



**Pakistani diaspora in the US a national asset: Masood Khan**  
"Pakistani diaspora in the US a national asset and equal partner in Pakistan's socio-economic development". Ambassador Masood Khan said while addressing prominent members of Pakistani American community on his first official visit to Los Angeles. The event was organized by Council of Pakistan, a non-profit community organization promoting interests of Pakistan and Pakistani Americans in the US.



**No need to make Army Chief's appointment controversial: Ch Shujaat**  
Pakistan Muslim 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. The former premier said there is hope that the way politics is being done will not be successful as the spirit of patience and tolerance is getting weaker. (Report on Page 8)

**Wait for justice**



ISLAMABAD: Senators of PTI holding a protest in favour of their demands outside Supreme Court in Federal Capital.

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

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.



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.

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

LAHORE: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan has called on Chief Justice of Pakistan (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 Umar Ata Bandial to hear three 'landmark' cases: senior journalist Arshad Sharif's murder; Senator Azam Swati's custodial torture; and the Wazirabad FIR issue.

Giving details of the cases, Imran Khan noted that senior journalist Arshad Sharif was threatened and fake cases were registered against him. "He [Sharif] was forced to leave the country and was later killed in 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, adding that the Senator was later stripped naked and tortured.

**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 food security, and agreed to make good use of the China-US joint working group to promote the resolution of more issues. They also agreed that people-to-people exchange is very important, and pledged to encourage the expansion of such exchange in all sectors.

**COAS visits PMA 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 Commander Rawalpindi 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 fatha. He also interacted with the cadets and officers of PMA. The COAS, while addressing the cadets, appreciated the

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 Abbas. APP

**PM tested positive for coronavirus: Marriyum**

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has tested positive for coronavirus. In a tweet, she said he was not

feeling well for the last two days. The minister said the corona test of the PM was conducted today on the doctors' advice. She asked the people and workers to pray for the prime 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 keep the prices of Petrol, High Speed Diesel, Light Diesel, and Kerosene Oil unchanged for next 15 days. The minister said that as per the government deci-



**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-



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

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: "People and their lives, particularly 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-

tised as the 'Implementation COP' and often billed as 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.

## Health matters

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



Photo: PID

# President for prevention, better management of diabetes

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday urged 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 third largest in the world after China and India, he added.

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

The ceremony was attended by Ambassador of Denmark to

Pakistan, Jakob Linulf, Vice Chancellor of Health Services Academy, Dr Shahzad Ali Khan, health professionals and others.

Addressing the ceremony, the President expressed his concern over the high prevalence of diabetes in the country.

He noted that Pakistan was the third largest country in terms of diabetes prevalence, over 33 million were diabetic and 400,000 people died every year due to diabetes and other complications of this silent-killer disease.

The President also called for launching effective, meaningful and persistent awareness campaigns through

conventional and social media coupled with organizing symposiums, workshops and conferences and public meetings and by making IT interventions which may include WhatsApp chatbots, web-based and cell phone-based applications, and call and text messages.

He said that the progress and prosperity of the nation hinged upon the quality of its human resources which was only possible when the nation was educated and healthy.

The President said that prevention and optimal management of diabetes could lower the risk of other diseases as well, and in the worst-case scenario diabetes could cause

blindness, amputations of affected parts, kidney failure, 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 highly processed foods and beverages, and having high sugar and salt content.

"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 being a nation with limit-

ed financial and economic resources, we could not 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.

# 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 Ojha 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 healthcare system and improve the delivery of healthcare by joining hands with well-trained human resources;



the upbringing of the healthcare system and its successful conveyance to the common man has always been our

priority," said Bilawal.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said his government firmly believes

that affordable and high-quality healthcare was a fundamental privilege of every citizen. "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 Finance 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-



ed subsidy at the prevailing rates and allocation of additional funds amounting to Rs. 4,908 million over and above the regular budgetary allocation through supplementary/technical supplementary grant to recoup the amount already spent by USC.

The ECC also allowed continuation of PMRP on hybrid model for a period with effect from November 16 to June 30,

2023 (excluding Ramzan) and allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 10,755 million through supplementary/technical supplementary grant.

It allowed continuation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sasta Atta initiative and provision of subsidized Atta from Nov 16 2022 to June 30, 2023,

after rationalizing number of stores, with allocation of funds of Rs.1,560.68 million through

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 against various approved

projects during CFY 2022-23 and Rs. 60.606 million to the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR)

The ECC deferred the summary presented by Ministry of Energy, Petroleum Division on deregulation of superior kerosene oil/ light diesel oil and E-10.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan; Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha; Minister of State for Petroleum, Musadik 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 senior officers.

# Imran Khan habitual of taking u-turns: Hamza Shehbaz

LAHORE: Hamza Shehbaz, opposition Leader in the Punjab Assembly, on Tuesday said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman 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 the PTI chief did

not give any explanation of Toshakhana and foreign funding issues yet, and alleged that his politics were based on lies and personal interest.

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 not afford such acts. APP

# KU announces schedule of submission of ADA ADC registration form

KARACHI: The University of Karachi 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

be deposited at the above-mentioned bank branches after the endorsement from the Registration Unit located at Counter Number-3 from 09:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The students of Madaras are directed to obtain the equivalence certificate from the KU Deputy Register Office (Academic).

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 a prescribed fee of Rs1, 500/-.

Candidates who have passed their intermediate examinations in 2021 or earlier are also eligible to apply for registration.

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



ISLAMABAD: A fact finding committee set up by the Federal Investigation 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 National Press Club in Islamabad had claimed he knew who was behind the attack and that plans to murder the

journalist had been hatched in Pakistan.

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, 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 knowledge about the threats facing the slain journalist, it was important they provide all the details they know to the authorities. INP

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

**Bureau Report**

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The former premier said there is hope that the way politics is being done will not be successful as the spirit of patience and tolerance is

getting weaker. Stating that the Army and the judiciary are the two 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 Chief Justice of Pakistan is the supreme justice of the country. The Chief Justice should not be made a victim of political 'tricks'.

# 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

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 Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

# Barrister Sultan warns India against any misadventure AJK

Abdul Majeed Tahir

HAVAILLEE: 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 to defend their motherland. Extending his heartfelt felicitations to graduating students and their parents, the president said that he was happy to be



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 Chaudhry said.

"Education is not the name of the thing that you have acquired knowledge about a particular aspect of life or obtained a degree, but the real education is how well you become a citizen of the country in which you live", he

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 Mahmood 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 he said that there were long-standing

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 Tariq Saeed, Member of Kashmir Council Shujia 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.

## Continues Arbitrariness of the female principal in GGDC Tank

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 seams 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



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. Pervaiz Khattak said that the guarantees of the opponents will be confiscated in the upcoming elections. He said that those who grasp power to eliminate inflation have brought inflation to the highest level in history. Provincial President Pervaiz 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.

## 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.



Photo: Online

# 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.

Celebrities and content creators took part in the vibrant, fun, and eye-catching campaign expressing their love for the game. From sharing on-ground glimpses to expressing their emotions during the World Cup matches, the TikTok community celebrated every up and down of the tournament.

The hashtag #Celebrate-



Cricket crossed 680M views, featuring videos of some of the most popular content creators in the country, including Momin Saqib whose hilarious takes on the matches helped him cross 1.2 million followers on TikTok. Other content creators across Pakistan joined in to support the Pakistan team while some shared their views about the

team's performance in a fun and entertaining manner.

Another hashtag, #Khel-egaPakistan which crossed 750M views, celebrated every moment of the Pakistan cricket team's World T20 journey including behind-the-scenes, exclusive content from the official TikTok account of the Pakistan Cricket Board, keeping

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 enjoy.

## Zubair Motiwala appointment as CEO TDAP

Mian Rashid Asghar

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 (TDAP).

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 unused including Information Technology (IT), Poultry and Halal meat etc.

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



KARACHI: Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi organized "Sindh Theater Festival 2022" in Hyderabad at 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

artists. We will organize more cultural programs. We want to connect the all arts councils together. Our effort 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.

