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Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Ishaq Dar

H.E Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI, called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division, today. The Finance Minister welcomed H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and congratulated him for the holding of the First International Conference on Islamic Capital Markets in Pakistan. (Details on Page 8)

PDM and PPP, PMLN cannot give relief to people: Siraj Ul Hāq

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Toddlers

RAWALPINDI: Toddlers wearing Pak Army costumes are participating in the tableau during an event in support of Pak Army at local



Public relief, economic development among priorities in next budget: PM

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said the provision of maximum relief to the masses and economic development would be among the Federal Government's priorities in the upcoming budget for fiscal 2023-24.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the budget proposals for the industrial sector, said the federal budget would also encompass the measures to enhance industrial growth as well as exports.

He said he would personally make sure that the proposals coming for the industrial sector were incorporated into the budget.

The prime minister instructed the authorities concerned to remove all unnecessary impediments in the increase of small, medium and large-scale industri- ed violence but also inflicted huge

al production. He told the meeting that the previous government deliberately obstructed the investment and industrial development in the country.

The previous government violated the agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to save its rule, making 220 million of Pakistan bear its brunt, he added.

He said being a resilient nation; Pakistanis were gradually coming out of the economic difficulties.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said the government, the whole nation, industrialists and the business community were working hard to improve the country's economic

He said throughout the previous year, the miscreants inflicted damage to the country through "long or short" marches and sit-ins.

He also told the meeting that the incidents of May 9 not only creat-



economic loss to the country.

He said the government would help decrease industries' production costs by supplying low-cost energy, besides arranging easy bank loans for the small industries.

Prime Minister Shehbaz directed his Advisor Ahad Cheema to finalise the proposals from the industrial sectors and ensure their incorporation into the budget.

The meeting was joined through a video link by prominent industrialists and investors from all sectors.

is deeply embedded in the political process, which helps democracy

and Engineer Khurram Dast-

PM rules out dialogue with 'arsonists & anarchists'

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said dialogue was a key to evolving democracy, however categorically stated that it could not be held with 'anarchists and arsonists' in the garb of politi-

The prime minister's statement came after the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan on Friday appealed for immediate talks with state officials. Sharif said dialogue mature and evolve.

Dar, S Naveed Qamar, Ahsan Iqbal, Makhdoom Murtaza Mahmood gir, Minister of State Dr Musadik

He said many political and constitutional breakthroughs occurred when political leaders sat across the table to craft a consensus."However, there is a major difference here, the anarchists and arsonists who wear the garb of politicians and attack the symbols of the State do not qualify for a dialogue," he

The prime minister emphasized that such people should rather be held to account for their militant actions. He also termed it a prevalent practice even in developed democracies.

Special Assistants to PM Tariq Bajwa and Jahanzeb Khan, MNA Qaiser Sheikh, SBP governor, FBR chairman and relevant senior Besides federal ministers Ishaq Malik, Advisor Ahad Cheema, officers attended the meeting.

Imran will be tried in military courts for 'orchestrating' 9/5 attacks: Sanaullah

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister Rana Sanaullah said on Tuesday that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan will be tried in a military court over the May 9 vandalism.

Talking to a private news channel, Mr Sanaullah accused the deposed premier "personally planning attacks" on military installations before his arrest, adding that to substantiate this claim. there was also evidence.

On Monday, Mr Sanaullah said there would be no relaxation for those who attacked military installations even if they had left the PTI.

Speaking to Dunya news program "On The Front", he said if other leaders distanced themselves from the party and condemned the May 9 attacks, they might be awarded relaxation. "Any person who was inside the red line of the Lahore's Corps Commander House will not be exempt from punishment," he added.

He went on to say that arrest," he added.



there were two types of those involved including motivators and doers. "PTI chief Imran Khan is among the motivators," he added. Upon being countered that Mr Khan was not inside the physical red line, he repeated Mr Khan was an instigator.

Mr Khan's wife Bushra Bibi was also among the motivators, he said. As for the treatment of PTI's women leaders in jail, he assured that women would not be ill-treated.

Upon Mr Khan's arrest before elections, he said Mr Khan could be arrested in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case and May 9 attacks cases as well. "He could be disqualified if he is convicted after

Pakistan keen to further cement bilateral ties, cooperation with Belarus: FM



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday said Pakistan was committed to further strengthening of high level engagements and bilateral cooperation with Belarus by building stronger economic, trade and investment ties.

Addressing a joint presser with visiting Belarusian Foreign Minister Sergei Aleinik, the foreign minister said they held a very fruitful and constructive meeting, and discussed entire areas of cooperation between the two

"Our long term goals for Pak-Belarus relations include strengthening of the economic ties, expanding of trade and investment, fostering of scientific collaboration, enhancing of defence cooperation and increasing the cultural and deepening of the people-topeople contacts," he added.

The foreign minister said they would build further on the discussion held during the 6th ministerial meeting.

Bilawal further said that in the year 2024, both the countries would be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relationship.

PAC summons NAB chairman for briefing on investigations, inquiries

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Tuesday summoned the incumbent National Accountability Bureau (NAB) chairman in its next meeting to get a briefing on the ongoing investigations and inquiries as well as recoveries from plunderers of the national wealth.

Presiding over the PAC Alam Khan directed the authorities concerned to expedite the process of recovery corruption cases. The chairfrom corrupt elements.

The committee members called for the provision of the stipulated time.

complete record and details of NAB's ongoing probes and inquiries.

"If NAB is reluctant to recover money from the looters then PAC may authorize the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to do the job," Noor Alam Khan stressed.

He said many corruption cases were referred to NAB during the last year, but none had reached its logical conclumeeting, its Chairman Noor sion so far. The PAC also sought the record of expenses incurred on investigations of man directed the authorities to complete the cases within

Jinnah House attack: Imran offers to join probe via video link

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Tuesday skipped an appearance at the joint investigation team (JIT) - constituted to probe the Jinnah House attack case as the former premier offered to be interrogated through video link.

According to details, the representatives of the former prime minister - Advocates Ali Ijaz Buttar and Naeem Haider Panjhuta - appeared before the investigation team and submitted a written response to the summons - issued a day earlier.

In his reply to the summons, Imran Khan cited "reports from credible sources" that he could be attacked during public appearances and while joining the investigation. He mentioned the he was also supposed to appear before the court

today in this regard. The PTI chief reiterated that he



was in the 'illegal' custody of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) the day events occurred. "I am fully cooperating despite registration of bogus cases", the reply reads.

He further said that he was ready to join investigation despite the 'violation of fundamental rights', adding that he was authorising Ali Ijaz and Naeem Haider to appear and participate in the investigation.

Khan also requested that he be allowed to join the probe via a video link from his house or sent a questionnaire containing precise ques-

tions/ queries for the purpose. "In the alternative, I am also available in person at Zaman Park," the reply reads A day earlier, the Joint Investi-

gation Team (JIT) summoned PTI chief Imran Khan in connection with a probe into the Jinnah House attack on May 9.

The PTI chief was summoned by the JIT head Deputy Inspector General Kamran Adil at DIG Investigation Office Qila Gujjar Singh.

The Punjab government had constituted 10 separate JITs for probing into May 9 incidents. Khan had been nominated in different cases lodged at several police stations including Sarwar Road and Shadman.

On May 27, Punjab Home Department constituted a joint investigation team (JIT) to probe vandalism and arson at Corp Commander House (Jinnah House) in Lahore

Govt challenges SC bench hearing audio leaks commission case

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ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Tuesday raised objection over the Supreme Court bench hearing the audio leaks commission case.

