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Martyrs' families are benefactors of nation: PM

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said that the families of those Shuhada who had laid down their lives for the honour of the motherland were the benefactors of the whole nation. The nation could never express gratitude to the families of Shuhada for their huge sacrifices, the prime minister posted in a tweet in Urdu language.



Govt committed to put country on track of progress: Murtaza

Minister for Industries and Production Syed Makhdoom Murtaza Mahmood says the government is taking effective steps to provide relief to the masses. He said the provision of subsidized fuel to the people will reduce their hardships in the wake of inflation. Murtaza Mahmood said the government is committed to put the country on the track of progress. He reiterated that the coalition government would overcome the economic crisis soon.

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Salute to martyrs

Rawalpindi: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif attending the funeral prayers of Brigadier Mustafa Kamal Barki who was martyred while fighting terrorists in Angoor Adda, South Waziristan.



Photo: PID

Political Crises

ECP postpones Punjab elections to Oct 8

Security reasons as the major cause behind their change in plan

ISLAMABAD: In a surprise development, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Wednesday announced the postponement of the upcoming elections in Punjab — initially scheduled to be held on April 30 — citing security reasons as the major cause behind their change in plan.

In light of the Supreme Court's split ruling last month, President Arif Alvi announced the date for the Punjab polls after consulting the ECP.

Citing its responsibility towards ensuring fair elections in the country, the election organising authority in its notification recounted its various endeavours in trying to ensure that the commission carried out its responsibilities diligently.

The notification said that in order to organise and conduct the election in accordance with the law in a peaceful manner, the commission had written letters to the ministry of interior and defence for the "deployment of Pakistan Army/Rangers and Frontier Corps at all the polling stations" established for the conduct of general election to the Provincial Assembly of Punjab in static mode.

This was done in view of the heightened security situation in the province

and the recent terrorist wave in the country, it added.

However, Punjab Chief Secretary and Inspector General (IG) informed the stakeholders in a meeting of the serious law and order situation, quoting various incidents in the province and the country.

For deputations on election duty, there is a shortfall of approximately 386,623 security personnel, the notification said, which can only be covered by deploying army soldiers and Rangers in static mode.

However, the Ministry of Interior had conveyed to the commission, via a letter, that the deployment of civil and armed forces as required by the election commission would not be possible.

The ministry had also attributed it to a spike in terror incidents across the country whereby the armed forces are deployed on the borders, internal security duties, etc. It was also added that the intelligence agencies and the National Counter-Terrorism Authority (Nacta) had issued threat alerts.

"Therefore, in their view, the conduct of general elections in the province of Punjab Assembly is not feasible on already announced date," the ECP announced.

According to the electoral author-

ity, it had contacted the interior and finance ministries for a meeting on March 9, where the special secretary of interior had said that "free, fair and peaceful elections are not possible due to deteriorating law and order situation, charged political environment and serious threats to political leaders.

"This will also expose the public as well as the leaders to a heightened risk of terrorism," he said.

The finance secretary had cited a paucity of funds and the ongoing financial crunch as a reason for a lack of funds for the elections.

The notification also claimed that several senior-level members of the security agencies, including the police and the defence minister, and the federal government had recommended delaying the elections.

"Therefore, in the exercise of powers conferred upon it ... the commission hereby withdraws the election program issued vide Notification No. F. 2(3)/2023/Cord dated 8th March 2023 and fresh schedule will be issued in due course of time with the poll date on 8th October 2023.

"The office is directed to take follow-up action accordingly and also to inform the President of Pakistan," the notification concluded. Agencies

Ramazan moon sighted

Holy month to start from today



PESHAWAR: Chairman Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee, Maulana Abdul Kahbir Azad sighting Ramadan moon on roof top of Auqaf Hall.

PESHAWAR: The Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Chairman Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad on Wednesday night announced that the crescent of the holy month of Ramadan 1444 AH had been sighted.

Addressing a press conference here, he, on the basis of some solid testimonies received from various areas of the country including Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Swabi, Qila Saifullah and Mardan, said it was unani-

mously decided that the first of Ramazan would fall on Thursday, March 23.

The meeting was comprised of Maulana Hafiz Abdul Ghafoor, Mufti Faisal Ahmed, Maulana Yaseen Zafar, Mufti Ali Asghar Attari, Mufti Yousuf Kashmiri, Syed Pir Shahid Ali Gillani, Mufti Zamir Ahmed Sajid, Maulana Abdul Malik Baroqi, Maulana Asad Zikria Qasmi, Sahilzada Syed Abdullah Chishti, Mufti Qari Mehrullah, and Maulana Ashraf Ali. APP

Imran claims another 'operation' outside Zaman Park

LAHORE: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan Wednesday claimed that the government devised a plan to conduct an operation inside Zaman Park "either today or tomorrow."

"They have formed two squads that will mingle with PTI workers and fire at the policemen," Khan — who was ousted by the no-confidence motion in April last year — told his party workers and supporters via video link from his Lahore home where he has been recuperating since he was injured in an assassination attempt in Wazirabad on November 3 2022.

"Their plan is to kill people as they did in Model Town," he also said.

It should be noted that in 2014, a scuffle between supporters of the Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) and the police force claimed the lives of at least 14 people and left more than 100 others injured during an 'anti-encroachment operation' outside Idara Minhajul Quran in Lahore's Model Town.

"I want to tell the Punjab Police that five police personnel will be killed by them [the government]," he claimed, adding that his party was not looking for conflict.

The cricketer-turned-politician urged the PTI supporters and workers to avoid getting involved in any conflict "despite their [security forces]" repeated attempts to provoke you all". Agencies

Nation celebrates Pakistan Day today

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Nation will celebrate Pakistan Day on Thursday with a renewed pledge to transform the country into a true Islamic and welfare state in line with the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and to ensure progress, prosperity and a strong defence of the country.

The day is observed to commemorate the passage of historic Lahore Resolution on 23rd March in 1940, under which Muslims of the Sub-continent set the agenda of a separate homeland for themselves.

National flag will be hoisted atop all major government buildings.

The day will dawn with thirty-one-gun salute in the federal capital and twenty-one-gun salute in provincial capitals.

Special prayers will be offered in mosques after Fajar prayers for progress and prosperity of the country.

The special feature of the day will be the spectacular and colourful Pakistan Day Military Parade of the Armed Forces of Pakistan, which will be held at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad, where three wings of the armed forces will display their professional military skills.

Pakistan finalizes regulatory framework with Germany to import EVs



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq says Pakistan and Germany share a cordial and friendly relationship, and both the countries are committed to strengthen their ties in the future.

He expressed these views while talking to German Ambassador to Pakistan Alfred Grannas, who called on him in Islamabad on Wednesday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said Pakistan is thankful to the German government for their continuous support during

the 2022 floods.

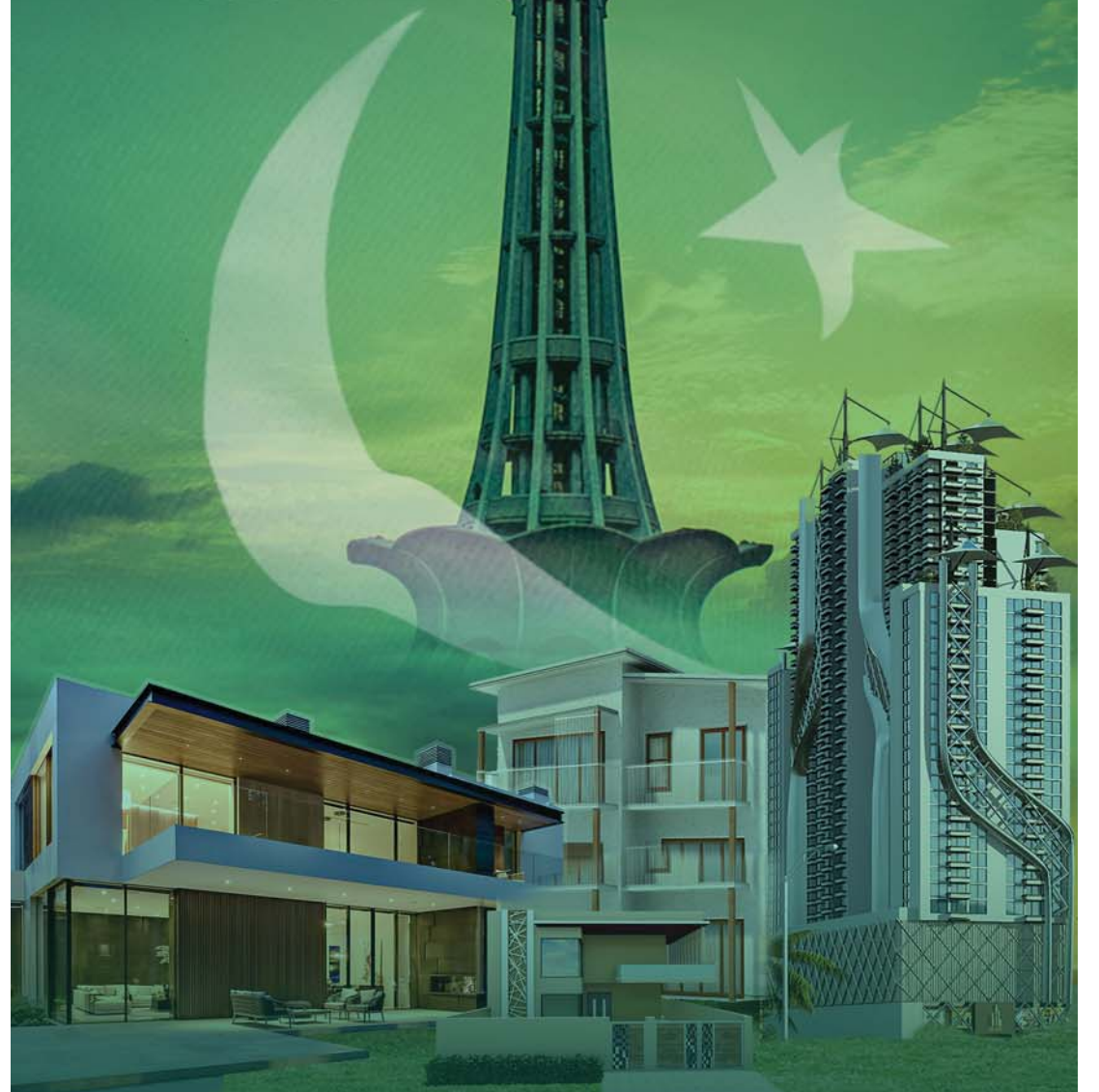
He highlighted that Pakistan is also actively promoting the use of renewable energy, electric vehicles and solarization in the country. Moreover, Pakistan is also looking forward to the government-to-government negotiations on technical cooperation between the two countries scheduled in May.

On this occasion, the German Ambassador stressed on enhancing bilateral ties saying that Germany is not only the most significant and largest trading partner of Pakistan in the entire European Union, but also one of the leading countries in financial assistance for flood-affected people in 2022.

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Protest for Khalistan

LONDON: Pro-Khalistan protest held outside Indian High Commission in London. Police try to keep Khalistan protesters behind barricades.



Interior Minister seeks Parliament's guidance on general elections

Country cannot come out of the current economic and political crisis without ensuring free and fair elections, says Rana Sanaullah

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has sought guidance of the Parliament on a date for holding next general elections in a free and fair manner.

Speaking on a motion in the Joint Sitting of the Parliament this evening, he said the country cannot come out of the current economic and political crisis without ensuring free and fair elections.

He opined that elections of the national and all provin-



cial assemblies should be held simultaneously under a caretaker setup as per spirit of the

Constitution to ensure transparency and level playing field to all political parties.

The Interior Minister said we know that elections should be held within 90 days of the dissolution of assemblies but the polling date for Punjab Assembly announced by the President is April 30, which is also beyond the limit of 90 days.

He further said elections in 1988 and 2008 had been delayed for around six months due to various reasons.

Rana Sanaullah said it should also be kept in view that the Constitution calls for holding general elections under a

caretaker setup.

The Interior Minister also sought Parliament's guidance to empower the law enforcement agencies to deal with the armed protesters and gangs of political parties to maintain order.

Expressing solidarity with the people affected by yesterday's earthquake, he said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is also very concerned over the losses and the government will devise a strategy to compensate the affected citizens.

President calls for readiness to deal with natural calamities

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday said in the wake of natural disasters, ensuring resilience, mitigation and adaptation was the key to deal with the aftermath of the calamities.

"What we need is to be ready and prepared for any calamity and show resilience during and after the devastation," he said in his address at the donors conference for Turkiye, organized here by the National University of Science and Technology (NUST).

President Alvi called for using safety measures while constructing new buildings and also stressed the need to use shear walls in the existing buildings to protect them from

the earthquake shocks.

Recalling the massive earthquake that brought immense destruction in Turkiye last month, the president said as soon as the horrible images of large scale devastation started receiving, the government and the civil society of Pakistan immediately initiated rescue and relief work for the brotherly nation.

He said the people of Pakistan and Turkiye enjoyed long history of brotherly relations even before the creation of Pakistan in 1947.

He appreciated the Muslim Ummah's spirit for donations during natural calamities to reduce sufferings of the people affected by large-scale devastation.

He said the noble spirit



among the Muslims was still alive due to the teachings of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), who himself donated generously throughout his life.

The president also thanked the government and the people of Turkiye for their support to Pakistan after the devastation

caused by floods last summer.

Earlier, Ambassador of Turkiye to Pakistan Mahmet Pacaci said the support from Pakistan was continued since the first day of the earthquake.

He expressed gratitude that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visited Turkiye after the natural calamity to express sorrow and

condole the Turkish people.

He appreciated the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to support Turkiye in need of hour, which, he said, opened a dedicated bank account to collect donations for the affected Turkish people. Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority also delivered 50,000 winter tents and 150,000 blankets, he added.

NUST Vice Chancellor Lt General (ret'd) Eng Javed Mahmood Bukhari said his university dispatched the first consignment of three tons relief goods to Turkiye within 36 hours of the devastating earthquake.

NUST had so far delivered three consignments of eight tons relief goods to the brotherly country, he added.

Pakistan tells UN panel steps being taken to ensure food security

Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Pakistan told a panel of the 2023 UN Water Conference, which opened in New York Wednesday, that steps were being taken for efficient use of water to ensure food security and to achieve the goal of clean water and sanitation for all.

"Over the last few decades, Pakistan has drastically changed from being a water abundant country to a water-stressed country," Hasan Nasir Jamy, head of a four-member Pakistani delegation, told a side-event for the launch of "Global Water Analysis Laboratory (GloWal) Network".

Jamy, who is Secretary for Water Resources, said it was estimated that down the road Pakistan could become a water-scarce country.

Co-hosted by the Netherlands and Tajikistan, the three-day conference is being portrayed by UN experts as a

once-in-a-generation opportunity to accelerate progress towards universal access to safe water and sanitation by 2030.

It also marks the halfway point through the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", adopted by the UN General Assembly on World Water Day - 22 March 2018 - to help put a greater focus on water.

In his remarks, the Pakistan chief delegate said that with growing population, there was a dire need to increase the agriculture production to ensure food security. To increase agriculture production, he said, land was not a limiting factor in Pakistan, as fertile land was abundant, but limiting factors were availability and quality of water.

With the agriculture sector using over 95% of available water, Jamy said the key to food security lies with efficient use of available water resources,

noting last August's devastating floods in Pakistan that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, after a solidarity visit, had described as "climate catastrophe".

"We consider that it is imperative to adapt proper strategies to mitigate the climate change effects by adopting sustainable practices for water resource management," the Pakistan chief delegate said.

Drawing attention to Pakistan's Vision 2025, Jamy said it addressed the issue of water security and "aims for increasing water storage capacity, improving agricultural efficiency by 20 percent, and ensuring the availability of clean drinking water to all Pakistanis".

"In order to achieve these targets, it is imperative to synergize the scientific data and develop strategies for sustainable management of water resources."

Pakistan, he said, cooperated with

the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on hydrological studies, and with the agency's support, the isotope hydrology laboratory at Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science & Technology (PINSTECH) had developed one of the most efficient isotope analytical facilities in the region.

Today's launch of "Global Water Analysis Laboratory (GloWal) Network" was yet another feat that would certainly uplift the standings of laboratories by enabling enhanced cooperation and collaboration amongst countries, Jamy said, adding that the network could bridge technical gaps, while promoting an appetite for scientific innovation.

"Pakistan looks forward to contribute to this network by leveraging our competencies and available infrastructure. Hopefully, we as a global community, will make every drop of water count."

Mariyum castigates Zalmay for tweet in Imran's favour



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Aurangzeb on Wednesday strongly condemned Zalmay Khalilzad's tweet in favour of Imran Khan.

"The origin of American conspiracy and the imported regime has come to light", she said in a statement.

The minister said that the Jewish lobby had come forward to save its stooge and handlers of the criminal involved in foreign funding were coming to light.

She said the nexus of foreign fund-

ing was exposed now and it was also proved who was the foreign agent.

She said that the foreign puppet had committed the worst human rights abuses during his four years rule as he had been labelled a media predator at the international level.

Mariyum Aurangzeb said the foreign stooge was responsible for the financial, political and diplomatic disaster in Pakistan.

She alleged that international lobbyists had mobilized to create a civil war in Pakistan, and Zalmay's tweet was a link to that plan. APP

Sustainable water management measures need of an hour: Sherry



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on Wednesday said in order to secure the future of the country it was necessary to take sustainable water management measures.

In her message on World Water Day on Twitter, the federal minister said World Water Day was being celebrated all over the world including Pakistan.

Senator Rehman said, "Water is the basic right of every citizen, survival of life depends on water. Being an agrarian country, we are highly dependent on water resources."

However, she said due to the effects of climate change, Pakistan was

facing a severe water crisis.

"Pakistan is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world. According to the United Nations, if timely measures are not taken, Pakistan will suffer from drought by 2025. On the other hand, Pakistan is among the countries with the highest per capita water consumption," Sherry Rehman added.

The Minister underscored that there was a need to use water in a disciplined manner.

"It is a national duty of all of us to use water carefully and conserve water resources. International Water Day is a reminder for us," Sherry Rahman added.

PSX loses 501.88 points, closing at 40,376.10



ISLAMABAD: The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) declined by 501.88 points on Wednesday, showing a negative change of 1.23 per cent, closing at 40,376.10 points against 40,877.98 points the previous day.

A total of 148,452,001 shares were traded during the day as compared to 142,804,015 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs. 3.917 billion against Rs. 4.177 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 337 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 75 of them recorded gains and 234 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 28 companies remained unchanged.

The three top-trading companies were Fauji Cement with 17,487,500 shares at Rs.11.81 per share; World-Call Telecom with 11,071,860 shares at Rs.50.05 rise in its per share price to Rs.11.01 per share.

Sapphire Fiber witnessed a maximum increase of Rs.66.61 per share price, closing at Rs.954.79, whereas the runner-up was Pak Tobacco with an Rs.50.05 rise in its per share price to Rs.717.60.

Unilever Foods witnessed a maximum decrease of Rs.331.00 per share closing at Rs.17925.00; followed by Nestle Pakistan with Rs.180.85 decline to close at Rs.5000.15. APP

PM Shahbaz, FM Bilawal inaugurate two coal-fired power plants

The Prime Minister said that the projects would turn the desert into an economic hub

Zainab Hyder

KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif inaugurated two coal-fired power plants with a capacity of 1,650 megawatt of electricity in Tharparkar on Wednesday.

Addressing the ceremony at the Islamkot area of Thar, the Prime Minister said that the projects would turn the desert into an economic hub.

He dismissed the criticism by a section of people against Thar's coal, terming it a blessing with immense potential for power resources that need to be untapped.

The projects including the 1,320 megawatt Shanghai Electric power plant and 330 MW Thal Nova power plant will annually generate 11.24 billion units of low-cost electricity.

Through the direct investment of over 3 billion dollars into these projects, the production of coal-based electricity in Thar will increase up to 3,300 MW.

Shehbaz Sharif expressed confidence that the journey of progress would



spread across the country and would strengthen the national economy.

He said by the power turbines would be installed at the projects by 30th of next month to generate electricity, which would be supplied to the rest of the country through transmission lines.

The Prime Minister expressed gratitude to the government of China for

extending support to Pakistan in carrying out development projects under the CPEC.

He vowed that the coalition government will put in all efforts to materialize the CPEC projects, with the agriculture sector as its next phase.

The Prime Minister said no one is above the law and would not be allowed to support terrorists and use them as

shields.

Addressing the ceremony, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari expressed satisfaction over the level of cooperation between Pakistan and China on carrying out development projects.

Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir said the government is committed to providing civic amenities to the people across the country.

He said under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the development of indigenous resources is a big step towards self-reliance.

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah said the political and economic interests of Pakistan and China are aligned for the benefit of the two nations.

Chinese Charge d'Affaires Pang Chunxue said the commercial operation of the Thar coal project ranks high among other coal-fired power plants.

She assured all possible cooperation by the government of China in the field of development and progress.

Bank ABC partners with Temenos and NdcTech

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Bank ABC, one of MENA's leading international banks, has signed agreements with Temenos and NdcTech to replace its core banking systems for its retail, corporate and wholesale businesses and power its subsidiary, ila Bank, the MENA region's fast growing digital mobile-only bank, with Temenos' core banking platform on the Cloud.

With this transformation project, to be implemented by NdcTech (a Systems Limited Company), Bank ABC will replace its legacy core banking systems for its network of operations serving customers in twenty-five markets from fifteen countries worldwide with a single instance of the Temenos platform. NdcTech will also be providing end-to-end managed services to enable Bank ABC to run its operations seamlessly on the cloud.



Consolidating multiple back-end systems on the Temenos platform in the Cloud will enable Bank ABC to drive scalable efficiency, with a single dashboard and complete 360-degree customer view across business lines and geographies. The first phase of the project is the implementation of Temenos retail core banking solution and origination on Infinity for ila Bank. This will replace current systems for the digital mobile-only offering in Bahrain and provide the agile core for planned

greenfield expansion. Subsequently, Bank ABC will leverage Temenos' cloud-native solutions and its open and API-first architecture for easy extensibility and open banking integration to enhance the experience and the services delivered to its customers.

The project will see the gradual transformation of the Group-wide core banking infrastructure, enabling Bank ABC to benefit from Temenos' broad set of banking functionality and lower operational cost across its retail and

wholesale banking operations. NdcTech will provide its country model bank accelerators combined with a wealth of knowledge and experience to drive value as part of Bank ABC's transformation journey. Banks are increasingly realizing the benefits of the cloud to remain agile and meet the demands of a constantly evolving industry, and NdcTech's end-to-end Managed Service on the cloud will fulfill that promise.

During the signing ceremony, Saeel Waary, Acting Group CEO, Bank ABC, commented: "Today, marks a momentous milestone in our journey to build our bank of the future. Consolidating our banking systems on a single platform will give us a robust foundation to accelerate growth and create significant value for our stakeholders. Temenos offers an ideal Cloud-native solution with the breadth of banking functionality needed to support all spectrums of our wholesale and retail businesses.

MMBL, iConsult form Strategic Partnership

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Mobilink Microfinance Bank Limited (MMBL) and International Consulting Associates (Pvt) Ltd. (iConsult) have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to broaden the horizon of financial inclusion for the residents of South Waziristan, North Waziristan, and Khyber Districts. The strategic partnership endeavors to bolster the financial well-being of individuals and communities living in these regions by augmenting their access to a diverse range of financial services. This collective initiative is part of the USAID-funded FATA Economic Revitalization Programme (FERP), facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which strives to promote economic growth in Merged Areas by creating a



favorable environment for small businesses, strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem and enhancing the private sector's ability to drive inclusive growth. MMBL is part of the VEON group, a global digital operator that provides converged connectivity and online services across seven countries. As part of its digital operator strategy, VEON is transforming people's lives by creating opportunities

for increased digital inclusion and by driving economic growth across countries that are home to more than 8% of the world's population.

Under the agreement, MMBL and iConsult are dedicated to advancing both financial inclusion and gender equality through a two-pronged approach. While iConsult will focus on mobilizing and facilitating individuals to open

bank accounts and access financial services, MMBL will offer women opportunities to enhance their skill sets, gain hands-on experience and improve their financial literacy through tailored upskilling programs.

In pursuit of their shared objective of enhancing financial literacy in the region, MMBL and iConsult will also utilize the State Bank of Pakistan's approved curriculums, with an emphasis on budgeting, saving, investing, and credit management. The training programs will cater to low-income families, students, women, and unbanked Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), empowering them with the knowledge and skills needed to make informed financial decisions.

Sharing her thoughts at the signing ceremony Najia Naqvi, Chief Service Quality MMBL

said, "The social complexities surrounding financial independence and facilitation are not overlooked but duly considered by our teams, helping us curate meaningful and customer-centric solutions for our ever-growing customer base. This collaboration would facilitate increased access to financial services for all, enabling individuals to grow their businesses, create jobs and contribute to positive change in their communities."

Kashif Maqbool Sehgal, Regional Head KP iConsult said, "We are proud to collaborate with Mobilink Microfinance Bank to enhance financial well-being in merged areas. We understand the challenges that come with limited financial services access, and we are committed to providing solutions that support individuals and communities in these regions."

CS Punjab inspects supply of free flour under Ramadan package

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman visited Multan. The Chief Secretary chaired the high-level meeting at the Circuit House. Detailed briefing on flour supply by Commissioner Aamir Khattak and Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir. The Chief Secretary also reviewed the supply of free flour in various districts including Khanewal.

Video link conference in South Punjab Secretariat on the arrival of Chief Secretary Punjab in Multan. Have inspected flour points in Lahore, Kasur, Okara, Sahiwal, Khanewal. Arrangements overall satisfactory, further improvement required. The system of scanning ID cards should be further improved. PITB teams remain in the field to provide technical support. Instructions of the Chief Secretary.

Communication, a cornerstone of effective humanitarian response: Naqvi

Spokesman Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) has played host to a significant two-day training program, "Training of Trainers," that has the potential to transform humanitarian response efforts in the region.

The training program, organized by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) AJK State Branch, brought together volunteer trainers from different parts of the area to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to serve their communities better.

The event was aimed at equipping volunteer trainers with a comprehensive understanding of various themes, including Communication, Civic Education, Problem Solving, Social Cohesion, Electoral Process, and Creative Thinking.

The well-attended event and the sessions were conducted by experts in their respective fields. Mr. Mubashar Naqvi, the Public Relations Officer at UAJK, led the session on communication in which, he discussed the importance of communication and its role in humanitarian response, emphasizing the various barriers to communication and strategies to overcome them. Mr. Naqvi also shared tips on effective communication during crisis situations.

Digital Lending App of NBFC Company approved

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Center of Business Consultancy (Pvt.) Limited has achieved an unprecedented and unbeatable milestone in the Non-Banking Finance Sector of Pakistan and has successfully acquired the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (the Commission) for its foreign client to launch the first approved digital lending App in Pakistan.

The Commission has accorded its approval to launch the first approved digital lending App under a new regulatory regime, which is governed by the requirements contained in Circular 15 of 2022 dated December 27, 2022 (the Circular). Previously, NBFCs were not required to get the approval of the Commission to launch digital lending applications, however, to ensure transparency and to regulate digital lending, the Commission has introduced a new set of requirements through the Circular.

It is important to note here, that as per the Circular, it was communicated to all the stakeholders that all lending applications which were launched prior to the Circular shall cease to exist on March 27, 2023. Therefore, three months' time was given to the relevant NBFC companies to launch their lending Apps as per the requirements of the Circular.

Punjab govt provides best medical facilities to masses

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Secretary Primary and Secondary Health Care Punjab Ali Jan Khan and Secretary Primary and Secondary Health Care South Punjab Muhammad Iqbal visited different hospitals and health centers in Multan, Lodhran and Wahari districts on the same day. Secretaries Health said on Saturday. Health screening facilities on the last day of health, sanitation situation, availability and supply of medicines, functioning of biomedical machinery, facilities provided at hepatitis centers and other issues were reviewed.

According to the details, Secretaries Health has appointed District Headquarters/Shahbaz Sharif Hospital in Multan District, Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Shujaabad and Jalalpur Pirwala, Rural Health Center Ayazabad Mudal and District Headquarters Hospital and Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Kahrur Pakka in District Lodhran. Visited Tehsil HQ Hospital Mailsi in Vihari. Secretaries Health Ali Jan Khan and Muhammad Iqbal along with other officers checked the availability of facilities and service delivery process in the hospitals. The secretaries checked the medicine stores, electronic medical record, x-ray record, indoor patient record and other issues.

According to the special instructions of the Government of Punjab, providing the best and timely medical facilities to the people at their doorsteps is the first priority. Apart from this, continuous monitoring is being done for the timely completion of ongoing development projects in the health department. He further said that the shortage of doctors in all hospitals across Punjab has been met to a great extent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas M/s (1), Shayan Hussain Awan (2) Khizer Hussain Awan sons of Tahir Rizwan Awan, allottees of plot No. 32-B/1, Satellite Town Scheme, Rawalpindi have appointed General Power of Attorney to Mr. Tahir Rizwan Awan s/o Ashiq Hussain vide registered deed at No. 1171/4 dated 15-03-2023 from Sub Registrar, Rawalpindi. The General Power of attorney wishes to transfer the above mentioned plots to M/s (1), Irfan Elahi (2), Ejaz Elahi sons of Fazal Elahi.

If anyone have objection of above advertisement submit their objection within fifteen days of this advertisement otherwise objection will not be entertained.

Deputy Director Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency Sub Region Rawalpindi

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Accountancy profession has vital role for green finance challenge: ACCA

Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At a time when access to cheaper capital is more vital than ever to an organisation's long-term survival, access to green finance can be a lifeline to businesses. However recent research by ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) revealed that business say they're under informed on climate finance opportunities and climate risk management. 59% of the respondents to the Global Economic Conditions Survey Q2 2022 said they are not considering using green finance products - an opportunity that must be addressed.

With lenders increasingly offering attractive 'green rates' to organisations able to meet sustainability requirements, green finance is cheap capital that can keep businesses in business. Professional accountants' ability to understand the green finance options needed for the transition to net-zero is key to equipping organisations with this expertise. Having the skills to consider non-financial as well as financial business drivers will also leave the profession well placed

to lead in training staff and developing the talent needed for enabling transformation and embedding sustainability.

Report author, ACCA senior subject manager - sustainability, Emmeline Skelton said: "Green finance is part of the fundamental narrative of ACCA's research programme on net zero transition and the role of the accountancy profession.

In a world where key stakeholders are demanding more from companies and their net zero objectives, green finance is fast becoming the hot topic for the finance profession as it explores financing options. The profession needs upskilling, especially in volatile times, where access to capital including green finance is crucial for an organisation's long-term survival."

John Lelliott OBE FCCA, Non-executive Director of the Environment Agency and ACCA Sustainability Global Forum Chair said: "The accountancy and finance profession's knowledge and skills in evolving market trends, stakeholder requirements and regulatory changes, will be key to transform organisations to operate in a net zero economy."



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ANF, US and UNDP inaugurate ANF's first women's hostel

The \$1.14m project was initiated to promote gender-inclusive infrastructure

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The U.S. Embassy's Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INLE), Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) inaugurated ANF's first women's hostel facility in the Regional Directorate (North), Islamabad today. Built by UNDP with generous funding from the U.S. Embassy under the 'Infrastructure for the Enhancement of Gender Equality and Rule of Law in Pakistan' project, the hostel is a step towards making ANF more gender-responsive and encouraging more women to join ANF.

The USD 1.14 million project was initiated in September 2020, as part of a broader U.S. Embassy effort to promote gender-inclusive infrastructure in law enforcement services. The four-story women's

hostel can accommodate more than 45 women personnel and includes a child daycare facility. Meanwhile, UNDP with U.S. Embassy's funding is already working on the extension of the living and training capacity of ANF Academy Islamabad.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Major General Muhammad Aneeq ur Rehman Malik, HI (M), Director General (DG), ANF, Emmett Sapp, Program Officer, U.S. Embassy's Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, and Knut Ostby, Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan.

On this occasion, Major General Muhammad Aneeq ur Rehman Malik, HI(M), DG ANF, thanked the U.S. Embassy and UNDP for their support. Underlining the significance of gender-responsive infrastructure and policies, he shared, "We are committed to strengthening the representation



of women in ANF to more effectively curb drug trafficking. For this, we are creating equal opportunities for ANF women officers to grow in their careers."

Emmett Sapp, Program Officer, U.S. Embassy's Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, acknowledged UNDP and ANF's tireless efforts to achieve this important milestone. She emphasized, "We firmly believe that ANF can make the world safer from drugs, and related crimes with equal representation of women. Studies have shown that diverse

workforces lead to more effective and inclusive decision-making, and diversity is especially critical for establishing and maintaining public trust in law enforcement."

UNDP Pakistan's Resident Representative, Knut Ostby, took this opportunity to thank the

U.S. Embassy for their commitment to promote gender equality in law enforcement services. He also appreciated ANF for their forthcoming participation in the project.

"We want to increase the representation of women in law enforcement so that more women feel comfortable approaching the formal justice system. I hope that adding a women's hostel will encourage more women to join ANF and increase their representation, which is crucial for stronger law enforcement."

Last year, with funding from the U.S. Embassy, UNDP developed ANF's Gender Strategy and Advocacy Plan 2022-2027 which identified barriers that prevent social inclusion and access to justice and proposed practical solutions to improve the representation of women at all levels to achieve gender parity at ANF.

Pakistan has become umbrella for all Muslim countries: Altaf Ahmad Bhat



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Salvation Movement (JKSM) Altaf Ahmad Bhat while felicitating the government of Pakistan, Military leadership, Civil Society, Political, Social, and Religious leadership on Pakistan resolution day said that Pakistan has become an umbrella for all Muslim countries and hopes are high that it will move forward to unite Muslim Ummah.

Altaf Ahmad Bhat termed Pakistan as the "centre of hope" of Muslim Ummah and said that the country was a great blessing for Muslims.

Pakistan has political and geographical importance in the Muslim world and this country is the centre of hope not only for the Sub-continent but for the whole Muslim Ummah, especially for suppressed Muslims he added.

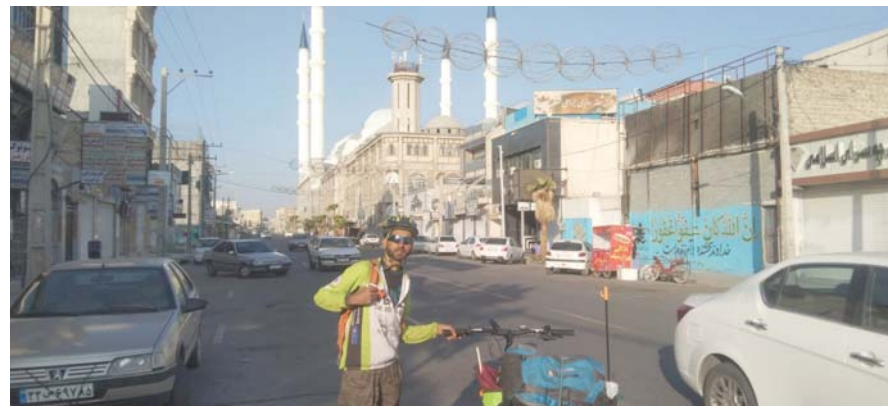
Chairman JKSM Altaf Ahmad Bhat while appreciating the statement by Pak Army Chief said that, "Pakistan's Army Chief's timely and blunt statement not only encouraged the Kashmiris but also renewed Pakistan's long-standing stance and discredited the enemy's useless propaganda.

SCO supports Cyclist's dream journey from Multan to Makkah

Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Special Communications Organization (SCO) has recently supported cyclist Saqib Rehman's ambitious dream to travel from Multan, Pakistan to Makkah on a road bike. In a ceremony held at the SCO headquarters, Saqib Rehman was gifted a road bike for his journey, which he hopes will raise awareness about the benefits of cycling as a healthy, eco-friendly, and cost-effective mode of transportation, as well as inspire others to pursue their dreams.

Saqib Rehman is no stranger to taking on challenges on his bike, having previously become the first man in the world to scale 21000 feet high K2 base camp on his mountain bike in November 2018 after a dangerous



three-month journey. Now, he is determined to take on this epic journey from Multan to Makkah, via Iran, Sharjah, and UAE, a distance he hopes to cover in approximately 60 days on his road bike and perform Ummrah.

Follow Saqib Rehman's

journey on social media at @hq_sco on Twitter, @official-HQSCO on Facebook, and @sco_pk on Instagram, and using the dedicated hashtag #cycletoMakkah, where he will be sharing updates and photos along the way.

SCO believes in the impor-

tance of supporting young talents who are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities. By providing Saqib Rehman with a road bike for his journey, SCO hopes to help him achieve his goal and inspire others to do the same.

AIOU will provide digital learning material to students: Dr. Nasir

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: "There is an urgent need to adopt and generalize the modern methods of Ed-Tech to speed up the process of learning, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is paying special attention to modernize learning. The material will also be produced in the form of videos. In the first phase, videos of BS programs will be recorded," said Vice Chancellor AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood at the closing ceremony of a three-day training workshop on "ed-tech skills: teaching in Hybrid/ Blended and Face to Face learning mode".

This workshop was organized



by the Department of Secondary Teacher Education AIOU in collaboration with Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) and Higher Education Commission (HEC). More than 50 faculty members from the four faculties of the university were trained

in the three-day workshop. Dr. Tooba Saleem was the workshop coordinator whereas Kamran Mir was the resource person. Deputy Director, HEC Wajihah Ali Syed was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. Director, ORIC, Dr. Muhammad Latif Gondal was also present in the

event.

Dr. Nasir Mehmood further said that universities are known for their faculties and Allama Iqbal Open University specially focuses on teacher training. He thanked the HEC for providing support in organizing the training workshop.

Dar lauds efforts of PAF in defending country's air space



Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Air Marshal Ghulam Abbas Ghumman, SI (M) called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division, Wednesday.

The meeting discussed the prevailing economic and security situation of the country. The Finance Minister commended the efforts of Pakistan Air Force in defending the country's air space and aerial interests of Pakistan. The Finance Minister further expressed confidence on the role of Pakistan Air Force in safeguarding the aerial boundaries and extended present government's full support to Pakistan Air Force.

The Air Marshal thanked the Finance Minister for his support and appreciation.

Pakistan far behind in Productivity, labor Productivity ranking

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry CEO, National Productivity Organization (NPO) shared the journey, achievement & outcomes of the Project. He congratulates NPO Team and Managing Director, Punjab Small Industrial Corporation (PSIC) for their great initiatives for Industry in recent crucial situation of economy. CEO, NPO express that Pakistan is very far behind in Productivity and labor Productivity ranking unfortunately. In the early period Pakistan is 100% ahead in Labor Productivity from their neighbor countries. He focused that this kind of Project must be carryout further.

National Productivity Organization (NPO) arranged dissemination conference on completion of 'Implementation of Productivity Improvement: Competitive Reinforcement Initiative (CRI)' Project and discuss the ways and means for enhancing industrial productivity in the country, at a local hotel, Lahore.

CEO mentioned that these projects were being proved helpful in improving productivity of various industries, adding that NPO was also supporting and guiding the industrialists to ensure up to the mark production that would not only help increase country's export base but also overcome the prevailing trade deficit.

The CEO said that Pakistan was among top ten countries of the world with regard to milk and wheat production, while its coal, mineral and other mega resources were yet to be exploited up to their potential. He mentioned that Pakistan now lagged behind even those countries

ACDC-ISSI Book Launch

DG ISSI lauds services of Ambassador Zamir Akram in nuclear diplomacy

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Arms Control & Disarmament Centre (ACDC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI) hosted the launch of the book titled 'The Security Imperative - Pakistan's Nuclear Deterrence and Diplomacy' authored by Ambassador Zamir Akram. The keynote address was delivered by General (R) Zubair Mahmood Hayat, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (JCJSC). There was a large attendance of academics, former and serving Pakistani diplomats, experts from think tanks and members of the foreign diplomatic corps in Pakistan at the event.

In his welcome remarks, DG ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood lauded Ambassador Zamir Akram for his valuable contributions to the field of nuclear diplomacy throughout a diplomatic career spanning over 38 years. While highlighting the importance of the theme, he said that building nuclear deterrence was Pakistan's indispensable response to the existential threat posed by India's nuclearisation. Meanwhile, Pakistan's nuclear diplomacy has remained sharp, tenacious and imaginative; it has illustrated to the world the country's India-spe-

cific rationale for the development of nuclear deterrent, reinforced efforts to maintain strategic stability in South Asia, opposed unfair and discriminatory approaches; and continuously countered the smear against Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. Ambassador Sohail Mahmood added that the conceptual framework underpinning Ambassador Zamir Akram's book is clear and unambiguous; it is the security imperative that singularly drives Pakistan's pursuit of nuclear deterrence. He also underlined that the book illustrates the contributions of Pakistan's diplomats and offers a distinctively Pakistani perspective on this important subject.

In his keynote address, General (R) Zubair Mahmood Hayat said that for Pakistan, the security threat is both real and existential, which was further intensified by the Indian quest for war, 'domination and hegemony as so-called 'net security provider' in the region. India is the biggest nuclear 'black hole' in the world that introduced nuclear weapons in South Asia and the Indian Ocean. The NSG waiver by the US, the Indian acquisition of BMD, and ASAT capabilities are the most destabilising factors in South Asia. Furthermore, narrative



building is a core component of every aspect of the nuclear deterrence spectrum and Ambassador Zamir Akram has put forward Pakistan's narrative in an effective manner. The essence of this book is how diplomacy transcends into nuclear diplomacy to support the national policy and posture, he said.

Earlier in his introductory remarks, Malik Qasim Mustafa, Director ACDC-ISSI, said that the book starts its journey by revisiting important questions like what was Pakistan's security

imperative to pursue the development of nuclear weapons, how it acquired this technology and the formulation of nuclear doctrine with emerging realities. The author explains how the inherited legacy of disputes and hostility between India and Pakistan and geography are the main security imperatives. He argues that the country achieved deterrence exclusively for deterrence against a nuclear-armed India and to prevent war, as "a full-scale war ceased to be an option for either country."

Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Director, School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR) at Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad, in his comments said that the author sounds nuclear optimist while describing Pakistan's reasons for developing a nuclear programme. Ambassador Akram meticulously narrated Pakistan's nuclear history, separating facts from fiction. As a first-hand diplomatic account of Pakistan's nuclear programme set in the broader geopolitical context, this book is a distinctive addition to the existing literature in the field.

Major General (R) Ausaf Ali, Advisor Strategic Plans Division (SPD), said that this book elucidates almost all facets of Pakistan's nuclear programme. It highlights the technical, financial and security challenges faced by Pakistani engineers and scientists. Above all, this book is a narration of how our skilled diplomats quietly but successfully contested, protected and determined Pakistan's nuclear future at key capitals and various multilateral forums in an unfriendly environment.

In the author's roundup, Ambassador Zamir Akram highlighted the biased and unfair treatment towards Pakistan in the nuclear realm. He stressed

that Pakistan had repeatedly made clear that the development of its nuclear programme was a 'security imperative' and India-specific. The failure of security alliances to protect Pakistan's territorial integrity and sovereignty in 1965 and 1971, contributed to engendering the determination to acquire nuclear weapon capabilities. The 1998 testing was the finest hour in the history of Pakistan. These tests brought about a paradigm shift in the historic correlation of power between Pakistan and India and replaced it with a new security calculus between India and Pakistan. He also said that credible deterrence does not remain static because of changes in technology and policy. Therefore, Pakistan should be vigilant and continuously evolve its conventional and nuclear capabilities to avoid nuclear 'blackmail' from India.

In his concluding remarks, Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BoG ISSI, stated that this book launch is significant because Pakistan's narrative on nuclear deterrence is coming from an experienced diplomat. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the nuclear saga in South Asia—drivers, motivations and double standards of the international community.

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Importance of 23 March, Sacrifices and Way Forward

People of Pakistan and Pakistanis around the globe celebrate Pakistan Day on 23rd March every year. The day resembles the historic moment when Head of the All India Muslim League (AIML), Muhammad Ali Jinnah, addressed to party members in Lahore on March 23, 1940. Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was presiding a party session in which the AIML passed a resolution that demanded the creation of separate federations based on Muslim-majority regions in British India. Quaid e Azam resolved to achieve such an arrangement because, he explained, Muslims as a cultural and political point of views were distinct from India's Hindu majority.

This resolution played a vital role in setting the foundation of creation of Pakistan. The partition of Pakistan was not based on justice as all assets were not divided transparently and equally. I seen a very detailed and comprehensive analysis of this unjust division of Assets on Twitter Threads of Political Prism, which is very informative and I am presenting it as it is to readers just to widely spread the details of unjust division of assets during the phase of partition. According to Political Prism's Twitter threads, the civil and military officials were left with a difficult task when Mountbatten decided on 3 June 1947 that Pakistan and India would be divided into two portions. The division of assets at the time of the Partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947

was a complex and contentious process. The partition involved the creation of two new independent countries: India and Pakistan. The process of dividing assets between India and Pakistan was based on the Radcliffe Award, which was announced on August 17, 1947. The award provided for the division of assets and liabilities between the two countries based on a number of factors, including the location of the asset & its use. The assets were divided into two categories: the "common pool" assets and the "separate" assets. The common pool assets included: Armed Forces, Railways and Post and telegraph services. These were to be divided on a 50-50 basis between India and Pakistan. The division of Armed Forces as it would safeguard both Indian & Pakistani lands in future. After much debate, the Air Force reserve command divided, that only 36% was to be given to Pakistan. Furthermore, only 7 out of 46 training establishments were in Pakistan. This division made Pakistan to go through a phase of tension, and the country suffered due to this tension.

The separate assets included: Buildings Furniture & other movable properties. However, the process of dividing these assets was complicated by the fact that many of them were in areas that were not clearly defined as belonging to India or Pakistan. Political Prism further says that,

the division of assets also had a significant impact on people's lives, particularly those who had to leave their homes and property behind during the migration. A large group of people had lost their homes, businesses, and possessions as a result of the division of assets. Similarly, another backlash faced by Pakistan was that only 5 small retail depots out of 40 ordnance depots were located in what is, now, called Pakistan. Moreover, another injustice faced by Pakistan in division of the assets was that the country

had received only 6 out of the 14 armored regiments and 8 out of the 15 infantry regiments. Overall, the division of assets at the time of the subcontinent partition was a difficult and complex process that had a lasting impact on the region and its people. Political Prism further added that Quaid-e-Azam had addressed the division in the following words: "The division of India is now finally and irrevocably effected. No doubt, we feel that the carving out of this great independent Muslim State has suffered injustices. "We have been squeezed in as much as it was possible, and the latest blow that we have received was the Award of the Boundary Commission. It is an unjust, incomprehensible, and even perverse; and it may not be a judicial but a political award, but we have agreed to abide by it, and it is binding

upon us. As honorable people, we must abide by it. It may be our misfortune, but we must bear up this one more below with fortitude, courage, and hope".

According to the information Shared by Political Prism's Twitter Threads, The division of assets & liabilities of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) post-1947 remains incomplete to this day. According to the State Bank of Pakistan, India still owes it a little over Rs. 5.6 billion—mainly on account of assets held with the RBI pending transfer to Pakistan. Readers, above information clearly shows that the assets were not divided fairly and Pakistan was compelled to move forward with limited resources. Pakistan came into existence after crossing many hurdles and giving many sacrifices. Alhumdo-lillah, we are now at much better stage. We have our independent country where we can live, work and move freely. We are living in peaceful atmosphere as we have a much strong and professional Army and also we are the first Islamic country having nuclear assets. Though we are facing worst financial crises at the moment but our Government and Army Chief have assured that the country will not go to Default stage.

On the occasion of Pakistan day, we should realize and understand the purpose of making an independent country and should strengthen our bases. The day demands that the people and all segments of the country should be united to strengthen the country which is a blessing from Almighty Allah.



Analysis

Abdul Basit Alvi

Pakistan Day calls for upholding rich cultural heritage as unifying force

Pakistan Day is celebrated each year on March 23, marking the anniversary of the Lahore Resolution of 1940 when the All-India Muslim League demanded a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent.

As Pakistan celebrates its 77th Pakistan Day this year, the focus of analysts is on upholding the rich cultural heritage dating back thousands of years as a unifying force for national development. The Day is an occasion that makes us reflect upon the challenges being faced by the country.

Experts believe that reconnecting with cultural roots can provide valuable insights into addressing modern-day challenges. Cultural heritage can bring about a sense of pride, belonging, and identity among Pakistanis, which can be crucial for building a cohesive and resilient society.

Talking to APP, Creative Founder of Lok Virsa and Folklorist Uxi Mufti highlighted the significance of Pakistan's cultural heritage in the country's identity and development. He said that the demand for Pakistan was made on the ideology of Islam.

"This future pathway includes preserving languages, traditions, habitats, poems, and songs, all of which contribute to the diverse tapestry of Pakistani culture," Mufti stated.

He, however, said that Pakistan's cultural heritage has not been adequately preserved, as over the years, the 70 regional languages of Pakistan have been shrinking to 50.

Meanwhile, folklore is an important part of the cultural heritage of any society which consists of the traditional stories, beliefs, customs, and practices that have been passed down from generation to generation through oral and written traditions.

Through folklore, people can learn about the traditions and customs of their ancestors and understand how these traditions have shaped their present.

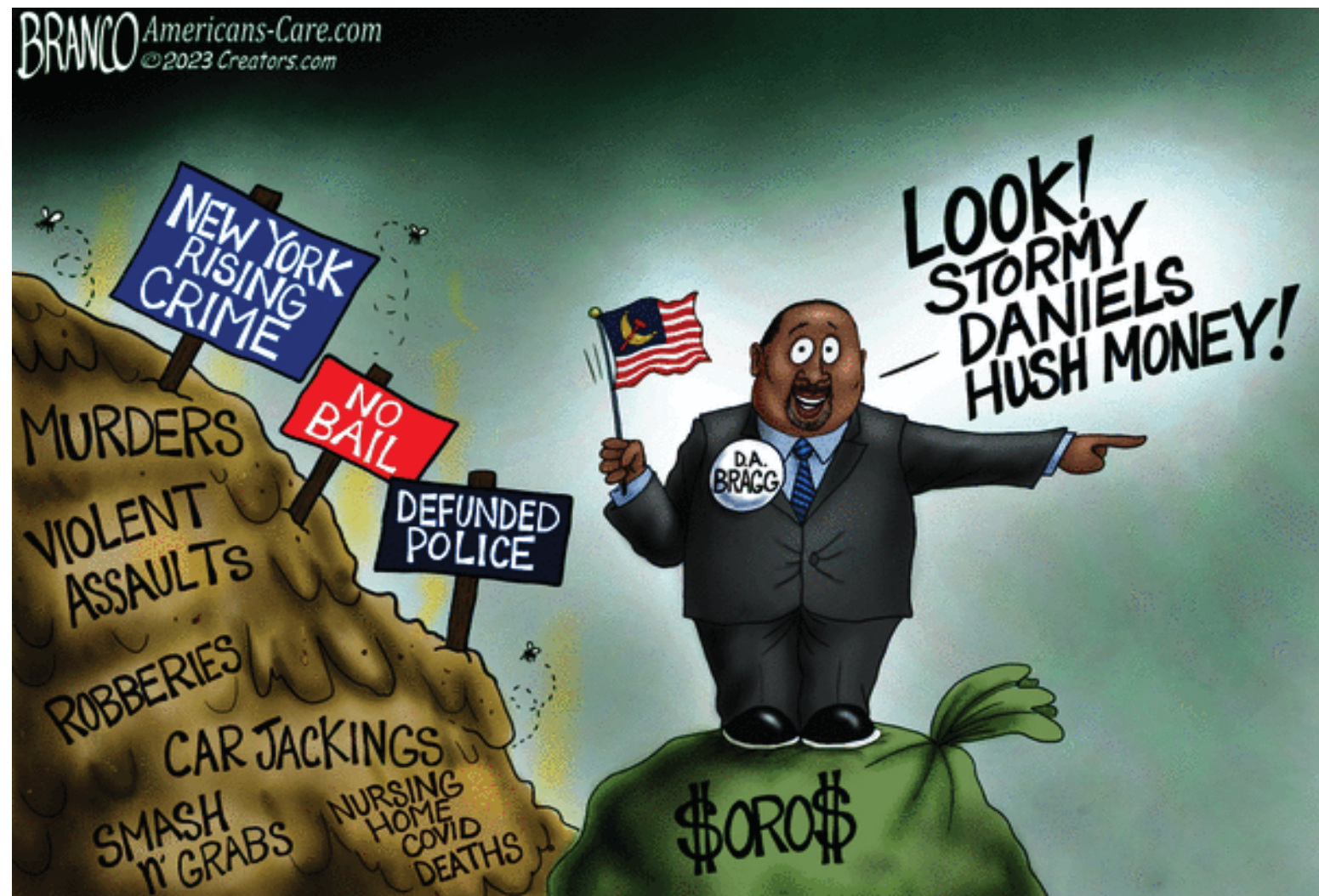
Folklore also helps to create a shared cultural identity among members of a community, providing a sense of belonging and unity.

Today, the rich folklore and cultural traditions of Pakistan continue to play an important role in shaping the country's identity and inspiring its people.

Cultural expert and writer Dr Adel Saeed Khan while talking to APP said that Pakistan's true cultural richness lies in the diverse array of regional folklore, languages and traditions that make up the fabric of the country.

"All of these regional cultures come together to form a beautiful bouquet that represents the unique identity of the Pakistani nation", adding that all of Pakistan's cultures and traditions may appear to belong to the country as a whole when viewed from the outside – they are actually distinct regional cultures and languages when examined more closely. This diversity is something to be celebrated and not feared, as it represents the rich tapestry of Pakistan's cultural heritage.

The significance of Pakistan Day lies in its reminder of the struggles and sacrifices made by the people of Pakistan in their quest for independence. It is a time for the people to come together to celebrate their shared history and identity as Pakistanis and renew their commitment to building a better future for themselves and future generations.



ChatGPT: AI grows more powerful as we become more predictable

Joseph Dana

With any groundbreaking new technology, the pace of adoption increases quickly. Over the past two decades, new platforms and tools, from the iPhone to TikTok, have seen progressively faster adoption rates. The adoption rate of ChatGPT, the artificial intelligence large language model owned by OpenAI, is unlike anything we have ever seen. Within five days of release, the platform had a million unique users.

The spike in new users has led to a deluge of thought pieces and discussions about the future of work in an AI-powered world. The world has been turned upside down with claims that ChatGPT signals the proper start of the AI age. The speedy embrace of AI tools is evident in emerging markets, where companies and governments have almost tripped over themselves to underscore their use of AI. The glaring problem is that platforms like ChatGPT are still in their infancy. While it is clear that many are eager for the AI future to take hold, the fact is that the technology is not anywhere close to realizing accurate intelligence or reason.

The human mind has an uncanny ability to use a small amount of data to create thoughts, language and the ability to reason. Think about the development of language in a baby. Babies develop language with a few cues from family and the surrounding environment. This is a simplified take on language development, but it is vital for understanding the limitations of ChatGPT when it comes to mimicking human thought. Unlike humans, large language models such as ChatGPT analyze massive data sets and produce content based on guesses about trends in the data it can access. The human mind could never process the data required to make ChatGPT function, nor

would it require so much data. At the heart of OpenAI's approach to ChatGPT is the notion that human behavior is predictable. By analyzing large data sets, OpenAI's algorithm can essentially guess what we are thinking or looking for in an answer. While we might have a knee-jerk reaction to the claim that human behavior is predictable, we must consider the effect of nearly two decades of internet and smartphone usage.

Our behavior is increasingly predictable because we have allowed algorithms to shape what we read and digest on the internet. Features like Google's autocomplete in Gmail can accurately predict what we want to write with a startling degree of accuracy. Moreover, the direction of travel is evident, as we spend more and more time on our phones. When was the last time you visited a bookstore or a library and serendipitously stumbled upon a book you did not know you were looking for?

While we might be becoming more predictable, AI tools still lack the fundamental ability to reason, as the linguist Noam Chomsky recently explained in The New York Times: "Whereas humans are limited in the kinds of explanations we can rationally conjecture, machine learning systems can learn both that the Earth is flat and that the Earth is round. They trade merely in probabilities that change over time. For this reason, the predictions of machine learning systems will always be superficial and dubious."

This should not undermine the incredible value of ChatGPT and other AI tools. They use impressive computing power to harness our increasing online predictability. Yet the overzealous embrace of these technologies completely misses this vital point about human development and its impact on society.

There are also many other ethical issues in the quick embrace of these technologies. In its latest white paper for the launch of ChatGPT-4, OpenAI is quick to note that "AI systems will have even

greater potential to reinforce entire ideologies, world views, truths, and untruths, and to cement them or lock them in, foreclosing future contestation, reflection, and improvement." This is scary stuff, especially in light of recent developments like Microsoft's dismissal of its entire AI ethics team and the general lack of ethics parameters in AI development.

The ethics debates will only grow in light of a critical point raised by Chomsky that ChatGPT and other AI tools are "constitutionally unable to balance creativity with constraint. They either over-generate (producing both truths and falsehoods, endorsing ethical and unethical decisions alike) or undergenerate (exhibiting noncommitment to any decisions and indifference to consequences)."

The truly beneficial future with AI tools lies in collaboration instead of a complete takeover or outsourcing. These tools can help us produce work of all kinds more efficiently, but they cannot replace the human mind. The iPhone, for example, facilitated better communication and made the world more accessible, but it did not change the essence of how we work. ChatGPT will not change the nature of work, either.

Companies and governments rushing to upend their working models would be well served to pump the brakes and consider more incremental AI incorporations. This will be challenging given how aggressively the technology sector pushes ChatGPT, but the fad will eventually fade and be replaced by another platform. We should use this opportunity as a society to reflect on the nature of human intelligence and how it is being changed in the technology age. Courtesy: Arab News

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From 1947 to 2023, what was lost and what was found

Kiran Asim

Pakistan is a beautiful dream that Allama Iqbal had but it was interpreted by Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Years ago, on this very day, a resolution was passed for the Muslims of India to have their own separate entity. This resolution was named as Pakistan resolution day. It is considered as one of the most powerful political movements in the world of politics. Maulvi A.K Fazl ul Haq presented this resolution. Muslims shared one vision, one dream of freedom and work for it and succeeded against all odds, to share one homeland, we call Pakistan.

After the creation of Pakistan, The first worst political crisis came when India invaded Kashmir 2 months later. After that, this series of crisis did not stop here, but continued the second political crisis came when Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan was martyred. Mohtarma Fatima Jannah afterwards, tried hard to manage the situation but could not manage the circumstances.

In 1971, Pakistan suffered a severe blow when our other arm, East Pakistan, was separated from us due to the intervention of Indian government and RAW. After 1971, Pakistan took a long time to recover.

In 1974, India detonated an atomic bomb, and the Pakistani government and military establishment decided to retaliate against India. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto called the Islamic Leadership Council in Lahore for this. In which Shah Faisal, Shaikh Mujib ur Rehman,

President Anwar Sadat, Yasser Arafat, Muammer Gaddafi and many other Arab leaders participated. In which not only the unity of the Muslim Ummah was talked about but also about giving moral and financial support to Pakistan to make it an atomic state.

But this peace got damaged when Shah Faisal was martyred in 1975. Soon after that, Bhutto went on a whirlwind tour of the whole world and conveyed the peaceful message of the Pakistani people to the world against India's aggression. In 1976, Bhutto invited Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan from Holland and he worked for the Atomic Reactor and Reprocessing Plant in Pakistan.

And surprised the whole world by detonating 5 against 4 despite the opposition of America. Pakistan thus became the only atomic state of the Muslim Ummah

Not only atomic bomb but on the other hand Kamra Aeronautical complex, Kahuta Atomic plant, HMC (heavy mechanical complex) Texila, AQ Khan Atomic research laboratory, and Pakistan steel mill also increased the strength of Pakistan. But along with all these things, the main reason for Pakistan's strong defense is its army and security agencies.

Pakistan forces and our security agencies showed the best strategy in the Soviet war. They thwarted the incoming war plan to attack Pakistan. And gave this message to the whole world that Pakistan is a peaceful atomic power. Our ambitions are peaceful. We promote peace and friendship.

Pakistan army has played and is playing an important role in strengthening the defense of Pakistan. These young men are standing as a rock in the path of the enemy.

Famous British Muslims show their support for anti-Islamophobia campaign in UK

Initiative proposes enshrining UN-supported international day in law

LONDON: A number of famous British Muslims gathered in London on Monday to celebrate the launch of a campaign calling for the recognition in UK law of the UN-supported International Day to Combat Islamophobia.

The campaign's launch, which was organized by the Aziz Foundation, took place at the Victoria and Albert Museum, and featured a diverse lineup of speakers, from politicians to creative personalities.

The UN General Assembly last year unanimously adopted a resolution designating March 15 as International Day to Combat Islamophobia. The date marks the anniversary in 2019 of the attacks on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, that killed 51 people.

And while Muslims make up five percent of Britain's population, they are targeted in more than 40 percent of religiously motivated hate crimes, according to Home Office statistics.

Campaigners believe that enshrining the UN-supported day in law would send a strong message from the country's government, which will lead to "transforming the public mood and creating a more equitable and inclusive society."

Labour MP Naz Shah and Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, a member of the House of Lords, highlighted the entrenchment of Islamophobia in the UK during speeches at the event.

Warsi said: "It's found in our streets but it's also found in the most respectable of settings. It's found in editorial newsrooms, think tanks, corridors of powers and around the respectable tables of polite society."

Shah and Warsi conceptualized Islamophobia as being "rooted in racism, and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."

Among others in government, they argue that adopting it as a working

definition in the UK would broaden an understanding that Islamophobia is more than just an expression of religious prejudice, but also an extension of systemic discrimination.

The politicians' comments were echoed by Prof. Ahmed Shaheed, a UN special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, who said that "you cannot challenge nor understand an issue until you name it."

Shaheed discussed his efforts on building a global multi-stakeholder coalition to combat anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia. He criticized international governments for failing to condemn China and India's targeting of their own Muslim communities.

Asif Aziz, the founder of the Aziz Foundation, was joined on stage by one of the biggest names on YouTube.

Chunkz, who has amassed 13 million followers across social media platforms, said that he has never shied



away from being a Muslim and hoped to instill pride in his younger fans who share a similar background.

The YouTube personality added that while he has had a positive experience working in the industry, many female

Muslim entertainers, particularly those who wear the hijab, felt pressure to compromise their faith.

He told Arab News: "Propaganda is a real thing.

"[Social media can] show how normal we are, and I say normal with quotes because a lot of people have probably got wrong information about Muslims and Islam in general.

"I think just being ourselves in itself is a good representation of how we really are in real life."

Mariah Idrissi, who in 2015 became the first Muslim hijab-wearing model, underlined the importance of positive on-screen Muslim representation. She said: "Art is such a powerful medium to get messages across.

"We see the impact of film, music, and fashion on the world without needing to preach or defend our way of life. It makes the journey towards peace more influential and enjoyable for everyone." Arab News

UK opens inquiry into unlawful killing claims in Afghanistan

LONDON: A senior judge launched an independent inquiry Wednesday to investigate whether UK military police covered up or did not properly probe allegations of unlawful killings by British armed forces in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2013.

Britain's government ordered the inquiry after lawyers brought legal challenges on behalf of the families of eight Afghans who were allegedly killed by British special forces during nighttime raids in 2011 and 2012.

Senior judge Charles Haddon-Cave said his team would "get to the bottom" of whether investigations carried out by the Royal Military Police were adequate.

"It is clearly important that anyone who has broken the law is referred to the relevant authorities for investigation. Equally, those who have done nothing wrong should rightly have the cloud of suspicion lifted from them,"



Haddon-Cave said Wednesday. "This is critical, both for the reputation of the armed forces and the country."

The inquiry into two separate incidents will also review whether

the deaths "formed part of a wider pattern of extra-judicial killings by British armed forces in Afghanistan at the time."

Thousands of British troops were

deployed to Afghanistan as part of a two-decade-long NATO-led campaign in the country following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States. Many British soldiers engaged in heavy fighting with insurgents in southern Helmand province.

Britain ended all combat operations in Afghanistan in 2014, although a small number of troops stayed to train Afghan security forces until 2021, when the international coalition withdrew from the country.

Haddon-Cave said many hearings would have to be held behind closed doors for national security reasons.

Leigh Day, the law firm representing the families, said Ministry of Defense documents showed officers had widespread knowledge about unlawful killings by UK special forces in Afghanistan but did not report the information to military police. AP

Xi returns to Beijing after state visit to Russia



BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping returned to Beijing on Wednesday evening after wrapping up a state visit to Russia.

Xi's entourage, including Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee; Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs; and Qin Gang, state councilor and foreign minister, arrived in Beijing on the same plane.

Upon Xi's departure, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko and other senior Russian officials saw him off with a grand farewell ceremony at the airport. Xinhua

Two billion people lack safe drinking water worldwide

GENEVA: Around the world, 2 billion people lack safe drinking water, the World Health Organization and UNICEF said in a joint statement on Wednesday.

The statement, which calls on all nations to "radically accelerate action" to make water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) a reality for all, came ahead of the UN Water Conference in New York.

"The numbers are staggering - around the world, 2 billion people lack safe drinking water and 3.6 billion people - almost half the world's population - use sanitation services that leave human waste untreated," the organizations said.

Millions of children and families do not have adequate WASH services, the UN bodies said, as they warned that "the consequences can often be deadly."

Also read: Over 10m lack access to safe water in flood-hit areas "Each year at least 1.4 million people - many of them children - die from preventable causes linked to unsafe water and poor sanitation," they continued. "Right now, for example, cholera is spreading in countries that have not had outbreaks in decades."

Half of all healthcare facilities lack water and soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizing solution, the statement noted. The social and economic consequences of inadequate water and sanitation services are also devastating, it added.

"These services are key to healthy development in children and for sustaining well-being as adults," the WHO and UNICEF said.

Everyone, they said, has the right to safe water, proper sanitation, and hygiene.

"Collectively, the world needs to at least quadruple the current rates of progress in order to achieve universal access to safely managed WASH services by 2030.

"Progress needs to be even faster in fragile contexts and the poorest countries to protect people's health and futures," they urged. Anadolu Agency

Tianjin Port becomes model for future port solutions in China, worldwide

BEIJING: Tianjin Port, a world-leading smart port powered by Huawei's technology, has become a model for future port solutions in China and around the world.

With introduction of technologies like 5G and AI at Section C smart container terminal at Tianjin Port's Beijiang Port Area in October 2021, the port has realized more efficient, intelligent, and safer operation and helped increase stability and efficiency of China's supply chain.

Since then, Tianjin port has been referred to as first of its kind in many ways, becoming a role model for low-carbon smart ports in the world.

The development and pilot operation of intelligent self-driving trucks at the port have enabled Tianjin port to increase efficiency and cut operation costs.

Huawei has used its strategic partnership with the port to develop new solutions for intelligent upgrade and low-carbon development. These efforts have accelerated transformation in the industry and are bringing us ever closer to an intelligent world.

At the automated terminal, Huawei Technology in collaboration with Tianjin Port Group and other partners uses autonomous driving, 5G, cloud



computing and the Internet of Things (IoT) to create more automated, greener operations.

"While all new ports are built to be automated and intelligent, existing ports also need automation and digital transformation. The horizontal transportation system improves efficiency and safety of ports operations," York Yuekun, CTO of Smart Road, Waterway, and Port BU told a group of journalists.

Tianjin Port, an important shipping hub in north China, has been continuously upgrading itself into a smart port

and introduced a variety of technological innovation to bolster efficiency.

The port has built a world-class automated container facility giving full play to intelligent technologies like 5G and L4, Peng Pai, Vice Manager, Operator Department, Tianjin Port told media delegation which witnessed various facilities from the Corridor Viewing Platform.

At the terminal, world's first zero-carbon smart terminal, container cranes operate automatically and unmanned electric container trucks come and go. In addition, remote-

ly controlled quay cranes lift loaded containers from cargo ships, and then load them onto unmanned trucks.

The container trucks go to automatic locking/unlocking stations under the guidance of the Beidou Navigation Satellite System as per optimal driving routes that are calculated in real time. Here they are loaded with containers and then driven to the container yard. The entire process is completed in one smooth operation.

Around 200 workers have been deployed to ensure smooth 24-hours operation and added, last year, the automated terminal handled over 1.4 million standard-size containers.

Peng Pai opined that compared to traditional ports, smart ports are much more secure and efficient. Smart port solutions can be applied around the world, promoting industry development and creating far-reaching economic and social value.

Sharing some detail, Liu Xi Wang, Manager, Information Department, Tianjin Port, said that a remote-control room has been set up to operate the automated terminal.

The entire staff is fully trained and very carefully perform handling of operation and tackle all challenges in this regard, he added.

Head of ICCO congratulated on Nowruz and New Year

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Hujjat-ul-Islam wal-Muslimmeen Mohammad Mahdi Imanpour, in a message, congratulated the arrival of ancient Nowruz and the beginning of the year 1402 to dear Iranians, especially Iranians living abroad, statesmen and citizens of the cultural and religious sphere of Nowruz.

According to the public relations report of the Organization of Islamic Culture and Communications, the text of this message is as follows: *The breath of the Saba wind will blow* *The old world will be young again*

Nowruz is the crystallization of new life in the body of nature. Nowruz is a new opportunity for people to reflect on their life and circumstances and seek help from God to reach the best. Nowruz is

an opportunity for renewal and interpretation of the human need to evolve in a holy path full of signs of the power of the Holy Prophet. This transformation and delivery is the same divine tradition that Nowruz can be considered as a turning point.

The harmony of the nations of Nowruz brings their hearts and minds closer to each other in the glorious and beautiful moments of the New Year delivery. The breath of Saba gives a sense of renewal to the Persian-speaking nations and even the non-Persian-speaking nations who consider Nowruz as the ancient heritage of their ancestors.

In addition to its cultural value, Nowruz is an opportunity to develop the cultural relations of our beloved country with its neighbors. The spiritual and civilized view of Nowruz can become a point of deep connection between the nations of the region. Looking at Nowruz as an ancient ritual and tradition is not the whole story! Nowruz originated from a kind of original civilization and has the power to create a cultural-civilizational union in different countries.

In the region of Central Asia, Caucasus and West Asia, Nowruz can become more than a "common tradition" and become a "common cultural center" to reach a "unified cultural system". This cultural system is not limited to a specific time (the end of winter and the beginning of spring) and its extension includes all the days of the year. This cultural-civilized capacity should be counted and flourished by the countries that celebrate Nowruz.

On the other hand, in the religious teachings and life of the elders of Islam, Nowruz is considered as an example of modernization, beauty and transition to a new era in human life. This exalting look at the category of New Year and Nowruz delivery shows that the elders of religion also have a look at it beyond a ceremony or tradition and consider it a turning point in the promotion of human values.

What now makes the necessity of observing the ancient Nowruz celebration more evident is the use of this common opportunity for the optimal coexistence, synergy and convergence of nations and the development, stabilization and evolution of their cooperation around this common civilization view.

Nowruz guarantees the unity of the nations and governments of the region

Nowruz has a special place among the nations of the region and guarantees the creation of an



exemplary and continuous alliance in the way of interaction between the nations and governments of the region. The renewal hidden in the ancient Nowruz feast can be considered as a tool to promote a certain lifestyle based on "effective transformation" in the individual, social and international relations of nations.

We believe that the regional and

extra-regional capacities of the ancient Nowruz Eid have not yet been fully realized, and this issue doubles the need for the relevant institutions to play a role in the countries that organize this beautiful tradition.

In this framework, the "Islamic Culture and Communication Organization" as the guardian of the cultural diplomacy of the

Islamic Republic of Iran, considers it necessary to identify and strengthen the current capacities in the Nowruz tradition as a tool for the civilizational and religious solidarity of the countries. May we see the convergence of more countries around this rich tradition in the near future. The realization of this path will mark a bright future for those interested in Nowruz.

Our dear compatriots inside and outside the country, as in the past, can have a significant impact on the development of Nowruz culture, that is, the culture of empathy. I congratulate the arrival of the ancient Nowruz and the beginning of the year 1402 to the dear Iranians, especially the Iranians living abroad and the statesmen and citizens of the cultural and religious sphere of Nowruz, and I wish them a year full of success, goodness and blessings.

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
40,376.10	40,877.98	
Day's High	Day's Low:	
40,996.72	40,352.71	
Index Value	Change	
3,075,436,111	-501.88	
Percentage	Time	
-1.23%	22 Mar, 2023 5:00 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
7,568.39	+32.17	
Percentage	Time	
+0.43%	22 Mar, 4:00 pm GMT	
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
32,526.50	-34.10	
Percentage	Time	
-0.10%	22 Mar, 12:01 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
27,466.61	+520.94	
Percentage	Time	
+1.93%	22 Mar, 3:15 pm GMT+9	
Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	187	189.4
Bahrain Dinar	749.55	757.55
Canadian Dollar	205	207.2
China Yuan	40.91	41.31
Danish Krone	40.77	41.17
Euro	302.5	305.5
Hong Kong Dollar	35.92	36.27
Indian Rupee	3.41	3.52
Japanese Yen	2.06	2.11
Kuwaiti Dinar	919.22	928.22
Malaysian Ringgit	62.85	63.45
New Zealand \$	176.66	178.66
Norwegians Krone	26.33	26.63
Omani Riyal	731.97	739.97
Qatari Riyal	77.43	78.13
Saudi Riyal	75.4	76.2
Singapore Dollar	208	210
Swedish Korona	26.5	26.8
Swiss Franc	305.12	307.62
Thai Bhat	8.19	8.34
U.A.E Dirham	77.2	78
UK Pound Sterling	343.5	347
US Dollar	283.20	286.00

Women have key role in economic uplift of country: Dy Chairman Senate

ICCI confers awards on women to recognition their contribution

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) organized a Women's Excellence Awards ceremony to confer awards to high achievers from various fields of life in order to recognize their contribution to the economic development of the country. Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Deputy Chairman Senate was the Chief Guest while Romina Khurshid Alam, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister was the Guest of Honor.

Speaking at the occasion, Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Deputy Chairman Senate said that women have a key role in the economic development of the country and lauded the ICCI for conferring awards on high achiever women to motivate others. He said that women of tribal areas needed skills development so that they could play a more effective role in national development.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that our women are second to none in terms of talent and ability. He said that many women have excelled in various fields of life and we feel proud over them. He said that Benazir Bhutto had become the first Prime Minister of Pakistan in Muslim World, which was a source of pride for women. He said that Malala Yousafzai, Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, Dr. Ayesha Jalal,



Prof. Dr. Nargis and many other women have earned great laurels for Pakistan. He said that the role Fatima Jinnah is a torchbearer for other women. He said that Hazrat Khadija and Hazrat Fatima are role models for Muslim women and by following their footsteps, Pakistan can be made a model society in the world. He said that women should be provided more opportunities to excel in life. He stressed that the government should make more conducive policies for women for their economic empow-

erment. He said that ICCI has taken a positive step to recognize those women who have excelled in various fields of life and assured that ICCI would continue to encourage women entrepreneurs so that they could contribute more effectively towards the economic development of the country.

Romina Khurshid Alam, SAPM said that women empowerment makes the nation stronger as when women rise, nations rise. She said that Islam has given women more respect,

power and rights. She said that women have great talent and they should work with determination and Allah Almighty will help them to rise in life. She lauded ICCI for recognizing the role of women and making its executive member an Honorary President on Women's International Day.

Khalid Iqbal Malik, ICCI Group leader said that developed countries have achieved fast growth by increasing the role of women in their economies and Pakistan should also increase the share of women in the formal economy to take benefit of their talent for sustainable economic growth.

Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President said that ICCI is the only Chamber that made a women entrepreneur its Senior Vice President and said that ICCI would continue to promote women entrepreneurs.

Zafar Bakhtawari, Secretary General UBG said that the purpose of organizing the awards ceremony is to promote high achievers as role model women in society. He hoped that the award recipients would work harder with honesty and commitment to further excel in life.

Air Marshal (Retd) Sohail Aman, former Chief of Air Staff also lauded ICCI for organizing an awards ceremony for women and said that women are now playing an important role in the Pakistan Air Force.

Govt providing relief to people despite difficulties

\$20 bln can be saved by corporate farming, solar energy, says Mian Zahid Hussain

Staff Reporter

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 Wednesday said despite the most difficult conditions, the government is making every possible effort to provide relief to the people, which is worthy of praise.

Providing free flour and cheap oil to the poor are people-friendly decisions that will provide relief to the public, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that free flour will be provided to 18 lakh households during Ramadan in Punjab which will cost \$3 billion rupees and soon the scope of this program will be extended to other provinces.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that Prime Minister Shabbaz Sharif has also decided to provide 21 liters of cheap petrol per month for motorcycles, rickshaws, and vehicles up to 800 cc.

Under the petrol relief package, petrol



will be given to the poor sections at a price fifty rupees less than the original price and this deficit will be met by the rich, he added.

The business leader said that the prices of petroleum products have been increased a lot to get the IMF loan, but this decision of the Prime Minister will give relief of one billion and twenty crore rupees to the people.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that there are practical complications in the implementation of this decision, while some petroleum dealers may also hinder

its success, so instead of providing cheap petrol at the petrol pump, the public should be provided with cash through banks or Easy Paisa.

In the current situation, inflation has put a lot of burden on the people, so more such decisions and measures are also needed to control the prices of food items.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that we need import substitution. Despite being an agricultural country, Pakistan is importing agricultural commodities worth seventeen billion dollars.

If this huge capital is invested in corporate farming, agricultural imports will not be needed and the economy will progress.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that twenty billion dollars are being spent annually on the import of oil and gas. If this huge amount is used for the promotion of solar energy in the country, millions of homes, businesses, and factories can shift to solar energy, which will reduce the energy import bill by half in a few months, thereby saving Pakistan twenty billion dollars annually which will bring an end to trade and current account deficit.

Meezan Bank recognized as best Islamic Retail Bank



Our Correspondent

KARACHI: Meezan Bank, Pakistan's leading Islamic Bank and one of the largest banks in the country has been recognized as the global winner of 'Best Islamic Retail Bank' for 2022, by Islamic Finance News (IFN) of

REDmoney Group, Malaysia. The Bank has also achieved a clean sweep of all the six Pakistan-level titles awarded by IFN. This achievement serves as a testament to the unparalleled success of Islamic banking both in Pakistan as well as across the world and reflects the Bank's growing strength

in various areas of operations. Meezan Bank has retained the 'Best Islamic Bank in Pakistan' title for the past 17 years, reflecting its growing strength and ability to deliver innovative Shariah-compliant banking solutions to all categories of customers.

Commenting on the occasion, Irfan Siddiqui—President & CEO, Meezan Bank, said: "Alhamdulillah, we are honoured to be recognized by IFN as the Best Islamic Retail Bank in the world. We are extremely grateful to our customers who continue to advocate for Islamic banking and vote for us each and every year.

ZEM Builders Caravan Rally held

A Commitment to Community Empowerment and Building Long-Lasting Relationships with Business Partners

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: ZEM Builders, a leading real estate construction company, recently hosted a Caravan Rally to showcase the progress of their multiple projects in Bahria Town Rawalpindi and Islamabad. ZEM Builders' Caravan Rally reflects the company's commitment to community welfare and social development. The event also emphasized the company's efforts toward transparency and communication with its partners.

The Caravan Rally, led by Mr. Mohsin Siddiqui, Senior GM Sales, and Mr. Khawaja Kamran, GM Marketing, provided an opportunity for the partners to witness the construction progress of various projects



such as ZEM Lake Vista, ZEM 7, ZEM 6, ZEM Liberty Tower, and ZEM Ark. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, unveiling of their new campaign, and lunch.

ZEM Builders aims to create a positive social impact by provid-

ing high-quality living spaces and generating employment opportunities. This event showcased their construction prowess and demonstrated their dedication towards their business partners and their role in the development of the community.

ZEM Builders believes in

building strong partnerships and is committed to ensuring that every moment matters for their partners. The Caravan Rally is just one of the many initiatives the company has undertaken to build long-lasting relationships with its partners and contribute to community empowerment.

PepsiCo celebrates World Water Day

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo Pakistan organized an event today to celebrate World Water Day 2023 by sharing that the company is replenishing 100% of the water they use at their Snacks manufacturing facilities in Sundar and Multan watersheds, in line with its global vision to become Net Water Positive by 2030. The company also showcased a unique Water Stewardship Model Community that is being set up in partnership with Worldwide Fund for Nature—Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan). The Center of Water Informatics and Technology (WIT) at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) will provide technical expertise for the project while Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) will create policy briefs based on the

project learnings to facilitate policy-makers.

The event was held at WIT LUMS with an aim to raise awareness about the importance of water and sanitation and to promote sustainable management of water resources through public-private partnerships. A robust overview of various water conservation projects by PepsiCo Pakistan across the country was shared, including partnerships with multiple stakeholders such as the government, non-profit organizations, academia, and policy-makers. PepsiCo Pakistan also honored Community Leader Dr. Humera Saleem, who has been a key part of spearheading community mobilization for the PepsiCo Foundation and WaterAid supported Access to Safe Water program in Humak, Islamabad. Eugene Willemsen, CEO PepsiCo



Africa, Middle East, and South Asia (AMESA), and Furqan Ahmed Syed, CEO PepsiCo Pakistan and Afghanistan along with stakeholders from WWF-Pakistan, SDPI and WIT LUMS unveiled the Water Stewardship Model Community project. The expansive project will include water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities and enable sustainable sewage water management in one under-

served community in rural Punjab for a focused intervention that delivers positive outcomes. The model village will illustrate the end-result of this collaboration for water access and stewardship, improved sanitation and replenishment, employing state-of-the-art interventions for WASH and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS). In line with our Alliance for Water Stewardship and Water Replen-

ishment agenda, this model will exemplify PepsiCo's commitment to directly benefiting communities within our watershed.

A high-level panel discussion on "Accelerating Collaboration for a Net Water Positive Future" featuring distinguished panelists Arif Jabbar Khan (Country Head WaterAid), Dr. Shafiqat Munir Ahmed (Director Resilient Development Program SDPI), Maha Qasim (CEO & Founder Zero-Point Partners) and Dr. Abubakr Muhammad (Director of WIT LUMS) was also conducted at the event, focusing on critical issues related to the water crisis in Pakistan, including access to safe drinking water, sustainable water management, private sector engagement in water stewardship, and the role of technology and innovation in addressing water challenges.

Carrefour partners with Alkhidmat Foundation



Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Carrefour, owned and operated by Majid Al Futtaim in Pakistan, has teamed up with Alkhidmat Foundation for the provision of humanitarian aid. The collaboration is set to provide meals to the less privileged during the month of Ramadan in Pakistan and to support the victims of recent earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. The bipartite memorandum of understanding was signed by Majid Barzegar, District Manager of Carrefour Pakistan and Engr. Ahmad Rashid, President Alkhidmat Foundation Lahore during a special ceremony held at Head Office of Alkhidmat Foundation in Lahore.

Customers have the opportunity to give back to the local community this Ramadan by purchasing special, pre-packed boxes filled with essential food items such as rice, flour, oil, dates & pulses. These will be distributed to families to stop them from worrying about their next meal. In addition, earthquake relief boxes comprised of shelter supplies, clothing, and non-perishable food items are available for customers to buy and donate at all Carrefour stores.

Umer Lodhi, Country Manager of Carrefour Pakistan at Majid Al Futtaim Retail said, "We believe in the power of collective action and community support. We are greatly pleased to join hands with Alkhidmat Foundation to play our part in eliminating food hunger in the country, whilst providing relief to those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. We hope our combined efforts will make a positive impact on those who need it the most."

The leading retailer recognises its role in providing support to the less privileged in the country and maintains its mission to uplift its surrounding communities. This collaboration joins international appeals to help the victims of Türkiye and Syria, demonstrating Pakistan's efforts to be at the forefront of extending all possible relief assistance despite facing its own challenges.

Advisor to CM Punjab on Sports Wahab assumes charge of his office

LAHORE: Veteran Test fast bowler Wahab Riaz has assumed the charge of Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab on Sports and Youth Affairs here at the National Hockey Stadium on Wednesday.

After taking charge, Wahab held a meeting with Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Shahid Zaman and Director General Sports Board Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi, who briefed him in detail about the ongoing sports development projects in the province.

Director Youth Affairs Punjab Syed Umair Hassan, Assistant Director

Zahoor Ahmed and other officials were also present.

The Advisor to CM Punjab said that every possible measure would be taken for the growth of sports culture in the province.

"We will take all essential steps for promotion of healthy activities among the younger generation."

Wahab Riaz said that development of sports culture was top priority of the Punjab government. "We will take all stakeholders on board for growth of games in the province. Our youth should take part in healthy sports activities to the maximum," he added. APP



Olympians XI, Women's Orange and Juniors Blue won Pakistan Day Festival Hockey matches



KARACHI: Chief guest Brig. Altaf Ahmed giving the winning trophy to Olympian Sameer Hussain, the captain of the Olympians XI. Former test cricketer Sadiq Muhammad, Olympian Islahuddin and Asma Shah are also present in the picture.

Staff Reporter

KARACHI: On the occasion of Pakistan Day, three exhibition Hockey matches were organized at Olympian Islahuddin and Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah Hockey Academy. In these matches Olympians XI, Women's Orange and Juniors Blue Won. Olympian XI beat International XI by two goals to one, Arif Bhopali scored both goals for Olympians team while Irfan Sr. scored the only goal of the International National XI. In the match played between the girls teams, Orange beat White 2-0. Sahrish Sabir and Yamuna Fatima scored goals. In the Jr boy's match Blue beat White Huzaifa Shahid scored a goal for winners.

Hockey matches were played in the floodlights of Olympian Islahuddin and Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah Hockey Academy. Sector Commander Sachal Rangers, Pakistan Rangers Sindh Brigadier Altaf Ahmed was the chief guest he said that It teaches that Islamic welfare state of Pakistan was founded on this day, we should celebrate this day with national enthusiasm, organize more events, he said that today, seeing Olympians and international athletes playing together Delighted, he is also happy that regular hockey matches are organized at Olympian Islahuddin Academy on every national day which is commendable. will continue.

The chairman of the academy, Olympian Islahuddin, also highlighted the importance of Pakistan Day. Finally, he thanked the chief guest. Former Test cricketer Sadiq Muhammad, Begum Asma Ali Shah, Ayesha, Mahfooz-ul-Haq and others were also absent from the matches.

Faced 'hate' in locker-room: Sabalenka

Belarusian tennis player reveals she 'never felt that much hate' in her life

MIAMI: Belarus' world number two Aryna Sabalenka says she has faced "hate" in the women's tour locker-room but hopes tensions with Ukrainian players will eventually ease.

Australian Open champion Sabalenka lost to Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina in Sunday's Indian Wells final and at the media day for this week's ATP-WTA Miami Open was asked about her recent comments on "tensions" in the

locker-room between Ukrainian and Russian and Belarus players.

"It was really, really tough for me because I've never faced that much hate in the locker room," said Sabalenka.

"Of course, there are a lot of haters on Instagram when you're losing the matches, but like in the locker room, I've never faced that," she added.

"It was really tough for me to understand that there's so many

people who really hate me for no reason, like no reason. I mean, like I did nothing," she said.

Sabalenka said sometimes the tension had gone beyond awkward silences and abrupt conversations.

"I had some, not like fights, but I had some weird conversations with, not the girls, but with members of their team. It was really, it was tough. It was tough period. But, now it's getting better," she said.

In comments at Indian Wells Sabalenka had said she had been in a dispute with Ukrainian Lesia Tsurenko's coach Nikita Vlasov.

Tsurenko was due to play Sabalenka at Indian Wells but withdrew before their match.

The Ukrainian said she had a "panic attack" and had also been upset with a conversation about the war and the position of Russian and Belarusian players with WTA CEO Steve Simon.

Sabalenka said she had found it hard to deal with the locker-room atmosphere initially.

"I was really struggling with that because I really felt bad, like I did something and it's still not so good in the locker room with some of the Ukrainian girls. But then I realised that it's not my fault and I did nothing bad to them. And I'm pretty sure that the rest of the Russian and Belarusian athletes did nothing to Ukrainians," she said.

Ciccone wins as Catalunya mountain takes toll on Ineos

VALLTER 2000, SPAIN: Giulio Ciccone won a tortuous, mountainous slog on stage two of the Tour of Catalunya on Tuesday just ahead of Primož Roglic and Remco Evenepoel.

The trio had chased down and overtaken Colombian climber Esteban Chaves over the final 500m of a twisting shoelace climb to set up a pulsating struggle to the summit finish at a snowy 2,150m altitude.

The result leaves Slovenian Roglic in the overall lead on a race already bearing the familiar pattern of Jumbo-Visma's black and yellow tunics heading up the main peloton.

Trek's Ciccone led the Tour de France as a rook-

ie after claiming the fabled yellow jersey at La Planche des Belles Filles in 2019.

Here the Italian's performance earned him the King of the Mountains jersey on a Tour where it takes on particular significance due to its mountain-packed route.

"This is the most beautiful win of my career, a magical day," said Ciccone.

Pretenders Mikel Landa, Jai Hindley and Joao Almeida were all close at the finish of a 164km ride featuring three climbs.

Adam Yates won here the last two times the Tour of Catalunya passed but he fell Monday and rolled across the line battered and 10mins behind. Agencies

Former World Cup winner Ozil retires

Midfielder hangs his boots after illustrious career with Germany and European clubs

ISTANBUL: World Cup winner Mesut Ozil announced his retirement from football on Wednesday after an illustrious international career with Germany and club spells with Real Madrid and Arsenal.

The 34-year-old helped Germany to glory in Brazil in 2014 but bitterly quit the international scene after the Germans crashed out of the 2018 tournament in Russia.

"After thoughtful consideration, I'm announcing my immediate retirement from professional football," the attacking midfielder said.

"I've had the privilege to be an international footballer for almost 17 years now and I feel incredibly thankful for the opportunity.

"But in recent weeks and months, having also suffered some injuries, it's become more and more clear that it's time to leave the big stage of football."

Ozil, born in the German city of Gelsenkirchen but of Turkish descent, played on some of football's biggest stages but also became embroiled in international politics and accusations of racism.

knocked out of the 2018 World Cup at the group stage, a wounded Ozil accused the German public of "racist" attacks.

His club career blossomed when his deft passing and vision helped secure his move from the Bundesliga to Jose Mourinho's Real Madrid side in 2010.

He soon led La Liga in assists while helping the Spanish club to their 32nd league title in 2012.

His big-money move to Arsenal in 2013 helped the London club end their FA Cup drought the following year.

In 2014, Ozil started the final as Germany beat Lionel Messi's Argentina 1-0 in the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro thanks to Mario Goetze's extra-time goal.

Ozil was repeatedly short-listed for the Ballon d'Or but the later stages of his career were troubled by disputes over playing time and his close personal friendship with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Erdogan was the best man at Ozil's Istanbul wedding to former Miss Turkey and actress Amine in 2019.

<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Azhar Mehmood with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Anwar citizen number 6110147669625 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Shaheela (Daughter) 2. Khadija Bibi (Daughter) 3. Azhar Mehmood (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Shahnaz Hasnain with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Haleem Ul Hasnain citizen number 6110117743349 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Saheer Hasnain (Daughter) 2. Shahnaz Hasnain (Spouse)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Rizwan Ul Hassan with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Iftikhar Ul Hassan citizen number 3460394041443 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Shama Firdous (Spouse) 2. Muhammad Irfan Ul Hassan (Son) 3. Muhammad Rizwan Ul Hassan (Son) 4. Muhammad Zain Ul Hassan (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Farzana Aftab with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Sadika Begum citizen number 6110110364120 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Farzana Aftab (Daughter) 2. Barbara Shahid Siddiqi (Daughter) 3. Sara Qaisar (Daughter)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Farzana Aftab with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Aftab Ahmed Afaq citizen number 6110117900531 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Farzana Aftab (Daughter) 2. Barbara Shahid Siddiqi (Daughter) 3. Sara Qaisar (Daughter)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Tahir Naeem with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Khurshid Sultana Begum citizen number 6110118124108 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Najma Tahir Lughmani (Daughter) 2. Rakhshanda Arshad (Daughter) 3. Rana Taj (Daughter) 4. Farkhanda Talat (Daughter) 5. Uzma Khan (Daughter) 6. Tahir Naeem (Son) 7. Babar Naeem Khan (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>
<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Tahir Naeem with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Taj M Naeem citizen number 6110118805439 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Najma Tahir Lughmani (Daughter) 2. Rakhshanda Arshad (Daughter) 3. Rana Taj (Daughter) 4. Farkhanda Talat (Daughter) 5. Uzma Khan (Daughter) 6. Tahir Naeem (Son) 7. Babar Naeem Khan (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Abdul Basit Sultan with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Khalid Shad citizen number 3710116768485 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Aqsa Sultan (Daughter) 2. Mehwish Sultan (Daughter) 3. Sana Sultan (Daughter) 4. Begum Rifat Khalid (Spouse) 5. Muhammad Awais Sultan (Son) 6. Abdul Basit Sultan (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Romesa Faiz with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Faiz Bakhsh citizen number 3720313951405 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Areeba Faiz (Daughter) 2. Romesa Faiz (Daughter) 3. Samina Shaheen (Spouse)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Hammad Akhtar with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Pervez Akhtar citizen number 3740542611913 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Fatima Batool (Daughter) 2. Huma Pervez (Daughter) 3. Nazia Pervez (Daughter) 4. Maryam Pervez (Daughter) 5. Nadia Pervez (Daughter) 6. Tayyaba (Daughter) 7. Khalida Pervez (Spouse) 8. Muhammad Hammad Akhtar (Son) 9. Ahmed Jawad (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Shaista Kousar with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Ashrafat Begum citizen number 1730114407368 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Shaista Kousar (Daughter) 2. Rozina Shaheen (Daughter) 3. Anjum Sohail (Son) 4. Abid Hussain (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Erum Fatima with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Syed Itehad Kazmi citizen number 5440005648645 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Erum Fatima (Daughter)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>
<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Raja Maleen Nawaz with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Sardar Rehman Nawaz citizen number 3740427276371 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Naheeda Khanum Raja (Daughter) 2. Rabia Rehman (Daughter) 3. Maryam Bibi (Daughter) 4. Saeeda Bibi (Spouse) 5. Raja Faheem Nawaz (Son) 6. Raja Mobeen Nawaz (Son) 7. Raja Mateen Nawaz (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Rebea Firdous with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Nahid Shafi citizen number 3840320050142 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Rebea Firdous (Daughter) 2. Hina Ebir (Daughter) 3. Shahzada Khalid Akhlaq Anjum (Spouse) 4. Shahzada Hatim Mushtaq (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA REHMANABAD RAWALPINDI-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Maqsood Hussain with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Ruqia Maqsood citizen number 1310147938486 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Maryam Bibi (Mother) 2. Maqsood Hussain (Father)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Raja Mateen Nawaz with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Sardar Rehman Nawaz citizen number 3740427276371 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Naheeda Khanum Raja (Daughter) 2. Rabia Rehman (Daughter) 3. Maryam Bibi (Daughter) 4. Saeeda Bibi (Spouse) 5. Raja Faheem Nawaz (Son) 6. Raja Mobeen Nawaz (Son) 7. Raja Mateen Nawaz (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Rebea Firdous with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Nahid Shafi citizen number 3840320050142 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Rebea Firdous (Daughter) 2. Hina Ebir (Daughter) 3. Shahzada Khalid Akhlaq Anjum (Spouse) 4. Shahzada Hatim Mushtaq (Son)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA REHMANABAD RAWALPINDI-DSFU</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Maqsood Hussain with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Ruqia Maqsood citizen number 1310147938486 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.</p> <p>1. Maryam Bibi (Mother) 2. Maqsood Hussain (Father)</p> <p>On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU</p>