



Gov't to digitally empower youth: Ahsan Iqbal

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Wednesday said that keeping in view the extra ordinary talent and qualities in the youth of the country, the government was going to digitally empower them by providing 100,000 laptops in the first phase. He was addressing as chief guest at the Artificial Intelligence Summit here at the National Incubation Center (NIC).



Qureshi asks govt to accept resignations of remaining PTI MNAs

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) vice chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi has slammed the National Assembly speaker for accepting the resignations of 35 party's MNA. ARY News reported on Wednesday. Exclusively talking to ARY News program Bakhabar Savera, the former federal minister took a dig at Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, asking him to denotify 125 PTI lawmakers rather than 35. (Report on Page 8)

Simultaneously published from Islamabad, Lahore and Multan

Protest

LAHORE: Women activists of Jamaat-e-Islami hold a protest in favor of their demands at Liberty Chowk in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Four soldiers martyred in cross-border attack from Iran: ISPR



Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI : Four security personnel were martyred in a terrorist activity from across the Pakistan-Iran border in Balochistan's Panjgur district, the military's media affairs wing said on Wednesday. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the incident took place when terrorists from the Pakistan-Iran border targeted a convoy of security personnel patrolling along the divide in Chukab Sector, Panjgur, Balochistan.

In response, the military's media wing said, the Iranian side had been asked to hunt down the terrorists. Earlier, Security forces

killed four terrorists during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in the general area of Balochistan's Hoshab and Tilsar.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the security forces conducted operation in Hoshab and Tilsar during which terrorists present in the area opened fire.

"During the ensuing heavy exchange of fire, four terrorists have been killed while large quantity of home-made bombs and explosive material was also recovered," the ISPR said.

The ISPR further said that security forces reached the area through special helicopters while the objective of the operation was to eliminate the hideouts of the terrorists.

FM Bilawal, Prince Faisal reaffirms deep-rooted fraternal ties

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud on Wednesday reaffirmed the historic and deep-rooted fraternal ties between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

On his Twitter handle, the foreign minister shared pictures of his meeting with Foreign Minister of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF23), saying he was delighted to meet Saudi FM.

During the meeting, foreign minister Bilawal expressed gratitude for Saudi Arabia's long-standing support and they reiterated their resolve to deepen the bilateral cooperation in



all areas.

At the invitation of the President World Economic Forum (WEF), the foreign minister is attending the Forum's annual meeting being held from January 16-20 in Davos, Switzerland.

Meanwhile, in another tweet, the foreign minister posted that he also met Foreign Minister of Finland Pekka Haavisto on the sidelines of WEF23 in Davos.

They discussed bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.

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The foreign minister further said that he appreciated Finland for its support at Resilient Pakistan Conference in Geneva. They resolved to further enhancing relations between the two countries, particularly in trade, energy and education.

President, PM strongly condemn terror attack on security forces

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday strongly condemned a terrorist attack targeting the security forces in Panjgur area of Balochistan.

Expressing grief over the martyrdom of four security personnel in the attack, the president reiterated that the whole nation was resolved to fight out terrorism.

He paid tribute to the services and great sacrifices of the security personnel for the country.

The president saluted the brave soldiers for their valor and prayed for their high ranks

in paradise.

He also sympathised with the bereaved family and prayed to Allah Almighty for strength to them to bear the loss with fortitude.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif also strongly condemned killing of four security officials in a terrorist incident along Pakistan-Iran border in Balochistan.

On his Twitter handle, the prime minister said that the nation paid homage to the sacrifices of their martyred soldiers in the line of duty.

The prime minister further said, "We expect Iran will ensure that its soil is not used for cross border attacks."

Rigging in Sindh LG polls lends credence to EVM system sabotage: IK

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD : Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan said on Wednesday the rigging in the Sindh local government (LG) elections was enough evidence to make out why the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs) was blocked.

Taking to Twitter, he wrote, "After getting reports on the latest LG elections in Sindh it is apparent that the PPP has no commitment to fair and free elections. Instead it uses force, blackmail, police harassment, and money to get votes. Now also clear why the ECP, cabal of crooks and their handlers, sabotaged EVMs".

"EVMs allow for transparency & immediate results so prevent rigging-engineering of results. Right now, results of LG elections which should have come out within a few hours at most, were coming out in a staggering delay some for days, allowing for massive foul play. If this is

Caretaker Punjab CM: Opposition Forms Parliamentary Committee

Bureau Report

LAHORE: The opposition has formed a three-member parliamentary committee for finalising the nomination for the caretaker Punjab chief minister (CM).

The parliamentary committee was formed in pursuance of a letter to the Punjab Assembly speaker by the Opposition Leader Hamza Shehbaz.

The committee members include Malik Ahmed Khan, Hassan Murtaza and Nadeem Kamran. Khalid Tahir Sindhu has been dropped from the committee.

Earlier in the day, it was learnt that the issue of the nomination of the caretaker chief minister of Punjab was referred to the parliamentary committee.

Governor Punjab Baligh ur Rehman has written a letter to the Speaker Punjab Assembly for the constitution of a parliamentary committee over the nomination of the caretaker CM of the province.

Following dissolution of the Punjab Assembly, the government and opposition expedited consultations for a caretaker set-up in the province.

The PA speaker will form a six-member committee, comprises of three members each from the government and the opposition.

PML-N, the largest opposition party in the provincial assembly, was expected to nominate Malik Ahmad Khan, Khalil Tahir Sindhu and People's Party's Hassan Murtaza as its nominees for the committee.

In case the matter won't be decided by the parliamentary committee, the issue of the nomination of Punjab's caretaker chief minister will be forwarded to the election commission for final decision.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi to Resign From NA over differences with PML-N: ARY

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Former federal minister Faisal Vawda has claimed that former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi would resign from National Assembly (NA) after differences emerged with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), ARY News reported on Wednesday.

In a statement, Faisal Vawda alleged that the former prime minister would resign from National Assembly (NA) in a few days over differences with PML-N.

He further claimed that Shahid Khaqan would resign along with other Muslim League lawmakers. However, the PML-N and Abbasi have not responded to the claims yet.

Earlier it was reported that the Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) MPAs blamed the Special Assistant to the prime minister Atta Tarar for defeat in the Punjab assembly

Hafiz Naeem announces to block roads across country if mandate stolen

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman has announced to block the roads across the country if the mandate of Karachiites is stolen after the local government (LG) polls.

While addressing a sit-in outside a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) office in District West, the JI Karachi chief Hafiz

Naeemur Rehman said, "We will block the roads across the country if it is needed. We have won majority seats in Karachi in the recent LG polls."

"Even if Pakistan People's Party (PPP) spends 100 years, it cannot get a majority in Karachi. PPP's conduct and the style of politics are based on Karachi enmity."

READ: JI HAS DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF WINNING MOST SEATS IN KARACHI LG

POLLS: HAFIZ NAEEM He slammed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for failing to address the complaints.

He said, "The returning officers (ROs) changed the LG polls results under the nose of the Election Commissioner [Sindh]. How can we say that the election commissioner is performing his duties properly when ROs are manipulating the results?"

Major emitters must assist global clean energy transition: Sherry Rehman

Spokesman Report

DAVOS: Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Sherry Rehman on Wednesday said, "The historic emitters responsible for the majority of global GHG emissions need to move resources to allow developing and emerging economies to make the energy transition to renewable without compromising development."

The Federal Minister was at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting being held in Davos. She was speaking at a panel discussion titled 'Bending the Emissions Curve' where she was joined by the Chairman of the Board, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Shunichi Miyayaga, Chief Executive Officer, Heineken, Dolf van den Brink, and Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Baker Hughes Lorenzo Simonelli. The panel was moderated by CNBC's journalist and anchor, Steve Sedgwick.

Minister Rehman said that the commitment towards net-zero by 2050 loses its meaning if the 1.5C target was no longer achievable. "We are on an ambitious track to net-zero



but all of that takes a huge pause if the 1.5C target set under the Paris Agreement is under threat, as we are struggling to keep it alive. If we continue business as usual, we are hurtling towards a 3.0C world which will be a race against time for many of us. We experience the burn much faster and harder than anybody else, and in a kind of scale that nobody has seen. We are in geographies of extreme vulnerability and our experience of climate change and global warming is very non-linear," she stated.

Senator Sherry Rehman met with the CEO and Co-founder of Planet Labs, Will Marshall. They discussed the role of space technologies, such as satellites, can lead to several inventions that can benefit the environment, as well as role of meteorological satellites as early warning systems to predict extreme weather conditions like unprecedented rains, droughts, and

Removing black sheet

Islamabad: Capital police removing black sheet from a car window at Khayaban-e-Suhrawardy Road on Wednesday.



Sindh LG polls result: Several injured as PTI, PPP workers clash

KARACHI : Workers of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Wednesday clashed outside the office of the Keamari deputy returning officer (DRO) following the controversial results of the Sindh local government (LG) elections.

The PTI staged a protest against the results outside the Keamari DRO's office. Party's provincial bigwigs Khurram Sher Zaman and Syed Ali Zaidi led the protest. Police contingents tried to take control of the situation. Reports said the workers pelted each other with stones resulting in injuries of police personnel and four journalists covering the incident. The agitators also broke the windowpanes of the DRO's office. PTI MNA Syed Ali Zaidi said he was also injured in the clash.

Mr Zaman said the result was tampered with. "We are demanding the DRO and the DC to notify the results as per



the form-11, but they are not responding as they are being pressured by the provincial government," he claimed. The administration must, he said, pay heed to our complaints.

Mr Zaidi said the results were being changed inside the DRO's office. "The PPP's goons came in the presence of the police and started pelting

us with stones which left me injured," he added.

PPP's Sharjeel Memon said the PTI workers came with a plan to attack the PPP workers. "It is condemnable to attack the opponents after facing defeat in election, however, the administration will take action against the perpetrators," he added.

Later, the ECP took notice of the "irregularities" in the result of local government (LG) elections in Sindh's six union councils as well as the clash between workers of the PPP and the PTI.

