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judicial remand A district and sessions court of Islamabad on Thursday sen Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and Senator Azam Swati to jail on a 14-day judicial remand in the controversial tweets case. Judicial Magistrate Muhammad Shabbir accepted the

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Honorary Consul General of Tunisia for KPK H. E Ammad Rasheed hosted a reception in the honor of H.E Mr. Borhene El Kamel, Ambassador of the Republic of Tuni-

sia. Earlier, Ambassador Inaugurated the Honorary Consulate of Republic of Tunisia

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for KPK in Peshawar.

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### World Aids Day

ISLAMABAD: An illuminated view of Prime Minister Secretariat building decorated with red light on the eve of World Aids Day, in federal Capital.



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# Pakistan doesn't want charity but climate justice, says PM Shehbaz

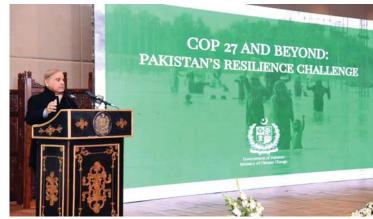
News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Thursday that many regions of the world are suffering from climate change and the recent floods. in Pakistan have caused widespread destruction across the country, while Pakistan s share in carbon emissions is less than one percent but Pakistan does not want charity but climate justice.

Addressing a ceremony organized in Islamabad on Thursday to pay tributes to all the stakeholders including international partners for successful climate diplomacy at Sharm-al-Sheikh climate summit, he appreciated the role of Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhut- ing to do with us as our share in Carbon happened to Pakistan. to Zardari, Climate Change Minister Sherry Rehman, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb and other government departments that worked continwe are seeking climate justice, not char-

Sharif said they also made the world realize that what has happened to Pakistan can happen with any other nation. and climate change.

The Prime Minister expressed deep gratitude to all those countries that came able in this hour of need. He further said



emission is less than one percent. He also lauded the role of the provin-

cial governments and government institutions for their efforts for relief and uously for making the world believe that rehabilitation of the victims. He said the "Loss and Damage was like a sleeping beauty for the decade" and for the first time, it was articulated by the team led by the ministers for foreign affairs

He said Pakistan had been seeking justice as it had faced which it had to help Pakistan with cash and kind nothing to do with having less than 1% during recent devastating floods. The contribution to the carbon emission. He Prime Minister said the contribution of also appreciated the role of diplomats, all the friendly countries was most value experts and other ministries including economic affairs, planning, informaworld must realize that Pakistan became tion, and every Pakistani who contribthe victim of something which has noth- uted to making the world realise what cy was felt more after the floods.

Addressing the ceremony, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar said Loss and Damage Fund was a "landmark event" because it was able to develop something which the developing countries had been pursuing for the last three decades.

She said the Fund would support developing countries like Pakistan to rebuild the destriyed infrastructure and achieve resilience. "This is not about only global south alone but rather all climate justice seekers both in north and south," she remarked.

She apprised the gathering of the concerted efforts made by the prime minister, foreign minister and diplomats at COP27 and earlier, as the urgen-

## NA body directs departments to address employees problems early

ISLAMABAD: The Special the affected employees. Committee of the Nation-Employees on Thursday ordered the federal departof its directions and submit reports.

The meeting of the committee was held in the chairmanship of the Committee Chairman Prof Dr Qadir Khan Mandokhail.

The committee expressed dissatisfaction over the response of Employees' tion (EOBI) regarding the the next meeting. resolving of grievances of and brief that what to do with so far and the pay fixation of only Rs 140 million of funds.

The body also sought al Assembly on Dismissed the complete files of seven dismissed employees of Overseas Pakistanis Founments to early address the dation (OPF) and 300 issues of employees in light contract employees in Workers Welfare Board, who were dismissed without any reason

During the meeting, the Parliament House under the NA body ordered the Interior Ministry to reinstate all sacked employees immediately and instructed the director general of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) personally present his response to Old-Age Benefits Instituthe show cause notice before

On the occasion, an official 358 employees and instructed of the Capital Development the director general and the Authority (CDA) informed chairperson to appear in the the body that eight employnext meeting with full details, ees had not been reinstated

the reinstated employees was still pending.

The employees of the Earthquake Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Authority (EERA) told the committee that 46 employees were not still reinstated and several other employees had been serving on a contract basis for the last 15 years. At this, the committee issued the show cause notice to EERA's officials for delaying the matter.

The committee was informed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting that there was a shortage of funds for which a letter was written to the Ministry of Finance. As soon as the funds were received, it would release

pensions to the pensioners. The ministry further said that now Radio Pakistan had

The committee issued directives to pay the pension of all the pensioners by tomorrow [Friday] and submit a report.

Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation (APPC) Managing Director Akhtar Munir, on the occasion, said that in light of the committee's orders, APP had reinstated all the dismissed employees and fixed their salaries. The arrears of the pay fixation had also been paid, he added.

The committee lauded the efforts of APP MD for resolving a number of issues of employees.

Meanwhile, the committee served a show cause notice to the Chief Executive of IESCO due to non-attendance and summon him with the records of 87 employees in the next meeting.

### Marriyum felicitates UAE on its 51st national day

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Thursday extended heartfelt felicitation to the United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s leadership and its people on their 51st national day on behalf of the Pakistani nation and its government.

The minister participated in the reception hosted by UAE Ambassador to Pakistan Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Alzaabi here at a local hotel to mark the UAE's 51st National Day.

On the occasion, she also extended best wishes to the UAE envoy on behalf the government of Pakistan and the people.

She said bilateral relations between the two countries were based on common heritage and multilateral cooperation. Economic and trade ties were an important part of the bilateral relations, she

Highlighting the importance of bilateral relations between the two countries, she said the UAE was Pakistan's largest trading partner and among the biggest foreign investors. "People of Pakistan consider UAE as their second home," she remarked.

### Govt to respond as per Constitution in case of Punjab, KP assemblies' dissolution: Rana Sana

ISLAMABAD : Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah on Thursday said that the incumbent coalition government would respond according to the Constitution in case the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Assemblies were dissolved before completion of the term.

Addressing a press conference here, the minister said that the government would review all options in line with the constitutional provisions, if the provincial assemblies were dissolved, which might delay in conduct of elections or participation in elections of both assemblies. "We are not afraid of elections and will participate in it if these are conducted," he added.

The minister said that the coalition parties would use all the available constitutional options to stop the dissolution of the Punjab and KP assemblies.

He said that Imran Khan had failed in all his moves to destabilize the country so far and he would also fail in its new political move.

The minister said the PTI has double standards and it should also quit from Senate, AJK and Gilgit Baltistan governments before the dissolution of Punjab



and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies He demanded that PTI MNAs should tender resignations from National Assembly and vacate the Parliament Lodges, ministers' houses and return the official vehicles. He said that Imran Khan would not be

allowed to succeed in his nefarious design of destabilizing the country, terming him a threat to national unity. Rana Sanaullah said that the PTI

chairman was following the anti-state agenda, adding that Imran Khan was trying to sabotage the peaceful environment of the country for personal gains.

He said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) had caused serious damages to many sectors including the national



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### Briefing Prime Minister

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State on Foreign Affairs, Hina Rabbani Khar calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif



# Counseling of vulnerable groups helpful to prevent AIDS: President

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to control the spread of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) through the provision of testing and treatment services to AIDS victims.

He said AIDS could be prevented and treated with meaningful engagement with vulnerable communities.

In his message on World AIDS Day, he said Pakistan was committed to providing quality health services to all citizens equally without any discrimination or stigmatization with an aim to build a



stronger society and healthier country.

rededicate national and provincial levels,

empowerment of the vulnerable section of society, and fight the stigma and discrimination attached to HIV diseases and its victims," he said. President Alvi emphasized

support data-driven solutions,

expand access to testing and

treatment, ensure economic

that by joining hands together with partners like UNAIDS, NGOs, and the private sector, new ways could be explored to address HIV and AIDS.

He urged all stakeholders to thoroughly create awareness and provide counseling to the vulnerable segments to prevent the disease altogether and to diagnose it at an early

stage to save precious lives.

He prayed for those who lost their lives to AIDS and expressed solidarity and support to the bereaved family members.

"On this day, we also reaffirm our support and provide assurances to the victims of AIDS that we will continue to work with all relevant stakeholders at all levels with the aim to halt new infections, treat those who are suffering from it with care and passion, without stigmatizing them, and to wipe out ADS from our country as many other countries have done successfully,"

## UN approves resolution to commemorate 75th Nakba anniversary: Dr. Riyadh Al-Maliki

ourselves to further strength-

en the HIV response at the

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Welcomed Dr. Riyadh Al-Maliki, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, with a large, unanimous vote and the whole in favor of four resolutions for Palestine in the special session of the United Nations General Assembly, to discuss the Palestinian issue, and its adoption of resolutions, on top of which is the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Nakba. in the same halls of the United Nations that were unjustly approved 75 years ago dividing our homeland Palestine.

The Foreign Minister of Palestine Dr. Riyadh Al-Maliki expressed that the vote to commemorate the Nakba is the international recognition of the Palestinian tragedy that led to the displacement of our people and the transformation of more than half

of them into refugees in the 2-The special media program diaspora, and the other half under the oppression of an apartheid regime and Colonial Colonialism, and that this vote is a step towards correcting the historical injustice to redress the harm that affected Palestine, our homeland and people.

He pointed out that the countries' vote in favor of the resolutions is evidence of the international consensus on the Palestinian issue, the right of our Palestinian people to live in freedom and dignity, their right to self-determination and independence for the State of Palestine, and the return of refugees. He indicated that the decisions were as

1- Settling the issue of Palestine by peaceful means, as (153) countries voted for it, (9) countries against it, and (10) countries abstained.

undertaken by the Department of Information Affairs of the General Secretariat on the issue of Palestine, where (149) countries voted in favor of it. (11) countries against it, and (13) countries abstained, and as the resolution renews the mandate of the program to support media awareness to contribute to peace, and condemns the field execution of the martyred journalist Sherine Abu Agle, calls for accountability, and welcomes the decision to name the United Nations Training Program for Palestinian Journalists

after her in honor of her. 3-The specific Committee on the Palestinian People's Exercise of their Inalienable Rights, where (101) countries voted in favor, (17) countries voted against, and (53) countries abstained.

