



British HC highlights importance for Pak airline companies

"The British High Commission understands how important this is for Pakistani airline companies," he said at an event organized on the conclusion of a 12-day visit of experts from the UK State Safety Partnership (SSP) team to share best practices on air safety performance and build relationships with the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority. (Report on Page 8)



Academia role crucial to bolster people-to-people ties between Ethiopia, Pakistan: Envoy

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Friday urged academia to play their due role to bring the people of Ethiopia and Pakistan more close for bolstering bilateral ties between the two countries. (Report on Page 5)

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Suicide attack

KARACHI: Police personnel take position behind a police vehicle near site of an attack to a police compound in Provincial Capital.

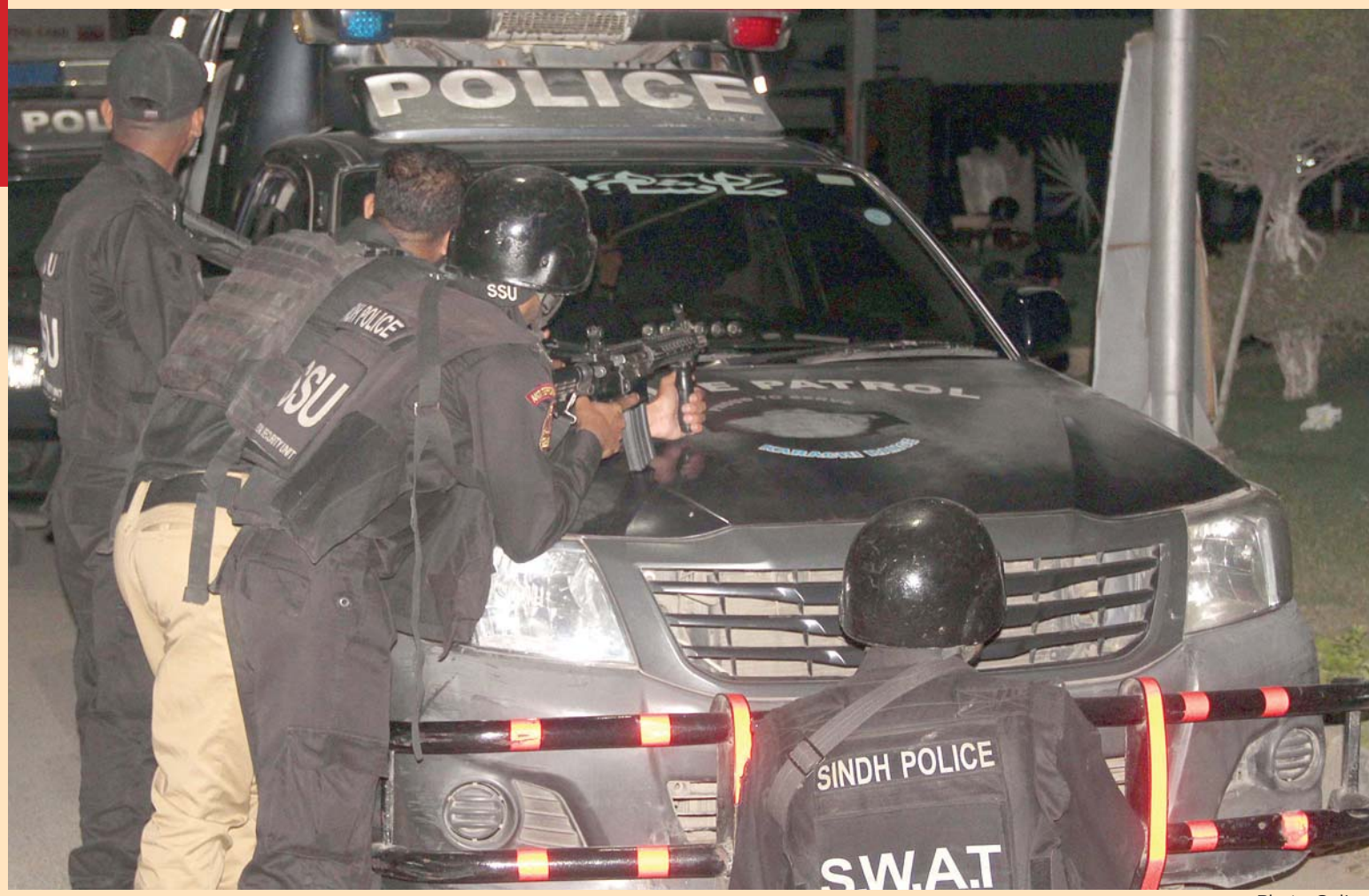


Photo: Online

Three terrorists neutralized as LEAs clear Karachi police head office building

Bureau Report/ News Desk

KARACHI : Law-enforcement agencies have killed at least three terrorists before clearing the Karachi police head office located on main Sharea Faisal, which came under attack on Friday night.

Security forces retook the building after several hours and killed three militants, a government spokesman said. Police commandos and a bomb disposal squad entered the building and a security sweep was under way.

A bomb explosion was also heard which resulted in a fire. On the other hand, Sindh Inspector General of Police (IGP) said that the police were encountering the terrorists, present at the fourth floor of the building,

which resulted in the death of two terrorists. However, there are still more terrorists present inside the building.

Police snipers took up positions near the station and all lights in the area were switched off.

Sources said the firing near the police head office at Shahr-e-Faisal sent shockwaves across the city, with fear spreading among the resident of the area. They said the attackers threw grenades from behind the police station at a time when security personnel were still present in the office.

Meanwhile, the investigations started to find out the number of attackers and the motive behind the attack.

A spokesperson for the Sindh Rangers said initial estimates

suggest there are eight to ten "armed terrorists". In a separate statement, the spokesperson said a brigadier of the counter-terrorism force is leading the operation, adding that Rangers were working on clearing the fourth floor.

Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah Meanwhile, Sindh Chief Minister took the notice of the attack and said he was overseeing the investigations himself and said the attack on the police chief's office was "unacceptable". He also ordered the regional DIGs to arrive at the police head office with police forces.

"I want the perpetrators behind the attack on the additional IGs office to be arrested," he said, adding that an attack on the KPO was "not acceptable" at any cost.

Sindh Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said the terrorists would have to pay for their bloody attack at the police station and added Sindh CM had taken the notice of the attack.

Rana Sanaulah Following the attack, Interior Minister Rana Sanaulah said he had a telephonic conversation with the Sindh IGP and chief secretary. He said that the federal government was in touch with the Sindh Police and "all assistance will be provided."

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in his tweet condemned the terrorist attack on Karachi police. He said that Sindh police have bravely faced and crushed terrorism before. "We have full faith they will do so again, such cowardly attacks will

not deter us," he added.

PM Shehbaz Sharif Taking strict notice of the terrorist attack on Karachi Police Office, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has sought report of the incident from the Chief Minister of Sindh. The Prime Minister also appreciated the police and security forces for their strong action against the terrorists.

President Arif Alvi In a statement, President Dr Arif Alvi strongly condemned the terror attack on the police office in Karachi and prayed for the early recovery of the injured. He said the whole nation stood with the security forces in the fight against terrorism. Efforts would continue till the complete elimination of the menace of terrorism, he added.

FM, German counterpart agree to strengthen bilateral cooperation



News Desk

MUNICH: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had a meeting with his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock here on Friday.

During the meeting held here on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference-2023 being held in Germany from February 16

to 20, the two Foreign Ministers agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the areas of energy, trade, skilled manpower, food security and climate change.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on this occasion also thanked Germany for their timely and full support for the flood affected people in Pakistan.

SC expresses anger as 90-day time for elections in Punjab, KP running out

Court Reporter

ISLAMABAD : The Supreme Court has remarked it is unable to understand what is being done by the Election Commission of Pakistan to hold elections in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as the 90-day time period is running out.

In January, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) dissolved the two provincial assemblies and the ECP, as per the Election Act 2017 and Constitution, is supposed to hold elections within 90 days of the dissolution. But uncertainty continues to hang on elections as the ECP and governors of the provinces are not announcing a date for elections. Several cases are being heard by the Lahore High Court (LHC), the Peshawar High Court (PHC) and the top court against the ECP for not announcing a schedule for elections in the provinces.

During the hearing of a case regarding transfer of Lahore CCPO Ghulam Mahmood Dogar, Justice Munib Akhtar

said the sole responsibility of the ECP was to hold elections but it was seeking more time to perform its duty.

At one point, the Islamabad High Court Bar Association pleaded the top court to issue an order on its petition seeking intervention for the electoral schedule. However, Justice Ijazul Ahsan rejected the request, saying a two-member bench had already sent the matter to Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial. He added that it was the prerogative of the chief justice to form a bench to hear the case.

A day earlier, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja had told the top court that he was being prevented from exercising his powers and fulfilling constitutional requirements for holding transparent elections. He also explained the impediments to holding elections when Justice Ijazul Ahsan remarked that elections, as per the Constitution, should be held within 90 days of the dissolution of the assemblies.

Pakistan to extend maximum support to Turkiye in post-quake: says PM

Spokesman Report

ADIYAMAN (TURKEY): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said Pakistan would continue to provide maximum assistance to the Turkiye in its post-earthquake rehabilitation and reconstruction phases.

The prime minister expressed these views as he handed over the relief goods mainly the winterized tents to the Turkish officials, during his visit to Adiyaman city of Turkiye.

A special aircraft of the Pakistan Air Force transported relief goods to Adiyaman city, the most-affected area in southeast Turkiye that suffered heavy damage from the earthquake of February 6.

The prime minister interacted with the



victims of the earthquake who lost their families and conveyed to them sympathies on behalf of the Pakistani nation.

Shehbaz Sharif on the occasion assured the Turkish government and the affected people that Pakistan would extend every possible cooperation to the

brotherly country to cope with the devastation. He termed Turkiye as the friend and brotherly country of Pakistan and hoped that the country would overcome the challenging times with resilience.

Appreciating the resilience of the Turkish nation,

the prime minister said that with "traditional Turkish spirit of overcoming all obstacles and defeating all challenges, the Turkish nation will emerge out of this natural calamity stronger than ever." Turkiye will always find Pakistan by its side, he assured.

Later, the prime minister

visited various parts of Adiyaman city and interacted with Pakistani search and rescue teams who were carrying out search and rescue operations in the area.

He praised their dedication and professionalism and stressed that Pakistan would continue playing an active part in rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts.

The ceremony was followed by a detailed briefing by the Turkish Disaster Relief Authority, AFAD on the ongoing rescue and relief activities.

The prime minister also interacted with the earthquake survivors who thanked him for Pakistan's steadfast and resolute support to Turkiye as well as for the effective role played by Pakistani rescue teams in saving lives.

Imran Khan announces to start Jail Bharo Movement on Feb 22

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Former premier and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan has announced to start Jail Bharo Tehreek [fill the jail movement] on February 22. While addressing workers and supporters via video link, Imran Khan announced to start Jail Bharo movement on Wednesday. He asked PTI workers to complete preparations as he is going to start the movement from Lahore.

He said that PTI will start filling the jails in all major cities with every passing day. He asked the nation to get their rights from the rulers and not to get afraid of them.

President Arif Alvi invites CEC for urgent meeting on elections

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Arif Alvi has invited Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja for an urgent meeting on general elections. As per details, the invitation has been sent to consult on elections under Section 57(1) of Elections Act, 2017, in the president house.

The letter stated that the election date or dates will be announced after consultation with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). President Arif Alvi expressed displeasure over the behavior and inaction of ECP. He also mentioned that the ECP didn't respond to his earlier letter as yet.

The letter further stated that the president has waited that the Commission would realize its constitutional duties to proceed and act accordingly,

but he was extremely disappointed by ECP's approach regarding elections.

Earlier, President Arif Alvi asked the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to immediately issue the election schedule for Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial assemblies.

In a letter addressed to Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja, President Arif Alvi had said that the election of an assembly is to be held within 90 days of the dissolution as provided by Article 224(2) of the Constitution.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Punjab and KP assemblies were dissolved on Jan 18 and Jan 14, respectively, after former prime minister Imran Khan had announced to dissolve assemblies in an attempt to force the government to hold snap polls.