The federal government formed a three-member judicial commission, led by Supreme Court senior puisne judge Justice Qazi Faez Isa, to probe the multiple audio leaks about the judiciary, but the committee stopped working following orders of the apex court. The plea submitted by the federal government has raised objections over the inclusion of CJP Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Muneeb Akhtar in the audio leaks commission bench. The plea stated that as per

denied being part of the Arslan Iftikhar case. The federal government has sought the formation of a new bench in the audio leaks case

the code of conduct, judg-

es cannot hear cases relat-

ed to their relatives, former

CJP Iftikhar Chaudhry also

hearing. Last week, a five-member bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial stopped proceed-

ings of the judicial body and

suspended the notification

issued by the federal govern-

ment. The court issued its ruling on the petitions against the judicial body on audio leaks constituted by the federal government and issued notices to the

The Spokesman

Awareness QUETTA: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi addressing an awareness seminar on breast cancer, mental health, and facilitation of persons with disabilities, at Governor House, on Tuesday. 0 May, 2023 Govern House Balochi

Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Ishaq Dar

B Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: H.E Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI, called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division, today.

The Finance Minister welcomed H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and congratulated him for the holding of the First International Conference on Islamic Capital Markets in Pakistan in coordination with SECP Pakistan.



H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa lauded the him Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa eration.

brotherly relations between of the current Government's Pakistan and Bahrain. He policies and programmes to also appreciated the continuous support of Pakistan and stated that Pakistan has always been the closest partner from among the Muslim world. He also expressed his desire to start various social welfare ventures in Pakistan specially for capacity building and easy loan facilitation for entrepreneurs, specially for the women and the youth as Pakistan holds great potential in this regard.

The Finance Minister

support the youth and particularly women such as Benazir Income Support programme which is well-praised by the World Bank and also being followed in various African

He also added that government is fully committed to support the lower classes through various microfinance schemes of such nature.

In the end, H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa thanked the Finance Minisapprised H.E Sheikh Ebra- ter for his support and coop-

The Central Concept of Islamic Finance is Socio-Economic Justices

That's Why Demand is Increasing with Awareness: Muhammad Zubair

跨 Spokesman Report

DUBAI: Zambia south-Central African Country is ready to embrace the concept of Islamic Finance. Islamic Finance Industry potential is increasing day-byday not only in Muslim dominated markets, although in non-Muslim markets. It is the positive gesture towards the growth of Islamic finance industry in Africa. The Market Penetration for Islamic Finance is more in East and West Africa, then in Central Africa. In south part of Africa South Africa was the pioneer for the Islamic finance in Africa and after Zambia has huge potential for Islamic finance. The adoption of Islamic finance will bring more opportunities for the socio-economic development of the country through foreign direct investments and internal resources

LHC turns down

plea seeking to restore Nawaz

Sharif as party

LAHORE: The Lahore

High Court (LHC) on Tues-

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News Desk



the development of Islamic Finance in this market.

utilization. AlHuda Centre of market is well equipped with Islamic Banking and Econom- 17 local and international ics (CIBE) working in Africa Commercial Banks, 27 Microfor the development of Islam- credit, 7 Micro deposit taking ic Finance Industry through intuitions, 6 leasing compaconsultancy and advisory and nies, few rural saving and credcapacity building to emerging it bodies, 1 credit bureau and and potential markets. Now, 1 development bank. These AlHuda CIBE is devoted for are institutions regulated by Central Bank of Zambia. Zambian Insurance market

surance companies regulated by Pension and Insurance Authority of Zambia. The market size and combination of local and international players reflect the spirit of financial adoptability of Zambian Market. The alternative financial products in the financial sector will play a significant role in financial diversity, inclusion and sustainable economic growth. Mr. Muhammad Zubair,

Chief Executive Officer AlHuda Centre if Islamic Banking and Economics during his visit to Zambia said that Socio-Economic aspects of financial industry together are the best solution for sustainable development of economy, and Islamic Finance is the best alternative. He also said that he with his dedicated team of experts is devoted to design ideal products for Banking, The Zambian financial has 34 Insurance and Re-in- Microfinance, insurance, capi-

tal market and other financial institutions. AlHuda CIBE organized two days specialized training workshop on "Islamic Banking, Takaful and Islamic Microfinance", Central Bank of Zambia, Islamic Supreme Council of Zambia, Commercial Banks, Insurance and investment companies and microfinance institutions participated. It was a good gesture for from industry for the appetite of Islamic Finance

in Zambia. Islamic finance is not a religious product, it is an alternative for the interest oriented financial system, which is a hurdle for the growth of social aspects of human lives with economic growth. Islamic financial system reflects the equal distribution of wealth, uplifting of middle and lower middle class of society, entrepreneurship and sustainability in human lives.

Imran Khan sends Rs10bn defamation notice to health minister over controversial presser

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day turned down a petition seeking to restore former prime minister Nawaz ISLAMABAD: Sharif as head of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz LHC judge Justice Ali

Baqar Najafi declared the petition inadmissible while upholding the objection raised by the registrar's office. The petition had been filed by a lawyer named Afaq Ahmed. Imran Khan, Shaikh

Rashid, Sirajul Haq, the **Election Commission of** Pakistan, federal government and the prime minister had been made party in the petition filed in the LHC.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan on Tuesday sent a defamation notice to Federal Health Minister Abdul Qadir Patel for alleging that traces of alcohol and cocaine were found in the former's urine analysis.

The former premier has sent the legal notice through his lawyer Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi under the Defamation Ordinance, 2002 over "dissemination and circulation of wrongful, baseless, false, misleading, erroneous, malicious and defamatory information" against Imran Khan

press conference.

It said Mr Patel dishonestly alleged that the medical tests of the PTI chief showed traces of alcohol and cocaine in his urine sample and that the "mental stability" of Imran Khan was "guestionable".

"How alcohol and cocaine consumption can be traced through a urine test?" it is one of the questions raised in the notice. It also highlighted that there were not details of a full trauma examination of the former prime minister.

"The report emphasises a lot on mental state of our client ∐mran Khan ̅; however, no details of mental state examiduring the minister's May 26 nation have been provided," it

The minister, the notice said, made the remarks "knowingly, consciously, willingly, deliberately and maliciously which is highly irrational and negates the principles of ethics and morals". It added that derogatory remarks were "also in violation of the standards and ethics which members of [the] Federal Cabinet must possess and display".

The notice said Mr Patel was "responsible and liable for the defamatory circulation and dissemination" which caused "a loss" to the PTI chief's "goodwill, injury to his reputation and adversely affected his honour". "Likewise, you have also caused demands within 15 days.

emotional trauma, mental agony, anguish and distress to our client," read the notice.

Mr Khan has demanded the minister to retract his comments and tender an unconditional apology, besides admitting that had committed a mistake.

It also asked the minister to pay "Rs 10 billion for defaming...and levelling false allegations" against the PTI chairman, adding that the money would be "donated to Shaukat Khanam Memorial Cancer Hospital" for

treatment of patients. The minister has been warned of further legal action in case he fails to fulfill the

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First Lady urges society's role to cope with breast cancer, mental health issues

Bureau Report

QUETTA: First Lady Samina Alvi on Tuesday said that not merely the government rather everyone in society would have to play their role to cope with the issues like breast cancer, mental health, and disability.

The first lady, addressing a seminar held with the cooperation of the World Health Organisation at Governor House here, for creating awareness on breast cancer, mental health and disability, lauded the world health body's efforts for the elimination of breast cancer as well as the welfare of the differently-abled people.

The first lady said that the government was striving for concrete and Asfandyar Sherani also addressed the practical measures to cope with the seminar which also followed a queschallenges of breast cancer and disation-answer session.

bility. Every individual in society will have to play their part in the prevention of the deadly disease, she added.

