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Pakistan is not going to default: Dar

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Friday said that though the country was passing through a precarious situation that there was no chance of default. He said the current economic situation was due to the "mismanagement and bad governance of the former PTI government" spanning for forty-two months. (Report on Page 8)



Shehroze wants to summit World's 14 peaks above 8,000m

Young Pakistani mountaineer Shehroze Kashif deems to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in the world. According to details, Shehroze, who became the youngest person to summit the world's second-highest mountain, K2, left for Nepal last night to attempt Annapurna 8091m and Dhaulagiri 8167m. (Report on Page 7)

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First digital national census

KARACHI: An official from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics uses a digital device to collect information from a resident during door-to-door, the first ever digital national census, at Old city, in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

President announces April 30 as elections date in Punjab



Arif Alvi on Friday announced April 30 as the date for holding the general elections of the Provincial Assembly of Punjab.

He announced the date after considering the dates proposed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

The ECP had proposed a poll date between April 30 to May 7 for holding general elections of Provincial Assembly of Punjab, and had further suggested to hold elections preferably on a Sunday.

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Dr

PM orders inquiry into Bara Kahu flyover collapse

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Friday taking note of the collapse of under-construction flyover at Bara Kahu formed a committee to inquire into the incident.

The inquiry committee headed by former Interior Secretary Shahid Khan will examine every aspect of the incident that occurred on Thursday.

The committee was directed to prepare an inquiry report on an emergency basis and submit it to the prime minister.



PM Sharif said that no negligence would be tolerated in the construction of the Bara Kahu flyover project.

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rasheed on Friday asked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to dissolve the National Assembly and hold elections across the country.

Speaking during the ARY News programme "The Reporters", Sheikh Rasheed appreciated the Supreme Court (SC) judges for reserving the verdict to hold the election within 90 days.

Sheikh Rasheed said that 'our people' are giving too much importance to imperialists, trying to get more money out of them not acknowledging the fact the country is not run by them. "Sardar Ayaz Sadiq is not in a position to visit his own constituency," Ahmad said.

The AML leader said that he is in contact with Chinese

minister Li Xiaopeng and appreciated China for supporting Pakistan in this hard time.

The former minister expressed concern over the increasing dollar rate and said that the dollar is opening between Rs280 and Rs300 in the stock market. He claimed that more than 10,000 containers were rotting at the port while the factories are also shutting down operations.

Rasheed lambasted finance minister Ishaq Dar, saying that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreement is not yet signed and that the interest rate is already climbed 20%.

He added that former president Pervez Musharraf was fined by the IMF due to the 'blunders' of Ishaq Dar.

The AML chief told Punjab government not to bind hopes regarding the cancellation of bail as it won't happen.

PML-N fully prepared to contest election: Maryam

Asif Siddiqi / Agencies

GUJRANWALA: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President and Chief Organiser Maryam Nawaz Friday said the party was fully prepared to contest elections in Punjab or any other part of the country.

Addressing a PML-N workers' convention, she said it was being propagated that the party were afraid of elections, but the reality was that they were ready to go to the hustings as she had already toured almost half of the Punjab province.

She was confident that the PML-N would win the general election with a thumping majority and exhorted the workers to gird their loins for the purpose.

Maryam said the people were well aware of the "negative politics" being pursued by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan.



She said it was an irony that injustice was meted out to PML-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif, who was sentenced for "not receiving a salary from his son and having an 'iqama' (residential permit), while Imran Khan despite being proved a "culprit" was roaming free.

Apparently referring to the contempt of court notices issued to her recently, Maryam said the person who was not appearing before the courts despite repeat-

ed issuance of summons was, in fact, committing the contempt of court.

She said when ousted from the prime minister's office through a vote of no-confidence, Imran Khan made a false narrative that his government was toppled under a conspiracy hatched by the United States citing a cipher. But today, he was holding meetings with the US officials at his Zaman Park residence, and "begging"

them to get his relations restored, she added.

She said Imran Khan's 'Jail Bharo Tehreek' [court arrest movement] had flopped even before it was kicked off. How come it was possible that the leader was busy filling his own pockets through 'loot and plunder' while sitting in the comfort of home, and forcing his party workers to "fill jails", she remarked.

Referring to a leaked audio of alleged conversation between PTI leader Chaudhary Fawad Hussain and his brother Faisal Chaudhary, she mocked that the PTI should now get the election symbol of 'truck'.

She said Imran Khan, who destroyed the economy after being imposed on the country as a result of the 'Panama conspiracy', had the audacity to question the rising dollar-rupee parity.

Maryam said Imran Khan was a "mentally disturbed person" and

the PTI members of the National Assembly had tendered their resignations due to his ego, and now they were trying their best, one way or the other, to get back to the parliament.

The PML-N leader praised the people of Gujranwala, saying that they were the first who had realized that Imran Khan was "the biggest fraud of the country". They had always supported Nawaz Sharif and his candidates, and they would again vote for the PML-N in the next election, she added.

Addressing the convention, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said the country was passing through a difficult phase and the coalition government was taking all possible measures to steer it out of all crises. He said Maryam Nawaz, after her return from abroad, had reinvigorated the party, which was now fully ready for the elections.

US support upholding of democratic, constitutional, legal principles in Pakistan

Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON: A State Department spokesman Thursday sidestepped a question about arrest warrants issued against PTI chief Imran Khan, saying the U.S. supported peaceful upholding of democratic, constitutional, and legal principles in Pakistan.

"These are questions for the Pakistani people, not for the United States," Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters when the correspondent of a private Pakistani tv channel asked him about an Islamabad court's order for Khan's arrest after he skipped a hearing on charges of selling state gifts and concealing his assets.

"We support the peaceful upholding of democratic, constitutional, and legal principles around the world, including in Pakistan," he added at his daily press briefing.

Bilawal to preside over 'Women in Islam' moot among engagements during upcoming NY visit

News Desk

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, arrives in New York next week for a hectic, 4-day visit during which he will preside over a conference on 'Women in Islam' to be held on the sidelines of the 67th Session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Hosted by Pakistan in its capacity as the chair of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the one-day conference will take place in the Economic and Social Council's chamber at UN headquarters on March 8, a day after the foreign minister arrives.

On March 7, FM Bilawal is also expected to participate in a high-level UN Security Council debate on 'Women, Peace and Security', sponsored by Mozambique in its capacity as the Council's President for March.

Meanwhile, the stated objective of the conference, convened by Pakistan, is to bridge the perception-reality gap on the rights of



women in Islam and celebrate the experiences and successes of iconic Muslim women. It is aimed at establishing an annual policy dialogue to address challenges and explore opportunities to advance the role of women role in OIC countries.

Titled "Women in Islam: Understanding the Rights and Identity of Women in the Islamic World", FM Bilawal will open the high-level segment of the conference with an address.

He will be followed by the UN General Assembly President, Csaba Korosi; OIC Secretary General, Hissein Brahim Taha; Executive Director of UN-Women, Sima Bahous; Chairperson of

67th CSW, South African Ambassador Mathu Joyini; dignitaries and representatives of OIC Member States.

Also participating in the conference will be non-OIC states and representatives of UN Agencies.

The outcome document will be a chair's summary of the deliberations.

Later, in pursuit of the General Assembly landmark resolution 76/254 designating 15 March as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, the General Assembly president and the foreign minister will be co-convening a special high-level event to commemorate the day on March 10.

ANP hints at parting ways with PDM govt

News Desk

LAHORE: After reservations from the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Awami National Party (ANP), another ally party of the PDM government on Friday has hinted to part ways with the government over 'reservations'.

Senior ANP leader-Senator Umar Farooq in an exclusive interview with ARY News said they should not have joined the government after the ouster of Imran Khan's regime.

"The party should come out of the coalition government and the final decision will be taken in a party meeting within a few days."

The ANP leader further said that the main agenda of the meeting is to consult on parting ways with the government. The ANP lawmaker of the upper house said he has given an application to sit on the opposition benches in Senate.

Babar Awan fears another attack on Imran Khan

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Babar Awan said on Friday that there are chances of another attack on former prime minister Imran Khan, claiming that his party had received reports about preparations to assassinate PTI chief.

Addressing a press conference in Islamabad flanked by other PTI leaders, Babar Awan alleged that a foreign agency is involved in planning to assassinate Imran Khan during his appearance in Islamabad courts. "Formula of Salman Taseer and Liaquat Bagh (Benazir) being pondered to assassinate Khan," he claimed.

Babar went on to say that the registration of "fake" cases against the former premier in Islamabad indicate that the

actual plan was to grab and trap Khan in the federal capital and "assassinate him by using a sniper or some other suicidal terror act".

"All CCTV cameras had been closed during Imran Khan's appearance in judicial complex and security officials were removed too," said Awan and asked government to name those involved in this act.

Babar Awan recalled how Khan used to tell the nation that he would be attacked and the blame would be shifted to a 'religious fanatic'. "Attempts are being made to surround Khan in the Islamabad court. Then he attacked by a sniper."

While recalling the murders of Salman Taseer and Benazir Bhutto, Awan said that the assassination plan for Imran Khan has been made in a way similar to these two murders.

Pak Qatar Relations

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the State of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al Thani calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday.



Photo: PID

PM affirms fraternal ties with Qatar in diverse fields

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has reiterated that brotherly relations between Pakistan and Qatar are based on common values, and both sides are committed to trans-

forming these strong relations into mutually beneficial economic relations.

He was talking to the Ambassador of Qatar Sheikh Saud bin Abdul Rahman bin Faisal Al Thani, who called on him in Islamabad today.

During the meeting, the Ambassador of Qatar apprised the Prime Minister about various activities being carried out to augment brotherly relations between Qatar and Pakistan.

The Prime Minister thanked Qatar for its

humanitarian assistance to the people of Pakistan after the historic last year's flood.

The Ambassador of Qatar thanked the Prime Minister for further enhancing brotherly bilateral relations and assured his country's support in this regard.

Qatar hosts around 250,000 Pakistanis, contributing to the development of both countries.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Qatar.

People know 'criminals' who ruined national economy: Marriyum



City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Friday the people of Pakistan knew the "criminals" very well who had ruined the national economy.

The minister shared the official data on her Twitter handle showing how the Pakistan Tareek-e-Insaf (PTI) government had ruined the economy.

According to the data, the Federal Bureau of Revenue collected Rs

3,843.8 billion during the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz government from 2013-2018 and Rs 3,828.5 billion during the PTI regime, she said.

Similarly, she said, the fiscal deficit stood at 4.1 percent during the PML-N government, and it rose to 7.9 percent during the PTI regime. Like-

wise, Pakistan's gross domestic product fell from \$ 356.8 billion during the PML-N tenure to \$ 300.8 billion during the PTI's four years rule, the minister added.

China, Belt and Road countries enjoy closer trade ties



News Desk

BEIJING: Economic and trade ties between China and countries along Belt and Road have grown significantly over the past decade, a Chinese commerce official said.

China's trade in goods with Belt and Road countries doubled from 1.04 trillion U.S. dollars in 2013 to 2.07 trillion U.S. dollars in 2022, with an average annual growth rate of 8 per cent, Chen Chunjiang, Assistant Minister of Commerce, said at a press conference.

Two-way investment between China and Belt and Road countries exceeded 270 billion U.S. dollars during the period, Chen said.

By the end of 2022, Chinese enterprises had invested 57.13 billion U.S. dollars in economic and trade cooperation zones in countries along the Belt and Road, creating 421,000 jobs for residents, he said.

Proposed by China in 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative refers to the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.

Pakistan is not going to default: Dar

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Friday said that though the country was passing through a precarious situation that there was no chance of default.

He said the current economic situation was due to the "mismanagement and bad governance of the former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government" spanning for forty-two months.