Literature Festival

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Sherry Rehman in a group photograph during the 14th Karachi Literature Festival at Karachi on Friday.



Photo: PID

PPAF, ITC disburse grants to support agri-business in Sindh

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme—Ma'am Shazia Marri attended Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) matching grant cheque distribution ceremony, at Movenpick Hotel Karachi.

Federal Minister, Mrs. Shazia Marri stated how Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) distributed matching grants worth RS 269 million amongst 128 beneficiaries to promote agri-business in Sindh. The initiative is aimed at contributing to the overall economic development of the province by supporting small and medium enterprises from 6 districts of the province, namely; Hyderabad, Khairpur, Sajawal, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tharparkar and Maitthi. The Matching Grants were distributed under Growth for Rural Advancement and



Sustainable progress which is a European Union (EU) funded project implemented by International Trade Centre (ITC) in collaboration with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Federal Minister Mrs. Shazia Marri, during her speech stated that she is grateful to EU and ITC for investing in Pakistan's agricultural sector to improve

the business environment and strengthen agricultural value chains in the targeted districts. "This initiative has improved access to finance for agricultural based small and medium enterprises and boost the trend of entrepreneurship in the communities belonging to remote areas. Five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been worked upon through this project. First no

poverty. Second zero hunger. Third gender equality. Fourth work and economic growth and fifth Climate change. This project in one way or the other contributed in fulfilling these five SDGs. Women especially should be motivated and encouraged to participate in the work force. Likewise, financial and digital literacy is need of the hour for masses," said the Federal Minister.

Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Shazia Marri while addressing the media mentioned that different organisations should work hand in hand to help people affected by the floods in Pakistan. "Inaction is no longer an option. Pakistan's people, and the economic system that has to drive the quality and pace of recovery from a flood that destroyed 33 million lives has sustained a huge exogenous shock. We are not big emitters rather quite the opposite. Long-term climate financing instruments are needed to plug severe capacity deficits in the developing countries. What has happened in Pakistan will certainly not only stay in Pakistan, we are seeing climate change impacts crossing borders," said the Federal Minister.

Concluding the address, the Federal Minister thanked all the international agencies for their work in Pakistan and distributed cheques among the winners.

SC suspends transfer order of CCPO Lahore

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Friday suspended the transfer order of Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Ghulam Mahmood Dogar.

A three-member SC bench comprising Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar, and Justice Sayeed Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi heard the CCPO Ghulam Mehmood Dogar transfer case.

During the course of proceedings, the Secretary Election Commission and Director General (Law) ECP appeared in the court.

Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan asked whether the Chief Election Commissioner had come to the court.

Upon this, the Secretary Election Commission replied that the Chief Election Commissioner was not able to come due to his illness.

He said that the Punjab government made a first verbal request to transfer the CCPO on 23 January.

Justice Mazhar Akbar Naqvi inquired whether the Election Commission could allow transfers and postings under normal circumstances.

Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan said that the Election Commission could allow the transfer in important situations according to the rules.

Justice Munib Akhtar inquired how the transfer was made on a verbal request. He asked who had empowered the Chief Election Commissioner to transfer officers on verbal request.

He asked if a Mr X called and made such a request, would the court allow it? He asked under what laws assistant commissioners were transferred at the request of a caretaker government.

Justice Munib Akhtar remarked that the Election Commission had the power to permit the transfer, not just

the Chief Election Commissioner.

He asked was it the tradition of Election Commission that transfer was done on verbal request.



The Secretary Election Commission said that after the verbal request, a written request was also made. He said that such transfers had taken place in the ECP earlier as well.

Justice Munib Akhtar said that Ghulam Mehmood Dogar was transferred on a verbal request, then a writ-

ten request came.

The Secretary Election Commission told the court that the government made an oral request for the transfer of Ghulam Mehmood Dogar on 23 January while a written request was received on January 24 and it was approved on February 6.

Justice Munib Akhtar inquired whether orders were issued on oral request even in normal circumstances.

Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan said that the oral request was received, approved, and implemented after the implementation correspondence was made.

Justice Munib Akhtar asked whether government institutions work verbally. He asked could constitutional bodies issue oral orders. The Election Commission could approve the transfer, not the Chief Election Commissioner, he added.

He asked whether the Election Commission had delegated its powers to the Chief Election Commissioner.

NA session adjourned without voting on finance bill

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly session to discuss the recently presented Finance (Supplementary) Bill, 2023, generally known as the mini-budget, was adjourned on Friday without a vote on the amendments proposed.

NA Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf chaired the session.

"The NA session has been adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 20th February, 2023 at 5:00 pm," the lower house said in a statement released on the official Twitter handle.

During the session today, PPP's Qadir Khan Mandokhail urged the government to decrease the burden on the poor and instead hike taxes on luxury cars and houses.

Mutahida Qaumi Movement-Pa-

kistan (MQM-P) MNA Salahuddin lashed out at Finance Minister Ishaq Dar for being "non-serious" towards the difficult conditions the country was facing.

He demanded that parliament should be informed about who is responsible for the current dire economic situation of the country.

He recalled that the IMF agreement was signed by the previous government which then backtracked from it.

NA Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf stated that the recommendations of the Senate on the Finance Amendment Bill 2023 were received by the National Assembly.

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar Wednesday introduced Finance (Supplementary) Bill 2023 or the "finance bill" in the National Assembly.

NDMA dispatches 21 NLC trailers of relief via road to Turkiye, Syria



City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Friday dispatched 21 trailers of the National Logistics Cell (NLC) carrying relief items for the earthquake-affected victims of Turkey and Syria via Taftan, Iran road.

The NDMA on the directions of the Prime Minister mobilised the NLC trailers that reached Taftan,

Iran with relief items, the NDMA spokesperson said.

It was the first convoy sent to the people of the friendly countries of Turkey and Syria affected by the recent severe earthquake reached Taftan which was a border town at Pakistan-Iran international border.

The relief items included tents, blankets and other essential items.

This relief cargo was consisting of 21 trailers being sent to Turkey and Syria via Taftan, Iran road.

Direct flights between UK, Pakistan helpful channels for people-to-people contacts

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: British Chargé d' Affaires Andrew Dalgleish on Friday said direct flights between the United Kingdom and Pakistan were a helpful channel for businesses and people-to-people contacts.

"The British High Commission understands how important this is for Pakistani airline companies," he said at an event organized on the conclusion of a 12-day visit of experts from the UK State Safety Partnership (SSP) team to share best practices on air safety performance and build relationships with the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority.

Andrew Dalgleish said, "This visit and ongoing support signify our commitment to helping the Pakistani authorities achieve this for the benefit of the citizens of both the UK and Pakistan."

Maryam Nawaz's narrative failing to even impress Safdar: Sheikh Rasheed

City Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad on Friday took a jab at rival Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) chief organizer Maryam Nawaz by saying that even her husband Captain (ret) Safdar is not buying the narrative she is trying to build.

The AML chief expressed these remarks while addressing to the party activists, stating that PML-N chief organizer Maryam Nawaz should have taken her husband into confidence as their party's narrative is not being accepted in her own household.

Sheikh Rasheed also heavily criticised Finance Minister Ishaq Dar for the current economic crisis and said that 'Dracula' (Ishaq Dar) used to say he will bring back the US dollar under Rs 200 but now the greenback is near Rs 300.

Etisalat mints Rs.9b net profit from an economic survivor country

Amjad Mehmood

ISLAMABAD: UAE's telecom giant, Etisalat continues to earn huge profits from the Pakistani market despite an outstanding payment of \$800 million to Pakistan after taking charge of 26% stake in Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) for \$2.6 billion in 2005. Etisalat owes money as part of its investment in Pakistan's telecom sector but has withheld payment due to transferring ownership of the properties to PTCL from the government.

PTCL Group has achieved double-digit revenue growth of 10.2% during the financial year 2022. The company announced its annual financial results for the year 2022 at its Board of Directors' meeting held in Islamabad. PTCL posted 8.6% growth in its revenues, owing to its upward growth in retail and business segments, whereas Ufone achieved 7.1% growth in its revenues. The Group's subsidiary, U-Microfinance Bank, also post-

ed 35.4% revenue growth in 2022. The Group's revenue has increased by 10.2% from year to year claiming a jump to Rs. 151.6 billion, mainly driven by a stronghold in the consumer segment led by fixed mobile data, broadband, and wholesale & business solutions, and other micro-finance services. PTCL's revenue soars to Rs. 83.4 billion for the year 2022, highest ever in its history, and 8.6% higher than last year. The company in its report shared the news of earning an operating profit of Rs. 4.9 billion, which is 17% higher compared to 2021, and a net profit of Rs. 9 billion, highest since 2013 and 31.7% higher compared to last year.

Despite these economic miracles, the company has failed even after passing 18 years to clear its outstanding payment and tried to clear the dispute by offering even lower than half of the outstanding amount to different governments in Pakistan. Facing the loss of a huge amount, no Pakistani government has ever tried to take

the matter to the international court of arbitration. Etisalat paid an initial \$1.80 billion amount according to deal terms, which also included transferring ownership of the properties to PTCL from the government. An amount of \$800 million was pending to be paid in six twice-yearly installments. Etisalat claims that money has been withheld due to non-transferring of remaining 33 properties in the name of PTCL, which the Pakistani government had committed in 2005. Whereas Pakistan has already transferred over 3,000 properties but Etisalat did not bother to pay any amount out of the remaining \$800 million. Recently, in December 2022 the company offered to pay \$263 million to settle the issue which however, Pakistani government has turned down the offer considering it even lower than the amount Etisalat was willing to pay in 2016.

While on the other hand, the services being provided by Etisalat-owned PTCL to customers are highly compromised. The quality, connecti-



ty, post-connection services, complaint system, and dealing with customers' queries are the common issues thousands of consumers face every day. The company has failed to install its facility within the vicinity of Islamabad including the area of Barakah, just 15 kilometers away from Parliament House.

The scope of high profits also indicates that governments should careful-

ly assess the demerits of privatization of profitable organizations. The huge profit of Rs. 9 billion earned by Etisalat is simply a drain of money from Pakistan and this amount would never be invested in Pakistan. The country passing through an economic emergency situation is providing a lucrative market to foreign investors who fail to re-invest the money in the local

market. The newspaper approached the CFO of the company to share his views on earning huge profits from Pakistan and non-settlement of dispute of outstanding money however, he preferred not to reply. The platform would remain available for the company to share its views at convenience and Daily Spokesman would also publish their version.

856 degrees awarded at the 20th convocation of Iqra University

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Iqra University in its 20th convocation on Thursday conferred 856 degrees on graduating students. A total of 15 gold medals were also awarded to Ph.D. scholars and students of masters and bachelors for their extraordinary results. Addressing the ceremony, the President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi said education and health were two basic sectors that played a key role in the development and prosperity of any country. China had made exemplary progress focusing on these two areas and Pakistan should also focus on ensuring high-quality education and health care to its people through modern technology and training, he added. He said the country had been facing tough times and the indicators in education, health, gender empowerment, and some other areas were unsatisfactory. The president was of the view that cultural harmony was the strength of the Pakistani nation and the people of the country were proud of their cultural values. President Alvi said the graduating students should always respect their parents who did whatever they could to equip them with higher education. Modern technology had resulted in immense treasures of knowledge with access to education significantly increased, he said, adding that the



youth need to develop analytical skills to benefit from the available knowledge resources. The world had evolved into an intellectual world and we should deal with it intellectually, the president remarked.

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori said the Iqra University had been providing quality education to students for many years. He praised the late founder of the varsity, Hunaid Lakhani, for giving an exemplary institution to Pakistan. It was the dream of every patriotic Pakistani to see the country developed, stable, and prosperous,

the governor said, adding that the youth were the biggest guarantors of the development and prosperity of Pakistan.

Iqra University President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Wasim Qazi told the graduating students that it was the day to celebrate their success and move towards their future development. He added that the Iqra University was a leading educational institution in Pakistan and had a strong reputation for providing high-quality education to its students.