She also urged the women to carry out self-examination from time to time to ensure timely diagnosis of breast cancer as the disease could be treated easily if diagnosed at an

Earlier, WHO's Technical Advisor for Disability and Rehabilitation Dr Maryam Malik received the first lady and highlighted the objectives of the seminar

Director of Pakistan Baitul Mal, Director of Women Development Department, WHO's Technical Advisor on Disability and Rehabilitation, and WHO head of Balochistan Dr

Pak-Italy JEC agrees establishment of joint framework encompassing multisectoral areas



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi on Tuesday co-chaired the 5th meeting of the 'Pakistan-Italy Joint Econom-Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two sides agreed to set up a forward to, she added. oint framework to tackle climate While welcoming the finalisation of change and cooperation in water the Visa Waiver Agreement for Diploin Islamabad the next week, a news release said.

Speaking on the occasion, Senator Sherry Rehman said it was a pleasure to co-chair the 5th meeting of the Pakistan-Italy JEC in Rome with the Deputy Minister.

of the Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad would boost bilateral framework with Italy to tackle climate change and improve water management. The trade partnership between Pakistan and Italy is stronger than ever. Our bilateral trade is to reach \$2 billion in 2022, and Pakistan's exports will cross \$1 billion," Sherry Rehman said.

The next JEC meeting would be ic Commission' (JEC) at the Italian hosted in Islamabad at a mutually convenient time, which we look

management, hailing the establish- matic Passports', both sides reiterated ment of an Italian Trade Agency office their commitment to speedy negotiations to finalize the framework for Migration and Labour Mobility. Businessmen from Pakistan and Italy participated in the meeting.

The event concluded with the signing of an important 'Roadmap for Cooperation' covering climate She added that the establishment change, trade and investment, heritage, culture, agriculture, higher education, technical cooperation and trade. "We are building a common technology transfer in reference areas.

Education Ministry's flagship initiatives garner full support at 36th IPEMC



👺 Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain has said that Education Ministry was ensuring that an inclusive approach is taken to devise strategies that benefit students, teachers and parents in every province.

He was presiding over the 36th Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) here on Tuesday.

Rana Tanveer Hussain in his opening remarks said that the meeting was going to play an instrumental role in developing synergies for providing access to education in all corners of Pakistan.

He reiterated that IPEMC's contributions were going to be significant in the enrollment of Out of School Children (OOSC) and multiple distance learning interventions.

developing a framework for data sharing as well. He also assured the provinces that maximum facilitation would be given to them for reaping benefits from these projects. Secretary Education, Waseem

Ajmal Chaudhary welcomed the participants and provided an introduction to IPEMC and an overview of the core agenda of the meeting.

He informed the participants about the grants provided to provinces under ASPIRE project during the current and previous fiscal years to facilitate disadvantaged areas for education-

He informed the attendees about the flagship initiatives related to distance learning, Out of School Children, Curriculum reforms and foundation learning conferences of MOFEPT and how the provinces could contribute towards their implementation for

optimum results. The meeting proceedings started with a comprehensive overview of the He emphasized the importance of National Distance Education Strategy comprising vision, learning goals and objectives was also carried out during the meeting.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Women's University Multan Inauguration of Dar-ul Quran Centre: Dr Uzma Quraishi

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi inaugurated Dar-ul Quran Centre, Water filteration plant, Old Hall, Entrance gate and Parking shed and chemistry labs at Katchery campus. In this regard inauguration ceremony was held which was attended by Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Kalsoom Paracha, Registrar Dr. Qammar Rubab Dr. Sara Musadiq faculty and staff members. On the occasion Project Director Asad Ali Butta brief that Government of Punjab has funded these development projects under ADP program titled "Construction of Buildings of WUM". Sub-engineer Mr. Tahir briefly explain about the main features of different projects inaugurated in the university the estimated cost almost more than ten million.Addressing the ceremony Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Uzma Quraishi said Women University Multan has made it essential that students, faculty and staff of university consumed clean water that safeguarded their health

This latest filteration plant has the ability to remove all types of contam- ties, beautification and academic excel-



inants and improve quality of water. New Entrance gate and parking shed has been built in the light to maintain separate entry for the incoming and outgoing traffic. She was briefed about the security measures entry process and other allied arrangements to facilitate the staff and visitors. The construction of the parking area will facilitate the parking of vehicle. VC Dr. Uzma Quraishi said that provision of facili-

lence of the university are the top priorities and university Management has leave no stone unturned in this regard.

While inaugurating Dar-ul Quran centre VC Prof. Dr Uzma Quraishi said that Quran is a complete code of life. The teaching of the Quran is a compulsory part of syllabus to disseminate knowledge and discipline among young generation. While visiting the old hall of university VC Prof Dr. Uzma Quraishi said that efforts has

been made by university from its own resources so that historical and cultural importance of this Hall would be preserved. Its renovation is completed now it would again be ultilised to host important events of university. While inaugurating the upgradation of four research labs for PhD and M.Phil scholars at Department of Chemistry, VC Prof Dr Uzma Quraishi congratulated the HoD, faculty members, and students of the Chemistry department and lauded the efforts and devotion of the HoD and faculty members. She extended her full support in every aspect for the students and faculty of the university. She encouraged the students to make the best use of the facilities available in the University to utilize their talents.

Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Kalsoom Paracha said the main objective of Women University is to provide better opportunities for higher education to the students. Chairperson Department of Chemistry Dr. Sara Musadiq said that these labs are upgraded with state of art equipment and tools and is part of the efforts to bring WUM at par with the advanced research institutions globally.

Motorway Police recovered the stolen vehicle & two children



Mian Rashid Asghar

According to the reliable sources, stolen car recovered on Motorway M-14 & two children who ran away from the school were handed over to the Child Protection Bureau.

The immediate actions with due role of the Motorway Police are ongoing on to relief in the people. The Motorway Police recovered the stolen $\,$ vehicle from Jhelum near M-14 Daudkhel. There was no person in the vehicle. On suspicion, investigation was conducted and it was found that Honda car model 2005 was stolen from Jhelum yesterday morning. The owner was contacted and provided with information about the recovery of the vehicle. Taking further legal action car was handed over the vehicle to Dawoodkhel police station. The search for the accused continues. During another operation near Chakri, the Motorway Police observed 2 children whose ages were 8 and 9 years respectively. The children could not give satisfactory answers when questioned. On which the children were transferred to Chakri camp. Later it was found that the children are studying in a madrassa in Islamabad and belong to Karachi. But the children could not provide the address or contact number of their fami-

In this situation, the children who ran away from the madrassa were safely handed over to the Child Protection Bureau Rawalpindi.

Local political leadership announced support for the sit-in & justified their demands

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: The national alliance sit-in (Qumi atehad dharna) continues for the fourth day in tehsil Birmal area Azamwarsak of District Lower South Waziristan.

Local political leadership in the protest sit-in, District President Amanullah Wazir from PPP, General Secretary Imran Mukhlis, Noor Zaman Wazir from ANP, District General Secretary Asadullah Wazir from Jamaat-e-Islami, Khanzada Wazir from PTI and Murad wazir from NDM, attended with a large number of them workers.

Addressing the sit-in, the speakers said

that the local government should immediately resolve the legitimate demands of the people of Birmal Azamwarsak and take practical steps to solve them, they said that until the legitimate demands of the people of this area are not solved, the sit-in will continue.

It should be clear that the people of South Waziristan Lower District tehsil Birmal Azamwarsak staged a sit-in four days ago to meet their demands, which is still going on, their demands are as follows.

