profit.

The government should take steps to restore the confidence of the people so that the national savings rate can be increased which is very important for the development of the country, he demanded.

Azerbaijan is keen to enhance bilateral trade with Pakistan-Khazar Farhadov

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: H.E. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan said that Pakistan, Azerbaijan and Turkey have good potential to develop an economic block to achieve better outcomes for their respective economies. He said that Azerbaijan is keen to enhance bilateral trade with Pakistan, which would be very beneficial for both countries. He said that Azerbaijan and Turkey collaborate in a variety of economic fields and their bilateral trade is in billions. Therefore, Azerbaijan wants to develop similar kinds of trade ties with Pakistan to complement the economy of each other. He said this while addressing the business community during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI).

The envoy said that Azerbaijan's economy has been on a steady growth trajectory and has positioned itself as a strategic transport hub between Europe and Asia. Therefore, close cooperation of Pakistan with it would open up new avenues for Pakistan to promote trade ties with Central Asia. He said that many Pakistani products including pharmaceutical products, textiles, optic and medical equipment, rice and fruits can find a good market in Azerbaijan. Similarly, Azerbaijan can export many products to Pakistan including tomato, hazelnuts, strawberries and other fruits, berries, vegetables, fruit juices, sauces and other preserves, cotton & cotton yarn, polymers and black fermented tea. He said that Azerbaijan has set up many industrial zones and Pakistani investors should explore them for JVs and investment. He highlighted potential sectors for investment in Azerbaijan including agriculture and processing, construction, petrochemicals, renewables,



transport, trade, logistics, mining, digital economy, tourism and light industry. He said that ICCI should form another delegation for Azerbaijan and assured that his Embassy would fully support it to make its tour successful.

Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that Azerbaijan is rich in oil & gas reserves while Pakistan is facing problems in purchasing LNG. He said that Azerbaijan should cooperate with Pakistan to address this issue. He said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan are enjoying cordial relations that

should be transformed into growing trade and economic relations to achieve better benefits for both countries. He said that the bilateral trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan is quite low as compared to their actual potential. He said that both countries can trade in many items for which it is very important to develop strong business linkages between the private sectors of both countries to explore all untapped areas of mutual cooperation.

Faaz Waheed, Senior Vice President ICCI said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan can cooperate in multiple fields including military,

defence industry, security, agriculture, trade, banking, energy, tourism, transport, information & communication technologies, science, education.

Zafar Bakhtawari, former President ICCI said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan should explore promoting trade through road links that would boost bilateral trade ties.

Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Zahid Maqbool, Usman Khalid, Maqsood Tabish, Khalid Chaudhry, Raja Imtiaz, Fatma Azim, Javed Iqbal, Dr. Muhammad Usman and others were present in the meeting.

KE's Roshni Bajis are Building Safer Societies

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Chairman NEPRA, Tauseef H. Farooqi, commended the second cohort of KE's Roshni Baji program for their contribution in promoting a culture of safety across Karachi's most densely populated neighborhoods. These remarks were made during a meeting with the graduating batch held at KE's Distribution Network Academy with Chief Distribution Officer, Amer Zia, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, Sadia Dada and Chief People Officer, Muhammad Rizwan Dalia.

Between the 2 cohorts, 100 women have been part of the Roshni Baji program since its inception in February 2021. The program was conceived to drive awareness among communities on the best practices for safe usage of electricity and its conservation and allow KE's female customers in these areas - who primarily reside at home - access to



the utility as well. Through their efforts, these women have educated over 460,000 households to date across Lyari, Baldia, Korangi, Malir, Shah Faisal, Bin Qasim, Surjani, Orangi, and others. Their intervention also enabled the conversion of almost 30,000 illegal connections to legalized, metered electricity users. In recognition, this initiative won the prestigious S&P Global Platts Energy Award under the Corporate Social Responsibility - Diversified Program Category. Chairman NEPRA, Tauseef H. Farooqi congratulated the Roshni Baji program on

their success. "This initiative that you are a part of is a unique program which is also the only one of its kind in the world. Safety is a core tenet of NEPRA's philosophy, and we are pleased to share that our attention and efforts have improved the system to a point where despite heavy rainfall in the city this past monsoon season, the safety of the public was guaranteed and not a single electrocution incident was reported."