Scholar and intellectual Arfa Sayeda Zehra said education was a journey

and knowledge was its final destination. She added that the journey prepared the students for their life ahead. She stressed the need for proper training of the students so that they could lead fruitful lives and carry forward their esteemed values.

President of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce Tariq Yousuf and others also expressed their views. Former President of Karachi Chamber of Commerce Muhammad Idris and Javed Memon of the D.G Higher Education Commission Sindh Noman Ahsan were also present on the occasion.

Painting Exhibition

ISLAMABAD: Famous TV actor Jamal Shah posing for a group photograph along with children artists during a painting exhibition title by "Art of the Change" at Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

City of businesses soon emerges as International standard city: Robina Amjad

Mian Rashid Asghar.

FAISALABAD: The Joint Committees of Shehr-e-Muwakhat-FWCCI & Akhuwat, have started work to make three streets of the city as model to be followed by others in Faisalabad. It was disclosed by Mrs. Rubina Amjad, President Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FWCCI) while giving briefing to the Media regarding implementation status on the decisions taken into account at the visit of Dr. Amjad Saqib, Chief Executive Akhuwat to FWCCI in the recent past. She informed that in the initial phase, three streets of Sahil Hospital surroundings have been chosen to transform into model streets to turn Faisalabad as Shehr-e-Muwakhat.

These Committees of separate scopes regarding their jobs, have started plantation, cleanliness, kitchen gardening and on street lights to make these streets as model to follow by other parts of the city. She further elaborated that the local community has also taken keen interest to keep the work sustainable and eventually participated by them. She said that FWCCI will also work for entrepreneurship development for the women in such areas. She said that the main objective is to transform whole City of Faisalabad as 'Shehr-e-Muwakhat' with joint efforts of FWCCI, Akhuwat and local community & this city of businesses would soon emerge like a standard international city.

She appreciated efforts of Mrs. Tasghera Tajammal, SVP FWCCI, Dr. Najma Afzal, Chairperson on Health Committee, heads of various joint Committees and Head of Faisalabad Regional Akhuwat Office who are consistently working on this model project to turn Faisalabad as 'Shehr-e-Muwakhat'—a role model in Pakistan.

Terrorism is an evil

Adam Khan Wazir

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Regional Police Officer Dera Ismail Khan Muhammad Saleem Marwat said that terrorism is an evil which has not only exposed the foundations of our country but also people, security forces and police force are sacrificing their precious lives.

Police force is more vulnerable to terrorism due to being at the front, keeping in mind these conditions, armored plating is being installed in the vehicles provided to the police for the safety and facilities of the police to avoid the sacrifice of precious lives. A clear example of which was the attack on the police party in Chud Hawan during the polio campaign in January.

In Dera region, out of 116 vehicles, 89 vehicles had armored plating while 27 vehicles did not have armored plating.

RPO Dera had held a meeting last month with the officials of Al Moaz, Chashma 1, Chashma 2 and Merein



Sugar mills while utilizing their limited resources as well as taking the public community into confidence.

In which the legitimate demands and problems of the sugar mills authorities were heard and resolved immediately.

The authorities assured their cooperation in installing armored plating in police vehicles.

RPO Dera, with the help of its limited resources and the support of

the police officers, has so far installed armored plating in 10 out of 27 vehicles and handed them over to the police stations, armored plating on a vehicle costs an estimated Rs.10/8 lakh.

On this occasion, RPO Dera reiterated his commitment that no sacrifice will be spared in establishing lasting peace and creating a prosperous society by eliminating terrorism and crimes from the Dera region.

60 thousand rickshaw drivers need attention of traffic administration for smoothening the Traffic

Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: Central Secretary General of the Union and Candidate for Provincial Assembly PP-115 Mian Ejaz Hussain participated in the reorganization of Chenab Chowk Unit of Pasban Rickshaw Taxi Drivers Union Punjab. On this occasion, District Vice President Muhammad Nadeem, Liaquat Ali Tahir Multani and others were also present. Mian Ejaz Hussain said that they are desirous of making the city traffic-free, for which there is a need to create more capacity. The traffic administration should sympathize and cooperate with the rickshaw and taxi drivers, considering the current economic situations. Challan without reason creates such an effect on them that they can't even manage Daal Roti for their children in the evening. They don't earn so



much money as they have to pay in the shape of the challans. He further said added that taking notice of illegal park-

ing is necessary but the flood of traffic in the city demands special focus of the traffic administration.

So more parking points should be made so that it may be easy for the general public, but the irresponsibility of the administration is sign of question. He informed that, the union has written to the Commissioner, Deputy commissioner and CTO certain proposals to sit with the union to solve the traffic problems, but no response has been received from them, which clearly means that the management does not have any time to solve the public problems. He said that we have a plan to improve the traffic system. He further said that in a society where experienced people do not move forward, the culture of working with using sticks, bullets and bullying environment develop, and this pattern does not solve the problems, so all the conscious nations sit on the table and solve their problems.

TikTok to reinforce commitment to safety with its Safety Ambassadors Programme



News Desk

PAKISTAN: TikTok is continuing its efforts towards user safety in Pakistan as it is set to launch its first-ever offline digital safety focused activation in the country with its Safety Ambassadors Programme.

The Safety Ambassadors Programme is a part of TikTok's goal to foster a safe and welcoming platform for its vibrant, diverse communities. TikTok continues to support an innovative and creative community. The family-friendly culture, which has led to the platform's popularity, has been possible due to its focus on user protection and safety.

The #SaferTogether campaign is another proactive initiative from TikTok, as the global entertainment platform tries to combat the industry-wide issue of online and offline safety of users. The campaign is also a reminder of TikTok's proactive efforts in educating users about safety, including challenges like misinformation, cyber bullying, harassment and online scams, while also shedding light on the power of authentic content.

The campaign will be supported by some of Pakistan's most popular content creators including Taimur Salahuddin (aka Mooroo), Irfan Junejo, Faiza Saleem, Amtul Haseen Baweja, Hamza Bhatti, Areeka Haq, Anoushey Ashraf and Kazi Muhammad Akber, as TikTok's Safety Ambassadors. The Safety Ambassadors will talk about digital safety and advocate for responsible internet usage on their social media profiles to their followers.

PTA conducts successful raids against illegal issuance of SIMs

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has continued its crackdown against the illegal issuance of SIM cards, with successful raids in multiple locations.

In Mingora Swat, a successful raid was conducted by PTA Zonal Office Peshawar in collaboration with FIA Cyber Crime Circle Peshawar against a mobile company franchisee suspected of illegally issuing SIM cards. The suspects used the guise of BISP disbursements to take biometric information (finger/thumb impressions) of subscribers for SIMs issuance.

Similarly, in Lahore, PTA Zonal Office & FIA Cyber Crime Circle Gujranwala conducted raids against three franchisees of a mobile company suspected of illegally issuing SIM cards in Gujranwala, Pasoor, and Narowal.

During the raids, BVS devices issued by mobile company and a bank for BISP disbursements, and active SIM cards were confiscated. Five suspects were arrested. FIA is currently investigating the cases further. PTA had previously filed complaints with FIA based on suspicious issuance of SIMs at sale channels.

The raids in both locations demonstrate PTA's resolve to stop the illegal issuance of SIMs and prevent the circumvention of the Multi-finger Biometric Verification System (MBVS).

Polio immunization campaign continues in 39 districts

ISLAMABAD, FEB 17 (APP): A sub-national polio vaccination campaign on Friday continued in 39 districts of the country to vaccinate more than six million children under the age of five years.

The drive was started after sewage samples in Lahore tested positive for wild poliovirus last month. The polio drive continued in nine districts, including the seven endemic districts of Bannu, D.I.Khan, Tank, Lakki Marwat, North Waziristan, Upper South Waziristan and Lower South Waziristan in southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and two districts of Punjab including Lahore and Faisalabad.

The drive was conducted after two environmental samples collected from two separate sites in Lahore tested positive for wild poliovirus in January.

The first positive sample of 2023 was detected on January 19 and was genetically linked to the poliovirus found in the Nangarhar province of Afghanistan in November 2022, according to the national polio lab at the National Institute of Health.

Seminar on 'Islamic Banking Awareness'

Adam Khan Wazir

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Shakibullah said that the results of interest-free banking in the banking sector are exemplary.

According to Islamic teachings, we have to purify the society from the usury system.

He expressed these views while addressing a seminar on "Islamic Banking Awareness" jointly organized by Gomal University's Institute of Business Administration (IBA) and State Bank of Pakistan. Registrar Gomal University Dr. Jabar Khan, Deputy Chief Manager State Bank Fazal Muqim, Assistant Chief Manager State Bank Aamir Ejaz, Head Sharia Board of Bank of Khyber Mufti Fazal Hakeem, Human Resource Management of Bank of Khyber Fakhir-e-Alam, Gomal University, Deans of all departments, Administrative Officers, (IBAKA) large number of teachers and students were also present on the occasion.

Lecturer Dr. Ahmad Ali formally started the seminar by reciting the Holy Quran while Lecturer Dr. Adnan Khan performed the duties of the stage secretary.

The organizer of the seminar was Professor Dr. Zahid Awan, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences.

Addressing the seminar, Vice Chancellor Dr. Shakibullah further said that despite the promises given in the blessed hadiths and the clear instructions in the Holy Quran, if we

do not get rid of this system, we are responsible for our own destruction.

Because usury is a war against Allah's Self and how can one who fights against the world's sustenance achieve financial comfort in the real sense.

He said that according to the decisions of the Islamic Ideological Council and the Federal Sharia Court, the government of Pakistan has started work on the promotion of interest-free banking in the country.

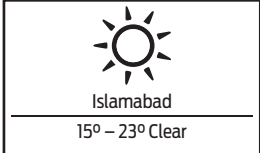
State Bank of Pakistan is playing its full role in this regard, every member of the society has to play a practical role in this field.

While addressing the ceremony, Dean Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences Professor Dr. Zahid Awan, Deputy Chief Manager State Bank Fazal Muqim, Assistant Chief Manager State Bank Amir Ejaz also addressed.

In the seminar, Bank of Khyber Sharia Board head Mufti Fazal Hakeem also gave a detailed lecture regarding Islamic banking.

After which the students also asked questions regarding Islamic banking and interest system. On this occasion, an internship quiz was also taken from the students by the State Bank, and the 6 students who pass this internship quiz should also be given one to two weeks free training at the National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBF).

However, this number will be increased in future so that more and more students of Gomal University can benefit from it.



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OPPO Find N2 Flip, Official Smartphone of the UEFA Champions League



Spokesman Report

LAHORE : Global smart technology company OPPO, Official Global Partner of the UEFA Champions League, unveiled its latest flagship foldable smartphone - Find N2 Flip, Official Smartphone of the UEFA Champions League, on Feb 15th. "We are glad to launch our new Find N2 Flip to the global markets," said William Liu, President of Global Marketing at OPPO. "OPPO Find N2 Flip, Official Smartphone of the UEFA Champions League, is the perfect device for fans to both capture and experience true-to-life content from their favorite football games."

As part of the partnership, the Find N2 Flip will be used by official UEFA Champions League photographers to capture the action of the game at close range along the sidelines framing the inspiring and exciting moments. The best photos will then be shared in an OPPO Gallery on the UEFA Champions League website and the OPPO UEFA Champions League landing page.

Legislation of new tobacco products is unacceptable: President PANAH

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The rate of smoking in Pakistan is increasing day by day. It is one of the leading causes of heart disease and cancer. Any new tobacco product should not be regularized. The speakers said this while addressing a walk at National Press Club Islamabad organized by Panah. The walk was led by Panah President Major General (ret'd) Masood ur Rehman Kayani, President, Union of Journalists Pakistan P Afzal Butt and Col. Shakeel Ahmed Mirza. The event was hosted by Panah Secretary General Sanaullah Ghumman. A large number of students, civil society, lawyers, journalists and public participated in the walk. Children held banners and placards disapproving of new tobacco product legislation, protecting us from the dangers of tobacco. There were messages about the government not prioritizing the interests of the tobacco industry over our health.

