



**Federal IT Minister inaugurates country's first ever digital school**

Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Syed Amin ul Haque on Thursday inaugurated the first digital school of the country in Orangi Town area of Karachi. The Government Girls' Secondary School Raees Amrohi was adopted and renovated by Telecom Foundation Education System as the first ever digital school of the country under the vision of transforming communities.



**Robust mechanism in place for redressal of grievances at missions: FO Spokesperson**

The spokesperson of Foreign Office Thursday said there were robust mechanisms in place for redressal of all public grievances and there was zero tolerance for misbehaviour and mistreatment of individuals visiting Pakistani missions. Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mumtaz Zahra Baloch was speaking in response to media queries regarding reports in sections of Indian media.

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**Hands shaking**

ABU DHABI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets the President of the United Arab Emirates His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Thursday.



Photo: PID

**UAE agrees to roll over existing loan of \$2b, provide \$1b additional loan to Pakistan**

**Spokesman Report**

ABU DHABI: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday met the UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan wherein the latter agreed to roll over the existing loan of US\$ 2 billion and provide US\$ 1 billion additional loan.

In the meeting took place in Abu Dhabi during prime minister's two-day visit, both sides agreed to deepen the investment cooperation, stimulate partnerships and enable investment integration opportunities between the two countries.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed welcomed Prime Minister Sharif

**PM Shehbaz Sharif reaches UAE on two day official visit**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday reached United Arab Emirates (UAE) on a two day official visit. UAE Economic Affairs minister, Abdullah Touq Al Mari and officers of Pakistani embassy received the prime minister at the airport. The prime minister is accompanied by a high level

delegation; including key members of the federal cabinet. PM Shehbaz Sharif is visiting UAE at the invitation of President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

This is the prime minister's third visit to the UAE after assuming office.

if to Abu Dhabi and wished progress and prosperity for Pakistan.

He praised the historical relations between the two nations and the valuable contributions

made by the Pakistani community in the UAE.

The prime minister thanked the UAE president for inviting him to the brotherly country.

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Abu Dhabi: Group photo of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan with the delegates of both the sides

The two leaders discussed the fraternal relations existing between Pakistan and the UAE; and explored ways and means to further strengthen these ties, especially in the fields of trade, investment and energy.

The two leaders also had an exchange of views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

They also expressed satisfaction over the pace of steady progress in bilateral relations.

They agreed on the importance of enhanced bilateral exchanges and regular dialogue at all levels to further solidify and provide momentum to the relationship.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif invited Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed for a state visit to Pakistan to which he agreed. The dates will be decided through diplomatic channels.

Later, in a tweet, the prime minister said, "This support will help us tide over economic difficulties. We are deeply touched by kind gesture of our Emirati brothers and sisters."

**Pakistan, Saudi Arabia sign agreement to finance oil derivatives worth \$1 billion**



**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on Thursday signed an agreement to finance oil derivatives worth \$1 billion.

The agreement was inked by Secretary Economic Affairs Dr Kazem Niaz, and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Saudi Fund for Development Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Murshed, an Economic Affairs Ministry news release said.

Dr Kazem Niaz, on the occasion, said the step was an extension of previously signed agreements in 2019 and 2021 valued at \$4.44 billion to finance oil derivatives in Pakistan.

Since its establishment, he said, the Saudi Fund for

Development had supported more than 40 projects and programmes in different development sectors valued at approximately \$1.4 billion.

All the programmes were aimed at helping the country achieve its sustainable development goals and build a prosperous future, he added.

Saudi Fund for Development CEO Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Murshed said the agreement emphasised the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's commitment to continue supporting the brotherly Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The agreement also reflected the interest of "our leaders in supporting the Government of Pakistan to navigate economic challenges and build a sustainable economy", he added.

**Expenditures needed to be reduced to cope with financial difficulties: CJP**

**News Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial on Thursday stressed the need of taking steps to reduce expenditures as the country was facing financial difficulties.

The CJP observed that all the record of donors of the dams fund was available on the Supreme Court's website, and the people would be informed about the machinery purchased from it.

They would ensure that the dams fund would not be spent on coping with the flood damages, he added.

The chief justice remarked that transmission lines were very important for the projects.

He was heading a five-member larger bench, which heard a case regarding the construction of Diamer-Bhasha and Mohmand dams.