Earlier, the PPP bagged most seats in Karachi, Hyderabad and other parts of Sindh in the second phase of the local

government elections held on Sunday. It sprang a surprise in Karachi where it secured 93 seats. The Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) secured 86 seats and the PTI 40 as the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday evening released the consolidated results of the 235 union councils in Karachi division.

Despite showing historic performance in the LG elections, the PPP is still unable to get its mayor elected. Therefore, the PPP invited the JI to hold talks for the position of mayor in Karachi.

Know More: Siraj threatens protest if PPP denies JI its right

As soon as the polling concluded, the JI announced protest against "delayed and tempered result" in the LG polls across all major cities in the country from Tuesday. JI chief Siraj ul Haq said the JI had sprung up as a big party in the election adding the delay in reporting the result by the Election Commission of Pakistan had spurred doubts.

Thai Ambassador inaugurates gold plated gallery to display the holy bone relics of the Lord Buddha

Correspondent

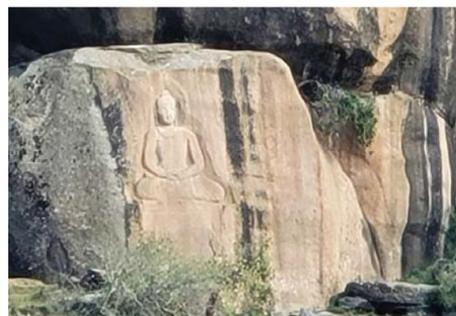
WAH CANTT : Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan Chakkrid Krachaiwon on Tuesday inaugurated gold plated gallery with bullet-proof glasses to display the holy bone relics of the Lord Buddha at Taxila Museum on Tuesday.

The gallery was gifted and installed by Thai government with multiple security and safety features for better safety and security of the unique relics. Speaking on this occasion, Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan Chakkrid Krachaiwon has said that the installation to mark the 71st year of Thai-Pakistan diplomatic relations.

He said that the contain-

er in which the holy relics is preserved is designed as a symbol of good will and longlasting diplomatic and cordial relations between two friendly countries that have the similarity of culture and history. "This gallery is a symbol of interfaith harmony between different faiths and cultures".

Ministry of foreign affairs Additional Secretary Asia and Pacific, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said on this occasion that Thailand and Pakistan relations are deep-rooted. The gallery presentation, the three-month-long Chief Buddhist monk of Sangha Supreme Council of Thailand, Most Venerable Arayawangso, who along with his disciple, pilgrimage to Pakistan is



proof of the fact that along with diplomatic relations, the cultural relations are on the fast track. We see more prospects of enhancing relations, especially religious tourism.

Speaking on this occasion,

the Punjab Department of Archeology Deputy Director Muhammad Iqbal Manj said that since the inauguration of the Taxila Museum in 1928, the holy relic for the first time has been displayed in a sepa-

rate gallery in a special onemeter-long bulletproof glass. He said that with the state-of-the-art security features- the threat of theft of the holy relic was now out of the question.

He said that the holy relic of Lord Buddha was discovered in a silver casket containing a silver inscription. The inscription is written in the ancient Kharosthi script that was once common throughout Gandhara. The inscription states that Urusaka of Noacha placed bone relics of the Buddha in his chapel at Dharmarajika. The excavation was carried out by the then Surveyor General of British India Sir John Marshall during excavations carried out from 1912-16 in Taxila from Dharmarajika Stupa.

IHC adjourns Azam Swati's contempt plea against CDA

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday adjourned the contempt plea filed by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Azam Swati against the Capital Development Authority's (CDA), ARY News reported.

As per details, the court rejected the plea to issue a contempt notice to the respondents.

Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir said that the contempt plea which the petitioner mentioned, was neither the court order nor the petitioner's plea.

Pakistan's first DC power transmission project passing on advanced technologies

News Desk

BELJING : At the Matiari Converter Station, the starting point of Pakistan's power transmission artery, the number of trained DC power transmission engineers has nearly doubled.

The 886-km Matiari to Lahore 660kV HVDC Transmission Line project has imparted state-of-the-art knowledge to the local staff to sustain its safe operation and make the strongest power equipment worthwhile, one of the founding employees of the project, Assistant Duty Officer of Control and Protection Department, Mir Arslan Ali told China Economic Net



(CEN).

Arslan Ali who is imparting training to junior engineers is pleased to see that the state-of-the-art technology is being passed on to technicians.

From the completion of the project in 2020, the number of trained DC power transmission engineers has nearly doubled, growing from 16 to nearly 30.

On the site of the first HVDC transmission project in Pakistan, the engineers who are

bound to become the backbone of Pakistan's power transmission sector are learning different fault situations and various solutions for the most complex conditions.

While China's most advanced power transmission technology offers a new starting point for the development of power transmission in Pakistan, we take up the baton and impart the state-of-the-art knowledge to the local staff to sustain its safe operation and make the strongest power equipment worthwhile, Mir Arslan Ali told CEN in an interview after he received the award for outstanding Pakistani staff in CPEC projects from the

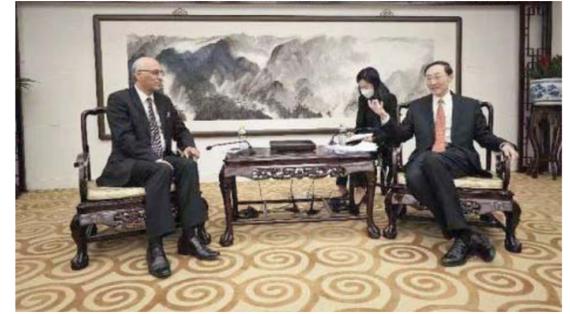
Chinese Embassy.

Since being put into operation in September 2021, the project has transmitted approximately 20.6 billion KWH of cumulative electricity, providing consistent, high-quality and clean electricity for nearly 10 million local households.

The transmitted power accounts for about one-sixth of Pakistan's entire grid.

It not only helped Pakistan solve the problem of grid load distribution and uneven resources but also provided at least 7,000 employment opportunities during the construction period and carried out about 8,000 training sessions for Pakistani staff.

Ambassador Haque meets with Chinese Vice FM Sun Weidong



Spokesman Report

BELJING: Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque called on Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong here and reviewed the entire gamut of relations between Pakistan and China.

During the meeting, they also

reviewed high-level exchanges, trade, investment and China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Ambassador Haque said that Vice Foreign Minister Sun was an abiding friend and "We still fondly recall his stay in Pakistan and valuable contributions as Chinese Ambassador."

KP Governor signs PA dissolution advice to save nation's time

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR : Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali Wednesday said that instead of wasting two days, he had signed the advice of the Chief Minister for dissolution of the provincial assembly with immediate effect.

Talking to the media persons here at Governor House, he said that the purpose of his immediate signing of the summary was to save the nation from two days of confusion and wastage of time.

The governor arranged a special reception for orphans and persons with disabilities on the green lawn of the governor House. About 2000 from various orphanage houses and other organizations attended the reception.

A large number of people including political workers, businessmen and senior officers of the civil bureaucracy also attended the function.

The governor observed that the economic conditions of the country were not in good condition, adding "We are facing economic and political challenges."

Therefore, he said that since he had taken oath of his office, he was calling for developing consensus to take the province forward according to our customs and traditions.

But, the whole country had witnessed that a political party was following a single point agenda of how to create anarchy in the country and aggravated both political and economic situations and created hurdles in bringing improvement in them, he added.

Haji Ghulam Ali said that as now the provincial assembly had been dissolved as per wish of a particular political party, then today he was appealing to the nation particularly to youth, general public and all segments of the society to keep into consideration who had brought the country to the current situation.

Qureshi asks govt to accept resignations of remaining PTI MNAs

Bureau Report

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Exclusively talking to ARY News program Bakhbar Savera, the former federal minister took a dig at Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, asking him to denotify 125 PTI lawmakers rather than 35.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi slammed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), claiming that PTI members were de-notified in order to shorten the run-off. "The prompt denotification of PTI MNAs proves ECP-NA speaker nexus."

The move of ECP has mocked democracy in the country, he added.

Continuing to take a jibe at his

political opponents PTI leader claimed that PDM parties are afraid of facing the masses and running away from elections. "We have a one-point agenda on holding elections in the country."

Lambasting the government over the economic situation, Shah Mahmood Qureshi lamented that the PDM-led government was not concerned about the poor people, adding that today the country was witnessing the closure of the industries and there was chaos everywhere.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has denotified more Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) after the NA speaker accepted their resignations.

In July last year, NA Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf had accepted the resignations of 11 PTI MNAs.

Bajwa Tax Record Leak: Court Grants Bail to Journalist Shahid Aslam

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: A sessions court in Islamabad has granted post-arrest bail to journalist Shahid Aslam in a case related to leaking tax records of former army chief Gen (ret) Qamar Javed Bajwa.

ISPR's statement: On November 27, the military's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) rubbished nefarious campaign launched against Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa and his family related to their tax records.

The petition stated that a case is registered in FIAs Anti-Corruption Circle in the matter of leaking tax record details of former COAS.

In a statement, the ISPR said that the reports were "totally untrue and based on blatant lies".

"Misleading data regarding the assets of army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and his family have been shared on social media. These misleading figures are exaggerated and based on assumption," the ISPR said.

IIB partners with University of the People to award M.Ed. scholarships

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) is announcing the next application cycle for tuition-free scholarships in partnership with the University of the People for educators to complete an online Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree. With the launch of these fully-funded scholarships, the IB aims to eliminate the accessibility barriers to quality education and fill the global need of more than 69 million teaching positions by 2030 as estimated by UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to meet United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4).

Tuition-free, non-profit, and entirely online, UoPeople is an American university that offers students in 194 nations access to approved undergraduate and gradu-

ate degree programs.

The IB has awarded 196 scholarships since the beginning of the programme in 2019 to provide teachers with greater access to advanced degrees in education.