Major General (ret'd) Masood ur Rehman Kayani said that Panah has been working for the last 40 years to protect its countrymen from heart and related diseases, one of the major causes of which is smoking. We are trying to protect our young generation from the dangers of smoking, but the tobacco industry is always putting our children in danger by introducing new products. We reject new tobacco product legislation.

Afzal Butt said that Panah's efforts to protect Pakistani children from tobacco are noteworthy. The entire journalistic community of Pakistan joins Panah in rejecting the new tobacco products legislation.

Sanaullah Ghumman said that a large number of people are suffering from smoking addiction in Pakistan and their number is more than 22 million. Our youths are also getting addicted to drugs. Around 1200 children start smoking every day. Panah is working with the government to educate

people about the dangers of smoking and reduce its use, but the tobacco industry is trying to attract boys and girls. Innovation brings new products to the market. Some times in the form of vello and sometimes in the name of heating tobacco products. The government has enacted legislation to regularize new tobacco products. We reject any such new product legislation. We are out to protect the health of our children. Today, every section of concern, including children, is raising their voices in the voice of asylum and demanding the government not to approve this murderous law.

The students and civil society demanded the government in the walk that many countries have banned these tobacco products and many countries are going to ban them. We reject the government's move to regularize these products and appeal. They want to ban them completely to save the new generation from their destruction.



Anti-Tobacco Walk

ISLAMABAD: Participants hold a banner during a Anti-Tobacco Walk organized by PANAH outside National Press Club in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Jazz enables TCF to impart digital-age skills to over 250,000 students

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Jazz, Pakistan's leading digital operator and a part of VEON Group, is digitally enabling The Citizens Foundation (TCF) to implement tech-enabled learning across 1,800 TCF schools and ensuring an advanced learning experience for over 250,000 students nationwide.

As part of this initiative, 23 computer labs have already been revamped, and a school management app has been introduced in all TCF schools, offering efficiency, transparency, and accuracy of data collection and management for all students, faculty, and non-faculty employees.

The blended learning solution for primary students is an innovative approach that



combines online and offline education to provide a more interactive and engaging learning experience, while the computer curriculum under DLP (Digital Literacy Program) for grades 6-8 is specifically designed to equip

students with access to the latest technology. Driven by the impetus to digitally empower youth and to assist the Government of Pakistan in realizing its Digital Pakistan vision, Jazz continues to club its resources and expertise in creating long-term, sustainable solutions and partnerships that uplift individuals and the larger community."

Jazz has consistently been at the front of youth and women empowerment programs, and this partnership with TCF is another milestone in that journey. Through this initiative, Jazz delivers on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 - Quality Education; 5 - Gender Equality; 9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; and 10 - Reduced Inequalities.

SDPI's Policy stance over tobacco taxation

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD : In a pleasant surprise by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), excise duty on tobacco products has been increased through a statutory regulatory ordinance (SRO). All the stakeholders working to control the menace of tobacco have welcomed this timely move of the FBR.

We appreciate that the government took seriously the recommendations adopted at a high-profile seminar held earlier on 3rd February 2023 by Sustainable Development Policy Institute and participated by the health policy experts and worthy speakers. It speaks about the concerns that civil society organizations had regarding the spread of tobacco products.

The policy experts also propose imposing high taxes on Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs) and electronic smoking products that have started flooding our markets. SDPI is hopeful of such taxation in near future. Now, the target for tobacco collection for the Fiscal Year 2023 has been met, therefore, we are hopeful that while increasing the taxes for FY-2024 in the next budget, the government will keep this evidence in mind that increase in taxes always ends up in reduced consumption.

In the current move, FBR excise duty has increased from Rs 41 per pack to Rs 101 per pack, and on premium cigarettes, the excise duty has also increased from Rs 130 per pack to Rs 330 per pack. The economy and premium packs will see an increase of 146.3 % and 153.8%, respectively. Since June 2022, the Federal Excise Duty on economy and premium packs has increased by 206.1% and 217% respectively.

Reiterating the need for such healthy measures, SDPI further emphasized the need for a consistent and long-term tobacco taxation policy. We demand of the government to take such measures in a systematic way. Evidence from around the globe implies that increasing the taxes always results in reduction of tobacco consumption. Experts at SDPI believe that HTPs, which Pakistan started regulating recently, should also be brought under heavy taxation.

PAC organized sixth Pothohari Award Show



City Reporter

RAWALPINDI : Sixth Pothohari Award Show was organized in Punjab Arts Council to highlight the culture of Pothohar region. Apart from actors, artists and singers from Potohar region, well-known and famous stage, TV and social media platforms, political and social figures and people also participated in the award show and gave a lot of praise to these showbiz stars. Hameed Babar aka Ramazani and Shehzad Pappu were the stage secretaries in the award show. On this occasion, political and social personalities from Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Potohar region gave Hameed Babar aka Ramzani a hearty applause. Punjabi folk singer Azhar Awan, Hikmat Awan and other singers created the magic of their art and received a hearty ovation from the public. The public in large numbers in the twin cities appreciated this award show and demanded that such events be held in future. So that the culture of the Potohar region can be highlighted and its artists can be recognized not only in their own country but also at the global level.

AIOU to hold Int'l moot on Early Childhood Development

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD : The 4th International Conference on "Early Childhood Development (ECD)" will be held at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) on February 22 and 23. National and International ECD experts, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and teachers will participate in this conference. Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood said that this conference is being organized by Allama Iqbal Open University in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives, UNICEF, World Health Organization, Pakistan Alliance for Early Childhood, Rupani Foundation, Save the Children, Shifa Foundation, SightSaver, Aga Khan Foundation, and Aga Khan University.

Chief Executive Officer, Pakistan Alliance for Early Childhood, Khadija Khan while briefing the representatives of all partner organizations, said that all the arrangements have been completed. Scholars will present papers on Good Health, Adequate Nutrition, Security & Safety, Responsive Caregiving, Early Learning & development opportunities, and Early Childhood Development in Emergencies.

The Bank of Punjab announced financial results

Bureau Report

LAHORE: A meeting of the Board of Directors of The Bank of Punjab (BOP) was held on February 17, 2023. During the meeting, annual audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended December 31, 2022 were approved by the Board.



As a result, during the year 2022, Bank's Balance Sheet grew by 24% and reached the level of Rs. 1.48 Trillion. As on December 31, 2022, Bank's deposits stood at the level of Rs.1.23 Trillion showing a commendable growth of

22%. With prudent management of resources, aggressive business expansion and introduction of new products & services, the Bank has been able to post before tax profit of Rs. 18.51 billion during year 2022. Earnings per Share (EPS) for year 2022 stood at Rs. 3.64 per share.

During the year 2022, Net Interest Margin (NIM) improved to Rs. 30.76 billion as against Rs. 29.88 billion during year 2021. Non-Markup/ Interest Income (excluding gains on securities) increased to Rs. 10.23 billion as against Rs. 6.12 billion showing a substantial increase of 67%. During the year, Bank's NPLs reduced to Rs. 51.56 billion on account of recovery/regularization with net recoveries/reversal of Rs.0.47 billion during the year.

Investments and Gross Advances were recorded at Rs. 638.26 billion and

Rs. 634.38 billion, respectively. Book Value per share (excluding surplus on assets) improved to Rs. 22.65 as against Rs. 21.26 as on December 31, 2021. As on December 31, 2022, Bank's Equity improved to Rs. 65.05 billion as against Rs. 54.83 billion as on December 31, 2021. The bank during the year managed to improve its risk profile despite the economy being besieged by severe challenges. In addition, BOP was also able to raise tier 1 capital via TFC issue of Rs.8.02 billion exhibiting the faith the market has in BOP's financial strength. Bank's CAR and LR stood at 13.11% and 3.46% respectively as of December 31, 2022.

Keeping in view Bank's Strategic Business Plan envisaging aggressive business growth and further CAPEX commitment in the areas of Information Technology & Digitalization, requiring strong

capital base, the Board announced and recommended a Stock Dividend of 10% for Shareholders for the year 2022.

In recognition of Bank's strong financial position, The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) has maintained Bank's long term entity rating at "AA+" with short term rating being already at the highest rank of "A1+". The Bank currently has a countrywide network of 780 online branches, including 140 Taqwa Islamic Banking Branches. Further, the Bank is providing 24/7 banking services to the customers through its vast network of 706 ATMs and other Digital Banking Services. During the year 2022 the bank expanded its branch network by 116 branches and is targeting an almost similar number during the year 2023 with increased emphasis on opening more and more Islamic branches.

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Cultural and people-to-people ties between Iran and China – the path ahead

Abas Aslani

With the development of communication technologies and the media's more significant impact on the foreign policy of countries, sub-national actors, such as public opinion and paradiplomacy, have played an increasingly vital role in foreign relations.

Though national deals are normally approved by governments, public support also plays a part that cannot be overlooked. Public opinion and influence bring opportunities and challenges to a country's foreign policy and relations.

The development of communication technologies significantly affects how public opinion influences foreign policy. Today, the media can be used in asymmetric and soft warfare among countries. In this regard, Western countries have been a pioneer in establishing media and expanding their range of activities. Western propaganda has profoundly influenced the world's public opinion in pursuit of particular objectives. Social networks and media are used as leverage to pressure governments or even cause disruption.

Firstly, the determination to compete in traditional and modern media should be supported. Often, the media's influence on

societies surpasses that of governments. For example, many Western media outlets seek to transmute small events in the two countries into major crises.

Secondly, media coverage of Iran and China should increase. News media coverage in both countries should be broader than diplomatic events and bilateral relations. The constant exchange of information and analyses leads to greater communication between the people of the two countries and greater credibility, which benefits from an accurate, logical and consistent narration.

Thirdly, use paradiplomacy as a practical strategy to bring the Iranian and Chinese societies closer and reduce the negative impact of foreign media on bilateral relations.

Iran and China can support the establishment and expansion of paradiplomacy or "parallel diplomacy" among non-governmental players and people in different ways. In the era of virtual communications, unofficial and non-governmental players are more effective. Thus, increasing "citizen diplomats" — who are proficient in public diplomacy — among journalists, artists, students and researchers help advance bilateral ties. Paradiplomacy can be pursued by expanding cultural and economic relations among cities and provinces and through local authorities.

Fourthly, soft security means the people

of the two countries hold a sense of security in their bilateral relations. It includes hope for the positive impact of bilateral relations on daily life and the future of relations.

The Western media consistently attempt to invoke a sense of insecurity in China and Iran about their bilateral ties. They seek to cultivate a view that "relations between your governments will bring you nothing but poverty and misery. We are your civilized friends, and other Eastern societies are uncivilized and savage." Iranian and Chinese media should combat such misleading and manipulative perspectives.

Fifthly, the Western media's influence on other societies originates from the West's decades-long bid to press its values on others. Iran and China are civilized Eastern societies with many cultural commonalities and attractive cultural and traditional values. Holding joint cultural events would strengthen foreign relations between the

two countries.

The development of bilateral cultural relations could provide fertile ground for policy support among the public. The role of academics, university students, artists and other social strata and classes are essential here. Constructive, sustainable and long-term strategic cooperation



and interaction with East Asian countries require such social capital. (Courtesy by Xinhua News Agency)

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Meeting of Child Protection Advisory Board

Federal Minister for Human Rights Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada on Friday chaired the third meeting of the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Child Protection Advisory Board as its patron in the Ministry of Human Rights.

The objective of this meeting was to discuss the pending issues of the Child Protection Institute (CPI) and Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Agency (ZARRA).