During the hearing, the counsel of State Bank told the court that total Rs 10 billion was received in the dams fund, which would increase to Rs 17 billion during the current month due to its investment in government securities.

"No one had ever withdrawn the money and there is over Rs 16 billion amount present in the dams fund at the moment," he added. The collect-



ed amount was first invested in the government securities and then its proceeds were reinvested in T-bills through the National Bank.

The Secretary Water and Power told the court that the instructions had been given to release Rs 2.4 billion for the installation of transmission lines for the dam. The current circular debt in the country was Rs 2.6 trillion and it was expected to further increase, he added.

He said over 90% of electricity was being stolen at some grid stations. The Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) supplied electricity worth Rs 95 billion last year but collected only Rs 25 billion, he added.

He said electricity was being stolen through hooks and even distribution companies' (Discos) employees were also involved in the power theft. Half-hearted actions were taken against the power thieves, he added.

If such was the situation of Discos then why the same were not privatised as both the government and the International Monetary Fund were concerned about the increasing circular debt, he added.

The Secretary Power said now there was less raise in the circular debt due to raise in electricity prices. There was an annual shortfall of Rs 400 billion in the sale and purchase of electricity, he added.

The WAPDA's lawyer told the court that the Power Division had to pay 240 billion in line losses to the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA). The work of the dams project was affected due to non-payment to the contractors, and also due to floods and security situation, he added.

He said the infrastructure of Mohmand Dam was damaged and lack of funds was also hindering the dams projects as the amount allocated in the PSDP was also not being released.

He said the international experts had left the country due to COVID-19 outbreak.

Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan instructed the Secretary Power to ensure that dams project should not be affected for any reason.

**CM Parvez Elahi advises Governor to dissolve Punjab Assembly**

**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi has signed a summary for dissolution of Punjab Assembly day after he obtained vote of confidence from Punjab Assembly amid ruckus and opposition's boycott following weeks of political turbulence in the province.

The decision to dissolve the assembly had been taken in a meeting between the chief minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan held at Zaman Park, where senior party leaders were also present.

Speaking to the media on Thursday, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry said that the Punjab CM has signed the summary asking the Governor to dissolve provincial assembly.

The PTI leader said that the advice has been sent to the Punjab Governor. He said that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assembly will also be dissolved with the Punjab Assembly.

Earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman and



former prime minister Imran Khan had completed consultation with the party leadership and the Punjab Assembly and decided to dissolve Punjab Assembly.

Sources privy to the development said the PTI leadership had rejected the suggestion to delay dissolution of the provincial assembly till February and instead the assembly could be dissolved tonight.

Previously, in the wee hours of Thursday, Chaudhry Parvez Elahi proved his majority in the provincial assembly, winning the much-hyped vote of confidence.

The vote of confidence in the provincial legislature concluded with the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) coalition gaining majority support, with the backing of 186 lawmakers, the minimum number needed to win the vote.

**PSP, Farooq Sattar formally announce merger with MQM-P**



**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: Pak Sarzameen Party (PSP) and MQM Bahali Committee of Farooq Sattar have formally announced the merger with Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) ahead of local government (LG) elections in Karachi and Hyderabad.

The development was announced at a press conference held at the Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan's (MQM-P) headquarters in Karachi's Bahadurabad,

which was attended by Mustafa Kamal, Farooq Sattar, Amir Khan, Waseem Akhtar, Anis Kaimkhani and Nasreen Jalil.

Speaking at the outset of the press conference, MQM-P Convener Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said the "graveness" of the situation in Sindh's urban areas requires all people to join hands.

Khalid Maqbool claimed that the Sindh's urban areas were facing a political crisis, issues related to census and delimitation of constituencies, voter lists and employment.

**Nawaz was unhappy with no elections in April**

**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) MNA Chaudhry Salik Hussain said PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif was unhappy with not holding elections in April.

In an exclusive interview with ARY News, the PML-Q MNA Chaudhry Salik Hussain said that the PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif was in favour of early elections but he just wanted to make some important amendments.

He revealed that there were some parties in the PDM coalition who didn't want early elections. CM Punjab and PML-Q leaders used to go together for meeting with the establishment.

The PML-Q leader doubted that may be there are some back-door talks going on between the two leaders. He

said that in politics people change sides but till they are in coalition with PTI they will not unite.