The Resolution received requests the Committee to mobilize international solidarity and support for the Palestinian people, to restore the political horizon and advance a just, lasting and comprehensive peace, especially during this critical period of instability, further shrinking of civic space in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, humanitarian distress and financial crisis. It calls on all governments 4-The Palestinian Rights Divi-

and organizations to cooperate with the Committee. sion of the General Secretariat, where (90) countries voted for it, (30) countries against it, and (47) countries abstained. In it, the resolution requests the Division to devote its activities in 2023 to the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniver-

sary of the Nakba, includ-

ing a high-level event in the General Assembly Hall on 15 May 2023.

Foreign Minister of Palestine Dr. Riyadh Al-Maliki thanked the friendly and brotherly countries that voted in favor of these decisions, and the remarkable increase in the number of those countries. He called on the countries that did not support the decisions to stop their double standards, and their coercion and encouragement of the occupation authority in its crimes, and said that we are watching the abusive actions of these countries that contribute to weakening the international system and help the illegal occupation authority in impunity and accountability for its crimes and violations, and that it will not be able to evade the obligations arising from its duties to respect and apply the rules

#### ISLAMABAD: Mr. Carlos Geha, newly appointed UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, areas. Chairman NDMA explained OCHA's Head of Office for Pakistan called on Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider

Malik in his office at Prime Minister Secretariat today. Chairman NDMA welcomed Mr. Carlos Geha and apprised him of ongoing lead work in related domains, especially targeting humanitarian assistance in flood affected areas. Both sides stressed upon reinforcing the shared vision of accomplishing urgent human security benchmarks related to climate change especially in remote areas

tion and response in hazard prone the context of NDMA's potential value addition in fostering authentic database for planning and designing tangible goals of OCHA Pakistan. He thanked OCHA for supporting Government of Pakistan & NDMA in coordinating response & providing relief assistance to population affected by the monsoon-induced floods 2022 and launch of initial flash appeal on 31 August 2022 and subsequent launch of revised flash appeal on 4 October 2022. OCHA Head committed to explore possibiland agreed upon greater technolo- ities to raise additional funds during

# Ethiopia looking forward to sign agreement with Pakistan on climate action: Envoy

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Jemal Beker Abdula on Thursday said Ethiopia was keen to help the government of Pakistan in addressing the climate related issues which had caused great economic and human loss to the country in the form of floods in the recent past.

"We are ready to exchange knowledge, ideas and initiatives with the government of Pakistan by signing agreements on climate action," he said during a meeting with Special Assistant to the Prime Minister and Minister of State H.E. Romina Khurshid Alam here at the Prime Minister's Office

The ambassador briefed H.E. RominaKhurshid on the Green Legacy Initiative which was a brainchild of Ethiopia's Prime Minister H.E. Dr. Abiy



He said the initiative had brought green revolution in the country through attitudinal, behaviour and cultural change. Under the Green Legacy Initiative, Ethiopia had planted some 25 billion seedlings in last four years to address climate issues out of which 500 million are avocaoes, mangoes and papaya, he added.

H.E. Jemal Beker said the climate

change was not a myth but a reality and Pakistan needed to build a resilient economy by addressing its climate related issues. "I have visited the flood affected areas in Sindh where I met with flood affected people and distributed relief items among them."

"Sharing their pain in such trying times is very important for me," he

Romina Khurshid, who is also Convener National Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs, to play a role in getting scholarships for the Ethiopian students in the prestigious universities of Pakistan. To this end, the Convener Nation-

The ambassador also requested H.E.

al Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs assured the ambassador of her full support in joint climate actions and getting scholarships for Ethiopian students in the Pakistani varsities.

The ambassador also informed H.E. Romina Khurshid about the business opportunities for Pakistani businessmen in Ethiopia and invited her to be part of the Pakistani business delegation flying to Ethiopia by the start of

H.E. Romina Khurshid said she would be organizing a conference for promoting connectivity between the African region and Pakistan. She invited H.E. Jemal Beker to the conference as well. Both officials agreed to promote the mutual and collective interests of the two brotherly countries.

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### Khar updates PM on recent Afghanistan visit

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan him about her recent visit to Afghan-support to the Afghan brethren.

Khar, who paid a day-long offithe outcome of her meetings with the lenges of economy and security.

called on Prime Minister Shehbaz desired a peaceful Afghanistan and Sharifhere on Thursday and apprised vowed to extend every possible

He called upon the international community to play its role in improvcial visit to Kabul on Tuesday, ing the situation in Afghanistan as informed the prime minister about the warn-torn country faced the chal-

# Sanjrani for stronger, sustainable ties with Qatar



ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Thursday vowed to make extraneous efforts for building stronger and sustainable ties with Qatar.

He was talking to a delegation of Qatar led by member of the Qatar's Royal Family Sheikh Falah Bin Jassim. Balochistan Chief Minister Abdul Quddus Bizenjo was also present during the meeting held in Balochistan House, Islamabad.

The matters of mutual interest and ways to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries

came under discussion. Sanjrani said there were immense investment opportunities in Pakistan which could be exploited to create a successful business envi-

ronment.

He said the development and prosperity of Balochistan were the first priority of the government and all necessary steps were being taken to further improve the law and order situation.

Sanjrani said Pakistani people value their relations with Qatar. He thanked Qatar for its valuable assistance in dealing with the flood situation in Balochistan.

The Chairman appreciated the services of the Qatar government and especially the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani for solving the problems of the Muslim Ummah.

He congratulated Qatar on the successful holding of Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup. PID

### **OCHA Head Calls On Chairman NDMA**



gy driven connectivity to maximize recovery & rehabilitation. PID

impact reach of disaster mitiga-

### **Graduation ceremony**

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Inspire Pakistan takes pride in serving refugees by empowering their youth by protecting their right to education and also through provision of protection services in partnership with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Pakistan. This helps in the progress and development for the welfare of Afghan Refugees during their temporary stay in Pakistan. Inspire Pakistan through support of UNHCR, established Urban Cohesion Hub at Rawalpindi where need-based services are provided to Afghan refugees and host communities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad to benefit from integrated services in health, education, vocational skills, legal support, protection and recreational activities for social cohesion.

Third Graduation ceremony embedded with "16 days of activism"for the year 2022 was held where Afghan and host students opportunity to unite with partners were advised to support all types of global campaigns for 16 days of activism against gender-based nities to eliminate the disproporviolence and to end violence against women and girls. Later on students and girls.

were given certificates on completion of different courses including Computer, English language, Beautician, Tailoring and Culinary Arts.

UNHCR and GIZ-RMSP participated along with the Afghan refugee as well as host community providing an example of social cohesion. Ms. Nikola Errington, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR was the chief guest whereas guest of honour was Mr. Khursheed Ahmed, Technical Advisor, Urban Projects, Refugee Management Support Programme (RMSP), GIZ. Graduates in their speeches thanked the UNHCR and Inspire Pakistan for providing support and expressed their gratitude to the teachers for providing illuminating knowledge for their bright future.

Ms. Nikola Erringtonin her speech at the occasion especially focused on the students and urged them to stand united against violence against women. She further said that 16 Days of activism is an around the world and reflect on what we can each do in our own commutionate violence faced by women

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# Mountain Festival opens with 'Women Move Mountains' painting competition

RAWALPINDI: A live painting compe-Mountains" marked the opening of a two-week long 12th edition of Pakistan Mountain Festival (PMF) on Thursday at the Fatima Jinnah Women Univerevent of Development Communications Network (Devcom-Pakistan) to December 11.

As many as 34 girl-students and two boys enthusiastically participated in the live painting competition. The participating institutions included Fatima Jinnah Women University, National College of the Arts (NCA), Rawalpindi Women University, Westminster Academy, Foundation University Islamabad campus, SZABIST University, Interna- er them to face the emerging challenges. tional Islamic University, FG College for Women Kashmir Road, Islamabad Model College for Girls and National Textile Institute.

women's struggle in combating real- Women have therefore taken on many and resilience.

life challenges in the changing climate. women in mountain ecosystem conservation, and cultural heritage from the tition on the theme "Women Move" northern parts of Pakistan. They depicted the impact of climate change on life in mountains besides the aesthetic value.

Speaking on the occasion, Devcom-Pakistan Executive Direcsity. The festival is an annual flagship tor and founder of Pakistan Mountain Festival Munir Ahmed said: "Mountain women play a key role in environmencommemorate the UN's Internation- tal protection and social and economic al Mountains Day (IMD) that falls on development in mountain areas. They are often the primary managers of mountain resources, guardians of biodiversity, keepers of traditional knowledge, custodians of local culture and experts in traditional medicine. Somehow, mountain women's potential and contribution to conservation is undermined.

He said mountain women's climate resilience shall be the focus to empow-Increasing climate variability, coupled with a lack of investment in mountain agriculture and rural development, has often pushed men to migrate elsewhere The participants painted mountain in search of alternative livelihoods.



a lack of decision-making power and

unequal access to resources. To trigger real change towards sustainable development, it is important to engage in gender transformative change. We need to empower mountain women so they can participate more effectively in decision-making processes and have more control over productive resources. By sharing excellence, opportunities and capacity development in mountains, the Day can promote gender equality and therefore contribute to improve social justice, livelihoods

in providing water and food supply to tains are facing risk from climate change millions of people in the world. Mountains cover around 22 percent of the surface of the earth and 13 percent of the world's population live in the mountains. Ninety percent of the world's mountain inhabitants live in developing countries, where a huge population lives under the poverty line, and one out of every three individuals experiences the danger of food insecurity.

Mountains offer 60-80 percent of the world's freshwater. According to the UNO, almost one billion people live in mountain areas, and over half of the

"Mountains play a significant role tains for water and nutrition. Mounand natural calamities. Mountains face climate change as the global temperature continues to warm which disturbs starving and poorest people of the world who live in the mountains. Due to the increasing temperature, glaciers on the mountains start melting which brings floods in the world. Currently, 329 million people living in the mountains face food scarcity.

Laiba Khan, a participant from Rawalpindi Women University, said young visual artists can play a significant role in educating citizens about awareness about rational use of resourchuman population depends on mounthe challenges confronting the society. es around us.

Climate change is the worst phenomenon of this age that could be highlighted through art works to inform and educate people.

Rida Waheed, another participant, said women moving mountains put significance on the women's contribution in conservation and economic stability of the mountain communities.

FJWU Head of Fine Arts Dr. Mamoona Khan said engaging art students in such creative pursuits is imperative to highlight the impact of climate change as they reflect the mountain miseries. Awareness raising and education about the causes and consequences of climate change is very important for society. Such events support it.

Head of Art and Design at the Westminster Academy Riffat Ara Baig said that they have been engaged with students of different age groups for the last two decades to sensitize them about the environment and conservation of natural resources. The educational institutions shall consistently engage their students and their parents to raise

### National Day of UAE

ISLAMABAD: Federal Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Ambassador of United Arab Emirates Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Alzaabi and others cutting the cake during 51 National Day of UAE at a local hotel in Federal Capital.



