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K will have to pay the price of fake narrative of regime change:

Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Monday said PTI Chief Imran Khan have to pay the political price for his lies and changing narrative regarding foreign conspiracy behind his ouster from power. Asif quoting Imran's interview with Financial Times, said Imran took an other U-turn expressing the desire to mend relations with the United States despite accusing it of treating Pakistan as a 'slave'.

Leaders of China, US need to set right course for bilateral ties, says Xi

Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Monday here during a meeting with his US counterpart, Joe Biden, that as leaders of two major countries, they need to set the right course for bilateral ties. From the initial contact and the establish plomatic relations to today, China and the United States have one through 50-plus eventful years, with gains and losses as well as experience and lessons, Xi said. (Report on Page 5)

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### Souting slogans

KARACHI: Women Health Workers shouting slogans during protest in favour of their demands outside press club in Provincial Cap-



### Pakistan leads charge for climate justice at COP27

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan has been leading the call for rich nations to compensate poor countries for a crisis they did not cause, the experts believed that just having put loss and damage onto the climate agenda at COP27 held in Egypt was a "huge achievement" for the country.

Pakistan, which has been battered by climate catastrophes for the past decade, is responsible for less than 1 percent of global carbon emissions but is among the most vulnerable to extreme weather events, a US-based magazine Foreign Policy said in a recently published article.

Written by Australian journalist and columnist Lynne O'Donnell, the article said that summer's monsoon rains and floods inundated one-third of the country, destroying farmland, displacing millions of people, and killing nearly 2,000. Economic losses have been esti-

mated at up to \$40 billion. The author referred to Prime Shehbaz pressed the case for

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Minister Shehbaz Sharif's a "loss and damage" financial address at 27th UN Climate  $\,$  mechanism that would oblige Change Conference, or COP27, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, last week, who said Pakistan is a "victim of something with which we had nothing to do ... a man-made disaster."

As a vice chair of COP27, PM

countries' costs of coping with anisms." climate change has been around effectively dividing the world nots. But for Pakistan, this year's carnage wasn't its first rodeo: It also suffered devastating floods in 2010, which caused similar amounts of damage and loss of

Lynne O'Donnell said the climate finance is meant to help prepare countries to adapt to coming climate shocks and to take steps to mitigate their own

The article quoted journalist and climate activist Afia Salam saving that due diligence and stringent monitoring were key to overcoming any trust issues about the disbursement of funds.

To a question by the author, she said, "Political instability cannot stop the track of recovery and development. Most fund The idea of rich countries disbursement is tied to mile-

helping to cover less developed stones and transparency mech-

At COP27, the question of in force since at least COP15, how richer countries can help held in Copenhagen in 2009, underwrite the climate challenges of poorer countries has domi between the haves and the have- nated much of the first week. As always, the debate has centered on the details of distributing any aid money, and the question of financing short-term fixes versus longer-term investments in mitigation and adaptation measures.

A report prepared for the latest summit suggests that developing countries, not including China, will need about \$1 trillion a year of outside climate

Still, just having put loss and damage onto the climate agenda in Egypt is a "huge achievement" for Pakistan, said Abid Qaiyum Suleri, the executive director of the independent Sustainable Development Policy Institute, based in Islamabad. That doesn't mean he's optimistic the talk will lead to anything concrete just vet. APP

### PM returns home from London

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif returned home on Monday after concluding his private visit to

The prime minister reached London on Wednesday after tant issues.

attending the Climate Implementation Summit in Sharm Al Sheikh, Egypt. During his stay in London, PM Shehbaz held meetings with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Nawaz Sharif and discussed various impor-

### **Imran Khan bullet** wound footage released

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Videos and images of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan's bullet wound undergoing a change of dressing have made rounds on social media following allegations from government quarters that his injuries in the Wazirabad attack were 'fake'.

A video posted on journalist Shiffa Yousafzai's official Twitter handle revealed the bullet injuries on the former premier's legs.

"For all those who were asking if Imran Khan's wounds are real or fake," she wrote.

Journalist Asad Kharal also posted pictures of the wounds, asking "those who do not believe" to "carefully look at the wounds".

The reveal comes shortly



after Minister for Information and PML-N leader Marriyum Aurangzeb said that Imran compromised national interests for personal political gains

In a statement, she said Imran is a 'foreign agent' and has made a mockery of himself. the country, and the nation. The minister said that now all antics of Imran had been 'exposed'.

### PTI to file petition in **Supreme Court over** Wazirabad gun attack

ISLAMABAD: The Paki- Punjab IG Police Faisal Shahstan Tehreek-i-Insaf will file kar to either register an FIR a petition in the Supreme Court for registering an FIR of the Wazirabad gun attack on Imran Khan which, the party insists, should include the names of accused as mentioned by the party chief, it was learnt on Monday. According to sources, the first information report of the assassination attempt on the PTI chief to be lodged will include three names

mentioned by Imran. The former premier is accusing the prime minister, interior minister and an intelligence agency officer of hatching a plot to kill him. But the Punjab police refused to nominate the intelligence officer in the FIR and they did not register the complaint of the case even after the lapse of four days of the incidence.

However, the Supreme Court on Nov 7 directed the

of the case within 24 hours or face suo motu notice. In compliance with the court order, the police on the same day registered the FIR of the Wazirabad gun attack on the complaint of its sub-inspector. But the police FIR did not nominate the three top officials cited by the PTI chief.

Now, the PTI will move to the apex court to register its own FIR nominating three government functionaries. Sources said that the PTI will submit its applications for the registration of FIR to all registries of the apex court. On Nov 3, Imran Khan came under a gun attack in the Punjab town of Wazirabad during his long march.

One of his supporters was killed while his party members who accompanied him on a container sustained injuries.

### 10 periodical reports of various standing committees presented in NA

developed countries to help

"victim" countries pay for the

impact of climate change and to

prevent energy-poor countries

from becoming part of the prob-

lem by transitioning to cleaner

sources of energy.



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The government should fix the minimum support price of 40 kg wheat bag for the next season at the earliest to encourage farmers to grow more wheat to replace the crops lost due to floods, said Chaudhry Faqir Ahmed of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) legislator.

Speaking on a point of order in National Assembly, he asked the chairman of relevant standing committee of National Assembly to summon its meeting and recommend minimum support price of wheat. He also urged the government to ensure sufficient supplies of diesel in the country.

National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf asked minister for parliamentary affairs to look into the demands of the parliamentarian.

reports were presented of various time frame in the National Assembly (NA) on Monday.

technology, parliamentary affairs, maritime affairs, energy (Power Division) and energy (Petroleum Division) presented periodical reports to 30th June, 2021, as required by the rule 234-A of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the NA,

Committee), religious affairs and interfaith harmony and national

ISLAMABAD: Ten periodical ed periodical reports for the period from 1st July, 2020 to 31st Decemstanding committees of certain ber, 2020, under the same rules and However, the NA bodies on

The NA bodies on science and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Kashmir presented periodical reports for the period from 1st January, 2020 to 31st December, 2020, as required by rule 234-A of for the period from 1st January, 2021 the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the NA, 2007.

It should be noted that NA Standing Committee on Science and Technology Chairman Sajid Moreover, the NA bodies on Mehdi presented its committee's public accounts (Public Accounts report while NA Standing Committee on Law and Justice Chairman Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk communication (Re-Organization) food security and research present- presented reports on behalf of the Act, 1996.APP

chairmen of rest of the committees in the NA

Meanwhile, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi laid annual report of the Council of Common Interests (CCI), for the year 2020-21, before the house, as required by Clause (4) of Article 153 of the Constitution

He also on behalf of Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin ul Haq laid the annual report on Universal Service and Research and Development Fund of the Federal Government for the year 2020-21, before the house as required by Section 33-A and 33-E of the Pakistan Tele-

#### Imran retracts from foreign conspiracy narrative after playing havoc with national interests: *Marriyum*

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Monday that the PTI Chairman Imran Khan after playing havoc with the national interests had now given up foreign conspiracy narrative.

In her reaction to Imran Khan's interview with the Financial Times, she said, "Imran Khan could not be pardoned after retracting from his narrative and he will be held accountable."

The minister said that on the basis of this narrative. chaos and lies were spread throughout the country and now a simple withdrawal was not enough. "After terming the Parliament, the Pakistan Army, the national institutions as traitors, he can't be let off just by saying it's behind me and it's over, Marriyum added. APP

# Pakistan 'performing well' in checking cross-border crimes: Hina



ISLAMABAD: European Union Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs Ylva Johansson on Monday lauded Pakistan's role in controlling cross-border terrorism, smuggling, and trafficking and expressed the EU's intent for "deeper cooperation" in the area of border management.

At a joint press stakeout with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabba-

ni Khar, the EU official said Pakistan was "performing well" in checking cross-border crimes. Johansson, who arrived

in Islamabad on Sunday on a two-day visit, held meetings with government representatives and authorities on matters pertaining to migration, mobility dialogue, and security cooperation. **EU Commissioner Johans-**

son said her meetings with the officials of Frontier Corps and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) during her visit to Peshawar focused on the fight against terrorism and organized crimes, and also on the border management activities along with the Pak-Afghan border. APP

# The Spokesman

# Convocation ceremony LAHORE: President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing the convocation ceremony of Minhaj University on Monday.

### Women must be taken along in development process: Dr. Arif Alvi

Alvi said on Monday that Convocation 2022 here, students after acquiring MBBS women should remain in the he said that Quaid-i-Azam mainstream national develop- Muhammad Jinnah had also ment process and economic advocated for taking women cycle of the country to double along in the national developthe development pace.

He cited that Hazrat Khadija (RA) was a business woman; from their skills and knowltherefore it was not justified to edge, however, it was govern-tional institutions. confine the educated women ment's responsibility to to their homes to look after the family matters only.

ment process.

provide women with harassment-free environment at Addressing the Minhaj their workplace. He said that from the society in their practi-

LAHORE: President Dr. Arif University Lahore (MUL) 50 percent of the women cal life and their motto should degree did not go for practice in the field or most of them went abroad to serve there, which was unfortunate and in a way, wastage of the resourc-The society must benefit es spent on them during their studies at respective educa-

> Dr Arif Alvi advised the graduating student that they

not be earning livelihood only, and they must use their knowledge and skills for well-being of the society and uplift the poor strata.

At global level, the IT industry was running short of manpower and the international community was looking towards Pakistan having youth bulge to cater to the said and added that Pakistan achievements of the varsity.

must take substantial advantage of this great opportunity.

On this occasion, the President also awarded medals and degrees to some of the position holder graduates.

Earlier, Prof Dr Hussain Mohiyyuddin, Deputy Chairman of MUL Board of Governors, Vice Chancellor Prof Sajid Mahmood Shahzad also spoke on the occasion should not isolate themselves needs of this vital sector, he and highlighted history and

### Iran strongly rejects the false claim of delivering drones to Russia

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Nowadays some states are attempting to create a severe hostile media atmosphere against the Islamic Republic of Iran, by making various claims, one of which is the baseless claim of sending Iran-made drones to the Russian Federation for use in the Ukraine war. The principled position of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this regard is quite clear which is to firmly oppose the war while emphasizing on addressing the root causes of the conflict.