So far, eight scholarships are awarded to educators in Pakistan which signify a concerted effort and dedication to address the global lack of quality educators, it guarantees that more students have access to a top-notch education in turn.

A recipient of the scholarship Principal Ilmesters Miss Neesha Feroz, said: "Education has given me the tools I need to implement to improve the teaching strategy used by my team. The curriculum at UoP is in line with contemporary teaching, and the knowledge I have gained is quite useful in my everyday life."

The IB empowers

students to master their educational journey and foster the abilities they need to flourish. It supports inspiring educators and help them excel in their careers, especially those who demonstrate a strong commitment to their local communities, to lifelong learning and the IB pedagogy.

This Scholarship intends to assist new and aspiring educators who lack access to inexpensive teacher education and who have not yet earned a master's degree in any discipline.

Moreover, the scholarship recipients will receive funding to cover the application fee required by UoPeople and also the assessment fee of all 13 courses, to complete the M.Ed. degree. As IB majorly aims to bring a strong reputation for successful outcomes that uplift the whole community.

Signing Ceremony

Islamabad M.A. Azeem Qureshi Managing Director Legend Hotels and Resorts and Azharuddin Managing Partner of S.A Builders shack hand after the signing ceremony held at Islamabad for the upcoming project at Khaira Gali Galiyat.



Photo: Spokesman

PTA inducts graduate trainee through Telenor Pakistan's 'Open Mind Program'

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD : In a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable workplace, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) successfully inducted its first graduate trainee through the Disability Inclusion Management Trainee Programme in partnership with Telenor Pakistan under their "Open Mind Pakistan (OMP)" program.

A joint ceremony was held at PTA Headquarters in Islamabad, attended by officers and representatives from both PTA and Telenor Pakistan.

On 22 Jan 2022, PTA signed a cooperation agreement with Telenor Pakistan under which the regulator agreed to receive one female PWD-supported, trained and placed by Telenor. PTA is the first public sector organization to partner with a telecom operator and put into motion its Disability Inclusion Management Trainee Program in partnership with Telenor Pakistan.

PTA, under its digital gender inclusion initiative, introduced the



program to promote diversity and inclusion in the workforce. The Disability Inclusion Management Trainee Program is designed to provide opportunities for female graduates with disabilities to gain valuable regulatory work experience and develop their skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. Moreover, PTA is committed to fostering a culture where diversity and inclusion are celebrated and employees feel respected, valued, and empowered.

PTA premises and website ensure accessibility, and provide support

as per international accessibility requirements and standards. PTA is one of the few government organizations in Pakistan that has website with full accessibility features.

The graduate trainee underwent comprehensive on-the-job training at Telenor Pakistan, working with experts in the area of data analysis, business communication, statistical analysis and research. The internship at PTA will provide the trainee with a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of PTA's role, as well as the regulations and policies

that govern it. Telenor Pakistan's Open Mind Pakistan program was launched in 2013 to leverage accessible design and assistive technologies to equip trainees with the best tools in skill development and on-the-job training. With a special focus on providing Persons with Disabilities a merit-based, equitable platform, the Open Mind program caters to all their needs while supporting them in overcoming any physical, visual, hearing, speaking, or mobility obstacles on their paths to success.

Kaifi Khalil Topping Local Charts on Spotify

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Whether you are an avid music listener or not, chances are that you've come across "Kana Yaari" or "Kahani Suno 2.0" playing behind a short video or on a friend's Spotify playlist! In fact, "Kahani Suno 2.0", has continuously been ranking at No. 1 and 2 on Spotify's weekly charts with its total streams now past 19 million and counting.

In addition, the soulful OST, Mujhay Pyaar Hua Tha, Kaifi's recreation of "Kahani Suno



2.0", has ranked at the top of Spotify's Daily Viral Songs. This comes only seven days after the track made its debut

on Charts. As an artist, Kaifi Khalil himself has witnessed a 97% increase in streams on Spotify just over the past

month. His popularity has sky-rocketed making him increasingly popular with listeners of every age and country.

With his top countries on Spotify being India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, UK, the USA and Canada, Kaifi Khalil, the emerging artist from Karachi's Lyari neighborhood, has become a global sensation, thanks in part to his amplified reach through Spotify.

He is a prime example of how the streaming service has allowed the young boy from Karachi to let his voice

be heard in all corners of the globe.

The success that artists like Kaifi Khalil are experiencing today has a lot to do with Spotify. The music streaming service has broadened the horizons for local artists, be it through Charts, Fresh Finds, RADAR or EQUAL Pakistan. Spotify is a platform that is catapulting Pakistani artists to new heights of glory allowing them to realize their true potential. It is a game changer for the country and its musical landscape with equally potent benefits for both artists as well as audiences.

It's time to implement the harsh economic decision: Dr. Khurram

Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: It's time to implement the harsh economic decision on the insistence of IMF in a way that their burden on the poor masses should be felt as less as possible and put the country's economy on the solid and sustained basis, said Dr. Khurram Tariq President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI).

Addressing the International Chambers Summit, he said that Pakistan was entangled in multiple problems and it is difficult to discuss all these issues in a single sitting. Hence, we must identify 3-4 core and most critical issues and discuss only these along with their practical and tangible solutions. He said that we must also keep in our mind the capacity of the government to resolve these issues and only stress the problems which



the government could solve. About IMF related issues, he said that we must understand the demand of the Fund and then analyse our ground realities regarding resolution of its conditionalities.

He said that it is a buzz word that the government has to take difficult decisions and generally its perception is that the government intends to add more burden on the people of Pakistan. He said that the government

has failed to maintain a fine balance between its income and expenditures for a long time. About the power sector, President FCCI said that recovery of FESCO is hundred percent while its line losses are minimal. He said that other discoms are making losses and are deficient in recoveries.

He said that it is the duty of the government to help them to recover arrears and build amount as the government has the absolute enforce-

ment power. He said that the power sector has more than 4,000 billion rupees as circular debt and it could not be eliminated unless and until line losses are reduced and hundred percent recoveries are ensured.

Commenting on the difficult decisions, he said that its target should not be people but its direction should be towards government and governance. He said that as we are deficient in financial resources, Pakistan could not bear the burden of one hundred ministries. He said that the crux of the issue is government and governance which needs immediate and drastic changes. He said that during the next five years the government spendings and pension bill would become an unbearable burden on the national exchequer and no government would be in a position to manage it.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed through this office notice that Mr. Muhammad Sajjad Ali Khan son of Malik Mian Muhammad Khan (CNIC#35201-1296512-9) Director/Sponsor has applied to Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency (PHATA) for sanction of the housing scheme named "D-1 Capital Park City" under PHATA Affordable Private Housing Scheme Rules 2020 located in Mouza Ratwal Tehsil Fateh Jang District Attock having total area of 1425-Kanal, 06-Marla & 16-Sft. Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency has sanctioned this Housing Scheme in its 88th Governing Body Meeting held on 15/09/2022. Detail of various category of Public Building provided in the Housing Scheme is as under:-

| Description | Plots Size | Units | Area | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | Kanal | Marla | Sft |
| Residential | 24'x34' | 239 | - | - | - |
| | 21'x40' | 488 | - | - | - |
| | 25'x45' | 1220 | - | - | - |
| | 30'x40' | 192 | - | - | - |
| | 30'x73'-9" | 18 | - | - | - |
| | 35'x65' | 179 | - | - | - |
| | 50'x90' | 15 | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL | 2351 | 516.07 | - | - |
| Commercial | 30'x30' | 421 | - | - | - |
| | 30'x60' | 52 | - | - | - |
| | CBD | 17 | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL | 2351 | 132.48 | - | - |
| Public Building | 02-Nos. Public Building | | 14.32 | - | - |
| | 06-Nos. Mosque | | 9.03 | - | - |
| | 01-No. Hospital | | 2.05 | - | - |
| | 01-No. School | | 3.17 | - | - |
| Other which are transferred for PHATA | Roads / Street | | 516 | 18 | - |
| | Parking | | 93 | 08 | 82 |
| | 06-Nos. Parks/ Open Spaces | | 99 | 16 | 54 |
| | Grave Yard | | 28 | 10 | 21 |
| | | | | | |
| | Sewerage Treatment Plan | | 03 | 02 | - |
| | Solid Waste Management | | 01 | 10 | 27 |

Detail of various plots reserved for Prime Minister Naya Pakistan Housing Program provided in the housing scheme is as follow:-

| Description | Plot Size | Block | Plots Nos. | Total Units | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----|
| Residential | 21'x40' | A1 | 02 to 19 | 18 | | |
| | | | 22 to 39 | 18 | | |
| | | | 42 to 61 | 20 | | |
| | | | 64 to 83 | 20 | | |
| | | | 86 to 106 | 21 | | |
| | | | 109 to 129 | 21 | | |
| | | | 132 to 154 | 23 | | |
| | | | 157 to 179 | 23 | | |
| | | | 220 to 253 | 34 | | |
| | | | 256 to 288 | 33 | | |
| | | | 291 to 305 | 15 | | |
| | | | 308 to 321 | 14 | | |
| | | | 324 to 331 | 08 | | |
| | | | 334 to 341 | 08 | | |
| | | | 344 to 361 | 18 | | |
| | | | 364 to 381 | 18 | | |
| | | | 384 to 401 | 18 | | |
| | | | 404 to 421 | 18 | | |
| | | | 424 to 441 | 18 | | |
| | | | 444 to 461 | 18 | | |
| | | | 464 to 521 | 58 | | |
| | | | 25'x45' | A5 | 33 to 48 | 16 |
| | | | | | 51 to 66 | 16 |
| | | | | | 69 to 85 | 17 |
| | | | | | 88 to 104 | 17 |
| | | | | | 107 to 124 | 18 |
| 127 to 144 | 18 | | | | | |
| 229 to 238 | 10 | | | | | |
| 241 to 250 | 10 | | | | | |
| 253 to 275 | 23 | | | | | |
| 284 to 320 | 37 | | | | | |
| | Total | 624 | | | | |

The public is hereby informed through this notice that the following plots in the Private Housing Scheme have been mortgaged with the Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency (PHATA) as security towards provision of development works (provision of roads, water supply, sewerage system and drainage system, street lights and electricity network, gas facilities and horticulture works). It is the responsibility of the Sponsor of the Private Housing Scheme to provide and complete the development work. The Sponsor cannot shell or transfer these plot until are redeemed after due completion of the development works. List of mortgaged plots is

| Description | Plot Size | Block | Plots Nos. | Total Units | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Residential | 35'x65' | A3 | 52 to 59 | 08 | |
| | | | 162 to 169 | 08 | |
| | | | A2 | 31 to 48 | 18 |
| | | | | 52 to 69 | 18 |
| | | | | 72 to 81 | 10 |
| | | | | 84 to 93 | 10 |
| | | 96 to 104 | | 09 | |
| | | 167 to 175 | | 09 | |
| | | 179 to 187 | | 09 | |
| | | 190 to 207 | 18 | | |
| | | 322 to 334 | 13 | | |
| | | 50'x90' | A5 | 322 to 334 | 13 |
| | | | | Total | 143 |

Public is informed through this notice not to enter into any transaction, sale or purchase of the mortgaged plots till they are redeemed.

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Land Star property and Living Expo 2023



Spokesman Report

LAHORE: The 3 days Land Star property and Living Expo, 2023 concluded after an outstanding feedback from customers for the stallers. The large number of visitors visited in property stalls which was included Builders/Developers, Real Estate, Kitchens Accessories, Furnitures, Fans, accessories holders. Iqbal Garden was the Strategic partner in this Expo, While Girana.com, and SA Garden also displayed their stalls. The others sponsors were H.Dot (Diamond), Tulip Garden (Diamond), Omega Developers (Diamond), (Pak Associates (Diamond), ABF Associates (Gold), Estate 99 (Gold), IH Mark (Gold), Apki Manzil (Gold), while in silver sponsors were Grand Central (Silver), Gravity Estate (Silver), The Base Real Estate Consultants (Silver), Star City (Silver), Brother Estate (Silver).

BinYousaf A name of Luxury Life (Silver), Shafay Enclave (Silver) and Sheranwala real estate and Developers was the Platinum Sponsors, others

stallers included, Land Star Company, Fahad Marketing, Moon Marketing, The Base Real Estate Consultants, Abad City, Altahal Group, Grace Mark, Omega Residencia, Tulip Enclave, BinYousaf, Sky Won Estate Web, Madina Associates, Moon Marketing, Palm Vista Society, Sheranwala Real Estate, Expert Estate, Zafar Estate, A-Qayyum Gardens, SA marketing, Meesha, Taimur fans, H.Dot, Maleeha Collection, Furniture Kingdom, Wootec Interior and Furniture. On this occasion exclusive offers was given to the clients from the stallers while many gifts were kept for the visitors and for this open entry opportunity was given to the visitors.

Earlier on the first day Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman inaugurated the first Land Star Property and Living Expo, 2023 with cutting of Ribbon. On this occasion the management team Mian Salman Amjad, Director, Land Star Marketing, Mian Mobeen Amjad, Managing Director, Haji Waqas-Ur-Rehman, Chairman Land Star Group, Dr. Asim Mehmood



Khan, Chief Organizer, Imran Khalid, Head of Sales, Rashid Hussain Ansari, Head of Operation, While special visited in the Expo by Mian Aslam Iqbal, Minister Housing Punjab, Mussarat Jamshaid Cheema, MPA, Malik Saiful Malik, MPA, Hafeez Ullah Khan Niazi, Senior Expert, and Column Nigar, Naseer Wahga, Analyst, and Naeem Goraya VC All Realtors Association, Lahore. There were approximately 80 stall displayed in first edition of Land Star property and Living Expo, 2023 said by Managing Director Land Star Mian



Mobeen Amjad he said huge response we received in the first edition of Land Star property and living Expo, 2023.

He further said that we hold this expo when our country in economic crises and for the support of this real estate sectors we played vital role to organize this real estate expo. He said that this was first edition of real estate expo 2nd edition will be at Karachi while 3rd

edition of expo we will organize in Islamabad in this year. The Owner of Land Star Marketing Mian Salaman said that this first edition of Land Star Expo will play the vital role for the Pakistan economic situation and will effect the positive role for our economy better and also will strengthen our economy he said that our plan is to organized the Expo with 75 countries in future.

Interview of CEO, BinYousaf

We are planning to export our produces in Saudi Arabia and Middle East, says Muhammad Yousaf

Tahir Amin Malik

The Chief Executive Officer of BinYousaf Muhammad Yousaf said in an interview that we started our business in 2012 but our company BinYousaf was established in 2015 then we regularly started of our business and we are manufacturer in Kitchens accessories we make use of the maximum available kitchen space with us and We are proudly serving the people of Pakistan with beautiful Kitchen ideas for many years and we provide excellent client services with a team of experienced kitchen designers and trade people with a dedicated team 2ndly Doors.

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your style and for this our clients can visit our Showroom and we have innovative sliding, standing

and hanging Wardrobes. Muhammad Yousaf further said that the 4th products are

Media Walls which our customers can use for Audio and Visual electronics purpose and this brand is stylishly with our media walls. Our customers can get customized Media and TV Lounge Walls in just 15-20 on the doorstep from BinYousaf. Muhammad Yousaf said that we have manufacture front panels with Half Tempered Glass, Lacquer, HPL and Melamine, Acrylic, PVC, Wood Veneer, Solid Wood and UV.

He tell us about BinYousaf that this is a high-end manufacturing company that manufactures high-quality doors, wardrobes, kitchen, cabinets, media walls, and bathroom cabinets. He said we manufacture European Quality products with our latest European hardware, furniture fittings, and machinery. He said that in 2012 I proposed a new concept of a glass kitchen to produce in Pakistan and we believe in the modern adaption of classical designs and our mission is to provide our clients with the highest quality finished products. Mr. Muhammad Yousaf said that our core values to produce High-quality Products, Excellent customer care services, Customization, Commitment

and Responsibility, Functional and Practical products along with beauty. He said that we have other products FOTILE, BLUM, ITALIANA FERRAMENTA, F6M, FREUD wood-working Tool made in Italy, and UnionPlast. Muhammad Yousaf said that in future we are planning to export our produces in Saudi Arabia and Middle East.

He said over all from our customer wonderful response are receiving regarding our products tiling about the Land Star Marketing Real Estate Expo, 2023 he said that we got wonderful response from this Expo and visitors gave us very nice feedback regarding our products in the real estate expo. He said that our target market

and our mission is that our products should be introduced in every home in Pakistan and I am looking good future and potential for our products.

He said that we have participated in many exhibitions in Middle East and IPEX where we have also received good response. He said that Government should played the vital role of businessman so business could flourish he said in Machinery export there are many difficulties businessman are facing this way should be easy He said that Lahore Chamber of commerce and industry can played vital role for the awareness for businessman and LCCI should organize the awareness programs and seminars.



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There is life, then there is the world

Javed Ullah Raja

Doctors, hospitals, dispensaries, medical centers, health, and medicines cannot be denied. First there is the importance of hospitals, because hospitals are the only places where human life is saved and the needs are met. Along with the growing population of our country, hospitals and medical centers are not enough. Which are existing, do not have all the treatment facilities in an emergency. Patients are forced to turn to the big cities.

No significant increase in the number of hospitals has been seen over the last several decades, while the population has increased manifold. The population of our country Pakistan is said to be 3% of the world's population. The population of our country has almost doubled in the last few years and is likely to increase many times in the coming time.

According to an estimate, in 1987, the population of our country was about 101 million, while in 2015, according to a careful estimate, the population of this country was 192 million. 40% of the country's population lives in villages consists of about 88 million people. According to a report, the population of our

country was 208 million in 2018 and today it is more than 220 million. According to the report issued by the Statistical Institute, the population of Pakistan has exceeded 22 crores, the country's population is estimated to be 22 crores 4 lakhs 25 thousand 254.

According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, by the end of the fiscal year 2019, there were a total of 132,227 beds in Pakistan's hospitals spread across 1,282 government hospitals and dispensaries across the country.

On average, there is one bed for every 1,580 patients in Pakistan. According to the data of the World Bank, 0.6/1000 beds are available in our country and this figure includes all our government, non-government, and all medical centers that are engaged in providing health facilities. Requirement with the World Bank is about 2.5/1000 beds.

Since independence, the population of Pakistan has increased many times. At the time of independence, the population was 34 million. If we look at the statistics in this context, it is very difficult to provide basic health facilities to the people in this increasing spread of population.

It has become necessary because it is increasing the difficulties day by day for the human being. Especially in

the number of hospitals, no substantial increase has been seen in the last decades. Public hospitals are the most important, effective, and affordable means of providing facilities to the large population of the country. The indifference towards them is beyond comprehension. In addition to small towns and villages, the number of public hospitals and dispensaries in big cities is not enough to provide health facilities to the current population. As all essential medical facilities are not available and thus patients have to be transported hundreds of miles away to provincial capitals even in times of dire need.

They have to wait for their turn all day. This is a painful and expensive process in case of an emergency. In such practice, there is often a delay in providing timely medical treatment to patients. And it has also been seen that many patients lose their lives in this way. It is very sad to say that the situation is the same at the district level of our country where all the facilities are not available. Providing first aid from these medical centers and sending them to big cities is like playing with human lives. It is a matter of thinking that it is not possible for every citizen to reach from remote areas of the country where the roads and means of transportation are limited, to the

district places and then to the provincial cities. The number of patients is so high in big cities that getting appointment of the patient becomes a mystery. This situation is reported in cities, while most of our villages, which do not even have dispensaries, need attention.

In this context, if we talk about our capital, where only one government and one public hospital started regular work in 1987. And thus, despite the lapse of more than 35 years, there is still only one public hospital and only one laboratory working in an unsettled population.