## Pakistan now has the highest burden of hepatitis C in the world

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan is now home to the world's largest population of patients living with Hepatitis C, surpassing even China and India. Despite a government commitment to eliminating hepatitis by 2030, the prevalence of Hepatitis C has steadily increased, to the point that there are now nearly 10 Million Pakistanis today living with viremic hepatitis C, who need to be diagnosed and treated. In 2020 alone, over 461,000 new pool, a higher incidence of new cases than any other country. These statistics were revealed by leading epidemiologist Dr. Homie Razavi from the Polaris Observatory, the world's largest database on viral hepatitis.

Experts at the 16th annual conference of the Pakistan Society for the their programs to eliminate Hepatitis Study of Liver Diseases (PSSLD) in C, to meet WHO Elimination goals, Karachi included Prof. Amna Subhan, which would save over 150,000 lives Prof. Saeed Hamid from Aga Khan and prevent over 100,000 new cases University Hospital, Prof. Wasim of liver cancer between now and 2030. risk of this potentially fatal virus.



cases of Hepatitis C were added to the Jafri from South City Hospital, and Prof. Zaigham Abbas from Ziauddin University Hospital. Speakers highlighted the damage caused by the unchecked spread of Hepatitis C, as Center for Disease Analaysis (CDA) in a result of which liver cancer is now the United States. Dr. Razavi runs the the fastest growing cancer in in the

> Speakers urged the federal and provincial governments to scale up

Over 15 million people suffer from Hepatitis B and C in Pakistan, making hepatitis the biggest killer among communicable diseases. Hepatitis B and C are both blood-borne diseases that are spread through unsafe injections, unsanitary practices at hospitals, dental clinics and tattoo parlours, among other causes. Experts also urged the vaccination of women of child-bearing age for Hepatitis E. Unprecedented floods have exacerbated the spread of Hepatitis E, exposing over 75,000 expecting mothers to the

### 15th Aalmi Urdu Conference held at Arts Council of Pakistan

跨 News Desk

KARACHI: In the third session of the 15th Aalmi Urdu Conference held at the Arts Council of Pakistan, Internationally renowned Zia Mohiuddin recited the masterpieces of the famous writers of Urdu literature in his distinctive voice, which the audience liked and applauded immensely. On this occasion, he wrote "Adam Ki Kahani Kuch Meri Kuch Iqbal Ki Zubani", Zahra Nigah's poem "Sana Hai", a special article regarding Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Akhtar Ul Ayman's poem "Has Hail", Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi's essay and Ibn Insha's essay "Manu Bhai" was also recited. When Zia Mohiuddin recited these essays in his unique style with beautiful poetry, the Arts Council and the numerous people present in its premises gave him a standing ovation. When he heard some special sentences in the articles recited by Zia Mohiuddin in his own style, the gathering became Zafran Zar, especially on the articles of Mushtaq Ahmad Yousufi and Ibn Insha, he received a lot of applause.

### Youmey Tassis' People's Party was celebrated with great fanfare in Wana

Mazir



WANA: District President of Pakistan Peoples Party Lower Waziristan Amanullah Wazir, District General Secretary Imran Mukhalis, Senior Leader Humayun, Haroon Mehsud, VC Chairman Ahmed Khan, Neigh-

borhood Chairman Warey Khan and a large number of workers participated yesterday in Wana Karikot, bazar

There is great fanfare on the "Youmey tassis" of the People's Party in the market celebrated with District President Amanullah Wazir said that Foundation Day of People's Party and People's Leader Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto founded Pakistan People's Party on November 30, 1967.

District General Secretary Imran Mukhlis said that during the 1950s and 1960s, many new leaders were born on the world map, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was the leader of all these leaders.

Who was considered as the greatest leader of Asia from 1960 to 1970, it was the day of 5 January 1928.

Speaking on this occasion, senior leader Humayun said that adding the name of Zulfigar Ali and his family named Zulfigar Ali Bhutto. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto cried out, mother stopped, after some thought and thought, she spoke again, the words of the most sacred books will be drunk.

My son will become great like his father; he will rescue oppressed Muslims from every trouble.

When a person brings out the oppressed and helpless from the trouble, he is receiving God's help and assistance by fulfilling the best and highest duties of all acts of worship.

When a Muslim is getting knowledge of good deeds early in the morning, he is leading his generations to prosperity.

When a Muslim becomes truthful and honest, he becomes courageous and discriminating among others.

### Pakhtunkhowa Radio Wana station managed by KP Gov't

Adam Khan Wazir



WANA: According to the details, five radio stations were established by the Government of Khyber Pakhtonkhowa and Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to inform the people of the tribal areas about the activities of the provincial government and to highlight regional issues.

In this, Pakhtunkhowa Radio has started the test transmission broadcast, has been successfully in Wana, the Headquarter of Lower South Waziristan. And the test transmission was formally started. Pakhtunkhwa Radio Wana has initially started test broadcast from

30th November and regular broadcast will start from here soon. The people of Waziristan have thanked the provincial government and especially the Information and Broadcasting Department for the activity of Pakhtunkhwa Radio Wana.

That this initiative will help in bringing the problems of South Waziristan to the notice of the higher authorities and the people here will be aware of the positive activities of the government.

The tribal elders of Waziristan and the common people have expressed the hope that the activity of Pakhtunkhwa Radio Wana will prove to be a good omen for the people of the region and that it will help in solving the problems here.

The staff of Pakhtunkhwa Radio Wana told the media that the problems of the people will be highlighted through this platform so that their solutions can be found.

## 'Symbol of Greatness' installed at DC office main gate

Mian Rashid Asghar.

FAISALABAD: On the completion of 118 years of the establishment of the district, a model of the "Symbol of green area adjacent to the DC office main gate, which was inaugurated by the Divisional Commissioner Muhammad Shahid Niaz, Deputy Commissioner Imran Hamid Shaikh and CPO Khalid Hussain Hamdani accompanied the district officers while cake was also cut in the committee room of the office and shields and gifts were distributed among the retired employees of the

DG FDA Dr. Zahid Ikram, Additional Deputy Commissioners Mudas-Faisal Sultan, Dr. Saman Abbas, CEOs

FWMC, Health, Education Bilal Feroze ing quality accommodation and food Joya, Dr. Kashif Mahmood Kamboh, Iftikhar Khan, Assistant Commissioners Muhammad Umar Maqbool, Waqas Safdar Sikandari, Deputy Direc-Greatness" turban was installed in the tor Planning and Development Rana Tahir Mehmood, Director Colleges Dr. Kulsoom Akhtar and heads of other district departments were present.

On this occasion, vehicles of Anti-Begging Squad, Free Shuttle Service and Price Checking Squad equipped with modern cameras were also parked in the parking lot and the Deputy Commissioner informed the Divisional Commissioner that district administration was effectively implement the anti-begging campaign, free shuttle service for those who spend the sar Ahmed Shah, Kashif Raza Awan, night in squares and green belts and shifting them to panagha for provid-

facilities, price monitoring squad was checking the price boards of fruits and vegetables and live monitoring was also carried through District Emergency Operational Center while the volunteer of civil defence was also assigned the critical markets for price checking and they report the violation on Qeemat Punjab App and later price control magistrates took action.

He also briefed the divisional commissioner on establishment of coffee counter and mobile charging desk at the DC office reception. The Divisional commissioner appreciated the initiative of organizing a ceremony on the completion of 118 years of the establishment of the district and installing a model of turban outside the DC office. He said that the journey from



Lyallpur to Faisalabad is progressing largest city of the province has a promiand today's Faisalabad being the second nent status not only in Pakistan but also

internationally. He also congratulated the citizen on 118th anniversary and said that under the leadership of the **Deputy Commissioner** 

the district officers are active in the development of city and public welfare initiatives of the district as per the modern requirements.

The Deputy Commissioner specially thanked the Divisional Commissioner for participating in the 118th anniversary celebration of the district and said that the turban model at the main gate outside the DC office is a symbol of greatness as the DC office is the supreme department in the district. Reiterating his commitment, he said that no effort will be spared in making the district ideal in terms of development and providing all possible relief to the people.



**Expansion of diplomatic ties** 

# Tunisia intends to boost bilateral relationships with Pakistan

# invites Pakistani traders to tap joint business ventures

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Honorary Consul General of Tunisia for KPK H. E Ammad Rasheed hosted a reception in the honor of H.E Mr.Borhene El Kamel, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia. Earlier, Ambassador Inaugurated the Honorary Consulate of Republic of Tunisia for KPK in Peshawar.

Speaker of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Mushtaq Ahmad Ghani was the chief guest. Mrs. Sundas Ali Khan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peshawar Camp office, Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, President, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry Peshawar, Mr. Muhammad Barrister Saif, Special Assistant to Chief Minister Peshawar (Information), Zahid Latif Khan is the chairman of ISE Tower REIT Management Company Limited, Mohammad Hameed Tunisian Consul General in Lahore and Iftikhar Soomro Honorary Consul of Tunisia for Karachi attended the reception attend the event.

Member KPK Assembly, Former Core Commander Peshawar, Former Secretary Defence, Former Station Commander Peshawar, Former Chairman Governor Inspection team, Peshawar, President Women Chamber Peshawar, Secretary Information KP, Commissioner Peshawar, DC Peshawar, CEO RMI Hospital, CEO CECOS Education group, Icons of business community, Honorary Consul of Korea, CEO Aziz Group of Industries. Honorary Consul of Japan for KP, Honorary Consul of Bosnia for KP, Honorary Consuls of Tunisia for Punjab & Sindh, Former President's Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry Peshawar and media persons were also present at the occasion.

Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia Borhene El Kamal has invited Khyber Pakhtunkhwa businessmen to invest in various sectors in Tunisia.

Prospects to enhance trade relations between Pakistan and Tunisia are bright, he said while addressing a luncheon hosted by Honorary Consul General of Tunisia in KP Ammad Rasheed. He said due to its close proximity, Tunisia is a gateway for Africa and onward to Europe.

He further added that Tunisia and Pakistan are enjoying good political, economic, trade and defence relations. However, he stressed the business relations between the two countries needed to be further strengthened by taking benefits from each other's experiences and potentials.

We believe in the future of business and trade in Asia

He called for exploring each other's potentials and bringing closure to the business community of both countries to further strengthen trade and economic ties.

Borhene El Kamal expressed high optimism about boosting up mutual trade relations in the coming days after signing free trade agreements (FTAs) between Tunisia and Pakistan and captivating/exploring Africa and European markets.