Salik Hussain maintained that PDM was ready to give the chief minister seat to Pervaiz Elahi and there were talks on the seat adjustment as well.

Earlier, Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) MNA Chaudhry Salik Hussain conveyed an important message of his father, party's president Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif.

Talking to journalists after the meeting, Chaudhry Salik said that he has requested the PML-N supremo to return to Pakistan. However, he said, the former premier has not given any final date regarding his return.

## Winters' speciality

KARACHI: A vendor is selling chicken soup (Yakhni) alongside a road in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

## Tough economic times demand dialogue among political parties: President

## News Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi expressing strong concern over the state of the national economy has stressed that the political parties need to hold talks by rising above their differences.

In an exclusive interview with BBC, the president termed it crucial to 'lower the political heat' to avoid further deterioration of the economic situation in the country.

President Alvi urged negotiations among "all stakeholders", including the



ruling coalition government and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). He said differences were part of democracy, however, it was crucial for all to make united efforts to save the country from economic collapse.

"I am not insisting about [holding talks with] PTI chief Imran Khan, but at least the political parties should hold discussions, and after that, the leaders can also meet," he said.

He mentioned that in an

earlier consultation, Imran Khan had expressed satisfaction over the nomination of General Asim Munir as army chief. He, however, said that he was not 'brokering any dialogue' between Imran Khan and the current army leadership.

Calling 2023 an election year, the president said the political parties should also negotiate about it whether to hold the polls sooner or later, plus or minus a few months.

The president said that he had been personally making efforts to reduce tension among stakeholders and

termed social media "a major reason" behind the differences between Imran Khan and former army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa.

He said undue importance paid to social media resulted in misunderstandings and pointed out that "decision-making elements" in the country failed to effectively handle social media.

"I have been trying to bring people together to help them end their mistrust, and I will continue to do so. It is my constitutional responsibility to keep the federation united," he said.

## 'Promise fulfilled': Moonis reminds PTI on signing summary for PA dissolution



## Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader Moonis Elahi said on Thursday Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi had fulfilled a promise by signing a summary for dissolution of the Punjab Assembly.

Taking to Twitter, the former federal minister said, "Promise fulfilled." Talking about Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, Moonis said, "May we see you back in PM seat soon, @ImranKhanPTI"

## Punjab Governor withdraws Pervaiz Elahi's de-notification order, LHC Informed

## News Desk

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) was told on Thursday that Punjab Governor Balighur Rehman has taken back his order to de-notify Pervaiz Elahi as the chief minister after he managed to secure the confidence of 186 members in the Punjab Assembly.

A five-member bench comprising Justice Abid Aziz Shaikh, Justice Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal, Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh, Justice Asim Hafeez and Justice Muzamil Akhtar Shabir heard the case.

During today's proceedings, Elahi's lawyer Barrister Ali Zafar informed the bench that his client had taken the vote of confidence from the Punjab Assembly.

## Bilawal speaks with Muttaqi; condemns attack on Afghan foreign ministry



## City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Thursday held a telephonic conversation with Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi and condemned the terrorist attack that took place on Wednesday targeting Afghan foreign ministry.

The foreign minister, in a tweet, said that both the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan were the victims of terrorism and must put in all-out efforts to defeat the menace.

"Spoke to Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi today;

condemned the terrorist attack on his (Afghan foreign ministry) yesterday. Both people of Pakistan and Afghanistan are victims of terrorism. Must do all we can to defeat this menace," the foreign minister tweeted.

According to a Foreign Office statement, the foreign minister underscored that terrorism posed a common threat to both Pakistan and Afghanistan and required a collective response.

Reaffirming complete solidarity with the Afghan people in countering this menace, the foreign minister underlined Pakistan's commitment to work with Afghanistan towards

## UAE businessmen call on PM

## Spokesman Report

ABU DHABI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said that Pakistan had great investment opportunities, and the government was taking all necessary steps to facilitate investors.

The Prime Minister was talking to a delegation of investors and businessmen of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which called on him here.

The delegation comprised Mohammed Hassan Al-Suwaidi, Chief Executive Officer of Abu Dhabi Developmental Holding Company (ADQ), Syed Basar Shueb, Managing Director of International Holdings Company (IHC) and others.