Addressing a press conference here, the minister said that Pakistan would never default. "Yes, we are in a precarious position as reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) depleted to \$2.8 billion. Although the total national reserves were still at \$ 9 billion as commercial banks were holding around \$5.5 billion," the minister sketched out the current economic situation which requires external inflows to make debt repayments.

He said the incumbent



government would take the country out of the said quagmire, adding it had a road map as well as the policy to do it, arguing that if the country had not defaulted till now, he reasoned that there was something that government was working with a plan to ward off any possibility of economic default.

He said it was strange that Imran Khan had been talking about default despite the fact that he himself was responsible for bringing the economy to this position during his 42-month government.

"Imran Khan has left no stone unturned towards default, the minister blamed the PTI chief, also accusing that Imran was ready to sacrifice the country for his petty politics.

He advised the PTI leader to show a sense of responsibility, adding that whenever the former premier tweeted or gave a statement, it had "damaged the country".

"At a time when the IMF is about to conclude its review, Imran Khan is giving such statements only to allegedly sabotage the IMF deal, remi-

niscient of when he forced his [former] provincial finance ministers to declare their respective provinces had no finances to meet," the minister alleged while recalling the audio-call leak when the former finance minister Shaukat Tarin was purportedly found giving aforementioned directions in an alleged attempt to sabotage the IMF deal, last year.

"It was his finance minister who talked to the provincial finance ministers advising them not to cooperate with the federal government and let not the tranche due by International Monetary Fund (IMF) to be released then," he said.

He said, in other parts of the world, when any country had faced an issue of national interest, the opposition joined hands with the government to resolve it, however, he regretted that in Pakistan it was totally contrary to the said situation.

He said, instead of joining hands to think about how to steer through the crisis, Imran

Khan only knew how to criticize the government and "inflict losses" on the country.

He said when the incumbent government assumed power, it was left with options either to save politics or the country, and it had chosen the latter one, which was an appreciable decision.

Dar said that the economic situation of the country should not be viewed separately rather it should be analyzed keeping in view the global inflation and catastrophic floods in the country. He regretted that Pakistan had to spend billion of dollars on importing wheat, fertilizer, and even pulses despite the fact Pakistan is an agricultural land.

On the other hand, the minister said the floods caused around \$30 billion in losses and hundred of billion of rupees were spent for immediate rescue and relief. He said the country needed around \$16 billion for the next three to four years, out of which Pakistan would manage half of the amount whereas the remaining would be given by donors.

ECP writes letters to KP Governor for provincial assembly election date

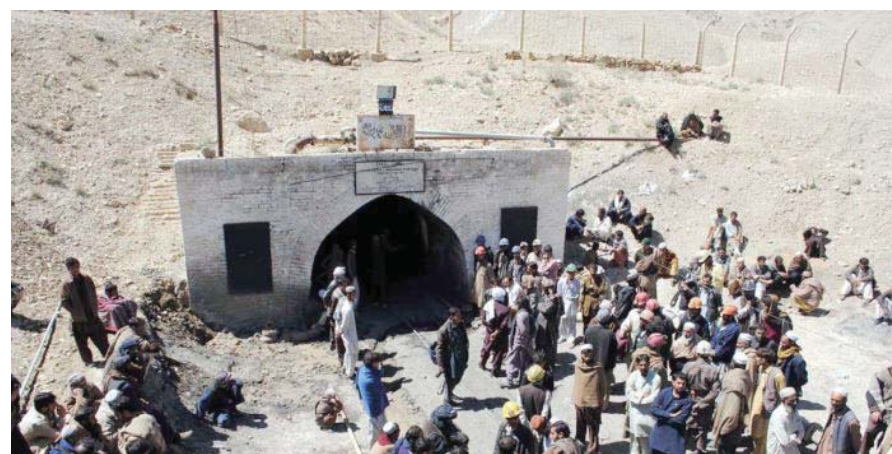
City Reporter

PESHAWAR: The Election Commission of Pakistan on Friday wrote a letter to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Ghulam Ali for the announcement of a date for the holding of the KP Assembly in the light of the Supreme Court's verdict.

The Commission, in the letter available with this agency, said it was awaiting the governor's response for holding consultation and the subsequent announcement of the date of the assembly election.

The letter, referring to the Supreme Court's order dated March 1, said the apex court required that "the governor of KP province must after consultation with the Election Commission forthwith appoint a date for the holding of the general elections to the KP Assembly and the preceding clause (a) shall, mutatis mutandis, apply in relation thereto."

Six coal miners killed, 5 injured in Sharag mine incident



News Desk

QUETTA: At least six miners died and five others sustained injuries as a coalmine in Sharag area of Harnai district caved in on Thursday afternoon.

According to Levies sources, in a 27-hour evacuation and rescue operation, the dead bodies of six miners were pulled out and five injured miners were rescued of the collapsed mine.

The heart-wrenching accident in Coalmine No. 94 of Petty contractors Saleh

Muhammad Agha, Muhammad Agha occurred on Thursday at 2: 00pm in Tehsil Shahrugh, PMDC area of the Harnai district.

Meanwhile, one dead body was retrieved and 5 injured miners were rescued alive on Thursday, while the remaining five bodies were pulled out on Friday.

The deceased were identified as Mirdad son of Mahmood Khan, Isa Muhammad son of Abdul Hameed, Sanaullah son of Fateh Khan, Ahmad Allah son of Inayatullah, Akhtar Muhammad and

Akbar Jan son of Ali Jan.

The injured included Habibur Rehman, Gul Muhammad Achakzai, Abdul Karim Achakzai resident of Pishin, Ismail Achakzai resident of Pishin, and Kamal Khan resident of Quetta.

The bodies of the deceased were handed over to the heirs after the completion of medico-legal formalities. Moreover, Chief Minister Balochistan Abdul Quddus Bizenjo expressed condolences and sympathies with the bereaved family

PIA dismisses GM security for harassing female employee

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan International Airline (PIA) General Manager (GM) of security was dismissed for harassing a female employee.

The chief Ombudsman pronounced the decision after hearing the harassment case on the complaint of the PIA's female employee and issued the order to dismiss the GM security of PIA.

The female employee was posted in the PIA Vigilance and Security Department and filed an application against GM PIA security for harassment.

In 2019, the chief executive officer (CEO) of PIA, Arshad Malik, has taken notice of the alleged harassment of a female officer of the national carrier.

CEO Arshad Malik has forwarded the complaint to women's protection committee of the airline and ordered the committee to complete the investigation at the earliest.



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a remote German wood away from prying eyes, around 40 Ukrainians are taking a crash course on one of the West's most advanced air defence systems, already confident it will enable them to better ward off Russian strikes once they return home.

Boasting a range of some 40 kilometres (25 miles) and a 360 degree view, the IRIS-T SLM system is one of the most coveted of the weapons that Berlin has supplied to Kyiv.

"Our main task is to learn as quickly as possible so we can get back and continue to fight," Myckhailo, a 45 year-old who has been a soldier for 27 years, told the first few reporters granted access to the training sessions on Wednesday.

So far, the single IRIS-T unit already deployed in Ukraine has been used to shoot down cruise missiles that Moscow has attacked power stations with, and aircraft including

Iranian-made Shahed drones - with stunning success.

"A few days ago, our air force commander said IRIS-T has hit 51 out of 51 targets, that's a 100 per cent quota for Shahed drones and cruise missiles," said 36 year-old Anatolii, adding Kyiv needed at least 12 of the systems.

Berlin has promised to send four in total, with the second due to arrive within weeks - two years before Germany's own air force can expect its first.

The German military has organised big media events showcasing how Ukrainian troops are learning the ropes operating Leopard 2 tanks, but it has been wary of granting access to the training on the IRIS-T system built by German arms maker Diehl.

"The Russians see IRIS-T as a game changer. It is a modern system, whereas they have known the potential of the Leopard tanks for a while," said a German air force officer by way of explanation.

PCA delegation visit SBP to discuss irritants in import

News Desk

KARACHI: Pakistan Coating Association (PCA) delegation, headed by its Chairman, Mr Siraj Uddin, visited SBP to discuss irritants in import. The objective of PCA was to apprise SBP officials of the issues their member industries face on imports of raw materials. On arrival, the Deputy Governor, Dr Inayat Hussain, warmly welcomed the PCA delegation. During the meeting, Mr Siraj Uddin, PCA Chairman, sought help from SBP to resolve impediments to importing raw materials by the PCA traders and importers. While discussing, Mr Muhammad Yousuf, Former Senior Vice Chairman, also mentioned that containers have piled up at the Karachi Port due to the Bank's refusal to release the shipping documents and the Bank Contracts, which also are not cleared by the Banks. This situation is putting an excessive burden of demurrage charges on importers.



various trade bodies and chambers of commerce, he said importers can extend their payment terms through negotiations with their suppliers abroad or arrange funds abroad to settle their pending import payments. Further, he stated that goods arrived at the port before January 18th 2023,

as evidenced by a bill of lading/airway bill, subject to: (a) In case of deferment, the importer shall ensure receipt of the swift message from the Bank abroad that imports are on a deferred payment basis for at least 180 days or; (b) In case of funding arrangements from abroad, the importer shall process import

transactions after confirmation from the supplier's Bank. (c) This temporary/one-time facilitation shall be available until March 31st 2023, only to clear the backlog of import shipments.

The Deputy Governor, SBP, on 365 days of the payment term, stated that importers can approach them, and they would take up the matter with the Banks. In the end, Dr Inayat also hoped that the current situation would certainly notice an improvement in days to come ahead. However, normalization in the overall condition will take time. Finally, he assured the PCA delegation that SBP would continue facilitating the business community. Present in the meeting were: Dr Inayat Hussain, Deputy Governor and Dr Asif Ali, Director from State Bank of Pakistan, from Pakistan Coating Association (PCA); Mr Siraj Uddin, Chairman, Mr Muhammad Yousuf, Former Senior Vice Chairman, Mr Khalid Khanani, Former Senior Vice Chairman, Mr Musa Yahya Baghateer, EC Member, Mr Usman Umer, EC Member, Ahsan Akbar Farooqi, Senior Member and Mr Iftekhar Rahat, Secretary, South Region.

Police deployed for the security of all mosques in Wana

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: According to details, in compliance with the order of District Police Officer Shabbir Hussain Marwat, DSP Headquarter Wana Nadir Khan Wazir made an emergency visit to all mosques of Wana city before Friday prayers.



While reviewing the security in view of the safety of the worshippers in the mosques, the DSP immediately issued orders to depute policemen in all the mosques, after which police personnel were deployed in mosques during Friday prayers.

DSP Nadir Khan Wazir said that the safety of the citizens is the first priority and responsibility as if every situation will be fulfilled.

The deployment of police personnel in mosques will give the public a feeling that the police are there to protect them at all times. We will fulfill our duty at all costs and there is no room for negligence.

Security forces operation in Mir Ali Bazar, one terrorist killed, while two suspects arrested

Adam Khan Wazir

NORTH WAZIRISTAN: During the successful operation of the security forces in Mir Ali Bazar of North Waziristan, Khadim Ullah alias Anas, the main facilitator of the suicide bombers, was killed while two suspects were arrested.



According to the security officials, the terrorist Khadim Ullah alias Anas, the facilitator of the suicide attacks, was killed during the operation, weapons, ammunition and communication devices were recovered from his possession.

The security officials further say that the slain terrorist was directly involved in the purchase of the rickshaw used in the suicide attack on the employees of Mari Petroleum Company on February 11 and the installation of explosives.

However, the dead terrorist had also completed the planning of further suicide attacks and two suspects have also been arrested during the operation and the investigation is ongoing.