#### "Tunisia and Pakistan have great opportunities to get benefits through joint trading in multiple sectors"

The diplomat highlighted the potentials and investment opportunities for Pakistani/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa businessmen in various sectors, especially olive, tourism, sports, art and crafts, fertilizer, oil/gas, etc. He called for strengthening political and defence relations with Pakistan.

He emphasized exchange of business delegations on reciprocal basis to learn about tourism and other potentials in Pakistan, including KP, and also Pakistani businessmen would visit Tunisia to explore business avenues there.

Mushtaq Ghani while speaking on the occasion said Pakistan and Tunisia have enjoyed cordial relations. He suggested the exchange of Pakistan and Tunisia parliamentary delegations as they would play a vital role in improving the mutual trade and economic relations.

We need to explore much more of each other's potentials to boost up the current trade volume between Pakistan and Tunisia, the KP Assembly speaker stressed.

SCCI Chief Muhammad Ishaq, SACM on Information Barrister Saif, Sundas Ali Khan and others also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the potentials to enhance bilateral trade and economic relations between Pakistan and Tunisia.











Earlier, Honorary Consul General of Tunisia in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ammad Rasheed welcomed the ambassador, officials and dignitaries and explained about prospects to improve Pak-Tunisia bilateral trade and economic relations.

He said KP is a lucrative destination for local and foreign investors and invited the Tunisian businessmen to make investment in potential sectors in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and play their important role in enhancing the current bilateral trade volume.



"KPK govt offers lucrative offers to Tunisian businessmen

Zahid Latif Khan, chairman of ISE Tower REIT Management Company said that the Consul Generals will help the Tunisian authorities to support central economic, cultural and tourist cooperation with various Pakistani provinces. He exclusively talks to media persons. He praised the efforts of Ammad Rasheed and said that he has played an



important role in further strengthening Pakistan-Tuni-

sia relations. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Ammad Rasheed is quite famous for his hospitality and due to this value of his personality there was huge gathering and guests opted not to miss the occasion. Visitors enjoyed Peshawari cuisines and praised arrangements of the hosts made

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### **3rd Pak-Africa Trade** Development Conference concludes successfully in **Johannesburg**

inistry of Commerce in collaboration with Trade Development Authority of Pakistan successfully concluded 3rd Pakistan -Africa Trade Development Conference (PATDC) in Johannesburg, South Africa on Thursday.

Under Look Africa Policy various initiatives have been taken by Ministry of Commerce to enhance trade relations with

Third PATDC has been organized in Johannesburg, South Africa, aiming to further enhance our commercial ties with member states of South African Development Community (SADC).

SADC is a 16-member regional group with a mandate of promoting economic integration, member countries constituting SADC are Tanzania, Mauritius, Namibia, Eswatini, Botswana, Angola, Congo, Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Zambia, Seychelles, South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi.

South Africa being the largest economy in the SADC is extremely important to enhance our commercial & institutional linkages with SADC member states and was accordingly selected for holding of third of series of PATDC.

The conference was attended by prominent Pakistani Businessmen representing various sectors including pharmaceuticals, surgical instruments, chemical, tractors/agriculture machinery, cosmetics, IT services, sports goods, food Electronics & engineering goods.

Business and Official delegates from the SADC member states also attended the conference and single country exhi-

Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Commerce led 210 member business delegation along with senior officials from Ministry of Commerce, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP).

During the three day event various B2B, G2G and B2G meetings will take place on the sidelines of the conference & single country exhibition.

The conference was also attended by various representatives of South African Government including Rashmee Ragavan ,South African Department of Trade Industry and Competition, President South African chamber of commerce, Ms. Gadija Brown, Provincial Minister for Finance, Free state, Ms Sophie Ratsiraka, Madagascar Minister for Craft, Mr. Paul Faraj Koyi, President of Tanzania Chamber also attended the conference.

Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Commerce, while addressing the conference stressed that given the concrete opportunities that exist between the two sides, Pakistan-Africa trade could easily be increased manifolds in coming years.

He added that despite challenges, there would be a steady, gradual but persistent growth in Pakistan-Africa trade with enhanced level of engagement by sides, public officials as well as private sector.

# K2 - clean your waste or face \$4000 fine

Sidra Bukhari

fter polluting the earth surface environment, the human beings are now polluting the hilltops with dozens of climbers of K2, the second highest peak of the world, leave behind their waste after scaling the top.

It is worrisome that if the climbers who go up to the vertical limits taking along essential stuff to the heights, do not bring their waste back to base-point, then who will climb the K2, specially to cleaning their trash?

In year 2022, record number of local and international climbers got registered for climbing K2 and trekking on Baltoro Glacier and the number get higher when their supporting staff and porters was also count-

K2 was much friendly for climbing and scaling it this year. But, as the climbing season was over, the social and other media forums were flooded with the pictures highlighting trash and pollution at K2.

Although the social media and environmental activists blamed the Central Karakoram

National Park (CKNP) management for the pollution, Director Tourism and Culture, Gilgit Baltistan, Yasir Hussain, keeping K2 clean is a shared responsibility and "we cannot exonerate climbers from their responsibilities who leave behind their waste after scaling the peak."

He said, almost 90 percent of Pakistan's mountaineering is in Gilgit Baltistan region, and all Eight-Thousanders, except Nanga Parbat are at CKNP the largest park of the country spreading over as many as six districts.

"The park has its own management system that organizes various activities and no one can undertake any activity without permission," Yasir Hussain said. "All mountaineers need to take permission from Gilgit Baltistan Government, Tourism Department to trek or to climb mountains in these areas."

Yasir said this year K2 climbing and trekking has the highest record of national and international mountaineers. There is no harm in climbing or trekking activities but not at the cost of cleanliness and environmental conservation

"Unfortunately, the climbers leave behind much of their

trash causing pollution although it was their moral obligation to save the picturesque and beautiful region from waste and pollution,"Yasir said.

"The apathy is that instead of protecting environment by bringing back their waste, they baselessly propagate at social media against CKNP holding it responsible for pollution at K2 and other peaks," he added.

Keeping in view this practice, the government of Gilgit Baltistan is formulating a policy to charge fee against both local and foreign mountaineers and ensuring cleanliness of this national park.

During the recent clean up drive, the CKNP has removed 2250 KG of trash from Camp 3, 4 and 5 including tents, crampons, empty cylinders of oxygen, ropes. This stuff is usually used by the mountaineers who after expedition leave it behind stuffing the base camps.

We have now changed the format of debriefing policies. The one pager form has been taken to seven pages to record the performance," Director Culture and Tourism said. "We are also ensuring on the part of tour operators that no trekkers or mountaineer goes to CKNP without tour operator."

debriefing form is the signature of CKNP representative and those using the unsigned forms will be fined with minimum US\$ 4000," the Director said. "Now the place is clear from trash and some people are using old pictures to raise funds."

According to information gathered from the area, most of the people blame some conventional and irresponsible tour operator for dumping trash at peaks and the base camps. However, the operators believing in responsible and sustainable tourism fulfill their responsibilities of cleanliness and envi-

ronmental protection. Meanwhile, Minister for Tourism Gilgit Baltistan, Raja Nasir Ali Khan has called upon the tour operators and porters to fully abide by rules and ensure their trash back as the GB government is not charging any fee for it.

"We only charge environmental fee for supporting local communities through confidence building measures to mobilize them for protection of this park. An amount from this fee is spent for their development," he added.

The minister said, for the next season, the GB government has the local people.

"The main requirement in the planned a joint activity with NIMS (Nirmal Purja, a Nepalese mountaineer who holds multiple mountaineering world records) for cleaning the peaks.

"We shall be utilizing expertise of high altitude porters to collect waste and the trash left behind the climbers," he added. "Same model would be applied on Nanga Parbat."

He informed that such porters would be paid on per kg basis as it is direly needed that the area remains hygienic and cleaner to tract more and more tourists.

Pakistan is already earning a meager foreign exchange despite having unmatched bounties of the nature and such irresponsible practices of the visitors would further damage the tourism industry.

Keeping in view the whole scenario, it is a shared responsibility of the tourists and tour operators to ensure environmental protection and cleanliness of this area. Moreover, the Gilgit Baltistan government and the tourism department must ensure strict implementation of tourism related laws and rules to keep this industry going in a beneficial manner and attract much more foreign tourists for revenue earning and welfare of



# Polio eradication: A long way to achieve target

Fakhar Alam

eing pushed on a wheelchair by his father, Abid Khan used to visit playground near his home on a daily basis to watch children playing different games to get amused but he could not play by himself as he fell prey to polio virus in his childhood and paralyzed for life.

Whenever football or cricket balls come close to the wheelchair of Abid, a resident of village Dheri Ishaq in Nowshera district, he unintentionally tries to catch it but sometimes falls from in this effort and his father

support him to settle down again in his chair. Sadden for his son, Abid's father Jamsheed Khan said that he feels so sorry for his 30-year-old son because he could not play like a normal child and always looks for others' support. "Polio virus affected my son at age of three-year, when he took him to doctor due to high fever, vomiting and constant pain where he was diagnosed with polio, he recalled.

"The doctor said Abid could not walk for entire life as both of his legs were affected by polio virus," the sadden father said, adding he had been practicing to bring his son to the playground for the last 25 years on his request by leaving work in fields ahead of time.

As many as 18 cases reported including eight each from KP and Sindh and two from Balochsitan in 2016. One case was detected in KP, two in Sindh, three in Balochistan and one each from GB and Puniab during 2017. Likewise, two cases detected in KP, one in Sindh and three in Balochistan during 2018.

However, significant increase in polio cases were witnessed in the country with record 134 cases including 80 in KP, 30 in Sindh, 2019. As many as 82 cases reported in PakiBalochistan and 14 in Punjab in 2020.

Once in spotlight in world for being a country of polio virus reservoir following reports of about 20,000 cases per year in early 1990, there was a great hope that Pakistan was going to be declared a polio free country after a report of one case from Balochistan on January 27, 2021.

However, the report of 20 cases this year from KP had showed that wild polio virus (WPV-I) was still circulating in Lakki Marwat and Waziristan districts and its eradication was imperative to save children from permanent disabilities.

Senior children specialist, Government Satellite Hospital Pabbi Nowshera, Dr Riaz Khan said polio was highly contagious disease that mostly invades the nervous system of malnutrition children and spreads through feco-oral route.

Talking to APP, he said one in 200 infections leads to permanent paralysis and its victim even can't move parts of his body and even caused death. He said over 100 million children were immunized every vear before their first birthday and about 24 million under one-year age i.e. 20 percent were deprived of vaccine due to various reasons including refusal.