During the meeting, the delegation was briefed with regard to geo-economic potential of Pakistan in the areas of food and agriculture, aviation, power, alternate energy including solar energy, financial services, healthcare, industry, logistics, real estate, tourism and hospitality.

Mohammed Hassan Al-Suwaidi showed interest in expanding the ADQ's global presence and readiness to explore business and investment potential of Pakistan.

ADQ is one of the largest holding companies in the Middle East region with a diverse portfolio of large enterprises covering key sectors of the non-oil economy of Abu Dhabi.

## Elevated Pak-ASEAN partnership in the mutual benefit of both sides: Experts

## City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Experts in a panel discussion here at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) on Thursday stressed that a deeper and elevated Pakistan-ASEAN partnership was in the mutual benefit of Pakistan and South-East Asian countries.

The experts made the remarks during a dialogue session organized here by the ISSI in collaboration with the ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI), led by Ambassador of Vietnam Nguyen Tien Phong and ACI chairman.

Speaking on the occasion, former foreign secretary Sohail Mahmood said Pakistan recognized the ASEAN 'miracle' that had contributed immensely to peace, regional economic integration, and prosperity through effective regional cooperation in Southeast Asia.

He added that Pakistan's desire to forge a closer relationship with ASEAN was driven by its 'Vision East Asia' policy as well as the imperatives of geo-economics.

The other speakers focused on exploring avenues for further deepening cordial relations between Pakistan



and ASEAN members, bilaterally as well as on the institutional platform of ASEAN.

They exchanged views on the current state of Pakistan-ASEAN cooperation and underlined the need to enhance linkages between business communities and academic institutions/

think-tanks across ASEAN member states.

The ACI Chairman and other members shared valuable suggestions on strengthening overall collaboration between the two sides, including through increased people-to-people exchanges.

It was also agreed that

ISSI-ACI collaboration would be utilized to raise awareness about the potential of Pakistan-ASEAN partnership and ways to optimally realize it.

Besides the Chairman, the ACI delegation included Ambassador of Indonesia Adam M. Tugio, Ambassador of Thailand Chakkrid Krachaiwong, Ambassador of Myanmar U Win Myint; Charge d' Affaires of Philippines Maria Agnes M. Cervantes, Acting High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam Abdul Mubdi Osman and Charge d' Affaires of Malaysia Nor Azuan Haji Ayub.

## Installation of conical baffle in geysers made mandatory by OGRA

## News Desk

LAHORE: In line with the Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan's Energy Conservation Plan, OGRA has made installation of Conical Baffle in conventional gas geysers mandatory for domestic gas consumers. In this regard, OGRA has approved gas utilities request to undertake mandatory installations of Conical Baffles. A public hearing in this respect was held at OGRA Head Office in Islamabad on January 09, 2023.

The installation of Conical Baffles will result in 20 to 25% saving in gas bills and will as such help in mitigating the ongoing natural gas crisis in the country.

## 'Disaster Risk Calendar' on cards for generating region-specific emergency alerts: NDMA Chairman

## Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik on Thursday apprised Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Hans Guttman, that the authority was working on the formulation of a 'Disaster Risk Calendar' based on foreseeable disasters for generating region-specific emergency alerts which would be subjected to revision by the end of the calendar year in light of practical experiences.

ADPC ED Hans Guttman called on NDMA Chairman Lt Gen Inam Haider here, a news release said.

ADPC ED discussed



matters of mutual interest including the signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) between Pakistan and ADPC which was inked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The HCA will enable ADPC to establish offices in

Pakistan and support to make interventions in collaboration with NDMA for making the country resilient. Both sides also explored possibilities for mutual cooperation in future.

NDMA Chairman emphasized on developing mutual

intellectual and academic fora as a collective approach towards disaster mitigation and disaster risk reduction with the advanced outlook of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) in Pakistan.

He underscored the potential areas of investment in building the capacity of national emergency response and preparedness through sharing experiences, training and transfer of technology in the field of disaster management.

He also apprised the visiting dignitary of his vision for the establishment of remodeled and technology-driven National Preparedness and Response System in the country for a proactive approach to disaster management.

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# ENGRO LNG terminal helps Pakistan save over \$3b through import substitution of furnace oil

**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: Engro Elengy Terminal has successfully handled over 450 ship-to-ship transfers since its inception, as a result, Pakistan has been able to save more than \$3 billion through import substitution of furnace oil.