1. 24 hours electricity supply should be ensured to tehsil Birmal 2. The local people should be allowed to protect their natural crop nus and the herdsmen should be allowed to move their cattle without

hindrance in the Spira hilly area of Pak-Afghan border. 3. To install mobile towers in certain areas and provide 3G/4G services where there are mobile towers.

4. Government educational institutions and health centers have been nonfunctional for a long time in different areas of Tehsil Birmal, so they should be functioned.

5. Compensation should be given to the families of those who were injured and martyred in various incidents.

The participants of the sit-in threatened that if the government and the district administration do not resolve our legitimate demands, so the sit-in will continue and Wana Gomal Road will be closed for all kinds of traffic.

Five day anti-polio campaign drive in District Lower South Waziristan

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WANA: A 5-day anti-polio campaign has been started in Lower South Waziristan district in accordance with the security plan of RPO Dera Division and strict instructions of DPO South Waziristan under full-proof secu-



Special instructions of DPO South Waziristan, strict security has been provided to all teams and police mobiles and armored vehicles will be

However, all police stations have been put on alert, additional personnel and special forces have already been ordered by the DPO to be ready 24 hours a day to deal with any kind of emergency.

Successful Public Defense of PhD Scholars Ms Shazia Sana and Ms Bismilah: Dr Uzma Quraishi

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Two PhD scholars of the Department of Economics of the Women University Multan, Ms Shazia Sana and Ms. Bismillah, were recommended to be awarded doctorate degrees after successful public defense ceremony held today at Katchery campus. The chief guest of the ceremony was Vice Chancellor Prof Dr.Uzma Qurashi.

The topic of thesis of scholar Ms. Bismillah was "Trade Liberalization and Fiscal Stance: A case study of selected developing countries "while other scholar Ms. Shazia Sana thesis title was "Monetary Transmission Mechanism and Exchange Rate policy: A case study of Pakistan". Both the scholars completed their research under the supervision of Dr. Shahnawaz Malik and Dr. fiscal stance. Ramzan Sheikh and external supervisor was Dr. Rehmat ullah Awan.

Addressing the ceremony Ms. Bismillah said that the main objective of this study is to make a functional analysis of trade liberalization and



For this purpose, causality between tax trade, government expenditure trade, external debt trade and official development assistance trade is examined of selected countries.

The results show that there is bidi-

rectional causality between trade liberalization and financial stability in almost all countries, while the shortrun causality is different in some group of countries.

The study suggests that policymakers can create policies of trade openness

defense of Ms. Shazia Sana, she said that the exchange rate channel is the channel that connects the domestic economy with the international economies. For example, a rise in domestic interest rates makes local currency finan-

that can increase tax revenues as well

as government spending in develop-

ing countries. Later, there was a public

cial assets, such as rupees denominated bonds, rupees deposits, etc relatively more attractive than foreign currency denominated assets. Pakistan is currently under severe economic pressure, the exchange rate is going up and down rapidly, due to which the monitoring policy is also changing rapidly, which is having immense impact on our economy.

After the question answer session it was recommended by the participants to award doctorate degree to Dr. Shazia Sana and Dr. Bismillah. The HoD of Economics Department Dr. Hina Ali congratulated both scholars on their successful defense. The ceremony was attended by faculty members

Government is determined to bring economic prosperity to all sectors: PM AJK

Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: Azad Jammu and facilities to the people should be main-Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwarul Haq has said that the government is determined to bring economic prosperity to all sectors of the economy. Addressing a consultative meeting on the upcoming budget, here at Jammu and Kashmir House, the prime minis- Rathore, Chief Secretary Dr. Muhamter said it would ensure the equal distri- mad Usman Chachar, Additional Chief bution of resources in various sectors including education and health."Spe- Abbasi and Secretary Finance Ismatcial importance should be given to ullah Shah participated. Addressing the education, health, tourism, agriculture, livestock and information technology,"

cials. He said, "continuity of providing tained by presenting a balanced and people-friendly budget".

The meeting was attended by the Most Senior Minister Colonel (Retd) Waqar Ahmed Noor, Government Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Secretary Development Fayyaz Ali meeting, Prime Minister said that the budget should be enhanced for every

department in order to achieve institutional stability and strengthen.

He said that the health and education sectors need to be specifically targeted. He said that in the budget it should be ensured the provision of balanced funds to all sectors, including hydraulic power, education, tourism, information, electronics, public health, physical planning, local government, electronics, livestock, agriculture, sports, information and agriculture. He said that a viable work plan should be devised to spend the surplus of the budget on the welfare of the people. He said that we need to improve

there is a need to improve the quality of divisional, district and tehsil level hospitals so that the people can get the best health facilities, new ideas are needed in the field of tourism, agriculture, live stock and information technology, so that the society as a whole can improve,". he added." Innovative ideas are encouraged in the new budget. Any idea will be encouraged which will bring overall benefit and increase convenience for people,he

schools."When resources are given,

they will deliver results, the same way.

PepsiCo and Amal Academy Celebrate 10th Anniversary of the Amal Career-Prep Fellowship Program

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: PepsiCo and Amal Academy celebrated the 10th anniversary and the graduation 10,000 Fellows from the Amal Career Prep program today. reporting increase in average household The program has been supported by the PepsiCo Foundation since 2018, the philanthropic arm of PepsiCo and is focused on supporting Pakistan's youth to acquire essential soft skills to enhance their professional grooming. This prepares them for the competitive job market and to initiate entrepreneurial ventures.

10,000 fellows from over 130+ universities who have participated in the program preneurial ventures. in the last decade. Amal Academy has active relationships and outreach at 24+ benefitted from the intensive trainings

tion of changemakers. 88% job-seeking alumni have received employment offers or started businesses, with 62% Fellows who found employment income. Graduates have also shown 63% improvement in skills, including 72% improvement in initiative-taking, 81% in interviewing, and 60% in confidence and problem-solving. Apart from getting lucrative jobs, many fellows have led 1137 social impact/entrepreneurial projects. The overall impact shows that there are Amal Academy has empowered 115,000+ indirect beneficiaries, including new jobs created by graduates' entre-

The event was attended by prominent guests from academia as well as industry partner universities where students have and business streams from across Pakistan. Dr Amjad Saqib, the founder and

designed to empower the next genera- Managing Director of Akhuwat who is one of Pakistan's most respected philanthropists, was also present at the occasion. A high-level thought-leadership panel discussion also took place which further highlighted the need for rigorous development of mechanisms that empower talented youth of the country to become competitive in the national and international professional arenas. The focus of the discussion was also on building holistic and lasting professional networks that can be used to leverage the surplus of talent that exists in the country. Speaking at the occasion, Ali Siddiq,

CEO of Amal Academy said, "We are thrilled to celebrate this remarkable milestone. The partnership with PepsiCo has galvanized our mission and enriched the way in which we support our Fellows."



Anum Pasha, Senior Manager of ted to doing good for the communities Corporate Affairs and Sustainability at we work with and in. We believe that by prosperous opportunities for Pakistan's PepsiCo, added, "PepsiCo is commit-working together with Amal we have youth."

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RIPHAH joins THE's Digital Universities Asia as a Technology Leader

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Riphah International University participated in the prestigious event organized by the Times Higher Education (THE) under the title of "Digital Universities Asia 2023". The event was organized in Hilton Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Chancellor Mr. Hassan Muhammad Khan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor-Academics Prof. Dr. Yawar Hayat Khan, and Director IT Mr. Sarfraz Ahmad Haroon joined the event as Higher Education Technology Leaders on behalf of Riphah International University. It is important to mention that Riphah International University is ranked among the Top 4 Universities in Pakistan by THE and is considered a rising institution, especially in terms of adaptation of new technologies and upgraded teaching methodologies. During the event, more than 250 delegates, policymakers, higher education experts, and digital leaders from across the globe gathered for two days of intense learning and discussion about the future of higher education. Concepts such as Metaverse Campus Sustainable development of lifelong education, Digital transformation in the context of AI &Chatgpt, and Cloud Campus development were discussed.