# 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 agree 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.



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

**Ghaania Usman**

The 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

complicated in its own way, it is 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

can be seen by the restoration done in Wazir Khan Mosque, JugirJee, Delhi Gate, Shahi-Hamam, and Chauburji. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has also been in charge of projects and has funded restoration, but does

work majorly depends on the appointed restorer. Some sites have 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 people across Pakistan, and more importantly, across the world.

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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. However, the quality of ETPB's

It is clear that the chaotic manner of restoration experienced 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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## G20 Summit offers rare opportunity to defuse global tensions

The 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 face-to-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.

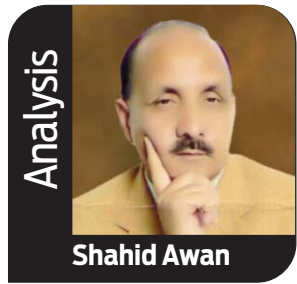
The summit provides hope that world leaders might agree enough to advance the discussion on the key issues before them, including the looming risk of a global recession, lingering COVID-19 pandemic effects, rising inflation, and challenges to food and energy security.

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-Acsat)

## Azam Sawati vs Sadiq Sanjrani



In 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

has been edited and this video is 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 well-known 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 Sanjrani 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

Shaukat Ali Shah, a former bureaucrat who has also been 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 yet been able to overcome these rocky rocks. The same old clothes, a ten-yard turban, a one-yard 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 woman, and if a woman goes to

the other side to blood forgiveness, which is called "meter" in 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 Sanjrani 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 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 the senate membership so that others can learn from him.

## Unexpected Russian retreat from Kherson

**Niaz Wazir**

On 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 Dnipro River within 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 Kremlin has 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, Mansur Mirovalev, 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 it easier for the Ukrainian troops to march towards the Southeastern ports of Berdyansk, Melitopol and Mariupol on the Sea of Azov. These cities on the Azov sea 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 strategic 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 a just war for preserving its territorial integrity. In this hard fought war there retreat of its forces from Kherson has been the second major blow to Russia after its military initial failure to capture Ukrainian capital Kyiv. The punch line has been that it is too early to celebrate the Russian withdrawal from Kherson. Nevertheless, it has highly boosted 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

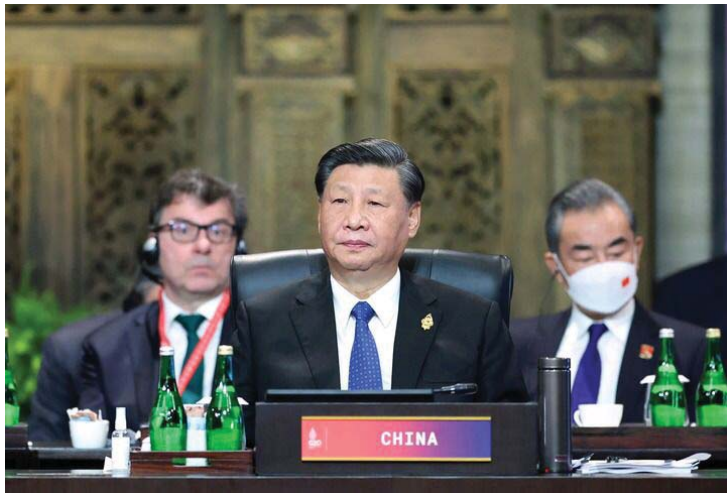
BALI, INDONESIA: Chinese President Xi Jinping addressed here on Tuesday the Group of 20 (G20) Bali summit, saying that faced with challenges, all countries should embrace the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind, and advocate peace, development, and win-win cooperation.

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.

"We need to build a global partner-



ship for economic recovery, prioritize development and put the people at the center, always keep in mind the difficulties faced by developing countries, and accommodate their concerns. China supports the African Union in joining

the G20," he said.

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

"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

## Ukraine blames Russia for missile attack on Kyiv housing blocks



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," Kyiv 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, successfully entered its planned orbit.

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)

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

PATTAYA CITY, THAILAND: 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).

One year after the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) estimated that 12 million women experienced disruptions to family planning services during the pandemic, resulting in 1.4 million unintended pregnancies.

According to the Press Release issued by the



ICFP2022 Secretariat, it was stated that ICFP2022 attendees will share the latest family planning research and innovations; celebrate progress toward expanding contraceptive services, information and supplies; and highlight the role of political and financial leadership in increasing family planning access and options.

Melinda French Gates, American Philanthropist and Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General WHO addressed

the conference opening sessions virtually. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), even before the COVID-19 pandemic, at least half of the world's population could not obtain essential health services, family planning included.

"A record-breaking 3,100+ abstracts were submitted for ICFP2022, illustrating a growing global interest in family planning and the many ways it promotes human and planetary health, improves education and builds strong economies.

This year's scientific program 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 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. Sponsored by the Gates Institute, the ICFP convenes every two years and is meeting in Pattaya City, Thailand 14-17 November 2022.

## WHO recommends immediate skin to skin contact for babies born prematurely

UNITED NATIONS: Premature babies should be given skin to skin contact 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 and change the world – but each baby 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 high-tech 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-

weight, under 2.5 kg.

Numbers are rising, WHO reported, 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 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.

## 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 General congratulated the two universities and hoped that

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 through the Port of Karachi and the Port of Qasim.

The Rector of Hang Tuah University, Prof. Dr. Ir. Supartono, M.M., CIQAR stressed 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 km², 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 km² spread over

17,000 islands. Overall, the area of sea and land reaches 5,176,800 km².

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.



## Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
42,796.85	42,850.83
Day's High	Day's Low:
43,035.78	42,748.71
Index Value	Change
5,951,134,669	-53.98
Percentage	Time
-0.13%	15 Nov, 2022 5:00 pm
Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,358.74	-26.80
Percentage	Time
-0.36%	15 Nov, 4:13 pm GMT
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
33,785.66	+248.96
Percentage	Time
+0.74%	15 Nov, 11:14 am GMT-5
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,990.17	+26.70
Percentage	Time
+0.095%	15 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9

## Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
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
New Zealand \$	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
US Dollar	225.5	227.75

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

**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 country.

He said that in western countries, the wealth creators are made role models, while



in Pakistani society, instead of giving respect and honor to the wealth creators, they are portrayed as anti-social class, which is unfortunate.

ICCI President said that the Chamber is working on establishing its radio and TV channel to promote those who have creat-

ed wealth with hard work and honesty as role models in the society. He said that ICCI wants to start working on a special program in which the Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ms. Maryam Aurangzeb will be invited along with the representatives of print and electronic media to highlight the

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 discussed various issues of mutual interest on this occasion. Zafar Bakhtawari, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Raja Imtiaz, Khalid Chaudhry and others were also present at the occasion.

## Winter fruit

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



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

# 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 Qasim 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 country's total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is likely to come down to 2 percent during the current fiscal year (2022-23) owing to recent floods that had 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 committee was told that 30 billion dollars economic cost to Pakistan has been estimated by multilateral institutions due to recent floods. It was estimated that Pakistan's

financial needs will be around 15 to 16 billion dollars. Multilateral institutions have been receptive to the economic situation of Pakistan and talks are ongoing for frontloading certain programmes. A positive response from Multilateral institutions such as Asian Development Bank, World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is anticipated.

She said that Planning Commission and World Bank were working together to estimate total losses inflicted by the recent floods, which currently

have been assessed to be around \$ 30 billion.

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

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 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).

# '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 page (<https://flyjinnah.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 candidates will then receive an invitation to attend an

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 for the first year then it will expand its route network internationally.

# Amin Ul Haque vows to launch 5G technology next year



**Commerce Reporter**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed 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'

**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 industry, this marks TECNO's success in its global re-branding campaign to build TECNO as an "Innovative Technology Brand" from 2021.

The Global Brand Awards is an annual event held by Global Brands Magazine (GBM), an international publication headquartered in the UK. The Awards aim to recognize and

reward companies and titans of the 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, Shiv Kumar, CEO of GBM said, "This award was given in recognition of the brand's commitment to developing smart, super-intelligent devices. The award recognizes 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 them their spot as the Most Innovative Mobile Phone Manufacturing brand

in Asia."

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.

## 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



**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.