From Iran's point of view, the root causes of the conflict undoubtedly lie in the expansionist and interventionist approach of the United States Russia for use in the Ukraine Russian-made. It is worth circulating false information



and NATO, which seriously war. It has not sent any drones ieopardize the independence or weapons to the Russian and authority of the other Federation to be used in the

Based on the said poli-Iran strongly rejects the false emphasized that the weapons claim of delivering drones to used in the Ukraine war are

Ukraine war. The authorities of the Russian Federacy the Islamic Republic of tion have also announced and

mentioning that Tehran-Mos- and fabricated evidence. cow defense cooperation started long ago and has continued along with other collaborations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran endeavors to stop the war in Ukraine through political means, in the meantime it reiterates that the Europeans should address the war based on a realistic approach. Iran believes that provocative actions that had been taken by the US and some European states created conditions that led to the war in Ukraine. Nevertheless, despite showing such harmful and irresponsible behavior, they are now accusing Iran of supporting one side of the conflict by

As a matter of fact subsequent to Ukraine claims that Russia is using Iran's drones against Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation announced their readiness to hold a joint expert meeting with the Ukrainian experts to examine the alleged evidence and documents. Ukraine initially agreed and a group of Iranian diplomats and experts was dispatched to Poland to hold the agreed joint expert meeting in Warsaw however hours before the meeting, the Ukrainian side was banned from attending the meeting due to pressures from the United States and the European Union.

### Dr. Fai condemns bombing in *Istanbul*

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman, World Forum for Peace Justice has expressed deepest condolences to the people of Turkey and the families of victims of the bomb attack at Istiklal Avenue, Istanbul. In a statement in Washington, he added that the punishment of criminals should be unforgiving, sufficient to deter would-be imitators. Terrorists must recognize that a life that indulges in terrorism is not worth living, no matter what the cause. Dr. Fai said that we are heartened by President Erdogan assurance to the nation that Our people can rest assured that the culprits behind the attack will be punished as they deserve.

## EU-Pakistan: Launch of a comprehensive dialogue on migration and mobility

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ms Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs, paid a two-day visit to Pakistan to discuss with the Government, law enforcement bodies and UN agencies a broad spectrum of bilateral questions on migration and security. Pakistan and the EU wish to strengthen their cooperation in all migration related areas, including from a regional point of view.

First, the European Union and Pakistan agreed to launch a comprehensive dialogue on migration and mobility. This will encompass all relevant aspects of migration management, including legal pathways for migration to Europe and addressing irregular migration and migrant smuggling and, continued enhanced cooperation on return, readmission and reintegration, through the full and effective implementation of the Pakistan-EU readmission agreement.

Commissioner Johansson



European Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson held discussions with Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar on a broader spectrum of bilateral questions on migration and security.

and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hina Rabbani Khar nership with Pakistan to facilitate

EU Member States for suitably qualified Pakistani nationals. Commissioner Johansson thanked the Pakistani Govern-

of whom are refugees. She stated that it is a continen-for the launch of a Talent Part- Union has recently experienced, with the hosting of 4.5 million of this year.

The Commissioner held discussions with Federal Ministers and Secretaries of Interior: ment for their generosity in host- Overseas and Human Resource ing 3 million Afghans, 1.3 million Development; and Education first visit to Pakistan.

and Professional Training, about possibilities for legal and safe pathways of migration to Europe.

With Minister Rabbani Khar, Commissioner Johansson agreed to intensify the concrete bilateral cooperation in security, including counterterrorism and fighting criminal networks, including the fight against smuggling of migrants.

The Commissioner visited Peshawar, where she exchanged views with the Frontier Corps and the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). She was briefed about fight terrorism and against organised crime and on border management activities.

Commissioner Johansson agreed with the Minister of State that the first EU-Pakistan counterterrorism dialogue since 2018 will be held in the beginning of 2023 in Islamabad.

A broad exchange of views on migration and Afghan refugees with several UN agencies completed the Commissioner's

### **Vulnerable countries** come to COP27 in hope of getting climate action: Sherry Rehman

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: "Vulnerable from climate shocks experienced each countries come to COP27 in the hope vear. that a path will be forged from intention to action, ambition to process, and delivery on the ground will be precipitated.

If you want to hear from the frontlines of climate catastrophe, this is the voice of the lost and damaged," said Senator Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change, in her keynote address titled 'Voices from the Frontlines' at the IPU Parliamentary Meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh during

Senator Sherry Rehman reiterated that Pakistan would need US\$348bn bill - it will make no difference to the for climate adaptation, and for initiat- global warming hitting us," she said. ing deep de-carbonization until 2030

She addressed a session titled 'How to avert, minimize, and address Loss and Damage to infrastructure' where she highlighted the lack of early warning systems that safeguard infrastructure when the climate goes rogue, as it did in Pakistan during the 2022 floods.

"We are clear that we must prioritize adaptation in Pakistan, as much as we are focused on nature-based solutions for mitigation.

We are not big carbon emitters, but even if we become 100% renewable which is the aim to reduce our import

### Javed Latif seeks speaker's ruling to 'gag' Imran's media talk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Khan not only made the most sensithe National Assembly (NA) speaker to give a ruling against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan's media talks against the national defense institutions and their respective heads.

on a point of order, the minister of the nation on many occasions. accused Imran Khan for making the army chief's appointment controversial which to him had never happened in the 75 years of Pakistan's history.

Mian Javed Latif on Monday sought tive institution head's appointment controversial "but also launched a defamation campaign against the security institutions' official(s) by leveling allegations against them".

He alleged Imran Khan had spread "disinformation over the nuclear Speaking at the floor of the house assets" in a bid to degrade the morale

He claimed the PTI chief had accused the Pakistan's defense institutions for not being 'independent', also contesting why Imran did not reveal it, even for a single time when He went on to state that Imran he was at the helm of affairs. APP

### MoHR announces scholarships for minorities students

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### **IHC** hears Islamabad traders' plea against sit-in, roadblocks

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) summoned the IG Islamabad Police over a petition of traders moved against proposed sit-in and roadblocks. Chief Justice Aamir Farooque while hearing the petition on Monday ordered the Islamabad police chief to submit his report with regard to the sit-in and roadblocks on November 17. Joint Secretary Ministry of Interior Shabbir Khattak appeared in the court hearing today. "Motorways is the federal subject, why the government not opening the motorway," the bench questioned. "The law and order is the provincial government's matter, therefore it is blocked," additional attorney general said.

"Protests also staged before the Parliament, why you block roads earn livelihood.

then," Chief Justice Aamir Farooque asked. "Containers are placed in Islamabad, in a manner as there are unusual circumstances," chief justice remarked. "Why you are placing containers instead of constituting an efficient anti-riot force," chief justice IHC questioned. "Why don't you take some other steps instead of placing containters on roads," Justice Farooque further asked. Sardar Umar Aslam Advocate represented traders in the court, while AAG Munawar Iqbal Duggal appeared from the government in the case hearing.

Traders pleaded to the court, during the ongoing protests, students have been unable to attend schools and colleges. People are unable to attend their offices and the worst is happening with daily wagers as they have been deprived of their right to

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### LG polls will be held as per schedule in time: PM AJK

#### 跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MIRPUR: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan has said that the local elections would be held as per the scheduled time. The municipal election being held after a prolonged period of time will play an essential role in Police and Army would be deployed to to the federal government the PM said transfer the power to the elected reprechanging the destiny of the people of the region", the PM said while interacting with the divisional and district administrative officers and members on time, he said, of public delegations who called on him here today.

Speaking on the occasion, the PM while brushing aside fears of violence said that the elections would be held peacefully in a free, fair and transparent manner."All the arrangements have been finalized in this regard and there is no issue of security as federal minister has given his full assurance of providing security forces during the The opposition parties, he said, were elections", the PM said, adding that recycling lame excuses to delay electhe AJK Police, FC, Ranger, Punjab tions. Regarding the opposition's letter



make sure that the polls were conducted peacefully. Reiterating his government's commitment to hold the polls

"Now there is no question of postponing the election, the elections would be held on the same day all across the liberated territory". "Opposition parties will not be allowed to run away from the field under the pretext of security", the PM said, adding that it was quite astonishing to see that the opposition parties were creating mess when elections were a few weeks away.

that the letter has no significance. The government, he said, won't back out from its commitments the name of

"Those who are talking about lodging of an FIR against me should know that the FIR will be filed against those who want to kill people's mandate", he said. About opposition's purported plan to bring vote of no confidence against the prime minister, he said, "It is a democratic right to bring no-confidence, which I cannot stop nor do I want to stop. I am loyal to the party and Khan, and according to the vision of the party chairman, I will use all the legal and constitutional authority to property tax will be improved".

sentatives of the people at the grass-

The government would not allow anyone, whosoever, to create anarchy, chaos and disturb the peaceful atmosphere in the state", he said, adding that whoever was guilty of an offence would get punished as per law. He said that the PTI government was implementing public welfare projects in good faith. He said that work on 30 billion rupees project funded by Saudi Arabia would start soon. He said that there will be a model tax system in Azad Kashmir. "Government will provide possible facilities so that sales tax and

### Protest

LAHORE: Students of Virtual University shouting slogans during protest in favour of their demands outside press club in



Photo: Online

### Local body elections will be held in any case fair impartial atmosphare: AJK President

BAGH: President Azad Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry has said that local body elections in Azad Kashmir will be held on November 27 in any case and will be fair. There is no security problem in Azad Kashmir either. To say that there will be no local body elections due to security is wrong and it will have a negative impact on Azadi Kashmir Movement because there is no security problem in Azad Kashmir. Tax collection will remain the boss of Azad Kashmir government and there will be no compromise on this.

Some people have created misunderstandings in this regard. I will also Court for setting up a circuit bank in Bagh, but in the meantime, the bench of the High Court, which is closed at Rawalkot for four months, should be shifted to Bagh for that period. India



wants to end the Kashmir problem, for which Hindus are being resettled to change the state demography by abolishing the special status of Kashmir, India is using nefarious tactics to make a Hindu Chief Minister in Occupied Kashmir, America The State Department gave me the offitalk to the Chief Justice of the High cial protocol as the President of Azad Kashmir, which supports the position of Kashmiris.

If India continues its nuclear program, we also have to continue our program. A strong and stable Pakistan

is the guarantor of Kashmir's independence. Defense condemns the cowardly threats of attack on Azad Kashmir.

The international community should take notice of this. The political leadership of Pakistan should be united and speak the same language for the nuclear program, economic development and Kashmir issue. There is political tolerance in Azad Kashmir, India. If the defense minister tries to implement the threats, Kashmiris will make their own histo-

He expressed these views while addressing a special meeting of the District Bar Association Bagh here today as a special guest. On this occasion, Sardar Mir Akbar Khan Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, President District Bar Association Bagh Farrukh Khan Chagatai, Vice Chairman Azad Jammu and Kashmir Bar Council Sardar Tariq Masood, Secretary General District Bar Association Raja Atiq attended the meeting of District Bar Association Bagh.