PDM and PPP, PMLN cannot give relief to people: Siraj Ul Haq

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Sirajul-Haq has said that if PDM and PPP cannot give relief to the people, then they should at least withdraw the increase in the prices of food items, petrol, electricity and gas in the budget. The parties had long marches against inflation before coming to power. The ruling parties cannot heal the wounds caused by poverty, unemployment and inflation to millions of people by blaming each other. When PTI came to power, it held the PML-N and PPP governments responsible for the problem, now the current government is throwing all the debris on PTI, the fact is that all three have failed to deliver, the nation is watching.

The protocol culture has ended, neither the non-developmental expenses have been reduced, there are so many people in the cabinet that the Prime Minister may not even know their names. If inflation is not reduced in the budget, Jamaat-e-Isla-



mi will organize the people of the whole country and protest. Only Jamaat-e-Islami can bring the country out of the current crisis. Getting rid of corruption and Islamic economy is the solution to the economic crisis. Instead of IMF, the path of self-reliance will have to be adopted. For economic improvement, progressive thinking should be adopted instead of regressive thinking.

He expressed these views during a meeting with the delegation of Islamic Homeopathic Medical Association. Sirajul-Haq said that the government should restore subsidy on electricity, gas and reduce the price of petrol by 100 rupees in the budget. In order to reduce unemployment, instead of retired officers of the civil-military bureaucracy, PhD scholars and other degree holders should be employed on vacant posts. Jamaat-e-Islami demands that the government stop foreign tours along with Zafar Moj and free electricity, gas and petrol facilities for bureaucracy and government officials.

The only policy of our governments in the past and still of Pakistani governments is to borrow, eat and later beg at the doors of international financial institutions and friendly countries for more loans. Pakistan needs to get rid of IMF, World Bank and American slavery. The country has to pay 75 billion dollars in foreign debt in the next three years. The nation is right to ask where these loans were spent.

Trouble

ISLAMABAD: Passengers are facing trouble in crossing the busiest IJP Road due to unavailability of over head pedestrian bridge, which needs the attention of concerned authorities.



Banking and Finance institute graduations in Multan end with high profile

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: The Annual Graduation ceremony of the passing out students of the Institute of Banking and Finance of Bahauddin Zakariya University was held at Jinnah Auditorium.

Dean Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration and Director IBF Professor Dr. Shaukat Malik while addressing the annual graduation ceremonv. Malik Shukat said that institute of Banking and Finance (IBF) is the best institute of the university and is producing very capable graduates. Playing its full role in development, in ten years IBF has developed a lot and thousands of students are studying business here.



And the institute of Banking and Finance(IBF) has Malik, that thanks to him he is organized a very grand graduation ceremony, and I came. adding that the students who The lack of faculty and staff are passing out today are very of IBF will be made permanent soon and will provide full Shaukat Malik. students should support according to all the work hard and honestly to get needs of IBF. He first thanked promoted, that is the only rule

his teacher Prof. Shaukat holding a high position today, lucky to have teachers like Prof.

to get promoted, my institution State Bank will try its best to give internship to IBF students tute of Banking and Finance graduates will have adequate opportunities in jobs and they ing industry to provide prop-

And similarly, (IBF) instiwill also ask the entire banker employment opportunities to IBF students because of the discipline, regulatory and punctuality developed here. It improves the skills of the students and it is essential for the success of any enterprise. The Ambassador of Kaghestan to Pakistan, Zarfan Kustafan, also addressed the event and assured full cooperation from his country to IBF, Zakaria University and Pakistan.

Real estate sector demands fiscal reforms to save Pakistan's economy: RECA

Example 2 Commerce Report

ISLAMABAD: Real Estate Consultants Association RECA DHA.I.R Officials while holding a press conference at National Press Club Islamabad have demanded from the government that the real estate sector can save the economy of the country and the government should reduce taxes. So that overseas Pakistanis can invest. Due to the uncertainty of the country, foreign investment contributed the most in getting out of the gray list of FATF. The highest revenue generating sector in the country is being neglected which is causing a lot of damage to the economy of Pakistan.

We want to play our role in improving the economy of Pakistan. These views were expressed by the president col. Asif kiyani. Adil nawaz bhatti. Mussarat ijaz.



has decreased a lot. The real estate sector Farukh hameed along with other officials held a press conference at the National Press Club. RECA officials said that the real estate sector is the backbone of the country's economy, the role of the state is like a mother, the government should support the real estate sector because the government gets the most revenue

from this sector. This will help bring more dealers into

the formal tax net and promote transparency in the sector. Real estate agents want to pay tax to the government, but due to government policies, they have to face serious problems, there is a difference of up to 8% between the DC value and the FBR value regarding the property value, which stops the transfer of the property. which is suffering in the form of non-revenue to the government, the

government should refrain from further increasing the DC valuation in the next budget and maintain it at the current level as this increase will result in more tax revenue collection.

To increase productivity, reducing the tax burden on taxpayers will encourage more real estate agents to become filers and contribute to the country's tax revenue. The government should work with stakeholders to bring more taxpayers into the tax net. In response to a question, Secretary RECA Adil Nawaz Bhatti said that at present the real estate sector is suffering from severe pressure, which is the main reason for the transfer of capital from the country to foreign countries. It used to be that now the investors are also moving abroad very fast, in such a case the government should take a quick decision regarding the IMF

Imran Khan exploited workers for his success: Javed Intizar

ISLAMABAD: Imran Khan exploited workers for his success. Satisfied his desire for power by burying his ideology. Workers left the revolutionary party and fled. Imran Khan is reaping what he sowed. I will start the public communication campaign in Islamabad from June. Imran Khan forgot that no matter how fast a horse runs, it cannot go ahead of its head. Chairman Azad Awam Tehreek Javed Intizar said in a meeting with Ahlian Bara Kahu that national and provincial After coming out of the assemblies, irreparable damage was realized to the country.



QistBazaar Expands its Footprint with the Opening of 10th Facilitation Centre

跨 City Desk

KARACHI: QistBazaar, a leading Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) fintech company focused on serving the unbanked population, proudly announces the grand opening of its 10th facilitation centre in the bustling neighborhood of Gulistan-e-Johar. Situated in one of Karachi's most densely populated middle-class hubs, with an estimated 5 million residents within a 5-mile radius, this strategic expansion solidifies QistBazaar's commitment to empowering the masses and promoting financial inclusivity.

Rubina Kamardin, Head of Branches at QistBazaar, shed light on the company's motivation for establishing brick and mortar centres, stating, "While online e-commerce platforms may seem like an obvious choice to target the masses, the reality is that 80% of the Pakistani population lacks true literacy. We have a choice: either ignore them or help them embrace the new online world. These facilitation centres are designed to provide the necessary handholding support

About QistBazaar: QistBazaar is a pioneering BNPL fintech company dedicated to serving the unbanked population of Pakistan. By providing accessible and flexible payment options, Qist-Bazaar empowers individuals to make essential purchases without the need for traditional banking services. With a focus on financial inclusivity, QistBazaar aims to bridge the gap between the unbanked and the digital economy, fostering economic growth and empowerment nationwide.

OPF and Overseas Pakistani Commission Punjab Departments are powerless: Musart Hussain

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Overseas Pakistani in Canada, Musrat Hussain Siddiqui, says that the incident of May 9 is very sad. The people love the Pakistan Army and will continue to do so. There is no institution in Pakistan that has been empowered to solve the problems of overseas Pakistanis. Along with the institutions, the state is also not serious about solving the problems of overseas Pakistanis.