In 2015, Engro developed the first-ever LNG terminal facility of Pakistan. Built in a record 335 days, the LNG terminal currently handles 68% of all LNG imports into Pakistan and now fulfills around 15 percent of the country's daily domestic gas requirement.

EVTL is the only facility in Pakistan that combines services for bulk storage of chemicals, cryogenic and LPG gases all under one operations. The terminal operations have grown from

handling 0.5 million tons of specialized and hazardous bulk liquid cargoes to around 6 million tons per annum. Since inception, it has facilitated investments of more than \$2 billion in the downstream petrochemical industry. EVTL provides for over 60 percent of Pakistan's bulk chemical imports and about 55% of LPG marine imports. Therefore, this venture stands as a key enabler for major industrial activities in Pakistan and helps contribute towards energy security that serves over 1 million households.

EVTL and EETL safely handle almost \$4 billion of feedstock and products on an annual basis, without any incidents related to product

contamination or loss, health, and the environment. The business has operated without lost-time injury (LTI) for the last 25 years, which is an impeccable safety record even by global standards.

To mark the 25th anniversary of Engro and Royal Vopak partnership, Mr. Dick Richelle (Chairman Executive Board and CEO - Royal Vopak) and Mr. Chris Robblee (President, Vopak Asia & Middle East) toured Pakistan to meet partner Engro Corporation, headed by Mr. Ghias Khan (President and CEO), senior executives of Engro, and visited the terminal facilities at Port Qasim to engage with the employees as well. According to Mr. Ghias Khan,

"This partnership is very special and a great example of Pakistan because it has been very successful in all dimensions. We are now looking forward to greater things not just in Pakistan, but internationally as well. What we value the most about this relationship is the mutual respect and trust, and the desire to learn from each other."

Mr. Dick Richelle shared that, "We have many partnerships around the globe for quite some time, but what we have in Pakistan is very special. We are not only celebrating 25 years of partnership between Vopak and Engro, but its 25 years of friendship between the two companies. I want to thank everyone at Engro for allowing us to develop this friendship over the period of time, and to do that with the trust we put in EVTL and Elengy."



## Group photo

KARACHI: President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi, FTO, Asif Mahmood Jah, Siraj Uddin, Chairman PCA and Muhammad Yousuf, Former Senior Vice Chairman, PCA posing for a group photo at Governor House Karachi.



## Education & Health care facilities for labour will be upgraded

**Mian Rashid Asghar**

FAISALABAD: "Mazdoor" Card has been launched in collaboration with Bank of Punjab to facilitate the secured industrial workers in the prevailing inflation while its ambit would also be further enhanced to provide them subsidized food items in addition to linking them with micro-finance scheme of "Akhuwat", said Mr. Nabeel Javed Secretary Labour & Human Resource Punjab.

Addressing to the business community & elite business force in Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he informed that, steps were also underway to streamline the provision of medical and education facilities to the worker's families and their children.

He further said that the minutes of the meeting would be shared with the FCCI to resolve the industrialists'

problems according to the ground realities. He also assured to notify the committees and give representation to FCCI in the BOGs of PESSI and WWF on priority basis.

Earlier Dr. Sajjad Arshad Senior Vice President introduced Faisalabad and FCCI and said that 8,000 members belonging to 128 different trades are affiliated with this elected trade body of Faisalabad. He was critical of global meltdown and political uncertainty and said that industries are facing the brunt of the crisis with minimum layoffs of workers.

He said that continuity of this situation may further enhance unemployment and trigger lawlessness in the country. He said that major industrial units are working with only 40% of their installed capacity while 70% power looms and SME units have been closed down rendering 7 lac workers jobless. He said that

in this crisis, the government must take care of the workers by providing them subsidized ration and other fringe benefits

Muhammad Amjad Khawaja of Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association, Chaudhry Muhammad Nawaz of All Pakistan Cotton Power Looms Association, Mian Tayyab of All Pakistan Bed Sheets and Upholstery Manufacturers Association, Chairman of FCCI Standing Committee on Social Security Shahid Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman EOBI and Labour Laws Standing Committee Haji Talib Hussain Rana and Shakeel Ansari of Sizing Association also participated in the question-answer session while Vice President Haji Muhammad Aslam Bhalli offered vote of thanks. Later Senior Vice President Dr. Sajjad Arshad presented FCCI memento to Secretary Labour and Human Resource Mr. Nabeel Javed.