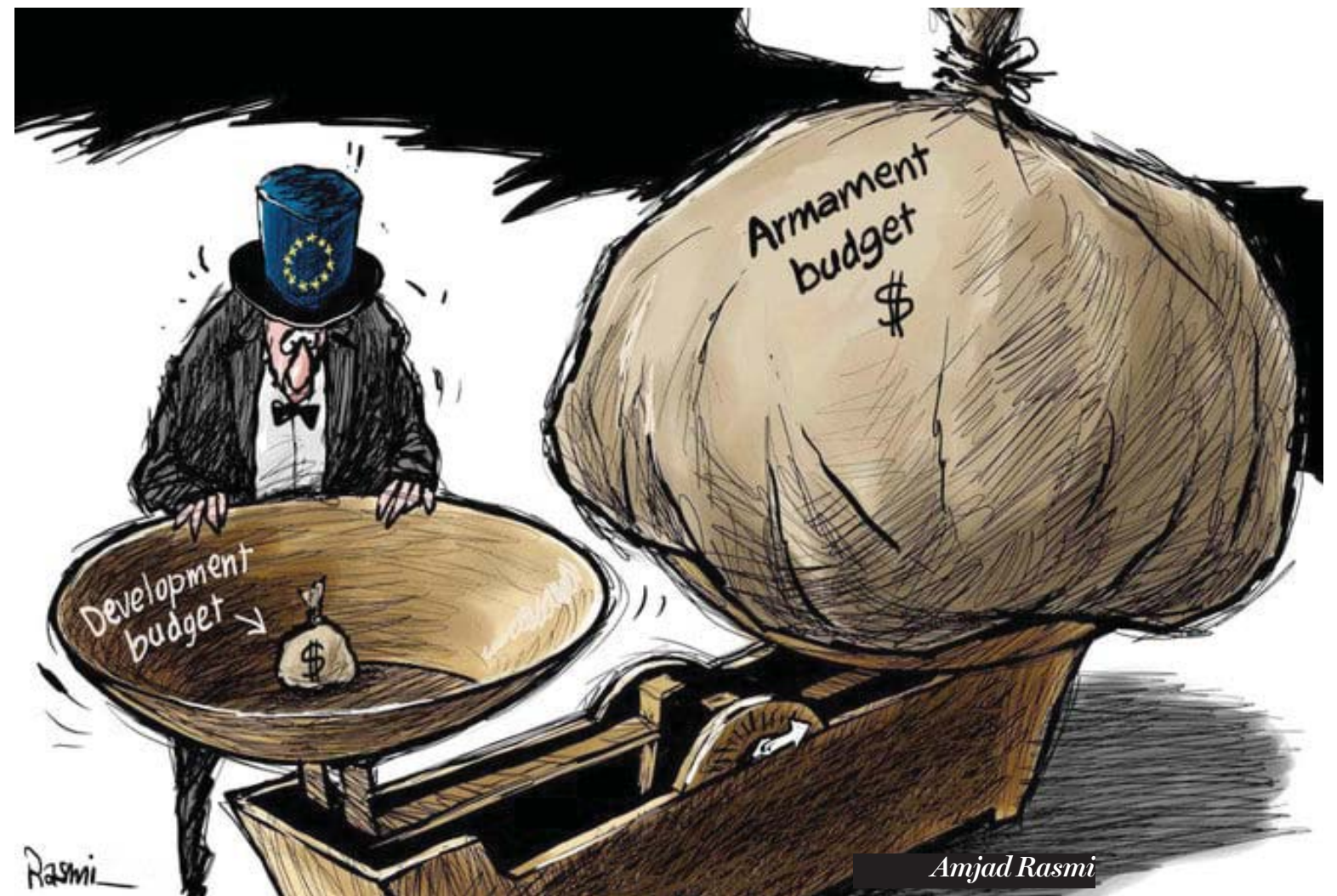
The Advisory Board is mandated, under the Child Protection Act, 2018 to advise the government on matters relating to policy, legislation and implementation of the rights of children at the ICT level. In addition to this, u/s 4 of the ZARRA Act, 2020 the superintendence of the ZARRA agency also vests with the ICT Advisory Board.

In the meeting, Board unanimously approved to move for certain amendments in the relevant section/clause of the act to change the composition of the Advisory Board to make it more practical and viable. Further, the Director General CPI Rabea Hadi requested the representative of the Inspector General of Police in Islamabad for more coordination and support in the tracing of Afghan Children, their reunification and particularly in the rehabilitation of drug addict children those are handed over to CPI by the police, said in a press release issued here on Friday.

During the meeting, issues of relocation and construction of the customized building of CPI, resource allocation, drafting of supplementary rules, the institutionalization of Helpline 1099, Prime Minister Performance Delivery Unit and ZARRA and recruitment of staff for both CPI and ZARRA also came under the discussion. Moreover, the board discussed the proposal to move for necessary legislation for the adoption of unclaimed children from the CPI.

Minister Riaz Hussain Pirzada urged the Islamabad Police to make sure the availability of lady police while handing over the custody of children to CPI for making this process more protected.

The minister also advised the concerned authorities of CPI and ZARRA to fully utilize the human, tangible, and financial resources to make both CPI and ZARRA fully functional and effective for the better safety of children in ICT.



Pak-Japan relations -new avenues

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani

Japan was among the first nations to recognize Pakistan's sovereignty, doing so three days after the latter's independence on 14 August 1947. Although diplomatic relations between the two were officially established on 28th April 1952 following the end of the Allied occupation of Japan. Pakistan and Japan formally established diplomatic relations on 28th April 1952. Since then, Pakistan & Japan have been enduring to strengthen these ties further. That's why with the passage of over 70 years of this long journey, both prove to be good friends even today.

The year 2022 was the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Pakistan. Many programs were held in Japan and Pakistan to celebrate the event in a befitting manner. Our bilateral relations have been quite friendly. In fact, our relations are characterized by a shared sense of history and common perceptions on important issues. Both countries enjoy fraternal ties based on mutual trust, cooperation, people-to-people contacts as well as cultural and civilizational linkages. During the tenure of Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad who has served in our Mission in Japan for more than sixteen years in different positions and speaks fluent Japanese, mentioned that despite limited bilateral interactions in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the relations between Pakistan and Japan have gained enhanced momentum. The mainstay of our relationship has been trade and economic, with Japan being a key development partner and a major investor in Pakistan. Japan has played important role in socio-economic development of Pakistan. Both friendly countries need to further deepen their engagement in

the fields of economy, culture, tourism and people-to-people exchanges.

Pakistan opened its Embassy in Tokyo and Mr. MianZiauddin became the first Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan. Similarly, Japan opened one of its earliest trade offices in Karachi. In the early 50s Pakistan was a major import destination for raw cotton for Japan. During the Korean War and in the Cold War, Pakistan and Japan found themselves on the same side of the divide. President Ayub Khan visited Japan in 1960. That was followed by Prime Minister Ito's visit to Pakistan in 1961. In 80s bilateral relations were further bolstered due to Pakistan's role in securing the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan and the sea lanes security through which Japan receives bulk of its oil.

Pak-Japan bilateral relations saw a difficult phase following the nuclear tests conducted by Pakistan in 1998, the engagement at the political level continued.

Japan has always given the prime focus on social development by mainly working in areas of health, agriculture, water supply and disaster management.

However, a new era in diplomatic ties between Islamabad and Tokyo.

Presently, a total of 20000 Pakistanis are living in Japan, while every year a large number of tourists come to see Buddha sites in Pakistan. Apart from that, Japan is one of its largest trading partners of Pakistan with an annual trade of \$1.5 billion annually and efforts are underway to improve it further.

To expand the fruit industry, options relating to processed fruits and better packaging can be explored and Pakistan in cooperation with Japan can open up factories. Tokyo has so far funded different projects in Pakistan which include the Indus Highway, Thermal Power Station Jamshoro, Bin Qasim Thermal Power Station and Kohat Tunnel. In addition, 'Gravity Flow Water Supply

Scheme' in Haripur city is built with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assistance. The project is based on cost-effective water supply arrangements and it will provide drinking water to the residents of Haripur city.

The most significant is to provide an opportunity to Japanese investors to invest in different sectors in Pakistan, which will help Pakistan to minimize unemployment and improve the economy by initiating economic activities in the country. Japan is a major trading partner as well as a donor to Pakistan. Japan has been a member of the Aid to Pakistan Consortium since 1961 and has been regularly assisting Pakistan with its development programs by providing financial support. Standing as the third largest economy of the world, Japan has a nominal GDP of over five trillion Dollars,



while that of Pakistan's nearly 350 billion and fast growing.

Currently, there are over 85 Japanese Companies now operating in Pakistan providing employment to over ten thousand and helping the government exchequer annually with over Rs 60 billion in taxes. In the industrial sector, Japan leads the automotive sector with almost all known Japanese brands with their presence; the first amongst them to start in 1980. To protect such investment and to further promote it, an agreement was signed between the two governments in 2002.

Japan over the period, through JICA

(Japan International Cooperation Agency) and its ODA (Official Development Assistance) launched technical assistance programs in Pakistan with sole purpose to put Pakistan on right track of progress and development. These two unique initiatives have helped Pakistan' economic development. Japan acknowledged Pakistan's role in war against terrorism. In addition, Japan helped Pakistan financially to develop the infrastructure damaged by the devastated earthquake in 2005 and floods in Pakistan.

In 2020, to protect Pakistanis from Corona-19 epidemic, the government of Japan had released Rs 1.54 billion. As per the Japanese embassy in Islamabad, this huge amount was given to purchase medical equipments, especially ventilators and oxygen cylinders and the then Japanese Ambassador had praised Pakistan for taking the best kind of steps to deal with deadly Corona.

Pakistan & Japan economic relations started back in the 60s when then Gandhara Nissan and Atlas Honda were established and various leading Japanese brands become household names and known to the masses. Everyone here knows very well about the famous Japanese brands and their products that are even being preferred over any European or Asian brands. The famous – Toyota, Suzuki, Yamaha, Nissan and Honda ,Hitachi, Toshiba, National and others a long list are still popular in Pakistan and these brands established their credibility over the period of time.

Japan and Pakistan signed two Memoranda of Cooperation on 'Technical Training Programme on Technical Intern Training Programme and Specified Skilled Workers in 2019. It will provide the opportunity for Pakistani workers to find jobs in Japan.

A few years back at a dialogue held at the Pakistan National Language Authority

(NLA), they praised the services of Osaka and Tokyo universities, which have been teaching Urdu for 105 years and have a separate department for the language that is widely spoken in the subcontinent. The Urdu Services from Japan official broadcasting House NHK successfully broadcasted Urdu Services first in 1924 and later in the 50s..

Japan is among the largest importer of textile products and mangoes from Pakistan. President Dr Arif Alvi has recently expressed his desire to improve diplomatic ties further between Islamabad and Tokyo especially focusing on economic, trade, and human resource development initiatives. Moreover, the President appreciated the continuous support of Japan to Pakistan on the FATF platform and Pakistan is grateful to Japan for the decision to suspend the payment of debts. Sincere efforts must be taken to enhance trade between Pakistan and Japan in near future. Furthermore, Islamabad must increase cooperation with Japan in field of digital technology and IT as advancement and expertise in artificial intelligence need of the hour. It is hoped that the leadership of both sides will pay special attention to further promote trade, exchange of cultural and journalists groups, which will help to develop people to people contacts between the two states. Pakistan-Japan Business Forum (PJBF) is a bilateral forum established in 2001 with a view to promoting trade and investments between the two friendly countries. PJBF is playing vital role in this connection.

There is great need to further strengthen the Pak-Japan Relations especially from economic point of view as presently around the world countries and nations are actively working for mutual beneficial economic relations and encouraging socio economic developmental activities by all available resources. (email: syeed.gilani@gmail.com)

Letter to the Editor

Austerity explained!

Nasir Hussain

The common folks are passing every day through new chaos and miseries but our ruling elites are trying to fool us systematically. Recently, the federal cabinet has been upsurged to 70. It is an eye-catching number when one considers the conditions of the dwindling economy. Both the government and the opposition particularly Imran's PTI have no concerns about the populace. Both have seemingly emptied the National and Provincial assemblies and they again will conduct elections to refill them with public money. It is obvious that the governing class has nothing to do with the people's hardships, they are busy with play games of thrones.

So the policy of austerity should not be used to appease the public publicly if they have some grief they should come up with concrete measures.

Academia role crucial to bolster people-to-people ties between Ethiopia, Pakistan: Envoy

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Friday urged academia to play their due role to bring the people of Ethiopia and Pakistan more close for bolstering bilateral ties between the two countries.