Both the Overseas Pakistani Foundation and the Overseas Pakistani Commission Punjab departments are powerless. Federal Ombudsman and Provincial Ombudsman Punjab are also powerless to bring justice to overseas Pakistanis. Institutions across the country are engaged in robbing overseas Pakistanis, NAB and anti-corruption institutions are increasing corruption instead of eradicating corruption. The current government has made the bribery market even hotter by making NAB laws.

The problems of overseas Pakistanis are going on in the courts for $\,$ no reason and the institutions also advise to approach the courts, which is wasting time in the courts. We overseas Pakistanis think of a better future for Pakistan, but those who are the rulers in Pakistan Why don't they think so that Pakistan can develop and overseas Pakistanis come and live in Pakistan? Why doesn't the government understand that overseas Pakistanis are the backbone of the Pakistani economy who are playing their role in the country's development by sending money to Pakistan.

Majax to set up game studio at İslamia University of Bahawalpur



BAHAWALPUR: Game District, an emerging mobile games leader company, will establish a game studio at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This was agreed during the visit of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor to Games District Office in Lahore today. On this occasion, the CEO Games District Mr. Saad Hameed briefed that his company has a project alliance with the world renowned companies like NFL, Hobbits, LEGO, and Outfit7 to produce outstanding mobile games.

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that mobile games development companies are playing a significant role in Digital Learning & Information Technology and contributing in the economy. Both sides agreed to promote mobile games through mutual collaboration, and Game District will provide necessary equipment worth Rs.2 million to establish a mobile game studio at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

Mr. Rizwan Majeed, Director IT, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Mr. Umair Majeed CEO Ditecs AI were also present on

Mr. Rizwan Majeed said that during the recent years, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has shown tremendous progress in IT education and research, and federal, provincial as well as renowned IT companies are offering support to promote joint ventures in this sector.

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is already engaged with federal IT Ministry, Punjab Information Technology Board, Punjab Software Export Board, and other organizations on various projects. Vice Chancellor's visit to the Game District was also connected with the University's efforts to explore opportunities in the latest fields of information Technology.

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UN completes first food distribution

or the first time since fighting broke out in Sudan on April 15, UN humanitarians have been able to reach desperate families trapped in the conflict's epicenter, Khartoum, with food assistance, the World Food Programme (WFP) reported Tuesday.

WFP's Country Director in Sudan, Eddie Rowe, told reporters in Geneva that in a major breakthrough, the agency distributed food assistance to 15,000 people in both Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) controlled areas of Omdurman, part of the Khartoum metropolitan area, beginning on

Speaking from Port Sudan, Rowe highlighted other recent food distributions, in Wadi Halfa in Northern State to reach 8,000 people fleeing Khartoum and on their way to Egypt, as well as to 4,000 newly displaced people in Port Sudan.

In total, he said, WFP had been able to reach 725,000 people across 13 states in the country since it resumed its operations on May 3, following a pause brought on by the killing of three aid workers at the start of the conflict.

Rowe said WFP was rapidly scaling up its support, which they expected to expand depending on progress in negotiations for humanitarian access for all regions, including the Darfurs and Kordofans, strongly impacted by violence and displacement.

In addition to the 16 million Sudanese who were already finding it "very difficult to afford a meal a day" before the fighting started, Rowe warned that the conflict compounded by the upcoming hunger season, could increase the food insecure population by about 2.5 million people in the coming months.

With the lean season fast approaching, WFP's plan was to reach 5.9 million people across Sudan over the next six months, he said.

He stressed WFP needed a total of \$730 million to provide required assistance as well as telecommunications and logistics services to the humanitarian community, including all of the UN agencies operating in Sudan.

He also reiterated the humanitarian community's call on all parties to the conflict to enable the safe delivery of urgently needed food aid, and deplored that so far, WFP had lost about 17,000 metric tonnes of food to widespread looting across the country, particularly in the Darfurs.

Just two days ago, he said, the agency's main hub in El Obeid, North Kordofan, came under threat, and looting of assets and vehicles was already confirmed.

The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported that "more children in Sudan today require lifesaving support than ever before", with 13.6 million children in need of urgent assistance. "That's more than the entire population of Sweden, of Portugal, of Rwanda," UNICEF spokesperson James Elder told reporters in Geneva.

According to reports received by UNICEF, hundreds of girls and boys had been killed in the fighting. "While we are unable to confirm these due to the intensity of the violence, we also have reports that thousands of children have been maimed," Mr Elder

He also pointed out that reports of children killed or injured were only those who had contact with a medical facility, meaning that the reality was "no doubt much worse" and compounded by a lack of access to life-saving services including nutrition, safe water, and healthcare.

Elder alerted that "all these factors combined, risk becoming a death sentence, especially for the most vulnerable".

UNICEF called for funding to the tune of \$838 million to address the crisis, an increase of \$253 million since the current conflict began in April, to reach 10 million children.

Pakistan-Korea Diplomatic Relations

Journey of 4 Decades & Bright Milestones Ahead

brating the 40th anniversary of their bilateral relations this year (1983-2023), Relations between the two couneducation, culture, and sports have strengthened in the past decades and presently growing in many fields of daily life from economic trade investment and more especially cultural and people to people interaction as a good number of Pakistani Students are studying in Korean universities & their numbers are increasing every year.

The present Korean Ambassador in Pakistan Suh Sangpyo is very active in further developing Korean-Pakistan relations from education, and culture to economic and commercial interactions and mentions that "Pakistan is a rapidly growing country with more than 200 million population and abundant natural resources. Located between the Middle East and Asia and as a country the ancient Silk Road passed through, it is geopolitically getting more important. Moreover, Pakistan, where the Indus Civilization began, has a rich and diverse cultural heritage such as the MohenjoDaro civilization, the Gandhara Buddhist Arts, and Islamic Traditions. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Korea and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in 1983, the bilateral ties between the two countries have been enlarged substantially in the areas of trade, investment, human exchange, and development cooperation. Nevertheless, considand needs to be upgraded. He assured

akistan and Korea are cele- that Korean Government will spare no efforts to support all the people who are interested in enhancing relations between Korea and Pakistan": . This clear and loud statement of the Chief tries in the fields of trade, investment, Korean Diplomat in Pakistan clearly ed (KOMIPO) Korea Electric Power

Analysis

Sved Ali Nawaz Gilani

to further enhance both countries' relationship for the mutual benefit of both nations.

The Korean company is also building a children's modern hospital in Sukkar and it is expected that the amount of the Korea Economic Development Cooperation Fund

will be increased to one billion dollars in the next five years. South Korea has given more than 3 million dollars to help flood victims in Pakistan, while Korean companies given 5 millions dollars. The number of Pakistani workers in South Korea is relatively less compared to European countries. 10,000 Pakistani citizens are employed in various cities including Seoul, while 1,500 Pakistani students are studying in Korean universities. Pakistan has enough manpower in other sectors too, which we want to send to Korea. Both countries agree to export Pakistani manpower in other sectors such as agriculture, services, and fisheries and especially in IT. Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) is the only government agency authorized to implement this employment system in Pakistan. At that time, OEC Koreering the immense potential of Pakistan, an Language Training became the most the current level of ties is not sufficient outstanding Korean language training center in Pakistan.

ally renowned Korean brands like DAEWOO, KEPCO (Electric). Sambu Construction Co. Ltd, DOOSAN Korea Midland Power Company Limitshows their attachment and seriousness Hyundai and KIA Motors, Samsung,

LG, LOTTE Group, Star Hydropower Limited (SHPL) POSCO,CK Solar,K-Water, and many others Korean multinationals are looking for investment and business opportunities in Pakistan collectively they direct and indirect business relations opportunities further

enhanced the not only foreign investment here but also the economic relationship will further improved.

