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Culprits involved in May 9 arson attacks to be awarded exemplary punishment: Marriyum

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Thursday said that no concession would be given to miscreants and armed groups who attacked sensitive installations on May 9 "May 9 cannot be repeated and the culprits involved will be awarded exemplary punishment", she said.



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RAWALPINDI : In a strong

statement, the Chief of Army

Staff (COAS), General Syed

Asim Munir, declared that the

nation would not forgive nor

forget those responsible for the

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sentiments during his visit to

the Police Line in Islamabad

on the occasion of Pakistan

Martyrs' Day, as confirmed by

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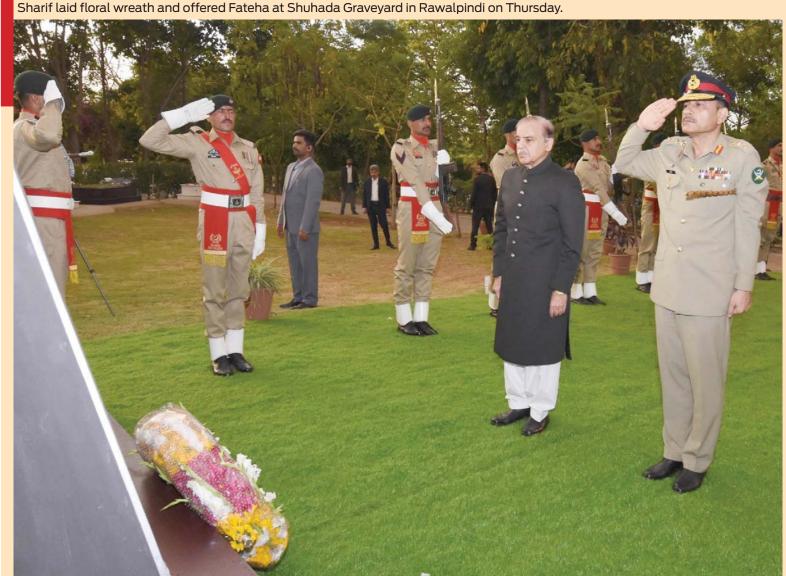
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Tribute

To pay tribute to the Pakistan Armed Forces on the occassion of Yom-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz



Ransacking of Radio Pakistan's building exposes barbaric mindset of attackers: PM

👺 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said the ransacking and putting on fire of the historic Radio Pakistan Peshawar's building exposed the barbaric mindsets of the attackers, who had no regard for humanity and national heritage.

Addressing an event here to express solidarity with the employees of Radio Pakistan and Associated Press of Pakistan at Radio Pakistan Peshawar's building, the prime minister said that a wave of widespread anger against attackers was felt in the country after the attack.



He mentioned that people from all walks of life strongly condemned the assaults at the government buildings and security installations across the coun-

try on May 9 and 10. "There is no difference between the rioters of May 9-10 and the terrorists," the prime minister said, adding that his government would ensure that such deplorable incidents never repeat again.

He vowed exemplary punishment to the culprits as per the

The prime minister said the May 9-10 devastation was

beyond imagination and even the enemy was not able to carry out such deplorable incidents in the past.

He said the Radio Pakistan Peshawar was a historic station established before the independence of Pakistan in 1935. The announcement of Pakistan's independence was also made from this station and the Radio Pakistan Lahore station at midnight of August 13-14, 1947.

He said millions of Muslims, under the leadership of Father of the Nation Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah,

rendered great sacrifices for the

motherland, adding the violent incidents of May 9 and 10 put the entire in a state of grief and

The prime minister said the ransacking of the historic Radio station was against the spirit of patriotism and love for nation-

Governor KP Ghulam Ali, caretaker Chief Minister Azam Khan, Federal Ministers Marriyum Aurangzeb, Rana Sanaullah Khan, Ahsan Igbal, Ishaq Dar, Prime Minister's Adviser Amir Muqam, provincial caretaker ministers and advisers were also present.

warmly received by Inspector undermined their honor. General of Police Islamabad, The sacrifices made by these Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan. Nation proud over patriotism of its valiant



👺 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday said that the entire nation was proud of their valiant martyrs who displayed the spirit of patriotism and fearlessness in testing

times throughout their history. "The nation owes to the heroism and sacrifices offered by the jawans and officers of our Armed Forces, including Pakistan Army, Rangers, Air Force, Navy, Police, and other security institutions that made

Pakistan's defence impregnable," the president said in a message on observance of Martyrs Reverence Day on May 25, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

The president said today, they observed Martyrs Reverence Day to pay tribute to the unprecedented courage and sacrifices of their ancestors and personnel of the security forces who had rendered great sacrifices for the motherland.

"The integrity and security of our country would not have been possible without their valuable services. Apart from defending the frontiers of the country, our security forces successfully defeated the menace of terrorism," he said, adding Pakistan single-handedly contained the scourge of terrorism due to the bravery and sacrifices of its forces.

Only CJP can save Murad Saeed's life, says Imran

News Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Thursday said that only Supreme Court (SC) Chief Justice could save the life of party leader Murad Saeed.

Taking to Twitter, the deposed premier had asked the CJP to "do whatever it takes" to protect the life of Mr Saeed. The former prime minister shared a letter written by Mr Saeed

to the top judge. "The Honourable Chief Justice, former federal minister, and MNA Murad Saeed has written this letter to you saying that there are serious threats to his life. His safety can be ensured only by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court," maintained Mr Khan.

PTI in teeters as Maleeka Bokhari, Cheemas bid adieu to party

№ City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In another shocking development, two prominent Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders, Jamshed Cheema and his wife Musarrat Cheema, quit party membership and all positions.

The announcement was made during a press conference in Islamabad on Thursday night after they were released from Adiala jail. Leaders expressed their condemnation of the events that occurred on May 9.

Mr Cheema stated that he believed that those responsible for the attack on Jinnah House on May 9 should be punished according to the law. He also revealed that the lack of action to stop Imran Khan's narrative after the regime change was also a failure on his part.

Musarrat Cheema also expressed her regret for the tragic incident on May 9, calling it a "pity" and a "tragedy". She stated that her family's safety



and security were her top priority and that she was therefore quitting politics and PTI for the time being.

Both were arrested after 9/5 inci-

Earlier, PTI leader Maleeka Bokhari also announced resigning from party positions and "distanced herself" from the party.

The IHC ordered her release from the Adiala jail, where she had been detained for almost two week in connection with violent protests that erupted after PTI chief Imran Khan's arrest in the Al-Qadir Trust

ters here on Thursday

Addressing a presser, she said she strongly condemned "unconstitutional and illegal" attacks on military installations on May 9, adding that it was a sad day for every Pakistani. enemy."

Nation grateful to PAF martyrs *for their* sacrifices to foil nefarious enemy's designs: **Bilawal**

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari called on Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu during his visit to Air Headquarand lauded the matchless professionalism of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) personnel.

The foreign minister while paying tribute to the PAF martyrs said, "The nation is grateful to all martyrs of Pakistan Air Force who sacrificed their lives while fighting valiantly in order to foil the nefarious ambitions of our

CJP constitutes larger bench on pleas against audio leaks commission

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial constituted a larger bench on pleas against the audio leak commission.

As per details, the petition was fired by Advocate Babar Awan on behalf of PTI against the judicial commission on audio leaks and urged the court to declare the notification of the judicial commission

Furthermore, the five-member larger bench headed by the CJP and comprised of Justice Ijaz Ulhassan, Justice Muneeb, Justice Shahid Waheed and Justice Azhar Waheed will hear the case tomorrow.

Earlier today, the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) secretary filed a petition against the inquiry commission on the audio leaks in the top court.

Imran among hundreds of PTI leaders placed on no-fly list



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Interior on Thursday placed the names of hundreds of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers, including former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi, on the no-fly list, effectively barring them from leaving the country.

Sources confirmed that the no-fly list includes prominent PTI figures such as Qasim Suri, Asad Umar, Asad Qaiser, Aslam Iqbal, Yasmin

ka Bukhari, Fawad Chaudhry and Hammad Azhar.

The ministry of interior has taken swift action to ensure that the names of these individuals are provided to all airports and exit points across the country. The authorities concerned have been directed to strictly enforce the ban and prevent any of the listed individuals from travelling abroad.

After the arrest of former premier Imran Khan, violent protests erupted in many parts of the country.

The Spokesman

Youm-e Takreem-e-Shuhda-e-Pakistan Karachi: Civil society activists participating in a rally in solidarity with armed forces at Sea view area.

NDMA delegation concludes visit to US after productive interactions

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) led by Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik and Member Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Idrees Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction at United Nations headquarters in New

It was followed by interactive sessions with key partners at Global Facility on Disaster Risks Reduction (GFDRR) and post-disaster periods. component of the World Bank and other agencies including latest data for realistic plan- proper incentives and account- opment.

USAID, US State Dept, and HQ FEMA at Washington DC, from 22-24 May 2023, said a news release issued here

As the keynote panelist, the Chairman NDMA emphasized the need to learn from past experiences to prevent future Mahsud represented Pakistan disasters and called for a globat Mid-Term Review of the al correction in DM strategies regardless of discrimination. He underscored the imporand predictive modeling for vulnerable nations along with global collaboration for cost-effective solutions for pre



tance of proactive planning ning and using scientific inter- ability. He added that identiventions to accurately predict fying vulnerabilities in highand assess disasters. He noted that private sector and exter- and proactive watch protonal financial instruments cols is critical for post-disascould provide much-needed ter impact data for validation, He stressed on sharing the relief from public funds with credibility, and capacity devel-

risk zones by using technology

To address the complexity of poly disasters, sequential, and simultaneous, the Chairman NDMA reiterated the significance of multi-tiered operations, including spontaneous responses and shared disaster risk reduction instruments. He observed that collaboration among NGOs, private sectors, financiers, fund managers, academia, and responders is crucial for proactive risk identification and preparedness.

The Chairman NDMA highlighted that Pakistan's resilience and adaptation make it worthy of support and recognition, especially when it has helped Turkey and Syria during its own disasters.

24 Crore people standing with Pak Army: says Gillani

S Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Former Prime Minister and Senator Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani conversation with the media This country is made of sacrifices and quests Leaders and workers of Quaid-e-Azam and Tehreek-e-Pakistan have made numerous sacrifices in building Pakistan. Our army considers its responsibility due to which Pakistan is very

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Pakistan from outside the country The attack on military properties on May 9 will be considered an attack on the

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People's Party will include the newcomers based on their merit The problems are solved, the country will not default, the budget will be presented. We are ready to hold elections after the budget, but now there is a delay At that time, they were ready for talks, but

Shuhada Day. ACE returns after search but

arrest Parvez

👺 Bureau Report

police make

another effort to

LAHORE: Police on Thursday night once again reached outside PTI president Parvez Elahi's house after a team of the anti-corruption establishment (ACE) returned empty-handed.

Sources said DIG Operations Sadiq Ali Dogar, SP Operations Model Town Ammara Sherazi, and SSP Operations Sohaib Ashraf came back outside his house. "Heavy contingent of police has also

been summoned," sources added. Sources said all roads leading to Mr Elahi's house were blocked. "Police will search Mr Elahi's neigh-

bourhood," sources added. Mr Elahi's lawyer said the ACE team did not have search warrants, adding that it asked us to cooperate without warrants. "We let them in,"

he added.

In a tweet, the party said Mr Chaudhry was produced before the court in Rawalpindi, where the police obtained PTI stalwart's transit remand. Mr Chaudhry was now being taken to Lahore.