Ahmed Khan, also speaking, appreciated the efforts of President Azad Kashmir, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, to highlight the Kashmir issue at the international level. After the action of Shimla Maaidah, the status of Shimla Maaidah ended and therefore Kashmiris were not participating in it. will be able, the President of Azad Kashmir announced to play his full role for the establishment of Circuit Bench of High Court in Bagh.

### District Emergency Response Committee meeting held at DC office

#### Mian Rashid Asghar.

FAISALABAD: The meeting of District Emergency Response Committee for Anti Dengue was held at DC office which was presided by Deputy Commissione Imran Hamid Sheikh. CEO DHA Dr. Kashif Mehmood Kamboo, District Coordinator Epidemics Control Dr. Zulqarnain and other officers from various departments attended the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the ACs for holding Tehsil Emergency Response Committee meeting on regular basis and reviewed the performance of departments in connection with anti dengue. He said that the officers of concerned departments should be active in field to achieve the desired output of the anti dengue campaign. He asked for submitting departmental performance reports regarding surveillance and prevention activities daily.

He cleared that the carelessness and dereliction from duties should not be tolerated and stern action would be taken against the officials showing poor performance in this regard. The Deputy Commissioner further said that the strict monitoring of the anti dengue measures is being carried out by the District Administration to make the preventive and precautionary measures as successful on durable basis

He asked the concerned departments to take the dengue issues very seriously. He said that, due to change in temperature dengue is shifting in houses therefore precautionary measures should be adopted very seriously. During the meeting District Coordinator for Epidemics diseases gave detailed briefing regarding the indoor and outdoor surveillance.

### DPOSWAttiqullah Wazir visited the house of martyred constable Hameed

#### Mazir

 $WANA: DPO \, South \, Wazir istan \, Attiqullah \, Wazir \, visited \, Tehsil \, Shakai,$ during which he visited the house of martyred policeman Hameedullah and condoled with his family and offered prayers.
On this occasion, DPO Attiqullah Wazir assured his family members

of continued support and said, That when these defenders of the nation sacrifice their lives for their

soil and people, they are not dead, they are alive, and their services are always remembered by living nations.

Shakai Police Station SHO Inamullah, Additional SHO Naseebullah were also present on the occasion of condolence.

DPO Attiqullah Wazir also visited Shakai police station, the in-charge of the police station gave a detailed briefing to the district police officer on the situation in the area and informed about the situation.

On this occasion, District Police Officer Attiqullah Wazir issued instructions to the police and said, That public service should be the motto of the police, and no one should be harassed unnecessarily.

The best service and protection of the public is the job of the police, keep a watchful eye on elements engaged in mischief and illegal activities Continue your campaign against addiction and drugs, so that the area can be saved from the scourge of drugs

### A major historic protest and peace march was held in Wana,

#### B Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: People belonging to different walks of life including political leadership, civil society and lawyers participating in the protest demanded the government and security agencies to maintain law and order in view of the recent disturbing situation in Lower Waziristan, civil administration and other security agencies are the responsibility.

Many political parties, lawyers, businessmen, councilors, civil societies, and social personalities participated in the protest Apart from this, political leaders from other parts of the country also participated.

The district police had made full-proof security arrangements for the protesters. The business community completely shut down Wana Bazaar for demonstration.

Addressing the protest, the speakers said that Waziristan has been a victim of external and internal conspiracies, terrorism and unrest for the past several decades The speakers demanded that separate DC, DPO, Judicial Complex

and all line departments for Lower Waziristan should be shifted to their headquarters The speakers said that in the 25th constitutional amendment, Lower Waziristan district including the entire former FATA has become a part

of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In which regional responsibility and maintaining peace and order become the duty of civil administration and security agencies.

In the ongoing declaration, it has also been said that Article 9 of the Constitution is the protection of life and liberty of citizens, while Article 18 is the guarantee of livelihood, business and safe trade

### Sindh decides to take all stakeholders onboard before approval of HR Policy

KARACHI: Sindh Human Rights Department has decided to take Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) and other civil society stakeholders onboard for its draft Human Rights Policy before final approval by the Sindh Cabinet.

The decision was taken at a consultative meeting on Draft Human Rights Policy Government of Sindh presided over by Surendar Valasai, Special Assistant to Chief Minister for Human Rights and attended among others by Saeed Ghani Minister for Labour and Human Resource, Bangul Khan Mahar Special Assistant to Chief Minister for Wildlife, and representatives of other departments at Human Rights

The draft policy is developed by Human Rights Department with inputs from UNDP and several human rights activists.

### Economy has become an integral part of current diplomacy

#### Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: Economy has become an integral part of current diplomacy while the business community has also voluntarily attained ambassadorial responsibilities to promote economy and peace at the global level, said Dr. Khurram Tariq President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI).

Addressing the participants of the 28th Junior Diplomatic Course at Foreign Service Academy (FSA) Islamabad, he said that Pakistan is the second largest country of South Asia with a massive population of 220 million. "It has all weathers in different parts of the country", he said and added that it is the try with divergent weathers.

He termed the gathering of junior diplomats from twelve different countries as a meeting of mini-UN. Introducing Faisalabad, he said that it was established by colonial rulers on the pattern of Union Jack with clock tower in the centre and eight bazars emanating from it. He said that this city has now evolved as the third largest city of Pakistan

with textile as its iconic identity. "It has the largest industrial estate sprawling over 10, 000 acres of land", he said and added that this city has the unique privilege to contribute one third of its textile export in addition to producing 80% cloth for the

ture university, second largest women's university in addition to the state-of-the-art socks unit Interloop.

About FCCI, he said that it has 8,000 members belonging to different sectors and trade. He said that FCCI has been mandated to protect the interests of its members from federal to the local level. He said that a paradigm shift in diplomacy has inspired the business community to play its proactive role with a focus on enhancing imports and exports.

Mr. Irfan Shaukat Director Program FSA thanked the President FCCI for hosting the participants of the junior diplomatic course and said that our objective domestic needs. He further said is to harness the skills of young

hottest, wettest and coldest coun- that it has the largest agricul- diplomats to promote linkages at the global level which are prerequisite for international peace.

Dr. Khurram Tariq President FCCI boldly responded to the question and queries of the diplomats and also presented FCCI mementos to Mr. Irfan Shaukat Director Program FSA and participants of the diplomatic course. Mr. Irfan Shaukat reciprocated and presented a shield of FSA to Dr. Khurram Tariq. Later Muhammad Azhar Chaudhary Executive Member offered vote of thanks. The visiting diplomatsbelong to Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Kazakhstan, Nicaragua, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Tanzania, The Gambia, Togo, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Uganda.



FAISALABAD: President Dr. Khurram President is presenting FCCI memento to Junior Diplomats from 12 different countries studying in FSA who visited FCCI.





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### Foreigners telling Stories-**Overseas** Employees look at China' launched

#### **B** Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: China cultural center in Pakistan officially launched online documentary series "Foreigners telling Stories-Overseas Employees look at China"

The 100 episode of documentary series is comprising of the experiences of different Foreign Nationals working with different Chinese enterprises, organizations and companies. Facing the camera, they tell their real feelings of being in Chinese enterprises and observing China from the perspective of foreigners, expressing their love for China and their friendship

with Chinese people. All of them work in the overseas branches of Chinese enterprises, including managers who lead the development and growth of their companies, technical experts who work in the front line of R&D, and a group of ordinary employees who struggle for a better life.

It is Co-produced byPublicity Department of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, Foreign Publicity Office of Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, Shanghai Municipal State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economy and Informatization, Xinmin Evening News Agency and launched by China Cultural Center in Pakistan which can be scene by the official Facebook page.

China Cultural Center in Pakistan will comprehensively utilize all the humanity resources in the future to showcase Chinese history, culture and tourism, stories and will continue to make relentless efforts for a new chapter of China-Pakistan friendship.

# CEO AKAH pays call-on Chairman NDMA

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Miss Nusrat Nasab, CEO Aga Khan Agency of Habitat (AKAH) Pakistan called on Chairman NDMA Lt General Inam Haider Malik in his office today. Both discussed various aspects of collaboration pertaining to habitat planning and disaster risk mitigation at community level especially in mountainous region of Pakistan. Miss Nasab apprised the Chairman of AKAH's network to help communities with pre-disaster education and emergency plans to respond natural disasters and effects of climate change.

She told that currently AKAH is working with over 100 villages, towns and cities on habitat planning initiatives. She briefed about the flood donation of \$10 million for affectees in flood-hit areas with exclusive mention of AKAH's flood relief efforts mainly in GB & Chitral and construction of 3000 prefab houses in GB. Chairman NDMA acknowledged

the humanitarian efforts by AKAH. While delivering his remarks on NDMA's vision to adapt a remodelled structure, he underscored the need of an effective framework for geo-monitoring and implementation of response and



evacuation plans within scope of Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment (HVRA) in GLOF-prone areas due to prevalence of intense heatwaves in region. He also underlined the importance of disaster mitigation and adaptation as well as evacuation plans for mountaineers and tourists in case of any natural disaster.

While discussing the avenues of mutual coordination with AKAH, the Chairman suggested to hold a workshop or seminar on disaster mitigation encompassing pre-disaster awareness with in the future.

technological interface, community level response strategy and AI-based simulation exercises for disaster management.

He also mentioned that envisioned National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) would play a key role in training and research in DRM and indicated that its chapter would also be set up in Gilgit with support of AKAH aligned with global practices. At conclusion, both agreed on continuing mutual cooperation for disaster mitigation

### Rain in Capital

ISLAMABAD: Motorists on their way during rainy weather at Faisal Avenue in Federal Capital.



### IGP orders revamping of CIA Islamabad

#### **Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan has ordered the revamp of the Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) of Islamabad capital police with a purpose to solve the cases professionally and purely of merit, a police public relations officer

He said that the IGP Islamabad issued these orders while chairing a meeting with the Investigation Wing which was also attended by the AIG (Investigation), SP (Investigation), DSPs and Inspector Investigation Officers and Incharge anti-vehicle lifting cell.

The IGP directed that the under-investigation cases of Special Sexual Offences Investigation Unit and Homicide Unit should be completed and their challans should be completed at the earliest.

He further directed that the officials being closed from different divisions will report in headquarters adding that the ministerial staff of operations division officers will work six days in a week.

Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan emphasized that the investigation officers continue the the supervision of AIG Investigation will investigation process of the cases with



the law and order duties. He also ordered the investigation officers to improve their performance and no laxity would be tolerated in this regard.

He further ordered that the investigation of the cases would be changed twice. The first investigation of the case would be changed by the board headed SSP Investigation, while the board under be the authority to change the investiga-

tion a second time.

He further directed the Anti Car Lifting Cell (ACLC) to take strict measures in order to tackle car theft in the city and to arrest the culprits involved in it and also recover the stolen vehicles

The IGP Islamabad said that the revamping of CIA would help in carrying out quality investigation into cases and bring the entire investigation process at par with international standards.

