



PM says 'defence sector catering to needs of tech era' as IDEAS 2022 kicks off

Kakul, Baloch **Regimental Centre**

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Tuesday visited Pakistan Military Academy (PMA), Kakul and Baloch Regimental Centre, Abbottabad as part of his farewell visits.

Upon his arrival at PMA, the COAS was received by Rawalpin-Commander di Corps Lieutenant General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The COAS laid floral wreath at the Martyrs' Monument and offered fateha. He also interacted with the cadets and officers of PMA.

The COAS, while addressing the cadets, appreciated the Abbas. APP

exceptionally high standards of Pakistan Army's premier training institution and its efforts towards grooming future leaders. He also advised cadets to focus their energies on the pursuit of professional excellence.

Later on, the COAS visited Baloch Regimental Centre. After laying floral wreath at the Shuhada Monument, he interacted with serving and retired officers and troops of the regiment, and paid rich tribute to their supreme sacrifices.

Earlier on arrival at Baloch Regimental Centre, the COAS was received by Chief of General Staff Lieutenant General Azhar

PM tested positive for coronavirus: Marriyum

Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Shehbaz Sharif has tested positive for coronavirus.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for feeling well for the last two days. The minister said the corona test of the PM was conduct-Tuesday that Prime Minister ed today on the doctors' advice. She asked the people and workers to pray for the prime In a tweet, she said he was not minister's speedy recovery. APP

Petroleum prices to remain unchanged: Dar

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to keep the prices of petroleum products unchanged for second half of November 2022. Briefing media here on Tuesday, Minister for Finance Senator Ishaq Dar announced the government's decision to sion of Nov 9, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the keep the prices of Petrol, High Speed Diesel, Light Diesel, and Kerosene Oil unchanged for for next 15 days. The minister said that as per the government deci-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed satisfaction that the country's defence sector was catering to the demands of technological era as the IDEAS 22, the International Defence Exhibition and Seminar, kicked off in Karachi.

"Good to see that our defence sector is catering to demands of tech era," the prime minister said in a tweet.

IDEAS 2022, being held on November 15-18, brings togeth-





er international market, products and services to explore opportunities in the field of defence production through collaboration.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that over the years, IDEAS had evolved into a platform that highlighted Pakistan's growing footprint in the global defence market.

He emphasized that the theme of IDEAS 2022 'Arms for Peace reflected Pakistan's desire for peace and stability. APP

Imran says nation looking at CJP Bandial for justice in 'landmark cases'

LAHORE: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PIT) Chairman Imran Khan has (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, saying that the nation was looking at him for justice in three 'landmark' cases.

Addressing the Long March participants via video link, the former premier called on CJP called on Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial to hear three 'landmark' cases: senior journalist Arshad Sharif's murder; Senator Azam Swati's custodial torture; and the Wazirabad FIR country and was later killed in stripped naked and tortured.

issue. Giving details of the cases, Imran Khan noted that senior journalist Arshad Sharif was threatened and fake cases were registered against him. "He

Kenya," he added.

"Senator Azam Swati's case is also a landmark one. He was taken from home on a tweet and was beaten in front of his family," the former premier said, [Sharif] was forced to leave the adding that the Senator was later

expansion of such exchange in

pointed out that China is high-

situation in Ukraine. He noted

the four points about what

must be done he had proposed

soon after the outbreak of the

Imran Khan noted that being a citizen of Pakistan it was his constitutional right to register a first information report (FIR). "However, despite being the former prime minister, I could not register FIR after an assassination attempt," he added.

Chinese, US presidents reach agreements on bilateral ties, discuss Ukraine issue

BALI, INDONESIA: Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden on Monday reached a series of agreements on maintaining bilateral dialogue and coordination in various fields, and exchanged views on Ukraine issue.

Meeting ahead of the Group of 20 summit in Indonesia's resort island of Bali, the two presidents agreed that their respective diplomatic teams should maintain strategic communication and conduct regular consultations; their financial teams will continue dialogue and coordination on macroeconomic policies, economic ties and trade; and the two countries will jointly work for the success of the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework



Convention on Climate Change. They also reached common understandings on conducting dialogue and cooperation in public health, agriculture and ple exchange is very important, food security, and agreed to make and pledged to encourage the



all sectors.

serious thought to three points. good use of the China-US joint First, conflicts and wars produce working group to promote the no winner; second, there is no resolution of more issues. They simple solution to a complex also agreed that people-to-peoissue; and third, confrontation between major countries must be avoided.

Xi said China has all along stood on the side of peace and On the Ukraine crisis, Xi will continue to encourage peace talks. China supports and looks lv concerned about the current forward to a resumption of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, and hopes that the United States, NATO and the European Union will conduct comprehensive dialogues with Russia.

Both presidents viewed their meeting as in-depth, candid and constructive. They instructed their teams to promptly follow up and implement the important common understandings reached between them, and take concrete actions to put China-US relations back on the track of steady development.

The two presidents agreed to maintain regular contact.

National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) have filed applications in the Supreme Court regarding the pending appeals in Riba case.

COAS appointment: Kh Asif rejects rumours about 'deadlock on names'

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has rejected the rumours about a deadlock on the shortlisted names' and the exact time of the appointment process for the new Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

While talking to journalists outside the Parliament House building, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif was questioned about the rumoured deadlock on the COAS name between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) co-chairman Asif Ali

Zardari. To this, Asif responded, "How can a deadlock be created without even starting the consultation process for the appoint-



ment of new COAS?" He added that consultations for the COAS appointment will be held after November 18 or 19.

He further clarified that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) has no favourite name for the COAS appointment. Asif said that consultations will only be held on the shortlisted names forwarded to the federal government by the Pakistan Army.

COP27 must put people at heart of its agenda: Sherry Rehman

EL-SHEIKH: tised as the 'Implementa-SHARM "People and their lives, particu- tion COP' and often billed as larly vulnerable communities, must be at the heart of COP27. along with the will to put them back on their feet as they face the accelerated impacts of climate stress. The Loss and Damage agenda must be taken forward with clear political will," said Senator Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change at COP27. "This COP has been adver-

one that will put Adaptation at its core, but while we seek to find common ground on shared challenges including a commitment to announced pledges and NDCs, we are yet to see the momentum to move forward on the business of saving ourselves from the uncertain post 1.5C degree future," she remarked in a news release.



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Health matters

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing a ceremony to commemorate "World Diabetes Day" at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Tuesday.



President for prevention, better management of diabetes

include WhatsApp chatbots,

web-based and cell phone-

based applications, and call

only possible when the nation

management of diabetes could

lower the risk of other diseases

The President said that prevention and optimal

He said that the progress

and text messages.

the need to prevent and better manage diabetes, which was a silent killer, by focusing on promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The healthy lifestyle may include regular exercise, diet spread, weight control, avoiding overeating and early diagnoses and proper management of this disease to reduce the disease burden which was try in terms of diabetes prevthird largest in the world after China and India, he added.

The President made these remarks while addressing a ceremony held here to silent-killer disease. commemorate World Diabetes Day

Arif Alvi on Tuesday urged Chancellor of Health Servic- media coupled with organizes Academy, Dr Shahzad Ali ing symposiums, workshops Khan, health professionals and and conferences and public others. meetings and by making IT interventions which may

Addressing the ceremony, the President expressed his concern over the high prevalence of diabetes in the coun-

He noted that Pakistan was the third largest counalence, over 33 million were diabetic and 400,000 people died every year due to diabetes was educated and healthy. and other complications of this

The President also called for launching effective, mean-The ceremony was attended ingful and persistent aware- as well, and in the worst-case by Ambassador of Demark to ness campaigns through scenario diabetes could cause being a nation with limit-

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Pakistan, Jakob Linulf, Vice conventional and social blindness, amputations of ed financial and economaffected parts, kidney failure, ic resources, we could not heart attack, depression and in some cases suicide.

He said the government should think of introducing creative and meaningful incentives for pursuing a healthy lifestyle and reducing non-healthy habits such as smoking, artificial drinks, junk and prosperity of the nation and highly processed foods hinged upon the quality of its and beverages, and having high sugar and salt content. human resources which was

"People should adopt a healthy lifestyle and a healthy diet for the effective management of their blood sugar and for overall better health to save our tomorrow", he added.

The President said that

afford the curative treatment which was very expensive and secondly, we did not have enough health facilities and trained human resources to provide curative treatments to all the patients.

He further said that this experience could help us in the prevention of diabetes and its proper and cost-effective management.

Earlier, VC Health Services Academy, Dr Shahzad Ali Khan, elaborated on the existing situation of diabetes in Pakistan.

He said that non-communicable diseases were also on the rise in Pakistan.

Imran Khan habitual of taking u-turns: Hamza Shehbaz

LAHORE: Hamza Shehbaz, oppo- not give any explanation of Toshakhasition Leader in the Punjab Assem- na and foreign funding issues yet, and bly, on Tuesday said that Pakistan alleged that his politics were based on Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman lies and personal interest. Imran Khan was habitual of taking u-turns and he was backing away from his narrative of 'foreign conspiracy'.

Talking to the media after appearing before an accountability court here, he said the PTI chief was backing away from his oft-repeated narrative as it did not suit him now. He criticised that Imran Khan had taken a u-turn on cipher.

Hamza said that all his (PTI chief) efforts were aimed to come into power. The PML-N leader said that Imran Khan was exposing himself each day.

"Whenever Imran wanted, he developed a fake narrative and claimed that there was a conspiracy against him. Whenever he wanted, he withdrew from his narrative". Hamza said, adding that the country could

bank branches after the endorsement

from the Registration Unit located at Counter Number-3 from 09:00 am

The students of Madaras are

According to the notification, the

change of subject would be allowed

with a prescribed fee of Rs1, 500/-

whereas the change of faculty within

the same year would be allowed after

Candidates who have passed their

intermediate examinations in 2021

or earlier are also eligible to apply for

a prescribed fee of Rs1, 500/-.

directed to obtain the equivalence certificate from the KU Deputy

Register Office (Academic).

Hamza said that the PTI chief did not afford such acts.APP

KU announces schedule of submission of ADA ADC registration form

to 1:00 pm.

KARACHI: The University of Kara- be deposited at the above-mentioned chi on Tuesday announced the schedule of submission of the registration form for Associate Degree in Arts and Associate Degree in Commerce and improvement of division (BA, BSc, BCom) for external candidates and students of Madaras.

The notification issued to this effect said that the candidates would submit a fee of Rs 5, 500/- from November 15, 2022, till January 12, 2023, while the registration form and fee voucher would be available at the National Bank of Pakistan and Bank Al-Falah branches located at the KU Silver Jubilee Gate against the payment of Rs100/-.

The registration form and fee could registration.

FIA summons Faisal Vawda, Murad Saeed in Arshad Sharif murder case



Bilawal opens new OPD complex at Dow University

KARACHI: Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari inaugurated Tuesday a new OPD complex, comprising four blocks and constructed at a cost of Rs 500 million, at the Oiha Campus of Dow University of Health Sciences.

He also performed the groundbreaking ceremony of the Oncology Unit Foundation and planted a tree.