Terming anti-polio vaccine is safe option, he said the vaccines prevent two to three million deaths every year and can save additional two million children subject to improvement of global coverage.

The oral polio vaccine (OPV) and inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) are weakening and killing poliovirus as the former saved over five million children from permanent paralysis," he said.

He said WPV-I was still circulating and hitting the unvaccinated children including 12 each in Balochistan and Punjab during Pakistan and Afghanistan, adding WPV-II and III types were eradicated in 1999, and

stan including 20 in KP, 22 in Sindh, 26 in that the last case of type-III was reported

After report of 350,000 polio cases from 125 endemic countries in 1998, he said the World Health Assembly met and expressed strong resolve to eradicate polio from the globe and today the entire world except Pakistan and Afghanistan were declared polio-

"The main reason behind report of polio cases in Waziristan and Lakki Marwat districts was refusal of vaccination by parents, misconception and high rate of illiteracy," said deputy coordinator EOC KP, Zeeshan Khan while talking to the news agency.

He said an inclusive mechanism was put in place for monitoring of vaccinators through incharges at union, tehsil and district councils besides provincial and national levels. The jirga comprising notables, religious scholars, doctors, EPI officials and district administration are being arranged from time to time to remove misconception regarding polio vaccination.

He said eradication of WPV-I was still a big challenge due to situation in Afghanistan and efforts were underway to stop transmission of WPV-I in the pandemic region including its reservoirs.

Zeeshan said an inclusive mechanism was put in place for all-aged vaccination at Pak-Afghan borders including Arround Chitral, Kharlachi Kurram, Angor Adda South Waziristan, Ghulam Khan North Waziristan and Torkhum in Khyber.

He said a national vaccination campaign was being planned in November this year also in 27 districts of KP including vulnerable Lakki Marwat, South Waziristan, and North Waziristan.

Zeeshan said the cooperation of religious scholars, media, politicians, LG representatives and tribal elders were imperative to tackle the challenge of refusal cases.

# Lahore heritage - Preserving beauty of ancient times

Dr. Saeed Ahmad Ali

ating back hundreds of years, Lahore is known for its culture, festivals, rich cuisine and above all the glory of ancient Mughal-era architecture. Ever been also known as a 'Walled City' or 'City of Gardens,' this provincial capital of the largest Punjab province always presented itself as unique among other cities.

Housing over 11 million people, this revered city also boasts to be the centre of great architecture of 16th to 19th century when Mughal emperors erected unmatched structures.

Although some of its 13 gates - the Delhi, Lohari, Akbari, Roshnai, Yakki, Bhati, Kashmiri, Sheran-wala, Masti, Mori, Mochi, Shah Alam and Texali Gate - some can still be seen but giving a dilapi-

Having a uniform pattern of structure, the peculiar architecture of the Mughal era is manifested through slender minarets at the corners, large bulbous domes, massive halls, grand vaulted gateways and delicate ornamentation.

But with the passage of time, the grandeur of these buildings faded although the respective government initiated a number of projects to protect this ancient heritage of the Mughal era.

"This heritage speaks highly of great Muslim rulers of the past. But, over the period, their glory faded away," said Dr. Irshad Ahmad, a local historian. "Ill-planned construction in the old city areas and encroachments to the historical sites has marred the beauty of these buildings."

According to an official at the Punjab Archeologv Department since 2015 over 400 heritage sites across the province including 160 in Lahore, had been declared safe and protected. "Repair or conservation work on some 50 sites is continuing, besides a survey being carried out to identify more sites for preservation."

Deputy Secretary Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) Imran Gondal also informed that in 2005, the Punjab government, in collaboration with Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), made technical contributions to the World Bank-funded area development project, known as the Shahi Guzargah (Royal Trail) project, in the Walled City of Lahore.

'After completion of a section of the project in 2014, Gali Surjan Singh, located inside Lahore's Delhi Gate, had been recognized by UNESCO as part of the Asia-Pacific award for cultural heritage conservation," he added.

Keeping in view the situation, the Punjab government has apportioned Rs 600 million (\$5.5 million) this year for repairing and conserving archeological sites in the province, including Lahore city.

Commenting on the situation, Director General Walled City of Lahore Authority (WCLA) Kamran Lashari has said that over the years, the Authority had been diligently working on numerous conservation projects for reviving and preserving the glory of Mughal era buildings.

"Over the years, we are working on this project and have gone a long way in the restoration of the heritage in this cultural city," Lashari said.

"Walled City of Lahore is a World Heritage site, having around 2,000 wonderful buildings. These buildings display a wide range of architectural features that reflect Lahore's centuries-old cultural heritage landscape," he added.

He said the WCLA has, so far, restored a 383-metre-long heritage trail running from the Walled City's Delhi Gate to Chowk Purani Kotwali market area. "The restoration involves replacement of infrastructure and services including underground telecommunications, electricity, gas, water and sewerage, encroachment removal, street paving and street furniture."

The Punjab government had passed the WCLA Act in April 2012 and declared the Walled City of Lahore as an autonomous body to preserve the heri-

Since the 'Temple of Learning' is endowed with valuable age-old heritage, therefore its preservation and repair would not only flourish the tourism business but also keep our coming generations abreast of the glorious eras of the Muslims rulers of the sub-continent.

# UNAIDS and Ministry of Health Commemorate World AIDS Day

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, in collaboration with Common Management Unit for AIDS, TB and Malaria, UNAIDS, WHO, UNDP UNICEF, UNFPA, UNODC, APLHIV commemorated World AIDS Day 2022. This year theme of the World AIDS Day is "Equalize", this slogan is a call to action to increase availability, quality of services for HIV treatment, testing and prevention. Equalize calls for communities to make use of and adapt the message to highlight the particular inequalities they face and to press for the actions needed to address them.

During the event, World AIDS Day Report 2022 was launched by Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel, Honorable Federal Minister, and said that "Government of Pakistan, at both the national and provincial levels, despite competing priorities and fiscal limitations, and with the support of partners like while presenting the HIV response in UNAIDS, UNDP, WHO, UNFPA, the country highlighted "that Govern-UNICEF, and other stakeholders has ment of Pakistan has allocated PKR

and treatment services through high Malaria and this shows the commitimpact community-based HIV prevention programme. We are going to revise national and provincial AIDS Strategies, setting the plan of action in the light of global guidance"

There is a need to initiate national prevention revolution, that includes all available options to stop the transmission of HIV including protection commodities, immediate initiation of antiretroviral therapy and pre-exposure prophylaxis. Specific populations and locations require additional tools such as harm reduction (needlesyringe and opioid substitution therapy programmes) for people who inject drugs." says Mr. Mirza Nasir-ud-Din Mashhood Ahmad, Special Secretary Health, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordina-

Mr. Mustafa Jamal Kazi, Federal Joint Secretary & National Coordination for Coordination Management Unit, AIDS, TB and Malaria, strived to provide HIV prevention 2,000 million to tackle AIDS, TB and

ment to prevent lives from HIV infections, while significantly strengthening health systems to deliver people-centered services to those most in need.

This year, Government of Pakistan reaffirms it support to overcome challenges pertaining to strengthening of HIV response, but also on the road ahead to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal target of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Ms. Yuki Takemoto, UNAIDS

Country Director took an opportunity to thank Federal Minister, Federal Secretary and Joint Secretary stating that "The Global AIDS Strategy, 2021-2026 provides a clear, evidence-informed blueprint for getting the AIDS response on track. No miraculous silver bullet is needed, using the tools already at its disposal, the Government of Pakistan, together with communities and partners simply needs to translate its commitments into concrete results for people. And this can only happen when people living with HIV and key populations are provided with a platform to amplify their voices. UNAIDS supports Government of Pakistan to translate its



political commitment in strengthening HIV response in the country.

Ms. Aliona Niculita, Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Pakistan, emphasized the agency's commitment to address economic, social, cultural and legal inequalities to contribute towards ending the AIDS epidemic in collaboratively working towards build resilient health systems to enable equitable and efficient access to services embedded with utmost dignity and respect for communities.

H.E. Ambassador Henrik Persson, Swedish Ambassador to the Pakistan extended his full support. He said as an ambassador I want to reiterate that the time to act is now, let's spell a new beginning to reflect on our gains and failures of yesterday to seize the countless possibilities of tomorrow for

naking Pakistan HIV free. Dr. Luay Shabaneh, UNFPA Representative quoted that HIV/AIDS has approach for the prevention and mitito be integrated in high-quality sexual gation of HIV.

and reproductive health at all levels of health care facilities to eliminate stigma and make timely interventions.

Mr. Asghar Satti, Representative of People Living with HIV (APLHIV) said that with the support and whole hearted efforts of educating and informing the citizens against the myriad dangers posed by the HIV/AIDS rooted in ignorance we will meet success.

The Government takes the opportunity to thanks all the partners and stakeholders for their continuous support to strengthen the HIV response in the country and calls upon them to play their roles. He also appreciated the support of Islamabad Traffic Police and Boys Scout Association for their support. Mr. Mustafa Jamal Kazi Joint Secretary/National coordinator, MNHSR&C/CMU for AIDS, TB and Malaria, said in his closing Remarks.

In the end exhibition of artifacts and handicrafts were displayed by people living with HIV, jail inmates and marginalized women and girls. While addressing to the audience Economic empowerment initiatives have become an increasingly popular

## IBECHS signs deal with Marriott international

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Intelligence Bureau Employees' Cooperative Housing Society (IBECHS) has signed an agreement with Marriott International which is expected to introduce the JW Marriott brand to Pakistan. Construction of JW Marriott Islamabad is expected to begin in 2023; with plans for 250 rooms, offering the discerning guests a new destination to rediscover a balance of mind, body and spirit.

The signing ceremony took place in Dubai and was attended by Secretary

Mr. ShujaatUllah Qureshi and CFO & Head of Investments, Mr. Aly Syed. Marriott International attendees included Phil Andreopoulos, Chief Operating Officer, Owner and Franchise Services, Europe, Middle East & Africa, Chadi Hauch, Regional Vice President - Development, Middle East, Ziad Abi Raad, Director Lodging Development, Middle East, LeireLeoz, Vice President, Owner and Franchise Services, Europe, Middle East & Africa, and Salim Ait Kaci, Senior Director of Finance & Owner Support, Franchise Development–Middle East & Pakistan Europe, Middle East 8

commented, "IBECHS is delighted to to open a JW Marriott in Pakistan. tion for meetings and events with plans focus on horticulture and with the partner with Marriott International With its breathtaking natural beauty, for more than 4,000 square meters of highest standards in infrastructure, its and sign the first JW Marriott Hotel rich culture, and heritage, Pakistan has event space, including a ballroom, 15 commercial district is set to become the in Pakistan, a 250-room luxury hotel a lot to offer global travelers and we look meeting rooms and multiple board center of business in the capital.



in Gulberg, Islamabad. We feel that JW Marriott is not only a prestigious luxury hotel brand within the Marriott International group but also worldwide. JW Marriott will raise the benchmark for hospitality standards in the Capital, as well as improve the confidence of the business community".