"The Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in Pakistan has been striving to bolster people-to-people ties between the two countries by establishing institutional linkages, but the academia of both the countries must come forward for the purpose," the ambassador said while addressing the Pak-Ethiopia Pre-delegation Forum titled 'Explore Emerging Giant of Africa—Ethiopia' at the University of Sialkot.

He said bright minds were groomed and ideas created in educational institutions which did not only contribute to the betterment of society, but also connect the globe.

Likewise, he said it was vital for business community to connect the two



countries that had huge potential for bilateral trade in the diverse sectors of economy including manufacturing, agriculture, agro processing, textile, cement, chemicals, technology, fertilizer, steel and pharmaceutical sectors.

H. E. Jemal Bekir said Pakistan needed to increase its footprint in Africa especially Ethiopia which is a gateway to the continent of 1.4 billion people.

He said the Embassy had planned a trade delegation to assist Pakistan in

this regard which was bound to Addis Ababa on March 5.

He said the 5-day trade delegation would include subsidized airfares and accommodation, business-to-business and government-to-business meetings as well as grand receptions and cultural nights hosted by the country's leadership.

"Donot mislocate yourself as this is right time to enter in Ethiopia which will connect you with the entire Africa," he remarked.

He said Ethiopia was the fastest growing economy in the world offering lucrative business, trade and investment opportunities with cheap cost of production including clean energy and skilled labour.

"We have almost completed the largest Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam with 6,500 MW capacity," he said, adding his country had already been exporting energy to South Sudan, Djibouti and others.

H. E. Jemal Bekir said the government of Ethiopia was supportive of the foreign investors as it has opened up its economy and encouraging private sector to take lead for development of the country.

Multiple incentives and one-window services were among the other initiatives to attract Foreign Direct Investment, he added.

Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Abdul Ghaffor Malik said there was a huge trade, business and investment potential in Africa which Pakistan needed to explore to increase its exports.

Foreign Secretary received the U.S. Department of State Counselor Derek Chollet



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Secretary, Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, received U.S. Department of State Counselor Derek Chollet at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

Welcoming Counselor Chollet, the Foreign Secretary stated that the frequent bilateral visits were a manifestation of the positive trajectory of the Pakistan-US relationship.

The Foreign Secretary expressed satisfaction on the second Mid-level Defence Dialogue and the upcoming Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIIFA) Council meeting in Washington D.C. He emphasized the importance of sustained cooperation through the institutionalized dialogues in trade and investment, energy, security, climate change and health. He stressed the need to expand cooperation in Agriculture, Education, IT, and Science & Technology.

Counselor Chollet reaffirmed that the United States was committed to advancing the bilateral relationship. He expressed U.S. solidarity and support with Pakistan and its people in recovery from the 2022 floods. The Foreign Secretary thanked the Counselor for U.S. support and hoped to remain engaged in the long-term recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

Counselor Chollet was accompanied by Clinton White, Counselor of the United States Agency for International Development, Ambassador Donald Blome and Elizabeth Horst, Principal Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

Interactive Session with Students on 'US-Pak Bilateral Partnership' at Lincoln Corner, NUST

ISLAMABAD: An interactive session with students on "United States-Pakistan Bilateral Partnership" was held at Lincoln Corner, NUST on Friday. The US Ambassador to Pakistan H.E Mr Donald Blome along with Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South & Central Asia (PDAS) Ms Elizabeth Horst interacted with students during the session. Rector NUST Engr Javed Mahmood Bukhari welcomed the guests and reaffirmed NUST's commitment to advancing bilateral relationship with the US in higher education and research.

Talking to students, Ms Elizabeth Horst said, "a secure and prosperous Pakistan is squarely in the interests of the global community of nations and the United States. That's why we invest in young leaders like you. You, and others like you, are the Pakistanis who will invent solutions to Pakistan's energy problems." She maintained that the Pakistani youth have the potential to modernise Pakistan's infrastructure, adding they were at the forefront of the US-Pakistan Green Alliance to cooperate on issues such as climate, energy, agriculture and water in the coming years. She further said, "You are the Pakistanis who will be driving Pakistan's future IT, AI, and Telecom businesses."

Answering to students' questions, Ms Elizabeth said Pakistan is the US biggest ally, and that the US is always ready to assist Pakistan through partnerships in areas such as climate change and its effects on Pakistan, economic ties between the US and Pakistan, regional and security issues, recent flood crisis and its effects on Pakistan economy and infrastructure, technology transfer, digital exports, green/renewable energy, terrorism challenges, rising inflation issue after pandemic and role of civil societies and minority rights protection in Pakistan.

While interacting with students, the US Ambassador to Pakistan emphasised on the importance of sustained cooperation through the institutionalised dialogues in trade and investment, energy, security, climate change and health. He stressed the need for expanding cooperation in agriculture, education, IT and Science & Technology

Pak Azerbaijan Relations

Islamabad : Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Khazar Farhadov speaking on the occasion of CEO Summit Islamabad.



Daily Spokesman photo by Ghulam Farid

Biden says he will speak to China's Xi about balloon incident

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden said on Thursday he expects to speak with China's president, Xi Jinping, about what the United States says was a Chinese spy balloon that a US fighter jet shot down early this month after it transited the United States. "We are not looking for a new cold war," Biden said. Biden, in his most extensive remarks about the Chinese balloon and three unidentified objects downed by US fighters, did not say when he would speak with Xi, but said the United States was continuing to engage diplomatically with China on the issue. "I expect to be speaking with President Xi. I hope we are going to get to the bottom of this, but I make no apologies for taking down that balloon," Biden said in response to complaints from Beijing.

FCEPL and ITC partner to support dairy sector

News Desk

KARACHI: FrieslandCampina Engro Pakistan Limited (FCEPL) signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with International Trade Centre (ITC) for Growth for Rural Advancement & Sustainable Progress (GRASP) in Karachi.

Growth for Rural Advancement & Sustainable Progress (GRASP) is a European Union-funded project implemented by ITC with its partners, in 12 districts of Sindh and 10 districts of Balochistan. Primarily focused on poverty alleviation and gender mainstreaming, the initiative aims to improve the productivity and profitability of pre-selected value chains in horticulture and livestock sectors by refining the small and medium enterprises (SME) competitiveness in domestic commerce.

FrieslandCampina Engro Pakistan (FCEPL) is one of the largest dairy conglomerates in Pakistan, catering to local needs by providing nutritious and quality dairy products. The company has always been a strong supporter of women empowerment and sustainable growth for dairy farmers.

At the signing ceremony, Ali Ahmed Khan, Vice President, Middle East, North Africa & Pakistan, Friesland-Campina stated, "Our commitment to improving the productivity and profitability of value chains in the livestock sectors reflects our vision to create a sustainable and equitable future for all. We believe that by enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs, we can foster greater economic growth and opportunity in Pakistan. We look forward to working with our partners to drive lasting change and sustainable progress

in the rural areas of Sindh and Balochistan, and pave the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for Pakistan."

Robert Skidmore, Chief of Sector and Enterprise Competitiveness, ITC, further highlighted the important role of the private sector in promoting the SMEs "for the larger purpose of alleviating poverty and achieving sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth as established in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

Also in attendance, Syed Saud Ahmed Pasha, Director Corporate Affairs, FCEPL, further established the importance of collaborative efforts to uplift the country's economy. "It is imperative to develop joint initiatives to promote inclusive development through trade by a setup through which rural SMEs have equitable access to

markets, finance, and business support systems."

The signing with ITC was followed by the discussions between the signatories regarding technical aspects for the project.

Complementing each other's activities, FCEPL will provide support to GRASP initiatives pertaining to policy reforms, business development, and market linkages in the dairy sector through the inclusion of GRASP-supported SMEs. In return, ITC will include FCEPL's network farmers (which will potentially extend to 20,000 FCEPL trained female agripreneurs) for technical training and capacity building around agri-business management and marketing, climate smart agriculture, quality, food safety, matching grants and financial literacy to dairy farmers.

'Pakistan's Strategic Frontiers: Adapting to Evolving Global Trends'

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI), in collaboration with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), hosted a one-day international conference on "Pakistan's Strategic Frontiers: Adapting to Evolving Global Trends." Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Hina Rabbani Khan, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, Director General ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Ms. Amina Khan, Director CAMEA and Dr. Niels Hegewisch, Country Director FES spoke in the inaugural session. The conference was divided into three working sessions: Evolving Dynamics in Afghanistan; Evolving Situation in the Middle East; and Emerging Non-Traditional Security Threats in Afghanistan, Central Asia & the Middle East.

Minister of State Hina Rabbani Khar, in her keynote video address, stated that Pakistan, owing to its geographical location, is placed at the center of evolving global power dynamics and increasingly complex inter-

play between traditional and nontraditional foreign policy actors. She went on to say that globalization, interdependencies of economies and challenges of climate change and public health, water, energy and food security are compelling factors for win-win approaches.

Foreign Secretary Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, in his keynote address, said that the global transformations necessitate newer approaches for Pakistan. In the contemporary international politics, economic interdependencies, investment, trade, energy, connectivity are shapers and drivers of interstate relations. He went on to say that, in parallel, we are witnessing new geopolitical contestations, competition for influence, resources and dominance in the domain of technology. Pakistan has to navigate similar competing trends and Pakistan's location also keeps it at the flashpoint of conflict.

DG ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood highlighted the flux and uncertainty in the global environment. Specifically, he pointed to intensifying great-power competition, differences and disputes escalating into



conflict and wars, food and fuel crises engulfing states big and small, a global pandemic manifesting itself in different variants, and a looming existential threat to mankind in the shape of climate change.

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood underlined that a global order marked by cooperative multilateralism, commitment to UN Charter principles and international law, and strengthening of instruments for collaborative action was essential.

Ms. Amina Khan, said that while these evolving global trends pose challenges at the same time and more importantly, they offer an array of opportunities, both

economic and political, for Pakistan as well as the world at large. However, this will depend on how Pakistan takes charge and shapes its own future amidst these various scenarios.

Dr. Niels Hegewisch from FES stated that dialogue is the best way to achieve lasting peace. The world since 2021 has witnessed fundamental and unprecedented changes and is still changing rapidly and countries need to adapt. He raised caution that there is no isolated place which is not affected by the decisions taken by countries miles away.

The First Session titled, "The Evolving Dynamics in Afghanistan," was moderated by Ms.

Amina Khan, Director CAMEA and the speakers included Dr. Omar Zakhilwal, Former Afghan Finance Minister; Mr. Graeme Smith, Senior Consultant on Afghanistan at the Crisis Group; Mr. Haiyun Ma, Associate Professor Frostburg State University, Maryland; Dr. Alexander Kornilov, Professor at Lobachevsky State University; and Mr. Rustum Khuramov, Head of Department at the ISRS Uzbekistan. Speakers were of the view that drastic cuts in international aid to Afghanistan will have adverse effects and this is a very important issue which must be addressed by the international community.

The second session titled, "Evolving Situation in the Middle East" was moderated by Ambassador Riffat Masood, Pakistan's former Ambassador to Iran. Speakers of the session included, Dr. Ambassador Ali Awad Asseri, Rasanah Board Member and Former Ambassador of KSA to Pakistan; Dr. Foad Izadi, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran, Iran; Dr. Murat Aslan, Senior Researcher SETA Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research, Turkey; Dr. Flavius Caba Maria, President and Director of the Political Department, Middle East Political and Economic Institute (MEPEI), Romania; and Mr. Adam Weinstein, Research Fellow at the Quincy Institute, Washington, DC, US. Speakers said that the consequences of the Arab Spring have been serious and can still be seen in the form of dire humanitarian situations which continues in Yemen, Syria and Lebanon. On the role of the US, it was stated that the current administration is more focused on creating economic ties and partnerships.

The Third session titled, "Emerging Non-Tradition-

al Security Threats in Afghanistan, Central Asia and the Middle East" was moderated by Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed, Member, Development Communications, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan. Speakers of the session included, Dr. Daud Abdullah, Director, Middle East Monitor (UK); Mr. Tameem Bahiss, Independent Analyst specializing in Afghan and Pakistani affairs, Dr. Christian Wagner, Asia Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, (SWP) Germany; Dr. Amin Mohseni-Cheraghlo, Assistant Professor of Economics at the American University in Washington, DC; and Dr. Almas Tussipzhanov, Senior expert of the Public Foundation "Center for Analysis and Forecasting "Open World", Kazakhstan. Speakers stated that having a difficult neighborhood will be a challenge for Pakistan to focus on its non-traditional security issues.