## Successful negotiations of the district administration



**Adam Khan Wazir**

WANA: The negotiations of the central leaders of Waziristan Aman Olasi Pason Aman (Waziristan peace public movement) with the district administration were successful, the seven-day sit-in was ended and all the blocked roads were opened.

According to the details, the successful negotiations of the district administration with the sit-in going on for seven consecutive days, the participants of the sit-in expressed their happiness on the success of the negotiations.

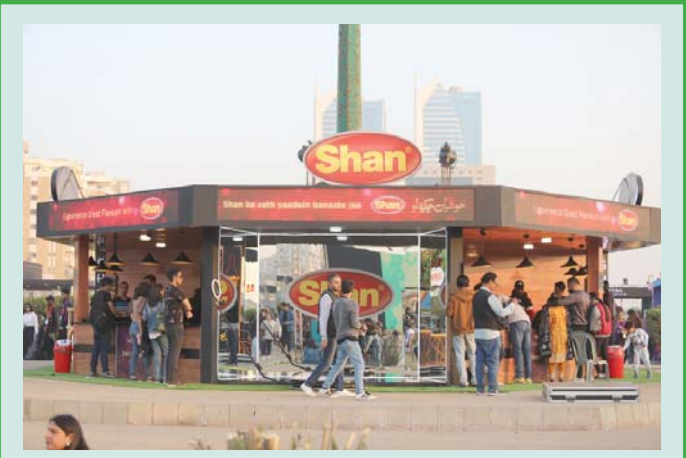
Immediately after the success of the negotiations, DC South Waziristan Lower Nasir Khan, DPO Shabir Hussain and AC Wana Yasir Salman Khan Kundi reached the protest pandal, on this occasion, Tehsil Wana Chairman Maulana Saleh Wazir was also with them.

DC Nasir Khan, while expressing his views, congratulated the people participating in the sit-in and said that all the demands of your people are constitutional and legal, we will start implementing all these demands very soon. Some demands take time to process and most requests will be processed many times.

At which the people involved in the sit-in expressed their satisfaction, the sit-in was declared over, and all the closed roads were opened.

It should be remembered that local leaders of all political parties, PPP, ANP, JUL, JI, PTI, NDM, PKMAP, lawyers, businessmen, PTM and a large number of tribal elders and youth participated.

Waziristan Aman Olsi Pason (Waziristan peace public movement) gave their demands to the district administration in the form of a letter.



KARACHI: Bringing a fusion of flavors to tantalize everyone's taste buds, Shan Foods and Shop showcased flavors from Pakistan and from around the world at the Karachi Eat Festival 2023. Visitors were also treated with immersive engagement activities such as 360-degree video booths and gaming arenas.

## Aimal Developers Organizes dealers convention

**News Desk**

KARACHI: Shangrila City, a luxurious and affordable housing project in Karachi, organized a dealer convention in honor of the people associated with the project at a local hotel on Tuesday. The convention was briefed by Aimal Developers about the master plan of Shangrila City and the details of future activities.

At the dealer convention, Syed Muhammad Afzal Hameed, CEO of Aimal Developers, endorsed the master plan of Shangrila City and informed about all the activities and future performance on the site. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Shangrila City is the better future of Karachi. Speaking on the occasion, Mohammad Kashan Siddiqui, CEO of Al-Meeraj Marketing thanked all the dealers who attended the convention. He said that the real estate sector needs to be made more constructive and profitable and for this purpose, Al-Meeraj Marketing Real Estate Institute is being introduced, which will give the youth an opportunity to move forward and improve their future.

Yousaf Bashir Qureshi (YQB), Owais Rabbani (Motivational Speaker) and Samad Abbas were the chief guests of the ceremony. Addressing the youth, Owais Rabbani said that the youth are the assets of this nation. On this occasion, Samad Abbas also organized a training session. The dealer convention was hosted by Hamza Akhtar Qaimkhani and Syed Bilal Ahmed.

## Import restrictions hinder smooth process of future export orders: PHMA

**News Desk**

LAHORE: Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA) has lamented that the import restriction by the State Bank of Pakistan would hinder the smooth process of future export orders, leading to declining foreign inflows amidst depleting foreign exchange reserves which are presently at the lowest ebb in the country.

PHMA zonal chairman Naseer Butt sought the prime minister's intervention to exempt whole textile export sector against restrictions imposed by the central bank, allowing import of all kind of textile industry raw material to enhance exports growth, as the authorities have placed the import of the textile industry's raw material on third priority.

He said that the hosiery industry is facing undue delay in sales tax refunds and restrictions on import of raw material, resulting into inordinate delay in export orders and damaging the reputation of the country. He called for continuation of Duty Drawback of Local Taxes & Levies (DLTL) Scheme to ensure growth in country's exports, besides releasing the stuck up claims of 2019-20 under this scheme.



## IIUI acting president visits male hostels, listens to issues of students

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Professor. Dr. N. B. Jumani, Acting President of International Islamic University (IIU) chaired a session on Thursday at the hostel 5 and 6 of the university where he listened to the problems of the students in presence of all the relevant officers as well as he along with all the Directors personally visited various places at the hostels of male campus and inspected overall situation.

The session was attended by all the Directors and their relevant officials of the departments, while Dr. Abrar Anver, Provost male hostels was also present on the occasion.

Listening to the problems of the students and addressing the issues, the Acting President directed that there must be no negligence in addressing the immediate solvable issues. He desired that all the concerned departments according to the identified problems at the hostels must chalk out plans and submit the reports along with solutions in his office at earliest as he would be personally supervising all matters discussed in hostels during this visit. The Worthy Acting President said that there will be zero tolerance for those who will show negligence in duty.

## PMAJK inaugurates Computerized Land Record Service



**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan on Thursday inaugurated the Computerized Land Record Service Center and E.facilitation center for State Subject Certificates and Domicile. On this occasion, Special Assistant Information Technology Board Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal, Forest Minister Muhammad Akmal Sargala, Senior Member Board of Revenue Dr. Liaquat Hussain, Secretary Information and IT Ms. Midhat Shahzad and several others were present. Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan also visited the Computerized Land Record Service Center. Secretary Information Technology Ms. Midhat Shehzad gave him a detailed briefing regarding the computerization of land records. She told the PM that after maintains the land records all information would be available online on web portal www.ajkzmaen.gov.pk. She said that the Computerized Land Record Service Centers were also working in other districts of Azad Kashmir added.

## Right information and rights of the society are preferences

**Mian Rashid Asghar**

FAISALABAD: The Zila Markaz for Right to Information Act has been established in DC office under Punjab Information Commission to provide information to the citizens under this Right to Information Act.

The Markaz was formally inaugurated by Chief Information Commissioner Mehboob Qadir Shah and the Deputy Commissioner, Imran Hamid Sheikh. Additional Deputy Commissioner Headquarter Kashif Raza Awan, Professor Dr. Jalal Arif from Agricultural University, In-charge District Emergency Operational Center, Muhammad Sadiq and other officers were also present on this occasion. He informed that the Zila RTI Markaz has been



establishing in each district of the province. He thanked the district administration for this coordination. The Deputy Commissioner said that under the vision of Punjab Information Commission the said information shall be provided to the citizen under RTI act.

Further the Assistant Commissioner Tehsil City Waqas Safdar Sikandri has requested to the Deputy Commissioner for the issuance

of Show Cause Notice to 13 Price Control Magistrates for not showing complete actual regard to their official responsibilities regarding price control mechanism. He said that Deputy Commissioner Imran Hamid Sheikh has directed to conduct regular price checking and uploading the data at Qeemat Punjab App but DO Water WASA Shahbaz Latif, Community Development Officer PHED Irfan Riasat,

District Sports Officer Sajida Latif, Chief Officer District Council Ghulam Dastgir, Director Operation WASA Muhammad Ejaz Latif, Population Welfare Officer Kashif Habib, AD Agriculture Extension Dr. Khalid Iqbal, Tehsildar City Rana Sajid, DD Agriculture Extension Khalid Mehmood, Niab Tehsildar City Saeed Ahmad, ADWASA Muhammad Izhar ul Haq, Deputy Chief Officer MCF Amjad Ali and Director WASA Kamran Raza price Control Magistrates despite repeating the directions and reminders have failed to file data imposed to profiteers, registering FIRs and sealing of premises etc; therefore DC was informed for taking the disciplinary action against all those who have no interest in public welfare.