Chief Marketing and Communications Officer KE, Sadia Dada welcomed "We are grateful to NEPRA for providing Pakistan's energy sector with the vision of 'Power with Prosperity' under which the Roshni Baji Program was developed. We truly believe that these initiatives are a way of driving grassroots engagement and developing a safety culture in our communities. NEPRA has been a constant source of guidance and support, and we look forward to taking this program further in the future."

PPMA appeals to govt to help out drug producers in producing essential medicines

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (PPMA) has urged the government to immediately step in to help out the drug makers to produce controlled medicines essentially required for treating various mental illnesses.

In a press statement issued on Saturday, the PPMA Chairman Syed Farooq Bukhari said the drug producers had the aim to do their best to lessen the disease burden of mental illnesses in Pakistan.

He said the latest surveys showed that the prevalence of mental illnesses had increased to the alarming level of 30 percent among the urban adult population in Pakistan.

Bukhari said that an emergency regime was required in the country to enable the drug

manufacturers to produce essential medicines required for treating patients suffering from various mental disorders.

He said the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan and the Ministry of Narcotics Control should speed up the release of the quota of controlled substances allocated to the drug producers for uninterrupted production of medicines required by patients suffering from psychiatric problems including depression, mood disorders, and Alzheimer's disease.

He urged the Ministry of National Health Services to play its due role in speeding up the release of the quota of controlled substances to enable the drug producers to perform an essential service in society by ensuring the treatment of patients suffering from mental diseases.

Illegal Occupation

KARACHI: Director Coordinator DEPO Brigadier Naveed Azam Cheema, briefs media persons about the 11th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS) at Expo Center in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Xiaomi Pakistan's most popular mobile devices

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: If you're looking to upgrade your mobile device then look no further than Pakistan's biggest sale, Daraz 11.11. Xiaomi Pakistan's most popular mobile devices and eco products are available at a substantial discount on Daraz giving you the best deals of the year. The sale will last till November 21, 2022, but if you are late and stock runs out, then don't worry you'll find that Xiaomi's Mi Store has the same offers available.

The Redmi 10C is now available for Rs. 31,999, the 64GB Redmi 10A is now available for Rs. 24,699, the 128GB Redmi 10A is now available for Rs. 27,999 and



the Redmi Note 11 is now available for a low price of Rs. 42,499.

Equipped with features that provide value to your purchase Xiaomi has gone above and beyond to deliver high-quality products at a lower price. So what are you waiting for grab your new upgrade before the time runs out.

FBR policy based on direct tax dominated system

ISLAMABAD: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Saturday said that present policy of board and government is based on direct tax dominated system like the principle of equity where tax contribution is proportional to ability to pay.

Clarifying a news item published in press, it said that FBR appreciates and acknowledges the importance of direct taxes and income tax as highlighted by the authors in news item titled "Dismal Income Tax Collection", published on November, 11 2022.

It is clarified that the present policy of FBR and the federal government is also based on direct tax dominated system like the principle of equity

where tax contribution is proportional to "ability to pay".

As a result, direct taxes collection continue to register steady growth and during the first four months of the current year direct taxes/income tax have risen to Rs886 billion which is 41% higher than the direct tax inflows during the same period last year.

It is also mentioned that there is a shift in the tax mix and the ratio of direct tax to indirect tax is also increasing.

Resultantly, during first four months of the current year, percentage contribution of direct taxes in overall revenue has increased to more than 41% for the first time in a



decade, as against 36-39% in the past few years as has also been quoted by the authors.

Although, FBR does not agree with the notion that withholding taxes are collected in indirect mode, FBR, during the last few years, has adopted the policy of reducing withholding tax provisions and introducing measures which directly target the rich.

Even, during the current year's budget, maximum amendments were

introduced regarding direct taxes.

These amendments were aimed at taxing affluent and wealthy class by including provisions such as super tax, CVT on foreign assets, deemed rental income on the assets of the rich and higher rates for companies earning high profits such as banks.

These provisions alone have a revenue impact of approximately Rs 250 billion. At the same time certain withholding tax provisions were eliminated and consequently, the percentage contribution of withholding taxes in direct taxes has first been reduced to 65.8% during first four months from 67.15% during corresponding period of the previous year.