The concluding session was moderated by Mr. Hamayoun Khan, Programme Advisor, FES Pakistan, who was of the view that the conference was very timely and covered a wide array of countries that were pivot-

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
41,118.61	41,078.65
Day's High	Day's Low:
41,214.07	40,964.98
Index Value	Change
4,153,932,486	+39.96
Percentage	Time
+0.1%	17 Feb, 2023 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,996.63	-15.90
Percentage	Time
-0.21%	17 Feb, 4:02 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
33,601.37	-95.48
Percentage	Time
-0.28%	17 Feb, 11:03 am GMT-5

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,513.13	-183.31
Percentage	Time
-0.66%	17 Feb, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	178	180.4
Bahrain Dinar	707.22	715.22
Canadian Dollar	194	196.2
China Yuan	38.76	39.16
Danish Krone	38.14	38.54
Euro	279.2	282
Hong Kong Dollar	33.56	33.91
Indian Rupee	3.18	3.29
Japanese Yen	2.06	2.11
Kuwaiti Dinar	867.89	876.89
Malaysian Ringgit	60.38	60.98
New Zealand \$	165.34	167.34
Norwegians Krone	25.78	26.08
Omani Riyal	690.7	698.7
Qatari Riyal	73.05	73.75
Saudi Riyal	70	70.7
Singapore Dollar	197.12	199.12
Swedish Korona	25.26	25.56
Swiss Franc	287.56	290.06
Thai Bhat	7.66	7.81
U.A.E Dirham	72.8	73.6
UK Pound Sterling	315.8	319
US Dollar	265	268

Despite IMF loan, economy will remain in ICU: Mian Zahid Hussain

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain on Friday said tax and other measures will comfort the government but add to the problems of the masses.

The tough decisions of the government will help it borrow from IMF but will not help address the economy's fundamental flaws, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that in the remaining four months of this fiscal year, the government's deficit will be reduced by the new taxes of 170 billion. Details released about the decision include raising the sales tax from 17 to 18 percent and increasing duties on the ciga-



rette industry, air travel, and beverages, among other measures.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that an increase of 40 billion rupees in the funding of the Benazir Income Support Program, which has been increased from 360 billion rupees to 400 billion rupees is welcome.

He said that contrary to the claims the new tax measures will affect people because the government is still preferring indirect tax instead of direct tax, which affects the people and poverty increases rapidly.

Even in this critical situation when the country is going bankrupt there is no possibility of increasing the tax net which is sad.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that increasing the tax rate is not a permanent solution to the problems, but a temporary effort that will not bring the economy out of ICU.

The size of Pakistan's economy is 300 billion dollars, from which 10 thousand billion rupees

should be collected in taxes, but on the contrary, only 7 thousand billion rupees are collected as taxes, 80 percent of which consists of direct taxes, he said.

Concrete and lasting steps have to be taken to improve the economy. It is necessary to eliminate circular debt, electricity and gas theft, and losses of government institutions which are not possible without political stability.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the implementation of the IMF conditionality is improving the financial position of the government while improving the value of the rupee, which is reducing the cost of doing business, but many manufacturers have not reduced the price of their produce.

There has been no reduction in the price which needs to be noticed so as to provide relief to the people suffering from inflation, he demanded.

Inauguration of EHFPRO

Islamabad : Maulana Abdul Wasay, Federal Minister For Housing and Works Inaugurated Life Style Residency Apartments (EHFPRO) Sector G-13, Islamabad on the occasion Mr Ghulam Haider presented the give away to the chief guest.



Photo: Daily Spokesman

The Beginning of a new era in the bustling city of Sargodha!



Correspondent

SARGODHA :The Shalimar Group of Companies, the leading real estate group in Sargodha, has brought the world's best architects to Sargodha for their upcoming project, Shalimar Smart City - The First-Ever Smart City in their locality. The world's best urban planners, Meinhardt Group Singapore, are designing this housing project and working in synergy with Shalimar because they regard Shalimar's success as their success.

The official launching ceremony for the Shalimar Smart City's latest concept of a Smart

Business District, which is the heart of the project and considered the new business zone in Sargodha, was held on Friday, 17th February 2023, with an exclusive event organized by Elysium.

While speaking to the media and guests, Mr Malik Khizar Hayat Awan (Chairman Shalimar Group of Companies Sargodha Pakistan) shared their ambition for the project: "We established Shalimar Smart City, a hub of smart features pioneering in Punjab, as a substantial residential project that now features a state-of-the-art business zone."

ICCI and PM Youth Program sign MoU to foster youth entrepreneurship

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony was held in the Prime Minister's Office. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Deputy Secretary on Youth Affairs Dr. Ali Malik signed the MOU to promote youth entrepreneurship in Pakistan.

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Senior Vice President ICCI, Faad Waheed, Khalid Iqbal Malik, Zafar Bakhtawari, Ch. Javed Iqbal, Sheikh Muhammad Ijaz, Maqsood Tabish, Raja Imtiaz, Khalid Chaudhry, Saif ur Rehman Khan, Muhammad Waqas Khan and others were also present at the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that this partnership is essential for fostering a culture of entrepreneurship in youth and promoting economic growth in the country.

He said that through this MOU, the two



organisations can work together to identify and support talented young individuals with innovative ideas, offering them training, mentorship, access to resources and funding to turn their ideas into successful businesses. He said that by nurturing the young businessmen and women and providing them with the tools they need to succeed, ICCI and PM's Youth Programme can help to create jobs, drive innovation, and boost economic development in the country.

Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President ICCI said that youth is over 60 percent of our population and every year, thousands of youngsters are coming out of universities. He said that it is not possible for the government to provide jobs to all youngsters and the best way to engage them in productive activities is to foster a culture of entrepreneurship in them. He hoped that MoU between ICCI and PM's Youth Program would produce beneficial outcomes for youth.

15th Annual CSR Summit-2023 on 21st February

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: 15th Annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Summit and Awards-2023 to be held here at a hotel on February 21.

The National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) organizes the event every year to thoroughly discuss the issues related to corporate philanthropy in the country. The forum also discusses the options to combine the CSR resources to help out the deprived masses and leading charitable causes in the country in the best possible manner.

The event is also the annual occasion to properly eulogize excellent work being done by the public and private sector entities to uplift socio-economic status of the underprivileged masses in the country.

The 15th Annual CSR Summit expectedly will be participated by Federal Minister on Information Marriyam Auranzeb, Federal Minister for Planning & Development Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Mari. The dignitaries will confer 125 awards of representatives of 70 companies for showing excellence in different avenues of the CSR work.

Dr. Amjad Saqib, Founder, Akhuwat, Salim Ghorri, CEO, Netsol Technologies, Dr. Abid Qayyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Prof. Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman, President, Al-Khidmat Foundation, Zeeshan Afzal, President, Million Smiles Foundation, and others will spoke on this occasion.

Standard Chartered Pakistan delivers record financial performance

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Standard Chartered Bank Pakistan Limited (SCBPL) has delivered a record profit before tax of PKR 50.1 billion, registering an increase of 102 per cent year on year. Performance was driven by strong income growth, as well as continued cost and risk discipline.

Overall revenue grew by 68 per cent to deliver a highest ever top line of PKR 62.6 billion, with positive contributions from all segments. Despite a high inflationary environment and continuous investments in our infrastructure, operating expenses were well managed through efficiencies and disciplined spending with an increase of 14 per cent from last year.

Moreover, reversal of Covid-19 general provision, coupled with lower impairments and strong recoveries led to a net release of PKR 1.3 billion during the year against a net charge of PKR 0.5 billion in loan impairments in 2021.

With a diversified product base, the Bank stands well positioned to cater for the needs of its clients. On the liabilities side, the Bank's total deposits grew by PKR 91.7 billion (up 15%), whereas current and saving accounts increased by PKR 108.7 billion (up 19%) in 2022 and comprise 96% of the deposit base. The Bank continues to monitor the portfolio in the prevailing economic environment as part of its strategy to build a profitable, efficient, and sustainable business. As a result, advances declined by 8% during the year.

During 2022, the Bank contributed around PKR 38 billion to the national exchequer in lieu of direct income taxes, as an agent of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and on account of FED / Provincial Sales Taxes.

The external environment remains challenging; however, the Bank remains fully committed to delivering a sustainable growth for our shareholders, bringing the best-

in-class services and solutions for our clients and playing our part in the growth story of Pakistan. Standard Chartered continues to make good progress against its strategic priorities. The global network differentiates the Bank for its clients, bringing forth innovative solutions, product specialisation and structured offshore offerings. At all times the Bank strives to maximise the contribution to State Bank's initiatives.

Commenting on the results, Rehan Shaikh, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited said, "We are pleased to share our results for the year 2022 which clearly reflect strong foundations, enhanced productivity and good headway towards achieving our strategic priorities.

The results give us the confidence that we have the right strategy to deliver real value to our clients, our investors and the communities where we operate. We are thankful



to our clients and business partners for their ongoing trust in our capabilities and to our associates and colleagues for their commitment, passion and hard work in supporting the Bank in its journey.

With a strong Return on Equity (ROE) of 23.7% for the year and a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of

18.68%, the Bank remains well positioned for future growth.

On the back of a strong performance, the Board of Directors were pleased to announce a final cash dividend of 25% (PKR 2.50/- per share) resulting in highest ever full year dividend of 40% (PKR 4.00/- per share).

Pakistan cannot develop without getting rid of elites

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Friday said development and poverty reduction is impossible in Pakistan unless the country is out of the shackles of the elite.

It is very difficult to counterbalance the elite because a large number of them have joined politics and other influential areas to protect themselves and their communities and reap undue benefits which amount to looting the poor, it said.

The entry of the elite into politics has strengthened their grip on the system and they are plundering the resources meant for the masses, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of the PEW.

He said that the United Nations had issued a report in April 2021 according to which the elites who control Pakistan's resources are getting undue benefits worth 17.4 billion dollars annually.

Those who are robbing the nation include businessmen, politicians, landlords, and some other groups, he added.

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that according to this report of the United Nations Development Program, an annual benefit of 17.4 billion dollars is being given to the elites, which is six percent of Pakistan's GDP.

This systematic plunder of resources is increasing anxiety and poverty in the country and no one is doing anything to reduce it.

The report says that the biggest benefit is taken by the corporate sector with a size of 4.7 billion dollars followed by the richest of the country which is 1.1 percent of the population that owns nine percent of the capital, while twenty percent of the rich own 49.6 percent of the resources.

Large landowners constitute 1.1 percent of the population but they own twenty-two percent of agricultural land, he informed.

The United Nations report does not mention amnesty schemes, packages, and other initiatives through which the elite siphons off hundreds of billions of rupees every year.

He said that currently, the government is taking strict measures on the orders of the IMF to stabilize the limping economy. The government measures are again targeted towards the poor avoiding any trouble with the powerful elite.

Rossouw's 75-run inning help Multan Sultans thrashing Peshawar Zalmi

Spots Desk

MULTAN: Multan Sultans defeated Peshawar Zalmi by 56 runs in the fifth match of Pakistan Super League (PSL) at Multan Cricket Stadium on Friday with an outstanding 75 runs of Rilee Rossouw.

Zalmi won the toss and decided to field first. Batting first, Multan Sultans' openers Muhammad Rizwan and Shan Masood started with a confident partnership of 54 runs before Shan Masood was caught behind on Irshad's delivery by scoring 20 runs.

The Sultan team captain Muhammad Rizwan kept on



putting pressure with hitting unstoppable boundaries.

He contributed 66 runs in the total after he was dismissed by Muqem.

Rossouw's 75 runs inning helped Sultans to set a target of 211 with 23 runs of miller and 15 runs of Pollard.

Chasing the target, the

Zalmi's went under pressure when Captain Babar Azam was LBW in the first delivery of Ihsanullah's first over by scoring 9 runs leaving his team at 41/1.