Sunway University Malaysia and Minhaj University Lahore signed MoU



News Desk

LAHORE: An MoU signing ceremony was held at Sunway University Malaysia (SU) regarding joint research between Minhaj University Lahore (MUL), Pakistan, and Sunway University Malaysia. Professor Sibrandes Poppema, president of Sunway University Malaysia gave a detailed presentation about the Vision, Mission, and the future of Sunway University to the representatives of Minhaj University Lahore.

After that Professor Sajid Mehmood Shahzad, Vice Chancellor of Minhaj University Lahore, enlighten the participants about the MUL before signing the MoU. Professor Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Engagement & Impact) Sunway University Malaysia and Mr. Fiaz Ahmad (Former Student MUL and currently Ph. D Scholar at Sunway University) who served as a bridge between Sunway University Malaysia and Minhaj University Lahore for this MoU, were also present at the ceremony. Initially, the collaboration will be held in Blue Economy, Halal Certification and Islamic Economics Banking and Finance. At the end of the ceremony, VC MUL Presented a traditional Sindhi Ajrak to the President of Sunway University Malaysia.

Problems solution of overseas Pakistanis

Lahore: Fakhr-i-Santpura Chaudhry Faisal Ishaq, President youth wing great Manchester UK Muslim League-N, today in a meeting with the Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rahman discussed in detail the problems of Pakistani overseas and the Governor of Punjab assured to solve the problems of Pakistani overseas.



FWCCI & ILO launch 'Start and Improve Business' Program

Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FWCCI) will launch 'Start and Improve Business' Program in collaboration with the International Labour organization, to impart capacity building skill trainings to women entrepreneurs and young educated females for new business start ups, said Mrs.

Rubina Amjad, President FWCCI. She was talking to media after a meeting held with Geir Thomas

Tonstool, Country Director ILO Pakistan yesterday at ILO Office, Islamabad. She said that FWCCI is making every effort to mainly focus on women entrepreneurship and skill development as Faisalabad has a huge number of female human resource engaged in Textile value chain and other sectors. She said that FWCCI has set up Women Business Incubation Centre with the main objective to promote women empower-

ment particularly for young female graduates to start their own businesses.

She pointed out that a huge number of females have employment with the textile industry and they have particularly excelled in garments and apparel sector. She elaborated with the establishment of FWCCI Skill Development Centre, they will be imparted on the job skills and hi-tech trainings to become entrepreneurs to start their own businesses.

Responding on the various proposals, Mr. Geir Thomas Tonstool, Country Director International Labour Organization (ILO) said that ILO really wants to work with FWCCI for skill and women entrepreneurship development, Decent Work and other initiatives. He said that ILO is a technical agency and we insist on

'Decent Work Environment' and females should be fully skilled to work with honour and dignity. He said that we will jointly launch 'Start and Improve Business' Program with FWCCI so that new start ups could be able to prepare feasible 'Business Plans' to get loans from the financial institutions.

Commissioner Faisalabad calls for holistic approach in solving social, economic problems

Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: Holistic approach is imperative to resolve the civic and development related socio-economic problems faced by Faisalabad Division while crackdown would be launched to purge educational institutions from the menace of narcotics, said Madam Silwat Saeed Divisional Commissioner.

Addressing the business community in Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), she acknowledged the services of industrialists and traders in diverse sectors of social welfare and economy and said that sovereignty could not be preserved without economic independence and hence the role of business community is of prime importance and everyone must appreciate it. She said that some issues pointed out by the President FCCI relate to provincial and federal governments while some matters are of local nature.

She assured to contribute her role in resolving local issues in addition to recommending to the provincial and central government for the problems falling within their domains. She stressed the need for diversification in the field of textile and said that it is very appreciable that now we are talking of IT at this platform which was earlier restricted to only textile.

She said that we must change our century-old businesses so that

we could stand respectfully in the comity of nations. She thanked Dr. Khurram Tariq for the renovation of the library of Divisional Public School and said that it should be linked with the libraries of the developed countries in order to facilitate the young researchers.

Appreciating the proposal to develop Faisalabad as the logistic hub of Pakistan, she said that the logistic and connectivity is prerequisite for economic uplift and these ingredients are naturally embedded in Faisalabad.

She praised the philanthropic spirit of the local business community and said that they had always played a key-role in helping their brethren during floods and other national calamities. She proposed that FCCI should evolve a comprehensive system of social protection so that people with limited resources could start their own businesses. She also underlined the need of imparting skills to the youth and said that an institution could be established in the private sector to equip students with the need-based skills.

"The skilled manpower could also be exported so that they could send back precious foreign exchange in the form of remittances", she said and added that globally there is an acute shortage of nurses and health professionals.

She said that it is our national duty to set up an institution of world



portation of import and export consignments from the industrial estates. He said that he wanted to transform Faisalabad into a city of "Brotherhood" by doling out small loans to the needy segments.

He invited the Commissioner to formally inaugurate this project. He also mentioned his three major objectives including welfare of the children of industrial workers, mainstreaming of special persons and transformation of Faisalabad from textile city to Cyberabad. He said that Faisalabad has 270 IT companies registered with SECP.

Similarly, the turnover of 750 companies established just a few years ago is more than the well-established organizations. "It could provide a solid base to transform Faisalabad into a hub of IT. Former Presidents, Mian Latif, Muzamil Sultan, Executive Members Muhammad Asghar Qadri, Mian Abdul Waheed, Shafique Hussain Shah, Sohail Butt, Haji Muhammad Abid, Tayyab Gillani and former Presidents FWCCI Ms.

Nighat Shahid and Mrs. Tehmina Pasha took part in the question answer session. Later Dr. Khurram Tariq presented FCCI shield to Divisional Commissioner Madam Silwat Saeed. She also recorded her impressions in the FCCI visitor's book. Senior Vice President Dr. Sajjad Arshad and Vice President Haji Muhammad Aslam Bhalli were also present during this meeting.

Public Notice PHATA

"Rose Royal Residencia" Mouza Thatti Gujran Tehsil Fateh Jang District Attock comprising an area of 130-Kanal 06-Marla & 52-Sft. Public is hereby informed that: Mr. Bilal Qaiser son of Miskeen Qaiser, Chief Executive Officer CNIC#37405-7230671-5 Resident of Khasra No. 389, Near Bilal Masjid Naseer Abad Rawalpindi Office Address #237, Main Double Road, Sector I-14/3 Islamabad has applied to Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency for the sanctioning of a Private Hosing Scheme located at Mouza Thatti Gujran Tehsil Fateh Jang District Attock under Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency (PHATA) Affordable Private Housing Scheme Rules 2020. The detail of area is as under:-

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				Kanal	Marla	Sft	
Bilal Qaiser & Sajjad Qaiser Sons of Miskeen Qaiser	377/314	631, 632	1476, 1526	37	14	54	
	190/155	321	1525	15	04	270	
	171/143	289	2309/1468	14	-	-	
	176/2/176	297	2307, 2308/1468	09	-	-	
	246/2/246	427/2	1471	20	07	-	
	189/5/189	313/3, 314, 317	1469, 1513/2, 1510, 1437	16	01	-	
	171/2/171	290	2304/1447	01	01	-	
	171/3/171	291/2	1470	21	14	-	
	Total				135	02	52

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Unilever and Brand Protection System organize conference to highlight economic impact of counterfeit products



Bureau Report

LAHORE: Unilever Pakistan has partnered with Brand Protection System (BPS) to organize a conference to highlight the economic impact of counterfeit products in Pakistan. The conference fostered a discussion among industry leaders and experts on the current laws, regulations, and practices in IPR and explored possible solutions to tackle this critical issue.

Counterfeit goods are estimated to comprise over 5% of world trade whereas in Pakistan, the FMCG sector faces 80% cases of counterfeit items being sold in the market. The proliferation of counterfeit products has become a growing concern and in 2022, the issue reached a new peak, with brands experiencing 10 times the number of counterfeit cases compared to other industries. This trend has had a significant impact on the country's economy, prompting businesses to take action.

Amir Paracha, Chairman & CEO, Unilever Pakistan, highlighted: "As a responsible business, we have a duty to protect our consumers and the integrity of our brands. The rise of counterfeit products in the FMCG sector is a worrying trend that requires immediate action. Through collective effort and innovative solutions, we are determined to combat this issue and ensure that our consumers receive genuine and safe products."

Muhammad Kashif Aslam, Managing Director, BPS added: "The growth of counterfeit market in Pakistan has become a severe threat to the country's economy. The proliferation of fake products not only affects the revenue of genuine businesses but also poses serious health and safety risks to consumers."

Jan 5 UN Kashmir mandate needs implementation, says Sardar Attique

Abdul Majeed Tahir

RAWALPINDI: Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan president Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of AJK has appealed to the 23 million people of Jammu and Kashmir world over and in south Asia to demonstrate full solidarity in observing Kashmiris Right to Self-determination Day on Jan 5, 2023 as it was on this day, 75 years ago, that UN Security Council had approved Kashmir dispute solution via an international plebiscite in J&K; that mode of solution was duly accepted/signed both by Pakistan and India as parties to the dispute before UN arbitrating body. The proposed mode of Kashmir settlement has the support of the world community being member of the UNO, he reminded.

In his statement Tuesday he warned that ongoing anti-Kashmir and anti-Kashmiris diabolic measures being forced by occupying Indian military and paramilitary



to distort the cultural identity of Kashmir and to bring about demographic surgery to down the Muslim population of J&K are bound to fail as all such operations are against the UN Security Council's Kashmir dispute resolutions; there are four parties to this dispute-UNO, Pakistan, India and 23 million Kashmiris; all four should sit together to chalk out implementation plan on UN's Kashmir solution rulings; all Kashmiri political, social, religious segments shall fully cooperate should such a measure is mounted either by UN itself or by any world power for the sake

of lasting peace and security in southern Asia; our demand for implementation is quite legitimate as UN call for plebiscite is agreed to in writing by India and Pakistan.

Sardar Attique Khan urged UN to take remedial notice of ongoing Indian government's wrought changes in Jammu and Kashmir region which is a UN listed dispute zone; no party can introduce any unilateral change under the valid UN charter, he reminded. Indian presence in J&K is her revenge saga against Kashmiris who have never reconciled to the Indian occupation of their state since 1947. India is technically alien in J&K, he categorized. He urged Kashmiris to fully participate in Kashmir Day rallies, public events, flag marches and protest slogans everywhere peacefully. He once again condemned incarceration of Kashmiri leaders, pro-freedom workers, youth, mothers and children by India and asked the world forums to help their immediate release from hundreds of jails he added.

SECP proposes Shariah Governance Regulations 2023

Commerce Report

ISLAMABAD: As part of its agenda to promote Islamic financial markets in Pakistan, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has issued draft Shariah Governance Regulations, 2023, primarily to remove bottlenecks in product development and simplify the Shariah screening criteria and stock screening process. The draft regulations, which

have been made available for public comment, aim to strengthen the framework for Shariah-compliant businesses, Shariah-compliant securities, and Shariah advisors.

The proposed regulations provide for a complete process for the construction of an Islamic index at the stock exchange and introduces the concept of Shariah supervisory boards. In addition, the Shariah Governance Regulations, 2018, and the Shariah Advisors

Regulations, 2017 have been integrated to remove overlapping provisions and requirements.

The proposed regulations are framed in a simple manner to provide greater clarity and simplicity to Shariah-compliant companies, Shariah-compliant securities issuers, stock screening participants, Shariah advisors, and other connected parties. By promoting Shariah-compliant financial products, the proposed regulations

will contribute to the constitutional goal of eliminating Riba and Islamizing the economy.

SECP also intends to organize stakeholder consultation sessions in Karachi and Lahore in collaboration with the Pakistan Stock Exchange, the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and other stakeholders. The proposed regulations, along-with a consultation paper, are available at SECP's website.