Ziad Abi Raad, Director of Lodging for Marriott International commented

forward to being a part of the country's

Expected to open in 2029, JW Marriott Islamabad is projected to offer 250 well-appointed guestrooms and suites and an extensive mix of dining options, including three specialty restaurants. Plans for the luxury hotel also include an executive lounge, indoor swimming pool, a fitness center and the brand's including its own lake and golf course. signature 'Spa by JW'. In addition, the

JW Marriott is part of Marriott International's luxury portfolio and consists of award-winning properties and beautiful resort locations around the world. Inspired by J. Willard Marriott, founder of the Marriott International, who took care of himself so he could take better care of others; JW Marriott provides a haven for guests to focus on their mind, body and spirit - through programs and offerings that encourage them to come together and experience every moment to the fullest. Today there are over 100 JW Marriott hotels in more than 35 countries that cater to sophisticated, mindful travelers, who come seeking experiences that help them be fully present, foster meaningful connections, and feed the soul.

Gulberg, Islamabad, by IBECHS is a landmark project of the capital; spread over 6,000 acres and developed in the heart of the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Islamabad strives to be the greenest capital in the world and within Islamabad, Gulberg is the greenest development; with the highest percentage of green areas and open spaces,

The development of Gulberg is char-ShujaatUllah Qureshi of IBECHS "We are excited to work with IBECHS hotel is expected to be a prime destina- acterized by its scenic beauty and its

### Turkey and Pakistan celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Two significant Islamic nations, Pakistan and Turkey, have traditionally had cordial ties with one another. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Government of Pakistan recently held a colourful ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of these diplomatic ties, highlighting the social unity and cultural diversity that these two countries share.

During this ceremony held in Islamabad, the diplomatic officials and prominent personalities of Türkiye and Pakistan expressed their commitment to further strengthen their progressive cooperation for mutual wellbeing. Since Pakistan was established as an independent state in 1947, its modern diplomatic relations with Turkiye were established on 30th November 1947. Prior to that, both the native populations were already unified, as they shared many religious, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and linguistic commonali-

On this occasion, the Chief Executive Officer of Dawlance | a subsidiary of Arçelik A.Ş.., Turkey, Mr. Umar Ahsan Khan said: "The historic friendship between the two states has positively evolved over the past 75 years. Our progressive cooperation is delivering great benefits in all socio-economic fields. We believe in the tremendous potential for industrial and technological collaborations between Pakistan and Turkiye. Arçelik A.Ş. is the 2nd largest manufacturer in Europe, head-quartered in Turkiye, which has wholly acquired Dawlance-Pakistan's leading producer and innovator of technological products. Since 2016, this robust venture has already made large-scale investments, of over 120 million US Dollars in Pakistan, to ensure sustainable growth and prosperity

Over the last 6 years, Dawlance-Arcelik has been striving to make Pakistan a regional hub for exports of consumer-durable products. It has invested heavily in 'transfer of technology' projects to pursue the "Make in Pakistan" policy adopted by the Pakistan Government.

# Celebrating the first anniversary of the Indonesia-Pakistan Children Friendship



### **Spokesman Report**

KARACAHI: In commemoration of International Children's Day and 1 (one) year of the establishment of the Indonesia-Pakistan Children Friendship (IPCF), on November 27 2022, the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi held a drawing competition for elementary school children in Karachi and presented awards to the winners of the competition.

In his remarks, the Indonesian Consul General in Karachi, Dr June Kuncoro Hadiningrat said that the to get to know each other from an early age considering that these children will become the future generation who will strengthen people-to-people contact

between Indonesia and Pakistan. Also The drawing competition was won by: present to open the event was Deputy Head of Protocol Camp Office MOFA Pakistan, Mr Sagib Rauf, who in his speech expressed his appreciation to the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi for his initiative to carry out diplomacy and even reach out to chil-

The drawing competition was specifically for Pakistani children who drew objects about Indonesia, with a total of 52 participants from various elementary schools in Karachi. Meanwhile, Indonesian children also enlivened IPCF was formed as part of an effort the activity with 12 paintings. Present at the announcement of the winners of the competition were 3 (three) winners, parents, and the Principal of each student who won the competition.

- 1st Place (35,000 Rupees): Eman Hussain from Seeds School Johan

2nd Place (20,000 Rupees): Mahrosh Asim from Orchid School Gulshan branch

3rd Place (15,000 Rupees): Muhammad Sufiyan bin Noman from Seeds School Johar branch

To enliven the activity, a game of guessing words and continuing the pronunciation of sentences in Indonesian and Urdu was also held, which Pakistani and Indonesian children participated in, as part of an effort to introduce each other's languages from an early age. The activity was closed with a friendly event and enjoying Indonesian culinary dishes.

### LUMS hosted a conference with UNHCR on incorporating Refugee Law Courses into curriculum

News Desk

ISLAMABAD Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL), LUMS, in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), organised a conference on "Incorporation of Refugee Law Courses into the Curriculum at Leading Academic Institutions". The overarching aim of the Conference was to introduce and highlight the importance of an International Refugee Law course in educational institutes in Pakistan that would advance the knowledge and understanding of refugee protection principles among the academia.

Key themes discussed during the Conference included the legis-

Pakistan, challenges associated with defining refugees and resulting issues with identification, hurdles faced by refugees in accessing fundamental rights, and an International Refugee Law course developed by LUMS.

While opening the event, Ms. Nugmanova, Assistant Representative. Protection-UN-HCR Pakistan, welcomed the speakers, participants and the LUMS team for coming together for this crucial initiative of laying the groundwork for the refugee law course. This was followed by an extensive overview of the International Refugee Law course designed and presented by the LUMS team. Prof. Sikander A. Shah, Associ-

lative background of refugees in ate Professor and former Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussed the International Regime Component of the course whereas Prof. Uzair J. Kayani, Head of the Department, SAHSOL, elaborated on the Domestic Law Component of the course.

Keynote speaker, Honourable Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan, Lahore High Court, enlightened the participants with the judicial perspective on the implementation of the mandatory articles of the international conventions dealing with human rights and refugee law. This was followed by panel discussions on the contours of international burden sharing, financial responsibility and potential national security risks considering the global refugee crisis. Key challenges to border security, gaps in the refugee management policy, and public perception of refugees at the social and state level were also discussed. The speakers included, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Senior Managing Partner of the ABS&Co firm and former Federal Minister for Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs; Ms. Ayesha A. Malik, Team Lead at the Conflict Law Centre at the Research Society of International Law.: Mr. Umar Rashid, Advocate of the High Court of Pakistan and a PhD candidate at the Adelaide Law School; and Ms. Fatima Y. Bokhari, CEO Muswai, and Executive Committee Member of the Asia Alliance Against Torture.



tional institutes and bar councils networked and expressed interest Prof. Uzair Kayani thanked the from across Punjab, Islamabad, to offer the International Refu- UNHCR and its donor partners Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, gee Law course in their curricu- for their support.

The audience from educa- Balochistan and Azad Kashmir lums. Prof. Sikander A. Shah and

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

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
42,393.52	42,348.63		
Day's High	Day's Low:		
42,658.39	42,348.63		
Index Value	Change		
3,522,150,052	+44.89		
Percentage	Time		
+0.11%	1 Dec, 2022 5:00 pm		
Europe: FTS	Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change		
7,558.49	-14.56		
Percentage	Time		
-0.19%	1 Dec, 4:35 pm GMT		
<b>USA: Dow Jones I</b>	: Dow Jones Industrial Averago		
Index Value	Change		
34,274.83	-314.94		
Percentage	Time		
-0.91%	1 Dec, 11:54 am GMT-5		
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change		
28,226.08	+257.09		

#### Open Market Forex Rates

**Time** 

1 Dec, 3:15 pm

GMT+9

**Percentage** 

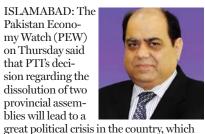
+0.92%

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	150.29	151.54
Bahrain Dinar	597.33	601.83
Canadian Dollar	164.72	166.07
China Yuan	31.38	31.63
Danish Krone	31.27	31.62
Euro	247.5	250
Hong Kong Dollar	28.76	29.11
Indian Rupee	2.74	2.82
Japanese Yen	1.85	1.89
Kuwaiti Dinar	730.16	735.16
Malaysian Ringgit	49.99	50.44
NewZealand \$	139.22	140.42
Norwegians Krone	22.65	22.95
Omani Riyal	584.13	588.63
Qatari Riyal	61.5	62
Saudi Riyal	63.3	63.9
Singapore Dollar	163.43	164.73
Swedish Korona	21.46	21.76
Swiss Franc	236.22	237.97
Thai Bhat	6.26	6.36
U.A.E Dirham	65.4	65.9
UK Pound Sterling	287.1	290
US Dollar	229.25	231.25

### Dissolving assemblies will create a new crisis

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Thursday said that PTI's decision regarding the dissolution of two provincial assemblies will lead to a



will damage the limping economy. The opposition should reconsider the

decision of playing with the country's economy for its own interests, it said. Such decisions will once again lead to

horse trading and that important decision cannot be made on the streets, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President PEW. In a statement issued here today, he said

that PTI wants to take decisions on the streets and at the same time it is demanding fresh elections, which is surprising.

The idea of Imran Khan is not correct that the country will have democracy only when the power is with him and only those officials who have been appointed by him are honest while all the others are corrupt,

He added that repeated elections and contesting elections from various constituencies at a time is a practice that results in huge losses for which legislation is needed.

The people do not vote for any party to plunder, instability, and unending struggle among politicians for power.

Dr. Mughal further said that there is a lack of resources in the country and due to the dissolution of the provincial assemblies, there will be elections on more than four hundred constituencies costing billions.

He said that the financial conditions of the country are not sound. Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves have decreased. Essential imports are also being affected by the scarcity of dollars which is stoking

fears of an oil crisis. A billion dollars is to be paid in for Sukuk bonds this week, for which investors are not very optimistic, while senior officials are optimistic about this payment. The Asian Infrastructure Bank has given a loan of 50 million dollars, but the loan of 1.18 billion dollars from the IMF is pend-

# 'Implementation of an Interest-free economic system. Is it possible?' Shura Hamdard

**Bureau Report** 

KARACHI: A meeting of Shura Hamdard Karachi was held on Wednesday at the Hamdard Corporate Head Office on the topic "Implementation of an Interest-free economic system. Is it possible?". The meeting was presided over by Justice (R) Haziq-ul-Khairi. The meeting featured guest speaker Mufti Dr. Wasie Fasih Butt, an expert in Islamic finance. The Hamdard Foundation Pakistan's president, Ms Sadia Rashid, was also present.

Haziq-ul-Khairi said it was a delicate matter that should be resolved in accordance with Islam's teachings and values. "Pakistan faces economic turmoil due to an interest-based system, which has caused an uncontrollable hike in inflation, and economic hardships in the country" he said. He advised that delegations of scholars and experts on the Islamic financial system from Pakistan should visit Muslim countries and discuss in length the possibility of adopting and implementing the interest-free economic model.

Dr. Wasie Faseeh said that due to the successful business model of Islamic financial institutions, an alternative to the interest-based system had emerged. "Islamic



Mufti Dr. Wasie Fasih Butt, an expert in Islamic finance addressing on topic "Implementation of an Interest-free economic system. Is it possible?". The meeting was presided over by Justice (R) Haziq-ul-Khairi. Hamdard Foundation Pakistan's president, Ms Sadia Rashid and Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, the former governor, is

banking has gained a strong foothold in the until 2025. Therefore, it is imperative that the Islamic world, which proves that an interest-free economic model offers better options for economic growth and development," he explained. He further informed the Shura members that globally the total volume of the Islamic financial market had reached above \$1 trillion with a significant presence in the Gulf region and Muslim-majority countries.

"The Islamic Banking Division of the State Bank has decided to increase Islamic bank-

general masses be made aware of the benefits of Islamic financing through prestigious forums like Shura Hamdard," he concluded.

Lt. Gen. (ret.) Moinuddin Haider, the former governor of Sindh, remarked that it was ironic that Muslim scholars were unable to agree on the definition of usury(Riba) to this day. "In developed countries, interest Haq Siddiqui, Dr. Amjad Jafri, Prof. Ikhlaq rates are very low, which keeps inflation under control. Therefore, the issue of inflation will

economic model, but by reforming and industrializing the country's economy. Exploitation in the name of profit is strictly forbidden in Islam. Therefore, the government should take serious note of ongoing exploitation in the name of charges, rents and profits."

Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan said: "Businesses need short-term and long-term finance to meet their working capital requirements. Moreover, to remain competitive in the international market, corporate organizations have to lower their costs of doing business. Islamic banks charge a higher percentage than conventional banks, which increases the cost of doing business. As Muslims, we all must avoid Riba, but Islamic banks should lower their unnecessary charges to attract busi-

Ibn-ul-Hassan Rizvi articulated that the idea of an interest-free economy would not be achieved via legislation alone. There should be a curb on the black market, corruption, and smuggling to create a favorable environment.

Dr. AbuBakr Shaikh, Engr. Anwar-ul-Ahmed, Usman Damohi, Cdre. (r) Sadeed Anwar Malik, Col (r) Mukhtar Ahmed Butt ing market share to 30% in its five-year plan on the addressed by adopting an interest-free and Huma Baig also spoke on the occasion.

## ICCI signs MoU with Waqas Int'l for 1st International Housing Expo

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with M/s. Waqas International, Islamabad as an event management company for organizing the 1st International Housing Expo 22 at Convention Centre, Islamabad from December 8-11, 2022. The Expo would be organized as a joint venture of the Ministry of Housing & Works and ICCI. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Muhammad Waqas Khan, CEO, Waqas International signed the MoU during a ceremony held at ICCI.

As an Event Management Company, M/s. Waqas International will be responsible to handle all jobs of the Expo including complete management and operation and booking of stalls from the exhibitors

Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that being the 7th populist country in the world,



shortage. He said that the purpose of organizing the International Housing Expo is to provide a suitable platform to the local and international exhibitors, stimulate the business & economic activities and provide affordable housing options to the people. He hoped that the cooperation of M/s. Waqas International would be helpful in organizing the Expo in a successful manner.

Muhammad Waqas Khan, CEO, Waqas International thanked ICCI for assigning Pakistan is facing an issue of rising housing them the role of event management compa-

ny for the International Housing Expo and assured that they would make all possible efforts to make this Expo a landmark event for Ministry of Housing & Works and ICCI.

Faad Waheed Senior Vice President, Engr. Muhammad Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI, Sheikh Amir Waheed Convener, ICCI Expo Committee, Muhammad Shakeel Munir former President ICCI, Ch. Muhammad Masud, Muhammad Naveed Malik and others were also present at the occasion.

### **SECP** issues draft **Unlisted Companies** (Buy-Back of Shares) Regulations, 2022 for soliciting public opinion

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has approved the draft, "Unlisted Companies (Buy-Back of Shares) Regulations, 2022", detailing the procedures of purchase of shares issued by unlisted public and private companies. The proposed regulations will facilitate startups, and boost investor confidence by providing an easy exit option to the shareholders.

The draft regulations provide eligibility criteria, enabled all companies procedure and mechanism including unlisted public to be adopted by unlisted companies to buy-back to buy-back their shares. their issued shares. The Previously only the listed unlisted companies will companies were allowed also have to cancel the to buy-back their issued number of bought-back shares.

shares from total issued shares. The regulations also require submission of final report to the registrar after completion of the process of buy-back of shares.

The draft regulations propose the board of directors of a purchasing company to make a declaration to the effect that the company is capable of meeting its liabilities and will not be rendered insolvent for twelve (12) months from the date of declaration.

The Companies (Amendment) Act, 2021 has and private companies

## Faysal Bank and Bank of Khyber, partner to offer innovative financial &

digital payment services



**News Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Faysal Bank Limited (FBL) and Bank of Khyber have partnered to launch a suite of digital financial services featuring virtual & debit card services along with added digital payment solutions. Faysal Bank through its Fintech Express Program is driven by creating partnerships to further encourage State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) financial inclusion initia-

Faysal Banks Fintech Express Program is focused on identifying financial institutions and aiding their customers' digital journey through innovative technologies. With this partnership, Bank of Khyber will leverage Faysal Bank's Fintech Express Program to accelerate the customers' digital journey with Banks and Fintech and provide its customer accessibility to a host of digital solutions to aid their

### Coalmine gas blast KALAYA: A man stands in front of a miner in tribal district Orakzai. At least nine miners were killed

and four others sustained injuries when a gas explosion occurred inside a coalmine in the Doli area in lower part of Orakzai district on Wednesday.



# Consumer price inflation decelerates to 23.8 percent

Index (CPI)-based monthly inflation decelerated to 23.8 percent on a year-on-year (YoY) basis during the month of November 2022, from 26.6 percent during October 2020, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)

On a month-on-month (MoM) basis, it increased to 0.8% in November 2022 as compared to an increase of 4.7 percent in the previous month (October) and an increase of 3.0 percent in the corresponding month of last year i.e. November 2021.

On a year-on-year basis, the top few food commodities that witnessed an increase in prices in November as compared to the corresponding month of last year included onions (284.87%), gram whole (63.49%), tea (62.18%), pulse gram (56.19%), besan (gram flour) (56.1%), butter (53.05%), pulse mash (47.76%), pulse moong

wheat (43.4%), cooking oil (41.88%), dessert preparation (40.1%), rice (39.75%), pulse masoor (38.73%).

The non-food commodities that witnessed an increase during the period on a YoY basis included motor fuel (52.02%), stationery (44.57%), washing soap, detergents, matchbox (43.42%), transport services (33.43%), motor vehicle accessories (31.48%) and construction input items (30.02%).

Meanwhile, on an MoM basis, the food commodities that witnessed a decline in prices included sugar (9.9%), condiments and spices (9.78%) and gur (3.64%), whereas the non-food items that witnessed decease in prices in November 2022 against November 2021 included liquefied hydrocarbons (0.03%).

According to break figures of PBS, the CPI inflation urban, increased

ISLAMABAD: The Consumer price (46.29%), mustard oil (44.69%), to 21.6% on a year-on-year basis in November 2022 as compared to an increase of 24.6% in the previous month and 12.0% in Nov 2021. On a month-on-month basis, it increased to 0.4% in Nov 2022 as compared to an increase of 4.5% in the previous month and an increase of 2.9% in Nov 2021.

> The CPI inflation rural, increased to 27.2% on a year-on-year basis in Nov 2022 as compared to an increase of 29.5% in the previous month and 10.9% in November 2021. On monthon-month basis, it increased to 1.3% in November 2022 as compared to an increase of 5.0% in the previous month and an increase of 3.1% in Nov

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on a YoY basis increased to 27.1% in November 2022 as compared to an increase of 24.0% a month earlier and an increase of 18.1% in November



6.1% in Nov 2022 as compared to a decrease of 1.5% a month earlier and an increase of 3.6% in Nov 2021.

The Wholesale Price Index-based inflation on a YoY basis increased to 27.7% in November 2022 as compared to an increase of 32.6%

2021. On a MoM basis, it increased by a month earlier and an increase of 27.0% in November 2021. On MoM basis, it decreased by 0.02% in November 2022 as compared to a decrease of 0.5% a month earlier and an increase of 3.8% in the corresponding month i.e. November 2021. (Dunya News)

# England win toss, elect to bat

first

Agencies

RAWALPINDI: England won the toss and elected to bat first in the first fixture of the three-match Test series at Rawalpindi on Thursday.

The match is going ahead as scheduled despite an outbreak of illness in England. This is England's first Test in Pakistan in

Earlier, late Wednesday the two boards agreed to delay the decision on the commencement of the first Test, until 0730, Thursday due to an outbreak of viral infection in the England squad, affecting several members.

The two boards had made the decision based on medical advice from the England doctors, which revolved around the players' health and welfare.

Meanwhile, there are four debutants in the Pakistan line-up for the first Test that includes Saud Shakeel, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Ali and Zahid Mehmood.

The four debutants were handed Test caps earlier in the day. Vice captain Mohammad Rizwan gave the cap to Zahid Mehmood, Sarfaraz Ahmed gave the cap to Saud Shakeel, batting coach Mohammad Yousuf presented the cap to Mohammad Ali and captain Babar Azam present-



ed the cap to Haris Rauf.

England has two debutants - Will Jacks and Liam Livingstone. Ollie Pope presented Jacks with his cap, his surrey and England teammate and former England batsman and current TV commentator

Michael Atherton presented Livingstone with his cap. Atherton and Livingstone represented countyside Lancashire.

Additionally, Joe Root is playing in his 125th Test match and received a commemorative cap from Head Coach Mahmood. Agencies

Brendon McCullum.Pakistan squad: Abdullah Shafique, Imam Ul Haq, Azhar Ali, Babar Azam, Saud Shakeel, Mohammad Rizwan, Agha Salman, Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Ali, Zahid

## England 174 without loss at lunch on first day of Rawalpindi Test

RAWALPINDI: England were 174-0 on the opening day of the first Test at Pindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi on Thursday.

Zak Crawley scored 91 off 79, missing the chance to become the first English batsman to score a century before lunch on the first day of a Test match. Ben Duckett scored off 85 balls.

Early on, in the morning the English openers seemed in a T20 mood as boundaries kept on flowing for them at the flat Rawalpindi pitch where Pakistan bowlers toiled hard as there was no seam, swing, spin or movement.

Zak Crawley, who had already scored a double century against Pakistan raced towards his 50 off just 38 balls, while Ben Duckett hit his fifty on exactly run a

England reached to 100 in just 13.5 overs, while they scored 150 in 23rd. APP

# PAKISTAN V ENGLAND, FIRST TEST DAY 1. LUNCH

### Pakistan's Fatimatuz Zehra wins bronze medal in International *Taekwondo* Russian Open Championship

KARACHI: Pakistan's talented female athlete Fatimatuz Zehra won the bronze medal in International Taekwondo Russian Open Championship in Russia on Wednesday. In the semifinal of the -53kg category, she was defeated by Russia's Sokolova Vladislava 2-1 and 14-7.

Earlier, Fatima won the quarter-final by beating Hong Kong's Tung Kwok 9-0 and 12-2. In the -63kg contest, Russian Alexandar Grigorey beat Pakistan's Arbaz Khan 8-7, 10-4 and 18-10.

Pakistan Taekwondo Federation President Col (retd) Waseem Ahmed Janjua, CEO Omar Saeed, Head Coach Yousuf Karami, and team Manager Zubair Macha have felicitated Fatima on winning Bronze Medal and termed it a good omen for the women's sports in the country.

In a joint statement winning of several medals by Pak Female Taekwondo athletes in recent international events indicates that the future of women's sports is bright in the country. APP

# Pakistan successfully conducted a Futsal Level-I Coaching Course in Pakistan

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**Tahir Amin Malik** 

LAHORE: Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) elections and country and this will gradually help Pakistan football and footballers to earn due recognition across the world.

flanked by NC member Shahid Niaz Khokhar, said: "Pakistan December 2022. football has been moving in the right direction, along with transparent elections as per

mandate.

BEN DUCKETT\*

"Almost 4000 clubs have now been registered under Pakistan Football Connect while 1737 football activities have been users have been given access. making rapid progress in the However, 1074 users have started using the website. Unfortunately, due to recent floods and difficulty in accessing the internet, some clubs and acad-In a press briefing held here emies are still unaware of Pakiat the FIFA Football House, stan Football Connect but we PFF Normalisation Commit- are trying to provide guidance tee Chairman Haroon Malik, and all possible support. The last date of registration is 15th

He said that as the national women's football team played restoring normal activities and an international event after a play against Pakistan and two making positive progress for gap of eight years, the tryouts of women were held in different



cities in Pakistan. Soon the camp is going to start as the women's team is all set to take part in the four-nation tournament in Saudi Arabia.

"The hosts Saudi Arabia will other countries. The tournament kicks off on the 11th of

January and lasts till the 19th of January 2023. The tournament will be a part of SAFF's football strategy of developing and up-skilling women's football as well as connecting continents of Africa and Asia."

He further said: "We participated in the FIFA Executive

Summit on the eve of the FIFA World Cup 2022 opening and the international community expressed happiness over the restoration of football activities in Pakistan. With the support and encouragement of important members of FIFA, we will try to improve things for the promotion of sports in the

"The powerhouses of football showed deep interest in Pakistan football and corroborated the PFF NC of their all-out support for a better future for Pakistan football. The good ties with the international community will prove fruitful for domestic football in the country," Haroon Malik concluded.

### Javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem leaves for UK for treatment



👺 News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's javelin throw star, Olympian Arshad Nadeem has left for the UK for the treatment of his injured elbow and knee joint, Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP) said on Thursday

The chronic right elbow injury has created major problems for him during the throwing action of the Javelin during training and in competitions, an AFP press release said.

The AFP has arranged for Arshad to be treated at the Spire Cambridge Lea Hospital in the UK. A two-member team of doctors headed by Dr. Ali Bajwa will perform treatment procedures on Saturday on the right elbow and left knee of the stalwart. After a 10-day rehabilitation and physiotherapy period, Arshad

is expected to return home on the 12th of December. It will further take four to six weeks for him to make a full recovery and return to his regular training routine. Arshad has asked his fans to pray for his health and quick recovery after the treatment.

### Hockey match Pakistan France equalized

**Sports Desk** 

LAHORE: The hockey match between Pakistan and France equalized with 3-3 in FIH men's hockey cup which is playing in South Africa. The first goal score by Rana Abdul Waheed in 9th minutes while 2nd goal scored by Afraz in 28th minutes Arbaz Ahmed scored the 3rd goal in 60th minutes. From France Peter scored first goal in 12th minutes in the. 36 yh minutes Novay scored 2nd goal while 3rd goal scored by Victor in 58th minutes.

### Saqlain Mushtaq sees Pindi pitch unhelpful for Pak bowlers



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan head coach Saqlain Mushtaq, while terming the pitch at Pindi Cricket Stadium 'unhelpful for Pakistani bowlers' on the opening day of first Test, credited English batters for playing well and dominating with the bat on Thurs

"There is no turn or swing on the pitch. England played very well and we didn't bowl as per our plans," he said in a presser after the end of the first day game.

He said people enjoyed a lot, the way England played cricket. "Nothing went well for us and the pitch seemed the same as was in the Test against Australia earlier this year. I think the pitch should have been supportive," he said.

Saglain said these were the best available bowlers Pakistan had as Shaheen Shah Afridi was also injured. "Naseem Shah did well in the series against Australia and Sri Lanka while Mohammad Ali was the top performer in the domestic season and Haris Rauf was also knocking with his performance. Test cricket is a different format and it takes time so we picked the best Playing we had."

To a question, he said we put a lot of brains into the training session of whom to pick between Abrar Ahmed and Zahid Mahmood. "We watched both closely in the camp and they were bowling well in the nets. Zahid is with the team for almost a year now and didn't get the opportunity while Abrar was coming for the domestic circuit. Therefore Zahid was in an international environment for quite a long time now and we did justice as he was on the waiting list," he said.

He said it was in our strategy to go with three genuine fast bowlers. "Two were Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah and we needed a bowler who can do longer spells so we found Ali who was doing well in the domestic. We had to prepare Haris and Naseem for the longer format as they were coming after playing the shorter version of the game. Ali also impressed coach Shaum Tait and Skipper Babar Azam in the nets," he said.

Mushtaq said the match was looking very exciting and he hopes it goes in Pakistan's favour. "I think after the series against Australia, the Pakistan team has been playing T20s only. I congratulate England as they played well, but we will play with our strength," he said. APP

# Ten member Golf Club Teams to engage in combat at Rumanza Golf Course

**Tahir Amin Malik** 

LAHORE: The All Pakistan Golf Clubs Team Championship 2022 involving a battle of remarkable golf playing skills will be conducted by Rumanza Golf and Country Club, Multan from 2nd December to 4th December 2022, the contest extending over 54 holes, 18 holes each day.A total of eight teams from all prominent golf clubs of Pakistan have converged to Rumanza Golf and Country Club for this Team Event and teams comprise of ten members each, the categories being four amateur players, three golf professionals and three senior amateurs. And they will affront each other in pursuit of gold medals and 1.2 million prize money for the victorious team while runner up team has to be content with silver medals, utility prizes and 0.7 million cash Country Club, Karachi, Garden

up third the rewards are bronze medals and 0.3 million cash. Additional attractions are a car for a hole in one and for the amateur golf players a spiritual allurement will be an Umra Ticket and a seven days stay for the champion with the best gross

Starting from today(Friday) when the first tee off takes place at 9am, the aspirants will become a committed lot and for 54 holes they will be engaged in a clash for golfing ascendancy that fetches them honors, contest based triumph, elevation as champions of merit and beneficial winnings.

Predominant golf clubs of the country who have fielded teams are Karachi Golf Club, Airmen Golf Club from Karachi, Defence Authority Golf and

prizes. As for the team ending City Golf Club, Bahria Town, Islamabad, Rawalpindi Golf Club, Lahore Garrison Greens, Lahore Gymkhana and the hosts Rumanza Golf and Country Club, Multan. As for the team members representing these eight clubs of the country, most of them are nationally recognized players, much adept in golf playing abilities and while many of them are proficient and skillful with many victories to their credit, there are a large number of relentless golfers who seek experience and ultimate recognition through participation in this illustrious event.

This All Pakistan Golf Clubs Team Championship assures a clash of golfing skills between contestants of stature and notability. Those players who stand out for Karachi Golf Clubs are Omer Khalid, Zohaib Asif (DHA), Saim Shazli, Yashal Shah, Waheed Baloch and M.Zubair(Karachi Golf Club),Salman Hussain, Aania Farooq, M.Ashfaq (Airmen Golf Club). A few distinctive names representing Rawalpindi are Umer Khokhar, Yasir Khokher, Brig Omer Ijaz, M.Munir and Minhaj Maqsood. And the purposeful ones from Lahore Clubs are Ahmed Sultan Kayani, Damil Ataullah, Nouman Ilyas, Matloob Ahmed, M.Sahahzad (Lahore Garrison ) while lustrous ones from Lahore Gymkhana are Salman Jehangir, Qasim Ali Khan, Hussain Hamid, Shahid Javed, Aadil Jehangir and Talat Ijaz.

A few contenders with enormous flair and a part of the Rumanza Golf Club Team are players like Saad Habib, Col Habib and two professionals Hamza Amin and Ahmed Baig besides six others. Out of these six one is a girl amateur and



Hamna Amjad. Tee off takes place on Friday

at 9am at Rumanza Golf Course,

course of Pakistan, designed by Sir Nick Faldo.

This Championship will be

she is a proficient lady amateur, of being the first designer golf Khan, Secretary, Rumanza Golf Club, Samuel Humphery, Director Golf Operations, Salman Abbasi, Senior Golf Consultant, Multan which has the distinction managed by Brig Fayyaz Ahmed Col M.Anwar Tarrar, Director.