While addressing a program organized to celebrate 75 liver transplants by Dow University at its Ojha Campus, the minister extended congratulations and best wishes to the varsity on the successful establishment of liver transplant services in the city.

"We can strengthen our improve the delivery of health- care system and its successful

healthcare system and the upbringing of the health- priority," said Bilawal.

that affordable and high-qual-Sindh Chief Minister Syed ity healthcare was a fundacare by joining hands with conveyance to the common Murad Ali Shah said his mental privilege of every citiwell-trained human resources; man has always been our government firmly believes zen. "It is not only ethically

and socially imperative but also a necessary ingredient for the sustainable long-term development of our economies and society.

Murad Ali further said, "It is a privilege to stand by our healthcare workers who have worked industriously to provide quality healthcare." He congratulated Dow University of Health Sciences for launching liver transplant services for the people of Sindh.

He said the healthcare system's foremost challenge was to provide adequate health coverage and equal access to medical services for all. "When citizens have to pay out of their pockets, they may delay or relinquish necessary treatments and risk becoming impoverished, especially by chronic diseases which require long-term care," he observed.

ECC allows continuation of Prime Minister's relief package to KPK

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet here on Tuesday allowed continuation of Prime Minister's Relief Package (PMRA) and Sasta Atta Initiatives for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Utility Stores Corporation (USC) till June 30, 2023.

According to press statement issued by finance ministry here, the cabinet committee meeting was chaired by Federal Finances Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

Ministry of Industries and Production had submitted summary for continuing the relief package beyond August 31, 2022.

The committee approved PMRP) and Sasta Atta initiative from September 1st to November 15, 2022 on the existing model of untarget-



Atta initiative and provision

of subsidized Atta from Nov

ed subsidy at the prevailing 2023 (excluding Ramzan) and rates and allocation of addiallocation of funds to the tune tional funds amounting to Rs. of Rs. 10,755 million through 4,908 million over and above supplementary/technical the regular budgetary allocasupplementary grant. It allowed continuation of tion through supplementary/

technical supplementary grant Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sasat to recoup the amount already spent by USC. The ECC also allowed contin-

16 2022 to June 30, 2023, uation of PMRP on hybrid after rationalizing number of model for a period with effect stores, with allocation of funds from November 16 to June 30, of Rs.1,560.68 million through against various approved senior officers.

supplementary/technical supplementary grant.

The committee approved release of funds for Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC) for gas supply to Pakistan Steel Mills, a summary for which was presented by the Ministry of Industries and Production ..

It approved Rs. 9,767 million including FEC USD 12.667 million for Ministry of Defence

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ISLAMABAD: A fact finding commit- journalist had been hatched in Pakitee set up by the Federal Investigation stan. Agency (FIA) to probe the murder of senior journalist and anchorperson Arshad Sharif has summoned two prominent members of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) including Faisal Vawda and Murad Saeed. The two politicians have been directed to appear before the committee on Monday, November 21.

Faisal Vawda, who served as the federal minister for water resources, had in a press conference at the knowledge about the threats facing National Press Club in Islamabad had the slain journalist, it was important claimed he knew who was behind the they provide all the details they know attack and that plans to murder the to the authorities. INP

Subsequently, his party membership was revoked after he pointed fingers at his party. Murad Saeed, who served as the federal minister for communications during the PTI government, to had made certain claims about who was threatening Arshad Sharif which had forced him to flee the country.

The FIA said that since both politicians had claimed to have intricate

No need to make Army Chief's appointment controversial: Ch Shujaat

腾 Bureau Report

League-Quaid (PML-Q) chief and former prime minister Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain on Tuesday said that there is no need to make the matter of the Army Chief's appointment controversial.

hope that the way politics is being supreme justice of the country. The done will not be successful as the Chief Justice should not be made a spirit of patience and tolerance is victim of political 'tricks'.

getting weaker. Stating that the Army and the judiciary are the two LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim most important institutions, the former prime minister said that the Army Chief is the guarantor of national security.

Throwing light on the role of the judiciary, Shujaat said that the entire nation has faith in the judiciary and The former premier said there is the Chief Justice of Pakistan is the

Global Media Congress 2022 invites Pak Women in Web3

😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD/DUBAI: Global Media Congress conference 2022 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, has invited women in Web3 from Pakistan by His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Presidential Court.

Global Media Congress is an international event held in UAE that offers a platform for journalists, tech firms, content creators, entertainment professionals, government regulators, and media stakeholders a chance to Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

network and share solutions to various global problems. It's a safe space for people to express their ideas without any bias or discrimination.

This year's conference is bringing together thousands of representatives from different companies and industries. Since Web3 is a growing industry, Pakistan is also building in this space at a lower scale, including young women of high caliber.

Among them, Hinza Asif from NFTStudio24 is also participating in this event, invited by H.H. Sheikh

Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan; Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha; Minister of State for Petroleum, Musadik

23 and Rs. 60.606 million to

The ECC deferred the

Among others, the meet-

Masood Malik; SAPM on Finance, Tariq Bajwa; SAPM on Government Effectiveness, Dr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Khan; Coordinator to PM on Commerce & Industry, Rana Ihsan Afzal, Federal Secretaries, Chairman FBR and other

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Barrister Sultan warns India against any misadventure AJK

腾 🛛 Abdul Majeed Tahir

HAVAILEE: President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry while denouncing the Indian defense Minister's threatening statement has warned that any aggression against AJK or misadventure by India would be responded to in the same coin. He expressed these views while addressing the first annual convocation of University of Poonch Haveli Campus at Haveli in Forward Kahota here today.

The event was addressed by the Chairman Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Vice Chancellor Poonch University Professor Dr. Zakaria Zakir and several others. Speaking on the occasion, the president said, "Azad Kashmir was liberated by our forefathers after a lot of struggle and sacrifices". Kashmiris, he said, knew fully well as how thing that you have acquired knowlto defend their motherland. Extending his heartfelt felicitations to graduating students and their parents, the tion is how well you become a citizen



part of the august gathering of young graduates.

"For the graduating students, it is the most important milestone in their life as they are going to start a new journey of life", he said adding that the students who received Certificate of Achievement / Gold Medals today should realize that they were among the lucky ones who got the opportunity to get higher education."There are still a large number of people in our country who unfortunately do not have enough resources to avail this opportunity", Barrister Chaudhary said.

"Education is not the name of the edge about a particular aspect of life or obtained a degree, but the real educapresident said that he was happy to be of the country in which you live", he he said that there were long-stand-

added.In his speech, the Chairman Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed while highlighting the importance of education said that in order to remain competitive in the world there was dire need to improve the education system in Azad Kashmir.

The HEC chairman praised President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry for highlighting the issue of Kashmir at the global level. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Jamia Poonch Professor Dr. Zakaria Zakir thanked the President for his visit to the Haveli campus and appreciated his uncompromising commitment to the Kashmir issue. The AJK President during his visit also met various delegations in which

ing demands including construction of judicial campus, establishment of grid station, acquiring land for university and CMH hospital. The convention was attended by former Minister Chaudhry Muhammad Aziz, former Minister and Member of Legislative Assembly from Haveli Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, former Assembly candidate Tariq Saeed, Member of Kashmir Council Shujja Rathore, and others. Earlier, Barrister Chaudhry visited Head Start School, a private sector education institution in Bagh.

On the occasion, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry praised the performance of the institution and said that quality education should be top priority of educational institutions.

Responsibility

FAISALABAD: A young girl riding motorcycle, carrying their brother and sister on her way at Ghulam Muhammad Abad area. It needs attention for concerned authorities.





Continues Arbitrariness of the female principal in GGDC Tank

腾 🛛 Adam Khan Wazir

TANK: According to alleged sources, the female principal has made her kingdom in Tank, the only girls' degree college in Tank district with a population of four and a half lakhs, and has started arbitrariness.

According to Girls College sources, the Principal brings the Dera staff along with him during the week, while remaining absent during the rest of the day has become his habit.

While with collusion, regular absence is not recorded in the attendance register. Sources also said that due to traffic rush and encroachment debris in the market, most of the female students arrive a few minutes late than the college time.

From which a regular fine of Rs.100 is levied, which is later forfeited. Apart from this, in the name of migration fee, students are being charged 2 to 3 thousand instead of the official fixed fee, while admission fee is 14 thousand per student from BS students. However, at the same time, BS students are often forced to pay double

admission fees by pretending to be Seattle students while Waziristan students are forced to pay double admission fees.

Sources further said that the principal has left the college with the help of local staff and the principal is not even taking her personal prescribed college periods.

Due to which there is a fear of losing the examination year of the students, Organizations active for women's education, including public social circles, have demanded a transparent inquiry against the alleged arbitrariness and scams of the principal in Girls College Tank from the provincial officials including the Provincial Minister of Education, Secretary Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Commissioner Dera.

So as to discourage the elements hindering the education of girls in backward areas like Tank.

Large number of people are participating in Swabi's Real Azadi Long March: Asad Qaiser



B Correspondent

SWABI: Former Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser has said that the people of Swabi have always responded to the voice of Chairman Imran Khan. He said that the people of Swabi will participate in the real Azadi Long March in large numbers. PTI President KPK Mr. Pervez Khattak said that the guarantees of the opponents will be confiscated in the upcoming elections. He said that those who grap power to eliminate inflation have brought inflation to the highest level in history. Provincial President Pervez Khattak, former Speaker Asad. Qaiser, provincial ministers Atif Khan, Shahram Khan Tarkai and former governor Shah Farman addressed the Swabi Chowk protest.

Other speakers also spoke on this occasion and criticized the federal government of PDM and said that the life of the people has become worse due to the actions of the current government. They said that electricity bill, gas and petrol of the common people. People have been forced to commit suicide. He said that lawlessness is at an end in the country and unfortunately, the FIR of the assassination attack on the former prime minister could not be registered as per his wish. He said that no one's honor and reputation is safe in the country. The disgraceful behavior that was done to the country's senior senator Azam Swati and Shahbaz Gul is unprecedented even in the worst dictatorship. He said that the highest judiciary of the country. The Chief Justice should take notice and investigate the assassination of Martyr Arshad Sharif, former Prime Minister Imran Khan and the incident with Senator Azam Swati as per the law. Later Chairman Imran Khan's speech was shown live on the big screen.

TikTok wraps up successful T20 World Cup campaign with over one billion views

😂 Staff Reporter

KARACHI: TikTok has concluded its T20 World Cup campaign in Pakistan, capturing some of the most celebrated moments of the Pakistan cricket team's journey in the tournament. The campaign, powered by two hashtags, garnered over 1 billion views on TikTok during the month.

creators took part in the featuring videos of some of vibrant, fun, and eye-catch- the most popular content ing campaign expressing creators in the country, their love for the game. From to expressing their emotions matches helped him cross 1.2 during the World Cup million followers on TikTok. matches, the TikTok commu- Other content creators across nity celebrated every up and Pakistan joined in to support down of the tournament.



Celebrities and content Cricket crossed 680M views, team's performance in a fun and entertaining manner. Another hashtag, #KhelegaPakistan which crossed including Momin Saqib 750M views, celebrated sharing on-ground glimpses whose hilarious takes on the every moment of the Pakistan cricket team's World T20 journey including behind-the-scenes, exclusive content from the official the Pakistan team while some TikTok account of the Paki-The hashtag #Celebrate- shared their views about the stan Cricket Board, keeping enjoy.

the fans connected with the team throughout the tournament.

TikTok has become a vibrant hub of sports content in Pakistan in the last two years. It nurtures incredible, never-seen-before sporting content, while enabling creators to relive and remix some of the best moments in sports, as was seen during the partnership with the Pakistan Super League and Australia's Tour of Pakistan earlier this year. TikTok offers its Pakistani community new ways of creating and engaging with Pakistan's most popular sporting events, with exciting in-app effects, as well as cool features and filters for the sports community to

Motiwala appointment as ĈÊO TDAP

😂 Mian Rashid Asghar

Zubair

FAISALABAD: Dr. Khurram Tariq President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) has wholeheartedly congratulated the renowned industrialist Zubair Motiwala on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Trade Development Authority of Pakistan(T-DAP).

In a statement, he hoped that Mr. Motiwala would utilize his qualities of head and heart to give a quantum leap to the national export within a shortest possible time.

He further said that, due to global and local problems, the export sector is dwindling and a dynamism is required to catalyze the exports. He also underlined the need for diversification of exports and said that currently textile was the only focused choice whereas other many important segments have huge untapped export potential which was laying unutilized including Information Technology (IT), Poultry and Halal meat etc.

Mehsud belt cabinet has formed after the resettlement of the President and GS seats

🐞 Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: Khan Sher will remain the President while Ahmad Sohail has appointed as the General Secretary in a meeting chaired by a senior PTI leader Asif Khan Mehsud at Dera Ismail Khan here on Tuesday. While chairing the meeting Asif Khan Mehsud said that "Insaf Youth Wing must focus on the "Azadi March" to remove the important government from his office" Said Asif Khan Mehsud.

There were many objections on both sides of candidates between the workers of the Insaf Youth Wing, especially on the President and General Secretary appointments,



The issue was resolved by mutual consent in a meeting called by Asif Khan Mehsud at his residence, where Sher Khan was selected as President

and Ahmad Sohail as General Secretary after a long discussion.

This meeting was also attended by Zahoor Mehsud, Naveed Khan, Fahad

Meshud, and other senior party workers as well, who express gratitude to Asif Khan Mehsud for the resettlement. Party leaders and workers agrees to reunite the party in the Mehsud belt to be benefited their community and emerge as a strong tsunami against this cruel government that came into power under the foreign conspiracy. They decided to increase the political and social gatherings to reunite the people for Azadi March participation. It is to be remembered that on the

notification of the new president and general secretary of the youth, there were serious differences in the youth wing also created hype on social media.

Ten-day Sindh Theater Festival at Mehran Arts **Council Hyderabad**



KARACHI: Arts Council of Pakistan artists. We will organize more cultur-Karachi organized "Sindh Theater Festival 2022" in Hyderabad at all arts councils together Our effort Mehran Arts Council. Sindh Culture Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah and President Arts Council Mohammad Ahmad Shah inaugurated the ten-day Sindh Theatre Festival.

Joint Secretary Asjad Bukhari, Members Governing Body Shakeel Khan, Chairman Media and Publication Bashir Sadozai, Chief Coordinator Shah Nawaz Bhatti and a large number of citizens including artists of Hyderabad participated in the Sindh Theater Festival. Sindh Culture and Education Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah said that I am grateful to Ahmed Shah for taking up this task. Hyderabad is the cultural center. My childhood was spent roaming in the streets of Hyderabad. I have been a trustee of the cultural activities of Hyderabad. The administrative capital of Sindh is Karachi, but the cultural capital is Hyderabad. The land of Sindh is our mother.

Arts Council has been deprived of cultural activities. Arts Council Karachi has become the biggest institution of culture. It is a good initiative of Ahmed Shah that he is working for

al programs.we. Want to connect the is that the artists get employment. The work will continue and their house will continue. Ahmed Shah is a great man who is accepted by all. President Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Muhammad Ahmed Shah said that We will also do theatre, we will do classical music, we will also do Dhamaal. We will bring all these people together. We want to bring all the artists of Sindh together. Sindh is our mother, she gave us shelter, she gave us education, she gave us respect.

We are expanding the scope of cultural programs. We are activating the Arts Councils of Sukkur, Larkana, Mirpur Khas. We are starting this work with Mehran Arts Council Hyderabad. This is the first. Sindh Theater Festival. Music Festival and Literary Festival will also be held here. We have to connect hearts. Culture is the only thing that can connect hearts. Hyderabad is a historical city. This series will continue like this. In the ten-day Sindh Theater Festival, five Sindhi language theaters and five Urdu language theaters will be presented.

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the necessary skills, knowledge and profes-

struction of their country of origin.

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Celebrations mark 30 years of DAFI scholarship programme in Pakistan



universities, colleges and polytechnics in Pakistan.

sional qualifications for future employ-In 2022, half of the 175 scholarships ment. The programme is aimed at the were awarded to women, compared to a development of highly qualified and skilled quarter previously. This increase followed human resources that can play a vital role intensive outreach efforts to refugee communities and awareness raising on not only in Pakistan but also for the reconwomen's higher-level education opportu-"By investing in education, students will nities and support available. In addition, a contribute to the economy of their host new two-year DAFI Bridge programme for country and support their communities science and technology aimed at women once they return to rebuild their lives," studying at higher secondary level was underscored UNHCR Representative to launched.

Pakistan, Noriko Yoshida. "By enabling "Education does more than teach refugees to fulfil their potential, the scholacademic skills - it provides students with arship programme has a transformative a safe place to grow and learn life skills, such as cooperation, responsibility, and respect," noted Qaiser M. Siddiqui, CEO The scholarships are awarded on a of Inspire Pakistan, which is implementcompetitive basis with regard to merit, excellence and financial need. The ing the DAFI programme.

Joining the celebrations was Ambassaprogramme grants scholarships to deserving young refugees enrolled in recognised dor of Germany to Pakistan, H.E. Alfred

Grannas, Chief Commissioner, Saleem Khan, Commissionerate of Afghan refugees (CCAR), as well as members of the international community.

Noting that the funding for the scholarship programme illustrates the commitment of Germany to supporting refugees and host communities, scholars were eager to convey their appreciation to Ambassador Grannas as well as to the Government of Pakistan and third level institutions across the country for the opportunity to continue their studies to third level. "DAFI has opened so many doors to

me and many others," concluded Marwah Sadat, a DAFI scholar and host for the event. "Thanks to the financial support of the scholarship programme, I could focus on my studies and achieve my dreams," noted the bachelor's graduate in Media Studies from Iqra National University, Peshawar.

DG PBC expresses resolve to revive past glory of state broadcaster

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ISLAMABAD: Director General Radio Pakistan Muhammad Tahir Hassan has expressed the resolve to revive the past glory of state broadcaster by upgrading it in line with the changing tones of time.

Taking part in a programme of Radio Pakistan's Dhanak Channel, he said the government is focusing on transforming Radio Pakistan into a broadcast technology park.

The Director General PBC said work on a 1000 kilowatt digital transmitter is underway for uninterrupted and quality broadcast which will increase the efficacy of Radio Pakistan's world service programs for its listeners across the world.

Tahir Hassan lauded the professionalism of newly launched sports channel's team of Radio Pakistan which started airing commentary of T-20 World Cup within six hours with meagre resources and successfully carried it on medium wave.

He said that cricket commentary was highly appreciated by our listeners in far flung areas of the country, while it was also run on loudspeakers in provincial metropolis which rekindled our traditional mela like spirit of gathering around the radio sets to get match updates.

To a question, Muhammad Tahir Hassan said Radio Pakistan has emerged as the most viable medium in this fast age and its digitization has enabled people to get all the useful information by just listening to it on their cell phones without spending time on watching.

He opined that the digital era has consumed not only our five senses but also sixth sense while Radio only involves hearing ability and supplements our working by providing a good background music and information.

To another question about the administrative reforms in the institution, the Director General said we have delegated power to all sections of Radio Pakistan including News, Current Affairs and Programmes so they can work independently without any bureaucratic hurdle.

He expressed the hope this will prove a long way in improving the quality of broadcast.

Experts demand seamless transportation system amid Capital's growing population



ISLAMABAD: The experts at a dialogue on Tuesday stressed the need for a seamless and well-planned transportation system that could help provide the public affordable, accessible, environment and human friendly mobility.

The Dialogue on National Transport Policy 2018 and Implementation was organised here by Institute of Urbanism (IoU) in collaboration with the Heinrich Boll Stiftung (HbS) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Secretariat here at the Parliament.

While chairing the dialogue in lie off Convener National SDGs Taskforce, Romina Khurshid Alam, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Youth Affairs, Shaza Fatima Khawaja said there was a structural issue in ensuring safer mobility amid gender quality in the federal capital which should be resolved through expert and innovative interventions of the concerned

Sikh yatrees return to India

Islamabad: The Sikh yatrees returned to India through the Wagah Border after attending the 553rd birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak. Evacuee Trust Property Board Additional Secretary Rana Shahid Saleem and other senior officials bade farewell to the Sikh pilgrims with special gifts and best wishes at the border.



Life expectancy declines to 65 years in Pakistan



ISLAMABAD: Life expectancy-average number of years that a person is expected to live-has witnessed slight decline in Pakistan and has been calculated at 65 years, according to Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) 2020 released by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) here.

The figures depict decline in life expectancy when compared to Pakistan Maternal Mortality Survey (PMMS)-2019 which had placed it at 65.4 years.

According to the survey, female life expectancy is higher than male life expectancy as it is 64.5 years for males and 65.5 years for females.

Females have lower death rates than the males for most ages specially a slight bump in mortality of men aged 25-29 can be seen which may be because of increased risky behavior and subsequent deaths due to accidents.

The survey notes Sex and Age Specific Death Rate shows that after age 1, the mortality rate falls gradually, attaining minimum risk at age 10 the mortality rate is very low during childhood, then increases exponentially from age 30.

The life expectancy has increased for age 1-4 both for males and females i.e. 70.6 and 72 respectively and 71.3 overall.

Sugary drinks are real threat to public health and economy of Pakistan – Dr. Shazia

腾 🛛 Abdul Wahid

ISLAMABAD: This is now an established fact that sugary drinks are a threat to the public health and economy. Obesity and Non communicable Diseases especially diabetes and heart diseases are increasing at an alarming rate in Pakistan. We shall take immediate policy measures including increasing taxes on sugary drinks to prevent further losses. This was said by Dr. Shazia Aslma Soomro, while addressing to the dialogue among health professionals and parliamentarians on world diabetes day 2022. The dialogue was arranged by PANAH at a local hotel in Islamabad. The dialoguewas attended by parliamentarians, health professionals, civil society and media. The guests included MNA Dr. Nisar Cheema, MNA Dr. Samina Matloob, Dr. Saba Amjad, CEO heart file, Mr. Munawar Hussain, Consultant Food Policy Program at Global Health Advocacy Incubator, civil society representatives, health professionals and journalists. The event was hosted by PANAH's General Secretary

Sanaullah Ghumman.



While addressing to work-

shop, Dr. Nisar Cheema said

that one of the major cause

of recent alarming increase

in NCDs in Pakistan is our

unhealthy food choices. If

government does not take effec-

tive policy actions immediate-

ly like imposing heavy taxes on

SSBs to reduce their consump-

tion then we will have a severe

challenge to our public health.

MNA Dr. Samina Matloob said

that she as a doctor understands

that SSBs are threat to public

health. She will be raising voice

of higher taxes on these drinks.

We are facing short fall of reve-

While speaking to the event, economy.

Mr. Munawar Hussain, Consultant Food Policy Program at Global Health Advocacy Incubator said "Pakistan has the 3rd highest burden of diabetes worldwide with 33 million people living with disease.In addition, Pakistan is unfortunately world number 1 country with fastest growth of diabetes over the last one decade. If no immediate policy measures taken, the number of people living with diabetes will increase to 62 million in Pakistan by 2045." He further added "the cost of diabetes management in assembly for implementation in 2021 reached to USD 2640 million in Pakistan which has serious consequence on the nue especially for people affect-

ed in recent floods. We agree that we shall impose taxes on SSBs and help the affected people. PANAH's General Secretary

Mr. Sana Ullah Ghummansaid that that high consumption of sugary drinks is an increasing threat to our entire health system. He said that PIDE estimated Rs. 428 billion as cost of obesity in 2015. Similarly, as per International Diabetes Federation, the annual cost of managing diabetes in Pakistan has been increased to USD 2640 million in 2021. He added that IMF, FBR and Ministry of Finance should consider the increasing tax on sugary drinks on priority as this could help save lives and generate revenue for Pakistan.

Dr. Shazia Sobia Soomro, Parliamentary Secretary at Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination said that world diabetes days is reminding us the facts about rapid spread of the diseases in Pakistan. Her ministry will take all possible measures to prevent diabetes. The import of the raw materials or drugs for diabetes is already a challenge for our economy.

She suggested that the Capital Mass Transit Authority (CMTA) should hold a detailed assessment on the impact of mass transit Metro Bus facility to check decline in privately owned car users after increased ridership of public facility.

The impact assessment of Metro Bus should also study women accessibility to the transport facility, she added.

The SAPM also sought the Capital Development Authority (CDA) officials to widely display the Metro Bus routes map across the Capital for massive public awareness.

She added that monitoring and evaluation of policy goals set under such initiatives should be done and also vowed to ensure expedited action on Capital Mass Transit Authority Bill 2021.

Senior Programme Fellow, IoU, Dr Ejaz Ahmad in his opening remarks briefed the chair and participants about the Institute and its endeavours so far.

Punjab Masstransit Authority (PMA), Manager Operations Technical (Rawalpindi), Shumaila Mohsin said there was a huge tug of war between the federal and provincial departments on the management of PMA as a centralized authority.

She suggested that the building authorities like CDA and RDA used to give approvals to housing societies without the ascent of the transport department whereas there needed to be a linkage of transport authorities that could enable to ensure mobility and transport facilities in the desired area prior to the launch of housing projects.

Muhammad Qasim from CDA presented a detailed presentation on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Integrated Transportation Network in Capital (Progress).

Chief National Transport Research Centre (NTRC), Hameed Akhtar said it was the first ever national transportation policy made since creation of country which was worked out by the NTRC and Ministry of Communications.

He said the transportation system was fragmented in the country and the policy was envisioned under the goal to make the country a transit hub in the region.

Pakistan can meet Romanian Human Resource needs: Sajid Turi



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Sajid Hussain Turi on Tuesday said that Pakistan had great potential to meet the human resource of Romania in all professional sectors.

He expressed the remarks while meeting with Minister for

Labour and Social Solidarity of Romania Marius-Constantin Budai in Bucharest.

He said that Pakistan had a great diaspora in Gulf States and Western European countries which played an instrumental role in the development and economies of their countries.

Both the dignities discussed bilateral relations and reiterated to enhance cooperation in various fields and agreed to work for the early signing of the MoU on the Labour Mobility Partnership.

Turi congratulated the Romanian nation in advance on the occasion of the Romanian National Day which would be celebrated on December 1.

Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis is on ten-day official visit to Switzerland, Romania, Greece and Portugal to explore employment for Pakistanis abroad. APP

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G20 Summit offers rare opportunity to defuse global tensions

he G20 Summit taking place in Bali this week is one of the most pivotal in the group's 23-year history. Last week, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi warned that it is "among the or maybe the most difficult of all G20s because of geopolitical and economic issues, and others."

Indonesian daily The Jakarta Post last week asked world leaders not to "come to Bali just to quarrel." In an article written by its managing editor, the newspaper pleaded that "Indonesian people, and global citizens, hope the leaders (will) refrain from using the precious moments during the summit simply as opportunities to criticize and attack one another."

To avoid having the summit derailed by the Ukraine war and big power tensions, Indonesian President Joko Widodo traveled to Russia and Ukraine and invited both to the meeting, offering his offices to defuse the tensions. President Vladimir Putin decided to skip the gathering, but Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky addressed it remotely on Tuesday.

The Indonesian efforts are paying off, at least temporarily. It is a positive sign that Chinese leader Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden met on the margins of the summit in a first faceto-face meeting between the two leaders. Their meeting came just weeks after the Biden administration decided to block exports of advanced computer chips to China, marking a new low in their relations and signifying the increasingly heated competition to be the world's leading technological and military power.

The early readouts from the Biden-Xi meeting showed that they agreed to maintain channels of communication between them, manage their competition and work together where their interests align. The US secretary of state is going to China early next year.

In a highly polarized world, the G20 remains one of the few places where countries of diverse political orientations can still engage. During the pandemic, it was one of the strongest voices to address the challenges of COVID-19, the economic slowdown and the pandemic-related breakdown in supply chains. During Saudi Arabia's G20 presidency in 2020, it organized two summits that were quite effective, in which the great powers took part and collaborated.

But that was before the Ukraine war and heightened China-US tensions. It will be a tall order in this sharply divided environment to reach consensus on the summit outcomes, but it will be an even greater challenge to maintain that consensus to carry out its recommendations afterward.

The summit provides hope that world leaders might agree enough to advance the discussion on the key issues before them, including the looming risk of a global recession, lingering COVID-19 pandemic effects, rising inflation, and challenges to

The case of Katas Raj Temples: Shiva cries - II

Ghaania Usman

The Spokesman

he government has taken initiative towards tourism promotion recently by installing boards about the Katas Raj Temples on Multan Road, but

these steps should be developed further so that tourism can be properly boosted. When inquired about potential causes of mistreatment, the

individual admitted that the work that has taken place has not been of quality. Another major cause of mistreatment is corporate interest. Legislature is very limited in terms of environmental protection. Legally, it is not allowed for factories to be in such close vicinity to cultural sites or to the population, but the factories themselves have gotten No Objection Certificates from the government, meaning it is exceedingly difficult to take any action against them.

On the topic of comparisons of other heritage sites and their preservation, this individual mentioned that instead of looking towards other sites for inspiration, Katas Raj should itself be a model tourist site. Since this site is so unique and

necessary to devise a framework that is specific to the Katas Raj Temples, which can then be used as a model for other similar sites. He mentions that departments lack resources, and that the state is not interested enough to take any major steps for proper restoration or maintenance. Even the departments that do have knowledge on what to do lack the skill set to carry it out; they are not given enough time by the government to do anything, resulting in rushed restoration of bad quality. He mentions that the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), which is currently in charge of restoration at Katas Raj, has enough of an understanding on what needs to be done, but lacks the skill set and expertise to carry it out. ETPB is now in search of skilled individuals since it lacks expert restorers. Individuals who are appointed to work on such sites only come for brief times and work on minimal restoration

which is not even implemented properly, much less maintained. When asked about reliable protectors, the individual mentioned Aga Khan Foundation which has been doing some of the most elaborate and detailed work. It carried out state of the art restoration, as

complicated in its own way, it is can be seen by the restoration work majorly depends on the done in Wazir Khan Mosque, JugirJee, Delhi Gate, Shahi-Hamam, and Chauburji. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has also briefly been in charge of projects and has funded restoration, but does

> It is clear that people on these higher seats do not have sufficient knowledge or expertise. They have never done work on such sites before. Thus, they cannot give directives or executive orders the way a

technocrat could.

not have as much control. Walled City Lahore Authority (WCLA), a government authority, has done wonders and restored many sites recently, such as the Mural Wall in Old Lahore. ETPB is trying to do sufficient restoration and has a strong focus on Sikh sites. people across Pakistan, and more However, the quality of ETPB's importantly, across the world.

It is clear that the chaotic appointed restorer. Some sites manner of restoration experihave been restored properly, while others have suffered.

In terms of the future of Katas Raj Temples, the individual mentions that ETPB has stepped in just at the right time. External pressure is mounting, thus pushing the government to pay higher attention towards such restoration. With the right people appointed, the originality of the site could definitely be reinstated with future restoration.

After observing the site and getting to hold interviews with relevant individuals, there are many questions that are raised and subsequently answered: Why is nothing being done to preserve the temples? Why is there a lack of intervention by the government? It is clear that the government does not see much of a benefit in investing in the restoration and management of such sites, but it is imperative for that importance to be realized as quickly as possible. As soon as it is, Katas Raj will be able to bring higher returns to our economy. There also needs

to be better awareness campaigns

about the heritage and cultural

richness of this site instituted for

enced by Katas Raj Temples is due to constant changes in the departments or organizations responsible for restoration. Efficient restoration requires the appointment of a competent authority and knowledgeable individuals. This will allow the themes and aesthetics used during restoration to remain consistent with the original site.

It is clear that people on these higher seats do not have sufficient knowledge or expertise. They have never done work on such sites before. Thus, they cannot give directives or executive orders the way a technocrat could. It is easy to give surface level, black and white solutions without any context or comprehension; deeper understanding and higher proficiency is what is truly required. This shows how restoration can only be successful with the help of knowledgeable technocrats.

With the correct policy directives and government intervention, Katas Raj Temples could contribute a great amount to our economy, and serve as a model for the many unattended cultural and religious sites in our country.

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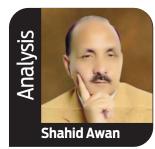


food and energy security.

The Bali meeting is taking place just as the COP27 climate conference closes in Egypt. This has been quite successful and it is hoped that the spirit of cooperation over climate change will carry over to the G20 meeting and beyond.

Cartoon by Amjad Rasmi. (Courtesy of Asharq Al-Awsat)

Azam Sawati vs Sadiq Sanjrani



n our country, where the rule of law is not ideal, politicians are attacking each other with accusations without evidence and this trend is not stopping. Every day it takes a new secondary step in which electronic media is also an equal participant in this along with social media. Serious circles are worried that what will be the end of this "WAR"? Instead of bringing others under the law, each person is engaged in the quest to pierce the other with the arrows of the tongue. New tactics are being used every day to make himself true and others false. In this regard. Senator Azam Swati has made serious allegations against the Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani, and has taken a stand that the alleged leaked video of his family was made in the guest house on the occasion of his stay in Quetta. Earlier, he has put this charge on the responsible officer of a very sensitive institution of the country. He cried and shouted at the press conference and said that now how can he will face his young children and wife. Of course, this was a serious allegation that should have been investigated. Regarding this video, the director general of the relevant agency FIA said that it seems that the said video

not real and totally fake. While the senator Sawati is adamant that the video is not fake and it is real and this video is of his visit to Quetta with his family on the invitation of Sadiq Sanjrani, which was made with hidden cameras. After this press conference, Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani was disturbed by the allegations made against him and he formed a committee consisting of Senate members to investigate the matter.

Javed Chaudhary, a wellknown columnist and TV anchor, did a great job to check this video and proved that this fake video was created by combining the pieces of the said video in different ways. On this issue, every conscious person in the entire society has been forced to think that before staying with his family in a government rest house, he must think a thousand times that there are no hidden cameras in the bedrooms and washrooms. No one's personal life is safe either. When did this obscene series begin and when did it originate? Let's leave it for another time and see that according to Azam Khan Swati, the said video was made in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan province and in the registry guest house of the Supreme Court. Every region and province has its own customs and culture. I thought it necessary because Sadiq Sanirani belongs to Balochistan province and he is also a Balochi, so bring out a document about Balochistan's hospitality and respect for women so that how much of these allegations are true and how much is nonsense can be brought out. In this regard, we have Syed woman, and if a woman goes to others can learn from him.

has been edited and this video is Shaukat Ali Shah, a former the other side to blood forgivebureaucrat who has also been ness, which is called "meter" in performing government duties in Balochistan for a long time and has written about the culture there. He writes in his own words, "Baloch civilization and culture have retained their characteristics to a great extent because the modern civilization has not vet been able to overcome these rocky rocks. The same old clothes, a ten-vard turban, a one-vard shalwar, a four-yard kurta, the same special food, potli of satoos, water

chagal and a few rice, weather is kind, economy dying". He comments on the hospitality of the Baloch people, "Being kind to the guests is not only common among the Baloch people, but it is a part of faith. The host paves the way for the guest. A guest becomes an uninvited guest when he is caught as a guest during his stay. A Baloch considers it his duty to serve the guest as much as he can. A full 'Danba' is slaughtered and its "saji" is made. According to the constitution, a Baloch does not sit and eat with a guest so that the guest does not feel any discomfort in his presence. At the table, the host invites the guest and goes out himself. If there are more guests, the whole village organizes them together. In Balochistan, a woman is not considered to be a shoe on his feet, but the crown of his head is not considered. The reason for this is that if someone has one crown, even if a person has three or four crowns at the same time in every house, it becomes difficult to distinguish between them. However, women have a special place in Baloch society. If a war starts between two tribes that war ends with the intervention of a the senate membership so that

the local language, blood is also forgiven in respect to her. There is a rule among Balochs that they do not give their woman's relationship to non-Baloch. According to a tradition, when the Baloch were in Iran, Wi-Karman feeling threatened by the Baloch, expressed the idea that relations between them would stabilize the political status. This offer was rejected by the Baloch.

In general, veiling is not practiced among Baloch women, women work side by side with men, but the code of conduct among Baloch is very strict, if someone misuses this freedom. then the punishment is death penalty, after that there was a right under the tribal law to kill every male on this charge, but this law has been abolished now.

Azam Swati accused Sadiq Sanirani of insulting his region in the harshest culture and customs of the Baloch people, that he was found involved in dishonoring his invited guest in such a way, which is certainly a Nothing but a false and absurd accusation. Although I personally have no connection with Sadiq Sanjrani to advocate for the purpose, but show the customs and traditions of each region. If there was an accusation of this video in another place, it could have been thought, but the accuser should present present the matter as soon as possible before the committee constituted by the senate with all the evidence and if the evidence cannot be presented then the relevant committee should make recommendations that the accuser be removed from

Unexpected Russian retreat from Kherson

Niaz Wazir

n Friday, 11/11, Russian troops completed withdrawal from Kherson, a strategic city in South of Ukraine. It has been believed that more than twenty thousand troops have crossed the Dnipor Riverwithin a short span of a few hours. Earlier, Sergei Shoigu, Russia's Defense Minister, ordered the troops on Wednesday to leave the city. Undoubtedly, this move has surprised regional and war experts as the Russian officials have repeatedly reiterated that "Russia is here forever".

Although this could be a major turning point in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, still it has been too early to celebrate the breakthrough. Barely six weeks before the retreat, Russian president, Vladimir Putin, announced the annexation of Kherson and a couple of other regions in a public ceremony in Moscow. Historically speaking, the Kremlinhas irredentist claims over the region and has declared it as "Part of Russia". Dmitry Peskov, the Russian spokesman has said that "there can't be any changes "in Russia's official stance over the region even after the retreat. Nevertheless, war experts have argued that it will have far-reaching impacts on Russia's military tactics and art of war. According to Al Jazeera's reporter, MansurMirovalev, the pull-out of the Russian troops from Kherson, means they have 'lost a chance to part Ukraine into two".

It will give them moral and tactical strength to combat the occupier forces. In addition, the recapture of Kherson has made iteasier for the Ukrainian troops to march towards the Southeastern ports of Berdyansk, Melitopol and Mariupol on the Sea of Azov. These cities on the Azovsea have been serving the industrial and agricultural sectors of Ukraine. Moreover, the above-mentioned port cities have been known for their metals plants. Most importantly, by capturing the Sea of Azov, the Ukrainian troops will be in a position to break the only overland bridge linking mainland Russia with Crimea. For Russia, this retreat has some significant stra-

tegic implications. First and foremost, it has undermined Russia's prestige and credibility among the east European countries. Rob Lee, a senior researcher at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) believes that Russia has taken heavy personnel and equipment losses as a result of the unexpected and hasty pull out. The Ukrainian forces in their counteroffensive have caused considerable loss of life and property to the Russian military. The United States president, Joe Biden, in a statement has pointed to this issue by stating that Russian withdrawal from Kherson shows that its military has "some real problems". While the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg, commenting on the retreat said that "Moscow has absolutely lost the momentum". Keeping in view the personnel casualties of Russian troops, General Sergei Surovikin has said that "it was futile to waste more Russian blood on Kherson".

As the US President Abraham Lincoln has rightly said that "both parties' deprecated war; but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive; and the other would accept war rather than let it perish". In the on-going Russia-Ukraine War, the former has been the perpetrator of the war while the later has been condemned to fight for its defense. Russia has been fighting a war for increasing its regional influence while Ukraine has been fighting ajust war for preserving its territorial integrity. In this hard fought war theretreat of its forces from Kherson has been the second major blow to Russiaafter its military initial failure to capture Ukrainian capital Kviv. The punch line has been that it is too early tocelebrate the Russian withdrawal from Kherson. Nevertheless, it has highlyboosted the morale of the Ukrainian military and has tarnished the prestige of Russian forces. This retreat has caused huge loss of life and property to Russian forces and has strengthened the strategic and tactical position of Ukrainian forces in face of the invading Russian troops.

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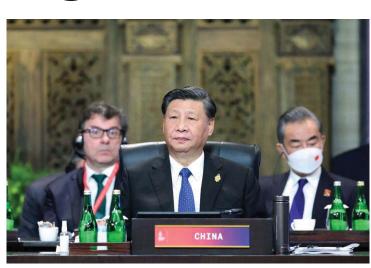
Xi calls for meeting challenges of the time together at G20 summit

BALI, INDONESIA: Chinese President Xi Jinping addressed here on Tuesday the Group of 20 (G20) Bali summit, saying that faced with challenges, all countries should embrace the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind, and advocate peace, development, and win-win cooperation.

Xi called on all G20 members to lead by example in promoting development of all nations, improving the well-being for the whole mankind, and advancing progress of the entire world.

He also put forward a three-point proposal, saying that we should make the global development more inclusive, beneficial to all and more resilient.

The theme of the Bali summit, "Recover Together, Recover Stronger", sends a positive message of the G20's commitment to supporting the growth of developing countries and preventing divergent and unbalanced global recovery, he said.



ship for economic recovery, prioritize the G20," he said. development and put the people at the center, always keep in mind the difficulties faced by developing countries, and "We need to build a global partner- supports the African Union in joining recovery.

Xi urged all parties to continue to deepen international cooperation against COVID-19, so as to create accommodate their concerns. China a sound environment for economic

"We should curb global inflation, and defuse systemic economic and financial risks. In particular, developed economies should mitigate the negative spillovers from their monetary policy adjustment, and keep their debts at sustainable levels," he said.

The Chinese leader noted that China is implementing the G20's Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) in all respects, and has suspended the largest amount of debt service payment among all G20 members.

Xi said that we must resolutely oppose the attempt to politicize food and energy issues or use them as tools and weapons, adding that unilateral sanctions must be removed, and restrictions on relevant scientific and technological cooperation must be lifted.

A China marching toward modernization will bring more opportunities to the world, inject stronger momentum for international cooperation, and make greater contribution to human progress, he concluded. Xinhua

ICFP2022 unveils world's largest scientific conference on family planning in Thailand

PATTAYA CITY, THAI-LAND: The 2022 International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) opened today in Pattaya City, Thailand, welcoming more than 3,500 global policymakers, ministers, parliamentarians, philanthropic organizations, researchers, scientists, young people, health practitioners, economists, civil society members, community and government leaders, and family planning advocates from more than 125 countries for the world's largest scientific conference and convening focused on family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic, the United Nations Population Fund highlight the (UNFPA) estimated that planning services during the



ICFP2022 Secretariat, it the conference opening was stated that ICFP2022 sessions virtually According attendees will share the latest to the World Health Orgafamily planning research nization (WHO), even before and innovations; celebrate the COVID-19 pandemic, at One year after the progress toward expanding least half of the world's popucontraceptive services, inforlation could not obtain essenmation and supplies; and tial health services, family planning included. "A record-breaking 3,100+

role of political and finan-12 million women experi- cial leadership in increasing abstracts were submitted enced disruptions to family family planning access and for ICFP2022, illustratoptic

represents the strongest body of new family planning research presented at an ICFP yet, featuring more than 200 scientific sessions and more than 200 oral and flash sessions across 16 tracks covering a wide diversity of research, program and advocacy topics" the Press Release stated. According to the Press

This year's scientific program

Release, Since 2009, the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) has served as a strategic inflection point for the global reproductive health community. In addition to being the world's largest scientific conference on family planning and reproductive health, ICFP serves as an international platform for countries, organizations, and individuals to make important commitments and celebrate achievements. Spon-

Donald Trump poised to launch 2024 comeback bid

WASHINGTON: Former US president Donald Trump is expected to launch another White House bid Tuesday, even as another one of his fellow election deniers lost a key race in last week's midterms.

The 76-year-old billionaire, whose 2016 win shocked America and the world, has summoned the press to his Florida mansion for a 'very big announcement" at 9:00 pm Tuesday (02:00 GMT Wednesdav).

Known for his unpredictability, Trump could still change his mind at the last minute, but for months he has barely hidden his desire to vie for the presidency again in 2024.

And delaying the announcement now, as some of his advisers have reportedly suggested to him, would be awkward considering Trump's repeated boast about the momentousness of his Tuesday address.

"Hopefully TODAY will turn out to be one of the most important days in the history of our Country!" Trump posted overnight on his Truth Social platform.

But in a new sign that Trump and his hardcore followers do not lead the electoral juggernaut they

Ukraine blames Russia for missile attack on Kyiv housing blocks

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KYIV: Ukrainian officials blamed Russia Tuesday for a missile attack on the capital Kyiv, saying residential buildings were hit as air raid sirens sounded across the country.

'There is an attack on the capital. According to preliminary information, two residential buildings were hit in the Pechersk district," Kviv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said in a statement on social media.

'Several missiles were shot down over Kyiv by air defense systems. Medics and rescuers are at the scene of the strikes. More details later," he added.

The deputy head of the president's office Kyrylo Tymoshenko said in a statement online that the missiles had been fired by Russian forces.

He distributed footage of the apparent scene of the attacks, with a blaze emerging from a Soviet-era, five-story residential building. "The danger has not passed. Stay in shelters," he added.

The Ukraine presidential chief of staff Andriy Yermak said the attack was a response to President Volodymyr Zelensky's address to the G20, during which he called on leaders to pressure the Kremlin to end its invasion.

"Does anyone seriously think that the Kremlin really wants peace? It wants obedience. But at the end of the day, terrorists always lose," Yermak said.

Russian forces have in recent weeks been targeting energy infrastructure across Ukraine and has launched barrages of missiles and sent swarms of drones on the capital.

Kyiv was last targeted by Russian forces nearly one month ago on October 17.

China launches Yaogan 34 remote sensing satellite



JIUQUAN: China successfully sent a new remote sensing satellite of the Yaogan 34 series into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Northwest China at 9:38 am (Beijing Time) on Tuesday.

The Yaogan 34 03 satellite, carried by a Long March 4C rocket, cessfully entered its planned orbit

pandemic, resulting in 1.4 million unintended preg- American nancies.

Melinda French Gates, est in family planning and sored by the Gates Institute, Philanthro- the many ways it promotes the ICFP convenes every pist and Dr. Tedros Adha- human and planetary health, two years and is meeting in According to the Press nom Ghebreyesus, Director improves education and Pattaya City, Thailand 14-17 Release issued by the General WHO addressed builds strong economies. November 2022.

once did, one of Trump's staunchest supporters, the election denier and establishment skeptic Kari Lake, was projected to lose her race to be (Web Desk) governor of Arizona.

WHO recommends immediate skin to skin contact for babies born prematurely

ing a growing global inter-

UNITED NATIONS: Premature babies should be given skin to skin contact and change the world - but each baby immediately after birth to improve their survival and health outcomes, the World Health Organization (WHO), a Geneva-based UN agency, said in new guidelines published on Tuesday.

The advice marks a significant departure from earlier practice, reflecting the immense health benefits of ensuring caregivers - generally mothers - and preterm or small babies, can stay close after birth, without any separation.

The guidelines were released ahead of World Prematurity Day, observed annually on November 17.

WHO recommends that skin to skin contact, also known as "kangaroo mother care", should begin immediately after these little ones take their first breath, without any initial period in an incubator.

"Preterm babies can survive, thrive $\,$ weight, under 2.5 kg. must be given that chance," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO Director-General, said in a statement.

"These guidelines show that improving outcomes for these tiny babies is not always about providing the most hightech solutions, but rather ensuring access to essential healthcare that is centred around the needs of families."

They also provide recommendations to ensure emotional, financial and workplace support for families, who can face extraordinary stress and hardship because of intensive care-giving demands and anxieties around their babies' health.

Each year, an estimated 15 million babies worldwide are born preterm, meaning before the 37th week of pregnancy, or roughly one in 10 of all births. Even more, 20 million, have a low birth-

making prematurity the leading cause of death of children under five, and an

urgent public health issue. When it comes to survival, significant disparities exist depending on where premature babies are born. Whereas most born at or after 28 weeks in richer countries go on to survive, the rate in poorer countries can be as low as 10 per cent

WHO said most preterm babies can be saved through cost-effective measures such as quality care before, during and after childbirth; prevention and management of common infections, and kangaroo mother care.

The practice combines skin to skin contact in a special sling or wrap that is worn for as many hours as possible, and exclusive breastfeeding.

Preterm babies lack body fat, so many Numbers are rising, WHO reported, have problems regulating their own temperature when they are born, and they often require medical assistance with breathing.

Previous recommendations called for these babies to first be stabilized in an incubator or warmer, for around three to seven days on average, representing an initial separation from their primary caregiver.

However, WHO said research now shows that starting kangaroo mother care immediately after birth saves many more lives, reduces infections and hypothermia, and improves feeding.

For premature and small babies, the first embrace with a parent is not only emotionally important, but also absolutely critical for their survival and health, Dr. Karen Edmond, Medical Officer for Newborn Health at WHO, said.

This remote sensing satellite will be used in areas such as land resources survey, urban planning, crop yield estimation, and disaster prevention and mitigation.

It was the 450th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

Climate justice gets harder as world population passes 8 billion

The world population surged past 8 billion people on Tuesday, the United Nations said, warning that more hardship is in store for regions already facing resource scarcity due to climate change.

Whether it's food or water, batteries or gasoline, there will be less to go around as the global population adds another 2.4 billion people by the 2080s, according to UN projections.

"Every single person needs fuel, wood, water, and a place to call home," said Stephanie Feldstein, population and sustainability director with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Resource pressure will be especially daunting in African nations, where populations are expected to boom, experts say. These are also among the countries most vulnerable to climate impacts, and most in need of climate finance.

In sub-Saharan Africa, where some 738 million people already live without adequate food supplies, the population is projected to jump by 95% by mid-century, according to the Institute for Economics and Peace. The think tank warned in an October report that much of sub-Saharan Africa will be unsustainable by mid-century.

Globally, the 8 billion population milestone represents 1 billion people added to the planet in just the last 11 years.

Reaching 8 billion people is "a sign of human success, but it's also a great risk for our future," said John Wilmoth, director of the UN's population division. (Web Desk)

MoU between Hang Tuah University Indonesia and Bahria University Pakistan

😂 Bureau Report

KARACHI: the Indonesian Consul General, Dr June Kuncoro Hadiningrat virtually witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Hang Tuah University (UHT) Indonesia and Bahria University (BU) Pakistan which was carried out directly in Surabaya, Indonesia, by the respective leaders, Prof. Dr. Ir. Supartono, M.M., CIQaR (Rector of UHT) and Vice Admiral (R) Kaleem Shaukat HI(M) (Rector of BU).

In his virtual remarks in Karachi, the Indonesian Consul universities and hoped that the Port of Qasim.

the MoU could be followed up with concrete implementation programs for 2023, such as joint research, inviting each other to seminars and mutual visits to Pakistan and Indonesia. The two universities have in common the development of the maritime scientific field considering that both are also under the auspices of the Navy of the two countries. The Indonesian Consul General emphasized that Bahria University which is located in Karachi is important considering that Karachi is directly adjacent to the Arabian Sea which is Pakistan's export-import entry access General congratulated the two through the Port of Karachi and

University, Prof. Dr. Ir. Supartono, M.M., CIQaRstressed the

importance of cooperation in the field of maritime studies related to seafaring, port management, marine engineering, fisheries and oceanography. Indonesia is a very large maritime country to the "United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea" (UNCLOS) on December 10, 1982, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Indonesia's sea area reaches 3,257,357 km*, with sea/ territorial boundaries from the continental baseline as far as 12 miles measured from the baseline, while the land area reaches 1,919,443 km* spread over

The Rector of Hang Tua 17,000 islands. Overall, the area of sea and land reaches 5,176,800 km∗.

In line, the rector of Bahria University Vice Admiral (R) Kaleem Shaukat HI(M)conveyed the development and continuation of the collaboration between the two universities are very important by taking advantage of the strategic positions of the two countries. This cooperation is not only part of social and cultural cooperation but also part of Indonesia's economic and maritime diplomacy, especially related to trade routes in ports and the potential for developing the fisheries and maritime industries of the two countries.



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Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share **Index Fluctuation**

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Current	Prev. Close			
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Day's High	Day's Low:			
43,035.78	42,748.71			
Index Value	Change			
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USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average			
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Australian Dollar	148.31	149.56
Bahrain Dinar	589.29	593.79
Canadian Dollar	166.62	167.97
China Yuan	31.13	31.38
Danish Krone	30.82	31.17
Euro	241.5	244.5
Hong Kong Dollar	28.27	28.62
Indian Rupee	2.75	2.83
Japanese Yen	1.55	1.6
Kuwaiti Dinar	719.82	724.82
Malaysian Ringgit	47.87	48.32
NewZealand \$	134.46	135.66
Norwegians Krone	22.3	22.6
Omani Riyal	575.54	580.04
Qatari Riyal	60.86	61.36
Saudi Riyal	62.6	63.2
Singapore Dollar	161.35	162.65
Swedish Korona	21.44	21.74
Swiss Franc	234.99	236.74
Thai Bhat	6.15	6.25
U.A.E Dirham	64.8	65.4
UK Pound Sterling	275.3	278

ICCI plans to set up TV channel to promote business and economy

腾 Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that ICCI wants to establish its own radio and business TV channel to highlight the business and investment opportunities in Pakistan's economy that will help improve the economy. He expressed these views while talking to Pakistan Media Regulatory Authority's Director General Finance Shamim Gul Durrani, who visited ICCI to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Ahsan Bakhtawari said that the Pakistani print and electronic media is stuffing politics in the minds of the young generation while there is a need to create better awareness in them about trade, business, investment and economy to produce entrepreneurs.

He said that instead of highlighting crimes and other negative news in print and electronic media, there is a need to highlight the economic potential of Pakistan to attract investment and promote a soft image of the tunate. country.

He said that in western countries, the



in Pakistani society, instead of giving respect ed wealth with hard work and honesty as and honor to the wealth creators, they are role models in the society. He said that ICCI portraved as anti-social class, which is unfor-

working on establishing its radio and TV will be invited along with the representatives Ejaz Abbasi, Raja Imtiaz, Khalid Chaudhry wealth creators are made role models, while channel to promote those who have creat- of print and electronic media to highlight the and others were also present at the occasion.

wants to start working on a special program ICCI President said that the Chamber is and Broadcasting Ms. Maryam Aurangzeb

importance of wealth creators for the country. Speaking on the occasion, Pakistan Media Regulatory Authority's Director General Finance Shamim Gul Durrani said that PEMRA is ready to cooperate with ICCI in establishing radio and business TV channels. He said that Pakistan's prosperous future is linked to a strong economy and stressed that the print and electronic media should play a role in highlighting business and investment opportunities in the country to attract the attention of investors.

He appreciated the plan of ICCI for establishing a special technology park and said that Pakistan has a great potential to enhance IT exports by focusing on better development of this sector. It would also provide more jobs to the youth.

Talking about giving representation to ICCI in the Council of Complaints of PEMRA, he said that Parliament needs to amend the Act in this regard as there is no such provision in the existing Act. Both the institutions in which the Federal Minister for Information discussed various issues of mutual interest on this occasion. Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad

Winter fruit

ISLAMABAD: A vendor is selling peanuts at Sitara Market during cold weather in Federal Capital.



'Fly Jinnah' launches new recruitment drive for pilots and cabin crew

😂 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Fly Jinnah, Pakistan's new low-cost carrier(LCC), offers new opportunities for experienced pilots and young

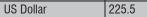
talents to join the airline, as part of its recruitment drive to fulfill the requirement of its operational workforce. New inflight operations positions such as A320 Captain, A320 Senior First Officer - Fast Track Command, Non-Type Rated Captain, and cabin crew are now opened

Interested applicants can learn more about the requirements for each position on Fly Jinnah's career (https://flyjinnah. page com/careers). Candidates will need to first create an account and submit their application which will then be reviewed and shortlisted by HR experts. Shortlisted for the first year then it will candidates will then receive expand its route network an invitation to attend an internationally.



assessment, followed by ground training for those who were successfully selected. Fly Jinnah is consistently seeking to hire and welcome the most highly qualified candidates in the industry who reflect the young and modern spirit of the airline.

Fly Jinnah launched its commercial operations on November 1st, 2022, and currently operates domestic flights across five destinations in Pakistan including. Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta. The airline operates a modern fleet that consists of three Airbus A320 aircraft and serving the Pakistani market with domestic destinations



227.75

FBR has suspended SRO 1005 of 2021

ISLAMABAD: FBR has suspended SRO 1005 of 2021 regarding POS Prize Scheme till 31st January, 2023 to make it more inclusive and participatory for the public. All invoices verified during intervening period will be included in the next prize draw. The new scheme will be launched after discussions with Tier-1 retailers, card acquirers, issuers, and other stakeholders. A new scheme would be launched very soon.

GCCI delegation calls on Chairman FBR



腾 Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) led by Mr. Humais Gulzar Mughal, Senior Vice President of GCCI visited FBR Headquarter and met Mr. Asim Ahmad Chairman, FBR. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mukarram Jah Ansari, Member Customs Operations.

The representatives of GCCI highlighted the issues faced by their members including early payment of Sales Tax refunds, import of motors scrap, delay in clearance of their goods due to SBP's FE regulations and 100% cash margin restriction on import of aluminum scrap.

The Chairman explained that more ST refund has been paid to their members in comparison with the previous year. Similarly, Member Customs Ops explained the procedure of clearance at import stage and the reason of practice in vogue. The Chairman assured the resolution of all the issues faced by members of GCCI especially exports related units.

Pasha for structural reforms to mitigate climate-change losses

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Finance and Revenue, Ayesha Ghaus Pasha here on Tuesday highlighted the importance of structural reforms and policy decisions to make the country flood-resilient and cope with the challenges posed by the climate change.

The Committee met under the chairmanship of Qasier Ahmed Sheikh, Member National Assembly (MNA) to discuss the various issues pertaining to ministry and its attached departments.

Briefing the National Assembly Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, she said that the country was facing a painful situation after floods however added that government recently had taken some hard decisions to cope with the situation and help improve the overall economy.

The minister said that due to the recent floods, almost 9 million of country's population has gone below poverty line. She said the floods have also



damage economy adding the financial needs will be around 15 country's total Gross Domestic to 16 billion dollars Product (GDP) is likely to come Multilateral institutions have down to 2 percent during the been receptive to the economic current fiscal year (2022-23) situation of Pakistan and talks owing to recent floods that had are ongoing for frontloading

badly hit-the country. She said the government has had fruitful discussions with all stakeholders regarding economic situation of country after massive monsoon flooding. The commit-

tee was told that 30 billion dollars economic cost to Pakistan has been estimated by multilateral institutions due to recent floods. mate total losses inflicted by the It was estimated that Pakistan's recent floods, which currently

Ayesha Ghaus Pasha maintained that the government had so far spent Rs120 billion to

\$ 30 billion.

provide immediate relief to the flood-hit people. These include Rs 25,000 per family through income support programme and Kissan relief package of Rs 600 billion.

have been assessed to be around

Meanwhile, the committee was informed that Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) had not been able to achieve Sales Tax and Custom Duty targets due to import compression.

There has been an increase in income tax target collection however sales tax and custom duty targets have not been achieved. The main cause is due to import compression (of about opment Bank, World Bank and 16.9 percent till end of October for current fiscal year).

Additionally, the committee was also told that as of yet, 2.581 million tax filers have submitted returns opposed to 3.6 million filers last time (although time in filing returns is still remaining).

Amin Ul Haque vows to launch 5G technology next year



😂 Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Sved Amin Ul Haque Tuesday vowed to launch 5G technology in the country next year. He was talking to Mr. Wang Hua, the CEO Zong, who called on him in his office. Matters related to spectrum, 5G technology, connectivity and provision of quality telecom services were discussed during the meeting.

Additional Secretary

(Incharge) Ministry of IT and Telecommunication Mohsin Mushtaq was also present in the meeting. The Federal Minister for IT said that the provision of broadband services across the country was the topmost priority of the Ministry of IT. He urged the telecom sector to upgrade their infrastructure to provide quality services to masses, saying that every possible steps are being taken to resolve issues of cellular mobile operators.

TECNO mobile won 'Most Innovative Mobile Phone Manufacturing Brand, Asia'

腾 Bureau Report

LAHORE: TECNO Mobile, the innovative technology brand broke through the competition at the Global Brand Awards hosted by the UK Global Brands Magazine and won "Most Innovative Mobile Phone Manufacturing Brand in Asia" award. As a heavyweight brand trophy of the media ment to developing smart, super-inindustry, this marks TECNO's success build TECNO as an "Innovative Technology Brand" from 2021.

The Global Brand Awards is an annual event held by Global Brands Magazine (GBM), an internation-

reward companies and titans of the in Asia."

certain programmes. A posi-

tive response from Multilateral

institutions such as Asian Devel-

Asian Infrastructure Investment

Commission and World Bank

were working together to esti-

She said that Planning

Bank is anticipated

industry for their exceptional performances. TECNO Mobile was evaluated based on innovation, strategic relationships and new business development.

Commenting on TECNO Mobile winning the award, ShivKumar, CEO of GBM said, "This award was given in recognition of the brand's committelligent devices. The award recognizes in its global re-branding campaign to the brand's commitment to technological innovation and constant drive to offer its customers the finest products. We are very proud of TECNO Mobile and all the efforts that they have put in. Their innovative approach has earned al publication headquartered in the them their spot as the Most Innovative UK. The Awards aim to recognize and Mobile Phone Manufacturing brand

TECNO fully demonstrated its precise brand's insight and global vision on the young generation's demand for "technological value" and "aesthetic value" of technology products as well as the achievements made in constantly exploring the boundary between fashion art and innovative technology. The jury saw a clear path of TECNO brand value from its accurate brand position and its outstanding performance in technology innovation, brand momentum and marketing in the past year.

We are honored to take home this brand trophy at the first anniversary of TECNO's brand refreshment as an innovative technology brand. As



TECNO pushes to build a rich product ecology from smart phones to laptops and tablets to smart audio and smart home devices, TECNO strives to provide innovative technologies to enable consumers to build a fashionable and digitally connected lifestyle. said Jack Guo, General Manager of TECNO Mobile, "Winning this award is a valuable recognition of our efforts, and we will continue to be committed to unlocking the best contemporary technologies in artistic designs, showcasing its mastery of serving the youth-generation consumers, and inspiring them to never stop pursuing excellence."

TECNO is an innovative technology brand with operations in over 70 markets globally, revolutionizing consumers' digital experience in global emerging markets. Industry statistics show that TECNO is quickly developing in target markets with its highly appreciated tech value and aesthetic value through its innovations with smartphone, smart wearables, laptops, and tablets, HiOS system and smart home products.

Sports

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Nida Dar boosts-up in ICC T20I Rankings

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan all-rounder Ireland in the opening game of the series Nida Dar has been rewarded for her good start to the ongoing white-ball series against Ireland by making gains on the latest MRF Tyres ICC Women's T20I Player Rankings.

Dar has been in form with both bat and ball during the opening two matches of the three-game series in Lahore, with the 35-year-old currently the leading run-scorer from the first two games of the T20I series and the joint leading wicket-taker, said a press release.

The right-hander scored a half-century during Pakistan's six-wicket loss to 25-place jump.

and backed that up with a decent knock of 28 in the second match.

That form has seen Dar rise three spots to 35th on the latest Women's T20I rankings for batters, while she also moves up one place to equal 15th on the list for bowlers following three wickets from the opening two matches of the series.

Teammate Nashra Sandhu improves four spots to equal 25th on the Women's T20I bowler rankings, alongside Ireland seamer Arlene Kelly following her

Kelly isn't the only Ireland player to make an eye-catching move, with young batter Gaby Lewis up one spot to 29th on the latest T20I batter rankings

Fellow young gun and teammate Orla Prendergast also makes her move, with the 20-year-old jumping 12 places to 60th on the batter rankings and an impressive 18 spots to 21st on the list for all-rounders.

The final match of the ODI series risers near the top. between Pakistan and Ireland also saw some players make moves up the latest on the latest ODI batter rankings, while ODI lists, with Pakistan's Omaima Lewis improves four places to 30th on Sohail and Ireland's Lewis the biggest the same list. APP



The Spokesman

Sohail moves up five spots to 42nd

Members of national women cricket team called on DG Sports Punjab

腾 Sports Reporter

LAHORE: Members of national women cricket team all-rounder Aliya Riaz and top order batter Sidra Ameen called on Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi at National Hockey Stadium on Tuesday.

Director Admin Syed Umair Hassan, Director Sports Chand Perveen, meeting. senior table tennis official Irfan ullah Khan and other officials were also present on this occasion.

Director General Sports Qureshi and key members of cricket and upcoming launching of Sports Board Punjab's cricket academy on November 18 during their

Director General Sports

Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi appreciated the performance of all-rounder Aliya Riaz and top order Punjab Muhammad Tariq batter Sidra Ameen, who has been adjudged best of national women cricket player three times for her team discussed promotion outstanding performance, against touring Ireland women cricket team during the ongoing cricket series.



Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi said that Sports Board Punjab is taking every possible measure for the promotion of sports culture across the province.

He said that Sports Board Punjab is also going to launch a cricket academy on 18th of this month. "This academy will be a continuation of our talent Talking on this occasion, hunt campaign in differ-

ent games. In recent days, we have launched athletics. tennis, swimming and table tennis academies in Nishtar Park Sports Complex".

Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi said that several international cricket stars will impart training to young camp trainees at the SBP cricket academy. "These academies in Punjab are being established as per our plan to spread a network of different sports academies to provide top standard training to our talented athletes". National women crick-

eters Aliya Riaz and Sidra Ameen on this occasion lauded extraordinary endeavours of Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi for the growth of sports culture in Punjab.

Sports court to decide on Russian skater Valieva



The Court of Arbitration for Sport announced it would decide the fate of Russian figure skating prodigy Kamila Valieva, who won Olympic gold after having allegedly used a banned substance. Aged 15, she produced a dazzling performance in the team event at the 2022 Winter Games before it was revealed she had failed a drugs test before the Olympics. The International Olympic Committee allowed her to compete in the individual final but her tearful meltdown on the ice became the biggest story of the Games.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) acted on an appeal by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) which accused the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) of dragging its feet in its own proceedings on Valieva. "The CAS arbitration proceedings have commenced," the international tribunal in the Swiss city of Lausanne said in a statement about Valieva At the Winter Games in February, Valieva became the first female skater to land a quadruple jump in Olympic competition, helping the Russian team secure gold in the team event. It then emerged she had tested positive before the Games for trimetazidine, a drug used to treat angina but which is banned for athletes because it can increase blood flow efficiency and boost endurance. The urine sample was taken from Valieva on December 25, 2021 at the Russian National Figure Skating Championships. RUSADA opened an investigation, but WADA referred the case to CAS "as no decision was issued by RUSADA within the time limit set by WADA", the Lausanne court said. RUSADA had said it would not reveal either the date of Valieva's hearing or the verdict, adding it had made the decision to "protect the interests" of the 16-year-old, who is a "protected person". INP

Pat Cummins to miss IPL due to long schedule



ISLAMABAD: After Mitchell Starc pulled out of this year's IPL, Australia's Test and ODI skipper Pat Cummins has excused himself from featuring in IPL 2023 too, citing a long schedule. The right-arm pacer, who represented Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) during the last three seasons, shared his statement on missing IPL 2023.

Tve made the difficult decision to miss next year's IPL. The international schedule is packed with Tests and ODI's for the next 12 months, so will take some rest ahead of an Ashes series and World Cup,"wrote Cummins.

The cricketer thanked the franchise management for understanding and expressed hope to rejoin theteam as soon as possible. It may be noted that Aaron Finch's absence is likely in the next year's cashrich IPL episode.

With back-to-back Australian players opting out of IPL, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is under pressure as they acquired a separate two and half month window in Future Tours Program (FTP)2023-27 to further strengthen their domestic franchise league.INP



By Tahir Amin Malik. Lahore Gymkhana hosted a reception in the honour of Pakistan women and Ireland women cricket teams. On this occasion Lahore Gymkhana high officials and management team and both the teams players present, J.Zaman, Dr Ali Razaq, and Khawaja Pervaiz were also present. On this occasion a cake cutting ceremony was also organized in the honour of Irish team. Pakistan Cricket team Captain Bismah Maroof and Ireland Captain Laura Kathrine Delany cut the cake.

Ronaldo says Man United owners 'don't care' about club

LONDON: Cristiano Ronaldo said Manchester United's owners the Glazer family "don't care" about how successful the Premier League giants are on the pitch in another salvo against the club.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has been a peripheral figure this season under new manager Erik ten Hag and was disciplined for refusing to come on as a substitute.

But the Portugal superstar had returned to the side in recent weeks and even captained the Red Devils in a 3-1 loss at Aston Villa. However, the 37-year-old was absent from the squad in Sunday's 2-1 victory over Fulham in United's final match before a six-week break for the World Cup. In an explosive interview with TalkTV on Sunday Ronaldo, who made his name at Old Trafford, said he felt "betrayed" by United and that he believed senior club figures were trying to oust him.

Northern amass 605 for eight against Sindh, Qasim's 111 rescues Central Punjab

🐞 Tahir Amin Malik

balls (11 fours, two sixes) to er Qasim Akram. Resum- tomorrow. LAHORE: Umar Amin and spearhead his side's batting ing at the overnight score of Akif Javed

Umar scored 140 off 198 ry by promising all-round- will start their first innings

Qasim Akram hit hundreds for Northern and Central was once again no play after 154.5 overs batting. in Abbottabad in the tie between Khyber Pakhtunkhoutfield.

Over at the Nation- was batting on 20 and his a six in his 60. (National Stadium, Karachi), table-toppers Northern were drawn for the day. resumed their first innings at (declared) against Sindh.

performance following first 67 for four Central Punjab day centuries by openers day-two of the ninth round mad Huraira. Faizan Riaz of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy contributed 47 and Umar matches being played in Waheed scored 35. North-Karachi and Lahore. There ern called-off their innings

Sindh who are number two behind Northern in wa and Southern Punjab due the points table, finished to overnight rain and a wet day-two at 52 for no loss (19 overs). Khurram Manzoor

al Bank Cricket Arena opening partner Saim Ayub was 32 not out when stumps Over at the LCCA

350 for one and went onto Ground, Central Punjab cross the 600-run mark to made a resounding comefinish with 605 for eight back against Balochistan dismissal brought an end to courtesy a smashing centu- the day's play. Balochistan not out)

managed to post a hugely Punjab respectively on Hasan Raza and Moham- competitive 349-run total. Qasim recorded his maiden first-class century and played a pivotal role in his side's recovery. The right-hander hit 17 fours and one six in his 111 off 162 balls.

Qasim added 140 runs for the fifth-wicket with Faheem Ashraf, the left-handed Faheem hit seven fours and

Wicketkeeper Ali Shan provided the impetus to the innings from the lower-order by compiling 53 off 113 balls (seven fours), he was the last batter to be dismissed. Ali's

three wickets with his leftarm seam on day-one, added another scalp today to finish with four wickets for 97 runs Kashif Bhatti, Bilawal Iqbal and Yasir Shah took two wickets apiece.

Scores in brief:

Northern elected to bat against Sindh at the National Bank Cricket Arena (National Stadium Karachi)

Northern 605 for eight (declared), 154.5 overs (Mohammad Huraira 173, Umar Amin 140, Hasan Raza 135; Zahid Mehmood 4-185, Abrar Ahmed 3-231) Sindh 52 for no loss, 19 overs (Saim Ayub 32 not out, Khurram Manzoor 20

3rd Women T-20: Pakistan to face Ireland on Wednesday. The third and last T-20 cricket of three match series between Pakistan Women and Ireland Women will played in Lahore on Wednesday. The match will start at 10:00 am Pakistan Standard Time. Three-match series is levelled by 1-1.

Qatar at World Cup pinnacle after years of Mideast turmoil

Cup marks a pinnacle in Qatar's efforts to rise out of the shadow of its larger neighbors in the politics and its upstart ambitions have brought both international attention and regional ire.

- and Qatar's increased prominence on the global stage has been fueled by the country becoming one of the top exporters of natural gas. That newfound wealth built the stadiums that fans will fill for the tournament, created the Arab world's most recognized news network, Al Jazeera, and enabled Doha's diplomatic outreach to the wider world.

But that rise has not been without intrigue. A palace coup in 1995 installed a more assertive ruler in the country, who used Qatar's wealth to back the Islamists who emerged stronger amid the 2011 Arab Spring protests — the same figures his fellow Gulf Arab leaders viewed as threats to their rule. A yearslong boycott of Qatar by four Arab nations that began in 2017 nearly sparked a war.

And while the overt tensions have eased in the region, Qatar likely hopes the World Cup will serve to boost its standing as it flowing in 1997, just after two

DUBAI: Hosting the World balances its relations abroad to major events that shook Qatar. won its bid to host the 2022 hedge against any danger to the country in the future.

"They know there are these wider Middle East, where its potential threats; they know they are very vulnerable," said Gerd Nonneman, a professor of international relations and The road to the tournament Gulf Arab studies at Georgetown University in Qatar. "Anything they can do to have an international network of if not allies, at least a sympathetic element, they will."

Qatar, a little larger than Jamaica or just smaller than the U.S. state of Connecticut, is a peninsular nation that sticks out into the Persian Gulf like a thumb. It shares just a 60-kilometers (37-mile) border with Saudi Arabia, a nation 185 times larger, and sits just across the Gulf from Iran.

Through its sovereign wealth fund, Qatar owns London's famed Harrods department store, Paris Saint-Germain soccer club and billions of dollars in real estate in New York City. That wealth comes from its sales of liquified natural gas through an offshore field it shares with Iran, most of it going to Asian nations such as China, India, Japan and South Korea.

That spigot of wealth began

The first, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the subsequent 1991 Gulf War, saw Doha and other Gulf Arab nations realize the need for long-term American military presence as a hedge, said Kristian Ulrichsen, a research fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute.

Qatar built its massive Al-Udeid Air Base, which is home to some 8.000 American troops and the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command today.

The second event that shook Qatar took place in 1995, when Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani seized power in a bloodless coup from his father who was in Switzerland. Sheikh Hamad later put down a 1996

coup attempt by his cousin. Under Sheikh Hamad and flush with cash, Qatar created Al Jazeera, the satellite news channel that became known worldwide for airing statements from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. The U.S. railed against the channel after the American-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, though it provided the Arab world something beyond tepid state-controlled television

for the first time. In December 2010, Qatar

FIFA World Cup. Just two weeks later, a Tunisian fruit seller set himself on fire in protest and ultimately died of his burns lighting the fuse for what became the 2011 Arab Spring.

For Qatar, it marked a crucial moment. The country doubledowned on its support of Islamists across the region, including Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood who would be elected president in Egypt after the fall of the longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Doha poured money into Syrian groups opposing the rule of Bashar Assad - with some funding going to those that America later described as extremists, like the Islamic State group.

Qatar long has denied funding extremists, though it does maintain relations with the Palestinian militant group Hamas that rules the Gaza Strip, working as an interlocutor with Israel. But analysts say there was a recognition that things may have moved too fast.

"They realize they stuck out their necks too far too soon ... and they began to re-calibrate that," Nonneman said.

The Arab Spring soon chilled into a winter. A counterrevolution in Egypt supported by other

Gulf Arab states saw the installation of military general turned President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in July 2013.

A little over a week earlier, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. Sheikh Hamad's son, took over as ruler in Qatar in the ruling family's own acknowledgment that a generational change was needed.

Gulf Arab countries, however, remained angry. A 2014 dispute over Qatar's support of Islamists saw Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates withdraw their ambassadors – only

to bring them back eight months later.

But in 2017 after then-President Donald Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia, those three nations and Egypt began a ations between American offivearslong boycott of Qatar, closing off air traffic and severing assisting the U.S. withdrawal economic ties even as construction on the stadiums continued. on Ukraine has seen European

Things grew so tense that Kuwait's late ruler, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who at the time mediated the dispute, suggested that "military action" at one point was a possibility, without elaborating.

The dispute ended as President Joe Biden stood poised to take office, though regional tensions remain. Still, Qatar has found itself hosting negoticials and the Taliban, as well as from Afghanistan. Russia's war leaders come to Doha, hopeful for additional natural gas.

They are at the center of attention again," Ulrichsen said. "It gives them a seat at the table when there's decisions being taken."