Authors have also pointed out

towards declining tax-to-GDP ratio. Although, tax-to-GDP ratio is lower than what is desired, it is clarified that the current ratio is due to rebasing of GDP from 2005-06 figures to 2015-16 figures, thus adversely impacting it. With base year 2005-06, tax-to-GDP ratio would have been higher by at least 2 percentage points.

To further improve the ratio, FBR is continuously striving to increase the tax base with the help of IT/automation and third party data.

In this regard Directorate General of Broadening of Tax Base was made functional during last month along with establishment of Directorate General of Digital Invoicing & Analysis.

Shadab, Shaheen among to be voted Player of the Tournament

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Shadab Khan and Shaheen Afridi have been included among nine players to be voted for the Player of the Tournament for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022.

The best cricketers on the planet have been lighting up the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2022 for over the past month and fans were reminded not to miss their chance to vote for the Player of the Tournament.

Nine players have been shortlisted and five have the chance to advance their case in the final, with three Englishmen and two Pakistan stars on the shortlist, said a press release.

The nine players nominated for the award were- Shadab Khan (Pakistan): A key part of Pakistan's run to the final with bat and ball, Shadab has picked up 10 wickets, gone at just 6.59 an over and



made vital contributions with the bat – notably a 22-ball 52 in the win over South Africa.



Shaheen Afridi (Pakistan): Back from

injury with a bang, Shaheen's 10 wickets to date have included four against Bangladesh and another two in the semi-final against New Zealand – the seamer

going at just 6.17 an over along the way. Virat Kohli (India): The leading run-scorer in competition with 296, Kohli's four half-centuries included the unbeaten 82 which inspired his side's dramatic four-wicket victory over Pakistan.

Suryakumar Yadav (India): With 239 runs at a remarkable strike rate of 189.68, Yadav has been a key injector of momentum for India and has become the No.1 ranked batter in the world in the MRF Tyres ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings over the course of the tournament.

Sam Curran (England): Curran started the tournament by becoming the first England bowler to take a T20I five-wicket haul and has been Jos Buttler's go-to man at the death, holding his nerve at clutch moments.

Top-ranked Northern and second-placed Sindh face off

LAHORE: This first-class season has produced some exciting contests and outstanding individual performances and the penultimate round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy that begins on November 13-Monday – promises more excitement with the two best sides locking horns in Karachi.

The iconic National Bank Cricket Arena in Karachi will host the fixture between top-ranked Northern and second-placed Sindh. The two sides have dominated the points table for majority of the season and seem on course to secure berths in the final.

While Northern are 13 points clear of Sindh with 122 points, Sindh will remain wary of third-placed Central Punjab who are only seven points behind them.

Northern enter this competition after securing a draw against star-studded



Central Punjab at the LCCA Ground in Lahore thanks to a heroic fourth innings half-century from 20-year-old all-rounder Mubasir Khan.

The youngster is the player of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2021-22 and has proved to be a vital cog, providing the right balance with his crucial performances with the bat and ball this season.

Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa bagged five points each in the last round as their

match at the Pindi Cricket Stadium was abandoned. But, Sindh have been on a high. In the seventh round, they recorded their third win by beating Southern Punjab by 202 runs.

Northern and Sindh are the only sides with three wins this season. When they met earlier in the season, the match ended in a draw.

Central Punjab stay at the LCCA Ground where they play fourth-ranked Balochistan, who are the only other team in this edition

to win a match (they have won two). Central Punjab are the only side to play all draws, but wins in the last two rounds can propel them to another Quaid-e-Azam Trophy final.

When Central Punjab and Balochistan faced off earlier in the season that contest ended in a draw.

The third match of the round will be played between Southern Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium. The two sides faced off in the second round at the same venue with their match also ending in a draw.

The two teams are placed at the bottom of the points table – Southern Punjab fifth, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa sixth.

Southern Punjab played out a draw against Balochistan at the same venue in the last round as the match was affected by rain. APP

Pakistan's bowling attack, England's blazing opening pair head-to-head battle

LAHORE: The blistering pace of Pakistan's new-ball bowling attack take on England's blazing opening pair in a head-to-head battle that could well decide the T20 World Cup final tomorrow Sunday.