Chief of the Naval Staff Chaired 49th Bog Meeting At Bahria University Islamabad

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi NI(M) S. Bt, in his capacity as Pro-Chancellor/ Chairman BoG, chaired the 49th Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting at Bahria University Head Office Islamabad.

The session of BOG commenced with a detailed briefing to the Board on various activities undertaken at the University which included development and diversification in academic disciplines, infrastructure and new initiatives in academic and non-academic domains. He was further briefed about the austerity measures being executed by Bahria University in the current situation of inflation and crisis. Chief of the Naval Staff appreciated the dedicated and extensive efforts of Bahria University in not only imparting quality education to the students



but also contributing towards their character and personality building through adopting modern teaching pedagogies. Furthermore, he urged that special focus should be given in developing skills like critical thinking, solution-oriented approach, research & development, problem-solving and professional grooming among

the students.

Chief of the Naval Staff lauded Bahria University's endeavor in Pakistan International Maritime Expo and Conference (PIMEC)-2023 held at Karachi wherein the inceptive showcasing of Pakistan Maritime Science and Technology Park (PMSTP) was also undertaken. He also

congratulated Bahria University on winning the prize in PIMEC-2023.

The BoG meeting was attended by board members including Rector BU Vice Admiral (R) Asif Khalid HI(M), senior Naval/Civil officers and relevant top management of Bahria University.

TECNO reveals groundbreaking chameleon coloring technology

News Desk

LAHORE: Global innovative technology brand TECNO unveiled its latest technology, the chameleon coloring technology, on day one of the company's first-ever appearance at the MWC. This groundbreaking color-changing technology is capable of changing the back cover of a device to entirely different colors based on the usage or user customization, allowing the user to freely showcase their style without being locked into just one-color option. The new technology adapts a unique material that allows for a continuous change of colors up to 2 million times, with rapid color changing in just 0.03 seconds.

Chameleon coloring technology, formally known as full-spectrum electricaly controlled prism coloring technology, will be the first ever technology of its kind

to be fully compatible with a smartphone device, and not only that, it will also be the first in the industry to offer full spectrum color rendering and an astonishing total of 1600 different colors.

TECNO's commitment to providing innovative technologies that cater to the diverse needs of consumers has won the hearts of Pakistani consumers. The company has received an overwhelming response to its previous devices and technologies. With the launch of the chameleon coloring technology, TECNO is set to redefine the mobile phone industry worldwide by allowing users to express their style through their mobile phones.

Kelvin Zeng, CEO of TECNO Pakistan, says, "We

are thrilled to announce this amazing technology. The chameleon coloring technology is a major step up from our previous color-changing technologies as it provides infinitely more options for color customization. We believe that this technology will cater to the diverse needs of our consumers and will provide them with a unique and personalized mobile phone experience."

With TECNO's latest technology, users can fully customize their device with this rich variety of colors and change it as frequently as they'd like. For those that don't have time to ponder their own color preferences, chameleon coloring technology will also allow the exterior to interact directly with the device, creating spontaneous



and active color designs based on the battery performance, the apps that are running, the surrounding air temperature, the music that is playing, etc. This effectively keeps the coloring consistently fresh and unique for the user, and it even lets the device's exterior appearance interact with features like the camera.

TECNO's dedication to innovation and its focus on the entire smartphone experience, including material and design innovation, has set it apart from its competitors. Its commitment to providing diverse and innovative technologies that cater to the needs of consumers has made it a beloved brand. With the launch of the chameleon coloring technology, TECNO is set to revolutionize the mobile phone industry once again and has announced that they will be launching this technology for Pakistani users as well.

AIOU, SRSO to join hands for promotion of education in Sindh

City Report

ISLAMABAD: Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood, called on Chief Executive Officer, Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), Sukkur, Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro, and discussed the mission of providing educational facilities, especially in the rural areas of Sindh and other provinces. VC AIOU Dr. Nasir Mehmood informed him about the network of AIOU established in Sindh province. He added that the university wishes to expand its network to the rural areas of Sindh in collaboration with SRSO.

Dr. Nasir Mehmood along with his team also called on Deputy Commissioner Kashmir, Munawar Ali Mithani. They discussed the acquisition of a land for the Regional Campus and DC assured them of full support. AIOU delegation led by Vice Chancellor also visited IBA Sukkur University and Begum Nusrat Bhutto Women University (BNBWU).

Vice Chancellor, IBA Sukkur University, Dr. Asif Sheikh and Vice Chancellor, BNBWU, Prof. Dr. Tehmina Mangan appreciated the efforts of Allama Iqbal Open University for the promotion of education in Sindh province. Dr. Nasir Mehmood discussed the educational issues with both the vice chancellors.

VC AIOU also visited the model study center of AIOU in Kandhot where he reviewed the admission campaign and other matters. During this visit, Director General Regional Services, Dr. Malik Tauqir Ahmed Khan is also accompanying the Vice Chancellor.

Asim Azhar Takes Over Spotify's Cricket Fever Playlist



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ever wondered what songs Asim Azhar enjoys while playing cricket? Well, you can find that out right now as Spotify celebrates Pakistan's unprecedented love towards cricket with an Asim Azhar takeover of its Cricket Fever playlist that is being co-curated by the pop artist.

With Sab Sitaray Humaray, the latest anthem at the top, Asim's beloved tracklist contains the iconic Hai Koi Hum Jaisa, Hum Hain Pakistani, Cricket Khidaye and Jazba Junoon. Along with these ever-green tracks in the list are Groove Mera, Dil Dil Pakistan, Tayyar Hain, Josh e Junoon and Khel Dil Mein Hai to complete his ideal playlist for this cricket season.

Ever since Pakistan's biggest cricket spectacle began, streams for the Cricket Fever playlist have witnessed a staggering 611% increase. According to the data made available by Spotify, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Multan ranked as the top 5 cities with the most streams from the playlist. Interestingly, late evenings on Tuesdays are the times when the Cricket Fever playlist is most streamed as per insights revealed by Spotify.

As for tracks, Groove Mera has been receiving the most love from audiences with a 62% increase in streams, since the nation's most loved domestic league began, followed by Agay Dekh, and Cricket Khidaye. Next is Dil Se Jaan Laga De by Ali Zafar, the streams for which have catapulted by 200% over the past month. Last but not the least is Hai Koi Hum Jaisa, an iconic track from Strings, completing the top 5, that has witnessed 29% increase in streams by now.

In Pakistan, there is no love like the love for cricket, and it is music that fully elevates every match and every experience. Together with the takeover, Spotify's trend of highlighting insights continues through a creative advertising campaign including outdoor as well as digital advertising.

Education Ministry Foresee NSU as Brand of Excellence in Skills Education



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Seeing all the developments and progress in the National Skills University Islamabad (NSU) at the forefront of digital and conventional skills learning is heartening. I witnessed all that happened over the past three years at this university.

A deserted jungle has been converted into a knowledge and skills learning center having international acclaim as UNESCO/UNEVOC center for traditional and digital skills learning. Now the time is to create more opportunities for unemployed youth. Mr. Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, stated this.

According to him, holistically, the entire Ministry and he, at a personal level, firmly believe that national prosperity lies in providing youth with employable skills.

Speaking at the cheque distribution ceremony among the Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Project recipients, he advised students to convert this need-based scholarship to a meritorious one. Mr. Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry said these scholarships are given to deserving students based on merit.

He advised the scholarship recipients to work hard to learn employable skills. He further said that today's era is artificial intelligence, and all kinds of information are readily available; however, skills learning needs proper mentoring and practicing as exercised at the NSU.

Appreciating the Vice-Chancellor, NSU Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Additional Secretary, said that under his leadership with support from the ministry, the university is flourishing. Establishment of the NSU-Muridke Campus speak for its popularity and credibility. Looking at his attachment to the university and his accomplishments, this university's skills program will be like the best brand to be followed by others in the country and abroad.

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National Khattak dance still alive in KPK despite terrorism

Tooba Khan

Known as the land of artists and musicians, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has kept alive the centuries-old traditional Khattak dance despite incidents of terrorism that negatively impacted cultural activities in the province.

Being the national dance of Pakistan, Khattak dance introduced by Pashtun's Khattak tribe in the 14th century, is still being performed mostly on the occasions of weddings, births and welcoming functions of VIPs in the province including merged tribal districts, leaving an indelible imprint on the minds of spectators.

In spite of the passing of six centuries, Khattak dance is still able to withstand the change of times as its essence depicts an agility of a dancer, who performs at the thrilling beat of drums and from the core of his heart.

"The Khattak dance is as old as the history of the Khattak tribe in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which goes back to the fourteenth century. Khattak dance passed from one generation to another in Khattak tribe and gave birth to many dances including braghoni, shahdola, bangra, ballballah, chatrali, tamseeli cana and charri dana that made deep inroads in our society," said Bakhtzada Khan, research officer, Archaeology and Museums department KP.

"The Khattaks mostly lived in Karak, Nowshera and other districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had used to dance on

mesmerizing movement of swords as a warm-up exercise prior to taking on their rival tribes in a battlefield or achieving success against other warring tribes in wars," he said, adding Khattak tribe was mostly rigid in the past due to lack of education and felt proud of its traditions by carrying the legacy of their forefathers.

Expert in Khattak dance and musician of Nowshera district, Shahzab Khan told APP that 100 percent fitness is required to perform Khattak dance. "The dancer performs the dance with high zeal like a hero and displays his super fitness through speedy body movements while holding one or two and even three swords at a time," Shahzab who inherited the Khattak dance skills from his father late Khalil Khan told APP.

"The dance is a five-step routine involving spins, with the swords crossed over their backs and elbows outward or swords out to sides and typically attains half spin in place leading to a full spin. Depending on the rhythm of the beat, the spin was reversed in full synchronicity as the dance was being performed with musicians turning the beat to the technique of the performers.

"Bhangarah is the first step where every member swirls while carrying swords as the prop followed by Derabi in which two youths at a time carrying one sword and handkerchief each in their hands start dance in front of a man with surnai and the rest of the troupe members wait for their turn."

He said Laila is the third step wherein a group of four performers were holding

two swords each while performing stunts moving in a circle.

Shahzeb said Braghoni was the fastest and the most adventurous of all steps, which a single dancer performs with three swords.

"The performer very skillfully swings two swords in the air while holding the third in his mouth," he said, adding it required super fitness and skills."

Bulbullah is the last of the twelve steps, which is staged without swords. "The dancers normally sing a love song at a high pitch and at the end of the song, the drumbeat slightly increases and the dance goes on."

"KP has produced international artists in the calibre of Bollywood superstars Yousaf Khan alias Dalipkumar, Raj Kapoor and Pakistani legends Qavi Khan, Javed Babar and Firdus Jamal. However, it is heartening that seven oldest cinemas out of 15 in Peshawar were closed and converted into trade and commercial centres in the last 10 years," he said.

Ikhtair Wali said there was a need to improve storyline, replace outdated cinematography and discourage vulgarity to promote cinema culture and music industry in KP.

Besides introduction of medical insurance policy for artists community and exemption of taxes, he said five years tax holding for filmmakers, exemption of new cinemas and production houses from income tax, tax rebate on export of film and dramas for 10 years were announced by the federal government to promote art, culture and music industry in Pakistan.

Besides establishment of a national film institute and post-film production facility, he said a "national film studio was being set up at a cost of Rs 1 billion".

He said rebates would also be given to foreign filmmakers on joint film and drama projects locally, adding the condition of shooting 70 percent of film in the country would be applicable to them.

Besides abolishment of eight percent withholding tax on distributors and producers, he said there was a five-year exemption from customs duty on import of machinery, equipment and supplies for films and dramas.

Ikhtair Wali said Finance Bill 2018 had been amended to exempt import of equipment for new films and dramas from sales tax and entertainment duty.

Khayal Muhammad, renowned Pash-tu singer and pride of performance, said establishment of Rs 1 billion film fund, national film institute and studio besides post-production facility centre for artists and musicians by the federal government would immensely benefit artists' community and film industries in the country.

He said that KP's cultural and musical programs including Khattak dance have highly impressed the UK Queen Elizabeth-II who came along with high level delegation to Khyber tribal district in 1961.

They said that promotion of art, cultural programs and traditional dances were imperative to counter the rising intolerance and change the mindset of society besides providing quality entertainment facilities to people.

Pak-China tissue culture lab to boost local potato production

Dr Babar Ijaz, the person in charge of overseas projects, Shandong Rainbow Agricultural Technology Co., Ltd, on Friday said most of the potato seeds in Pakistan were imported, hence the price of local high-quality seeds was expensive and unaffordable for many low-income farmers.

"Our tissue culture laboratory is committed to producing high-quality potatoes locally, reducing our dependence on foreign seeds," he said in an exclusive interview with China Economic Net (CEN).

Potato is one of the rare cases in which Pakistan is not just self-sufficient for domestic use but also an exporter. Last year, floods have devastated many kinds of crops in Pakistan, while potato production soared to 7.937 million tonnes in FY22 from 5.873 million tonnes in FY21, up by 35 percent as floods did not hit Punjab, a hub of potato production. By contrast, Pakistan imports 20,000 tons of potato seeds every year.

"Potato is not a crop for poor people because its initial cost of production is high. 35-40 percent of the cost goes to seeds," said Syed Ijaz ul Hassan, Director of the Sahiwal Potato Research Institute. Facing such a status quo, Pakistani and Chinese enterprises have been working hard to find opportunities for cooperation.

"In addition to seed production, related potato by-products are also welcome Chinese invests. Besides mechanized harvesting, pest control is also full of opportunities," Dr Babar told CEN.

"The most common potato diseases in Pakistan include early blight, stem rot and so on. In contrast, Chinese varieties are more resistant to pests and diseases with higher yields, which is exactly what Pakistan needs to learn to improve our own potato germplasm," he highlighted.

"As early as 2018, Rainbow had signed a memorandum of understanding with Pakistan's Beaconhouse Group. This year, most of our work that was delayed due to the epidemic began to accelerate," said Fan Changcheng, Deputy General Manager of Rainbow.

"In order to build Pakistan's largest potato tissue culture lab, the Shandong Academy of Agricultural Sciences has also invested in our plan. At present, a small-scale tissue culture facility of the first phase of the lab is under planning, with a goal of producing 500 mu (33.3 hectares), equivalent to about 1,500 tons of potato seeds, and the second phase will be expanded to 10,000 tons," he added.

Fan said since Pakistan's potato seeds, currently, were dependent on imports, increasing the supply of local seeds can save precious foreign exchange reserves and increase the income of farmers. If Pakistan can realize the large-scale production of local high-quality potatoes, in addition to meeting domestic needs, it can also export products to other countries, such as Arab countries.



Amjad Rasmi

The New Path of Israeli-Palestinian Relations

Saleh Al-Qallab

Things have to get worse before they get better... This could well be true for the Arab-Israeli conflict at this critical historical juncture. Anyone who thinks that the great people of Palestine will not overcome the Israelis is deluded. Though the Israelis are putting all of their animosity and might on display through their far-right government, they know that they have to wake up to the fact that the movement of history is overwhelming. They are aware of the fact that they must stop behaving as they have been since they were forcibly implanted in the Palestinians' homeland during a sick period in history when the colonialists pulled the strings.

It seems that the Israelis, or at least a substantial segment of the population, are extremists, settlers, and ruthless hardliners. They have not realized that the facts on the ground are changing and that history cannot be resisted. The Aqaba Summit, which brought the Israelis and Palestinians together and was attended by American, Jordanian, and Egyptian officials, had only just ended when the occupied West Bank was alight.

The summit had been held to quell the inflamed tensions in the West Bank and prevent the government of Benjamin Netanyahu and his extremist religious allies from going through with their exclusionary settlement program. Nonetheless, we saw Palestinian towns and villages rampaged by vicious settlers, who launched an unhinged assault, burning homes and cars and attacking peaceful civilians.

We all know that the Israelis, whom the colonialists had implanted in the Palestinians' homeland during a sick period in history, are aware that things have changed today and are not as they had been yesterday. They know that they must adjust to historical developments and that the world of

today is different from the world yesterday, which Western colonialists had tailored to fit the ends of the Zionist movement.

This gravitation toward the hard right and the electoral progress of hardline religious parties, whose control over government has been increasing, is nothing but an attempt to resist history. It is the result of the Israeli masses and elites becoming aware that coexisting with the Palestinians is inevitable and that the world will not allow the conflict to continue. They know that the world will not stand by as the rights of the Palestinian people are encroached upon to increasing degrees on their own land, nor allow Israel to remain a rogue state above the law.

The Israelis are not expected to simply walk back on their previous aspirations, extending their hand to the Palestinians and offering them a historical settlement... This would be a historic step that would imply extremely significant developments for them.

Everyone knows, indeed everyone is certain in their knowledge, that Israeli society is visibly and deeply polarized. The streets of Tel Aviv and other cities are almost constantly brimming with tens of thousands of Israelis protesting against the radical right-wing government, which is dragging Israeli society to the pits of dictatorship. This sick government lives outside history and reality, and no analyst or observer believes that it can endure for much longer...

Indeed, Benjamin Netanyahu's hardline government was formed through an alliance with religious parties from an era of history that is now in the distant past. The Israelis themselves, not just the entire world, have rebuffed it. The United States is interfering in minor and major matters in an attempt to contain this hardline government that wants to inflame the entire region.

Despite all the extremism we have seen from the Israeli government, we can be assured that an extremely consequential historic shift is under-

way. The Israeli Zionists are no longer behaving like they used to. They are aware of the historical developments they must adapt if they want to avoid meeting the same fate that had befallen all the invaders who came and went from this country, which will doubtlessly remain Arab till the end of time.

As Ahmad Shukeiri (may god have mercy upon his soul) used to reiterate, the idea of throwing the Israelis into the sea is not being proposed in any way, shape, or form. All calculations have changed, and this matter has precipitated developments that the Israeli leadership must take into account.

It is clear-certain, rather—that the most prominent members of the Israeli top brass are aware of these facts. They are also aware that their state has become wretched. It is begging for a settlement with the Palestinian people, who are seeking to end the conflict through peaceful means.

We should be aware that the situation has changed radically. There is now a real possibility for peaceful coexistence between the Palestinian people and the Israelis, who must abandon all of their previous aspirations.

The Israelis have no choice but to coexist with the Palestinians; decades of extremism, constant violence, and insistence on perpetuating the occupation have failed to erase the Palestinian people. It will not erase them, and it will not extinguish the flame of struggle that ignites the soul of the old and young members of this truly great nation.

Israel's repression and violence will exacerbate; there is no escaping this eventuality in light of this extremist government. But this phase is the darkness that precedes the dawn... The dawn of the Palestinian people, their freedom, and independence.

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The Saudi Foreign Minister in Kyiv

Tariq Al-Homayed

Prince Faisal bin Farhan visited the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, becoming the first Saudi foreign minister to do so in 30 years. He met President Volodymyr Zelensky at his presidential residence, as well as Zelensky's chief of staff and foreign minister.

Prince Faisal witnessed the signing of a joint cooperation agreement and memorandum of understanding between the two countries. The cooperation agreement will see the Kingdom send Ukraine \$100 million worth of humanitarian assistance through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center. The MoU includes financing \$300 million worth of oil derivatives as a grant from the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through the Saudi Fund for Development given to Ukraine.

Given the circumstances and timing, Prince Faisal's visit is doubtlessly exceptional, and the question here is: Why now? What message does it send? To find the answer, let us begin with the story of the minister's arrival in Kyiv, which was narrated by Iman Shaikhain, a correspondent for the Saudi broadcaster Al Ekhbariya—a deeply indicative story that is not just a "feature."

To Ms. Shaikhain, after Prince Faisal's plane arrived in Poland, he and his accompanying delegation boarded their train and went on a 10-hour journey to the Ukrainian capital. The train departs "from Poland's Western border and takes official delegations headed by leaders or officials heading to Ukraine." She added that while this was a regular train before, it has now "become a mediator," as it is "the only artery carrying the messages of Western leaders to Kyiv." It has been boarded by President Joe Biden, the Polish and French presidents, the German chancellor, and British, Spanish and

Italian prime ministers.

This means that Saudi Arabia arrived in Ukraine as other Western leaders did. It did not take an exceptional route, and this is significant. It means that Saudi Arabia is exercising its historical leadership role and that the Kingdom plays an important role in safeguarding global stability.

The visit also tells us that Saudi Arabia is balanced in its political positions and that it reinforces respect for international laws. The Kingdom defends the sovereignty of states against assault. That is why, days ago, it voted in favor of the United Nations Resolution that affirmed Ukraine's territorial integrity and demanded the withdrawal of Russian forces from the country.

Before taking either of these steps, Saudi Arabia hosted two summits last year. One brought the Kingdom together with the US, and the other was a US-Gulf-Arab summit. It has also held a bilateral summit with China and another that brought China together with the Gulf and Arab states.

Accordingly, Prince Faisal bin Farhan's visit is yet another step along Saudi Arabia's unwavering diplomatic path toward bringing relief, stability, and the consolidation of peace to the world. Indeed, the Kingdom is playing a vigorous role internationally without being drawn into the game of political polarization. Saudi Arabia thus also enjoys a balanced relationship with the Russians.

Saudi Arabia's position gives Riyadh its place and weight on the world stage. And so, we should not be surprised to see overwhelming praise for this visit. Most significantly, this visit is a reminder that Riyadh is a sovereign actor that makes its own decisions. It reaffirms the fortitude of Saudi Arabia's political rationality, which is not only needed in the region but is also desperately needed today by the international community.

Indonesian cyclists en route to Makkah reaches Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Two Indonesian cyclists, Asid Kusuma Atmaja and Yunus started their long-awaited spiritual journey to Makkah on bicycles from Indonesia in August 2022 to spread the message of peace, tolerance, and kindness. After traveling with bicycles across five countries; Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Singapore, and Bangladesh, they took a flight to Pakistan. In Pakistan, they are staying in the premises of the Indonesian Embassy to obtain a visa for their next destination, which is Oman. They intend to travel to Makkah via Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Indonesian Ambassador Adam Tugio welcomed the two Indonesian cyclists and wished them a safe journey as they embarked on their unique adventurous trip to Makkah.

The visiting cyclists are exploring Islamabad on their bicycles while displaying the flags of Indonesia and Pakistan and other visited countries to express the love and brotherhood between all brotherly nations and other visited countries. They were very warmly greeted by the people of Pakistan and received a lot of appreciation for their courage.

Asid Kusuma Atmaja said, "This is my first International tour on a cycle, the motivation behind starting this journey was pure love and devotion for the supreme power of this world, which is Allah, and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)".

Asid and Yunus encountered many challenges during their arduous journey such as visa issues, grueling weather conditions, language barriers, and security concerns. Sometimes they camped on the side of the road, slept inside mosques, and on many occasions, it was too cold to sleep. They said these challenges are only making them stronger and more steadfast in achieving their goals.

Yunus shared that he had been yearning for this expedition since his college days. He finds it hard to comprehend that his biggest dream is actually turning into reality and he is more than halfway through his journey.

The cyclists are also very popular and liked by millions from all over the world on TikTok. By sharing their journey through short videos, they hope to motivate youth to achieve great things in life and leave a legacy behind despite any challenges or hardships.



FAO, IFC, ADB & BOI Organize Symposium to Catalyze Investments in Agriculture Sector

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Agriculture Investment Symposium was held in Islamabad to bring together key stakeholders, including investors, policymakers, farmers, development partners, and researchers, to exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences to drive investment in the agriculture sector. Attended by more than 300 participants, the symposium provided a platform for matchmaking and exploring opportunities for private investors and financial institutions to invest in the agricultural sector.

Booths for B2B meetings were setup, which served as an avenue for investors to connect with agriculture companies to exchange knowledge and access to available options related to technologies and bankable products. Several memorandum of understandings were either signed or pledged at the B2B meetings.

Jointly organized by the Food and



Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Federal and Provincial Boards of Investment (BOI), the symposium catalyzed investments, partnerships, and collaborations for sustainable and inclusive growth in the sector, leveraging digitalization while managing the adverse impacts of climate change.

Professor Ahsan Iqbal, Federal

Minister for Planning, urged private investors and financial and government institutions to collaborate and work together in agriculture sector, which has high potential of economic returns and poverty alleviation. Appreciating the efforts of FAO, he highlighted that the cluster-based development was part of the government's Vision 2025 to maximize agriculture and termed this approach as a key to our future influenced by the Michael Porter's landmark

work on "The Competitive Advantage of Nations."

FAO's Investment Centre also works with private sector partners through financial institutions to attract greater and more responsible private agri-food investment, said Mohamed Mansouri, Director FAO Investment Centre. It acts as a bridge between Members and financing partners to scale up investment for greater impact at country level.

Other speakers at the inaugural session, including FAO Representative Florence Rolle, Khalid Gardezi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Zeeshan Sheikh, Country Manager, IFC, Mohammad Farooq, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Yasmin Siddiqi, Director ADB, and Aamer Irshad, Head of Program, emphasized the challenges faced by the agriculture sector and proposed various reforms, policy actions and identified investment potential for the sustain-

How tourism impacts a country

Munaza Kazmi

In the contemporary episode, tourism has become an essential element in developing the world economy and is one of the leading sources of revenue for advanced and emerging countries. In addition, it has emerged as a strong pillar for sustainable development for both developed and developing economies, as it offers various cultural, social, technological, experiential, and natural products for leisure and business. In this connection, the World Travel and Tourism Council's Report of 2021 reveals that travel, and tourism plays a significant role in much of the economic activities across the globe, let's say 10.6% of all jobs, 6.8% of total exports and a major part of cross border trade. Thus, tourism has emerged as a prominent and developing industry.

Economic impact involves a country's economic condition, primarily by bringing multiple economic factors, economic effects of tourism include improved tax revenue, personal income, increased standards of living, and more employment opportunities, meanwhile by attraction international tourism there comes initiation of foreign exchange that sustains county's economic wellbeing.

On Sociocultural backgrounds tourism impacts are associated with interactions among people with differing cultural upbringings, attitudes and behaviors, that involves cross cultural exchanges, experiences and relationships to material goods. This can help in uplifting the communities, along cross learning and education takes places, on top it is a backbone for protecting and promoting the heritage of certain nation.

Tourism can impact environment both positively and negatively. Litter is a common experience we can have on tourist attraction places, along with pollution, loss of biodiversity and natural resource degradation. As the destination develops, more tourists seek out the experience, that increases its impacts let's say, the requirement of water for washing, water disposal, that can cause water pollution, then noise pollution which has the capacity to disturb wildlife, next comes light pollution that alter the reproductive behavior of many creatures. However, we can minimize the loss by adopting Eco-Responsible Tourism, since it supports the maintenance of natural environment and sustainability of resources.

Taking in consideration the case of Pakistan, as we can see the country has abundant of landscapes that can marvel the spectator, from green pastures of Deosair to the gigantic rooftops of Karakoram, then silvery frozen lakes of Passu to the clear golden beaches of Gawadar there's a number of opportunities to make these destinations tourist attractions by establishing resorts of world class that offer responsible tourism, which can be a win-win situation for both the industry and locals, by this the industry can make money and the locals can have opportunities of employment that can lead to the better quality of life. On the other hand, by public and private partnership the Government sector can provide the opportunity for private sector to establish and improve the infrastructure, this too is beneficial for every stakeholder.

Kem Sokha: Cambodia opposition leader jailed 27 years for treason

Top Cambodian opposition leader Kem Sokha was Friday sentenced to 27 years in jail for treason in a case denounced as a "miscarriage of justice".

Arrested in 2017 in a midnight swoop involving hundreds of security forces, Kem Sokha was accused of hatching a "secret plan" in collusion with foreign entities to topple the government of longtime Prime Minister Hun Sen.

The 69-year-old co-founder of the now-dissolved Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) has long been a prominent adversary of Hun Sen, who critics say has wound back democratic freedoms and used the courts to stifle opposition. Kem Sokha has repeatedly denied the charges against him, which rights groups say were designed to bar him from politics ahead of July elections.

Immediately after the verdict at the Phnom Penh court, he was placed under house arrest and banned from meeting foreigners and anyone who is not a family member without permission of the court.

US ambassador W. Patrick Murphy, who was at the court, slammed the trial and sentence as a "miscarriage of justice."

"The United States is deeply troubled by the conviction of respected political leader Kem Sokha," he told reporters.

PM AJK visits Turkish embassy, presents a relief cheque of 48-crore rupees

Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan on Friday visited the Turkish embassy and presented a cheque of 48-crore rupees to Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Pachachi for the quake victims of Turkey.

Pertinently, the PM donated a generous sum of 10 million rupees to Turkey's quake victims from his own pocket.

The Turkish Ambassador expressed his special gratitude to the people and government of Azad Kashmir for their love for Turkey and solidarity in this

difficult time. Speaking to the Turkish ambassador, the AJK premier, while referring to strong brotherly ties between the people of Turkey and Kashmir, said that the hearts of Kashmiri and Turkish people beat in unison.

Expressing his sympathy with the quake victims, the PM said that Kashmiri people stand in solidarity with their Turkish brothers and sisters at this time of trouble. "The government of Azad Kashmir stands side by side with the people", he said.

The PM expressed the hope that under the dynamic leadership of President Recep Tayyab

Erdogan, the people of Turkey would overcome whatever challenges and difficulties they have been facing after the devastating earthquake.

He prayed to Allah the Almighty to grant the people of Turkey the courage to cope with difficult situations.

Recalling the Turkish government's unprecedented role in the rescue, relief and rehabilitation of quake victims during the 2005 earthquake, the PM said that Turkey had generously supported the Kashmiri people during the terrible catastrophe that claimed thousands of lives across the liberated territory

(Azad Kashmir).

Citing the international response to the 2005 Kashmir earthquake, he said that amongst the brotherly countries, Turkey was the first one that sent its rescue teams to Azad Kashmir.

Following the deadly earthquake, the PM said that besides rehabilitation of quake survivors, the Turkish government had significantly contributed to rebuilding of road infrastructure in the region.

The PM said that the red-colored buildings built in the capital city Muzaffarabad were a reflection of the indelible friendship



between Pakistan and Turkey. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Abdul Majid

Khan, Diwan Ali Khan Chughtai, Hussain Sargala, Chief Secretary Muhammad Usman

Chachar, Special Assistant Raja Sabeel Riaz, Media Advisor Sardar Zahid Tabsum.

Renewable energy officials, experts discuss ways to de-carbonize power sector

City Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Renewable energy officials and experts in an international webinar organized jointly by Agora Energie-wende, Germany and Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) reviewed and discussed the '2030 solar and wind roadmap for Pakistan' chalked out by National Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) under its Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2022-31.

The speakers included Shah Jahan Mirza, CEO, Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Ali Zain Banatwala, deputy managing director, National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC), Tobias März, German climate activist and solar engineer associ-

ated with '8.2 Renewable Energy Experts', Hassan Jafar Zaidi, CEO, Power Planners International (PPI), Naila Saleh, project manager, Agora Energie-wende, and Lubna Riaz, researcher, Energy, Water & Climate Change Program, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS).

Shah Jahan Mirza reiterated the government's commitment towards lessening reliance on fossil fuels and de-carbonization of the power sector by ambitious targets of renewable energy uptake as outlined in the Alternative and Renewable Policy 2019, which aims to boost the renewable energy share to 30 per cent by 2030.

The government is motivated to make the necessary transit to renewable energy sources on a war-footing basis. Also,

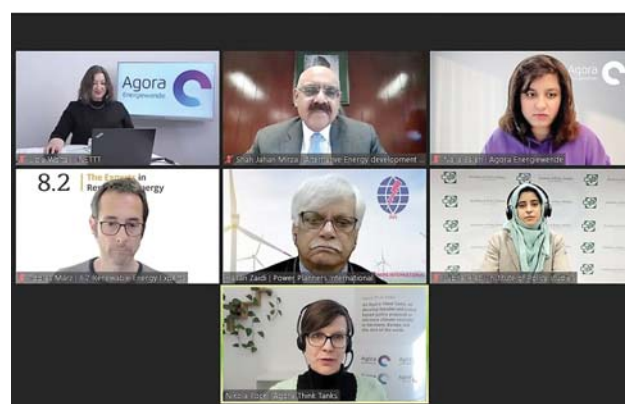
many mega-scale and distributed generation projects based on solar PV are in the pipeline and AEDB was committed to their timely execution, he said.

Sharing the government's vision to uptake the renewable energy share, Banatwala highlighted that the renewable energy integration with the grid may cause some issues with the system operations of the grid due to the intermittent nature. However, he said, NTDC is playing its role by carrying out a detailed analysis of the scenarios of renewable energy uptake mandating the collective efforts of de-carbonization of power sector at the earliest.

The RE experts discussed the results of an ambitious solar and wind roadmap performed by '8.2 Renewable Energy Experts' and

'Power Planners International' offering recommendations for accelerating the development of wind and solar power beyond the governmental target adopted in the IGCEP.

The study titled "Beyond IGCEP 2022" reviews the 10-year generation expansion planning for Pakistan and analyzes if a more ambitious pursuit of solar and wind power ("VRE") by 2030/31 would be possible and beneficial. Based on the hourly dispatch of the year 2030, it comes to the conclusion that an increase of the planned total VRE capacity from 20 GW to 33 GW by 2030 would be possible by adding minor grid infrastructure reinforcements. Furthermore, this would reduce energy generation total emissions by 50 per cent and



the average energy generation costs by 15 per cent. The study recommends including this more ambitious target in the next iteration of the IGCEP (due for June 2023), pursue a strategic reinforcement of the road infrastructure (including the HVDC link

to Chaghai in Balochistan), put a strong focus on the flexibilization of the operation of hydro and coal units as well as implementing a stringent and localized annual tender plan for auctioning out the 33 GW of solar and wind power throughout the next

ten years. In this scenario, the rooftop solar system has a huge potential and can be a win-win providing sustainability, security of supply, and affordability, highlighted Saleh. For Pakistan, rooftop solar makes a compelling case as it can help in meeting local demands, reduce capacity payment burden and transmission and distribution losses, and manage daytime peaks.

She emphasized the need to design suitable business models which ensure a viable business case for involved stakeholders and address the prevalent challenges in the socio-technical system, e.g. high upfront cost, finance mobilization problems, regulatory gaps, and lack of facilitative organizational, business, and finance models.

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
41,337.00	40,670.88
Day's High	Day's Low:
41,359.11	40,487.28
Index Value	Change
6,794,474,847	+666.12
Percentage	Time
+1.64%	3 Mar, 2023 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,947.11	+3.07
Percentage	Time
+0.039%	3 Mar, 4:35 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
33,226.71	+223.14
Percentage	Time
+0.68%	3 Mar, 12:21 pm GMT-5

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
27,927.47	+428.60
Percentage	Time
+1.56%	3 Mar, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	186.4	189
Bahrain Dinar	695.48	703.48
Canadian Dollar	203.5	206
China Yuan	38.07	38.47
Danish Krone	37.51	37.91
Euro	294.6	297.5
Hong Kong Dollar	33.31	33.66
Indian Rupee	3.17	3.28
Japanese Yen	2.06	2.11
Kuwaiti Dinar	852.25	861.25
Malaysian Ringgit	58.47	59.07
New Zealand \$	163.77	165.77
Norwegians Krone	25.19	25.49
Omani Riyal	679.95	687.95
Qatari Riyal	71.84	72.54
Saudi Riyal	74.2	74.9
Singapore Dollar	191.5	193.5
Swedish Korona	25.09	25.39
Swiss Franc	278.58	281.08

Open letter to Prime Minister for revival of mobiles manufacturing industry

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Former State Minister and Chairman Board of Investment (BoI), Muhammad Azfar Ahsan has sought the government's intervention to revive the mobile manufacturing industry on a war footing. The industry is threatened with a complete shutdown including the CPEC-based assembling unit, Transsion Teco Electronics.

According to a letter sent to Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif by former Chairman BoI, Muhammad Azfar Ahsan, it is highlighted that Transsion Teco Electronics and 30 other mobile phone manufacturers, including global brands Samsung, Xiaomi, Vivo, OPPO, Nokia, Teco, Infinix, and ITEL, are facing issues of shortage of raw



materials and components, and an inability to open letters of credit since January 2023. This has adversely impacted the feasibility with a halt to business activities and massive rise in unemployment.

Along with the Prime Minister, the letter has also been sent to Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Syed

Amin Ul Haque, Federal Minister for IT and Telecom, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhry, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Syed Muratza Mahmud, Federal Minister for Industries & Production, Chaudhary Salik Hussain, Federal Minister for Investment & China Affairs, and Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Commerce.

This production facility of Transsion Teco was a joint venture between China and Pakistan. It started production in early 2019 as an initiative under CPEC Phase II B2B cooperation. The company produced 300,000 smartphones per month. They also offered employment to 12 Chinese managers, 400 Pakistani engineers, and 2500 male and female employees, the letter reads.

The industry needs USD 100 million per

month to stay afloat at even 50% capacity and to retain the 35,000-40,000 direct and indirect jobs created by the same, the letter further stated.

The former BoI Chairman urged the government and federal ministries for making out arrangements for foreign exchange to revive operations of this labor-intensive industry. In these trying times of economic uncertainty, Pakistan must maintain the trust of foreign and local investors so that growth is spurred, and employment opportunities are generated again.

He further pointed out that the high-tech industry is the backbone of the economy and, if left unaddressed, the situation may become irreparable. "We need to prove to the world that Pakistan is still the land of opportunities with limitless potential", he added.

Country shaken by the IMF conditions: 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 implementation of IMF conditions has brought chaos in the country.

The value of the dollar has increased tremendously, and the basic rate of interest has been increased from seventeen percent to twenty percent, which will be from 23 to 24 percent after the addition of bank's profit, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that businesses cannot operate after paying such a high-interest rate therefore many will be closed which will add to non-performing loans.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the dollar has hit the mark of 290 rupees before coming down by ten rupees and it continues to fluctuate.

However, he said, an increase in the value of the dollar against the rupee will increase remittances, customs revenue, and exports.

He noted that the electricity price has



been increased by Rs. 82 per unit, the price of gold has increased by nine and a half thousand rupees, the rate of sales tax on luxury goods has been increased to 25 percent and inflation is touching 35 percent.

In this whole game, while the people are losing money, the mafia is making billions of rupees overnight, he observed.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the continuous delay in the agreement with the IMF is increasing the anxiety in the

market and the comforting statements of the top officials are worsening the situation instead of improving it.

It is true that Pakistan has destroyed its reputation by constantly breaking promises to every creditor, including the IMF, but the international organization is also continuously tightening its conditions, which is disturbing.

In these circumstances, conspiracy theories about international organizations are growing which is not a good omen for the country's economy.

The business leader said that conspiracies by some countries to harm Pakistan's economy are not out of the question, but the so-called experts who believed that they can bank on friendly countries and ignore IMF were more to blame.

It may turn out to be wrong as the friendly countries have also refused to give loans without IMF supervision.

The country's economy continued to nosedive due to wrong decisions and political instability. The reasonable demands of the IMF have been met, but according to some reports, some unreasonable demands are being made with an inflexible attitude, which is difficult to implement.

Khursheed Barlas & Fahad Barlas visit to Quetta



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: During the visit, he met Chief Secretary Balochistan, Station Commander Quetta Cantt, Commissioner Quetta, Federal and Provincial Board of Investment.

International Property Expo will be organized in Quetta on May 25, 2023 with the support of Quetta Chamber of Small Industry, Chamber of Small Industry President Wali Mohammad Noorzai said that the chamber will succeed in organizing this expo with all its potential and cabinet,

my entire cabinet will be present in this expo all the time. Promotion of business activities and positive suspicion of Balochistan in the outside world will be seen. We are grateful to the higher authorities for issuing the NOC for holding the Expo.

Hamdullah Khan Tareen, President of Pak-Iran Joint Chamber was also present in the dinner.

He said that Balochistan and neighboring countries as well as local property tycoons will get a lot of benefit from holding the expo. A better platform will not be available.

'Women for Women' programme launched

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry has launched the Women for Women Programme to empower women-led businesses and the female workforce.

Although a large proportion of women have entered the formal workforce and business sector many of them still face numerous challenges.

Women entrepreneurs face obstacles related to financing, owning, and growing a business, including legal and policy obstacles to business ownership and development.

Lack of networks, knowledge, and links to high-value markets further limit female entrepreneurship as compared to men having more social connections that enable them to access business opportunities, information, and contacts than women.

Similarly, women working in the formal and informal workforce are still facing inequalities in access to opportunities and pay.

To resolve these issues, IWCCI with its partner organization Cyntax Health Projects has been actively working for advocating gender equality, women empowerment,



and entrepreneurship.

Both organizations recognize the need to focus on developing solutions providing women entrepreneurs for scaling up access to financial products and services, building capacity, expanding networks, offering mentors, and providing opportunities to link with domestic and global markets.

Keeping this mission in line, the Women for Women Programme was launched which will help women in gaining increased access to the finance, markets, and networks

necessary to start and grow a business.

It will also generate evidence-based research data to deepen understanding of women's economic empowerment through trade by fostering further research and data collection efforts for assisting the government in creating an enabling environment for women in business. The program was inaugurated by President IWCCI Ms. Rizwana Asif. The soft launch was attended by women entrepreneurs and members of the business community.

Business and Lawyers Communities to work for promoting dignity of judiciary

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry leading a delegation visited Islamabad High Court Bar Association (IHCBA) to congratulate the newly elected President Naveed Malik, Secretary Rizwan Shabbir Kiani, Vice President Ali Hussain Bhatti, Joint Secretary Jameel Fayyaz Rajput and other office bearers. Raja Aleem Khan Abbasi, Vice Chairman, Islamabad Bar Council and Qaiser Imam Gondal, President, Islamabad District Bar Association were also present.

Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) said that victory in IHCBA's election is a reflection of the trust and confidence of lawyers' community on the leadership capabilities of new Office Bearers and hoped that they would deliver up to their expectations. He was optimistic that the leadership of Raja Aleem Khan Abbasi, Naveed Malik and Qaiser Imam Gondal will play a role to increase the respect of the judiciary and the lawyers' community.

Naveed Malik, President, Islamabad



High Court Bar Association, thanked Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President ICCI and all members of the delegation for visiting IHCBA to congratulate them. He said that ICCI has always encouraged the newly elected Office Bearers of IHCBA, which is laudable. He said that the business and the lawyers' communities are playing an important role in the development of the society and the economy, so through close cooperation, they can get resolved their common issues more effectively.

Raja Aleem Khan Abbasi, Vice Chairman, Islamabad Bar Council said that it is the responsibility of all of us to establish a society based on justice for future generations. He said that the lawyers' and business communities should make joint efforts for a peaceful, clean and green Islamabad.

Zafar Bakhtawari former President ICCI, Jamshed Akhtar Sheikh, Imtiaz Abbasi, Ch. Muhammad Ali, Ashfaq Chatta, Khalid Chaudhry, Saifur Rehman Khan and others were in the ICCI delegation.

CCP, PTA Sign MOU to Establish Cooperation and Collaboration



Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish cooperation and collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

The signing ceremony was held at the CCP Headquarters in Islamabad. Chairperson CCP, Ms. Rahat Kaunain Hassan, Member Finance PTA, Mr. Muhammad Naveed, and senior officers from both organizations were in attendance.

The collaboration between PTA and CCP will have a significant impact at the national level, particularly in areas where common interests exist, such as promoting competitive commercial and economic activity in the market.

The areas of collaboration include establishing a coordination mechanism to enable smooth working relations, facilitating the transition of society towards digitalization, promoting the adoption of new ICT technologies, and utilizing ICTs as a contributor and enabler to achieve respective SDG targets.

Ultimately, this will contribute towards the

realization of a Digital Society, which aligns with the Government of Pakistan's "Vision 2025."

In addition to capacity building on the experience and knowledge available to both organizations, the MoU also includes conducting sessions, discussion forums, and training on relevant issues and technological advancements.

CCP Chairperson said that there is an urgent requirement for regulators to collaborate in response to the economic crisis that Pakistan is facing.

She stressed the significance of implementing effective policies and regulatory frameworks that can attract investment, facilitate growth, and promote competition in the market. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of protecting consumers from anti-competitive practices.

Ms. Hassan urged for innovative and unconventional solutions in creating an enabling environment under the current economic challenges.

Speaking at the occasion, Member (Finance) PTA added that both organizations can leverage their collective strengths to enhance the digital landscape in Pakistan and drive economic growth.

Monetary Policy Will Spell a Doom For Businesses

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President of the apex body, FPCCI, has categorically termed the monetary policy as the worst in country's economic history; and, has predicted that it will bring the economic, trade, investment and commercial activities on a standstill - a doomday scenario for the business, industry & trade community of Pakistan.

FPCCI Chief has apprised that now commercial banks would not lend to the businesses for anything less than 22.5-23 percent interest rates; and, no business can find it affordable anymore. This will result in the complete drying up of the private-sector lending from the banking or formal sectors; which has already been availed only by approximately 7 percent of the businesses over the past many years, he added.

Best Practice Sustainability Awards 2022

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Nestlé Pakistan won the second prize at living the Global Compact Best Practice Sustainability Awards 2022, announced by local chapter of United Nations' Global Compact (UNGC) Network, for its commitment towards Sustainable Development Goals and the ten principles of the UNGC embedded in the way it conducts business.

"Winning this award is a testament to Nestlé Pakistan's commitment to UN SDGs. As a signatory to the UNGC ethical business principles, we are committed to be a force for good to the communities for mutual growth and sustainability," said Jason Avancena, Chief Executive Officer, Nestlé Pakistan on the occasion.

Nestlé is working hard to achieve a waste-free future by ensuring that 95% of its packaging is recyclable or reusable by 2025 and remains committed to tackling climate change by reducing carbon emissions, halving them by 2030 bringing them to net zero by 2050.

Karachi Games 2023 kick off

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Administrator Dr. Syed Saifur Rehman on Friday congratulated the citizens and Sindh government for organizing the Karachi Games on such a large scale, saying like the London Games, the Karachi Games would also gain popularity in the years to come.

He expressed these views while talking to the media on the occasion of the torch arrival ceremony of Karachi Games 2023, held at Mazar-e-Quaid here. Prior to the said event, the 'Karachi Games' was earlier inaugurated today in a ceremony held at KMC Sports Complex.

On this occasion, Municipal Commissioner Syed Shujaat Hussain, heads of departments, and other officers were also present. The administrator said that the talented and emerging sportsmen of Karachi would be highlighted through the said sporting event, who would shine in the name of the country and the nation.



Administrator Karachi Dr. Syed Saifur Rehman said that the participation of over 5,000 players and athletes, who would compete in a record 42 sporting events in the Karachi Games, was an important milestone in the history of Karachi and Sindh province. "These games will lead to the development of the sports sector in Karachi and Sindh province," he added.

At the end of the Karachi Games, a ceremony will be held for all the athletes and concerned persons at the Governor House," he said. The administrator said that it was a matter of honour for any city to organize sports activities on such a large scale. Later, the administrator lighted the torch of Karachi Games, 2023.

ment of the sports sector in Karachi and Sindh province," he added. He said that all the sports associations had been kept together in organizing the event and all the people were cooperating in organizing the Karachi Games, 2023.

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Shehroze wants to summit World's 14 peaks above 8,000m

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Young Pakistani mountaineer Shehroze Kashif deems to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in the world.

According to details, Shehroze, who became the youngest person to summit the world's second-highest mountain, K2, left for Nepal last night to attempt Annapurna 8091m and Dhaulagiri 8167m.

Given farewell by his parents along with other supporters and family members, Shehroze announced his ambitious goal of becoming the world's youngest climber to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters.

He has already summited 10x 8000m above peaks and is the youngest climber in the world to do so. After a successful summit, he would be left with only 2 peaks (Shishipangma and Choyu) to become the youngest climber to summit all 14 x 8000m.

Shehroze's perseverance, passion, and skill have made him an inspiration to young mountaineers all over the world.

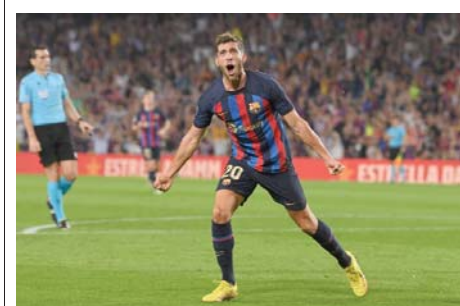
He believes that anyone, no matter how big or small, can achieve their dreams with hard work and dedication.

Shehroze said, "I am determined to achieve this goal and bring honour to my country. I want to inspire young people to pursue their dreams and passions, no matter how difficult they may appear."

Shehroze's world-record ascent will not only bring international attention to Pakistan but will also highlight the country's natural beauty and diverse landscapes. His accomplishment will inspire a new generation of mountaineers and adventurers to climb the world's tallest peaks. The 14 peaks, also known as the Eight-thousanders, were a collection of mountains rising above 8,000 metres (26,247 feet).



Sergi Roberto signs Barca deal until 2024



Sports Desk

BARCELONA: Barcelona's versatile midfielder Sergi Roberto has renewed his contract by a year until 2024, the La Liga leaders announced Friday.

"The buyout clause has been set at 400 million euros (\$424 million)," said Barcelona in a statement, with the player's previous contract set to expire in June.

The 31-year-old is one of Barca's captains, making his debut in November 2010 after joining the club's youth academy in 2006.

Despite naturally being a central midfielder, Sergi Roberto has been used in a variety of positions by Barcelona in his 339 appearances, most frequently at right-back.

The Catalan's finest moment in a Barcelona shirt came as he capped the team's remarkable 6-1 Champions League comeback win over Paris Saint-Germain in 2017.

Despite that, Sergi Roberto splits opinions among Barcelona supporters and coach Xavi Hernandez recently spoke out to defend him.

"I have seen some of the most unjust criticism aimed at Sergi Roberto," said the coach in February.

"He always performs, he never complains, he has a spectacular attitude.

"He is always criticised and I don't understand it."

Howe dodges row over Newcastle's Saudi ownership

Sports Desk London: Newcastle boss Eddie Howe has refused to become embroiled in a fresh row over the club's Saudi ownership, saying he is not qualified to talk on the matter.

The club have been thrust into the spotlight again after court papers filed in the United States described chairman Yasir Al-Rumayyan as a minister in the Saudi Arabian government.

That raises questions over the Premier League's confirmation that it had received "legally-binding assurances" of the separation between the state and its Public Investment Fund (PIF), of which he is governor.

Newcastle have been 80 percent owned by the PIF, which is Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, since October 2021.

Asked about the latest development on Friday, Howe, whose side face reigning champions Manchester City this weekend, said his focus was on his players.

"The minute I deviate from that is the minute I go into dangerous waters for me and I waste energy in areas that don't help the players," he told reporters.

"For me, my main job is to coach the players and get them in the best place possible."

He was asked further if the club's owners needed to speak to clarify matters and lift the pressure to do so from his shoulders.

"Obviously the focus comes on me because I'm sat in front of you every week," he said.

"But I don't think, as I've said many times, it's a conversation for me to necessarily brief on these matters because I'm not really qualified to do it."

He added: "I wouldn't say it gets in the way of my job at all."

"I've had very open communication from the day that I joined with various people connected to the board. But my conversations with them are all football-related. At no stage has it ever gone political.

"That's not my area, I don't want it to be my area, I want to concentrate on how I can improve the team, what tools do I need to do that and the relationships with those people around me at the football club are very important.

"Now obviously if I felt there was a time I needed to ask a question, I could. But I haven't done that."

Newcastle missed out on the chance to end their 54-year wait to win a major trophy last weekend, when they lost the League Cup final to Manchester United at Wembley.

Inauguration

KARACHI: Squash legend Jahangir Khan ignites the cauldron with a torch to open the Karachi Games 2023 in the presence of Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori and administrator Karachi Dr. Saifur Rehman.



Photo: APP

6th PGF Ladies Amateur Golf Championship

Sports Reporter

LAHORE: At the conclusion of the first round of the 6th PGF Ladies Amateur Golf Championship in progress at the Lahore Gymkhana Golf Course, the golfing play by leading golf playing ladies was eventful. After the recitation, the playing of national anthem and words of welcome by Ayesha Hamid, the Lady Captain of Lahore Gymkhana and the Tournament Director the champion ladies went into competitive action at the 18 holes Lahore Gymkhana Golf Course. With Parkha Ijaz, Rimsha and Aania Farooq fighting it out for honors, noticeable was powerful hitting off the tees and skillful shot making from the fairways. That was the pattern of play throughout the first round of play. And when the first round concluded Parkha

Ijaz was the leader with a score of 80. Other ladies in line for joining will be ladies who play to a handicap ranging between 77. One stroke behind



her was Rimsha Ijaz at gross 78. Aania Farooq an accomplished one from Karachi finished the first 18 holes at a score of gross 81 and Amina Tiwana 82. The second round will be played on Saturday and also honors were Bushra Fatima 13-24 and 25-36. The leading golf player ladies with Ayesha Hamid at Lahore Gymkhana Golf Course.

1st Rumanza Open Golf Championship

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Ahmed Baig now developing as the golf star of Pakistan has gradually begun to intimidate his fellow competitors not through some consistently excellent performances that overawe not only his contenders but also attract generous words of praise from the experts who devotedly keep a track of him.

For the second round running, Ahmed Baig was once again, all charged up at the Rumanza Golf and Country Club Golf Course in this 1st Rumanza Open Golf Championship. Through superb hitting and with his putter in full control, he fashioned a bogie free round of gross 67, five under and thereby aggregates for himself a two rounds



score of 137, seven under par and apparent is his conquering look. With this kind of achievement, he has eased the situation for himself, moving into the third round of this four rounds contest of golf champions. As a result of his great showing, even heralded players like M. Munir, Matloob Ahmed and Shabbir Iqbal are looking ordinary.

Ashiq Hussain (Multan).

Other notable ones looking fairly good are Muhammed Naem at 148, Muhammed Saqib, Muhammed Zubair and Muhammed Alam at 149, and three players at 150. They are Muhammed Ashfaq, Muhammed Nazir and Aashir Masih.

There was a cut after the second round and as a result 54 competitors made the cut in the Professional Category. Only the best 54 will play the remaining two rounds.

In the amateurs event Saad Habib of Rumanza Golf Club leads the gross section with a score of 150 for two days. Also bracketed with him at 150 is Salman Jehangir of Lahore Gymkhana. Qasim Ali Khan is at 151, Damil Attaullah at 155 and Hussain Hamid at 157.

Third day of Combaxx-Roshan Khan National Team Squash Championship

News Desk

KARACHI: Wapda and Sindh's players played well and dominated on the 3rd day matches of the ongoing COMBAXX - Roshan Khan National Team Squash Championship being organized by Pakistan Navy in collaboration with

Comboxx Sports at the Pakistan Navy Roshan Khan Jahangir Khan Squash Complex, Karachi. A total of four matches were played. The following are the results of the matches played on the 3rd day:

In the Morning Session, Pool - A (Men's) category, WAPDA thumped Punjab 3 - 0. Noor

Zaman Beat Khaqan Malik 11-5, 11-4, 11-8 (12 mins), Farhan Mehboob Beat Ahmed Amin 11-5, 11-5, 11-5 (14 mins) and Danish Atlas Beat Anas Ali Shah 11-5, 7-11, 11-2, 12-10 (24 mins).

In Women's contests, WAPDA thrashed Sindh 2 - 1. Noor Ul Ain Beat Mariam Malik 12-10, 8-11,

11-6, 11-7 (32 mins), Mehwish Ali lost to Noor Ul Huda 12-14, 10-12, 11-7, 5-11 (26 mins) and Samar Anjum Beat Sana Bahadur 11-8, 11-5, 11-6 (16 mins).

In the Evening Session, Pool - B (Mens), Sindh thrashed Balochistan by 1-2. Huraira Zafar lost against Jahanzaib Yousaf 11-13,

12-14, 11-7, 5-11 (26 mins) and Abdul Basit Beat Mazher Ali 11-1, 11-9, 11-6 (15 mins) and Aayeman Zahid Lost to Abdul Waqar 6-11, 13-11, 8-11, 7-11 (36 mins).

In the Women's contests, Sindh overwhelmed Punjab by 2 - 1. Anum Mustafa lost to Rushna Mehboob 5-11, 7-11, 5-11 (15 mins)

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ٹینیز مطلوب ہیں

- 1- واپڈ اٹاؤن اسلام آباد کو ٹینیز ویل (پب) ٹینیز کے لئے ٹینیز مطلوب ہیں۔
- 2- دستاویزات 03 مارچ 2023ء سے سول ڈیپارٹمنٹ سے حاصل کی جاسکتی ہیں۔
- 3- فرم PEC کے متعلقہ ٹیکری میں رجسٹرڈ ہونا ضروری ہے۔
- 4- ٹینیز کے ساتھ مجموعی ماہانہ کا 2% ریٹاں صورت حال ڈیپارٹمنٹ کی صورت میں جمع کروانا ہوگا۔ (تین ٹیکری واپڈ اٹاؤن اسلام آباد)
- 5- ٹینیز مورچہ 18 مارچ 2023ء بروز ہفت روزہ 12 بجے تک جمع جانے چاہیں ٹینیز کلب کی ویل ڈیپارٹمنٹ سے رجسٹرڈ ہونا ضروری ہے۔
- 6- افتتاحیہ اور تیسرا مرحلہ حاصل ہے کہ وہ پھر ہوتا ہے ایک یا تمام ٹینیز کو شروع کر دے۔

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