While an increase in residential societies and villages the population in the vicinity of Islamabad has exceeded 50 kilometers. Along with the increase of time and population, where there is education and employment, there is the most health and its importance cannot be denied. Apart from this, in the current hospital of Islamabad, apart from Islamabad and the twin city, it has become a problem to accommodate a large number of patients from the surrounding and other cities, but also from the entire country, and to provide timely medical assistance. On the other hand, there is only one laboratory, which can be seen from all over the country where patients are brought or referred. Sometimes, those who

bring patients with them have to stay in twin cities for many days. So, it is difficult in case of extreme need and emergency from hundreds of kilometers away. How can timely medical treatment be given? It is to be true that private hospitals, doctors, and treatment centers are beyond the reach of the common man.

In the category of basic health facilities, it is also important that few hospitals in the country which were 963 in 2009 and now around 1280 how can provide medical facilities to the population of 22 cores. Their condition is also like that of not having doctors, medicines, beds, and facilities. Then in the previous Corona situation, the hospitals, the situation became even worse. The capacity to accommodate the patients has been exhausted. To provide medical facilities for the common man and to save precious lives is our moral duty; to take immediate steps are urgently needed in this direction. Focus on the opening new full fledge hospitals. In addition to giving where already some hospitals, dispensaries, and medical monitoring the institutions and improving their conditions should be our first priority. In this regard new building of hospitals along with all needs of treatments and all facilities will reduce the problems.

UNICEF urges Int'l community to support Pakistan's flood victims

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has urged the international community to invest in building human capital and resiliency, particularly in rural Sindh and Balochistan where much of the devastation occurred due to recent floods.

"These vulnerable communities need reliable access to essential services such as healthcare, nutrition, education, protection, hygiene, and sanitation, especially those in remote and underserved communities," UNICEF Representative in Pakistan, Abdullah Fadil said at a press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

He said, "The rains have ended, and sadly yet 4 million children fight for survival near contaminated and stagnant flood waters." With homes destroyed, they are suffering a bitter winter, without decent shelter."

He said, "Villages turned into islands, children turned into orphans, families still living under scraps of plastic in literally freezing conditions."

He said, "In the flood-affected districts, about 1.6 million children were already suffering from severe acute malnutrition, while another six million children suffer from stunting, a condition that can cause irreversible damage to children's brains, bodies and immune systems. UNICEF expects this situation to have worsened exponentially."

He said, "Twenty-seven thousand schools have been washed away. And despite the ongoing tragedy, despite all the young lives at stake, UNICEF's current appeal of US\$173 million is less than half funded. This is notwithstanding our work across almost every sector, reaching millions of children."

"Last week, international donors pledged over US\$9 billion to help Pakistan recover from the catastrophe. This is a very generous move. But children must be at the centre of recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts."

He said, "Real economic recovery and sustained growth can only be achieved if we make the necessary investments to meet the immediate and longer-term needs of children."

He said, "Pakistan is a known climate hotspot, and it is only a matter of time before another large-scale climate disaster strikes the country's children. We need flexible funding to double our efforts today, and long-term investment."



Amjad Rasmi

Three-day Pak-Russia inter-governmental commission meeting

Spokesman Report

The 8th meeting of the Pakistani-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation commenced here on Wednesday.

The three-day session aims at reviewing the existing areas of cooperation and finding new opportunities for further deepening the bilateral relations between the two countries.

During the first day of the commission meeting, technical sessions were held on trade and investment; agriculture; energy; Industry; education; science and technology; information and communication technologies; finance, customs and communication including roads, postal service and railways.

The consultations mainly focused on previous decisions between both the countries on the respective subjects and deliberated on new proposals for cooperation.

The proposals coming out of these technical sessions would be incorporated into the main Protocol of the Commission, which would be discussed, conformed and signed during the plenary session on third day of the session.

Russian delegation, comprising around eighty (80) members, is participating in the meeting.

Speaking at the opening session of the meeting, Secretary Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr Kazim Niaz said that huge potential existed there to benefit from the comparative advantage between Pakistan and Russia.



He said Pakistan got a big hit due to devastating floods and appreciated the support extended by the international community during such times of crisis.

It is pertinent to mention here that the 7th session of the commission was held in Yekaterinburg, Russia during last week of November 2021.

The secretary also shared sentiments of gratitude to the Russian government for their continuous support during this whole time.

He said enhancing economic trade and investment relations was the prime priority of Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director of the Department of Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Israfil Ali-Zade said Russia valued its relations with Pakistan.

He said in all sectors of economy, there was a good level of cooperation and Russia aimed to enhance it further.

He said there was a great potential

between both economies that needed to be explored more.

On second on Thursday, the two sides are scheduled to hold technical consultations on finalizing the 'Draft Protocol' of the ongoing 8th IGC [Inter-Governmental Commission]-session that discussed ways and means to promote cooperation in diverse fields like trade and investment, agriculture, energy, industry, education, science and technology, Information and communication technologies, roads, postal services and railways, finance and customs.

On Friday, there would be main discussion on the implementation of the gas pipeline construction project titled "the Pakistan Stream Gas Pipeline (PSGP)," oil and petroleum products delivery to Pakistan, Russian-Pakistani financial cooperation, implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the seventh meeting of the commission, besides cooperation in different sectors before signing of the final protocol of the 8th meeting of the commission.

Winter a sobering time for West's political elites - III

Veniamin Popov

We do not renounce any contacts with Western countries, but emphasize that they must be built on the principles of equality and consideration of mutual interests. Some European leaders are already coming to this understanding and are aware that Russia is the largest European state and it is impossible to build the security of the continent without the participation of Moscow, or in spite of it.

In the near future, we will see more active attempts to impose a truce on us in order to give the Ukrainians respite. Nevertheless, in the ruling circles of some Western states, primarily France and Germany, which to a certain extent feel responsible for the failure of the Minsk agreements, arguments are increasingly appearing that any military action should end with negotiations. They simply need to save face, because some figures argued that Ukraine would definitely win. In this regard, it was noteworthy that the defense minister of Italy last month stated that, if negotiations were to begin, Rome's military assistance to Ukraine would be terminated.

In a number of EU countries, leaders are beginning to think about the future: How to explain to their populations the economic and, in particular, energy difficulties if hostilities do not end quickly. The US and the UK show the greatest zeal in trying to convince Kyiv to fight to the last Ukrainian, but they, ultimately, cannot avoid answering the question "why are such huge expenditures of money needed to arm Ukraine?" Since last February alone, Western states have transferred weapons worth tens of billions of dollars to Kyiv — meanwhile, the annual budget of Ukraine is only \$52 billion. The US administration has announced its intention to take its total allocation to Kyiv to \$100

billion. For comparison, the Americans have allocated just \$55 billion to all African states.

We are convinced that, sooner or later, the new centers of the multipolar world order and the West will have to start an equal conversation about our common future — and the sooner the better.

At present, the contours of this new multipolar world are being formed. Most likely, these constructions will be built around two associations that cover most of humanity: BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, while Algeria recently filed an official application to join) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which includes Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, India and Iran. In addition, 12 more states have the status of observers to the SCO or dialogue partners: Afghanistan, Belarus and Mongolia, as well as Azerbaijan, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Nepal, Armenia, Egypt, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Many European countries, due to the ill-conceived nature of the sanctions imposed against us, face serious difficulties, especially in terms of meeting their energy needs. We expect that winter will help to sober up the political elites.

The future world order is being formed before our eyes and, in this world order, we must listen to everyone and take into account every point of view and every people, society, culture and religious idea, without imposing a single truth on anyone. And only on this foundation — realizing the responsibility for the fate of peoples and the planet — can we build a symphony of human civilization.

Veniamin Popov, a former Russian diplomat, is an analyst at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). This article first appeared in Asharq. It is part of a series titled "2023: A year of difficult questions."

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Islamic Relief Pakistan

The Menace of the Changing Climate - Race Against Time

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The entire world is facing the brunt of climate change and most recently Pakistan has faced one of the worst climate disasters that brought massive destruction in one third part of the country. More than 1700 people died and over \$40 billion of damages has jolted the economy.

Islamic Relief has been an active responder to the needs of people facing the impacts of climate change and tackling this global phenomena in partnership with government and international institutions has been a priority. Islamic Relief held a national conference in Islamabad on the impacts of climate change, to raise awareness on the global crisis, and solution to curb its impacts after experiencing a climate disaster that affected over 33 million people.

High Commissioner of Canada to Pakistan, Leslie Scanlon, Special

Assistant to Prime Minister; Romina Khurshid Alam, Director Climate & Sustainable Growth USAID; Steven Rynecki, UNDP's Senior Technical Advisor on Climate Change and Disaster Resilience; Khusrav Sharifov and CEO National Disaster and Risk Management Fund; Bilal Anwar graced the event with their presence. Other attendees included stakeholders and representative of national and international organizations who gave an insight about impacts of Climate Change and possible solutions. Islamic relief has been taking practical steps to minimize the damages of disasters along with continuous support for the people enduring the agony caused by climate change.

The conference included an articulate panel discussion about climate challenges and unfolding poly crisis among representatives from international humanitarian organizations, civil society, and academia and

government institutions. The panelists included Steven Rynecki, Saleh Baloch, Asfandyar Kakar, Bilal Anwar, Professor Dr. Sajida Noreen. Kainat Qazi and Shazia Fareed.

Country Director Islamic Relief, Asif Sherazi, while addressing the conference said:

"Local and international partnerships are paramount to subside the impacts of this global phenomena and to save millions of suffering lives. We need to be more resilient and proactive towards the climate induced disasters. Balochistan is one of the worst affected region with droughts, floods and recurring extreme climatic events. It's a race against time, we need to act now"

Special Assistant to Prime Minister; Romina Khurshid Alam while addressing the participants said that; We cannot forget that more than 60,000 pregnant women are living under the open sky and it is high



time that we hold hands to take vital measures to minimize the impacts and damages of climate change and employ all available resources for the cause.