England's openers stormed to a ten-wicket win in Adelaide over India, with Alex Hales and Jos Buttler breaking records in their blitz. Buttler and Hales have set the tone with the bat, and boast the best average Powerplay in the tournament, an impressive 52 runs for the loss of one wicket.

The pairs' 170* is not only the highest opening partnership in the Men's tournament history, but it's also the highest partnership for any wicket. Though they come across their stiffest opposition with the ball: Pakistan Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah are the most impactful side with the ball in the first six overs, on average taking two wickets for just 37 runs.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam did downplay the significance when asked how important the first six overs will be with the ball for Pakistan. "Utilising the Powerplay to grab as many wickets will be essential for the match."

"Even when you bat, you want to set a great pace for the upcoming batsmen. We will try to maintain and continuously build our momentum hence ensuring better performance."

Neither Shaheen nor Buttler played in the recent seven-match series between the two finalists. But with the bowler looking in prime form and Buttler showing intent from the off against the swinging new ball, this has all the hallmarks of a blockbuster clash. INP

SBP makes arrangements for live screening of Pak-England T20 World Cup final

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Sports Board Punjab, on the directions of Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi, has finalized all preparations to show Pakistan-England T20 World Cup final match on country's biggest screen at world's biggest National Hockey Stadium tomorrow, Sunday.

Muhammad Tariq Qureshi said on Saturday that former captain Inzam-ul Haq and various sports and showbiz stars will also witness the T20 World Cup final match being played at Melbourne, Australia. "Crazy cricket fans will be provided with the best facilities at the National Hockey Stadium during the live telecasting of the T20 World Cup final match".

He said that there will be no entry fee for cricket enthusiasts to watch thrilling T20 World Cup final clash in National Hockey Stadium.

Director Admin Syed Umair Hassan and Deputy Director Planning Rauf Bajwa on Saturday inspected all the arrangements for showing Pak-England T20 World Cup final match on the country's biggest screen. "We are making arrangements to accommodate around 30,000 passionate cricket spectators at the grand venue," he added.

DG, SBP said that all necessary measures are being taken to provide top level security to thousands of male and female cricket fans including several families.

India thrashing 'counts for nothing' in T20 World Cup final: England skipper Jos Buttler

MELBOURNE: Skipper Jos Buttler says the emphatic way England crushed India to reach Sunday's Twenty20 World Cup final "doesn't count for anything" as they bid to become champions in both white-ball formats.

India were humbled by 10 wickets in the semi-finals with Buttler's composed 80 and Alex Hales's blistering 86 setting up a blockbuster showdown with Babar Azam's Pakistan. The England opener said Saturday there was "a huge amount of excitement" for the final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, although it could be affected by rain. A reserve day has been set aside on Monday, but the forecast is equally gloomy.

England continue to have injury worries over David Malan and fast bowler Mark Wood, who both missed Thursday's semi-final. Buttler said they were "both improving".

"Obviously there's not many days since the semi-final, but we are giving them every chance," he added.

Phil Salt and Chris Jordan are again the likely replacements should they not recover.

Despite the weather and injury concerns, Buttler was in buoyant mood in his pre-match press conference.

"Any time you get a chance to play in a World Cup final is a huge honour. We're really excited as a group, there's a nice feel around the team," he said.

"The previous performance (against India) gives us a lot of confidence, but it doesn't count for anything.

"Tomorrow we start a fresh game against a really tough opposition and any time you are fighting for a trophy you know it isn't going to come easy.

"So we will focus on them a little bit and on us a lot and what we need to do to prepare well today to turn up tomorrow and do the best we can."

England head into the game as the current one-day world champions after their 2019 triumph at home against New Zealand.

Buttler was on the winning team, as were Ben Stokes, Chris Woakes, Adil Rashid and Wood, all stalwarts of the side now in the T20 World Cup final.

He said the experience of winning a world title would help them on Sunday.

"Yes, I think any experiences you can draw on, good or bad, you will have learned from those and can reflect on those when you are in a situation of adversity or chaos," he said.

"Those are things that can happen in a World Cup final so the more experience and being able to understand those feelings and how to react to them, I definitely see that as a benefit."

Fantastic team While England's batting runs deep, how they fare could come down to the top order fending off the threat posed by Pakistan pace spearheads Mohammad Nawaz and Shaheen Shah Afridi.