The partnership of Haris and Saim Ayub stabilized the batting line up when Haris was run out after scoring 40 runs. Saim Ayub gave an outstanding performance and scored 53 runs before he was bowled on Usama Mir's turning delivery.

Ihsanullah and Usama Mir of Multan Sultans took three wickets each. Rilee Rossouw was declared man of the match.

Sports day

LAHORE: Students and teachers taking part in traditional game Tug of war during annual sports day of Kinnaid College For Women University, in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Faisal Fayyaz is 1st Pakistani to represent Pakistan at world congress in Atlanta, USA

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Fayyaz who is Founder & President of Sports Promotion Society International & Pakistan Computer Society as well as Associate Secretary of Pakistan Gymnastics Federation, Treasurer of Punjab Gymnastics Association, Vice President of Lahore Division Gymnastics Association & Lahore District Gymnastics Association & International Gymnast.

Faisal received National Science Excellence Award in National Science and Engineering Fair 2023 affiliate with Society for Science, Washington, USA & International Science & Engineering Fair 2023, Texas, USA which was held in



The Millennium Institute of Technology & entrepreneurship (MITE), Karachi. Faisal Fayyaz is 1st Pakistani as a researcher to represent Pakistan at world congress center in international science & engineering fair 2022, Atlanta, USA.

He served as a judge of national science contest in the category of computer science, embedded system, system software & robotics. More than 400 science projects were demonstrated from all the regions of the Pakistan in National Science & Engineering fair 2023. He received Honorary Doctorate Award 2022 in Computer Science on 25th December 2022 in New Delhi by International Internship University and Honorary Doctorate Award 2022 in Philosophy of Diplomacy and International Relations on 27th December 2022 by Wisdom Leadership University.

Faisal Fayyaz also served as a convener in 1st International Interdisciplinary Research Conference called RASCON-2022 in Lahore, Pakistan. He is the first one Pakistani who received Certificate of Appreciation while presenting research "Importance & diversity of STEM" on 10th May 2022 at 10am in C101 Auditorium, World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia, USA in International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2022 along with mentoring of "Virtual Human Health & Safety Integration System" which project is also Best of the Category award holder and Grand Winner project of 1st time in the history of Pakistan in National Science and Engineering Fair 2022.

ITF Pakistan World Junior Tennis C'ships end with exciting final contests

Sports Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Second seed Cem Atlamis of Turkey and Mikhail Khodorchenko of Russia lifted the Boys Doubles title of ITF Pakistan PPL - Syed Dilawar Abbas World Junior Tennis Championships as they edged past Keagan Keith Jonathan of Malaysia and Jihwan Kim of Korea in the straight sets 6-3 6-1.

Boys Singles final was played between qualifier Yuan Lu from China and Kamonpanyakom Thadpong from Thailand. Yuan Lu played excellent game and exhibited high standard of game throughout the match and did not allow his opponent to

settle down. He won the final in the straight sets 6-2, 6-4.

The 2nd seed Vlada Guryeva of Russia and Taira Abildayeva of Kazakhstan annexed the Girls Doubles title when they struggle hard to win their match against Anastasiya Kim Kazakhstan and Jinshu Xia of China 7-5 6-1. In the first set Kim and Xia played aggressive and took the lead 3-0 by breaking the 1st and 3rd game of Taira and Vlada but after losing the initial games they changed their game plan to reduce the lead and level the 1st set 5-5 games all. In the 12th game Taira and Valda played excellent game and took the set at 7-5.

'Nothing to worry' Miandad's message to well-wishers from hospital

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Legendary Pakistan cricketer Javed Miandad has issued a clarification on his health condition from the hospital, saying he is feeling much better now and there is nothing serious to worry about.

Miandad, 65, who was taken to a local hospital in Karachi earlier today, said it was just a routine checkup for which he was admitted to the hospital and told his well-wishers not to worry much about his health condition.

"The news about my deteriorating health has spread all over the media" he said in a video message from the hospital bed.



"I want to assure my friend, relatives and fans that there is nothing to worry about. It is just a routine checkup."

Batting legend Miandad was Pakistan cricket's heartbeat from 1975-1996, during which he scored 16,213 international runs with 31 centuries in 357 matches.

<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Syed Aqeel Haider with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Syed Saadat Anwar Hussain citizen number 3720116492143 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Nusrat Batool (Spouse) 2.Mujtaba Haider (Son)3.Syed Murtaza Haider Kazmi (Son) 4.Syed Aqeel Haider (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Usman Bashrit with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Bashrit citizen number 8130160493243 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Fauzia Bashrit (Daughter) 2.Farahat Bashrit (Daughter) 3.Nabila Bashrit (Daughter) 4.Shabana Bashrit (Daughter) 5.Neguth Saleem (Daughter) 6.Adila Bashrit (Daughter) 7.Bushra Bashrit (Daughter) 8.Saleem Akhtar (Spouse) 9.Usmann Bashrit (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Raja Zohaib Mahmood with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Shaheen Mahmood citizen number 3740505031138 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Samar Mahmood Raja (Daughter)2.Raja Shahid Mahmood (Spouse)3.Raja Badar Munier (Son)4.Raja Ahmad Abdullah (Son)5.Raja Zohaib Mahmood (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Tayyab Ayub with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Asghar citizen number 6110102728797 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Sarfaen Naveed (Daughter) 2.Rubila Javed (Daughter) 3.Shumaila Imran (Daughter) 4.Javed Masih (Spouse) 5.Junaid Masih (Son) 6.Shamsheer Masih (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Junaid Masih with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Razia Bibi citizen number 6110118185162 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Sarfaen Naveed (Daughter) 2.Rubila Javed (Daughter) 3.Shumaila Imran (Daughter) 4.Javed Masih (Spouse) 5.Junaid Masih (Son) 6.Shamsheer Masih (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Malik Zafar Iqbal with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Malik Masood Elahi citizen number 6110110726419 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Noreen Kausar (Daughter) 2.Gul Nargis (Daughter) 3.Shahida Bibi (Daughter) 4.Malik Zafar Iqbal (Son)5.Haji Iqbal (Son)6.Malik Sanawal Iqbal (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Tahir Khan with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Bhag citizen number 3740504460178 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Shabana Bibi (Daughter) 2.Tahir Khan (Son)3.Khalid Mehmood (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Zohaib Rafi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Rafi Ahmed Siddiqui citizen number 3740504258187 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Shumaila Saleem (Daughter) 2.Zohaib Rafi (Son)3.Shakeeb Rafi (Son)4.Shaoh Ahmed Siddiqui (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Talat Qamar Habib with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Syed Qamar Alam citizen number 8405862500231 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Talat Qamar Habib (Daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>
<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Hassan Tariq with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Tariq Bashir citizen number 3510205778605 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Javaria Tariq (Daughter) 2.Rifat Bano (Spouse)3.Hassan Tariq (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Mulazim Hussain with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Khurshed Begum citizen number 6110119171542 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Shahnaz Begum (Daughter) 2.Sofoni (Daughter)3.Rashida Bibi (Daughter)4.Zarida Bibi (Daughter)5.Mulazim Hussain (Son)6.Tariq Mehmood (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Daud with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Lal Khan Qureshi citizen number 3740503501849 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Anser Bibi (Daughter)2.Sara Bibi (Daughter)3.Najma Bibi (Daughter)4.Shahida Bibi (Daughter)5.Marwat Haroon (Daughter)6.Suriya Bibi (Daughter)7.Munawar Jan (Spouse)8.Muhammad Zulfiqar (Son)9.Muhammad Daud (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Imran with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Latif citizen number 6110120291525 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Saima Liaquat (Daughter) 2.Mobeen Akhtar (Daughter) 3.Ayesha (Daughter)4.Parveen Akhtar (Spouse)5.Muhammad Imran (Son)6.Muhammad Irfan (Son)7.Muhammad Usman (Son)8.Muhammad Kamran (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Naseem Akhtar with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Zaheer citizen number 3740547400235 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Sadaf Zaheer (Daughter) 2.Muqadas Kashif (Daughter) 3.Uzma Khalid (Daughter) 4.Naseem Akhtar (Spouse) 5.Muhammad Khalil (Son) 6.Muhammad Sadheer (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Jamal Abbasi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Raja Ghulam Mustafa citizen number 3740506533177 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Yasmin Begum (Spouse)2.Ali Asghar Abbasi (Father)3.Jamal Abbasi (Son)4.Talal Mustafa (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Amir Shahzad with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Binyamin citizen number 6110175854667 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Farhat Shaheen (Daughter) 2.Asma Bibi (Daughter) 3.Mazloom Akhtar (Spouse) 4.Faisal Shahzad (Son) 5.Muhammad Kamran (Son) 6.Nadeem Ahmed (Son) 7.Waheed Ahmed (Son) 8.Fareed Ahmed (Son)9.Amir Shahzad (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Zulqarnain Jameel with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Jameel Sheikh citizen number 3410116932333 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Shahbano Tayyaba (Daughter)2.Qurat Ul Ain (Daughter)3.Ammara Junaid (Daughter)4.Tahira Jabeen (Spouse)5.Haroon Rashid (Son) 6.Hamayun Rasheed (Son) 7.Zulqarnain Jameel (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Nargis Junaid Bhatti with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Junaid Akbar Riaz Bhatti citizen number 6110118938135 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Nargis Junaid Bhatti (Spouse) 2.Muhammad Waqas Junaid (Son)3.Muhammad Hamza Junaid (Son)4.Muhammad Sufyan Junaid (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>
<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. M Anwar Sarwar with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Sarwar citizen number 6110158174777 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Naheeda Sarwar (Daughter) 2.Shakeela Bibi (Daughter) 3.Tahira Sarwar (Daughter) 4.Zahida Bibi (Daughter) 5.Shahida Parveen (Daughter) 6.M Anwar Mehmood Kiani (Son)7.Rashid Mehmood (Son) 8.Yasir Mehmood (Son)9.Amjad Mehmood (Son)10.Raja Zubair Sarwar (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Nusrat Parveen Anwar with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Anwar Khan citizen number 6110113474345 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Saima Anwar (Daughter) 2.Nusrat Parveen Anwar (Spouse)3.Zeeshan Ali Khan Anwar (Son)4.Shah Raza Khan Anwar (Son)5.Usman Khan Anwar (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Matloob Hussain with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Nazir Bibi citizen number 6110122760984 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Naseem Akhtar (Daughter) 2.Mehmood Akhtar (Son) 3.Matloob Hussain (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Shahien Ashraf with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Naznin Fatima citizen number 6110187833202 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Shahien Ashraf (Spouse) 2.Maaz Sarim (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Iqbal Hussain with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Aslam citizen number 3740306642747 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Nazish Aslam (Daughter) 2.Zahida Bibi (Spouse)3.Irshad Hussain (Son)4.Iqbal Hussain (Son)5.Ibrar Hussain (Son)6.Qamraz Hussain (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Amin Ali Khan with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Khumaira Bibi citizen number 1730163858554 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Khadija Amin (Daughter) 2.Zohra Fatima (Daughter) 3.Rehana Amin (Daughter) 4.Usman Shah (Son) 5.Muhammad Siddique (Son) 6.Khalid Amin (Son)7.Amin Ali Khan (Son)8.Mohammad Umar (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Tauseef Tanvir with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Tanveer Ul Haq citizen number 3520113401365 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Ammara Tanvir (Daughter) 2.Asima Tanvir (Daughter) 3.Hassan Javed (Spouse) 4.Husnain Javed Abbasi (Son) 5.Qasim Javed Abbasi (Son) 6.Asim Abbasi (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Jamshed Bibi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Javed Ahmad citizen number 3740402557807 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1.Shahana Mahmood (Daughter)2.Shaista Hameed (Daughter)3.Shagufta Jamil (Daughter)4.Rukhsana Hameed (Spouse)5.Imran Hameed Khan (Son)6.Arsalan Hameed Khan (Son)7.Zaashan Hameed Khan (Son)8.Kamran Hameed Khan (Son)9.Salman Hameed Khan (Son)10.Furqan Hameed Khan (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. 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