Chaudhry said will be before an anti-terrorism court in Lahore.

By holding G20 meeting, India fails to hide IIOJK reality behind veneer of normalcy: FO Republic of Egypt and the

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday said that by holding G-20 meeting in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, India clearly failed in hiding the reality in IIOJK behind a veneer of normalcy.

The Foreign Office spokesperson, in a statement, said that the Indian failure was demonstrated by low-level representation and the absence of a number of important invitees at the Srinagar meeting.

Rejecting the Indian move to hold the G-20 Tourism Working Group in Srinagar held on May 22-24, the spokesperson said Jammu and Kashmir was an internationally recognized disputed territory.

Mumtaz Spokesperson

Kashmir dispute had remained on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council for over seven decades.

In that backdrop, India hosted this meeting in IIOJK in complete disregard of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, principles of the UN Charter and internation-

"Holding the G-20 meeting in disputed territory is a betrayal of the people of IIOJK. For the last seven decades, they have been waiting for the international community to pay attention to their plight and to bring an end to the occupation and human rights violations," the spokesperson added.

She said tourism and develby holding the local population



rights and freedoms.

The spokesperson said that by holding the G-20 meeting in Srinagar, India could not hide the reality of its illegal occupation of IIOJK and oppression of the Kashmiri people.

"India's facade of normalcy in Kashmir is met by the harsh opment could not be promoted reality that IIOJK remains one of the most militarized zones Zahra Baloch said that the hostage and denying them their on the planet. The extreme

security measures, arbitrary arrests and harassment of the local population around the Srinagar meeting refute the claims of normalcy in the colonized territory," she highlighted.

The spokesperson greatly appreciated the People's Republic of China, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Türkiye, the Arab

Sultanate of Oman for not attending the Srinagar meet-"These countries have stood

for international law and for the primacy of the UN Charter," she added. The G-20 was established,

primarily, to address global financial and economic issues. By holding this meeting in the occupied territory, India has politicized yet another international forum, and is exploiting its position as the current Chair to advance its self-serving agenda.

The spokesperson said that India should instead provide unhindered access to the international media and independent human rights organizations to report on the situation

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When blood of martyrs spills, it changes destiny of nations: Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has said the martyrs are our benefactors, and nations that fail to remember those who sacrificed their lives for their people cannot exist for long.

In his video message on Youm-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada-e-Pakistan on Thursday, he paid heartfelt tributes to the martyrs, quoting a Punjabi verse that translates to "when the blood of martyrs spills, it changes the destiny of nations."

He stressed that it was our duty to remember and honor our martyrs with respect.

Sanaullah said that the family members of martyrs, including parents, siblings, spouses and children, should never feel that the people had forgotten their loved ones who selflessly gave their lives for the nation.

Condemning the incidents on May 9, he said it was painful to see how the



miscreants inflicted pain upon the families of the martyrs by desecrating and destroying the monuments dedicated to the Shuhada. "The whole nation strongly condemns these incidents and stands unwaveringly in solidarity with the martyrs' families."

The minister declared that the miscreants responsible for defiling the martyrs' monuments may indeed possess Pakistani citizenship, but they do not deserve to be called Pakistanis.

He expressed a resolute determination to bring these miscreants to justice and ensure they are punished for their wrongdoings, so that no one would dare to repeat such a shameful act in the future.

Khurram Dastagir inaugurates 500 KV Matiari-Thar transmission lines

Example 2 Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Eng. Khurram Dastagir Khan on Thursday inaugurated 220 kilometer Matiari - Thar 500 KV Quad Bundle transmission line completed by National Transmission Dispatch Company (NTDC) at the cost Rs. 20 billion in conditions were bad, the inflation was the record time of four months on the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

While addressing a press conference before inauguration of the the transmission line here at a local hotel, Federal Minister Khurram Dastagir termed it a revolutionary project, that is totally indigenous and would transmit the cheapest electricity generated from local coal of Thar to all over

He said actually this transmission line has to be completed four years ago but due to the inability of the previous government, it could not have completed.

Matiari-Lahore transmission line which was a part of the China Paki-

stan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project.

He said first time in our history, the high power cables, transformers and the conductors are being made through local companies which saved foreign currency reserves.

The federal minister said that no one could deny that the economic on the rise, but we had to bring the country out of this difficult situation.

Earlier, the federal minister visited HESCO headquarter and handed over 15 modern vehicles equipped with safety measures to the Company's chief executive officer. These vehicles were purchased at the cost of Rs. 230 million and would be used by technical staff in repairing the power transformers at the site, the HESCO spokesman said.

Later, the minister along with State Minister Hashim Notezai, MD NTDC, PML(N) Sindh president Sayed Dhsh Muhammad Shah, MNA Khealdas Kohistani, HESCO chief He said that the power generated Myzafar Abbasi and others visited from Thar coal would be dispatched the shrine of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif to the national grid through Bhittai at Bhit Shah and offered fateha for the prosperity of the country.

(Picture on Page 3)

Dr. Rubaba pays tribute to martyrs on Youm-e-Takreem Shuhada-e-Pakistan

Mews Desk

QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Science and Information Technology Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi on Thursday said that the survival and safety of the country was owed to the precious sacrifices of the martyrs. She said that the martyrs sacrificed their lives for their beloved country

and future generations. "Sacrifices by our martyrs for the nation's future will not go in vain", she added in her special message to mark the Youm-e Takreem-e-

Paying homage to the martyrs, she said the honour and respect of those who protect the lives and property of the people and the freedom and security of the country was obligatory on all of us.

A strong and dignified army is the guarantor of the security and unity of any state, she said adding that due to the duty and great sacrifices of the martyrs, we were secure and free.

She said that those who sacrificed their lives for the safety and greatness of the country were the true heroes of the nation adding that the living nations never forget their

Ejaz Chaudhry arrested again: PTI



👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) said on Thursday that Senator Ejaz Chaudhry was arrested again after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) ordered his release.

According to the party, Mr

Industries, production minister assures to address issues of cutlery industry

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Pakistan Cutlery Association Wazirabad headed by its Chairman Shakeel Azam met with Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Syed Murtaza Mahmud here on Thursday.

Talking to the delegation, the minister assured to reactivate Cutlery Institute of Pakistan through Technology Upgradation and Skill Development Company within the next 6to8 months in order to support the industry.

He said all possible support including required certification and training would be extended to the industry for enhancing exports to UK.

a viable plan for getting support for establishing warehouses in the European Union and Saudi Arabia.

"Their issue of raw material availability to the cutlery industry would be addressed in a coming meeting of Steel manufacturers", the federal minister added.



OUETTA: Activists of Civil Society are shouting slogans during a rally to mark the Youm-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada-e-Pakistan.

The minister maintained that He asked the delegation to submit National Productivity Organisation would provide experts for arranging shop floors and improve general management practices of the industry.

> The minister was also briefed about a study for enhancing the competitiveness of the cutlery sector conducted by the Engineering Development Board and Pakistan Business Council jointly.

Youm-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada

The purpose of the study was to propose policy recommendations after detailed review of literature and consultation with the members of the cutlery industry.

Earlier, the minister was accorded briefing about the issues the cutlery industry is confronting at local and international level.

The minister was informed that the

manual process and low technological level in manufacturing units, unavailability of high quality local raw material (stainless steel) and reliance on imports, unavailability of laser sharpening techniques and reliance on manual methods, liquidity and working capital issues due to delay in sales procedures, shortage of skilled labour, non-utilizatiom of subsidized financing schemes, lack of marketing efforts i.e. reluctance of industry to venture into new markets and hesitation of banks to approve LCs in non-traditional markets, branding issues due to absence of stamping of "Made-in Pakistan" on exported products, nonavailability of ceramics material, high rates of taxation on electricity and high regulatory duty on steel scrap are the main barriers for the industry

The federal minister assured the delegation to resolve their issues at priority and such interactions with them in future, their proposals and our efforts would bring positive results to improve the state of affairs on the industrial front.

Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Engineer Khuram Dastgir Khan offering dua after inaugurating 500kV Thar-Matiari Transmission at Matiari, Hyderabad. Managing Director NTDC Engr. Dr. Rana Abdul Jabbar are also present.

Sindh Government Introduces Teaching License Policy to Elevate the Teaching Profession

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Sindh Cabinet has approved a new teaching license policy, aimed at attracting talented youth to the teaching profession and raising the status of the profession.

This landmark reform aims to bring the same rigour and respect to the teaching profession as enjoyed by other skill-based professions, including medicine, accounting, law and engineering. New entrants to the field of teaching will be both required and incentivized to get professional training before seeking jobs.

Sharing his views, Provincial Minister of Sindh for Education, Culture, Tourism and Antiquities, Syed Sardar Ali Shah, said, "Conceptualising and bringing the teaching license policy to life has not been easy. However, I am grateful to Aga Khan University's Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED), Sindh Teachers Education Development Authority (STEDA), Durbeen and all other partners who have worked tirelessly to make this policy a possibility. The success of the next generation of teachers and students ultimately depends on its smooth implementation."

The Sindh Government has already taken the first step toward rolling out the new policy. 700 new vacancies have been created for Elementary School Teachers (eligible to teach grades 1-8) across Sindh at BPS-16. Previously, Junior Elementary School Teachers (JEST) were being inducted at BPS-14 and were required to have completed graduation in any field. These new 700 vacancies will only be offered to graduates of the B.Ed. degree programme who have also cleared the licensing exam.

The policy preparation was preceded by a year-long research and consultation led by AKU-IED which culminated in a White Paper which was jointly launched by AKU-IED, STEDA and Durbeen in June 2022. Consultations were held among a wide range of stakeholders - Pakistani universities, school management, teachers, teachers' unions, parents and students. Scholars from several other institutions, including Ziauddin University, contributed to the policy writing efforts.

Under the new policy, Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) graduates can now apply to take a licensing exam. This licensing exam will assess both content knowledge as well as pedagogical knowledge. Upon passing the exam, they will be awarded teaching licenses in one of the three categories-elementary (Grades 1-8), primary (Grades 1-5) and secondary (Grades 6-12).

Existing, full-time, government schoolteachers can choose to continue employment as per status quo, or if they meet the requirements under the policy, may opt to apply for the licensing exam and expedite their promotions. Contractual teachers in government schools, who meet the requirements, can expedite regularisation through the licensing process.

This reform takes a unique position in the history of education in Pakistan. Most reforms have been driven and funded by the prescriptions of donor agencies. They have seen mixed results and have generally died out once donor support ends. In comparison, this teacher licensing policy has been initiated by the Sindh Government and has been developed in consultation with Pakistani academia, teachers, unions and other stakeholders.

ISSI celebrates Special Event on Africa Day

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East & Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI) organized a special event to celebrate "Africa Day 2023."

The Speakers included: Chief Guest, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan, Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira; Dean of African Corps/ Ambassador of Morocco, H.E. Mohammad Karmoune: Additional Secretary Africa, Mr. Javed Ahmad Umerani; Director General ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood; and Director CAMEA, Ms. Amina Khan.

The Heads of African Missions in Pakistan and Heads of Pakistan Missions in Africa also spoke on the occasion. Academics and members of the business community and students participated in the celebratory event. Stalls exhibiting African products were also set up by the African Missions in Islamabad.



In this keynote address on the occasion, Adviser to the Prime Minister Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira said that Africa was a Continent full of opportunities and potential and was poised to play an increasingly important role global-

ly, in the years to come. He added that

strengthening its relations with African nations in myriad field. Director General ISSI Amb. Sohail

Pakistan's "Engage Africa" policy was a

Mahmood, in his welcome remarks, said Pakistan's relations with Africa were long-standing — marked by warmth, cordiality, mutual respect and close cooperation. Africa, with its vast natural resources, young population and untapped potential had emerged as a land of immense opportunities.

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood added that this Africa Day was an important occasion to acknowledge the significance of "Engage Africa" policy as part of Pakistan commitment to comprehensively upgrade its partnership with African countries, both on the bilateral and Continental plane. This policy recognized Africa as a priority in Pakistan's oreign policy agenda.

Director CAMEA Amina Khan, while giving her views, said that every year CAMEA at ISSI commemorates 'Africa testament to Pakistan's commitment to Day'. This served as a testament to ISSI's unwavering commitment to foster closer relations between Pakistan and the Afri-

Sindh population to touch 95.7 million by 2050

Bureau Report

KARACHI: With an average annual growth rate of 2.41 percent in Sindh, the total current population is 56.3 million (2022), estimated to grow to 95.7 million by 2050. 3,000 maternal deaths occur annually due to insufficient health coverage, which can be reduced by 33 percent if contraceptive use rises from 31 percent to 49 percent.

Total fertility rate in Sindh is 3,6 and high fertility contributes to infant mortality and malnutrition. As a result, 60 infants die before reaching one year of age (per 1000 live births) and 50 percent of children under the age of five are stunted in Sindh.

Currently, more than half of the girls at 51 percent (age 5-16), are out of school in Sindh, together with 39 percent of boys. Without investment in family planning, women's empowerment and education it will be challenging to

The consultation highlighted the significant strides made in advancing reproductive health, promoting gender equality, and empowering women and



girls in Sindh Province. It also recognized the critical role of comprehensive sexuality education, access to quality healthcare services, and the elimination of gender-based violence in achieving sustainable development goals.

Participants of the consultative meeting held different sessions to discuss the issues, challenges, and ways forward to accommodate the growing population. accelerate progress on women and youth empowerment, reproductive health and reproductive rights, population and sustainable development, education, food security, climate change, urbaniza-

tion and internal migration, etc "The consultations are facilitating

diverse views on human rights, population, sexual and reproductive health. gender equality and sustainable development. These will be merged into a remarkable consensus that places individual dignity and human rights, including the right to plan one's family, at the very heart of development," said UNFPA head of office in Sindh Ms. Ms. Bayramgul Garabayeva.

Talking about the current state of Sindh's population UNFPA Head of lives of the people of Sindh.

Sindh office Ms Bayramgul Garabayeva said that a rapidly growing population means ever-increasing demands for food, schools, health facilities, jobs and infrastructure, and rising pressure on the government to keep pace in providing these services at an equally fast rate.

For family planning programmes to be successful and sustainable, there needs to be an increase in the allocation of public funds with a strong national capacity to implement programs, including the capacity to mobilise and spend the financial resources for family planning commodities, service delivery, demand creation, and training.

The outcomes of the ICPD Progress Review Consultation will contribute to the formulation of evidence-based policies, strategies, and action plans for advancing the ICPD agenda in Sindh Province.

The Government of Sindh, in coordination with UNFPA, will work closely with all stakeholders in Sindh province to accelerate progress, address existing gaps, and drive positive change in the

Meeting of Pakistan Overseas Community Global (POCG) held



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LAHORE: On the direction of Chairman Overseas Community Global (POCG) Mian Tariq, a meeting of Pakistan Overseas Community Global was held at Sukh Chan Club Lahore, in which Adnan Chaudhry was elected as the President of Pakistan Overseas Community Global, Lahore. In the ceremony, Pakistan Overseas Community Global Aziz Allah Khan Punjab President, Sajjad Chatta Senior Vice President, Brand Ambassador/Film star Nisho, Former Member of Provincial Assembly Farah Deeba, Legal Advisor Muhammad Khurram, Ghaffar Sethi and other members participated. At the occasion, Brand Ambassador/ Film star Nisho presented the notification of Pakistan Overseas Community Global, Lahore to Mr. Adnan Chaudhry. On this occasion, the newly elected President Adnan Chaudhry thanked all the members of Overseas Pakistan Community Global and said that the PCOG is in contact and liaison with all institutions of Pakistan so that the problems of the overseas Pakistani community resolved on priority. He further said that all possible support and consultation will be provided to solve the problems of Pakistanis living abroad. The overseas Pakistani community is a key player in the country's economy. After the installation of the newly elected president, a dinner was also organized.

Seminar on Impact of the G20 Conference in Srinagar on the Kashmirissue

News Desk

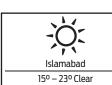
KARACHI: Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Organized a seminar on the topic of "Impact of the G20 Conference in Srinagar on the Kashmir issue" with the collaboration of Human Rights Council of Pakistan , the speakers said that India has



achieved the desired objectives by holding this conference.

Former President of the Supreme Court Bar Yaseen Azad Advocate, Sardar Nazakat of Pakistan People's Party, Khawaja Abdullah of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, Asadullah Bhutto of Jamaat-e-Islami, Sabir Abu Maruim Secretary General of Palestine Foundation, Air Commodore (retd) Humayun Waqar, Brigadier Retd, professor Dr. Ahmed Saeed Minhas, General Secretary of Millat Human Rights Ilyas Mughal, Asif Sadozai of Kashmir community, columnist writer Bashir Sadozai and others spoke. The speakers said that the international media reports suggest that the representatives who arrived in Srinagar also took a negative impression of the Indian narrative.





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Journalist Fazal Wazir was tortured by employees of DHQ Hospital

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: Journalist Fazal Khan Wazir at District Headquarter Hospital Wana, Lower South Waziristan, strongly condemned the torture and violence and demands immediate action against those involved.

In this regard, an important cabinet meeting of District Press Club Wana was held under the chairs of President Mujeeb Ur Rahman.

In which other cabinet members, Noor Ali Khan, Zardad Khan, Miraj Khalid, Qistam Ullah, Adam Khan Wazir, Zafar and journalist Waseem also participated.

On this occasion, journalists inquired about the welfare of Fazal Khan, the victim of violence in the hospital, and also inquired about the incident from the HM/MS of the hospital.

Journalist Fazal Khan who is associated with FM Snow Radio Waziristan and daily Primex. He says that I took my father for treatment but the doctors and staff were not there.

E-filing and Office Automation *System* introduced in all *Administrative* departments in South Punjab: Capt Saqib

Asim Tanveer



MULTAN: step has been taken system paperless

in the province of Punjab by connecting Civil Secretariat Lahore and South Punjab Secretariat through an integrated module. In this way, the old system of files has been abolished and e-filing and office automation system(e-FOAS) has been introduced in all administrative departments. Now all correspondence, summaries and noting will be done through e-filing, while from diaries and dispatches to record of files will be connected to the e-filing system. The e-filing method will also be adopted to monitor and evaluate the performance of the departments and officers, while the secretariat officers will be able to give remarks on the office file through the laptop during field visits and they will also be able to check the authence ity of any e-file through QR

Joint activity by the two charities

Al-Khidmat Foundation and Green Crescent Trust to work together

KARACHI: Two leading non-profits, the Al-Khidmat Foundation Pakistan and Green Crescent Trust (GCT), have agreed to work together to jointly tackle the challenge of out-of-school children and illiteracy in backward areas of Sindh and Balochistan. The agreement to this effect was reached as the chiefs of the two non-profits attended the inauguration of a combined charitable school in the underprivileged town of Winder in Balochistan. The school has been handed over to GCT by Al-Khidmat Foundation Women Wing (AKFWW). This is the second such joint activity by the two charities.

Al-Khidmat Foundation Pakistan President, Dr Hafeez ur Rehman, who was the chief guest on the occasion, said that building quality schooling facilities in Balochistan would go a long way in tackling the issues of backwardness and mass poverty in the largest province of the country.

GCT CEO, Zahid Saeed, while welcoming the idea of working together with Al-Khidmat, told the audience that his non-profit had launched similar partnerships with other concerned charities for the education of the children belonging to deprived families like as Shahid Afridi Foundation, Jamiat Taleem ul Quran, Irshad Foundation, Sindh Education Foundation and others



AKFWW Chairperson, Naveeda Anees, hoped that a charitable school in Winder would enable area people to defeat the vicious cycle of poverty by imparting quality school education to their future generations. She said the quality academic facilities in Balochistan would enable its citizens to acquire the skills they need to utilize the massive mineral resources of the province for transforming the lives of millions of underprivileged people.

President of the Al-Khidmat Balochistan chapter, Jameel Ahmed Kurd, said

the concerned charities had to work together for spreading education in the backward areas as still 2.7 million children were out of school in Balochistan. He said that around 20,000 existing schools including 13,000 government-run educational facilities in Balochistan had so far miserably failed to overcome this issue.

GCT Trustee, Saad Zia, COO, Habib Navaid, AKFWW core team members, Nasra Ilvas, Aisha Saad, Fareeda Parveen. Dr. Hussain Bano and other dignitaries also attended the event.

Poverty

ISLAMABAD: A large number of deserving people stand in long queue outside PIMS Hospital, waiting for free food distribution truck, in Federal Capital

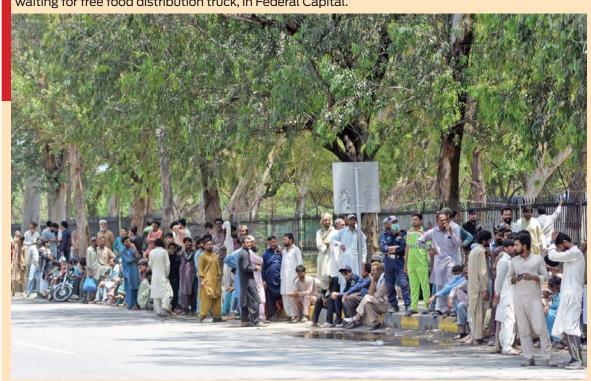


Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Trade Workers Pay Tribute to Great Pakistan Army. Chaudhary Zulfiqar

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: A rally will be held to pay tribute to the martyrs of Pakistan from the platform of SM Food Makers and Volka Food International.

On May 25, Pakistan Martyrs Day will be celebrated with enthusiasm across the country. Let's go to every martyr's house. All citizens will go out of their houses and pay tribute to the martyrs of Pakistan. In this regard, SM Food A rally has been organized from the platform of makers.

Group Chairman Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum said that today the patriots and the zealous citizens of the country will reiterate the determination that we are a self-reliant nation and can never forget the sacrifices of our martyrs, great nations remember their martyrs. Let's meet with their families in memory of the martyrs of the holy land



Nation cannot forget the sacrifices of the martyrs: Ulema Council Pakistan stands with the army

腾 Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: Cordially thanked to the sacrifices of the martyrs, we are living in peace today because of martyers.

Today, the entire nation pays tribute to the martyrs on account of saving and securing us all in all respect.

A ceremony was held at Osmania Central Jamia Masjid, Razaabad, which was presided over by Allama Tahirul-Hasan, Central Deputy General Secretary of Pakistan Ulama Council. Aminul

Haque, Maulana Umar Waqas Beg, Qari KaleemNajam, Dr. and security agencies' and Tahir, Maulana Abu Bakr Siddique, Sahibzada Hamza Tahirul Hasan and others addressed. The immense sacrifices of security martyrs countrymen as the torch is

the way.

history of Islam is full of such incidents and counterfor future generations and ing conspiracies is the urgent need of the hour He further said adding that no matter Despite the false propaganhow strong the conspiratorida of the enemies, the nation al elements are, they should cannot forget the sacrifices of be given justice with honesthe martyrs. Those who insult ty and impartiality. As per the the memorial martyrs are not requirements it will have to be brought forward in the arena patriots. The entire nation is standing against them today. of real justice.

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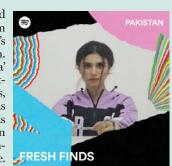
He further said that the

lutely not allowed.

He focused that the martyrs are our pride and will remain. The martyrs of Pakistan ought to be paid tribute due to the selfless sacrifices. On this occasion, the scholars of all other schools of thought also addressed and said that the entire nation will always remember the martyrs of Pakistan and the Pakistan Army. In the end, Jama Osmania and Madrasah Osmania will fail every conspiracy . Special prayers were offered for high grades of Quran reading for martyrs of Pakistan.

Nehaal Naseem is Spotify's latest success of Fresh Finds

ISLAMABAD: The 17-year-old budding vocalist, Nehaal Naseem is the latest discovery of Spotify's signature Fresh Finds Pakistan. With her debut track 'Begadra' continuously appearing on Spotify Charts for the past 12 weeks, topping at no. 4, Nehaal, who was also the top artist of Fresh Finds PK in February, has joined an ever-growing list of up-and-coming musicians from the local scene.



After Abdul Hannan and Aleemrk, two of Pakistan's freshest music sensations, Nehaal is the latest musician who has grabbed attention emerging from Fresh Finds PK, a fact highlighted by a staggering 2852% growth in her month-

"Having joined Fresh Finds on February 13th with her melancholic song 'Beqadra', Nehaal has already accumulated over 2 million streams and counting. With Fresh Finds, we aim to discover voices that have potential and just need that extra push. Like other Fresh Finds discoveries, we supported Nehaal on various playlists. The track has also been curated in major playlists like Pakka Hit Hai, Pakistani Pop, Hot Hits Pakistan, Desi Indie, to name a few"- said Rutaba Yaqub, Spotify Senior Editor in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.

Social Champ empowers women in the Digital Space

跨 City Desk

KARACHI: Social Champ, a trailblazing digital platform, is taking a bold stance in supporting women in the digital realm and championing gender equality. Recognizing the uphill battle faced by women in the tech industry, Social Champ is determined to create an inclusive environment where women can excel and thrive.

I could not allow myself to go and speak anywhere because I'll be like, what if I say something which doesn't make sense? So I used to hide a lot, and I used to have low self-esteem to some extent.' Janet Machuka-founder of Africa Tweet Chat.

At Social Champ, gender equality is not just a buzzword; it's deeply ingrained in the fabric of the organization. The company upholds a $\,$ steadfast commitment to providing equal salaries, appraisals, promotions, and allowances to all employees, irrespective of gender. The priority is to foster a safe and nurturing workplace that ensures the long-term professional growth and stability of female team members.

 $CEO\ of\ Social\ Champ,\ Same er\ Ahmed\ Khan,\ highlighted,\ ``Women$ are natural nurturers, making them exceptional sustainable leaders. They nurture team growth and instill invaluable traits like empathy and compassion, which are instrumental in fostering cohesive teams. Women are achieving remarkable milestones in the tech space, and it is our duty to recognize and support them in reaching their full potential."

Youm-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada-e-Pakistan'observed in Wana ජ **Tank**

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: 25 May like the rest of the country, Youm-e-Takreem-E-Shuhada-e- Pakistan' observed in District Lower South Waziristan and Tank District, to pay rich tribute to the martyrs who laid their lives while protecting the motherland and its people.

Deputy Commissioner Lower South Waziristan, Mohammad Naisr, DC SWL Kashmir Khan and DC Tank Muhammad Shoib addres ing the participants at Youm-e-Takreem-e-Shuhada-e-Pakistan

Pakistan Army and security institutions are the nation's red line and unnecessary criticism of the institutions of Pakistan's integrity hurts the heart of the nation

The rally was attended by Assistant Commissioner Wana, Deputy District Education Officer and officials of various departments, including Trade Union, School students and tribal elders participated in a large number.

The speakers paid rich tribute to the Pakistan forces and security agencies for their unparalleled services and sacrifices.

The speakers further said that the nation understands that the strength of Pakistan's forces and the development, stability and prosperity of Pakistan lies in the stability of the security institutions.

Pakistani Christens Struggle with Pak Army for Bright and Strong Pakistan: Bishop Yusuf Sohan



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Catholic Bishop of Multan Bishop Yusuf Sohan has said that Pakistan Army is our protector who are sacrificing their lives today for our better future. while leading the rally from the Catholic Church Bishop House to Do Talwar Cantt to express solidarity with the Pakistan Army, he asked the participants whether the Executive Director of Catholic Davis Multan Samuel Clement and others were also present on this occasion. While doing this, he has further said that the nation will never forgive those who make conspiracies against the Pakistan Army and the country and the nation. The children of Pakistan are with the Pakistan Army

PTI leaders join PPP: says Yousaf Raza Gillani

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Former Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani's residence Gilani House led by former Federal Minister Syed Tanveer ul Hasan Gilani, Makhdoom Syed Abul



Hasan Gilani, Sajjada Nasheen of Khanqah Hazrat Musa Pak Shaheed. PTI leaders Malik Abid Thahim, Malik Rizwan Thahim. In a meeting with Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, he said goodbye to PTI and announced to join the People's Party. It is the People's Party that is working day and night for the development, prosperity and security of the country and the nation.

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Discussion on Chinese governance model

he experts at an international seminar on Tuesday discussed the Chinese governance model, reforms, global developments advancing the concept of a Community with Shared future, dialogue of civilization, and socio-economic transformation under Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and most specifically China – Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPÈC).

The seminar was jointly organized by School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) in collaboration with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan, said a news release issued by the em-

The conference started with a welcoming note from Director of SPIR, Prof. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal.

It was followed by the opening remarks of Khalid Taimur Akram, who is an Executive Director of PRCCSF, who presented a copy of the book Governance of China, authored by Chinese President Xi

Welcome remarks from the Chinese delegates were given by Professor Li Huailing, who is a Dean of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future, Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing, China.

He emphasized explaining how China is a driving force for economic development in the region and connecting the world. Dr. Jaspal then presented his talk on China's contemporary global world order, explaining how Great Powers rejuvenated the alliances and China's role in establishing peace and harmony between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Moreover, he explained how China is hammering Geoeconomics rather than geostrategic factors through its Chinese investments in Pakistan and the region, and projects like the CPEC are a source of immense value for Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the other states in the region. In such circumstances, we must determine how to harness cooperation dividends for our economic prosperity.

Dr. Dou Yulei, Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, Communication University of China (CUC), through the virtual address, shed light on President Xi Jinping's perspective of a community with a shared future and the concept of dialogue among civilizations, considering that. Professor Wang Sixin, Deputy Dean of the ICSF, Communication University of China, talked about China Global Development Initiative and the way forward for the International Community and enlightened the audience on how the Chinese government is making efforts as a peace broker by creating economic linkages, binding the nations together.

Salman Ali Bittani, Lecturer at the School of Politics and IR, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and currently a Ph.D. candidate in China, explained the role of soft power in projecting the image of a state.

He explained cultural cooperation as a tool for soft-power projection with a case study of China and Pakistan. Later, a concise speech by Mr. Saifullah Danishwar from the University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, elucidated how BRI is seen as a tool for connecting partner countries: Ms. Liu Bei, a Ph.D. Scholar from the Institute for International and Area Studies (IIAS), Tsinghua University, Beijing chronicled the role of media in generating and increasing narratives regarding the efficiency of the BRI in connectivity and explained how media from both states, Pakistan and China could help to foster peace and harmony.

The seminar concluded with a question and answer session in which participants from both Pakistan and China exchanged keenness and enthusiasm. The Seminar was attended by the faculty members of SPIR, PRCCSF researchers, Chinese Embassy officials, print and electronic media reporters and nearly 100 hundred undergrade and post grade students.

Preserving historical heritage vital to promote tourism, bolster economy

Tooba Khan

eing a gateway to the subcontinent, having nearly 3,000 vears old primitive history and home to Ghandara civilization, Peshawar has always been the centre of attraction for invaders, traders and tourists.

Before marching to united India, the Kings of various dynasties and wealthy families had constructed forts, havelis and banglows at Peshawar to strengthen their grip over the region and earn maximum capital.

However, with the passage of time, these historic sites of Mughal, British and Sikh eras started losing their grandeur due to lack of patronage, changing weather patterns and financial interests.

Khan Klub is one of such Mughal era buildings which is losing its eye-catching ancient architecture and rare wood work after it was converted into flour godowns and general stores for monetary gains.

Situated near historic Chowk Yadgar, the Khan Klub's four storey building built on five marla land in year 1800 by Mughals was currently in shambles with no facilities for tourists and art lovers for which it was once famous for. The visitors would be disappointed after seeing the deteriorating boutique style building with dust of flour, fodder and other daily use material.

Bakhtzada Khan, senior research officer, Archaeology and Museum Department KP told APP that Khan Klub was

converted into a hotel by the Peshawar born Inayataullah Khan supported by an Irish American Martain Jay Davis in 1995, which, in a short span of time attracted tourists from across the world due to its unique wood artwork and peaceful envi-

Besides the cultural programs, he said tourists used to enjoy local traditional music and taste varieties of mouthwatering foods with lemon grass tea at historic Qissa Khwani where international merchants would stay for night and exchange stories about each others' culture, language and heritage and then return back to Khan Klub.

"In the Klub, there was a Mughal era restaurant where the tourists sat on pillows and enjoyed the traditional music on Rabab, Sattar and Tablas in its soothing environment, leaving inerasable imprints on visitors' minds," Faud Ishaq, former President, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said while talking to APP, adding it was time to conserve this historic Haveli type building before it become history.

In a kilometer distance from Khan Klub, there located Sethi House at Mohallah Sethian constructed during British era, which also attracts tourists due to its rare woodwork and architecture designs.

Inspired by Muslims and Vernacular architecture of Bokhara Uzbakistan, Sethi Karim Bakhash who was associated with international trade and business especially with Central Asians States, had

on 33 marlas having three portion including basement, courtyard and first floor.

"Sethi House is the identity of Peshawar and it was required to preserve this architectural wonder," said Manzoorul Haq, former ambassador of Pakistan while talking to APP. "I am very impressed by its modern day green architecture, its perfectly built ventilating structures and unique architectural airy designs which are hardly found in the world," he said.

In countries around the world, Manzoorul Haq said the governments earn hefty amounts from such architectural buildings and heritage tourism, adding Pakistan being home to Gandhara and Indus civilizations, with plenty of UNES-CO heritage sites, could bring massive economic laurels if proper care was given and these sites were showcased to world through digital media.

"If it was the responsibility of government departments to protect and preserve such ancient heritage sites, equal responsibilities lies on public and civil society to share videos and clips of Pakistan's heritage like Peshawar Museums, Gor Kathri, Takht Bhai, Taxile, Swat and Mohenjo Dharo on social platforms," he empha-

To promote archaeology and religious tourism, he suggested for creation of 3D models of various sites of Indus and Gandhara civilizations.

Manzooor, who served as Pakistan's diplomat at Cairo and Riyadh, further said fictional and feature stories could

a historic building in Peshawar that was constructed this historic building in 1886 be created to produce dramas and films on Gandhara and Indus civilizations as western world had filmed stories around Egyptian civilization in various movies such as Indiana Jones and the Mummy.

Keeping in view the historical importance of Sethi House, Bakhtzada said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government had converted it into a full fledge museum after its conservation was done under the cultural heritage trial project Peshawar.

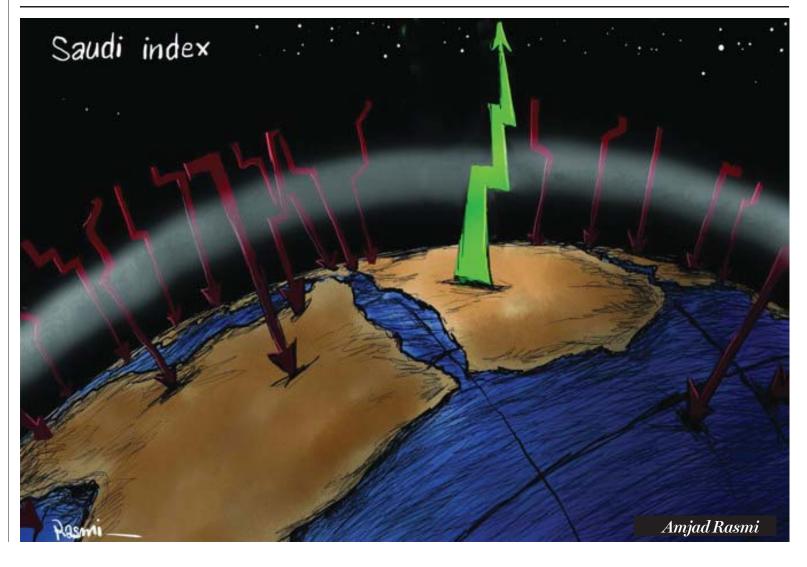
Under the project, he said about 5000 meters long trail from ancient Ghanta Ghar to Gor Kathri had been renovated which included 85 heritage buildings of Mughals, Brtish and Sikh era.

Ali Mardan Khan valley in Peshawar cantonment built during colonial era has been renovated besides ancient inns of Mughal era at Gor Kathri Peshawar City.

Besides completion of preservation of the historic Peshawar Museum constructed during British era housing over 30,000 rare artifacts and life story of Lordh Buddha, he said conservation of the historic Mohaband Khan mosque was underway with an estimated cost of Rs160 million.

Besides preservations, he said the amount would be used on its beautification, decoration and lighting system to magnify its look at night on the pattern of Peshawar Museum.

Bakhtzada informed that international conservation experts would be hired to complete conservation work of the historic mosque as per international standards



Brain Drain and Bright Stars of Pakistan

Shoaib Aijaz / Amna Khan

rain Drain is the movement of people with high levels of talent and skill from their nation of origin to another country in pursuit of job opportunities and better living conditions. For many years, Pakistan has been suffering from a brain drain, in which a sizable number of highly talented and skilled people have been emigrating to other countries.

The phrases "bright stars" and "brain drain" are related since the former describes the intelligent and skilled people who are emigrating from Pakistan in pursuit of better chances, which causes the brain drain phenomena.

For many years, Pakistan has struggled with the problem of brain drain, when many of the most talented and brightest citizens leave the nation in search of better prospects overseas. Pakistan's progress and development are greatly hampered by this tendency as the nation loses its top talent, creating a dearth of qualified workers in crucial industries like healthcare, education, and engineering.

The brain drain of skilled individuals from Pakistan to other Asian countries is attributed to several factors, such as job opportunities in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Malaysia, China, and Middle East countries. This has led to a loss of valuable human capital and

as healthcare, education, engineering, and technology, and lead to a loss of innovation, creativity, and potential economic growth.

drain, with an estimated 5,000 highly qualified workers leaving the nation each year, according to research by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the bulk of competent individuals who emigrated from Pakistan go to industrialized nations like the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

According to the Bureau of Emigration and overseas employment, there are more than 760000 people left Pakistan.

According to an article of Pakistan Today in March 2023, a nation's ability to advance is hampered by the loss of professors, researchers, engineers, doctors, and engineers. For instance, between 1971 and the present, for various reasons, 29,939 medical professionals, 11,968 nurses, 5791 chemists, 87,869 engineers, 66,093 accountants, and 230,639 painters/artists have left

The causes of Pakistan's brain drain are numerous and intricate. Lack of employment possibilities and poor growth prospects, especially for those with the aptitude and talent to achieve, are among the main causes. Political unrest, a poor economy, and restricted access to cutting-edge technology are further contributing reasons.

and creativity are crucial for a nation's

talent, which can impact sectors such development and advancement, the effects of brain drain on Pakistan are serious. Additionally, it sets up a vicious cycle where a lack of chances results in a brain drain, which in turn Pakistan has seen a massive brain aggravates the issue of constrained growth prospects and makes the issue

> Pakistan Institute of development economicshasservalresearch studies addressing that people don't want to live in Pakistan. The younger age group doesn't want to live in Pakistan mainly males due to economic reasons. In Pakistan above 30% of youth is unemployed and above 66% of youth want to leave Pakistan. Another interesting research of (PIDE) is Pakistani senior citizens want to leave Pakistan because their children are living abroad and they want to live with them.

> The government of Pakistan must take broad steps to enhance the nation's political and economic stability, increase employment possibilities, offer high-quality education and training, and foster a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship to solve the problem of brain drain. The government should also provide incentives and possibilities to retain highly qualified people and motivate them to support the growth of the nation. By doing this, Pakistan can keep its brightest stars and use their abilities to advance its development.

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The World's Justice System Vs Pakistan Justice System - II

Kiran Asim

estroy Sargodha Martyrs Memorial, Supreme Court of Islamabad in broad daylight after burn Peshawar Radio Station, Swat Foll Plaza and Rangers Checkpoint in Karachi and attack ISI office in Faisalabad and also burn properties, vehicles and shops of common people? Isn't it true that they were given this encouragement by Nizam Adl, they knew that we will not be caught and if we are caught, the judge will release us on bail and if this is not possible then Imran Khan will come to power. ambulance? Believe me, until we decide this, the They will also pardon us and give us MPA and MNA tickets, but they continued to move forward and we have to believe that their thinking

was not wrong The mastermind behind the May 9 terrorist attacks in Pakistan and the hidden characters of May 9 will have to be exposed when the Army installations. Jinnah House GHQ. Those responsible for the attack on ISE and Radio Pakistan Peshawar in Faisalabad, who were behind the scenes and secretly organized the whole plan, should be brought to

justice, should they be related to any political group or government institution of Pakistan. Until the real characters of the terrorism that happened on May 9 are exposed and these characters are not brought to justice, then the May 9 incidents in Pakistan cannot be stopped. To expose the events of 9th May and to give severe punishment to the masterminds so that justice prevails in Pakistan.

When the state forgave the invasion of TLP, when the state forgot by burying the dead bodies of six policemen, then why did PTI not dare to do this,

why did it not move forward? When we consider the common man's loss as a common man's loss and we also give free food, free electricity and free bed to accused and criminals in jails, then why should people not burn other people's properties and assets. When the judiciary of Pakistan attacked the

not getting a favorable decision on the instructions of Nawaz Sharif, and during the attack on the Supreme Court, the judges of the Supreme Court fled to a safe place to save their lives.

So there will be massacre of justice in Pakistan. When the state condones the killing of policemen, then why don't people kill DIG rank officers, why don't they set police vans on fire and burn Edhi's state will break the hands of those who touch the uniform and anyone who attacked any state or civil-

ian property will have to work hard for the rest of his life.

And even in prison, the criminal will not get free food, electricity, gas and bed, he will have to work twelve hours and no one can escape from the eyes of the state after the crime, even if the state like Piran Dutta. Had to search for twenty years, she will find him and then punish him, then let's see who burns Edhi's ambulance or corps commander's house or

common citizen's motorcycle?

Even in 1971, Mukti Bahini did not burn the house of any corps commander, but the incident in Lahore has given a call to our defense system in the whole world and the world is asking if we could not save the corps commander from our own people, then we will tomorrow. How to protect your nuclear bomb from aliens? So, if we want to save both our honor and the system, then prove it once. People can attack government and non-government properties once, but they cannot survive after the attack, even if the state digs them out from the grave. Even if he has to spend all his wealth and all his army for it, this country will survive again, then it will survive, otherwise you should now recite the Fatiha of both you and the country.

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U.S.-Japan-South Korea Information Sharing under Fire

PYONGYANG: Kang Jin Song, an international affairs analyst. released the following article under the title "The establishment of the U.S.-Japansouth Korea tripartite informatripartite sharing of crisis" on

The U.S., Japanese and south Korean chief executives met in Hiroshima on May 21 to discuss new sinister measures for tightening their military cooperation, talking about the DPRK's "threat and provocation".

In the "brief talks" that took only less than two minutes, the hostile forces discussed the tripartite security cooperation such as "the real-time sharing of north Korean missile alert information."

It is a well-known fact that nine years ago the U.S. cooked up the Tripartite Information Sharing Agreement (TISA) by pressurizing Japan and south Korea, thus officially instituting the triangular cooperation in the military field for the first time.

The U.S. has given top priority to the sharing of military information on the DPRK in strengthening the tripartite military cooperation and has steadily pushed forward with it. Recently, it has

underpinned behind the scene the restoration of the Japansouth Korea General Security of Military Intelligence Agreement (GSOMIA) which was on the verge of abrogation.

However, it is impossible to ensure the real-time tracking tion-sharing system will lead to of movements of the strategic rivals in Northeast Asia with TISA, which allows the sharing of information only via the U.S, and with GSOMIA, which allows only requested exchange of information. This is a trouble of the U.S.

The U.S., for this reason, seeks to connect the command and control systems of the U.S. forces in Japan, the U.S. forces in south Korea, the "Self-Defense Forces" of Japan and the south Korean forces to its Indo-Pacific Command and thus build a system for real-time sharing of military information.

The U.S., Japanese and south Korean chief executives were committed to the real-time sharing of missile alert information in Phnom-Penh of Cambodia in November last year and recently reaffirmed it again. This goes to prove that the project for establishing a tripartite information sharing system is being pushed forward at the final stage.

Recently floating is the rumor that the U.S., Japanese and south

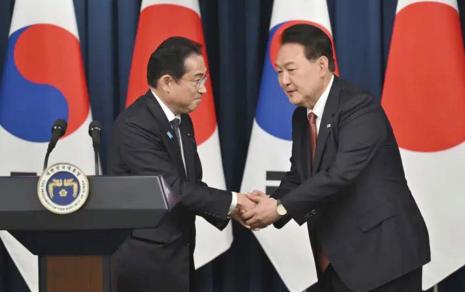
Korean defense authorities would finally conclude an agreement on tripartite information sharing on the occasion of the Shangri-La Dialogue to be held in early June. This is not fortuitous.

What is the aim sought by the U.S. in pushing forward with the establishment of the tripartite information sharing system with Japan and south Korea on a top priority basis?

In recent years the U.S. has lavished its investment on forming the triangular military alliance between the U.S., Japan and south Korea, an "Asian version of NATO", in Northeast Asia which is of core military strategic significance in carrying out its Indo-Pacific strategy.

The ever more frequent deployment of the U.S. strategic assets in Northeast Asia and the U.S.-Japan-south Korea joint military exercises are taking place at the level of the military alliance.

In particular, the U.S. president called the south Korean chief executive to the White House in April to declare the establishment of the "nuclear consultative group" and even Japan is planning to take part in it. This proves that the triangular military cooperation between the U.S., Japan and south Korea will soon be shaped into a NATO-style nuclear



cooperation alliance.

Furthermore, such new function as real-time tripartite sharing of information will be added to the cooperation, which means the emergence of the actual U.S.-Japan-south Korea military alliance with the single nerve centre in Northeast Asia.

The master and its stooges, hell-bent on pursuing hegemony, overseas expansion and confrontation with the DPRK, work hard to acquire integrated mili-

tary information images without any blind spot in the Asia-Pacific region including Northeast Asia. It is as clear as noonday for what purposes they will be used.

Military and political blocs of exclusive and confrontational nature such as AUKUS, Five Eyes and QUAD, the products of the U.S. ill-minded divisive military and foreign policy, are now located more densely in the Asia-Pacific region than any other regions, exposing peace and secu-

rity of mankind to grave threats. Another military alliance is to appear in the region where the confrontation between powers is escalating. This further stirs up the international community's uneasiness and concern.

Moreover, the military bloc with such extremely dangerous a new variable called the triparperfect multiple functions as tite information sharing system NATO-style multi-party nuclear cooperation and real-time sharing of military information will sharing, will turn out as a funcappear just in Northeast Asia. tional value.

This is heightening the vigilance of regional countries including the DPRK to the maximum.

The U.S. vicious scenario for confrontation is the most serious threat to global peace and security as it seeks to invent a "pretext" for fabricating the U.S.-Japan-south Korea military bloc by violating the inviolable security of the DPRK and to secure its military edge in the Asia-Pacific region by cooking up the "Asian-version NATO."

The DPRK and the righteous international community will never tolerate the antipeace grouping by the U.S. and its followers but frustrate the hostile forces' wrong choice step by step with powerful strength.

The U.S. and its followers will get more and more exposed to security crisis facilitating its final ruin for its frantic moves to tighten their military alliance against the DPRK and expand the war drills for aggression. This is an equation characterizing the present dynamic structure of the Korean Peninsula.

If the U.S. and its stooges add to this invariable equation, crisis sharing, instead of information

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Jamaat-e-Islami Siraj-ul-Haq addressing a rally in Federal Capital.



Dun & Bradstreet Empowers the Fight Against Financial Crime in Pakistan

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Pakistan Private Limited concluded its first event series titled "Pakistan Assemble- United Against Financial Crime" at the Pearl Continental Karachi. The size the significance and sensitivity of compliance and risk management in the ongoing battle against financial crime.

D&B, the world's oldest database and risk management company, organized the event as a knowledge-sharing initiative to raise awareness and foster collaboration among key stakeholders in the fight against financial crime. With a legacy spanning over 180 years, D&B has been delivering business, credit, and compliance Information globally,

including in Pakistan.

The discussions centered around the critical role of compliance and risk management in detecting and preventing financial crime, including money laundering, fraud, corruption, and terrorist financing. Participants also event served as a platform to empha- explored the importance of data-driven decision-making, the use of advanced analytics and artificial intelligence, and the implementation of robust compliance frameworks.

D&B's "Pakistan Assemble- United Against Financial Crime" event successfully highlighted the urgency of combating financial crime and emphasized the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to strengthen the integrity of Pakistan's financial systems.

The event witnessed an overwhelm-

ing response from distinguished executives, industry experts, government officials, and representatives from various organizations. Attendees gathered to share insights, exchange best practices, and address the challenges posed by financial crime, aiming to strengthen the collective defense against illicit

Niran Rehman, Chief Business Officer at Dun & Bradstreet Pakistan Private Limited, expressed his gratitude for the remarkable turnout and participation. He said, "We are delighted to have successfully organized the 'Pakistan Assemble- United Against Financial Crime' event and to have gathered such an esteemed group of individuals who share our commitment to combatting financial crime. It was a privilege to

facilitate meaningful discussions and explore innovative strategies to protect our financial systems."

The event featured keynote speeches by prominent industry leaders who provided valuable insights into the latest trends, regulatory developments, and emerging compliance and risk management technologies. Panel discussions, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities fostered engagement and collaboration among attendees.

D&B Pakistan is part of the Dun & Bradstreet Worldwide Network. Dun & Bradstreet, a leading global provider of business decisioning data and analytics, enables companies worldwide to improve their business performance. Dun & Bradstreet's solutions and business intelligence generate insights

Future climate change risks of floods or droughts major threat: WB Support Mission



Example 2 Zainab Hyder

KARACHI: The World Bank Support Mission has called for better coping with future climate change threats among floods and droughts in the parts of country should be a top priority.

Experts from the World Bank a weaklong visits in the far flund areas Sindh here on Thursday, they disclosed that Pakistan facing hard climate change-induced disasters including floods, droughts

and heatwaves in Sindh province a worst hit since. World Bank experts have further said Pakistan is heavily affected due to climate change and the climate resilient infrastructure in Sindh that affected by 2010 and 2022 floods. During 2022 the flash floods originated in Balochistan caused havoc in the right Bank of Sindh and mainly three districts Dadu, Qambar Shahdad Kot and Jamshoro.

World Bank support mission led by Task Team leader Ahsan Tehsin for Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project and members, Tiziana Smith, Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, Mishka Zaman, Sana Ahmed, Farha Yaminn Khan, Ms Nihan Rafiq, Ms Amna Memon, Shams ul Haq Jafrani, Aijaz Shaikh, Shahid Suhail, attended the technical briefing of strengthening and raising works at FP-Flood Protective Embankment, damaged in 2022 by flash flood at Hamal lake in Fareedabad town in Dadu district.

Shams ul Haq Jafrani mission member of the World Bank told while technical briefing at RD 423 of FP Bund". "World Bank through the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project has supporting Sindh through irrigation to rehabilitate and strengthening damaged irrigation and drainage infra structure""said Shams ul Haq Jafrani".

The strengthening raising work of Flood Protective Embankment have been started to protect the big towns and barrage area of Sindh from flood water of Balochistan" Aijaz Shaikh irrigation expert of World Bank told in briefing".

"Following the experiences of flood 2022, the level of 4 feet embankment of Flood Protective bund is being raised with stone pitching"" Said Aijaz Shaikh".

In monsoon 2022, Sindh witnessed extreme rain fall and torrential rains on the Kheer Hills resulting in massive flooding in the Province this inundated Kashmore, Qambar Shahdad Kot, Larkana ,Dadu and Jamshoro and other big populated areas" "Ali Tauqeer Shaikh Climate Change Expert World Bank told on that occasion".

"Sindh being the most vulnerable province due to climate change effects is prone to such are even higher intensity events in the future "Ali Tauqeer Shaikh '

The project will improve the flood protection infra structure, irrigation and drainage network and construct new small flood detention dams to reduce the damages caused by flash floods" "said Nasir Ali Panhwar social safe guard and environment specialist Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project".

General (R) Moinuddin Haider elected as the new Speaker of Shura Hamdard

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: A meeting of Shura Hamdard Karachi commenced yesterday at the Hamdard Corporate Head Office, focusing on the topic of 'Respect the Constitution'. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Sadia Rashid, the National President of Shura Hamdard. Former Justice (R) Barrister Khawaja Navaid Ahmed was invited to deliver a speech.

Ms. Sadia Rashid in her opening remarks highlighted the of Shura Hamdard by the late Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said, with the aim of fostering intellectual growth and development within the nation. This gathering marked the first event following the passing of the being and unwavering dedication

esteemed former Speaker, Justice (R) Haziq-ul-Khairi, Additionally, Ms. Sadia Rashid announced that the former Governor of Sindh, General (Rtd) Moinuddin Haider has been elected as the new Speaker by the Shura members, following a process of thoughtful deliberation.

Speaker General (Rtd) Moinuddin Haider expressed his gratitude for being chosen to hold this esteemed position. He fondly recalled his experiences with the late Shaheed Hakim Mohammed significance of the establishment Said, a truly remarkable figure and an embodiment of an ideal Pakistani personality. Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said served as a practical example of how a Pakistani nation should be. He displayed genuine compassion as a human Regarding the topic at hand,

Speaker General (Rtd) Moinuddin Haider emphasized the criticality of the constitution and the rule of law within a state. He highlighted that the absence or lack of control over these fundamental pillars gives rise to a multitude of social, linguistic, economic, and religious challenges. The constitution and law serve as binding forces, unifying all components of the state.

Barris-Justice Retired ter Khawaja Naveed Ahmed, stressed that when the ruling class or the broader society holds the law in high regard, it signifies the well-being of that society as a whole. The moral conduct exhibited by those in positions of power has a profound impact on

the entire social fabric. Conversely, any form of disregard for the laws and the judiciary gradually fosters an atmosphere of fearlessness and perilousness among the populace. This leads to a dangerous trend where individuals feel entitled to take the law into their own hands and openly flout its mandates. Regrettably, the act of breaking the law, regardless of scale or social standing, has become ingrained in the collective mindset of our

Zafar Iqbal said the implementation of the constitution rests upon the educated segment of society, facilitated by state institutions specifically established to ensure the comprehensive enforcement of the law. It is imperative that the institutions remain dedicated to their



intended purpose and must not an and advocate of the oppressed, be utilized by influential people for personal gain, as such practices undermine the effectiveness of constitutional governance. The Constitution, being the guardi-

assumes the crucial role of safeguarding their rights and amplifying their voices.

Prof. Dr. Tanveer Khalid, Col (r) Mukhtar Ahmed Butt, Nusrat

Sarfaraz, Musarat Akram, Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan, Dr. Amjad Jafri, Usman Damohi, Prof. Dr. Shaheen Habib, Shehla Ahmed, Huma Baig and Dr. AbuBakr Shaikh also spoke on the occasion.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index	Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index					
Current	Prev. Close				
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Day's High	Day's Low:				
41,219.02	40,956.87				
Index Value	Change				
3,456,834,693	-87.65				
Percentage	Time				
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Open Market Forex Rates

Time

25 May, 3:15 pm

GMT+9

Percentage

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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	201	203
Bahrain Dinar	762.21	770.21
Canadian Dollar	225	227
China Yuan	40.74	41.14
Danish Krone	41.39	41.79
Euro	328	331
Hong Kong Dollar	36.6	36.95
Indian Rupee	3.47	3.58
Japanese Yen	2.15	2.2
Kuwaiti Dinar	932.2	941.2
Malaysian Ringgit	62.42	63.02
NewZealand \$	176.98	178.98
Norwegians Krone	26.14	26.44
Omani Riyal	744.58	752.58
Qatari Riyal	78.73	79.43
Saudi Riyal	81.9	82.7
Singapore Dollar	215	217
Swedish Korona	26.73	27.03
Swiss Franc	316.34	318.84
Thai Bhat	8.28	8.43
U.A.E Dirham	83.9	84.7
UK Pound Sterling	379	382.5
US Dollar	309	312

Sugar prices rising due to unabated shipments

跨 T Khattak

ISLAMABAD: President of Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) Dr. Murtaza Mughal on Thursday said the price of sugar is increasing across the country due to the continuous exports. The unabated exports allowed to please sugar barons are affecting the people as it is increasing overall inflation, he said.

Till April, two hundred and twelve thousand tons of sugar have been exported, while this process continues without interruption during the month of May, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President of PEW.

The interests of the masses have been compromised by allowing the export of sugar in such huge quantities, he added.

Sugar was not exported in the fiscal year 2022, but the current govt allowed the export of sugar in the fiscal year 2023 despite the record inflation, the prices of which started increasing in the local market.

In the month of February, more than 42 thousand tons of sugar were exported, in March, about 130 thousand tons of sugar were exported, while in April, more than 40 thousand tons of sugar were exported, which increased the price of sugar up to fifty rupees per kg.

Pakistan is our red line

Strong army guarantee of security and unity of any country: Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Former Special Assistant to the Prime Minister and senior leader of Muslim League-N Hanif Abbasi has said that there is no political leader red line for us. Rather, Pakistan and the Pakistan Army are our red line; whoever crosses it will have to face the consequences.A strong army is the guarantee of security and unity of any country, the incident of May 9 is no less than a conspiracy against our security.

He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony organized in Islamabad Chamber of Commerce in connection with Martyrs' Day. Islamabad Chamber President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, Chairman Founder Group Khalid Igbal Malik, Small Chamber President qazi Ilyas also addressed the ceremony.Senator General Abdul Qayyum, former president Ijaz Abbasi, Mian Akram Farid, senior vice president of the chamber Faad Waheed, executive members, business community of Salamabad. business leaders, market representatives and a large number of citizens participated in the



the development and prosperity of the nation is the country is an intolerable crime. incomplete without the sacrifices of the martyrs.

that the martyrs of Pakistan are our pride and of martyrs, ghazis and soldiers who fought for

Addressing the ceremony, President Islam-Thanks to martyrs and Ghazis, the cities and abad Chamber Ahsan Zafar Bakhtavari said a rally was taken out to express solidarity with Addressing the ceremony, Hanif Abbasi said villages of Pakistan feel peace the desecration that Pakistan Army is our red line The entire the Pakistan forces and the martyrs of Pakistan.

business community stands with Army Chief General Asim Munir and the Pakistan Army. Our heads have bowed in shame since the May 9 incident. Our eternal enemy tried to start a civil war, but the political and military leadership foiled this plot with strategy and wisdom. We will sacrifice our lives but we will not bow down to the enemy. Our nuclear assets are in safe hands due to the strong forces of Pakistan.

Addressing the event, Secretary General of United Nations Group Zafar Bakhtawari, Chairman Founder Group Khalid Iqbal Malik and President of Small Chamber Qazi Ilyas have paid tribute to the martyrs of Pakistan and said that burning national and military property would be in the category of treason. The miscreants involved in these incidents should be booked under the Army Act.

At the end of the ceremony, a resolution was approved to build a memorial to martyrs of Pakistan in Islamabad. The memorial will be built by the Islamabad Chamber. After the ceremony, under the leadership of President of Islamabad Chamber, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtavari,

Meeting with Governor Sindh

KARACHI: A delegation of United Business Group (UBG) including S M Tanveer ,Zafar Bakhtawari, Sheikh Khalid Tawab, Amir Atta Bajwa, Malik Sohail Hussain, Pir Nazim Shah,and Ahmed Tawab met with Governor Sindh Kamran khan Tessori yesterday at Governor House and discuss the issues of Business Community of Pakistan.



Coca-Cola and other beverages companies appeal for an end to unprecedented FED

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The aerated beverage industry has reported a drop of 35%-40% in volume since the imposition of another 7% Federal Excise Duty [FED] in the February 2023 minibudget. This has brought the total FED on the industry to an unsustainable 20%. This is an increment of over 50% from 13% to 20% and adversely impacts all the manufacturing companies down the chain — an expected job loss in the thousands. If these regulatory challenges persist, partners could be forced to consider factory shutdowns. These plant closures will exacerbate the loss of corporate and income revenue for the government Between H1 FY22-H1 FY23 - an estimated annual loss of the beverage industry alone PKR 6-8 Billion in terms of has shrunk from 5% to nega FED collection.

The Pakistan beverage industry is among the highest taxed in the world, with 20% FED above and beyond the average food and beverage industry levy. Yet, in the times of a Forex shortage, the aerated beverage industry has led investment, bringing in an estimated \$200 million to help improve the Forex Reserves of the country. However, due to their recent measures, the government has now dropped its revenue collections from this industry and stands negatively impacted.

Based on existing data published in the 2022-2023 Half Year Report of the State Bank Board of Directors, negative growth across several sectors has been recorded. tive (-) 8.3%.

SECP and AAOIFI all set to host the inaugural Islamic Capital Markets moot

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) will be hosting the inaugural conference on Islamic Capital Markets (ICM), in Islamabad on Monday, May 29, 2023. The theme of the conference is "ICM development with ecosystem completion: innovation, growth, and transformation".

SECP Chairman Akif Saeed, while addressing the media said that SECP is committed to fostering an inclusive and vibrant financial system that adheres to the principles of Shariah. He was apprising journalists on the agenda and the overall goals of the conference. He said, "Collaborative efforts between SECP and various stakeholders have been instrumental in driving



Islamic finance, and aligning best practices with global standards," adding, "the conference will bring local and international stakeholders together to discuss key issues and opportunities within the Islamic finance industry".

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Mr. Ishaq Dar, address the conference. Chairman AAOIFI Board of bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minis-

the growth and development of ter of State for Reforms Mr. Ashfaq Tola, Governor State Bank of Pakistan Mr. Jameel Ahmad, Chairman Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Mr. Akif Saeed and Islamic Finance Department's

Moreover, policymakers and trustees H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim experts of the global Islamic financial services industry

Commissioner at SECP Mr.

Abdul Rehman Warraich will

from Bahrain, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, UAE and UK are expected to participate in the conference. The conference has received an overwhelming response from leading industry players of the capital market, mutual fund industry, non-banking financial sector,

and the takaful industry. SECP is geared at ensuring the integrity, transparency, and stability of Islamic financial institutions and transactions. To strengthen the legal and regulatory framework for Islamic Finance, SECP has constituted an apex committee on Islamic finance to provide strategic guidance regarding the implementation of Federal Shariah Court's (FSC) judgement on Riba. SECP has also issued diagnostic report to identify key issues and challenges in Islamic finance and develop a cohesive action plan to address them.

Pakistan becoming an industrial graveyard

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Thursday said Pakistan has become a heaven for the property sector investors.

The present policies are transforming the country into a graveyard for industries therefore capital should be directed towards the industrial sector in the upcoming budget, he said.

Shahid Rasheed Butt said in a statement issued here today that Pakistan can never progress unless the investors continue to prefer non-productive sectors over productive sectors.

Continued patronage of the property sector will gradually shrink the industrial sector and will bankrupt the country, he said, adding that



profits in the non-productive sectors should be reduced to save industries from closure.

The business leader said that Pakistan is at the forefront in spending more of its income among all the countries in the region that's why its economy is in the worst condition and the whole world is sure that it will soon bankrupt.

Until a few decades ago, the economy of Pakistan was better than all the countries in the region, but now the situation has become the opposite and no country or institution is ready to give credit to a sinking country, he added.

Huawei joins Cyber security thought leaders across the Middle East and Central Asia

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Huawei Middle East and Central Asia joined a high-level media roundtable on day two of the GSMA M360 EURASIA 2023 conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, to discuss the latest telecom cybersecurity trends. innovations, and contribute methods to tackle the associated threats among industry actors together. The open discussion aimed at aligning strategic priorities for the region, deepening engagement and steering collaborative efforts in the industry to advance collective action for cyber stability in the telecom industry.

more secure and resilient telecom networks to efficiently support the future digital economy," participants in the panel discussed various topics, including collaborations among network operators and their partners, suppliers and customers in defending against telecom cybersecurity, how regulators could promote local telecom industry's cybersecurity development, and the role that cybersecurity plays in safeguarding critical information infrastructure and the digital economy, among other topics.

Dr. Tural Mammadov, Director of Director of the Azerbaijan Computer Emergency Response

panel by Dr. Mohammad Khaled, Director, Business Development and Strategic projects, e& enterprise, Dr. Haitham Hilal Al Hajri, Sr. Executive - Cyber Security Projects, Oman National CERT, Dr. Elvin Balajanov, Chairman of the Board, Azerbaijan Cybersecurity Organization Association and Dr. Aloysius Cheang, Chief Security Officer, Huawei Middle East & Central Asia. However, as telecom networks

become more complex and interconnected, they become more vulnerable to cyber threats. Cybersecurity of telecoms is a critical component of national security,

Under the theme of "Build Center (CERT), was joined in the and therefore, it is essential to bring together telecom stakeholders to promote the development and optimization of telecom cybersecurity.

Dr. Tural Mammadov thanked the organizers, participants and sponsors for arranging the event in Baku while reiterating the country's commitment to the highest cybersecurity standards. "We join the international community in highlighting the risks posed by cybercrime. Dr. Mohammad Khaled said, "As an operator, securing our networks against cyber threats and creating safe digital cyberspace remains one of our most important tasks, especially as we enter a new era of connectivity and cognitive technologies.

Dr. Haitham Hilal Al Hajri said, Today, the progression towards an interconnected cyber world has become a reality. Unfortunately, this has increased the threats from malicious actors and protecting our digital assets is a concern for all countries.

are proud to host our partners and friends here in Azerbaijan as we address the cyber risks that threaten the health of our networks and, by extension, our socioeconomic growth. Safeguarding our critical information infrastructure is a key government priority in Azerbaijan as these critical systems possess



pose significant harm to the interests of the state, society, and citizens.

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Dr. Aloysius Cheang said, "We need to consider how to meet the increasingly strict compliance the one hand and how to provide secure and trustworthy products ance system is one of Huawei's key and services that fulfill our commit-

Global standards, internation-

ally agreed processes and industry best practices are critical in addressing cyber threats effectively. As such, building and implementing requirements of regulators on an end-to-end global cybersecurity and privacy protection assur-

Junior champ Ahsan Ayaz Pakistan's new trailblazer in squash world: Masood Khan

跨 Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON DC: Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan has expressed confidence that junior squash champion Ahsan Ayaz will bring laurels to the country in line with the country's pride icons Jahangir Khan and Jansh-

"Ahsan Ayaz seems to have inherited that legacy and will make Pakistan proud again," the envoy said as World Junior Champion Ahsan Ayaz called on him at Chancery in Washington DC.

Receiving him warmly, Ambassador Masood Khan congratulated Ahsan Ayaz on his numerous successes including securing nine major international titles and assured him of the embas-



Khan reminisced about the golden period of Pakistan's sterling performance in squash led by international ings.

icons Jahangir Khan and Jansher Khan. Ahsan Ayaz said every title that he has won is special to him, but the closest to his heart was World Junior Champi-

onship that he won in Poland. About his priorities, Ayaz said his utmost priority right now was to keep improving his world ranking and be in

the world top 10. This, he said, would not only be a personal milestone achievement but

a feat for the entire Pakistani nation. Ayaz said he was traveling around the world and get training from inter-

national coaches. Ahsan Ayaz is a 23 years old professional squash player who has won the World Junior team Champion in

2016 after eight years for Pakistan and ranked 87th in the world in PSA rank-

Haseebullah, Imran, Omair halfcenturies keep Shaheens alive

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Half-centuries by Haseebullah, Imran Butt and Omair Bin Yousuf and three-fers from Qasim Akram and Shahnawaz Dahani helped Pakistan Shaheens beat Zimbabwe Select by 177 runs in the fifth one-day of the sixth-match series at the Harare Sports Club in Harare.

This was Shaheens' second win in the one-day series as the hosts lead the series 3-2. The final match of the series will be played at the same venue on Saturday, 27 May.

Chasing 315 to win, the hosts were never in a position to win the game as they continued to lose wickets at regular intervals and were dismissed for 137 in 31.4 overs. Only wicketkeeper-batter Clive Madande hitting five fours.

spinner Mehran Mumtaz nership for the third wicket. took two wickets for 36 from seven overs.

Shaheens got off to a great Omair was joined by Aamir



top-scored for his side, scor- Butt (64, 65b, 7x4s, 1x6) and an unbroken 64 runs for the ing an unbeaten 41 off 46, Haseebullah (62, 77b, 9x4s) had a 139-run stand between

Earlier, after being put into Shaheens lost three wicksix in their allotted 50 overs. in a spot of bother with 250 Making three changes to their for six in 42.3 overs. At that side in the must-win game, crucial juncture, well-settled Brandon Mavuta took two Omair Bin Yousuf (Pakistan

start as opening batters Imran Jamal and the pair knitted seventh wicket.

For Shaheens, right-arm them. After the departure of continued his rich vein of fast Dahani and right-arm Haseebullah and Imran in the form with an undefeated 50 overs (Omair Bin Yousuf off-spinner Qasim bagged 24th over, Omair and Rohail 89 off 87 deliveries, having 89 not out. Imran Butt 64. three wickets each. Left-arm Nazir stitched a 55-run part- already amassed two centu- Haseebullah 62; Brandon ries and a half-century on the Soon after Rohail's tour before today's match. (16, 24b, 1x4) departure, Aamir played a bright cameo out, 31.4 overs (Clive Madanas he scored an unbeaten 24 bat, Shaheens scored 314 for ets for 32 runs as they were off 18 balls, hitting two fours and a six.

> For Zimbabwe Select, wickets for 39 from eight

Scores in brief:

Pakistan Shaheens beat Player of the match Omair Zimbabwe Select by 177 runs

Pakistan Shaheens 314-6, Mavuta 2-39)

Zimbabwe Select 137 all de 41 not out; Qasim Akram 3-9, Shahnawaz Dahani 3-29, Mehran Mumtaz 2-36)

Player of the match -

Diana baigntakes four wickets as Blasters beat **Challengers**

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Diana Baig starred in Blasters win over Challengers on Thursday as the right-arm seamer took four wickets for 20 runs at the State Bank Ground. Challengers, after opting to bat, were bowled out for 117 in 40 overs and Blasters chased down the target in 35.3 overs with six wickets in

Openers Javeria Khan (37 off 55) and Javeria Rauf (20 off 49) stitched 56 runs for the first wicket for Challengers, but Diana-inspired Blasters fought back and sent half of the opposition's batting back in

the pavilion with only 88 runs on board. Challengers slipped from 75 for one to 88 for five – losing four wickets for only 13 runs - as Ayesha Bilal and Ayesha Zafar

returned three for 25 and two for 16. Blasters faced early breakthroughs and were two down for 22, but a solid third wicket stand of 56 runs between Muneeba Ali (35 off 67) and Dua Majid (20 off 48) paved way for a successful run chase.

Iram Javed was unbeaten on 25 off 37 and Saba Nazir made 10 not out of 16.

In the third match of the seven-match tournament, Dynamites will take on Challengers on Saturday.

Scores in brief: Challengers 117 all out, 40 overs (Javeria Khan 37, Javeria Rauf 20; Diana Baig 4-20, Ayesha Bilal 3-25, Ayesha Zafar

Blasters 121-4, 35.3 overs (Muneeba Ali 35, Iram Javed 25 not out, Dua Majid 20;

Noreen Yagub 2-18) Player of the match - Diana Baig (Blast-

Novak Djokovic, Carlos Alcaraz in same half of French Open draw



PARIS: Novak Djokovic could face world number one Carlos Alcaraz in the semi-finals of the French Open after both players were placed in the same half of the draw on Thursday.

Djokovic is chasing a record 23rd men's Grand Slam title in the absence of the injured Rafael Nadal, who will miss the tournament at Roland Garros for the first time since his 2005 title-winning debut.

The third-seeded Novak Djokovic, Roland Garros champion in 2016 and 2021, meets 114th-ranked Aleksandar Kovacevic of the US in the first round in Paris — the first French Open since

1998 without Nadal or the now retired Roger Federer. The 24-year-old Kovacevic is making his Grand Slam main

Novak Djokovic, who turned 36 on Monday, has been bothered by a recurrence of a right elbow injury which has disrupted

his clay-court season. He failed to go beyond the last eight at any of the three events he played on clay this spring, losing his number one spot to Alcaraz. Novak Djokovic has also fallen behind Daniil Medvedev in the rankings after the Russian succeeded him as Italian Open

champion last weekend. US Open champion Carlos Alcaraz and Medvedev both start their Roland Garros campaigns against a qualifier or lucky loser. Carlos Alcaraz faces a challenging path to a second Grand Slam title, with Lorenzo Musetti a possible last-16 foe before 2021 runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas potentially awaits him in

the quarter-finals. For Djokovic to set up a blockbuster last-four clash with Carlos Alcaraz he may need to get past Monte Carlo Masters champion Andrey Rublev in the quarters.

Casper Ruud, who was thrashed by Nadal in last year's final, is seeded fourth and plays a qualifier in his opening match.

The in-form Holger Rune arrives in Paris at a career-high six in the world and takes on Christopher Eubanks of the US Two-time women's champion Iga Swiatek begins her title

defence against Spain's Cristina Bucsa, the world number 67 who was beaten by the Pole in the third round of this year's Austra-The top-ranked Swiatek, bidding to become the first back-to-

back women's champion at the French Open in 16 years, is coming off a thigh injury which forced her to retire in Rome. She is seeded to meet 2022 runner-up Coco Gauff in the quar-

ter-finals and could face Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, last week's Italian Open winner, in the last four. Rybakina has beaten Swiatek three times this season, knock-

ing her out of the Australian Open Melbourne and Indian Wells before advancing when injury halted her rival in Rome.

Barbora Krejcikova, the 2021 winner, could await Swiatek in the last 16. The Czech lost in the first round a year ago.

"This is my favourite tournament. I always get this extra motivation to practise harder here. I'm really excited to be here," Swiatek said during the draw ceremony.

Arvna Sabalenka, who won her maiden Grand Slam crown in Melbourne, plays Marta Kostyuk of Ukraine in round one. Sabalenka has never got beyond the third round in Paris despite making at least the semi-finals at all of the other three majors.

Furthermore, her title win in Madrid this spring was followed by a first-up exit at the hands of 134th-ranked Sofia Kenin in

Third seed Jessica Pegula has a tricky opening match against fellow American and 2022 Australian Open finalist Danielle Collins, while Rybakina gets a qualifier first up.

Usama Mir makes great start at T20 Vitality Blast

Pakistani leg-spinner Usama Mir made had a dream debut at the ongoing T20 Vitality Blast with an excellent all-round performance in the first match on Wednesday.

The cricketer, who is representing the Worcestershire Rapids, made a blazing start by leading his side to a 15-run victory over hosts Northamptonshire Steelbacks. Mir scored 20 runs with the help of two maximums on just

seven deliveries and remained unbeaten in the first innings. In the second inning, he proved to be lethal with the ball as he took three wickets in three overs for only 21 runs.

Mir is one of the nine Pakistani players feature in this year's edition of the Vitality Blast which kicked off on Saturday. This is the 21st edition of the tournament which was the first precision T20 league when it started in June 2003 as the Twenty20 Cup.

Pakistan's ace fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi, experienced pacer Hasan Ali, stylish left-hand opening batsman Shan Masood, all-rounder Shadab Khan, left-arm spinner Zafar Gohar, young guns Haider Ali, Zaman Khan and Naseem Shah will be in action in the tournament which will last for nine weeks.

Punjab athletes take their tally to 28 medals in 34th National Games

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Showing outstanding performances, Punjab sports teams have so far won 28 medals, including 6 silver and 22 bronze medals in 34th National Games in Quetta on Thursday. Overall, Punjab athletes have added

bronze medals in their National Games medals tally. Punjab judo team won added four

medals including two silver and two bronze medals. M Ehtsham and Bano Butt won silver

10 medals including two silver and 8



medals in -60 kg and -44kg weight Maqbool won bronze medals in -48 kg categories. While Atrooba and Adnan and -50 kg weight categories respectively.

In first match, Mohsin Raza beat Asim 11-8, 11-8, 5-11, 11-3, In second match, Awais Hassan beat

bronze medal.

11-6, 11-7, 11-7.

Ramzan 11-6, 11-7, 11-7. In third match, Zain Pervaiz beat Talha

In karate, Punjab's Khadija won

In table tennis, Punjab team beat Pak

Navy by 3-0 in round match on Thurs-

In taekwondo, Punjab players Samra Zafar and Aqsa Asif clinched bronze medals in -49kg and -73kg weight categries respectively.

'If I didn't get injured, maybe we could've won,' Shaheen Afridi on T20 WC

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Pakistan's ace pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi commented on his heart-breaking injury in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 final against England and pointed at the possibility of Pakistan triumphing had he not been

injured. In the enthralling T20 World Cup final, Pakistan, batting first, set England to chase a mere 138 on a tricky Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) surface, which was making it difficult for the

batters to score freely. Pakistan's pace attack, led by Shaheen Shah Afridi, showcased determination not to let England run away with an easy victory as they rattled their top-order and

Following the early setback, Ben Stokes and Harry Brook launched England's recovery as the pair anchored the run chase with a crucial partnership.

Pakistan were in dire need of a breakthrough and they got it; courtesy of Shadab Khan, who deceived Brook with a loopy delivery outside off and the latter fired it straight to long-off where Shaheen Shah Afridi dove forward to gobble it.

The breakthrough, instead of a success, turned into a massive blow for the green shirts as they lost the services of their ace pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, who hurt his injured knee in the process. Shaheen then walked off the

restricted them to 45/3 in the field briefly, returned to roars and raced in to bowl the 16th with England still requiring a tough 41 from 30 balls, but pulled up after one ball.

Ben Stokes then smashed a four and six off Iftikhar Ahmed, who was given the ball to complete the 16th, and it was over for Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Shaheen Shah Afridi has finally opened up on the heartbreaking incident in an interview with ESPN Cricinfo and also opined that Pakistan may have won if he did not get

injured in such a clutch situation. "And in this tournament [2022], if I didn't get injured at such a crucial moment, maybe we could've won. Maybe if I had stayed fit and bowled..." he trails

off. "Injuries can happen at any time," said Shaheen.

The left-arm pacer also recalled the thrashing, he received from Matthew Wade in the previous edition, which ultimately steered Australia to their maiden T20 World Cup title.

"Obviously, it's every player's dream to win a World Cup for his country and I still remember 2021, how that ended," he said.

Shaheen Shah Afridi, however, shared that he is trying to forget the past in order to be able to move forward. "If I think too much about

them then I won't be able to move ahead," Shaheen stated. The left-arm pacer also responded to a question regard-

ing a dip in his bowling speed

if you are bowling 110kmph and taking wickets, you're feeling good. I took wickets. I gave 100% in the field, that matters

the pace.

more. Speed doesn't matter as much but if there has been a dip, it will improve with time. "[I was injured] two months out before the [T20] World Cup, two-three months after the T20 World Cup also. So it will of course take time to get back. That match energy or fitness, you only get it from playing match-

es. Since the PSL I've been feel-

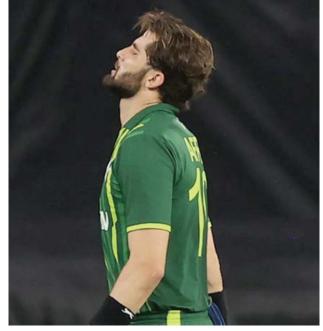
post-injury and termed taking

wickets more important than

"Everyone has a view about it

[the pace], but I've been feeling

good. You look at yourself, even



and then played internationals I'll improve and the more I play

ing better, I got better through it for Pakistan as well. With time the more I'll improve."