Pakistan bouncing back after losing their opening World Cup matches to India and Zimbabwe was largely down to the starts given by their new-ball attack.

They have the second-best economy rate at the tournament in the six-over powerplay, a factor Buttler is aware of.

"They have a fantastic team who have a very long history of producing excellent fast bowlers, and I see the team we are up against as no different," said Buttler.

"I'm sure by the end of their careers some of the players we are playing against will go down as some of the best Pakistan have produced.

"That's a huge part of why they are in the final, so we expect a really tough challenge."

Pakistan must ride wave of confidence in T20 World Cup final: Babar Azam

ISLAMABAD: Captain Babar Azam told his rejuvenated Pakistan side on Saturday to ride the wave of four consecutive victories and win the Twenty20 World Cup final. The 2009 champions suffered last-ball losses to India and Zimbabwe to start their tournament but bounced back to surge into Sunday's final against England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. "We have lost the first two matches, but the way we came back the last four matches, we've performed very well," Azam said at his pre-match press conference. "I'm more excited than nervous."

It is no doubt that pressure exists, but it can only be suppressed with confidence and belief in ourselves.

And for good results, it is important that one must do so. "Pakistan are slight underdogs against Jos Buttler's



England, but Azam is banking on the strength of his fast bowlers to give them an edge, particularly in the six-over powerplay. "England is a competitive team, their [10-wicket] win to reach the finals against India was a proof of that," he said. "Our strategy is to stick to our plan and use our pace attack as our strength to win the finals."

"Utilising the powerplay to grab as many wickets will be essential for the match," he added.

Notwithstanding any late injuries, Pakistan are set to name the same team with Shaheen Shah Afridi spearheading a dangerous attack and Azam and Mohammad Rizwan headlining the batting.

Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ramiz Raja met the squad on Friday and gave them a pep talk, reflecting on how the Pakistan team he was part of beat England to win the 1992 one-day World Cup. "When the chairman came and shared his experience of

the World Cup, it put a massive boost in our confidence," said Azam. "He advised us to stay calm and focus on what goes well."

More than 90,000 fans packed the MCG when Pakistan played India early in the tournament and they have enjoyed solid support wherever they have played in Australia. "They give us confidence and [it's] good to see when we go anywhere, any stadium, they come and support the Pakistan team," he said.

Melbourne rain keeps men's T20 World Cup final on tenterhooks

MELBOURNE: There will be some nervous looks skywards over the coming days in Melbourne with rain threatening the men's T20 World Cup final between England and Pakistan at the MCG on Sunday, raising the prospect of the reserve day being needed and even a shared trophy.

There is currently a 95% chance of rain forecast for Sunday with between 15 and 25mm falling. "Very high (near 100%) chance of showers."

The chance of a thunderstorm, possibly severe, with heavy falls possible," the Bureau of Meteorology said. The reserve day is allocated on Monday, but that also has an uncertain forecast with again a 95% chance of rain and falls between 5 and 10mm.

For the knockout matches in the tournament a minimum of 10 overs per side is needed to constitute a match, compared to five

overs during the group stages. The first priority will be to complete a shortened match on Sunday if required, meaning the overs will be reduced before the reserve day is activated. If the game has started on Sunday but can't be completed then it will resume on the reserve day from the position it was halted.

Once the toss has taken place, the game is considered live. If the game begins on Sunday and there is a reduction of overs but play does not have a chance to restart due to weather then the game will resume as a 20-over contest on the reserve day.

While only 30 minutes of extra time are allocated to the original day of the final, if the reserve day is used there are four extra hours available* with play starting on the Monday at 3pm local time. "The Event Technical Committee (ETC) has increased the provi-

sion of additional playing time on the reserve day to four hours from the original provision of two hours (clause 13.7.3 of the Playing Conditions), in case more time is required to complete the match and get a result," an ICC release stated.

"It may be noted that 10 overs per side are required to constitute a match in the knockout stage and every effort will be taken to complete the match on the scheduled match day."

Every effort will be made for the match to be completed on Sunday, with any necessary reduction of overs taking place and only if the minimum number of overs necessary to constitute a match cannot be bowled on Sunday will the match go into the reserve day. Play on the reserve day will begin at 15h00 and would be a continuation of play from the scheduled match day."