Korea wants to increase financing for the development of IT sector, social sector and infrastructure projects in Pakistan. Under the financing of 343 million dollars from the Bank of Korea, five development projects are currently underway, including Islamabad Technology Park, Chitral Road, Chakdara-Timergara Road, Malakand Tunnel and Children's Hospital in Sukkur. The Pakistani Minister has announced various development projects by the Korean government and to combat the covid-19 pandemic and locust disease in Pakistan. Appreciated their increased support for disaster management including disaster management. On the occasion of the meeting, a loan agreement was also signed for the establishment of an IT park in Karachi. The total cost of the project is about \$199 million, out of

Presently leading internation- which Korean Exim Bank will provide \$158 million. The project aims to provide high-tech infrastructure for the IT sector through which IT companies can improve each other's skills and promote entrepreneurship in Pakistan. The IT Park will provide state-of-the-art infrastructure for national and international IT firms to set up their offices in Karachi. During the initiative, a high-level officer from both sides attaches great importance to its relations with Korea. They appreciate the efforts of the Korean Exim Bank for possible projects in health care, road infrastructure development, the IT sector, and mitigation of climate change. Discussed the future roadmap to mobilize financing for projects and speed up the implementation of projects.

In short in the recent past, the Korean Ambassador Suh Sangpyo, apart from socio-economic relationships strengthen specially focused on Cultural Heritage and Korea new initiative at the highest level which was very much appreciated as the soft image of Pakistan as a land of Cultural connectivity with the rest of the world further enhanced. Korean Government also donates funds for the purpose.

The above discussion proves that the leadership of Pakistan and South Korea wants good commercial, economic, and social relations in the future; therefore the efforts made by both sides for the mutual reconciliation of citizens will benefit both countries. We, it is hoped that the leadership of South Korea and Pakistan will further improve diplomatic relations for the betterment of their

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Exploring The Frozen Lake by Mazhar Nisar

Reviewed by Khurram Khiraam Siddiqui

he medium of writing poetry in English is chosen by those Pakistani writers who feel themselves more akin to English language that any other language used in the country. Therefore, they find it natural to express their views, feelings and experiences in English language. The themes of such poems are more subjective and personal. However they use present realities in the country slightly as setting for their expression. These poets are mostly not exposed to the bitter realities and hardships of a common man in the country so their themes are mostly introvert and subjective with a tinge of individuality and mysticism.

MazharNisar is such a poet who is in the contact with the Jargon of English language used in Pakistani media. However he has carefully avoided that journalistic style but his polished idiom shows his skills in using language. He is a news anchor, program host, analyst and voice caster whose services in the field of broadcasting span over two decades. In recognition of his valuable services, he was awarded with esteemed Tamgha-i-Imtiaz by the President of Pakistan. He is also a recipient of PTV National Award. He's presently serving the federal Government as director in the ministry of national health services and is responsible for international cooperation. He has served the country at various significant posts.

The Mahogany Junction was his first collection of English poems and the Frozen Lake is his latest collection of poems published in 2023. In this collection of poems he has successfully managed to create images taken from nature

and cycle of seasons and then making the images as a setting of his poems to expresses his feel-While commenting on the themes included

in The Frozen Lake he writes,

"This collection contains 40 poems based on a variety of themes including life, mysticism, love and a yearning for harmony amongst the humans and their co-existence with the non-humans."

These poems are marked with distinct use of imagery. Another quality of his poem is inward lyricism. He does not choose any complex theme nor does he prolong it unnecessarily. Every poem is illustrated impressively with corresponding graphic designing which helps the reader to grasp the meaning of the poem along with adding to the overall aesthetic beauty of

In his first collection of poems he was more subjective and subdued but now he has also struck a harmony with the outer realities of the life around him. He has now discovered that the creative process is a gift from heaven and a good poem can happen anywhere.

In one of his poems titled as Provenance of

a Poem he writes, A great poem can happen In the midst of an ordinary day On the way to work In a crowded shopping mall While crossing the road

We the emotionally numb

Are life's frozen lake

A poem writes itself We are but scribes Doing the divine's bidding While expressing the theme of aleination, senselessness and our collective inertia, in the title poem, The Forzen Lake he writes:

Where no soul drowns yet none stands still

This theme of alienation is further highlighted in his poem, The Strangers:

I like strangers

When I help them

They cannot hurt me in return.

He is particularly alive to the beauty of nature around him and most of the poems celebrate the beauty of rain, seasons, flowers and other natural manifestations:

A half soaked autumn leaf

A sun-kissed blade of grass A few unfinished poems

A dozen frozen moments.

There are many other beautiful lines that captivate the reader and create beautiful images. The overall ambience of this collection of poems is beautifully summed up by major Paki-

stani English poet, Alamgir Hashmi, "In The Forzen Lake, the lyric mode allows the inner event to take place at the page to involve both the reader and the listener. The

poems are a sketch of longing to be colored." Another noted poet Ejaz Rahim has endorsed the beauty of some lines of Mazhar's poems in

his impressive foreword to the book. To conclude, The Frozen Lake is a good addition in the rare genre of Pakistani English poetry and I hope that with the passage of time Mazhar would develop himself into a very fine English poet and would also focus on themes of international significance.

Title of the book: The Forzen Lake Poet: MazharNisar Total pages: 95 Published by: Sang-e-Meel Publications

Allah has given us this country, Pakistan

Muslims and other human beings all style and in a beautiful way. In the statements of these scholars, there is absolute goodness and success for every person in the world, regardless of color, race and class. Qur'an teaching gathand translating and interpreting the Qur'an. In these gatherings, teaching is usually done

in the light of recitation, interpretation and tajweed of the Holy Quran. The importance of these gatherings is that through the teaching of the Holy Quran, the attendees receive spiritual, moral and intellectual training. In addition, these gatherings provide an opportunity for students to maintain contact with each other, which is very

important for their academic and social development. Moreover, students learn about their religion through these Quranic lectures. Along with acquiring knowledge, one attains the purity and peace of one's heart. Attending such gatherings is a spiritual experience that enriches one's life. Qur'an gatherings are important educational and religious learning centers. These gatherings are usually held in mosques and during this time the people are taught the rules and regulations of the Quran through the recitation of the Quran, the interpretation of it, and the awareness of the greatness of the Quran is awakened in their hearts and among Muslims with each other. Feelings of love, respect and community are enhanced.

Those gatherings in which Allah is mentioned. Translation: Both Hazrat Abu Hurairah (RA)

slamic scholars today are actively and Hazrat Abu Saeed (RA) testify that we heard working to spread religion of Islam to from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), they used to say that The group over the world in the light of Quran and that engages the remembrance of Allah, the Hadith. And they are engaged in efforts angels surround that congregation from all sides day and night to convey the religion in their own and Mercy covers them and Sakina descends upon them and Allah, mentions them in his Majlis (Ahmad, Muslim, Tirmidhi).