H.E Leslie Scanlon, High Commis-

sioner of Canada in Pakistan said that; It is essential that we work to support countries like Pakistan to adapt to climate resilience, and be prepared for future calamities. Canada is proud to partner with Islamic

Relief to support the people of Pakistan and tackle the rising phenomena.

UNDP's Senior Technical Advisor on Climate Change and Disaster Resilience; Khusrav Sharifov, while talking to media said that; Climate change is a rising issue which is here to stay therefore there is need to invest in policies as well as resilience. We have to witness these disasters repeatedly to acknowledge this issue, which is the sad part.

In the recent climate disaster Islamic Relief has provided aid to over 1 million people in the emergency phase with food packs, hygiene kits, and temporary learning centers, and to protect flood prone communities, developed flood protection walls that saved thousands of families from the 2022 flood. Islamic Relief in the second phase of rehabilitation is constructing infrastructure, providing business opportunities to the communities along with permanent shelters.

Way forward for Pakistan-Afghanistan relations

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East & Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organized a Round-Table discussion on the 'Evolving Situation in Afghanistan and the Way Forward for Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations'.

The Roundtable was chaired by Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Director General, ISSI. Participants included Ambassador Qazi Humayun, former Ambassador to Afghanistan; Ambassador Tariq Azizuddin, former Ambassador to Afghanistan; Ambassador Aziz Ahmad Khan, former Ambassador to Afghanistan; Ambassador Abrar Hussain, former Ambassador to Afghanistan; Mr. Imtiaz Gul, Executive Director for the Center for Research and Security Studies (CRSS); Mr. Zahid Hussain, Author; Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed, Member, Development Communication, Planning Commission; Brig. Mehbub Qadir, Independent Analyst; Mr. Hassan Khan, Journalist; Mr. Rashid Safi, Dunya News; and Mr. Haroon Rashid, Independent (Urdu).

The Director General (AIT), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Saad Ahmed Warriach, also attended the Roundtable. Ms. Amina Khan, Director CAMEA and



members of the CAMEA research team were also present.

During the deliberations, the primary focus was on the situation in Afghanistan

as well as Pakistan-Afghanistan relations. Besides the security aspects, the political, economic, trade, investment, people-to-people, and connectivity

dimensions of the bilateral relationship were discussed in detail. The participants shared their assessments and recommendations for the way forward.

PM Unal Ustel, Fatih Erbakan call on AJK President



Abdul Majeed Tahir

ANKARA: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry while reiterating Pakistan's principled stance on Kashmir, Palestine and Cyprus issues has said that it was high time that the international community should play its proactive role to help resolve these long pending disputes. He expressed these views while talking to Unal Ustel the prime Minister of Cyprus here today. Speaking on the occasion the AJK President said that Pakistan has always supported Turkey's principled stand on the issue of Cyprus and similarly the government and people of Turkey support the Pakistan's stance on the issue of Kashmir. Referring to the cordial relationship between Pakistan and Turkey he said that the relationship between the two countries was based on mutual trust, friendship, and brotherhood.

On this occasion, the Prime Minister of Cyprus, Unal Ustel, expressed solidarity with the Kashmiris and reaffirmed his continued support to Kashmiris' legitimate struggle for right to self determination. Pertinently, it was the first high-level meeting of its kind between any president of Azad Kashmir and the Prime Minister of Cyprus.

During the meeting President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry and Prime Minister Unal Ustel said that the international community must play its role to resolve the issue of Kashmir and Cyprus.

The Prime Minister Unal Ustel also invited the AJK President to visit Cyprus, which the President accepted.

Meanwhile, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry had a detailed meeting with Fatih Erbakan, the chairman Welfare Party. On this occasion, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry said that it was heartening to note that all the political parties of Turkey were united on the issue of Kashmir and support the right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people.

Ahmed Hussain call on Belgian Parliamentary delegation

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The call on of the Belgian Parliamentary delegation with the Members of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs held yesterday in the Parliament House, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of one of the Members of the Foreign Committee-Mr. Ahmed Hussain Deharr, MNA.

Ahmad Hussain Daharr, MNA, of the Pakistani National Assembly, welcome the Belgian delegate and stated that Belgium and Pakistan had warm relations based on a common commitment to democracy, pluralism, and trust. Pakistan had consistently demonstrated its readiness and commitment to upholding

both its constitutional and international commitments for a more secure, environmentally friendly, peaceful, and progressive world. Pakistan had always supported the peaceful and diplomatic settlement of all international problems.

He made these remarks while speaking with Belgian legislative representatives during a meeting in Parliament. He also mentioned Flood affected areas in Sindh to express solidarity with flood affected people. Peace should be available to everyone and everywhere, not just to a select few. Pakistan can provide professionals like engineers, technicians, computer scientists, and other skilled manpower in areas where there is a shortage in Belgium. There is huge scope for

cooperation in the higher education and research sector. Pakistani students are opting for Belgian universities, for higher studies. We need to put more focus on this important aspect. Pakistan was struck by the most devastating floods last year.

The damage caused was unprecedented. More than 33 million people were affected. The international community also expressed solidarity, with Pakistan at the international conference on climate resilient Pakistan held in Geneva last week, and came up with generous pledges for rehabilitation and reconstruction work in a climate resilient manner. Pakistan has demonstrated consistent political commitment to fully implement the GSP Plus related international conven-

tions. Improving relations with India has been a priority for Pakistan.

Ms. Alessi Claes thanked the Committee Members profusely for the invitation and offered sympathy for the flood victims. She underlined the importance of letting the world know the real narrative of Pakistan, which battled valiantly against all odds to become a stable, tranquil, and peaceful nation. She and her colleagues would unquestionably serve as Pakistan's ambassadors in Europe and work to promote the nation as much as possible.

The Call on was attended by Mr. Nawab Sher, MNA; Mr. Muhammad Khan Daha, MNA; Mir Ghulam Ali Talpur, MNA; and Mr. Abu Bakar, MNA.

Speaker stresses for productivity led economic growth in Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: In the Economic Productivity workshop, the speaker on Wednesday stressed on productivity led economic growth in Pakistan and said that there is a need to increase productivity in the country's industrial sector.

Addressing this workshop, the speakers said that research and development, technology and skilled and innovated manpower are extremely important to increase economic productivity.

The workshop on theme of 'APO Vision 2025, Inclusive, Innovation-Led Productivity Growth in the Asia-Pacific' Co-Organized by National Productivity Organization (NPO), Ministry of Industries and Production and Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Tokyo Japan here.

They said that Current Account Deficit in Pakistan is difficult to

resolve without increasing export and foreign investment and to bring export and foreign investment it is necessary to bring productivity in the country industrial sector.

Meanwhile, while addressing the audience, Senior Vice President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Faad Waheed Sheikh said that technology and manpower can play an important role in the productivity of the country.

He said that currently NPO has a very important role to increase productivity in Pakistan.

He said that cooperation between NPO and ICCI is very important in terms of productivity in Pakistan at this time.

While addressing the gathering, Dr. Ali Sajid, an expert in productivity, said that industrial and agricultural productivity is very important to strengthen the

country's economy.

He said that economic productivity is the main driver of sustainable economic development in the country.

Ali Sajid said that the productive culture in the country needs to acquire a productive capacity in Industrial sector, which must be worked on by the NPO.

He said that to increase innovation and productivity, we have to work at both academia and industry levels.

On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer NPO Alamgir Khan said that NPO working on bringing the productivity culture to market the country in global market.

He said that we are starting to gain productivity in the country which is having a positive impact.

Alamgir said we are currently working on Productivity drive and Chamber of Commerce and



Industry, schools, colleges and universities.

He assured the private sector of the country is in full cooperation

and we are also working on the future vision.

He said that NPO is working on Productivity Vision 2025, which

will increase industrial efficiency in the country.

On this occasion, General Manager NPO Wajih Ahmed

Abbasi said that our organization has been working on productivity under the banner of Ministry of Industry for several years.

He said that there is a need for productivity culture in the country at this time.

On this occasion, President, Rawalpindi, Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Riffat Shaheen said that the government has to take all the business community and stakeholders on board.

She said that more work is needed for industrial productivity in the country. She said that Rawalpindi Women Chamber is working together with NPO.

Meanwhile on the occasion, Director National Science and Technology Park, Dr. Salman Naqvi said that "We are working on productivity and Innovation to growth in country and to promote technology."

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

| Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Current | Prev. Close | |
| 38,791.09 | 38,342.21 | |
| Day's High | Day's Low: | |
| 38,945.97 | 38,257.56 | |
| Index Value | Change | |
| 4,378,176,705 | +448.88 | |
| Percentage | Time | |
| +1.17% | Jan 18, 2023 5:00 pm | |
| Europe: FTSE 100 Index | | |
| Index Value | Change | |
| 7,853.23 | +2.20 | |
| Percentage | Time | |
| +0.056% | 18 Jan, 2:14 pm GMT | |
| Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average | | |
| Index Value | Change | |
| 26,791.12 | +652.44 | |
| Percentage | Time | |
| +2.50% | 18 Jan, 3:15 pm GMT+9 | |
| Open Market Forex Rates | | |
| Currency | Buying | Selling |
| Australian Dollar | 172.5 | 173.75 |
| Bahrain Dinar | 606.79 | 611.29 |
| Canadian Dollar | 185.3 | 186.65 |
| China Yuan | 34 | 34.25 |
| Danish Krone | 33.23 | 33.58 |
| Euro | 268.25 | 270.5 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 29.19 | 29.54 |
| Indian Rupee | 2.81 | 2.89 |
| Japanese Yen | 2.46 | 2.5 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 744.87 | 749.87 |
| Malaysian Ringgit | 52.59 | 53.04 |
| New Zealand \$ | 145.69 | 146.89 |
| Norwegians Krone | 22.43 | 22.73 |
| Omani Riyal | 592.57 | 597.07 |
| Qatari Riyal | 62.68 | 63.18 |
| Saudi Riyal | 66.2 | 66.9 |
| Singapore Dollar | 178 | 179.3 |
| Swedish Korona | 21.78 | 22.08 |
| Swiss Franc | 246.07 | 247.82 |
| Thai Bhat | 6.95 | 7.05 |
| U.A.E Dirham | 68.4 | 69 |
| UK Pound Sterling | 306 | 309 |
| US Dollar | 236.75 | 239 |

ICCI calls for focusing on real estate sector to revive the economy

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has called upon the government to focus on the real estate sector for reviving the economy as this sector has great potential to bring the country out of the current economic turmoil and put it on the path of sustainable growth. He said that the business of around 70 industries is connected with the construction sector and its better growth boosts the business of all allied industries that stimulates the economic growth of the country. He said this while addressing as chief guest at a function organized by the Top City Islamabad to give complete possession of its Block G & E and partial possession of Block F & I to the members. Top City has already handed over the possession of its Blocks A, B, C & D to the members.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that due to high taxes and other multiple factors, the prices of construction material including cement, steel and other items have increased manifold. He said that this situation has stagnated the busi-



Business activities in the real estate and construction sector due to which unemployment is on the rise. ICCI President said that the overseas Paki-

stanis are interested in investing in the real estate sector and the government should offer them good incentives that would bring billions of dollars of investment to the country. He said that the government can take the country's economy from recession to sustainable development by focusing on the real estate and construction sector.

Brig. (Retd) Sikandar, Chief Operating Officer of Top City-1 briefed the participants about the project. He said that a sewerage treatment plant of 2.5 million gallons capacity is being constructed in the Top City-1 and a lake is being constructed to store 10 million gallons of rainwater. He said that a golf course, zoo, premier club on 100 kanal area, mosques, schools and other facilities will be provided in the housing project.

Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan former President ICCI, Sardar Tahir Mahmood President and Ch. Zahid Rafique Secretary General Islamabad Estate Agents and others also spoke at the occasion and stressed that the government should create a conducive ecosystem for the real estate and construction sector.

Street Lights

CDA workers unloading street light poles near Rawal Chowk on Wednesday.



Photo: APP

President & CEO BankIslami speaks at the 4th Financial Crime Summit

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: The President and CEO of BankIslami, Pakistan's leading Islamic financial institution, Syed Amir Ali spoke as a panelist at the 4th Financial Crime Summit with the theme "Post-FATF Financial Crime Action Plan - Continuing the National Anti-Financial Crime Agenda."

Organized by Dellsons Conferences under in collaboration with its Knowledge Partner, A. F. Ferguson & Co., the summit highlighted the challenges to the financial sector and proposed solutions to overcome these challenges.

The summit was addressed by the President of Pakistan, Arif Alvi, who shed light on the challenges and urged the stakeholders to unite in the fight against cyber-scams and crimes to ensure sustainability and progress in the times to come.

Talking about the outcome of the summit, Syed Amir Ali, President & CEO, BankIslami, shared, "It's true that the advancement of technology has done wonders for the financial sector, but it has simultaneously increased cyber-crimes (financial) as well and all of us need to join forces to fight against these crimes."

Meezan Bank launches Employee Satisfaction Survey country-wide

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Meezan Bank, Pakistan's leading Islamic bank has recently launched its 'Employee Satisfaction Survey (ESS)' country-wide at a launch ceremony held at the Bank's Head Office, Karachi. The event, which was chaired by Mr. Ariful Islam - Deputy CEO, Meezan Bank and attended by executives and middle management of the Bank, was also broadcast live to all Regional Offices across the country.

The ceremony commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by an introduction from Mr. Khalid Zaman Khan - Group Head Human Resources, Learning & Development, who walked the audience through the progress the Bank has made in terms of ensuring authentic leadership communication, improved internal practices and policies and employee engagement through the previous surveys. He continued, "Underpinning this survey is our commitment to letting our employees feel

heard. Employee engagement, wellness and satisfaction are closely linked to our strategy and we are hopeful that the results of this survey will enable us to foster greater satisfaction in the Bank's overall climate."

Mr. Khalid's speech was followed by a detailed presentation on the subject by Mr. Arsalan Ahmed Khan, Head of Talent Acquisition & Digital HR Solutions. He shed light on the importance of the Employee Satisfaction Survey for the Bank, and how it will help upscale the Bank's culture.

foodpanda Announces Grand Entry Into HBL PSL 2023 With Islamabad United

News Desk

ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 18, 2023: foodpanda has been named the Official Q-Commerce Partner of Islamabad United. Just like the last season, the look of the playing kit of Islamabad United will reflect the strategic partnership between the two brands.

Speaking about the partnership, Syed Waqas Azhar, Director Marketing at foodpanda Pakistan said, "foodpanda has always been able to keep its finger on the pulse of the Pakistani audience, and cricket is one such passion that strums their heartstrings time and time again. We're excited to partner again with the two-time champions Islamabad United, after the success of our partnership last season, and hope to do some exciting things with them in 2023."

Mr. Ahsan Latif, CEO



ISLU said, "We are delighted to have foodpanda on-board as our official q-commerce partner. Over the years, foodpanda has revolutionized the q-commerce landscape in Pakistan by incorporating innovation with convenience. Their enthusiasm to lead the game mirrors our own at Islamabad United and together we're ready to bring our best game on!"

foodpanda Pakistan is the country's leading online delivery marketplace, offering a convenient app and web-based platform to order food, groceries, and essential items nationwide. With over 20,000 restaurants, home chefs, shops, and panda mart stores across more than 40 cities, foodpanda aims to generate business growth and create employment opportunities for Pakistanis all over the country.

Introducing YourChamp-A Microsite to Unleash Your Social Brand!

News Desk

KARACHI: Since its launch, Social Champ has been aiming to revolutionize the Martech industry. The Pakistani SaaS startup has now launched a disruptive tool, "YourChamp". On January 12th, 2023, the company announced their all-new marketing platform, YourChamp. It is a one-stop solution to bring together your cumulative reach from all social media accounts.

With every digital innovation, data is also increasing exponentially. Marketing has a unique duty to embrace its role as a facilitator of meaningful experiences and a driver of value exchanges between brands and people. Business and Martech startups like Social Champ aim to add this value to the industry.

YourChamp is a one-of-a-kind platform. When agencies and individual public figures use this

platform, they can easily find each other using the said link. It would display users' social presence, the account where they are most active, their highest following, their niche, and their other social profiles.

Speaking on the launch of YourChamp, the company's founder, Sameer Ahmed, said, "Today's marketing has evolved, and Pakistani brands are embarking on digital journeys that will help them provide accurate and real-time data that will aid them in fulfilling their KPIs. Brands have realized that digital is the future. This tool introduced will eventually be disruptive for Martechs, media agencies and social media managers."

For the Martech industry, marketers must always be creative with their operations and strategies. The company focuses on the hyper-personalization and adoption of new-age technology.

Malik Imran, Director Fahad Marketing Exclusive Sales Partner Bismillah Developers, Supreme City

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Malik Imran who is the Director of Fahad Marketing and Exclusive sales partner Bismillah Developers Supreme City said an interview that Supreme City is located near Mureed Kay city (Sangham) from the distance of Kala Shah Kaku is only 9 kilometers of Supreme City.

He said that the booking start from only two lac for the 3 marla plot and installment is Rs.7250/- per month, while for 5 marla plot installment price is Rs.9250/- per month we charge and booking start Rs.3 lac fifty thousand only and every clients can pay their installments in 5 years only. Malik Imran said that its possession time is two years while the balloting will be done till on six month.

Fahad Marketing Director Imran expressed his views about the Land



Star property and living Expo, 2023 we also displayed our stall in this Expo and we received the huge response from the clients which is very positive sign for us and other stallers. He further said that such kind of Expo can played vital role for investors, to buy the plots and home customers in future and in a year's maximum Real Estate Expo should be held and due to this people get the awareness and they can invest their amount in right directions in



approved societies. He said the property Expo also impact the betterment for the economy in our country. Every person dreams to their own home so they can get information through Expo

and their dream can be true such kind of real estate exhibition. At the end Malik Imran congratulated to whole the management team of Land Marketing after holding the successful property expo in Lahore.

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GB National Ice Sports Championship starts on Thursday

Sports Reporter

ISLAMABAD :A colorful opening ceremony of six day National Ice Sports Championship will be held on January 19 (Thursday) in Naltar, Gilgit Baltistan with a huge number of sports lover waiting to welcome and celebrate the scenic snow-clad mountains event.

An official of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) said that the championship would be attended by huge crowds including locals, tourists and adventure seekers. The six-day event would start from January 19 and conclude on January 24.

The Championship is a regular annual feature of Winter Festival in



Naltar, in which many teams participate to entertain the people through

healthy games. Locals also establish stalls of handicrafts, fruits and foodies during the event," he added.

He apprised the National Ice Sports championship every year welcomes local and international tourists coming to Gilgit-Baltistan to enjoy the event and other activities throughout the festival.

He said the festival included competitions of ice hockey, ice-skating, paragliding, indigenous games, and a free-lancing seminar and talks on climate change, climate actions eco-system, biodiversity, and wildlife.

He said the championship would greatly help in promoting and projecting winter tourism in the country.

Australia Women beat Pakistan Women in 2nd ODI by 10 wickets

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Australian women beat Pakistan women by 10 wickets at the Allan Border Field on Wednesday to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match ODI series.

This was Pakistan women's team first series

defeat in the ICC Women's Championship 2022-25 after they have won their previous two series held last year.

Chasing 126 to win, Australia's opening batters Beth Mooney and Phoebe Litchfield achieved the target in the 20th over. Litchfield who scored an unbeaten

half-century for her side in the first ODI, returned unbeaten on 67 from 61 balls, hitting 10 boundaries. Wicketkeeper-batter Mooney scored 57 from 55 balls, which included six fours.

Scores in brief: Australia women beat Pakistan women by 10 wickets

Pakistan Women 125 all out, 43 overs (Nida Dar 24, Bismah Maroof 21; Darcie Brown 3-32, Annabel Sutherland 2-13, Alana King 2-25)

Australia Women 129-0, 19.2 overs (Phoebe Litchfield 67, Beth Mooney 57)

Player of the match – Darcie Brown (Australia)

Ten Chinese snooker players charged in fixing probe

News Desk

LONDON : Top 20-ranked Zhao Xintong and Yan Bingtao were among 10 Chinese players charged with match-fixing by snooker's global governing body on Wednesday.

All 10 players, who are currently suspended from the World Snooker Tour, have been deemed to have cases to answer by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) following the sport's biggest corruption investigation.

An independent disciplinary tribunal will now be convened to consider the evidence.

The allegations include manipulating games, approaching players to cheat, betting on snooker and fixing a match.

The other players charged are Liang Wenbo, Lu Ning, Li Hang, Zhao Jianbo, Bai Langning, Chang Bingyu, Chen Zifan and Zhang Jiankang.

"Following a detailed investigation by the WPBSA integrity unit, working closely with Sportradar, the WPBSA has decided that 10 snooker players have a case to answer," the governing body said in a statement.

"The players are currently suspended from attending and competing on the World Snooker Tour and in other WPBSA governed events until the conclusion of the hearing or hearings and the determination of this matter."

Should they be found guilty, lengthy bans from the sport are expected for some of snooker's leading lights.

Zhao, who beat Luca Brecel to win the 2021 UK Championship title, is ranked ninth in the world.

Yan is ranked 16th having won the Masters – another of snooker's triple crown events – in 2021.

Annual Sports Festival in Minhaj University



Sports Desk

LAHORE: DG Sports Punjab Tariq Qureshi said that the holding of Annual Sports Festival of Minhaj University is a welcome sign for the promotion of sports; he said this while addressing the prize distribution ceremony during his visit to Minhaj University on Wednesday.

He also distributed medals and certificates among the winners and prominent performers of the event. VC Minhaj University, Sajid Mehmood Shahzad, Shahzad Rasool, former manager national cricket team Azhar Zaidi, Hafeez Bhatti, deputy secretary information Abdul Hafeez, Incharge E-Library Asif Bilal, PRO SBP Abdul Rauf and a large number of athletes and sports personalities were also present on this occasion.

The athletes of 50 departments of Minhaj University participated in 25 game disciplines during the competitions of 9-day Annual Minhaj Sports Festival 2023.

Addressing the prize distribution ceremony, DG Sports Punjab Tariq Qureshi said that the Olympic Dream Talent Hunt Programme of Sports Board Punjab is in progress across the province. "The trials of one million children are being taken in all the schools of the province," he added.

He said that we are quite hopeful that these players will win medals for the country in future. "Sports Board Punjab has established various sports academies where qualified coaches are imparting modern training to young talented players".

Tariq Qureshi also had a briefing meeting with President of Minhaj-ul-Quran International (MQI) Dr Hussain Mohi-ud-Din Qadri and discussed promotion of sports culture. He also visited various departments including the E-Library of Minhaj University.

Defending champion Nadal hobbles out of Australian Open in major upset

Sports Desk

MELBOURNE: Injured defending champion Rafael Nadal crashed out of the Australian Open in round two to 65th-ranked American Mackenzie McDonald in a major upset Wednesday, his worst Grand Slam result in seven years.

The Spanish 36-year-old, who was struggling with a hip injury, slumped 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 at Rod Laver Arena.

Defeat opens the door for arch-rival Novak Djokovic to draw equal with Nadal's record 22 Slam wins. The Serb is back in Melbourne after missing last year's tournament when he was deported.

Top seed Nadal never settled, slumping a set behind before taking a medical timeout when a break down in the second set after hurting himself stretching for a forehand and grimacing in pain.

He battled on but was in clear discomfort with his movement hampered.

His wife Mery was seen in the crowd in tears. "It has been a couple of days like this, but nothing like today in that movement," said Nadal. "I don't know what's going on, if it's muscle, if it's joint."



Netball Women Championship 2023

Faisalabad: Sports women in action with full form during basketball match played between Govt College Women University Sialkot and Superior University Lahore at inauguration ceremony of All Pakistan 10th HEC Intersarsity Netball Women Championship 2023 at The University of Faisalabad on Wednesday.



20-K Cup 2023: Five matches decided as event moves to quarterfinals stage

Sports Reporter

LAHORE: Five more matches were decided in the 20-K Cup 2023 T20 Cricket Tournament here on Wednesday as the event is moving towards quarterfinals stage that will begin from 22nd January.

Model Town Club, Ali Garh Club, Shahkamal Club, Valencia Gymkhana and Model Town Greens registered contrasting victories in their respective matches played here at the different venues of the city.

Model Town Club defeated Township Whites by four wickets in the 31st match of the tournament. Township Whites, batting first, couldn't start well and also failed to pile up a good total as they were bundled out for 94 runs in 16.3 overs. Only M Faiq (22), Kamran Afzal (16), Shoaib (15) and Naeem Khan (13) crossed the double figures. Umaid Asif and Afaq Afridi bowled brilliantly and grabbed 3 wickets each while Hassan Rizwan bagged 2 wickets.

Model Town Club chased the target in 18.2 overs for the loss of 6 wickets. Haider



top-scored with 29 runs while M Saleem and Obaid Shahid contributed with 20 and 14 runs. Afaq Afridi was named player of the match.

Ali Garh Club edged past Ludhiana Gymkhana Club by 2 wickets in the 32nd match. Ludhiana Gymkhana, batting first, posted a huge total of 188-8 in 20 overs with Kashid Siddique (34), Tanveer Islam (33) and M Junaid (22) playing superbly. Ali Shafiq claimed 3-36 and Ahsan Bhatti 2-15.

Ali Garh Club reached home safely in 19.5 overs, losing 8 wickets. Zeeshan Ashraf hammered 79 and Faraz Ahmad fired 50. Tanveer Islam clinched 4-23 and Saeed Ullah 2-38.

Zeeshan Ashraf was declared man of the match.

Shah Kamal Club routed Yu Slim Club by 40 runs in the 30th match. Shahkamal Club, batting first, scored 178-10 in 19.5 overs with Azizullah cracking 71, Hamza Ahmed 28 and Imran Nazir Jr 20. Mohsin Nadeem secured 4-19, Haider Butt 2-43 and Aamer Jamal 2-31.

Yu Slim Club couldn't face the outstanding bowling of M Arslana (6-16), thus losing all their wickets for 138 in 19.4 overs. Only Mohsin Nadeem (44) and Safer Nazam (25) resisted their opponents well but couldn't save their team from facing the defeat. Besides M Arslan, Faheem Faisal bagged 2-43. Azizul-

lah was adjudged as player of the match.

Valencia Gymkhana thumped Shah Faisal Club by 85 runs in the 33rd match. Valencia Gymkhana scored 172-6 in 20 overs with Attyab Ahmad smashing 66 and Farhan Yousof 48. Ali Manzoor claimed 2-27. Shah Faisal Club, in reply, were bundled out for 87 runs in 18.1 overs. Hassan Hameed grabbed 4-11, Saifullah 2-15 and Ibtisam Azhar 2-11.

Model Town Greens defeated Pak Lions in 29th match of the tournament. Batting first, Model Town Greens scored 172-9 in 20 overs with Taimoor Khan scoring 38 and Mirwais Khan 30. Niaz Khan secured 4-36. In reply, Pak Lions could score 158-9 in 20 overs with Afzal Tahiri hitting 36 and Hassan Nawaz 35. Mirwais Khan claimed 5-24 to emerge as player of the match.

On Thursday (January 19, 2023), Model Town Whites will take on Tu Slim Club in the 34th match of the tournament, Lucky Star will face City Gymkhana in 35th match and Shah Faisal Club will play against Ali Garh Club in the 36th match.

First Pakistan Football Summit held



Sports Desk

LAHORE: The first Pakistan Football Summit was held at a local hotel in Lahore in the presence of FIFA and AFC delegation, which observed and analyzed the work of the FIFA-appointed Normalization Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Haroon Malik, terming it satisfactory and also assured their all-out support for the betterment and promotion of football in Pakistan.

The delegation, consisting of Rolf Tanner, Head of MA Governance (FIFA), Andrei Vashkevich, Regional Office Development Coordinator (FIFA), Purushottam Kattel, Head of South Asia Unit (AFC), was comprehensively briefed about the football issues in Pakistan by Chairman NC Haroon Malik and member Shahid Niaz Khokhar. The other notable ones present during the discussion were NC members Saud Hashi-

mi, Haris Azmat and football stakeholders, who also shared their views, issues and suggestions with the delegation, who, after a long and fruitful session during the Summit, expressed satisfaction on the work being done by the Normalisation Committee for football in Pakistan.

On the occasion, PFF NC Chairman Haroon Malik said: "In the 74 years of Pakistan's history, the things, we have been doing now, never executed by anyone else. There is no record of clubs in the Football Federation and there is a dire need to systemize it and once it is done in a systemize way, the same clubs will be part of the FIFA family and our talented footballers can be picked up by any big club of Asia and the world. That day will be the historic day in Pakistan's history and from that day onward, Pakistani footballs can be seen in action exhibiting their prowess

in the world's big football leagues.

"Right now, we are trying to complete the database of football according to the PFF Constitution while the elections of the Pakistan Football Federation will be conducted in 165 days after the scrutiny of the clubs. Everything is going on in the right direction and moving rightly towards the elections, which will be held fairly and transparently by the PFF NC," Haroon added.

Sharing his views, NC member Shahid Niaz Khokhar said that for the first time, the FIFA Connect program has been started in Pakistan. "This is the first step towards transparent elections of the PFF, and clubs will not exist only on paper. Rather, the structure of football will be built on a strong foundation, and through transparent elections, Pakistan will come out of the pit of long-standing problems."

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