# Pakistan's Ayla Majid elected vice president of ACCA

#### **Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Joseph Owolabi president and Ayla Majid elected vice president of ACCA. Ayla joined ACCA in 2006 and has been serving on ACCA's global council since 2014. She is the first person from Pakistan and South Asia to be elected the global vice president in a 118-year history of ACCA.

Ayla is also proud that ACCA plays a major role in offering young Pakistanis a promising career path full ful qualification, with high of growth and opportunities while creating a positive global impact. 'ACCA is a wonder-



quality standards, up to speed with addressing global needs a home and a family with and provides flexibility, and ACCA wherever he has lived

therefore fits really well with and worked. the requirements of a diverse audience. It's particularly a very attractive career choice for women in all parts of the tional Assembly 2014-2015 world including developing

countries,' she said. The newly elected ACCA president, Joseph Owolabi, grew up and studied in Nigeria, has lived and worked in Africa, North America and the UK, and now is an adoptive Australian. He will bring his knowledge of being a global citizen to his time as ACCA president and will draw on his experience of finding

He became an ACCA member in 2011 and has served on ACCA's Internaand has been a Global Council member since 2015.

Joseph said: 'If you had told me as a child growing up that I would one day be the first African leading the largest, truly global accounting body, I would not have believed you. ACCA is an inclusive open and global community for members, future members and partners. Wherever in the world I have found myself, ACCA has given me a home and a family.

### Impersonator arrested; car recovered

#### **Staff Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad capital territory Lohibher police has arrested impersonator and car recovered, a Police Public Relation Officer

He said that, following the special directions of Inspector General of Police Islamabad Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, Islamabad capital police had categorically started a crackdown against criminal elements in order to save the precious lives and property of citizens.



According to the details,

a Lohibher police team arrested impersonator Saqib Shahzad and recovered car from his possession. Case has been registered against the nabbed accused and further investigation is underway

 $IGP\ Is lamabad\ said\ that\ the\ safety\ of\ lives\ and\ property\ of\ the\ citizens$ is our prime responsibility and no laxity will be tolerated in this regard

### The Diabetes Centre Islamabad Celebrates World Diabetes Day



#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: An event was held in connection with World Diabetes' Day at The Diabetes' Centre here today in Islamabad

It was attended by management, staff, students from various educational institutions, senior management of Crescent Lions Club, media personnel and higher officials of Motorways Police and NHA

CEO, TDC, Mr Tahir M. Abbasi said that there is dire need to create awareness and education among masses to put a halt to soaring rate of diabetes in Pakistan

Chairman, TDC, Dr Asjad Hameed stressed the need of adopting a healthy life style and remain health conscious.

An MOU was also signed with Crescent Lions Club to collaborate and create awareness among masses about diabetes. Later, a walk was held followed by a Press Conference

### AIOU organizes speech competition on Allama Iqbal

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) organized a speech competition in light of the Iqbal week celebrations. The topic for this competition was "Politics and Religion in sight of Iqbal". It was organized by the Directorate of Student Advisory and Counselling Service among the students of local schools, colleges, and universities.

It is pertinent to mention here that the AIOU administration announced the celebration of Iqbal Week to pay tribute to the national poet. Various events have been planned and this competition was one of the series of Iqbal Week events. Students highlighted all the aspects of Allama Muhammad Iqbal's life, especially the concept of politics and religion according to Iqbal. The event was presided over by Director Student Affairs, Rana Tariq Javed. Dr. Samina Yasmeen, Dr. Kishwar Sultana, Dr. Abdul Basit Mujahid and Dr. Sajjad also attended the event. Faisal Altaf. Student Counsellor hosted and conducted the competition.

Rana Tariq Javed said that Iqbal's philosophy has guidance for our future. Addressing the students, he said that you are the spokesmen of the coming generations, and you must make it a habit to read Iqbal to bring discipline into your life. He said that AIOU represents the whole nation, and it is named after Iqbal and the responsibility of promotion and dissemination of his thoughts, ideology, philosophy and message falls on this national university (AIOU). Other speakers were of opinion that after listening to the thoughts of the students regarding Allama Iqbal, it seemed that Iqbal's Shaheen are still present in this nation.

#### Kashmir's EU Week begins in **Brussels**



#### 跨 Sohail Anjum Malik

BRUSSELS: The Kashmir's EU Week encompassing a photo exhibition, a conference, a press conference and several meetings on Kashmir issue opened in Brussels, the European headquarters.

The photos presented in the exhibition which will be continued throughout some important events in the European Press Club Brussels in next two weeks, were taken by Mr. Cédric Gerbehaye, the Belgian photo journalist during his visit to the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

Rest of the programs of the Kashmir's EU week such as an international conference on Kashmir in EU parliament, a press conference in the EU press club and meetings with the members EU parliament and representatives of organizations of human rights and civil society will be held during the week.

On the opening of the Kashmir EU Week in Brussels, Chairman Kashmir Council EU Ali Raza Syed said, the week long programs of Kashmir EU week are being organized by Kashmir Council EU for many years and purpose of such programs is to highlight Kash-He asked the international community special European Union

to put pressure on India to immediately end crimes of Indian security forces against people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir and grant them right to self determination according the UN's resolutions on Kashmir.

He said, since 1947, people of occupied Kashmir are facing endless hardships as their miseries are being increased day by day. It is duty of international community including Europe Union to take immediate steps in order to end the atrocities against the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

So that situation of that disputed land should be normalized and people of Jammu and Kashmir should be provided a peaceful atmosphere where they can use their right to self determination in accordance with their wishes and according to United Nations

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### G20 must be part of solution not problem

t the 2022 G20 Summit that is to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday on the Indonesian island of Bali, the new UK Prime Minister Rishi . Sunak is apparently going to speak ill of China in a roundabout way. He will reportedly tell the summit that developing nations must have access to credit for economic growth without becoming reliant on "exploitative" lenders, echoing past G7 "debt trap" criticism of China.

He is also likely to tell the summit that the World Trade Organization should be reformed to curb the "manipulation of global markets by malign actors", another common Western trope intended as a coded critique of

No doubt the other Western leaders will nod their heads in sage agreement and offer similar squeezings from sour grapes. Yet what the world's second-largest economy has done for developing countries and the global economy by means of the Belt and Road Initiative and other programs only brings into sharp relief how manipulative and exploitative of others these countries are.

Amid the current challenges facing the world, the G20 Summit is neither the time nor the place for the leaders of Western countries to air their grievances at China's rise and the emergence of other developing economies. They have plenty of other occasions when they can air their postprandial gripes among themselves. The G20 Summit is for serious business. It should be a platform for the leaders of the world's major economies to discuss ways to address the many concurrent crises impeding a global recovery and creating headwinds to shared development.

If Sunak and other Western leaders beat about the bush attacking China at this summit, it will make the meeting a wasted opportunity. There are too many issues that need to be dealt with by the joint efforts of the international community for leaders of major countries to hear about such meaningless grievances.

With an increasing number of developing countries benefiting from the Belt and Road Initiative, more and more world leaders have come to realize that China is promoting global economic development with all the programs it has launched.

By comparing what China has been doing as a cooperating partner with what Western countries have done as colonial powers, the developing economies and least-developed countries know well which country has been helping them and which have been exploiting them.

At their summit in Bali, all the participants should earnestly compare notes on the best ways to approach the many pressing challenges the world faces rather than indulging in clique politics.

They should try to put aside their differences and reach a consensus on concerted actions to solve as many issues as possible. They should put the common interests of the international community ahead of parochial concerns.

### The case of Katas Raj Temples: Shiva cries - I

Ghaania Usman

he Katas Raj Temples are a compound of Hindu Temples connected to each other through paths located in the Potohar Plateau region in Punjab. The site holds immense religious significance for Hindu's on account of their belief that the temples' pond formed through Shiva's teardrops after the death of his wife, Sati. The word Katas is derived from a Sanskrit word meaning tearful eyes.

Regardless of this site's great importance and cultural richness, government authorities have failed to provide adequate attention or allocate the right resources towards it. In 2012, the water levels of the pond decreased because of the construction of nearby cement factories: Bestway Cement, DG Khan Cement and Dandot Cement. The tremendous amount of water usage as well as the plantation of water-avid eucalyptus trees immensely lowered the water table. Regardless of the installation of Shikaras and a water filtration system for pilgrims, the water levels once again plum-

In 2017 during a court hearing, Chief Justice of Pakistan MianSaqibNisar noted, "This temple is not just a place of cultural significance for the Hindu community, but also a part of our national heritage. We have to protect it." Even though the cement factories were told to obtain water from elsewhere immediately, this problem still prevails today.

During a visit to the Katas Raj Temples, an interview with the tour guide and care-taker revealed the opinions of the locals in the area. He believes there are a lot of tourist spots within this part of the world, but not nearly enough maintenance or resources to ensure their upkeep. Katas Raj has been described as a gold mine: if properly conserved, it could result in endless returns.

Regardless of belonging from a different religion, it seems that the locals realize this site's potential even more than officials and care for it to the best of their abilities. The care-taker stresses upon the need to think neutrally: "think back to the philosophy that Pakistan was made on!" He takes us back to Jinnah and Iqbal's ideas and how with the creation of Pakistan, people of

all religions were meant to be remains which stops function- about their own land. liberated. At the end of the day, Katas Raj is still a part of Pakistani culture.

Since the site is both historical and religious, ticketing is a sensitive and tricky factor. It is difficult to verify the difference between sightseers and those there for religious purposes. The government needs to implement a ticketing system within Katas Raj Temples and figure out how to differentiate between Hindus, Sikhs, and tourists, as well as how much to charge tourists. The revenue earned from this approach can then be reinvested into the site's restoration and maintenance.

The tour guide tells us how 3 cement factories were constructed 2km away from the Katas Raj Temples - legally, such construction should not be allowed near population, tourism, or heritage sites. The government should be working on developing tourism in these areas rather than engaging in aiding industrialisation. He notes that the water levels have immensely decreased due to the turbines of the cement factories which caused the springs to disconnect. The water, which was once blue, is now murky. Initially, there were 12 springs. Now, just one tubewell

ing when there is no electricity. The motionless water on its own creates endless problems, and the cleaning of the water proves to be a strenuous task as well. If factories manage their water

in other ways, Katas Raj's water

levels will automatically increase

again. With the construction of dams, rainwater could easily be collected and utilized. He notes how original material is not used within the restoration of the site due to being more expensive. This is due to different organizations being in charge of restoration at different points in time. In reference to the significance of proper, authentic restoration, the tourguide says, "Without it, there is no mark of this site being thousands of years old." Alongside the difference in aesthetics that

such as wood. He believes it is important for officials and organizations to be fined/removed for bad work. Without a system of accountability, history is slowly but surely being erased and newer generations are left with more and more unanswered questions

the various materials cause,

there are also issues of protec-

tion from rain and other natural

factors in the case of materials

He acknowledges that in recent years, with Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) in charge, measures have been taken to ensure higher security. A boundary wall was finally constructed, care-takers and guards were appointed, and cameras were installed. However, there is still a lot of work that needs to take place.

An interview with an individual working on the development of tourism confirmed that there is a crucial need for the implementation of the law in regards to tourism within our country. There is barely any tolerance or awareness in our society. The individual claims that our government is capable of carrying out the needed changes, but it does not have enough of a bandwidth to deal with these issues. However, in close collaboration with the locals, Katas Raj Temples can definitely be properly restored.

This individual highlights the need to change the setting and make it look more like a holy site in order to honor its background. Promotion will also be a lot more feasible if there is visa ease for Indians

To be concluded



### Palestinians should look beyond follies to resurrect narrative

#### **Ramzy Baroud**

t a recent Istanbul conference that brought many Palestinian scholars and activists together to discuss the search for a common narrative on Palestine, a member of the audience declared at the end of a brief but fiery intervention: "We are not red Indians."

The reference was a relatively old one. It was attributed to former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during a 2004 interview in his office in Ramallah, where he was forcefully confined and surrounded two years earlier by the Israeli military that had again invaded the populous Palestinian city. In the interview, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization and president of the Palestinian Authority said that, despite Israel's attempt at eradicating the Palestinian people, they remain steadfast. Israel had "failed to wipe us out,"

Arafat said, adding, "we are not red Indians." Though Arafat's intention was not to degrade or insult Native American communities, the statement, often taken out of context. hardly reflects the deep solidarity between Palestinians and national liberation struggles, including indigenous struggles, around the world. Ironically, Arafat, more than any Palestinian leader, had forged ties with numerous communities in the Global South and in fact all over the world. A generation of activists had linked Arafat to their initial awareness of, then involvement in, Palestine solidarity

PLO factions, intellectuals and activists were known and respected worldwide as ambassadors for the Palestinian cause. Three Mossad in a Beirut car bombing, Palestinian strategy or an inclusive national narrative.

novelist Ghassan Kanafani was posthumously awarded the annual Lotus Prize for Literature by the Union of Asian and African Writers as a delineation of the common struggle between peoples of both continents.

Arab countries, which also fought their own painful but heroic national liberation wars, played a major role in the centrality of Palestine in the political discourses of African and Asian countries. Many non-Arab countries supported collective Arab causes, especially Palestine, at the UN, pushed for the isolation of Israel, backed Arab boycotts and even hosted PLO offices and fighters. When Arab governments began changing their political priorities, these nations, sadly but unsurprisingly, followed suit.

The massive geopolitical changes after the Cold War, in favor of the US-led Western camp, profoundly and negatively impacted Palestine's relations with Arabs and the rest of the world. It also divided the Palestinians, localizing the Palestinian struggle in a process that seemed to be determined mostly by Israel alone. Gaza was placed under a permanent siege, the West Bank was splintered by numerous illegal Jewish settlements and military checkpoints, Jerusalem was swallowed whole and Palestinians in Israel became victims of a police state that defined itself primarily on racial grounds.

Abandoned by the world and their own leadership, oppressed by Israel and bewildered by remarkable events beyond their control, some Palestinians turned against one another. This was the age of factionalism. However, Palestinian factionalism is bigger than Fatah and Hamas, Ramallah and Gaza. Equally dangerous to the self-serving politics are the numerous provisional discourses that years after his 1972 assassination by the Israeli it espoused, neither governed by any collective

When the PLO was ousted from Lebanon following the Israeli invasion and deadly war, the nature of the Palestinian struggle transformed. Headquartered in Tunisia, the PLO was no longer able to present itself as a leader of a liberation movement in any practical sense. The Oslo Accords of 1993 resulted from this political exile and subsequent marginalization. It also accentuated an existing trend where an actual war of liberation turned into a corporate form of liberation, hunger for funds, false status and, worse, a negotiated surrender.

This much is now familiar and acknowledged by many Palestinians. Less discussed, however, is that nearly 30 years of this process left Palestinians with a different political discourse than that which existed for decades

Undoubtedly, Palestinians are aware of the need for a liberated new language. This is not an easy task, nor is it a randomly generated process. The indoctrination that resulted from the Oslo culture, the factional language and the provincial political discourse of various Palestinian communities left Palestinians with limited tools through which to express the priorities of the new era. Unity is not a political document. Neither is international solidarity. It is a process that is shaped by a language that should be spoken collectively, relentlessly and boldly. In this new language, Palestinians are Native Americans, not in their supposed propensity to be "wiped out," but in their pride, resilience and continued quest for equality and justice.

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### Women Move Mountains

😂 Quratul Ain Salman

omen are soft, gentle and do considered not strong enough to undertake the tough, hard and physically challenges particularly in the Eastern countries. Quite recent, we witness that the women are bracing much more challenges which is earlier considered for men only. They have achieved new heights in achievements. General perception about their role in the society is not improving. The women living in remote areas and mountain regions are facing much more challenges and they need attention of the top brass of the country to improve their living conditions. We mayreview the traditional role of women in our society and provide them equal opportunities to excel in every sepher of life. It is for the decision, policy makers and resource allocators to look into the matter more deeply to address the issues. In fact, women can move the mountains, if they are empowered, keeping in view their needs, cultural, social values and religion. Food & Agriculture Organization of UN has done exactly what is required to empower the women at the occasion of International Mountain Day (IMD) by assigning the theme i.e. "WomenMove Mountains". This theme has much more importance and significance for Pakistani women.

The IMD is celebrated every year on 11 December. It provides an opportunity to create an awareness among the masses about importance of mountains and associated challenges and opportunities. This year the theme is quite distinguished and would help to create awareness about the importance of women and encourage them to play more effective role in the society. At this occasion, the stakeholders organized activities across the globe. In Pakistan tooa large number of stakeholder organize activities to mark this day. Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) is celebrating this day for 17 years. Last year, it organized 1st ever Sustainable Mountain Tourism and Sports Conference in collaboration and support by the key stakeholders. The inaugural Session was held at the President Secretariat whereas rest of the Sessions were conducted in Pearl Continental, Rawalpindi. A number of other activities Seminars, Eco Hikes etc. were also organized.

Here I would like to mention that Samina Baig, NailyaKiayni have really moved the mountains. Samina Baig has climbed all the highest peaks of the seven continents and she has recently climbed K-2 as well. NailaKiyani has also climbed three Peaks above 8000-M. She is the only Pakistani women who has climbed three Peaks above 8000-M. These women have inspired young girls now following their path.

Dr ZubairaSirang, another lady from mountainous/ remote area. She is an eve surgeon and the first-ever Pakistani author to have her work featured on the prestigious Book Authority List. Her book Optics Made Easy: The Last Review of Clinical Optics was included in the list of Best Ophthalmology Books of All Time.Zara Naeem Dar internationally topped the exams for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)/ Amna BaigAssistant Superintendent Police (ASP) Amna Baig's contributions towards making positive changes and devotion to her profession for raising women and gender issues,decorated her Award by the Danish ambassador to

Women in Army are not behind. Lieutenant General Nigar Johar has become Pakistan's first ever threestar female general of Army Medical Corps (AMC). So there is a long list of such high achievers which

cannot be mentioned due to lack of time and space. We need to look into the challenges being faced by women in our society as well. The women living in mountain areas are more vulnerable. They are moving mountains while performing their traditional role of rural women. However, the emergence of tourism in mountain regions of Pakistan has opened new opportunities for women for which more resources are required to be allocated.

In brief, this day is an opportunity for the stakeholders to break the stereotype concept of women in our society. Women can move mountains like the a few names mentioned above. However, leadership of the country need to formulate policies which may encourage women participation in the country, particularly living in remote/mountain regions of Pakistan.

The writer is MS(Media & Communication) and recently started contributing to the newspaper.

### Leaders of China, US need to set right course for bilateral ties, says Xi

BALI, INDONESIA: Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Monday here during a meeting with his US counterpart, Joe Biden, that as leaders of two major countries, they need to set the right course for bilateral ties.

From the initial contact and the establishment of diplomatic relations to today, China and the United States have gone through 50-plus eventful years, with gains and losses as well as experience and lessons, Xi said.

Noting that history is the best textbook, the Chinese president said that the two sides should take it as a mirror and let it guide the future.

Currently, the state of China-US relations is not in the fundamental interests of the two countries and their people, Xi said, adding that it is not what the international community expects from the two countries either.

Xi said, the two presidents need to play the leadership role, set the right course for the China-US relationship and put it on an upward trajectory. A statesman should think about

As leaders of two major countries,

and know where to lead his country. He should also think about and know how to get along with other countries and the wider world, he added.

Emphasizing that in this time and age, great changes are unfolding in ways like never before, Xi said that humanity is confronted with unprecedented challenges.

"The world has come to a cross-



is a question that is not just on our said that the two sides should work tegic importance in China-US relamind, but also on the mind of all countries," Xi said, noting that the world expects that China and the United States will properly handle their relationship.

Noting that his meeting with Biden roads. Where to go from here? This has attracted the world's attention, Xi

with all countries to bring more hope to world peace, greater confidence in global stability, and stronger impetus to common development.

Xi said that he stands ready to have a candid and in-depth exchange of

tions and on major global and regional issues, adding that he also looks forward to working with Biden to bring China-US relations back to the track of healthy and stable growth to the benefit of our two countries and

### Rochdale Barrow's awarded to Lala Ali Asghar Babu

By Sohail Anjum Malik

BRUSSELS: Lala Ali Asghar Babu, Rochdale's prominent political entrepreneur and president of the Liberal Democratic Party North west, was awarded Rochdale Barrow's highest honour.

On receiving the Freedom of the Borough award, former mayor of Rochdale Zulfiqar Ali and businessman Liberal Democratic Party Rochdale Chairman Chaudhry Mohammad Khizr gave a reception to Rochdale K at Koz Restaurant in which Leader Liberal Democratic Party Coun cilor Andy Kelly Professor Dr. Zahid Asghar-Muhammad Adil Wajid Ali Haji Rasheed Dr. Maqsood Ghori Lala Mansha Haji Muhammad Ramzan Chaudhry Kale Khan Chaudhry Ashraf Rafat Mahmood Haji Ramzan and political businessmen and community leaders participated on this occasion.

Lala Ali Asghar Babu said that first of all former mayor Zulfigar Ali and I am grateful to Chaudhry Muham-

nity service. Will be free soon Rochdale



Council Liberal Democratic Leader Councilor Andv mad Khizr who organized Kelly heartily congratulated this prestigious event for me. Ali Asghar Babu on receiv-I am grateful to Allah ing the important award and Almighty for receiving a said that Lala Ali Asghar's great honor like Freedom community service award of the Barrow. This honor is was given, Rochdale city due to my lifelong commu- is proud of Dr. Maqsood Ahmed Ghor.

Ratvi said that Ali Asghar Babu has dedicated his whole life to the community and he has done a lot of services for the Liberal Democratic Party of UK and Muslim Conference Party of Azad Kashmir.

Rubina Asghar said that And Chaudhry Bashir that he has devoted himself food

round the clock to serve the community. Thanked the friends and said that Rochdale's son Ali Asghar Babu has made us proud.

Young Abdul Jabbar also expressed his best wishes for Lala Ali Asghar. Finally, the cake was cut and the guests she is proud of her father were humbled. Done with

### Afghan supreme leader orders full implementation of Islamic law

跨 Raja Furqan Ahmed

KABUL: Afghanistan's supreme leader has ordered judges to fully implement aspects of the Islamic law that include public executions, stonings and floggings and the amputation of limbs for thieves. The Islamic Emirate's Spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid tweeted that the "obligatory" command by Hibatullah Akhundzada came after the secretive leader met with a group of judges. Akhundzada, who has not been filmed or photographed in public since the Taliban returned to power in August last year, rules by decree from Kandahar, the movement's birthplace and spiritual heartland. "Carefully examine the files of thieves, kidnappers and seditionists." Muiahid quoted Akhundzada as saying. "Those files in which all the sharia (Islamic law) conditions of hudud and qisas have been fulfilled, you are obliged to implement. "This is the ruling of sharia, and my command, which is obligatory." Mujahid was not available Monday to expand on his tweet. Hudud refers to offences which, under Islamic law, certain types of punishment are mandated, while gisas translates as "retaliation in kind" - effectively an eye for an eye. Hudud crimes include adultery — and falsely accusing someone of it — drinking alcohol, theft, kidnapping and highway robbery, apostasy and rebellion. Qisas covers murder and deliberate injury, among other things, but also allows for the families of victims to accept compensation in lieu of punishment. Islamic scholars say crimes leading to hudud punishment require a very high degree of proof, including — in the case of adultery — confession, or being witnessed by four adult male Muslims.

### APCEA participated in the 5th CIIE to promote high-quality Pakistani products



SHANGHAI: The Pakistani flag inlaid with emeralds and diamonds, the golden Chinese characteristic element "Ruyi" embellished with gems, and the glittering topaz necklace on the booth have become a unique and eye-catching sight of the 5th China International Import

"Pakistan is blessed with precious stones, among which the bright colored emeralds have become a feverish treasure for European collectors more than 2,000 years ago," Said Miao Lan,"We hope to make use of the CIIE as an international platform to expand the popularity of Pakistani gems so that Chinese consumers can also have high-end consumption experience."

As the Coordinator for Middle East and Asia Pacific, All Pakistan Commercial Exporters Association (APCEA), Miao Lan is committed to promoting Pakistan's high-quality products' exports to China and other countries. This is her first time as an exhibitor at CIIE.

In contrast to many other exhibitions, CIIE attracts delegations from various professional industries for on-site discussions, exchanges and cooperation. One visitor, Huang Weiwei, who works in jewellery design, introduced herself as someone who used to buy rubies and sapphires from Sri Lanka. The Pakistani gems on display caught her attention, satisfied her with both quality and price, and opened up a new channel for her to purchase gems.

Besides jewelry, Miao Lan also brought multiple commodities from Pakistan, such as rice, salt, oil, textile products and innovative works

"I want to change the image of Pakistan in people's minds,"said Miao Lan. "Pakistan has many valuable resources actually. Not only can we accept China's help, but also have good business cooperation."

Miao Lan explained while displaying the goods, "long-staple cotton from Pakistan is of high quality, the towel made of which won't be hard after long time use; Footballs used in Qatar World Cup are also handmade by Pakistanis; Rice from Pakistan, which contains low sugar, can meets the current demand of Chinese consumers for healthy diet; Pakistan's salt contains a variety of healthy trace elements; IT outsourcing and tourism are also outstanding."

"Visitors who came to our booth were surprised after hearing my introduction," Miao Lan said. "Many Chinese people's impressions of Pakistan stay in Pakistan railway. My purpose of participating CIIE is to let people in China learn Pakistan comprehensively. As we all know, Pakistan suffered floods this year. Trading helps the country in the long run, not donations. Therefore, CIIE, a national platform, is the best platform, in which we can reach distributors, traders, governors and investors in China."

In response to a series of pain points facing exports, Miao Lan said, they were improving a series of industrial chain processes. "The governments of the two countries strongly support cross-border e-commerce, and we are considering launching high-quality products from Pakistan on e-commerce platforms, "added Miao Lan. (Xinhua)

### Istanbul police say Syrian woman main suspect, detain 46 over bombing

ANKARA: Istanbul police said on Monday it had detained 46 people in relation to an attack at the heart of the city, including Syrian woman Ahlam Albashir who is suspected to have planted the bomb.

In initial questioning, the woman said she was trained by Kurdish militants in Syria and entered Turkey through northwest Syria's Afrin region, the police said.

State broadcaster TRT released footage of police escorting a woman, the main suspect, from an apartment after an overnight raid. Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said the Kurdistan Workers Party

(PKK) and the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia, which Ankara says is a wing of the PKK, were responsible for the attack on the historic and bustling Istiklal Avenue on Sunday. Soylu said the order was given in Kobani and the bomber passed

through Afrin — both cities in northern Syria where Turkish forces have carried out operations against the YPG in recent years. The woman, with curly hair and in a purple jumper with the words

'New York' on it, was shown being brought into police headquarters in the TRT footage. Police used a dog to search the apartment and found gold, money and ammunition, it showed. Six Turkish citizens, two members each of three families, were killed

in the attack. No group has claimed responsibility.

### Pak-Afghan economic ties: Opening new vistas

he Centre for pated in the webinar. Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa CAMEA at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI) organized a webinar on Pak-Afghan Economic Ties: Opening New Vistas on November 14, 2022. The distinguished speakers included, Ambassador Mansoor Ambassador to Afghanistan, Sardar Ahmad Shakeeb, Charge d' Affairs/Minister Counselor, Afghanistan Embassy, Islamabad, Mr. Haroon Sharif, Former Minister of State and Chairman Board of Investment, Shinwari, Former Deputy of the International Trade Department at the Ministry of Commerce Adnan Jalil, Peshawar Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Hashim Pashtun, Kabul Institute of Peace. The webinar was moderated by Ms. Amina Khan, Director of the Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and tor General, ISSI and Ambassa-Board of Governors also partici-

While giving her introductory remarks, Ms. Amina Khan, stated that in a rapidly changing world, which is fast transitioning from geo-politics to geo-economics, regional economic integration and regional connectivity have gained utmost importance. She further explained that the relationship between Afghanistan Ahmed Khan, Pakistan's Former and Pakistan is unique, as both countries complement each other in terms of trade and economic opportunities through bilateral and transit trade. Since August 2021, we have seen an increase in trade activity between the two, with Afghan exports to Pakistan, jumping from \$550 million to \$700 million; this can be attributed to bilateral cooperand Industry, Afghanistan, Mr. ation and trade-related concessions by Pakistan, increased purchases of Afghan coal and the introduction of an operationalized Integrated Transit Trade Management System (ITTMS) Torkham. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, in his welcome Africa (CAMEA). Ambassador remarks stated that Pakistan and Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Direc- Afghanistan have shared destinies and are now focusing on shared dor Khalid Mahmood, Chairman economic linkages. He stressed on the importance of strong econom-

ic ties between the two countries.

Ambassador Mansoor Ahmed Khan, while expressing his views stated that this is a very important topic for the entire region as the economic potential is immense, with common markets, common culture and other factors. These connectivity advantages that both Pakistan and Afghanistan sit on have not been made use of substantially.

Sardar Ahmad Shakeeb, in his remarks said that the last year has been very difficult for Pakistan and Afghanistan alike. Unprecedented floods, droughts and the freezing of Afghan currency has been a major impediment. He went on to say that the new government of Afghanistan is economy-oriented; it has focused a lot on trade, transit and regional connectivity during the last year

Mr. Haroon Sharif, while expressing his views said that trade, joint investment and trantimes have changed and we are living in economic uncertainty, with challenges like high inflation, shrinking GDP's and reduced cash flows. The world is experiencing a global recession.

Mr. Mozammil Shinwari, in his remarks stressed on three key points, namely, bilateral



sit trade. He went on to say that the world is changing rapidly and regrouping is taking place.

Mr. Hashim Pashtun, while expressing his views said that Afghan Pak economic ties should be based on the policies driven by the agenda set by the traders, economists, and business people

shall be formed on multilateral Small and Medium Enterprises and enhancing them to get easing up the trade laws and on the long term will be successful implementation of major projects such as TAPI, CASA, and Rail-

road connectivity. Other additional factors to be considered approach with, supporting the is the role of Climate Change in agreements between Pakistan defining the regional economics, establishing SEZs and a review or connected via matchmaking, upgrade of current trade agreethe economies on both sides of

In his concluding remarks, is a huge impediment.

Ambassador Khalid Mahmood said that there are numerous and Afghanistan; however they are not reflected at the ground level. He concluded by saying that ments will be vital for boosting the mindsets need to change and we must avoid politicization and work on the lack of trust, which



### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
42,850.83	43,092.95		
Day's High	Day's Low:		
43,092.95	42,761.88		
Index Value	Change		
4,401,842,283	-242.12		
Percentage	Time		
-0.56%	14 Nov, 2022		
·	5:00 pm		
Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change		
7,379.77	+61.73		
Percentage	Time		
+0.84%	14 Nov, 4:18 pm		
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USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average		
Index Value	Change		
33,686.49	-61.37		
Percentage	Time		

33,686.49	-61.37	
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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Averag		
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#### **Open Market Forex Rates**

-1.06%

14 Nov, 3:15 pm

GMT+9

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	148.29	149.54
Bahrain Dinar	589.15	593.65
Canadian Dollar	167.15	168.5
China Yuan	31.13	31.38
Danish Krone	30.82	31.17
Euro	240.5	243
Hong Kong Dollar	28.27	28.62
Indian Rupee	2.75	2.83
Japanese Yen	1.53	1.57
Kuwaiti Dinar	719.23	724.23
Malaysian Ringgit	47.87	48.32
NewZealand \$	134.46	135.66
Norwegians Krone	22.3	22.6
Omani Riyal	576.73	581.23
Qatari Riyal	60.86	61.36
Saudi Riyal	62.5	63.1
Singapore Dollar	161.38	162.68
Swedish Korona	21.44	21.74
Swiss Franc	230.36	232.11
Thai Bhat	6.15	6.25
U.A.E Dirham	64.7	65.3
UK Pound Sterling	274.3	277
US Dollar	225.6	227.85

### TCL Gamers League is now coming to Lahore



#### 👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: To add immense excitement and celebration to the spirit of eSports, Pakistan's No.1 LED TV brand, TCL Electronics, brings the biggest Football E-Gaming Event, "TCL Gamers League 2022," with a massive prize pool of PKR 1.5 million. The registrations are now open for Lahore for which TCL is all set to conduct its Qualifier Round on 18th and 19th of November and Grand Finale on 20th of November at Packages Mall, Lahore.

Karachi Qualifier Round is concluded on 13 November 2022 at Lucky One Mall Karachi through which 12 finalists have reserved their spots in Grand Finale on 20 November 2022. The Karachi Qualifier Round had an exciting footfall of more than 10,000 people who attended the thrilling event that was full of amazing games and surprises for participants.

TCL also screened ICC T20 World Cup Final that filled the air with more thrill and excitement by bringing all the cricket and football fans under one roof at Lucky One Mall Karachi. The event was also attended by notable lifestyle influencers and favorite gaming bloggers that added more joy to the experience of participants.

TCL is now all set to bring the biggest E-sports football gaming tournament to Lahore where the gamers can try their luck to win prize pool of over 1.5M along with having the most amazing gaming experience at Packages Mall, Lahore.

Similarly, losses of 600 billion rupees per vear, i.e. three billion dollars, continue in the electricity sector.

In these circumstances, the resources for development purposes are constantly decreasing, which is causing economic, political, and social problems in the country and if the government does not make fundamental changes in policies, the country will again soon come close to bankruptcy and once again the country will have to be temporarily saved by taking loans.

# Prime Minister to inaugurate the first International Housing Expo in December

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry led by President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari held a meeting with Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Secretary Ministry of Housing and Works to discuss and finalize the arrangements for organizing the first International Housing Expo with joint collaboration. Both sides agreed to organize the event on December 8-11, 2022 in Convention Centre, Islamabad and speed up the arrangements for its successful holding.

Speaking at the occasion, Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works said that the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is keen to promote affordable housing in Pakistan and he will inaugurate the Expo as Chief Guest. He said that all the major international and national developers, builders and real estate enterprises would be invited to display their projects in the Expo. He said that the Expo will help in attracting local and



foreign investment to Pakistan and revive the resilient housing, public-private partnership the government plans to provide affordable housing to low income people and the Expo will make positive progress towards this goal. He said that sessions on housing needs (realities, options, action), low cost housing, funding & financing frameworks for housing, regulation for housing sector, rehabilitation, climate

economic activities in the country. He said that and other topics will also be organized on the sidelines of the Expo. He hoped that the collaboration between the Ministry and the ICCI for the forthcoming IHE-2022 would be helpful in making the Expo a landmark event.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamhis remarks said that the housing and construc-

tion sector stimulates the business activities of over 50 allied industries and organizing the Housing Expo will boost business activities in all sectors of the construction industry. It would also generate a lot of employment and improve the economy. He said that many investors are interested in construction of high rise buildings in Islamabad and urged that the CDA should amend its building bylaws to encourage vertical constructions, which would offer the best solution to tackling the affordable housing options in the federal capital and across the country. He urged that FBR should give at least one-vear extension to the ongoing construction projects under the amnesty scheme of the previous government for their smooth completion. He assured that ICCI would extend full support to the Ministry in organizing the IHE-2022 in a successful manner.

Faad Waheed Senior Vice President, Khalid Iqbal Malik Group Leader, Zafar Bakhtawari, abad Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Sheikh Amir Waheed and others were present at the occasion.

### Traditional pots

MUZAFFRABAD: A vendor is displaying plants pots attraction for costumers for selling purpose in his nursery at C.M.H Road in the city.



### Unnecessary departments, failed companies be closed: Mian Zahid Hussain

**Example 2** Tarig Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Monday said the government should reduce its expenses and close unnecessary departments and ministries to save the country from bankruptcy.

The government should also close down loss-making entities resulting in losses to the tune of trillions of rupees, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that 5.6% of the current expenditure is being spent on running the government alone, while for



fifty-two rupees are being spent on debt repayments, which is enough to bankrupt the country.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the ener-

the solution of which is foreign ple of which is the recent loan and private investment in this sector because the government companies have failed to maintain or increase production.

He said that from July to September 2022, the current expenditure of the central government was 1.832 trillion rupees, out of which 954 trillion rupees was spent on the repayment of local and foreign loans.

This situation is weakening the economy and the rupee while the government has no option but to borrow to improve matters and there is no hope of improvement in production, exports, remittances, and investments.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that as resources dwindle, the gy import bill has become a big government will have to take every one hundred rupees spent, problem for the government, loans at high interest, an exam-

of five hundred million dollars from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank on five percent interest.

From July to September 2022, fifty-two percent of the amount was spent on debt servicing, seventeen percent was spent on defense expenditure, 9.3 percent was spent on pensions of government employees, 5.6 percent on running the government, five percent on subsidies, and 10 .9% was spent on grants, while during this time not a single rupee was obtained from the sale of failed government insti-

tutions. The government spends Rs 900 billion rupees per year, i.e. four billion dollars to keep failed entities alive artificially.

### Some politicians poisoning investment climate

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Monday said some politicians are poisoning the investment atmosphere in the country for their personal interests.

allowed to recover because of continuous protests which are regrettable, it said.

The country cannot afford political instability and chaos but those who want to grab power are blind to these realities, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of PEW.

He said that failed politicians are bent on making the country a wasteland as development is impossible in such a situation.

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that due to the increase in political temperature, the government could not focus on social welfare and the country is sinking into

great damage to the coundamaged. rv's economy, the people constant inflation, while to gain power at any cost and actions against judges which is regrettable, he

Dr. Mughal said that the opposition leaders, he said.



The economy is not being country's economy cannot afford more protests, but some elements are sabotaging the development process under a wellthought-out plan against which legal action should not be delayed.

> He said that the politicians who see the government as a collection of flaws should not forget what they did during their government.

During the former regime, false cases against opponents were set up in the name of accountability, NAB was blackmailed and used against political rivals, spy agencies were used for arm-twisting and The politics of conflict to pass laws, and relations and protest have caused with friendly countries were

have been suffering from did nothing apart from stopping important projects, some politicians are trying making baseless allegations of the superior judiciary, and making life difficult for

### foodpanda Pakistan launched a learning sprint for its employees



Pakistan recently launched a learning sprint for its employees 'Inspiration Station'. A 2-week sprint consisted of panel discussions and talks from inspiring industry leaders and functional experts. The conversations ranged from the future of tech startups in Pakistan, to inspiring the inner leader in us, to motivating the Instantly Gratified generation, to working with a customer first mindset! The panelists and speakers were from diverse industries with international speakers joining online webi-

ISLAMABAD: foodpanda nars-including Nicole Mills-Sr. Director Talent & Culture at Delivery Hero.

Other notable speakers were: Misbah Naqvi, Co-Founder of Invest2Innovate; Raaj Faheem, Chief of Products at NayaPay; Badar Khushnood, Co-Founder of P@sha, Fishry & Bramerz; Rafiq Malik, COO at Bykea; Yasir Suleman, Co-Founder of Jugnu & Salesflo; Adeel Rasheed, Co-founder of SnappRetail; Ahmar Zohaib, Chief Customer Officer at Daraz along with Saif Ali, Executive Director at Dastagyr.

### CropLife launched stewardship programs interested in the future of food and farm-

**Staff Report** 

LAHORE: CropLife Pakistan Association launched Pesticide Container Management Program to create awareness in line with the CropLife International awareness campaign on Container Disposal Awareness, to protect both environment and operators from exposure, appropriate handling, and safe disposal of the used pesticides containers, reducing waste, and maximizing recycling. The inauguration of the project was arranged at Corteva Research Center Renala, chaired by Director General Research Ayub Agriculture Research Institute (AARI) Dr. M. Nawaz Khan Maikan.

While addressing the event, Director General Research AARI, Dr. M. Nawaz Khan Maikan has said that environmental stewardship is a life cycle approach to the agrochemical product management which is the responsible and ethical way to manage products from their discovery and development to their use and the final disposal of any waste. He stressed



the stakeholders to follow the guidelines for the sake of the environment and the

Executive Director CropLife Pakistan, Rashid Ahmad while highlighting the efforts being made by CropLife Pakistan Association in the plant science industry, explained the international developments in crop protection, seed and agricultural biotechnology, with the aim to provide transparent information to its stakeholders and welcomes open dialogue with parties

The speakers appreciated that CropLife Pakistan Association is committed towards promoting effective stewardship in and beyond the field and believes that the appropriate management and use of agrochemical products can help underpin sustainable agriculture and safeguard the environment and public health. CropLife Pakistan Association is taking the lead to ensure the appropriate disposal and recycling of empty crop protection containers to protect the health of farmers and their communities as well as the environment. The overall aim of the stewardship approach in the agrochemical industry is to maximize the benefits, and minimize any

 $risk, from\, using\, crop\, protection\, products.$ The event was attended by the local agriculture department officials, academia, farmers, dealers and CropLife member company's representatives. This is a pilot project and will be expanded in other geographies for the awareness of the farming community.

### Gold barely moves as cagey investors track dollar

KARACHI: Gold prices price of gold edged upwards were listless on Monday as investors held to the sidelines as they kept a close watch on the rupee-dollar

Data released by the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems (APSGJA) showed that the

by Rs100 per tola and Rs84 per 10 grams to settle at Rs156,000 and Rs133,744, respectively.

However, despite gold trading in a tight range, physical demand for the and Jewellers Association precious metal is high amid the ongoing wedding season.

# Bangladesh U19 win one-day series

MULTAN: Half-centuries by Ashiqur Rahman Shibli, Parvez Rahman Jibon and Ahrar Amin handed Bangladesh four-wicket win in the third and final U19 one-day against Pakistan at the

Multan Cricket Stadium on Monday. With the win, Bangladesh won the three-match series 2-1.

Chasing 221, Shibli, the Bangladesh opener, top-scored in the innings with a sparkling 56-ball 72. He was the only batter in the top five to post a double-digit score and struck 11 fours and two sixes.

Jibon and Ahrar paired up when Bangladesh were 113 for five. They added 85 runs for the sixth wicket that took Bangladesh over the line with an over spare.

Jibon, later awarded player of the match, returned undefeated on 57. He faced 59 balls and hit five fours and a six. Amin, the Bangladesh skipper, made 52 off 70, hitting six fours.

Pakistan's Mohammad Tayyab Arif



made 87 off 104, smashing eight fours and a six, after Bangladesh elected to

Tayyab walked in the middle with

no runs on the board as Mohammad Farooq was dismissed by Rohanat Doullah Borson, who took three wickets.

Arafat Minhas continued his good

run with the bat with an electrifying 43 at a strike rate of 165 (hitting three sixes and three fours). Arafat was named player of the series - he racked up 171 runs, which included two half-centuries, in three innings at a strike rate of 123, getting dismissed only once.

He also took three wickets - two of them in this match.

Uzair Mumtaz hit four fours and a six in his 39-ball 34 before becoming a victim of Mohammad Rafi Uzzaman, who also took three wickets but had the best bowling figures as he gave away only 29 runs, eight less than Borson.

Morning rain shaved off three overs from each innings as the match was reduced to 42 overs per innings.

The last leg of the tour will see the two sides compete in two T20s on 16 and 18 November at the Multan Cricket Stadium.

Parvez Rahman Jibon of Bangladesh was declared player of the match for outstanding performance.APP

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### Northern openers Huraira and Hasan hit centuries

#### Sports Report

LAHORE: The ninth round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2022-23 season began in Karachi and Lahore while the opening day was lost due to rain in Abbottabad. Northern who opted to bat in their game against Sindh at the National Bank Cricket Arena (National Stadium, Karachi) made great use of a batting friendly pitch as openers Mohammad Huraira and Hasan Raza combined for a 266-run stand.