In the course of teaching the Quran, a global thinker of religion, whose speech was held in a erings which are held for teaching the Qur'an local Central Jamia Masjid of Islamabad, the point of the statement was the Quran Majeed Furqan Hameed Surah Ibrahim verse 7:

Translation: (If you are truly thankful, I will give you more) Which means that if we thank Allah for His blessings, Allah will increase these blessings? Hazrat Maulana used the words of tafsir in explaining this verse in a very short but comprehensive statement that the intellect is stunned. Hazrat, the tone and loving style of the

statement was touching the hearts. From which no soul can live without being affected. A brief summary of Hazrat's statement and style of conversation was as follows: Whatever Allah has given us, more or less he said,

"Thank Allah that Allah has given us this country of Pakistan. Allah has given countless millions of blessings in it. The person who has bread to eat today, clothes to wear, and a roof to live in." He has a good wife and a ride, even if it is a bicycle. His life is like the life of kings. That the same things used to happen to the earlier kings. He said that even today in the world, there are countries where people have life have

To be continued

Pakistan showcased at the Global Pulses Conference 2023

跨 Spokesman Report

SYDNEY: An event, "Showcasing Pakistan", was organized on the sidelines of the Global Pulses Conference 2023 in Sydney, Australia. The event was organized by the High Commission for Pakistan, Canberra in collaboration with the Global Pulses Confederation (GPC).

The GPC represents all segments of the pulses industry value chain from growers, researchers, logistics suppliers, traders, exporters and importers to government bodies, multilateral organizations, processors, canners, and consumers. The GPC Pulses Conference is the industry's largest global event which brings together key players from more than 50 countries.

Speaking on the occasion, High Commissioner Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri chain of the food sector in Pakistan briefed the participants on the potential of Pakistan market. He under- importers, and exporters to consumscored that Pakistan had a large ers. He invited the businessmen from ties between Pakistan and Australia.

Pak-Japan Relations

try of Housing and Works at his office on Tuesday.



consumer market with around 240 Australia and other countries to benemillion people with 64 percent of the fit from these opportunities. population under the age of 30 years.

The High Commissioner highlighted the opportunities in the entire value from researchers, growers, processors,

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Yasumitsu Kinoshita, Chief Representative, Japan International Coopera-

tion Agency (JICA) Pakistan Office called on Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Federal Secretary, Minis-

Welcoming the large delegation from Pakistan, the High Commissioner assured the Pakistani business community of full cooperation from the High Commission in exploring the trade and investment opportuni-

highlighted the significance of the Pakistani market especially for the export of pulses and canola. The CEO of GPC Randy Duckworth also reiterated the significance of Pakistan as a global market.

Mr. Faisal Anis Majeed, a founding member of Global Pulses Confederation Young Professionals (GPCYP) appreciated the coordination between the Australian suppliers and Pakistani buyers. He also thanked the High Commission for organizing the event.

Mr. Azhar Shah from AUSTRADE informed that Pakistan was a priority market for Australia.

He added that there had been an increasing exchange of business delegations between Pakistan and Australia after Covid-19.

The "Showcasing Pakistan" event was attended by a large number of delegates from Pakistan, Australia and other countries.

KARACHI: TPL Insurance Limited, a leading non-life insurance provider in Pakistan, today announced its Board of Directors' approval of a draft Scheme of Arrangement under Section 279 to Section 282 and Section 285 of the Companies Act, 2017. The scheme outlines the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of the Pakistani Branch of New Hampshire Insurance Company ("NHIC")

Upon approval by the High Court of Pakistan, the Scheme of Arrangement will facilitate the seamless transfer of NHIC's assets and liabilities to TPL Insurance. The successful completion of the transaction is subject to obtaining all necessary regulatory approvals, including the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan's ("SECP") endorsement.

TPL Insurance Limited is a renowned non-life insurance company in Pakistan, renowned for its track record of growth and profitability. TPL Insurance has firmly established itself as a trusted partner in the insur-



News Desk

ance and insurtech industry.

Centre for Labour Research convenes stakeholders to promote fair working conditions in the platform economy

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The platform economy has grown quickly in Pakistan in recent years. Given Pakistan's youth population (more than 60% under the age of 30) and nearly four million youth entering the working-age population every year, the platform economy can be an engine for employment growth in the country. Platform work can provide easier access to the labour market and employment opportunities for vulnerable groups and those traditionally excluded from the labour market, such as youth, women, and minorities. The platform workers are currently classified as "independent contractors" and do not have access to any labour rights that are reserved for "workers" under the labour laws. Misclassifying these workers has Iftikhar Ahmad, presented an overconsequences for the workers by restricting access to existing labour and social security rights and leading to worker exploitation.

Centre for Labour Research is



dation, University of Oxford, UK, to promote the rights of platform workers. The Centre organized a stakeholder consultation workshop on 30 May 2023 to promote fair labour practices and decent work in the gig or platform economy.

The lead researcher and founder of the Centre for Labour Research, view of the platform economy and the need for regulation. He also gave a detailed presentation on regulatory best practices for legislation in the platform economy. This was followed

working with the Fairwork Foun- by a comprehensive discussion of the draft legislation that the Centre for Labour Research has been working on for the last one and a half years.

> "As a government representative, I am pleased to see the Centre for Labour Research take proactive steps to address the needs of gig economy workers. We look forward to collaborating with the Centre and other stakeholders to implement this legislation and support the growth of the gig economy." Said Mr Azhar Malik, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of OP&HRD. Another government representative said that the "The

legislation drafted by Centre for Labour Research is a welcome development for the gig economy in Pakistan. It demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that platform workers are not left behind and are provided with the necessary protections and benefits they need to thrive in the industry."

Ms Zahida Parveen from the Pakistan Workers Federation and Dr Lubna Shehnaz Umer, a member of the Minimum Wages Board, Punjab, also acknowledged the importance of protecting the rights of platform workers and stated their commitment to working with the Centre for Labour Research to develop legislation that ensures fair working conditions for all workers, including those in the platform economy. The ILO representative, Mr Saghir Bukhari, also supported the idea of enactment of legislation and provided valuable inputs to improve the draft.

The Centre for Labour Research will continue to engage with all stakeholders to promote the rights of platform workers in Pakistan.

Zulfiqar Ahmad Visits Manila to Ättend Asia Gulf Cooperation Council Dialogue

MANILA, PHILIPPINES: The Secretary Workers Welfare Fund (WWF), Zulfiqar Ahmad arrived in Manila on May 30, 2023, to participate in the Asia Gulf Cooperation Council (AGCC) Dialogue on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals. The visit, scheduled for May 30-31, aimed to address crucial labor reforms and tackle issues related to migrant labor.

The Secretary, accompanied by Aakif Iqbal from the Bureau of Immigration, embarked on this important mission to discuss pressing concerns affecting workers and migrants in the region. The AGCC Dialogue provided a platform for key stakeholders to exchange ideas, share best practices, and develop strategies to achieve sustainable development goals with a focus on labor welfare.

During the event, the Secretary emphasized the significance of robust labor reforms to ensure the well-being and rights of workers, particularly migrant laborers who often face unique challenges. The discussion centered on improving working conditions, enhancing social protection measures, and promoting equal opportunities for all workers in

The Secretary also highlighted the importance of cooperation among AGCC member countries to address the systemic issues affecting migrant labor. By sharing experiences, knowledge, and expertise, the participating nations aimed to develop effective policies that would enhance the overall welfare of workers in the region.

Maanu is the new star on Spotify Pakistan's RADAR

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: The talented artist, Maanu, who is gaining recognition for his ability to blend various genres, such as electronic, hip-hop, pop, and R&B, seamlessly, is the newest artist to be highlighted on RADAR Pakistan.

Islamabad, May 30, 2023 - Spotify's RADAR initiative, which spotlights emerging artists from around the world, has made a significant impact in Pakistan. It has helped support and elevate local talent to the



next level of their careers by providing them with a global platform to $\,$ showcase their music. In the second quarter of 2023, Maanu has been given the same opportunity to shine on this stage. "I'm incredibly excited and grateful to be the next Spotify RADAR

artist. It's a great chance to tell my story my way, and to work with the people I'm closest to in order to showcase it. