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Khawaja Asif demands judiciary to settle tax cases worth Rs. 2000b

Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Tuesday said that tax cases worth Rs. 2000 billion are pending before the judiciary and the courts should settle these cases in the given economic situation faced by the country. Speaking here in National Assembly, the minister said that Federal Board of Revenue submitted with Public Accounts Committee about the number of tax cases pending with judiciary. (Details on Page 8)

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NSC Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of the National Security Committee on Tuesday.



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NSC vows swift action against perpetrators of May 9 riots

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed his determination to ensure that the culprits responsible for the events of May 9 face appropriate punishment, emphasizing that such a devastating incident should never recur.

Chairing the National Security Committee (NSC) meeting, attended by federal ministers, military leadership, and officials of secret agencies, and chief ministers, he referred to May 9 as a black day in Pakistan's history. He said the events that unfolded on May 9 had left an indelible mark on the nation, plunging millions of Pakistanis into deep sorrow.

The PM lamented that attempts were made to desecrate symbols of great honor for the country, leading to widespread grief and outrage among the populace. He specifically high-

PM directs implementation of Balochistan Commission's recommendations

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed the federal and provincial departments to ensure steps for the implementation of recommen-

dations contained in the Commission's report, which was formed over the grievances of students of the Balochistan province. A delegation of the Commission

to enquire and investigate the grievances of the students of Balochistan called on the prime minister to brief him over their report and recommendations.

He also underscored the gravity of the situation, emphasizing that the protesters affiliated with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had achieved what even Pakistan's eternal enemy had failed to do.

The premier acknowledged the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers in the 1965 war, Zarb-e-Azb, and in maintaining peace and order, and lamented the desecration of the martyrs and ghazis, a highly sensitive issue.

During the National Security Committee meeting, heartfelt tributes were paid to the martyrs

who bravely sacrificed their lives for the nation. Additionally, the security forces were commended for their successful anti-terrorism efforts and covert operations across the country.

The meeting focused on a briefing provided by sensitive institutions regarding the recent events that unfolded on May 9. It was revealed that acts of vandalism had taken place, resulting in damage to public and private properties.

Disturbingly, photographs of martyrs were desecrated, memorials were defaced, historical buildings were set ablaze, and military installations were subjected to vandalism. The briefing also indicated a deliberate plan to orchestrate arsons.

The government, security forces, and intelligence agencies were determined to take swift action against the perpetrators responsible for these acts and maintain law and order in the country.

NA passes Contempt of Parliament Bill 2023

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly on Tuesday passed the Contempt of Parliament Bill 2023.

Rana Qasim Noon presented the Contempt of Parliament Bill 2023 in the House for approval.

Earlier, a meeting of the National Assembly was held under the chairmanship of National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf in which the contempt bill was discussed.

Expressing his views, Federal Education Minister Rana Tanveer said the contempt of parliament bill was an important piece of legislation.

He said the standing committee rules should also be amended.

He complained that officers did not listen to the calls of Members of Parliament.

Pakistan to apprise int'l community about India's evil design of G-20: Kaira

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to the Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan, Qamar Zaman Kaira on Tuesday said that Pakistan was committed to apprise the international community about India's reprehensible and nefarious designs of holding G-20 conference scheduled to be held in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK).

Addressing a press conference flanked with Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leaders from Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), he said the Pakistani leadership would put a strapping response and narrative before the international community regarding conducting G-20 conference by India.

Kaira said that Pakistan had always raised the voice for the oppressed Kashmiri people by supporting them politically, morally and diplomatically to their indigenous movement and also highlighted the Indian tyranny and



atrocities at all available forums. "Pakistan has always stand with the people of Kashmir in this difficult time and never ever miss a chance to elevate the Kashmir cause," the adviser added.

He said the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) had already promised to give basic right to self-determination to Kashmiri people and India, despite of malicious and vicious activities, could not muzzle their voice through power and force.

"Modi-government has no stone unturned to oppress the fundamental rights of the Kashmir people,

but the unwavering determination of the native Kashmiri people always slap the vested interest of the BJP government," he maintained.

Furthermore, he added that PPP Chairman, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had great pain for the Kashmiri people. Therefore, he would visit Azad Jammu and Kashmir on May 21, 22, 23 in a bid to record a protest in response to G-20 conference.

He urged the other political parties to participate in the protest against the G-20 conference to highlight the Kashmir people.

Ahsan Iqbal vows to revive National Flood Protection Programme

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday expressed strong commitment to revive the National Flood Protection Programme, initiated by the PML-N government during its last tenure but abandoned by the PTI regime, to safeguard the country from future climate change-related disasters.

He was addressing the inaugural session of a workshop titled "Flood Resilience in Pakistan: Reducing the Risk of Water-Related Disasters" here, organized by the Ministry of Planning & Development and the Ministry of Water Resources in collaboration with the Netherlands.

President directs banks to refund over Rs 0.5 mln to bank fraud victims

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday directed two private banks to refund an amount of Rs 564,469 to three victims of bank fraud in cases of online funds transfers and fraudulent ATM transactions.

The President gave these directions while deciding on three separate representations filed by Allied Bank Ltd (ABL), United Bank Ltd (UBL), and a citizen against three different verdicts of the Banking Mohtasib (BM).

The complainants named Muhammad Saleem Zafar, Hidayatullah, and Ghulam Muhammad maintained separate accounts with ABL in Lahore, UBL in District Karak, and ABL in Peshawar respectively. Zafar, on receiving a call from a number similar to ABL's helpline, shared his



banking information with the caller who introduced himself as the bank's representative.

Similarly, Hidayatullah lost Rs 170,969 to some unknown person using UBL Digital App even though he had neither requested for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Facility nor had he ever used it.

Ghulam Muhammad lost Rs 45,000 when his card was captured by an ATM machine and he later found out that some fraudsters got hold of his card through deception, conducted ATM transactions, and withdrew funds from his account unauthorized.

Thousands wish to hear 'good to see you' in courtrooms: Marriyum



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday said thousands of people facing trials for years wished to hear reassuring words like "good to see you" in courtrooms.

"Judicial bias" was evident particularly in high-profile cases as the above words could be heard in the courtrooms only for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman (PTI) Imran Khan, on whose order arson, vandalism and attacks on military installations, and public and private properties were planned and carried out on May 9, she said while addressing a news conference.

Ironically, she said, no leader of the PTI, including Imran Khan, condemned the tragic events and even the instructions of the Chief Justice of Pakistan

were also ignored in that regard. The entire political career of Imran Khan, she said, "is based on creating chaos and anarchy, mischief, conspiracies and enmity towards the country," the minister remarked.

Marriyum said despite the fact that the entire nation fully knew about the track record of Imran Khan, he still had the audacity to blame the intelligence agencies for what "his party goons" had done on his own instructions.

She said every Pakistani citizen was upset over the violence and arson by the PTI protesters.

The minister recalled that during Imran Khan-led 2014 sit-in, the PTI activists dug graves at the D-Chowk, hung dirty clothes on the boundary walls of the Supreme Court, and attacked the building of Pakistan Television, and all the more it was appreciated by the PTI chairman and other top party leadership.

"If Imran Khan had been taken to task in the PTV's attack case, such incidents would not have happened today," she added.

Imran urges ticket holders, workers to bank on people's power

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan presided over a crucial meeting with the party's ticket holders at Zaman Park on Tuesday.

The meeting aimed to discuss the current political landscape in the country, recent arrests of activists and leaders in Punjab, and strategise on showcasing people's power with the involvement of ticket holders in the province.

The former prime minister personally invited all the ticket holders from Punjab to attend the gathering held at Zaman Park. Waleed Iqbal, Rafiqat Gilani and Noorul Haq Qadri were among the many ticket holders who actively participated in the meeting.

The attendees engaged in in-depth discussions concern-



ing the prevailing political situation in Pakistan, emphasizing the recent arrests of activists and leaders in Punjab. The apprehensions and concerns surrounding these developments were thoroughly addressed, with the aim of finding appropriate strategies to tackle these challenges.

Moreover, a key agenda of the meeting revolved around showcasing the strength of the party and its ticket holders in Punjab.

A comprehensive strategy was devised to mobilise people power and harness the collective influence of PTI's ticket holders in the province.

Solidarity

LAHORE: Chairman of Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee, Maulana Abdul Khabeer Azad along with other members addressing the National Unity Peace conference organized by Majlis Ulema Pakistan at Press Club.



Photo: APP

NA Speaker and Chairman PAC express dismay over long delay new Parliament Lodges

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf along with Chairman Public Accounts Committee Mr Noor Alam Khan visited Parliament lodges today. They were briefed by Senior officers of CDA regarding issues and basic contours of the project 'Construction of new Parliament Lodges'. Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf expressed displeasure to the poor performance of executing agency i.e. CDA.

He said that delay of more than a decade in completing this project is tantamount to severe negligence and non



professionalism. He also instructed National Assembly Secretariat to arrange meeting with Chairman Senate in order to deliberate upon finding ways to complete this project. He also said that in order to complete such projects there

is need to find out of box solution. Chairman PAC Mr. Noor Alam Khan highlighted the significance of completing this project in Phases and stressed on the need to complete family suites on priority basis as more than seventy percent work has

already been completed.

He also mentioned the project of connecting parliament lodges with Parliament House through tunnel. He said that drainage issue is destroying the whole building and there is an urgent need to resolve this

issue. Furthermore, the issue of parking and lift were also deliberated upon in the meeting. The member planning CDA briefed NA Speaker and chairman CDA that CDA is the executing agency of the project and The project of construction of new Parliamentary lodges was to be completed in 2013. He also briefed that due to this delay the cost of the project has exponentially increased from 1600 million to 6.4 billion.

The Speaker and Chairman CDA expressed dismay and displeasure over the non-professionalism on part of CDA for not completing this project even after more than a decade has lapsed.

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To mark the occasion, Senator Talha also participated in a cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of this new facility.

The minister also addressed

the Hajj assistants, emphasizing the significance of their role in serving the pilgrims and said, "Pilgrims are guests of Allah Almighty, and their service should be a matter of utmost happiness for us."

He emphasized the responsibility entrusted to them and the need for punctuality and commitment.

Additionally, he announced that on receiving repeated complaints about any assistant's conduct or performance, immediate action would be taken. Those found guilty of misconduct or negligence would be sent back to



the pavilion without delay, the senator stressed the

significance of maintaining a high standard of service and ensuring the pilgrims' satisfac-

tion throughout their Hajj journey.

ABL Group Head Banking Services North-2, Faisal Rasheed Ghauri, talking to Media, said the bank in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony had set up this booth on modern lines to facilitate the intending pilgrims.

He said now the intending pilgrims could deposit anything or exchange foreign exchange from this state-of-the-art booth without any inconvenience before their departure to Saudi Arabia to perform sacred obligation.

For first time, UN marks 75 years since displacement of 700,000 Palestinians

Spokesman Report

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations Monday commemorated for the first time in its history, the mass displacement of Palestinians from land that was to become Israel, 75 years ago, that turned 700,000 Palestinians into refugees, almost overnight.

The mass displacement in 1948, known as the Nakba (meaning "catastrophe"), has an importance to Palestinians across the world, Rosemary DiCarlo, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, said, while addressing a high-level event at UN Headquarters in New York, marking the day.

The event was attended by the Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas; many member states from Asia, Africa, Central and South America and the Middle East; and representatives of the African Union and the Arab League, who delivered speeches. The United States and Britain did not attend.

"The legacy of the event lives on, spurring us to continue our unflinching efforts to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Ms. DiCarlo said, noting that

the General Assembly had adopted a resolution in November 2022 for this commemorative day.

Ms. DiCarlo expressed deep concerns about diminishing prospects for kick-starting the peace process on the way to forging a two-State solution, given the current landscape of expanding Israeli settlements in occupied territory, recent



violence, and Israel's violation of Palestinian rights.

"Palestinians deserve a life of justice and dignity and the realization of their right to self-determination and independence," she added.

She said "The UN position is clear: the occupation must end. A two-State solution must be achieved in line with international law. We want to see an independent State of Palestine living

side by side with Israel in peace."

For Palestinians, the 1948 the massive displacement meant families took what they could carry or was shipped in trucks, from their homes to areas outside the new State of Israel.

The UN agency created to serve the displaced population (UNRWA), reports that 5.9 million Palestinian are currently registered as refugees.

The sombre anniversary spotlights the world's longest-standing protracted refugee crisis, serving as a stark reminder that Palestine refugees continue to live amidst conflict, violence, and occupation while aspiring to a just and lasting solution to their plight, said the UN Committee on the Rights of Palestine People.

President Abbas called for the suspension of Israel's membership from the United Nations, saying that the Jewish state never "fulfilled nor respected its obligations and commitments" as a prerequisite to its membership, and had violated resolutions. The Palestinian leader received a

standing ovation and two rounds of long applause after his speech, which lasted over an hour. Chants of "free Palestine" and "end the occupation now" were shouted from the audience.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Gilad Erdan, condemned the event as "shameful" and called for countries to boycott it in a letter he sent to diplomats on Sunday.

"Attending this despicable event means destroying any chance of peace by adopting the Palestinian narrative calling the establishment of the state of Israel a disaster," Erdan claimed in a video statement.

The event was organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, a body made up of 25 member states that was created in 1975 by a General Assembly mandate to promote the rights of Palestinians and support peace. Members include Pakistan, Turkey, South Africa, Venezuela and Malta.

"The plight of Palestine refugees remains the longest unresolved refugee crisis in the world," UNRWA's Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, said in a video message.

Ulema stress unity, brotherhood for peace in country

Bureau Report

LAHORE : Chairman Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Pakistan / Khateeb and Imam of Badshahi Mosque Lahore / Chairman Majlis Ulema Pakistan / Chairman Interfaith Council for Peace and Harmony Ambassador of Peace Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabeer Azad has said that there is dire need of unity, brotherhood and stability for the establishment of peace in the country.

Speaking at the Pakistan National Solidarity Peace Conference under the 'Majlis-e-Ulema Pakistan here on Tuesday he said the ulema and nation stand in solidarity with the Pakistan Army and pay tribute to their sacrifices.

"Pakistan is our country and we will never allow any kind of chaos and disorder at the behest of our cunning enemy," he resolved.

Condemning burning of Lahore Corps Commander (Jinnah) House, military memorials, life and property, he said this forum condemns all forms of violence and efforts to disrupt peace and harmony in the country.

Maulana Khabeer also condemned the dastardly terrorists attack in the Muslim Bagh, and hailed martyred soldiers who laid their lives for the

security of the country.

The Chairman Majlis-e-Ulema Pakistan said the nation will thwart evil plans of the enemy with the help of the Pakistan Army, adding that the agenda of anti-national forces will not be allowed to succeed in Pakistan.

A large number of Ulema from different schools of thought including Allama Dr. Muhammad Hussain Akbar, Sheikh ul Hadees Mufti Mubashar Ahmed, Maulana Abdul Wahab Ropri, Mufti Muhammad Ramzan Sialvi, Sardar Muhammad Khan Leghari, Archbishop Sebastian Shaw, Mufti Muhammad Ramzan Sialvi, Sardar Muhammad Khan Leghari, Father James Chanan, Sardar Janam Singh, Maulana Ahsan-ullah Tabassum, Peerzada Usman Noori, Allama Kazim Raza Naqvi, Mufti Shahid Obaid, Maulana Naem Badshah, Qazi Abdul Ghaffar Qadri, Allama Sajjad Hussain Javaidi, Pir Waliullah Shah, Mufti Shahid Obaid, Hafiz Khalid Hasan, Maulana Shafiq Awan, Mufti Ashiq Hussain Shah, Syed Abdul Qadir Azad, Syed Abdul Basir Azad, Syed Abdul Raziq Azad, and others participated.

A large number of community leaders, lawyers, journalists, intellectuals and civil society personalities and leaders belonging to different religions participated and addressed the conference.

Trial under army law looms over Imran in two cases in Lahore

Bureau Report

LAHORE : PTI chief Imran Khan made one of the party leaders nominated for investigation in two terrorism cases lodged under the army law, sources said on Tuesday.

Sources said Mr Khan, among 50 other PTI activists and leaders including Ijaz Chaudhry, Hammad Azhar, Umar Sarfraz Cheema, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Murad Saeed, Asad Umar, Dr Yasmin Rashid, Mian Mehmoodur Rasheed, had been booked for terrorism against Lahore's Corps Commander House and Gulberg Askari tower.

As many as 19 charges including terrorism were invoked in the cases lodged, sources added. "Investigation police will hand all the accused over to the Pakistan Army," sources revealed.

Earlier, the PTI activists had reportedly stormed defence installations including the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi and Lahore's Corps Commander House during violent protests against the arrest of Mr Khan in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case.

It drew ire and condemnation from the government as well as the Army's top brass, which vowed to bring those involved in heinous crimes against the military installations and personal/equipment to justice through trials under relevant laws of Pakistan including Pakistan Army Act and Official Secret Act.

At the Corps Commander Conference convened earlier, the ISPR stated, "Based on the irrefutable evidence collected so far, Armed Forces are well aware of the planners, instigators, abettors and perpetrators of these attacks and attempts to create distortions in this regard are absolutely futile."

"The Forum resolved that restraint will no longer be exercised against perpetrators, spoilers and violators who attack military installations and setups under any circumstances," the ISPR added.

On the other hand, PM Shehbaz on Saturday had directed the authorities to arrest those behind vandalism of the Corps Commander House (formerly Jinnah house) within 72 hours. "All the criminals and attackers should be arrested within next 72 hours," he said.

NAB summons Imran on Thursday for illegal transfer of £190 million to property tycoon

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has summoned Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and others in their personal capacity on Thursday (May 18) for investigation into allegations of misuse of authority, including illegal transfer of £190 million to a property tycoon for personal gains.

"The summons are related to allegations of misusing authority as a public office holder and aiding/abetting the illegal transfer of £190 million for



personal gains. The amount was returned to Pakistan by the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA) which was laundered abroad by Malik Riaz of Bahria Town," the news release said on Tuesday.

NAB also sent a questionnaire to Imran Khan and others.

Khawaja Asif demands judiciary to settle tax cases worth Rs. 2000b

City Desk

ISLAMABAD : Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Tuesday said that tax cases worth Rs. 2000 billion are pending before the judiciary and the courts should settle these cases in the given economic situation faced by the country. Speaking here in National Assembly, the minister said that Federal Board of Revenue submitted with Public Accounts Committee about the number of tax cases pending with judiciary.

He demanded the judiciary to settle tax cases worth Rs. 2000 billion pending before it.

He also demanded the Speaker to take interest in resolving the issues of Pakistan Hockey Federation as it's head is occupying the seat for around last 15 years. The Speaker referred the matter to Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination.

Moreover, Minister for Defense stressed to enhance the oversight role of Parliament. He said that questions are used as a tool for parliamentary oversight and members should focus on it by submitting short questions. He said that answers on the questions as well as supplementary questions should be precise so that more time could be utilized for taking them up.

People of Gwadar demands clean water, education, electricity, gas and hospitals: Sirajul Haq

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Siraj-ul-Haq has written to Chief Justice Of Supreme Court Umar Atta Bandyal in a letter to the leader of "Gwadar Ko Haq Du Tehreek" Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch in a fake case and has demanded bail from the court to declare his arrest as illegal. He has drawn the attention of the Chief Justice to all the situations due to which there is unrest among the people of Gwadar and that Maulana Hidayat Rehman was purely talking about the rights of the people and his struggles and sit-ins were peaceful.

Justice, Sirajul Haque drew the attention of the Supreme Court to the problems of the entire Balochistan including Gwadar and said that the province has been suffering from unrest, corruption and economic disparity for a long time and the lack of basic facilities and business has made the people It has created a feeling of deprivation inside, which is also increasing their anger. The people of Balochistan have been squeezed by the nexus of Sardars, corrupt administration and mafias. He said that Maulana Hidayat Rehman drew the attention of national and international media to the problems in the area through the peaceful sit-in of Haq Du Tehreek in Gwadar in 2021.

and demanded from the government to protect the rights of the people, as a result of which negotiations took place and a written agreement was reached between the Balochistan government and the Haq Du Tehreek in Gwadar, but after a year of not implementing this agreement, Maulana Hidayat Rahman A two-month-long sit-in was held for the second time in the headship, the sit-in was ongoing, the government and administration suddenly stormed the sit-in at the behest of some self-interested chiefs, used tear gas, injured people, police confiscated private properties and vehicles. caused damage and opened fire on the protestors resulting in the death



of a policeman. Murder and other false cases were filed against Maulana Hidayat Rahman who was not present on the occasion

And when he went to appear before the court, the police arrested him from the court premises and put him in

jail. Other activists of the movement have been granted bail, but Maulana Hidayatur Rahman is still waiting for bail even after 120 days have passed, the courts were allegedly pressured to reject his bail and now the feeling is getting deeper that he The administration and the government are in the guarantee. Maulana Hidayat Rehman is demanding basic rights for the people of Gwadar, clean water, electricity, gas, schools, colleges and hospitals, they are demanding to maintain the right of fishermen to earn livelihood in the sea and end the trawler mafia. They are demanding action against drug mafia and restoration of border trade

The leadership of Jamaat-e-Islami tried hard to bring things back to normal and repeatedly demanded the rulers to honor the agreement made with the "Haqq du Gwadar Tehreek" to improve the situation. Maulana Hidayat Rehman is a political activist who has been in jail for the past four months innocently in fake cases.

Therefore, they appeal that the arrest of Maulana Hidayat Rehman should be declared illegal and ordered to be released, the cases against him should be terminated so that the impression is established that there is one Pakistan and not two in Pakistan and that the courts are independent. And there is no double standard for the common man and the elite among them.

Appreciation

FAISALABAD: District Governor is awarding Shield of Excellence and Certificate of Appreciation to Junaid Mahmood Baig for his outstanding Services in MJF Lions club visitation event.



Photo: by Abdul Majid

District Admin Multan decided to inspect the maps of commercial buildings: Umar Jahangir



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir has said that the district administration has decided to inspect the maps of commercial buildings. A task force of relevant departments including MDA, Municipal Corporation, District Council has also been formed. The Deputy Commissioner said. That notices will be issued to the property owners who do not fulfill the parking and building SOPs. These views were expressed by the Deputy Commissioner while presiding over the meeting of the Planning and Design Committee. In the meeting, NO of new commercial buildings and petrol pumps. CK agenda cases were reviewed. Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir said that the plazas established in urban areas are creating infrastructure and parking problems. According to the master plan, the developers will allow housing and commercial schemes.

DC has enforced section 144 in the district Attock

Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK : Deputy Commissioner Attock Rao Atif Raza has enforced section 144 in the district Attock with the direction to prohibit all kinds of assemblies, gatherings, sit-ins, rallies, processions, demonstrations, jalsas, dharnas, protest and all such like other activities within the territorial jurisdiction of district Attock for period of seven days under section 144. The order of the district administration says that protests/demonstrations/sit ins are being carried in the district in the prospect of arrest of a political leader. The protesters/activists are involved in blocking main roads/public passages, which not only causes inconvenience/impediments for paddlers but also there exists threat to law and order, public peace by militants and anti-social elements with particular reference to gatherings and suicidal attacks. The deputy public relations officer Attock Mr. Shahzad Niaz told that the section 144 will be enforced from May 15 till May 21, 2023.

One dies, five injured after policeman sprays bullets on schoolchildren in Swat

Adam Khan Wazir

SWAT : A girl died and five other schoolchildren suffered wounds after a police constable opened fire on them at a private school in Sangota area of Swat on Tuesday, police said.

The suspect identified as Alam Khan was taken into custody. The injured children were transported to a Saidu Sharif hospital for treatment.

Inaugural Ceremony of 2nd International Conferences on 'Trends and Research in Chemistry (Hybrid)'

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Three days 2nd International Conference on "Trends and Research in Chemistry (Hybrid)" was inaugurated at the University of Education, Lahore, with great enthusiasm and zeal on May 16, 2023 at Main Campus, Township. The ceremony was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha (S.I., H.I.), while the Chairman of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir was the chief guest.

The eminent researchers and scholars from more than 30 countries including USA, Netherlands,

France, Malaysia, China, Great Britain, Bulgaria, Australia, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia etc. are participating. Besides, a large number of scholars from different universities of Pakistan are also participating in this conference. About one hundred research papers will be presented by researchers and scholars in the conference.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry Professor Dr. Mian Habib ur Rahman briefed the participants about the aims and objectives of the said conference. The conference aims to provide a platform for researchers, academicians, and industry profes-

sionals to share their research findings, exchange ideas, and discuss the latest trends and innovations in the field of chemistry. The conference also seeks to promote collaboration between researchers and institutions from different countries to advance research in the field of chemistry.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha (S.I., H.I.) welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of chemistry in our daily lives and the role of universities in promoting research and innovation. He also emphasized the need for collaboration between academia, industry, and government to address the challenges

facing the country and the world.

The Chairman of PHEC, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, in his address, appreciated the efforts of the UE specially Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha (S.I., H.I.) in organizing the conference and emphasized the need for international collaboration to promote research and innovation in the field of chemistry. The scholars from different countries also delivered their speeches at the ceremony, highlighting their research findings and the latest trends and innovations in the field of chemistry. UE Lahore based Directors/Principals and large number of students were also present in the opening ceremony.

Every institution of Pakistan is respectable for us Ghulam Bilal

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Senior business leader Ghulam Bilal Javed said that those faces should be completely exposed with the help of technology who damaged our properties and those evil elements who set fire

to valuable properties should be severely punished. We have never been allowed to do so, nor do we have the courage to harm our country, neither can we be deceived nor can we think so.

Ghulam Bilal Javed said that it is the right of every citizen to protest

peacefully. I request my administration to please not target ordinary citizens in this roundup and not those who protest peacefully but only the guilty prisoners. Make a lesson with it

Pakistan Army is our glory, we will never allow it to be harmed,

we will thwart every conspiracy against Pakistan, the sacrifices of Pakistan Army cannot be wasted, the opposition is trying unsuccessfully to spread chaos in the country to gain power. National interests should be prioritized for the sake of caste interests. Senior leader of



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Ghulam Bilal Javed

Young Generation Employment and Encourage their own Businesses: VC Dr Uzma Quraishi

Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Under the auspices of Institute of Management Sciences and ORIC Office, the Women University Multan, an awareness session was organized on 'Regional Plan9 Business Incubation Centre at Women University Multan. The guest of honor was Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi while the focal person of session was Dr. Saadia Irshad and Dr. Maria Kanwal. While speaking on the occasion Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi said that in view of the current economic situation, measures like Business Incubation Center have become the need of



the hour, by implementing which the youth can stand on their feet and improve not only their condition but also the economy of the

country. Speaking on the seminar, Trainer Syed Ali Gardezi said that Regional Plan9 is a project of Punjab Information Technol-

ogy Board which is spreading all over Punjab. Under this, technology incubation centers are being opened in nine district headquarters of Punjab to promote the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

These incubation centers have been established in collaboration with public universities across Punjab to provide opportunities to the youth in the world of business and improve the economy in the region. The speakers said that under the same program, the business idea of Imama Fayyaz, a student of Women University, was selected for professional growth last year, after which she

was given monthly stipend, office, legal support, networking and professional support. It is hoped that the students of the Women University will take advantage of this plan in time to find business opportunities outside of traditional jobs to create their own business and employment opportunities.

This Business Incubation Center facility will also change the mindset of the young generation about employment and encourage them to set up their own businesses. At the end Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi distributed shields among the speakers. The session was attended by faculty members and students.

16 killed over coal mine boundary dispute near Kohat

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR : At least 16 persons were killed and several others injured during an exchange of fire between two tribes over a coal mine boundary dispute in Dara Adamkhel area of district Kohat.

The police sources on Monday said the Sunni and Zarghoon Khel tribes resorted to firing, resulting in the reported deaths of 16 individuals, 11 from one side and five from the other side.

The deceased and injured were rushed to a hospital in Peshawar for medical treatment and postmortem examinations.

The law enforcement agencies and security forces swiftly intervened to halt the gunfire and restore peace in the area.

The police didn't register FIR as currently investigating the matter, and additional security measures have been put in place to prevent any further escalation of violence in the area.

Announcement

Everyone is hereby informed that Shamsuddin son of Mehr Muhammad Rafiq ID card holder 34104-2264773-3 who was serving as the CEO, KIBIZ CONSULTING GROUP Canada in Pakistan He has been dismissed from his post due to manipulation of financial transactions with Pakistan Cutlery and Stainless Steel Utensils Manufacturers Exporters Association. No commercial or other transaction should be done with this person, otherwise the institution will be not responsible in case of any loss and if Shamsuddin son of Mehr Muhammad Rafiq is found using the name of this institution anywhere, the institution reserves the right to take strict legal action against him.

Sajjad Rustam , President, Kibiz Inc. Canada



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Murad Saeed urges President to take notice of death threats

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former federal minister Murad Saeed urged the President Arif Alvi to take notice of death threats.

In a letter to President Arif Alvi, Murad Saeed asked informed him about the fake cases, death threats and involvement of government in cases against him.

He said that despite a former federal minister and Member of National Assembly there is no criminal record and he is booked in many cases including several terrorism cases since April 2022.

Murad Saeed said that all the PTI leaders including him called a peaceful protest following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan and everyone know the spots of our protests which are usually Liberty Lahore, Hashtnagri Peshawar, Nishat Chowk Mingora.

He requested President Arif Alvi to take notice of human rights violations as he has been followed everywhere and he is unable to appear before the court. He added that sedition cases are also registered against him.

Pak-Kazakh Relations

Kazakh Ambassador calls on Ms. Shazia Marri

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin called on the Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety & Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Ms. Shazia Marri at BISP headquarters, today. In the meeting both sides discussed the bilateral issues and agreed to work together for exchange of experiences in the fields of education, culture, and particularly in the field of social protection.

Ms. Marri while highlighting the similarities of common cultural and religious heritage of Pakistan and Kazakhstan said that connectivity between the brotherly countries is vital to enhance mutual cooperation. She also emphasized on strengthening bilateral relationship at governmental level as well as the people to people contacts.

Ms Shazia Marri, on this occasion,



presented brochure on Benazir Income Support Programme and traditional gift of Sindh Ajrak to the visiting diplomat. H. E. Yerzhan Kistafin appreciated the warm welcome extended by the Federal Minister and said that Benazir Income Support Programme is one of the best social safety programmes of the developing world. He said that such programmes of direct cash transfer to the most vulnerable segments of the society need to be replicated in other countries as well.

Summer Juice

ISLAMABAD: A woman vendor (Begum Kulsoom) selling the traditional Sugar Cane Juice along the road side at Sector E-11 to earn daily wages for the livelihood of her family as due to the illness of her husband, she is only caretaker of her four children, such women are the real heroes of the Country.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Fawad makes a dash for court after police try to arrest him despite bail by IHC

City Desk

ISLAMABAD : a dramatic turn of events, a team of the Islamabad police on Tuesday tried to capture PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry moments after he left court on being granted bail by the high court in the illegal arrest case.

As the PTI leader was about to head home, a police vehicle stopped right in front of his car, prompting him to run for safety towards court. Visuals of Fawad Chaudhry's dash towards court reflected the apathy of police as he once slipped and seemed gasping for breath.

Moments earlier, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) accepted the bail plea of PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry and ordered his immediate release. The court also directed the law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) not to arrest Mr Chaudhry in any case for the next two days. The



judge declared the PTI leader's arrest illegal.

The court announced the verdict hours after it reserved it on a plea challenging the arrest of the former federal minister.

At the outset of the hearing, Justice Miangul Hasan Aurangzeb ordered to produce Fawad in court. Fawad's lawyer Faisal Chaudhry told the court that his client was present in an armoured vehicle. The PTI leader was then produced in

there would be proceedings for contempt of court against the parliamentarians who might also be disqualified. The judge said the court was giving time to the district magistrate and the IGP to look into the matter.

Taking part in the hearing, the Advocate General Islamabad told the court that the court order's copy was not given to the IG office and the law officers and biometrics was also not done.

Justice Aurangzeb intervened, saying "you are not a judge, we have to see whether it is biometric or not".

The advocate general hastened to add that Fawad was not arrested in any case. Had he been arrested in any case, it would have been necessary to present him before the magistrate. The court had prevented him from being arrested in any case, and if he was arrested in a case, he would have been released.

Sindh launches awareness campaign on new law for protection of healthcare

City Desk

KARACHI: The Sindh Health Department, SZABIST and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have launched a campaign to create awareness about the right of way for ambulances and the recently passed Sindh Healthcare Service Providers and Facilities (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act 2021, targeted towards the protection of health care in Sindh

Violence against healthcare personnel and facilities is a pressing concern in Pakistan. Research conducted by academia in Pakistan, as part of the ICRC's Health Care in Danger (HCID) Initiative, establishes the pervasive nature of reactive violence occurring within healthcare settings, and found that it takes place mainly due to patients



and their attendants being upset over waiting times, unreasonable expectations, lack of resources, overcrowding, and negligence of healthcare workers.

Speaking at the launch event of the awareness campaign for the law, Sindh Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho said, "This Act is a major step towards achieving safer healthcare in Sindh and hope that it will deter violence

and ensure uninterrupted healthcare services. I also urge our people to give way to ambulances and prioritize their right of passage."

The new Act, among other steps, seeks to ensure the protection and security of healthcare workers and institutions, prevent violence against healthcare personnel, patients, and their attendants, prevent damage or loss to

property and equipment in healthcare facilities, and ensure uninterrupted provision of healthcare services.

Speaking at the occasion, Nicolas Lambert, head of delegation for the ICRC in Pakistan, added, "This Act is a significant step towards preventing violence against healthcare in Sindh. The ICRC is grateful for the commitment and partnership of the Sindh Health Department and SZABIST in this effort, and we will continue to work towards promoting safer healthcare in the country.

Under the HCID initiative, the ICRC has been working to make healthcare safer in Pakistan by promoting evidence-based initiatives in collaboration with diverse stakeholders including public health institutions, medical academia, healthcare authorities, and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society.

Mushaal urges G20 countries to boycott moot plays role for Kashmir dispute settlement

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Mushaal Hussein Mullick has urged G-20 countries to boycott its upcoming event being hosted by the Fascist Narendra Modi government in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), advising that they should utilize their power and influence to settle the decades-long Kashmir dispute.

Mushaal, who is the wife of incarcerated senior Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik, on Monday said that Kashmiris rejected and boycotted such dramas of India so G-20 countries should also boycott the upcoming conference to give a clear message to Modi that they can't stand with the oppressor, said a press release issued here on Tuesday.

She said that occupied Kashmir turned into a graveyard for Muslims due to Modi's Muslim genocide policies.

Mushaal also said that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bloodshed has been revealed to everyone. The mass graves in Occupied Kashmir were identified by Indian historian Angana Chatterjee in 2012, adding that Angana Chatterjee identified 2,700 mass graves in Bandipora, Baramulla and Kotura districts of Occupied Kashmir.

In this regard, according to the report of Kashmir Human Rights Watch, 2943 bodies have been recovered from mass graves in 55 villages of Occupied Kashmir. Among these mass graves in Occupied Kashmir, 80% of the graves have not been identified, she added.

Mushaal also said that Kashmir Human Rights Watch had also traced 2,730 bodies in mass graves in 4 districts. After which, in 2011, the international organization Human Rights Watch demanded a commission of inquiry from the Indian government.

According to Human Rights Watch, instead of responding, the Indian government is running away from investigating the allegations.

In this regard, in July 2008, the European Parliament also passed a resolution on mass graves in Kashmir. The resolution called for India to investigate the mass graves and conduct an impartial investigation.

It should also be kept in mind that according to the report released by the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons, 800 Kashmiris are still missing.



Five-day polio campaign started in 6 districts of South Punjab: Saqib Zafar

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: A five-day polio campaign has been started in 6 districts of South Punjab. These districts include Multan, Rahim Yar Khan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Muzaffargarh, Leh and Rajanpur. During the campaign, 45 lakh 32 thousand 603 children under the age of five years will be given polio vaccine drops. To make the campaign successful, human resources consisting of 21 thousand 467 people are participating. 17 thousand 700 teams have been formed to administer polio vaccine drops at home. These include 16207 mobile teams, 380 fixed teams and 613 transit teams.

593 UCMOs and 7174 Area Incharges have been appointed to monitor the campaign. Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab Captain R. Saqib Zafar has directed the Department of Primary and Secondary Health Care South Punjab to monitor the campaign closely. Following these instructions, Secretary Primary and Secretary Health Care South Punjab Mehr Muhammad Hayat Lak, 6 officers of the secretariat. He has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the polio campaign in 6 districts. The monitoring report about the polio campaign will be sent daily to the Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab.



Aasma Butt expressed solidarity with the Pakistani forces



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Renowned producer and director Aasma Ismail Butt expressed solidarity with the Pakistani forces at the Rawalpindi Arts Council along with artists from the twin cities. And She said that artists across the country are standing by the side of Pakistan Army, whatever the situation of the country, the artist community is not left behind. History is a witness that even during the war, Madam Noor Jahan (Late) went to the war front to express her solidarity with the Pakistan Army and sang national anthems.

Aasma Ismail Butt said that our famous singers like Rahat Fateh Ali Khan, Sahar Ali Baga, Atif Aslam have also expressed their great love for the country and Pakistan Army by singing national songs. Today, the artists of Rawalpindi, Islamabad, gathered in the Rawalpindi Arts Council. Who together gave this message to hostile elements at in and outside of country and miscreants spreading baseless propaganda against Pakistan Army, whatever the circumstances, we all artists stand with Pakistan Army.

Islamabad Police constitute special squad for PTI leaders arrest

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police constituted a special squad for the arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders.

As per details, the special squad of Islamabad police will be tasked to arrest the PTI leaders. Sources said that commandoes have also been included in the special squad of Islamabad Police.

Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif earlier vowed to bring to justice the 'planners and leaders' of the May 9 events - wherein military installations were attacked following the arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan.

"Our nation has demanded that those who are sinful, in any regard, should be punished so that such an incident does not take place ever again," the premier added.

It is pertinent to mention here that the police had launched a crackdown against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and workers following the 'violent protests' held after the arrest of party chairman Imran Khan in the Al-Qadir Trust Case.

Violent clashes broke out across Pakistan after the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan was arrested at the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday.

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‘Princess of Hope

Azam Tariq Kohistani

Ummeed ki ‘Daiwi’, meaning ‘Princess of Hope.’ “Oh, Urdu doesn’t have the same charm as English when it comes to calling her ‘Princess of Hopes.’ How is the name, and what does it mean?”

Our Friend Salman informed us about the English significance of this name. At that time, we were present in the ruins of this deity, and this statue in front of us didn’t resemble any princess at all. It felt like a strange, bizarre, lifeless stone. However, when we looked at it from the road, it seemed like a depiction of a woman, a living image that wanted to express something. But as soon as we approached it to understand, that feeling vanished.

Who named this princess of hope as ‘Princess of Hopes,’ and why? By reading this column, you will become familiar with it. Since paying attention to such things and searching for art in stones is not our responsibility as Pakistanis, people from outside usually do this work. They inform us whether this stone of yours holds any miracles or if it’s an ancient historical artifact, and then we contemplate it at that moment.

Although we have all kinds of critics here, it seems that art critics don’t get the opportunity to separate art from religion. They pay attention to their enemies. Usually, when you read a poem, you either find its magic within yourself or you don’t find it at all. In both cases, if you ask a critic about their opinion on that poem, a good critic will present its strengths and

weaknesses before you, which you may have sensed but couldn’t articulate. You will contemplate the critic’s statements and discover all the hidden aspects of that poem that you previously overlooked due to your limited understanding. That’s our situation. The world tells us that something of ours is a masterpiece, and then our mouths are left wide open.

In 2002, the famous Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie visited this area as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations. When she visited the deity’s shrine, she named it “Princess of Hope.” It was only then that we realized that we lack the ability to recognize the beauty around us. After that, Pakistanis also started visiting Balochistan to see it. This stretch of Balochistan is rich in terms of important tourist and historical sites. Places like Kund Malir, Hingol National Park, Hinglaj Mata, Princess of Hope, Ormara, and Gwadar are among them, which need to be developed, beautified, and improved. The Balochistan government has named its wilderness area Hingol National Park. Why it was named a park, even the donors may not know. Countless wild animals can be found here, but where is the park? That’s the question. Interestingly, as you explore this entire area, you will come across similar sculptures in various places. Since this place is near the sea and the road, it easily catches the eye. That’s why this discovery was made or rather understood. If we further explore this area, where it is difficult to reach due to the absence of a road, we might also come across the ‘Princess of Hope.’

The opinion of local people about this princess is quite different. Due to lack of

education and awareness, local people refer to these statue-like mountains as the abode of ghosts. However, researchers claim that all these sculptures have been formed over centuries as a result of strong winds blowing from the Arabian Sea, and they are made up of a mixture of rocks and clay that has been eroded by the fast winds, resulting in the formation of these statue-like structures. Our problem is that we never pay attention to the wonders of nature. Whenever a

new discoveries, but here, the discoveries that have already been made are also being destroyed by our government’s continuous efforts. When the tourism sector of Balochistan was being handled by the new Abdul Khaliq Hazara, at that time, he said that the government wants to collaborate with the private sector to make Kund Malir and its surroundings a major investment destination, which will turn this area into a paradise for tourists. The government will create official resorts here to provide the best environment for tourists, and these resorts will be of international standards. He also criticized the previous government, which had not paid any attention to these beautiful tourist centers. (October 17, 2018, Jasarat Newspaper) Two years have passed since his statement, and the current state of his attention is that this region has not seen any significant improvement yet. If you want to know the reality of his claims, take a tour of this area. You will find out the truth.

The government will create official resorts here to provide the best environment for tourists, and these resorts will be of international standards.

thought arises in our minds about something, we immediately suppress it, fearing that it might be considered foolish. Balochistan has always been an intriguing aspect for us in terms of its vastness. The desire to explore every region of it is deeply ingrained in our hearts. So far, what we have seen is undoubtedly just a pinch of salt. But... believe me, if you explore the whole of Balochistan, you will come across those magnificent creations of nature that thousands of people aspire to see. One of the major issues in our country is that we prioritize tourism as the last item on our list of preferences. Our knowledgeable individuals are making

On the other hand, the federal government made efforts to take over the dual-purpose islands from the Sindh government for the promotion of tourism. The project was presented as very promising, but the underlying story reveals that even here, a well-known builder of Pakistan has set his sights and intentions on accommodating some “poor” people. When you read and understand this entire story, it becomes apparent that our governments are neglecting tourism and treating it as a secondary concern. The issue of promoting tourism by these governments is as futile as expecting olive fruits from a mulberry tree.

Radio Pakistan’s attack

By attacking Radio Pakistan’s building on May 10, the miscreants have deprived millions of listeners of the rare famous Pashto and Urdu songs of the renowned musicians and singers besides destroying handwritten dramas scripts authored by famous writers.

Besides destruction of official records and equipment, the original hand written famous dramas scripts authored by renowned writers and famous Pashto and Urdu songs disks songs sung by Ghazal maestro Ahmad Khan, Khyal Muhammad, Mashooq Sultan and Rafique Shinwari were also burnt to ashes during violent mob attack on the national broadcaster on May 10.

Habibun Nabi, Program Manager, Radio Pakistan Peshawar informed that the original rare handwritten Pashto and Urdu dramas’ scripts authored by famous writers Hamaza Khan Shinwari, Dr Muhammad Azam Azam, Younas Qayasi, , Arbab Abdul Wakeel, Hamayun Huma, Sahir Afridi, Begium AR Daud, Zaitoon Bannu and Syed Rasool Rasa were destroyed by the rioters.

He said scripts of hundreds of rare dramas along with catalogs and books on different topics were also put on fire by violent mobs after they burnt the Radio Pakistan’s central library located on its third floor with piles of ashes scattered all around the building.

Besides dramas and literary works, he said rare feature documentaries on national and international issues besides human interest stories, religious books and national songs that were converted from conventional taps to computers for digitalizations were also severely damaged.

“Radio Pakistan is the custodian of our cultural heritage. Attack on this historic building was tantamount to an assault on our national heritage, culture, dramas and music,” said Ghazal maestro and pride of performance, Khyal Muhammad while talking to media .

Associated with Radio Pakistan for several decades, Khyal Muhammad said that resuming of transmissions of Radio Pakistan Peshawar within hours after the attack showed the hard work, dedication and professional commitment of its officers and employees besides passed a strong message that the national broadcaster’s voice could not be silenced through such terror incidents.

Tufail Ahmad, program manager PBC told to media that after the attack, the Radio Pakistan Peshawar’s transmissions were resumed from four transmission lines including 1260 Khz, 24 hours from FM 101, Soratul Quran and News- Current Affairs within few hours on emergency basis and was smoothly continued providing quality entertainment, information and education services.

Amin Mashall, a newscaster in a private TV channel who is also associated with Radio Pakistan Peshawar since 2012 said that the attack on Radio Pakistan Peshawar and APP Office was an attempt to silence the media and deprive people from information.

He said ransacking and burning of the vehicle of Radio Pakistan and APP’s employees was an attempt to terrorize journalists and stop them from their professional duties. He said that Radio Pakistan’s building was set on fire during PTI’s workers protest demonstrations and it was unfortunate that not a single leader of PTI had visited the national broadcaster to express sympathies with its employees.



Amjad Rasmi

Section-144 & Peace Vs Vortex II

We prefer Section-144 that must be applied against the unlawful reflections but the current scenario clarifies the ruling of the Supreme Court passed for ensuring election within 90 days , but no one was ready to assure it ? If SC observes this non implementation or compliances of order under the constitution of Pakistan & law enforcing agencies don’t accelerate its role, then what way do we have to implement it smoothly ?

Breakage of law means demolishing the soul from the body. Unlawfulness will change the direction & no one can be blamed, what one has done as happened on May 9, 2023 & who are they, from where came?

It seemed as if body and soul (Nation & Armed forces) are going to wage a war but the commendable patience of the forces timely observed and saved hardly but the phenomena is still making whirlpools & there is dire need to save this nation from black clouds.

Undoubtedly the Institutions are bound of assuring the Supremacy of the law, but any outlaw order from any side is not acceptable for this nation but everyone considers that it was a matter of his job & lest it might be lost if not accepted that order, but why did he preferred to ignore the laws?

Let’s again recall the poem;
 Drive the nail aright, boys,
 Hit it on the head;
 Strike with all your might, boys,
 While the iron’s red.

When you have work to do, boys,
 Do it with a will;
 They who reach the top, boys,
 First, I must climb the hill.
 Standing at the foot, boys,
 Gazing at the sky;
 How can you get up, boys,
 If you never try?
 Though you stumble oft, boys,
 Never be downcast;
 Try, and try again, boys,
 You’ll succeed at last.
 (Norman Macleod)

The famous American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote in an equally famous poem titled ‘Perseverance’

He says that, Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody, but here if someone gets up early in the morning for a walk, we count his steps but don’t follow the routine & his intention.

Non-compliance with court orders threatens the rule of law and undermines public confidence in our legal system, which requires respect for the authority of the court & it is happening here why?

Let’s concentrate on the difference between Fundamental Rights and Human Rights

Here let’s concentrate the Human Rights Vs Fundamental Rights In general, ‘rights’ refers to the moral or legal entitlement over something. As per law, rights are considered as the reasonable claim of the individ-

uals which are accepted by the society and approved by statute. It can be fundamental rights or human rights. The rights which are fundamental to the life of the citizens of a country are known as fundamental rights.

On the other hand, human rights imply the rights that belong to all human beings irrespective of their nationality, race, caste, creed, gender, etc.

The main difference between fundamental rights and human rights is that the fundamental rights are specific to a particular country, whereas human rights have world wide acceptance.

All individuals enjoy same

The elemental rights of the citizens of a country, which are mentioned in the constitution and the law are known as fundamental rights. On the other extreme, human rights are the rights that a human being needs to survive with respect and freedom.

Fundamental rights include only those rights which are basic to a normal life. On the contrary, human rights include those rights which are basic to real life and are absolute, i.e. it cannot be taken away.

While fundamental rights are country specific, i.e. these rights may vary from country to country, human rights have a global acceptance, meaning that all human beings enjoy these rights.

The fundamental rights rely on the basic principle of the right of free-

dom. As against, human rights are based on the right of life with dignity.

Fundamental rights are guaranteed under the constitution of the country, whereas human rights are recognised at international level.

Both fundamental and human rights are enforceable in nature, but the former is enforced by the law court, and the latter is enforced by the United Nation Organization.

Fundamental rights are derived from the views of a democratic society. Conversely, human rights emerge from the ideas of civilised nations.

It is the gist that the Fundamental Rights and Human Rights are vital for the existence and development of individuals. It helps to create a better environment and better living conditions for people, as well as preserve their dignity.

Let me know for the prosperity, integrity &: unity of Pakistan, whether we have to be pasted with the phenomena of “Order” or stick with the phenomena of the rule of law &: constitution of Pakistan.

The IG profiles and says that such and such action was under the philosophy of the “:Order”

In short any untoward thing in the ways of the nation and Pak. Forces that crack its bond are totally unacceptable.

Nation must respect the forces and our forces as per its dignity come forward to look after the need and necessity of the nation.

In the meantime, for better reforms, the system of Caliphs should be introduced, through which the country and the nation can come out of the vortex.

‘Which factors affecting the economy of Pakistan’

It is a bitter truth that the country whose citizens are most hospitable and have good manners is known as a terrorist Country. The country with a lot of natural resources and the potential to boost its economy is unable to present its budget without the bailout package from IMF. The country whose people are on top fourth number in the list of most intelligent people around the world but their people are living a miserable life in different gulf countries for their livelihood. It is very shocking that a country that is exporting tricycles (Rikshaws) to Japan (Which is the top leading country in manufacturing and exporting auto industry) but there are no decent public transport facilities. It is very unfortunate that the country whose capital (ISLAMABAD) is 2nd most beautiful capital in the world has not a proper plan for promoting tourism. How can I show my expression that a country which has cities like Faisalabad, Sialkot, and Gujranwala, which have extreme potential for industrialization and exportation but the citizen of these cities are jobless.

This unlucky country is one and only Pakistan. In my opinion, the existence of that country is a miracle because without money and proper facilities it is the first Islamic Atomic power on the earth. Without a handsome amount of defense budget, Its Army is in the 7th position as the most powerful military in the world according to the 2023 World Military Strength Ranking. But after all this success the common people are still living a hard life. As I am living in Pakistan and witnessing all the pain of common people that how they are suffering after doing a lot of their efforts to earn a handsome amount for their livelihood. Because the buying power is increasing day by day and their income is not enough for that. The

prices of basic needs are becoming now unapproachable. And this is just because of economic crises and the devaluing of currency day by day.

From the time when I regained consciousness, all the governments are pretending that they are doing their best to stabilize the Country’s economy but now it’s time to be practical and realize the challenges which are on their way to Pakistan and they may destroy us now. First of all, now the politician should be on one page on economic planning and political stabilization. Now it’s time to give a chance to small industrialists and focus on the items which we have the ability to produce

but still import because more imports and a lack of exports will increase inflation to an extreme level which is already unbearable for common people.

Moreover, the people of Pakistan also need to change their living style and give importance to the local products over imported. It is a fact that the local products are cheaper than

imported but the only way to enhance their quality is to rely on them. The land of Pakistan is very precious and chock full of thousands of Natural resources but we are waiting for others to come and share that with us. This is very ridiculous that in 75 years we have not a single company that can discover any natural resources by themselves without the supervision of others. Pakistan has the best quality rice in the world but we are not taking benefits from it, Pakistan has the best leather manufacturing capacity but again the benefits ratio is non-existent. There are a lot of things to discuss but then I think that for more than a half-century we are only discussing, but now it’s time for practicality to make Pakistan proud.

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Xi'an summit to open new chapter for China-Central Asia cooperation, says Kyrgyz expert

Xinhua

BISHKEK : The upcoming China-Central Asia Summit will provide a new platform and open a new chapter for the cooperation among the six participating countries, a renowned Kyrgyz expert has said.

Central Asia is not only geographically adjacent to China, but also very closely connected with China, especially in the fields of economy, trade, finance and credit, said Kubanychbek Taabaldiev, a Kyrgyz political scientist and professor of international relations at Ala-Too International University, in a recent exclusive interview with Xinhua.

"Central Asia is located along the ancient Silk Road, and all countries in the region have participated in the Belt and Road Initiative in different ways," he said. "All countries in the Central Asian region are implementing bilateral projects with China, which benefits all parties."



For example, preparations for the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway have begun, which testified to the common aspiration of China and Central Asia to improve transportation, energy and other infrastructure along

the Silk Road, he said.

Another important reason for the close ties between countries in the region and China is China's success, not only in the economic field or the introduction of new digital technologies, but also in

poverty eradication and the improvement of civil society conditions.

"Uzbekistan, for example, is very interested in learning from China's experience in poverty reduction. Over the past 40 years, China has lifted more than 700 million people out of poverty."

The huge Chinese market is becoming increasingly attractive for manufacturers of all kinds of goods, he noted, the export of Central Asia's green agricultural products to China is gradually increasing.

Uzbekistan has become a leading exporter of cherries to China, and Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are gradually increasing food exports, including meat, honey and dried fruit, to China as well. Trade between Kazakhstan and China is also booming, the expert said.

"I firmly believe that after the Xi'an summit, the relations and interconnections between China and the five Central Asian countries will be strengthened and reach a higher level," said Taabaldiev.

Altaf Bhat appreciated the efforts of UN Special Report on minority issues



ISLAMABAD: The Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Salvation Movement (JKSM), Altaf Ahmed Bhat, expresses sincere appreciation for the efforts of UN Special Report on minority issues, Fernand de Varennes, in shedding light on the critical situation faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairman JKSM Altaf Ahmed Bhat acknowledges and supports the concerns raised by Fernand de Varennes regarding the planned G20 meeting in Srinagar, emphasizing the need to address the ongoing violations of human rights in IIOJK.

Fernand de Varennes, in his recent statement, courageously outlined the severe rights violations endured by the Kashmiri Muslims. These violations include acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, and the denial of political participation rights, all of which have escalated following the suspension of democratic rights and local elections under direct rule from New Delhi since August 5, 2019.

The Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Salvation Movement shares Mr. de Varennes' alarm regarding the worsening situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Moreover, stressing the potential consequences of the loss of political autonomy and the implementation of new Domicile Rules, which could lead to altered demographic composition, political disenfranchisement, and diminished political participation and representation for Kashmiri and other minorities. These developments threaten the linguistic, cultural, and religious rights of the people.

Chairman JKSM Altaf Ahmed Bhat further added that it rightly highlighted that the G20 meeting unwittingly provides a semblance of normalcy while massive human rights violations, arbitrary arrests, political persecutions, and restrictions on media and human rights defenders persist in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairman JKSM said that the Kashmir issue is an issue of humanity, he called for upholding international human rights obligations and the principles outlined in the UN Declaration of Human Rights, asserting that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir demands condemnation rather than being brushed aside or overlooked.

Chairman JKSM said G20, UN, UNSC, P5, and EU should come forward and help resolve the long pending Kashmir issue, as Kashmiris are freedom and peace-loving Nation, demanding the right to self-determination as per United Nations. He also urged them to make India adhere to international laws and norms, which prohibit organizing international conferences in disputed territories.

Sikh group asks Kashmiris to scuttle Srinagar G20 summit

LONDON: Pro-Khalistan group Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) has called upon freedom fighters in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) to block Srinagar International Airport in order to sensitize G20 delegates arriving to attend the summit in the occupied Kashmir.

The SFJ, an international human rights advocacy group working for the realisation of the right to self-determination, has released a video by a New York-based lawyer and SFJ's Counsel General Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

Pannun says in the video: "G20 Nations, Kashmir is not India and India is illegally occupying Jammu and Kashmir. India is setting up your delegates to go to Srinagar from the 22nd to the 24th. Indian security forces are planning to kill Kashmiri Hindus and then they are going to blame Kashmiri freedom fighters and Pakistan for that. India is planning a terror attack, that's why they are meeting in Srinagar."

Pannun asks Kashmiris in the video to block Srinagar airport and "expose the violence and genocide, expose the killings of Kashmiris, expose the rape of Kashmiri women. Now is the time."

The SFJ has also launched a dedicated email site for the people of occupied Kashmir to send emails urging G20 Ambassadors to "Boycott Kashmir Summit" and "Save Kashmiri Pundits" as Indian forces are planning a terror attack to blame Kashmiri freedom fighters and Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism.

The letter addressed to the G20 ambassadors, by the SFJ, says: "We are writing to you today to alert you that Indian agencies might orchestrate and perpetrate violent incident on Kashmiri Pundit community in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir during or on the heels of upcoming G20 Summit and blame it on Pakistan in order to defame her as well as to vilify the freedom movement of the Kashmiri Muslims who are already living under Indian occupation in the conditions which have been categorised as "Brink of Genocide" by the Genocide Watch.

"Your Excellency, our concern regarding India's plan to orchestrate a violent incident during G20 is supported by India's pattern and practice from the past."

The letter adds: "On March 20, 2000, on the event of President Bill Clinton's visit to India, 35 Sikhs were brutally massacred in Chittisinghpura, Anantnag, Kashmir. India instantly blamed Pakistan for the massacre. However, later investigations and confessional statements from the high-ranking Indian Army officer revealed that the massacre was planned and perpetrated by the Indian Army. In 2017 Lt Gen Retired KS Gill who was part of the investigation in an interview admitted that the Indian Army was involved in the massacre."

Since the illegal Annexation of Jammu and Kashmir by the Modi government in August 2019, India's repression of the Kashmiri Muslims has increased manifolds and simultaneously India is attempting to white-wash its ongoing crimes against Kashmiris by orchestrating incidents to divert the attention and blame Pakistan for supporting terrorism.

US blasts India over 'targeted' attacks against Muslims

Denouncing continuous "targeted" attacks against Muslims and other minorities in India, the United States called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led New Delhi government to hold the perpetrators accountable, according to its 2022 report on religious freedom.

"We'll continue to speak directly with our colleagues and counterparts in India regarding these concerns," a senior State Department official, who asked not to be named, told reporters after the release of its annual report on Monday, adding, "I've been saddened to see what is outlined" in it.

The report was released by Secretary of State Antony Blinken who noted both progress and "continuation, and in some instances, the rise of very troubling trends". It was seen as a blow to India's standing in the international community as it prepares to hold G-20 meetings across the country, including in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

In Geneva, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Fernand de Varennes, warned that by holding a G20 meeting of the working group on tourism on 22-24 May in Srinagar, the Indian government was seeking to normalize what some have described as a military occupation. Varennes issued a statement on May 15, describing the massive rights violations, including torture, extrajudicial killings, denial of political participation rights of Kashmiri Muslims and minorities, following the suspension of democratic rights and local elections with direct rule from New Delhi on 6 August 2019.

Continuing his remarks, the senior State Department official added, "What we outline in today's (religious freedom) report is a targeted - continued targeted attacks against religious communities, including Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindu Dalits, and indigenous communities; dehumanizing rhetoric, including open calls for genocide against Muslims; lynching and other hate-fueled violence, attacks on houses of worship and home demolitions, and in some cases impunity and even clemency for those who've engaged in attacks on religious minorities - we're also continuing to see, at the state level, some restrictions on religious attire.

A Message of Ali Muhammad Khan

President of DOP & member of the (United Nations ECOSOC)

I want to start off by thanking everyone for supporting our cause throughout the years, standing against it in the face of the tyranny of wars, inequality, and injustice and helping us promote our peace message all around the world. At the Pakistan Department of Peace, we are taking a very critical initiative on the current occurrence of violence, injustice, and instability of peace all around the region. We insist on all the parties regardless of their belief and political differences to join up together and help us build a better world and country for our people.



We believe Weapons in general have been the cause of indefinite atrocities throughout the wars and history. The casualties yet alone in WW2 speaks volume about the generation of men we have lost all around the world. In order to take sincere efforts towards de-weaponization in the world, the following are the root causes that need to be addressed in earnest. Since WW2 people are aware of the mass genocide that occurred when Hitler rose to power but most of us have learned nothing. The genocides taken out were implemented gradually under the cloak of public safety.

There are stages of Mass Genocide and if we don't consider learning from our bitter histories they ought to happen again. The world needs peace more than ever. Recently there's been a span of conflicts all around the globe Russia and Ukraine proxy wars are the

biggest contenders. We have outbreaks happening all our the country and chances of civil wars are increasing every day as another news breakout. The constitutions are weaker than ever and require serious immediate actions and peace implementations.

Dividing people based on race, gender, political ideology, and social status.

Purpose: Divide people into "classified" groups in an effort to use one against the other. This will help begin the process of more instability and disruption that leads to genocides

Germany (Holocaust) is the biggest example (Establishes a Reason For Unlawful Treatment of a Target Group of People) For Example.

Nazis Created systems that restrict the rights of a target group of people like travel restrictions, excluding them from participating in the economy and voting.

Purpose: Separate the groups of people socially, economically & physically.

Victim: The victim group will have fewer rights than the "Offending" group. The offending group will be privileged citizens that can be tracked and monitored and used to help enforce the tyrannical laws. The victim group will consist of non-compliant people who resist and stand up against tyranny.

Discrimination and Dehumanization : Discrimination will be encouraged against the Victim group. This is when the "Offending" group denies the humanity of the "Victim" group.

This has been done in many ways throughout history and is currently still being done. Nazis referred to Jews as "Vermin" - Rwanda referred to their opposition as "Cockroaches"

Globalists refer to opposition as "Terrorists" There are particular "states" That usually organize the Arms and Financial Support for the "Offending" groups that carry out these massacres.

Racism: The old form of slavery may have been obsolete but present-day slavery like financial dependence on a few Banks and institutions, White supremacy, and indiscriminate on the basis of race and color which is very much obvious in big countries like the USA and India.

Religious intolerance: In the manner Islamophobia has been disseminated in the whole world, it created a kind of division and discrimination in societies. On the basis of religion the oppression which has been observed in Palestine, Ughyur China and Kashmir, and India is one of the major factors for the indoctrination of Muslim youths around the world.

Nuclear Weapons: As stated by organizations like the UN the highest priority is to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons, destroy chemical weapons, and strengthen the prohibition of biological weapons - all of which pose the direst threats to humankind. Reports from UN states. Nuclear weapons are the most dangerous weapons on earth. One can destroy a whole city, potentially killing millions, and jeopardizing the natural environment and lives of future generations through its long-term catastrophic effects. The dangers of such weapons arise from their very existence.

Arms Control and Disarmament: No two antagonists should wield weapons whose number and explosive power could not only destroy their own nations but also cast innocent bystander societies into catastrophe. Rather than being guided by deterrence logic alone, the organizing principles and goals of arms control should be to reduce the probability of escalatory warfare and to physically bound the potential damage that would occur if nuclear deterrence fails.

'Say No to G20 in occupied Kashmir', digital advertising truck in Washington flashes messages



Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON : The World Kashmir Awareness Forum (WKAF) rented digital advertising truck — exhibiting striking messages about G20 meeting in Indian occupied Kashmir and demanding member countries to persuade India to abide by her pledge and give the people of Kashmir the right to self-determination.

The electronic screens on the truck carry messages such as: "G20 risks legitimizing India's illegal occupation of Kashmir," "Say NO to G20 in Occupied Kashmir," "Decolonize Kashmir," G20 in Kashmir violates UN resolutions" "G20 in occupied Kashmir enables genocide" "Kashmir for Kashmiris" "Kashmir at the brink of Genocide (Genocide Watch)" "Stop Hindutav Fascism," etc.

The best way to spread the message in any important city is to have digital trucks move around the government buildings, foreign embassies with bright lit words on the screen that catches the attention of spectators

and bystanders. Today's route of digital truck in Washington included: the embassies of all G20 countries, including India, the State Department; the Capitol Hill; Library of Congress; The Washington Monument; The White House; various Museums; Lincoln Memorial; Washington National Cathedral; the World Bank and IMF.

Dr. Ghulam N. Mir, Chairman, Kashmir Diaspora Coalition & President, World Kashmir Awareness Forum said that India has tried to wish the Kashmir conflict away for the last 76 years of its illegal invasion, occupation and finally full annexation settler-colonization. It has become a nightmare for the overpopulated and unmanageable nation of 1.3 billion people. In each tyrannical maneuver — including mass murder and mass imprisonment it has tried in Occupied Kashmir, but it has failed.

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary General, World Kashmir Awareness Forum said that India is misusing and abusing its power of presidency of G20 to portray the image of normalcy in Kashmir. A news-story that appeared

in the New York Times on August 10, 2019, described the normalcy in Kashmir in these words, "Inside Kashmir, Cut Off From the World: A Living Hell' of Anger and Fear." Fai added that India's controversial decision to hold G20 meeting in disputed Kashmir is in contravention of more than 12 substantive United Nations Security Council resolutions which were voluntarily agreed by the Government of India as early as in 1948. India's aim is to divert global attention from the core issue of the occupation of a people without their consent, Fai insisted.

Dr. Imtiaz Khan, Professor at George Washington Medical Center said that the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK) express their strong reservations about the G20 meeting to be held in the disputed territory. Based on the UN resolutions the final status of the IOK has to be decided by the plebiscite to be held under the auspices of this international organization that was founded in 1945.

Dr. Khan added that on August 5, 2029 India abrogated article 370 and

35A that provided special status to IOK and annexed the territory. This was a shameful contravention of international agreement that did not receive the rebuke from world community that it deserved. Since then, India is involved in changing the demography of the region by snatching the land from local people and settling rabid Hindu communalists in the region.

Sardar Zarif Khan, General Secretary, Kashmir American Welfare Association (KAWA) said that if India wants to give the false impression of normalcy to G20 countries then why did New Delhi-based National Investigating Agency (NIA), conducted raids and arrested hundreds of civilians at many locations in the Valley.

Sardar Zubair Khan of KAWA said G20 should not have trusted India's false propaganda that everything is fine in Indian occupied Kashmir.

Shoab Irshad of KAWA said that the presence of 900,000 military and paramilitary forces have made Kashmir the largest army concentration in the world.

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
42,006.24	41,718.42	
Day's High	Day's Low:	
42,081.57	41,817.01	
Index Value	Change	
4,793,001,812	+287.82	
Percentage	Time	
+0.69%	16 May, 2023 5:00 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
7,751.08	-26.62	
Percentage	Time	
-0.34%	16 May, 4:35 pm GMT	
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
33,144.53	-204.07	
Percentage	Time	
-0.61%	16 May, 12:32 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
29,842.99	+216.65	
Percentage	Time	
+0.73%	16 May, 3:15 pm GMT+9	
Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	192.5	194.5
Bahrain Dinar	777.88	785.88
Canadian Dollar	214	216.2
China Yuan	42.07	42.47
Danish Krone	42.7	43.1
Euro	318	321
Hong Kong Dollar	37.31	37.66
Indian Rupee	3.56	3.67
Japanese Yen	2.25	2.3
Kuwaiti Dinar	952.27	961.27
Malaysian Ringgit	65.03	65.63
New Zealand \$	182.07	184.07
Norwegians Krone	27.57	27.87
Omani Riyal	760.2	768.2
Qatari Riyal	80.35	81.05
Saudi Riyal	78.5	79.3
Singapore Dollar	215	217
Swedish Korona	28.25	28.55
Swiss Franc	326.82	329.32
Thai Bhat	8.66	8.81
U.A.E Dirham	80.5	81.4
UK Pound Sterling	366	369
US Dollar	294	298

ECC approves Rs. 100 mln to NHA for construction of road from Dalbanin to Ziarat

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved Rs. 100 million to National Highway Authority (NHA) under PSDP 2022-23 for the construction of a road from Dalbandin to Ziarat Balanosh (77 kms).

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chaired the meeting, said a press release issued here.

Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Industries and Production Syed Murtaza Mahmud, Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman, Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha, SAPM on Finance Tariq Bajwa, SAPM on Revenue Tariq Mehmood Pasha, Coordinator to the PM on Economy Bilal Azhar Kayani, Coordinator to PM on Commerce & Industry Rana Ihsan Afzal Federal Secretaries and other senior officers attended the meeting.

The ECC considered and approved the following Technical Supplementary Grants/Supplementary Grants:



Rs. 1,666 million in favour of NHA to meet its expenditure incurred on the restoration of roads damaged during flood 2022.

Rs. 5.57 billion to the Ministry of Commerce for payment of Federal Govt's share of 50:50 basis with provinces on the import of Urea

fertilizer. The ECC further advised the Ministry of Industries & Production to ensure early clearance of subsidy payable by the provinces on imported urea.

ECC approved Rs. 17.3 Million in favour of Prime Minister's Inspection Commission to meet its employee-related expenditures.

ECC approved Rs. 922 Million in favour of ECC-approved Energy (Power Division) for execution of the development project "Construction of 2nd Circuit stringing from Jiwani to Gwadar".

ECC approved Rs. 1 billion in favour of Cabinet Division for SDGs Achievement Programme (SAP) for ongoing schemes.

ECC also approved Rs. 50 million in favour of the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety for SOS Children's Villages, Pakistan.

ECC also approved Rs. 550 Million in favour of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for publicity/awareness campaigns of the Federal Government during the current financial year.

Rs. 1146.284 Million in favour of the Ministry of Commerce for Pakistan's Trade Missions abroad.

ICCI for focusing on local production of smart phones to improve exports

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), said that the government should formulate a more attractive and conducive mobile phone policy to encourage the local production of smart phones, as Pakistan can earn billions of dollars by increasing their exports.

He said that the mobile phone manufacturing industry is currently the fifth largest industry in the world with an annual sales revenue of over 500 billion dollars, but Pakistan's share in it is negligible, so there is a great need for the government to promote local production of smart phones by providing better incentives to the investors.

He said this while expressing his views during inaugurating an outlet of Samsung mobile



phones in the Centaurus Mall Islamabad.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that China's annual exports of mobile phones are more than 150 billion dollars and if the local production of smart phones in Pakistan is better encouraged, the country can earn billions of dollars from their exports. He said that currently about 30 companies are engaged in local assembling and manufacturing mobile phones in Pakistan and in

2022, more than 20 million mobile phones were assembled and manufactured in Pakistan, including many international brands like Samsung and Nokia. However, Pakistan is a big market for mobile phones because the number of mobile phone subscribers in our country is over 190 million.

Mian Akram Farid, former President ICCI, said that Pakistan is mostly dependent on textiles and few other products for exports, due to which

our annual exports are still limited to 25 to 30 billion US dollars. He said that the time has come for the government to encourage the production of value-added products, including the mobile phones, so that instead of running the country on debt, Pakistan can emerge as a strong economy by rapidly increasing exports.

Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, former President ICCI demanded that the government should revise taxes on the telecom sector to attract more investment in this sector. He said that the imposition of high taxes on telecom services including the mobile calls is a major hurdle in the better development of this industry.

Zafar Bakhtawari, Former President and Secretary General UBG, Khalid Chaudhry, Mian Arif Hussain and others were also present on this occasion.

Taxation reforms should be based on simplification & broadening

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, has said that the much needed taxation reforms must be introduced in the federal budget 2023-24 based on international best-practices; principles of simplification of the taxation system and broadening of the tax-base. We need a business-friendly and pro-growth budget to play the catalytic role in putting the economy on the right track, he added.

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh emphasized that taxation system in Pakistan contributes to the national exchequer less than 10 percent of the GDP; indicating that it is not balanced, broad-based and simplified.

FPCCI Chief added that, contrarily, taxpayers lack knowledge of their obligations; and, major tax-

ation policy changes are not supported by the required changes in the administrative framework. FBR lacks adequate organizational structure; business processes; business-friendly facilities; institutional budget and sufficient pool of human resources. In addition to that, FBR & its staff are not equipped with the current technological developments and the resultant digitalization.

Mr. Zakaria Usman, Convener of FPCCI's Budget Advisory Council, apprised that although volume of revenue collection has increased from PKR. 3112 billion in FY16 to Rs.6148 billion in FY21- which shows nearly twofold growth of the revenue collection during six years - however, during the same period, tax-to-GDP ratio continued to remain stagnant in the vicinity of 10 percent of GDP.

Zong 4G's Inspiring Mother's Day Campaign

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Zong 4G, the leading brand for Pakistan's Gen Z, is proud to announce its unique Mother's Day campaign that recognizes the unsung heroes of our generation. This campaign not only celebrates the extraordinary bond between a mother and daughter but also highlights the power of digitalization in transforming lives.

This campaign showcases the incredible story of Kainat Imtiaz and Saleema Imtiaz, a mother-daughter duo who have achieved international acclaim in the cricketer world. Their journey is a true inspiration and a testament to how Zong 4G has empowered individuals to reach new heights of success.

Kainat Imtiaz and Saleema Imtiaz have



shattered glass ceilings and defied all odds to make their mark in the world of cricket. Their unwavering dedication, perseverance, and passion for the sport have propelled them to represent their country on the international stage. Through their remarkable achievements, they have become role models for aspiring athletes and a source of inspiration for all.

Zong 4G firmly believes in empowering the youth to conquer the world with a realm of opportunities at their fingertips through digitalization. By providing reliable and high-speed internet connectivity, Zong 4G has enabled countless individuals, like Kainat and Saleema, to explore their passions, nurture their talents, and ultimately achieve their dreams.

Zong 4G remains committed to its mission of transforming lives and creating a brighter future for the youth. By consistently empowering the younger generation, it aims to create a positive impact on society and foster an environment where dreams can thrive. Join Zong 4G in celebrating the unsung heroes of Gen Zong this Mother's Day. Together, let us honor the remarkable mothers who have shaped our lives and continue to inspire us every day.

Over Loading

KOHAT: Over loaded trucks are parked along the G.T Road due to the closure of road during protest after dispute of tribal's on "Coal Mountain" in which at least 16 people are murdered, at Darra Adam Khel area.



Photo: Online

KE Signs Multi-Party MoU to Add Indigenous Resource-Based Power Generation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Committed to increasing reliance on indigenous sources of energy production to provide access to affordable energy for all, K-Electric (KE) inked a Memorandum-of-Understanding (MoU) with Government of Sindh (GOS), Oracle Power, and Power China for the potential development of 2x660 MW coal-fired power project based on Thar coal.

KE was represented by CEO Moonis Alvi, while Secretary Energy Abu Bakar Ahmed was present from the Government of Sindh, CEO Naheed Memon from Oracle Power and Cheng Qiang from PowerChina.

Speaking on the occasion, Sindh Minister for Energy Imtiaz Shaikh

stated "Electricity is a fundamental driver of development and progress, and this collaboration is a big step in this direction. Once operational, this project will immensely benefit the entire province which is why we are committed to provide our full support until its maturity."

The main objective of the MoU is to provide a collaborative framework for the partnering parties, setting the stage for the establishment of this ambitious power plant.

For KE, this move aligns with the company's forward-looking plan of enhancing its generation through the addition of low-cost, indigenous fuel-based power. The company has shared its vision of adding a total of 2,200 MW to its generation capacity by 2030, and increase its share

of renewable energy to 30% of the overall mix. The inclusion of such generation capacity also aligns with KE's future projections for the city, which envisages a customer base of 5 million using 5,000 MW of electricity by FY30.

CEO KE Moonis Alvi also shared his excitement on the occasion, stating that "As a company, our ambition and initiatives are towards achieving net zero, and tackling the energy trilemma which balances reliability, affordability and sustainability of energy supply. Our current partnership and our future plans will greatly enable us to reduce our reliance on imported fuels."

CEO Oracle Power Naheed Memon reiterated her company's commitment to the development of



the CPEC-listed 1320 MW coal-to-power project. She shared that Oracle has produced world-class feasibility reports, which became benchmark documents for its development.

Representative from PowerChina shared that the development of the Thar Project is of great importance to Pakistan in the sense of utilizing the

local coal resource. Oracle 1320MW Coal Power Project is listed as one of the priority energy projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). With the guidance and participation of the Sindh Government, together with KE and Oracle, PowerChina will provide support for the success of the project.

Telenor Microfinance Bank achieves profitability in March 2023

Bureau Report



LAHORE: Telenor Microfinance Bank (TMB), operator of Pakistan's leading digital financial services platform, easypaisa, has reported its financial results for Q1 2023, showcasing a strong performance despite challenging economic conditions.

TMB's unaudited financial statements indicate a significant increase in its revenue, with the bank achieving Positive EBTDA during the quarter and Profit after tax for the month of March 2023 becoming the first digital platform in Pakistan to achieve Scale and Profitability.

Commenting on the Bank's performance, M. Mudassar Aqil, CEO of

TMB, said, "We are thrilled to have achieved the elusive feat of scale and profitability together."

The strong results in Q1 2023 are a testament to our team's unwavering commitment to delivering innovative and inclusive digital financial solutions that cater to a diverse customer pool. We remain focused on contributing to the growth and development of the economy while serving our customers with the utmost dedication."

With an easy and accessible digital financial services portfolio, TMB strives to provide convenient and reliable banking services to millions of Pakistanis.

Naila, Nadia etch their names in history by scaling Mt. Lhotse

Tooba Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's esteemed climber, Naila Kiani, has successfully summited Mount Lhotse, the fourth highest mountain in the world at 8,516 meters above sea level. With this achievement, she has made history as the first Pakistani female mountaineer to summit Mount Lhotse immediately after conquering Mount Everest, setting a double summit record. The expedition was sponsored by the BARD Foundation.

Her consecutive accomplishments have significantly elevated Pakistan's global reputation, earning her admiration and acclaim from around the world.

Overwhelmed with joy, Kiani shares her thoughts on this astounding feat, "When I embarked on this journey, I had a vision in my mind, and today, witnessing it become a tangible reality fills my heart with joy, making every ounce of effort worthwhile. I attribute this achievement to my unwavering dedication and the generous support of the BARD Founda-



tion, which believed in my dreams and capabilities. Organizations like these instill hope in the youth to move forward and fulfill their ambitions with determination."

Kiani began her journey by successfully summiting K2 on her first attempt. She has also scaled Gasherbrum-I, Gasher-

brum-II, and Annapurna I. With her triumphant ascent of Mount Everest and Lhotse, she now becomes the first Pakistani woman to summit the world's six highest peaks. However, this is just the beginning of her extraordinary journey as she passionately continues to strive for more

historic feats.

Expressing great delight upon hearing the news, Managing Director of the BARD Foundation, Mehreen Dawood, shared her sentiments with the press, "This exceptionally talented woman is a beacon of hope for countless women out there. Her successive victories stand as undeniable proof that the BARD Foundation is effectively fulfilling its goal of helping talented Pakistani individuals realize their potential as champions in their chosen fields. Women like her, with their resilience, continuously inspire and motivate us in our mission to serve our country by creating opportunities for deserving talent to shine and make a positive impact. Together, we pledge to unlock their immeasurable potential and inspire a generation to achieve their dreams."

The BARD Foundation has always played a vital role in promoting talent and paving the way for successful careers for many. The initiative undertaken by Bilquis and Abdul Razak Dawood believes in changing

fortunes by helping competent individuals realize their potential as champions in their chosen fields. The Foundation's purpose is to develop strong and confident individuals, with a special emphasis on skill construction and improvement. The Foundation extends assistance to anyone with a spirit of adventure, inviting them to become a part of their transformative journey.

Another good news that Ms Nadia Azzad (British Pakistani) and Pemba Chhiri Sherpa, reached the Summit of the fourth highest mountain on May 16, 2023, at 11:00 am, they reached the summit. Nadia has completed three 14-thousanders this season including Everest on May 14 and Annapurna on April 15, 2023. The President Alpine Club of Pakistan, Mr. Abu Zafar Sadiq congratulated both the female climbers. He opined that such achievements by Pakistani women would attract young girls to adventure sports and learn to encounter challenges in their lives and become more responsible and productive members of the society.

Rashid Nisar of Punjab clinched National Blind Chess Championship title

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Rashid Nisar of Punjab clinched the second National Blind Chess Championship. In the final he defeated Amir Ejaz of Punjab. In the three-day national event, blind players and his coaches and officials from all over the country participated. Before the finals, Russell of Punjab beat Ajit Kumar of Sindh and secured the third position. The National Blind Chess Championship was organized in collaboration with Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, Binai Education Foundation and Sindh Chess Association. The chief guest of the closing ceremony was Director Sports Sindh Maimoona Shah, who not only watched the final but also encouraged the players and distributed prizes. She said that I am extremely happy that the Binai Education Foundation is playing an active role in providing opportunities for sports activities to the visually impaired. Sarwat Naseem Shah, chairperson of Binai Education Foundation, said that the encouragement of visually impaired players and their full support will continue. I congratulate the final winner. Binai Education Foundation CEO Salman Elahi said that from the



second National Blind Chess Championship we have selected the National Blind Chess Team which will participate in future international events. Event Director Imtiaz Shaikh said that the

platform of the Binai Education Foundation The series of sports events will continue, I am grateful to all the directors, sponsors, supporters and Sindh Chess Association for playing their role

in making the event successful. Uzma Ansari, Khalid Khan, Sindh Chess Association Secretary Wasif Nisar, Amber Nazir and others were also present in the final ceremony.

Pakistan Shaheens-Zimbabwe ODI series begins Wednesday

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The ODI series between Pakistan Shaheens and Zimbabwe Select would kick off on Wednesday at the Harare Sports Club in Harare.

After a dominant performance in the two four-day matches, where Pakistan Shaheens emerged victorious with a convincing 2-0 win over Zimbabwe A, they were now geared up for the limited-overs action, said a press release.

The six 50-over matches would be played at the Harare Sports Club from May 17 to 27.

The 16-member Shaheens squad includes eight players who have already represented Pakistan in international cricket. Besides the eight international players, Shaheens would be hoping left-arm spinner Mehran Mumtaz to replicate his red-ball form in the white-ball



series. He took 15 wickets across the two four-day matches, including 11 wickets in the first game at the Kwekwe Sports Club in Kwekwe.

In the batting department, Shaheens would be banking on Haseebullah, Mohammad Hurraira and Omair Bin Yousuf who all struck centuries in the two four-dayers.

Pakistan Shaheens- Imran Butt (captain), Hussain Talat (vice-captain), Amir Jamal, Abdul Wahid Bangalzai, Haseebullah, Kamran Ghulam, Mehran Mumtaz, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Hurraira, Mubasir Khan, Omair Bin Yousuf, Qasim Akram, Rohail Nazir (wicketkeeper), Saim Ayub and Shah Nawaz Dahani.

Player Support Personnel- Aizaz Cheema (coach), Imran Abbas (manager), Abdul Rehman (team consultant), Saboor Ahmed (trainer), Muhammad Asad (physiotherapist) and Faisal Rai (team analyst). Pakistan Shaheens and Zimbabwe Select would play ODIs on May 17, 21, 23, 25 and 27, respectively.

34th National Games: WAPDA wins title of women's softball event

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QUETTA: Wapda emerged as the ultimate gold winner of the women's softball event of the ongoing 34th National Games in Quetta, beating Quetta, which won third place and grabbed silver medal while HEC won third place, grabbing bronze medal in the grand event.

The grand finale was a big encounter of the day-4 in which Pak Wapda overcame Pak Army by an inning and 3 Runs (Total 13 to 10 Runs) to win the Gold Medal.

For the winners Pak Wapda, Madiha, Ayesha and Noreena played extremely scoring three runs each while they were well assisted by Saiga and Sidra Iram, who scored 2 Runs each.

For the silver medalist Pak Army, Zahida scored 3 Runs (Including 2 Home Runs inside the Park) and Fariha scored 02 Runs while 01 Run each was scored Humaira, Mayda, Rashida, Aasia, and Ansa.

Muhammad Jahangir, Deputy Secretary General, Pakistan Olympic Association, graced the occasion as chief guest at the final match.

MPA Baluchistan Ahmed Nawaz Baloch, Haider Lehri, President, the Softball Federation of Pakistan, and Asif Azeem, secretary General of the Softball Federation of Pakistan (SFP) were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the final ceremony, the Chief Guest Muhammad Jahangir appreciated the zeal and commitment shown by participating teams and members and hoped that they will play with the same sportsman spirit in the future as well.

He said that making to the top national event and performing well is in itself an outstanding achievement for the participating teams and players.

The organizer Softball Federation of Pakistan President Mr Haider Lehri and Secretary General Asif Azeem were happy over the successful holding of the event and said women's softball on Monday became the first discipline to reach the final stage at the National Games with Pakistan Army and Wapda setting up the gold-medal for Tuesday, May 16, which turned to be a great day, resulting in Gold for Wapda and Silver for the Army teams.

Zimbabwe call international players for Pakistan Shaheens one-day series



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HARARE: Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) on Tuesday, unveiled a strong 14-member squad for the six-match one-day series against Pakistan Shaheens, scheduled to commence on May 17.

With the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023 on home soil only a month away, the ZC has named a strong squad to race up their preparations to seize a spot in the mega event.

Almost all players who were part of the Zimbabwe squad that faced the Netherlands in March, have been retained for the 50-over series against Pakistan Shaheens that gets underway this Wednesday.

The Zimbabwe Select squad includes the experienced trio of Craig Ervine, Sean Williams and Tendai Chatara.

Pacemen Blessing Muzarabani and Richard Ngarava have also been picked alongside spin bowlers Wellington Masakadza and Brandon Mavuta as well as all-rounders Ryan Burl and Wessly Madhevere.

Besides the 14 international players, named to face the Pakistan Shaheens, the hosts will also be lending an opportunity to seven young players to gain some valuable experience.

ZC arranged the one-dayers to help Zimbabwe fine-tune for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023 that will be staged across four venues in Harare and Bulawayo from 18 June to 9 July.

The event will see 10 teams competing for the two remaining places at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India later in the year.

James Anderson issues an update on his injury ahead of The Ashes

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LONDON: Veteran England pacer James Anderson on Tuesday, provided a much-anticipated update regarding his groin injury ahead of the one-off Test against Ireland and The Ashes following that.

The 40-year-old Anderson, the most successful fast bowler in Test history with 685 wickets, sustained the injury on Thursday's opening day of Lancashire's County Championship match against Somerset at Old Trafford and took no further part in a match that ended in a draw on Sunday.

James Anderson then underwent a scan on the injury on Saturday, with Lancashire coach Glen Chapple telling the BBC it was not "anything too serious".

Jofra Archer ruled out of Ashes with recurrence of elbow injury

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LONDON: England's right-arm pacer Jofra Archer has been ruled out of the English summer season including The Ashes after the recurrence of his elbow injury, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced on Tuesday.

The right-arm quick, who was recently in action for Mumbai Indians in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL), has been ruled out of the entirety of the summer season which includes England's four-day Test against Ireland and Ashes.

"Sussex fast bowler Jofra Archer has been ruled out for the rest of the summer after

recent scans revealed he has sustained a recurrence of a stress fracture to his right elbow," stated ECB in a statement.

"He will now spend time with the England and Sussex medical teams, who will work on his injury management," the statement added.

England will kick off their busy summer season with a one-off four day Test against Ireland, scheduled to commence on June 1.

Aggressive wicket-keeper batter Jonathan Bairstow returned to the side since September 2022 as the ECB named a strong 15-member squad for Ireland Test.

He missed all of England's

winter programme, including the T20I megaevent in Australia, where his team became the World champions for the second time.

He returned to action only recently in the County Championship for Yorkshire and now looks ready to take the gloves during the Ashes, which begins on June 16.

Another positive for England is the inclusion of James Anderson, who suffered a minor injury while bowling on the opening day of Lancashire's County clash against Somerset.

The ECB said that they would evaluate his fitness before the Ireland Test and his inclusion bodes well for the hosts.

Fast bowlers Mark Wood and Chris Woakes have also been recalled, with the latter coming back in the Test squad for the first time since March 2022 and if selected, it will be his first Test on home soil in the last two years.

With the home Ashes against Australia in sight, England will be looking forward to getting some game time before facing their arch-rivals.

SQUAD: Ben Stokes (c), James Anderson, Jonathan Bairstow, Stuart Broad, Harry Brook, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Dan Lawrence, Jack Leach, Ollie Pope, Matthew Potts, Ollie Robinson, Joe Root, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.