Both Huraira and Hasan dominated the proceedings from the start as Sindh bowlers failed to make inroads.

his 135 off 203 balls. He was eventually dismissed by Abrar Ahmed in the final session of play.

By stumps, Huraira was still at the crease as Northern reached 350 for one in 90 overs. The right-handed Huraiadded 84 runs for the second-wicket.

Balochistan made most of their fell cheaply. bowling first decision against Central



Hasan was the first to reach three Punjab at the LCCA Ground after rain figures, the left-hander hit 19 fours in and a wet outfield reduced the day's

play to a single session. Left-arm pacer Akif Javed did the damage by taking three wickets for 31 runs by close of play on the first day.

Qasim Akram was unbeaten on 24 when stumps were drawn after 23.3 ra has so far hit 22 fours and one six in overs due to bad light. The Central his 170 (279 balls). Umar Amin was Punjab top-order consisting Abid Ali unbeaten on 32, the two have so far (2), Abdullah Shafique (15), Mohammad Saad (1) and Tayyab Tahir (14)

Northern elected to bat against Sindh at the National Bank Cricket

Arena (National Stadium Karachi) Northern 350 for one, 90 overs (Mohammad Huraira 170 not out; Hasan Raza 135; Abrar Ahmed 1-134)

Toss uncontested - Balochistan bowling first at the LCCA Ground against Central Punjab

Central Punjab 67 for 4, 23.3 overs (Qasim Akram 24 not out; Akif Javed 3-31) No play due to rain between Southern Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at the Abbottabad Stadium'

### Gaddafi stadium to turn pink for third T20I between Pakistan & Ireland



#### 跨 🛮 Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium will turn pink for the third and final T20I between Pakistan and Ireland women's on Wednesday, 16 November.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) as part of its social corporate responsibility is supporting the Pink Ribbon campaign to create awareness about breast cancer.

Both team captains, players, match officials and commentators will wear the pink ribbons over the course of the match and awareness messages will be displayed inside the stadium. The stumps will also be branded pink. The backdrop for the post-match cere-

mony will be coloured pink. Entrance for the matches is free for spectators with four enclosures - Imran Khan, Rajas', Fazal Mahmood and Saeed Anwar open to the public. The PCB also encourage

fans to wear pink for the Wednesday's fixture. In addition, the PCB will distribute pink coloured shirts to the spectators in various stands during the match.

### The ninth round of the Cricket **Associations Championship**

#### **Sports Reporter**

2022-23

Stadium, Balochistan finished Aziz made 31 runs. day-one at 238 for six in their first innings against Central Punjab. Mohammad Ibrahim Snr top-scored with 87 off 185 balls (11 fours). Mohammad when stumps were drawn for two wickets respectively. the day. Abdul Hanan made 40 runs, left-arm spinner Ahmed Safi Abdullah took four wickets.

Over at the UBL Sports Complex, Sindh were bundled out for 102 in their first off 120 balls (nine fours, two innings. Umer Khan took five

wickets while Waqas Ahmed Afridi provided useful support took three. Saifullah Bangash KARACHI: At the KCCA top-scored with 40, Rameez

Northern were 149 for six in reply when stumps were drawn for the day. Ali Imran top-scored with 40, spinners Mohammad Asghar and Junaid was unbeaten on 40 Danish Aziz took three and

Over at the NBP Sports Complex Ground, Karachi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa posted 282 in their first innings against Southern Punjab.

Nabi Gul contributed 85 Abdullah 4-69) sixes). Muhammad Nisar

with 47. Mohammad Junaid took five wickets for 106 runs while Mohammad Shan took four for 65.

At stumps, Southern Punjab were 26 for one. Scores in brief:

Balochistan vs Central Punjab - KCCA Stadium, Karachi

Balochistan 238 for 6, 90 overs (Mohammad Ibrahim Senior 87, Mohammad Junaid 40 not out, Abdul Hanan 40; Ahmed Safi

Northern vs Sindh - UBL Sports Complex, Karachi

Sindh 102 all out, 41.1 overs (Saifullah Bangash 40 not out, Rameez Aziz 31; Umer Khan 5-47, Waqas Ahmed 3-25)

Northern 149 for 6, 40 overs (Ali Imran 40; Mohammad Asghar 3-77, Danish Aziz

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vs Southern Punjab - NBP Sports Complex, Karachi

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 282 all out, 73.5 overs (Nabi Gul 85, Mohammad Nisar Afridi 47; Mohammad Junaid 5-106, Mohammad Shan 4-65)

Southern Punjab 26 for 1,

### Amer Karim in Commonwealth Chess C'ship in Sri Lanka

LAHORE: Commonwealth Chess Championship 2022 got underway in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Monday.

Chess Federation of Pakistan (CFP) has announced that FIDE Master and National Champion Amer Karim is representing Pakistan at the Commonwealth Chess Championship. After this event, Amer will also take part in the Grandmasters Chess championship scheduled to be staged from

It may be noted here that Pakistan is participating in at least one international chess championship every month since June 2022 when the current management was elected under the leadership of Chess Federation of Pakistan President Hanif Qureshi.

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### Nida Dar's all-round performance and Ayesha's quick-fire 25 help Pakistan level series

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LAHORE: Nida Dar's all-round performance and Ayesha Naseem's quick-fire 25 helped Pakistan to a six-wicket win over Ireland in the second T20I here at the Gaddafi Stadium on Monday and also level the three match series 1-1. The series decider will be played on Wednes-

day, 16 November. Chasing 119 to win in 17 overs, after the start of the play was delayed due to rain, the opening pair of Javeria Khan and Muneeba Ali provided a 26-run start off 19 balls before Muneeba fell to Arlene Kelly for 10-ball 12. Captain Bismah (2 off 5 balls) was next to go with 29 runs on the board.

Javeria was joined by Nida and the two most experienced batters added 46

runs for the third wicket. Both Javeria (35, 39b, 3x4) and Nida



(28, 25b, 1x4,1x6) ran themselves out and Pakistan were four down with 97 runs on the board.

The right-handed Ayesha struck two sixes and one four in her unbeat-

en knock of 25 from 12 balls, while Aliya Riaz struck two boundaries and returned unbeaten on 11 off seven balls. Both batters helped the hosts achieved the target with one over to spare.

Earlier, after opting to field first, Pakistan bowlers kept Ireland batters in check as the tourists managed to score 118 for seven in their allotted 17 overs. Opening batter Amy Hunter top-scored for her side with a 39-ball 36, which included three fours. Orla Prendergast who was declared player of the match in the previous game managed to score 20 Off 17 balls, hitting three fours.

For Pakistan, spinners Nida and Nashra Sundhu bagged two wickets apiece.

#### Scores in brief:

Pakistan beat Ireland by six wickets Ireland 118-7, 17 overs (Amy Hunter 36, Orla Prendergast 20; Nida Dar

2-19, Nashra Sundhu 2-21) Pakistan 121-4, 16 overs (Javeria Khan 35, Nida Dar 28, Ayesha Naseem 25 not out)

### Asia Pacific Amateur Golf Team Championship will be held at Manila



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The team contest for Nomura Cup Trophy also known as the Asia Pacific Amateur Golf Team Championship will be held from 15th to 18th November 2022 at the Masters Golf Course of the Manila South Woods Golf and Country Club ,Manila, Phillipines. It is a biennial amateur team golf championship for men in which aspiring for internationally acclaimed honors will be sixteen countries namely Australia, New Zealand, Korea ,Japan ,India,Thailand,Indonesia ,Malaysia,Mongolia,Chinese Taipei, Guam, Hongkong, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Phillipines and Pakistan.

Pakistan will be represented by Saim Shazli (Karachi Golf Club), Damil Ataullah (Lahore Garrison Greens) and Saad Habib (Rumanza Golf Club, Multan). And while mere engagement and involvement is a prodigious occasion for these boys coupled with notability for country's golf, expectations are that the three team members have the aptitude, capability and yearning to beam in this Asia Pacific Event. Their selection is attributable to a resplendent performance in the four days selection trials held last month at the Nick Faldo designed Rumanza Golf Course

During the course of four days intensely contested trials sixteen years old Saad Habib appeared as the most lustrous, one through a combative performance that was remarkable  $\,$ . His scores of 74,74,71 and 73 fetched him an aggregate score of 292 and the top position in the national trials. As for Saim Shazli ,he too put up an admirable performance and ended up second with an aggregate score of 293. The third team member, Damil Ataullah also exhibited ample grace and resoluteness and ended up third with an aggregate score of 297.

This is the 29th edition of the Nomura Cup and features 48 players from 16 APGC members and first tee off takes place on Tuesday ,15 th November.Chairman of APGC ,Taimur Hassan Amin of Pakistan, himself a six times Nomura Cup participant said,"Its with tremendous pride that we welcome this fabulous tournament back onto the schedule after a frustrating absence of five years ".On the last occasion that the Nomura Cup was contested at Sungai Long Golf and Country Club in Malaysia in 2017, victory went to the team from Thailand. Over the years, Australia has dominated the championship, emerging as winners 10 times ,seven times winners have been Japan and Chinese Taipei on five occasions.

Lahore Gymkhana Golf Course has the honor of hosting the Nomura Cup in 1999.

### Shaheen Shah Afridi has been advised two week rehabilitation

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LAHORE: Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi has been advised two-week rehabilitation after he landed awkwardly while taking Harry Brook's catch during Sunday's ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 final in Melbourne.

The scan conducted on Monday morning prior to the team's departure for Pakistan, has confirmed there were no signs of an injury and the knee discomfort was likely "due to a forced knee flexion whilst landing".

The scans were discussed between PCB's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Najeebullah Soomro, and Australian knee specialist, Dr Peter D'Alessandro, and it was reassuring to know that there was no injury. The left-arm fast bowler is feeling better and is in high spirits. Shaheen will undergo rehabilitation and conditioning

programme that has been designed to strengthen his knee at the National High Performance Centre few days after his return Shaheen's return to international cricket will be subject to the

champion fast bowler's successful completion of the rehabilitation programme and following go-aheads by the medical staff.

### AFC appoints Nasser Saleh to conduct futsal level-I course in Pakistan



Spokesman Report

LAHORE: The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has appointed Nasser Saleh, the former national futsal team coach of Iran, for two AFC futsal level-I Coaching Courses in Pakistan from 18th - 30th at Football House, Lahore. The course will be conducted in two phases and each last for 6 days.

Director Pakistan Futsal Muhammad Raza Fazli will coordinate with AFC-appointed Nasser Saleh during the courses.

Sharing his views, Muhammad Raza said: "I am thankful to Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for providing us with a very professional and expert instructor, Nasser Saleh. This course will have a huge impact on the development of futsal in Pakistan. His arrival and instructing the Pakistani learners will prove very fruitful for us, as for the first time, the futsal level-I course is being conducted in Pakistan. All credit goes to Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) which has taken the initiative to conduct this course first time ever in Pakistan. Hopefully, our coaches will learn a lot from his wide international experience."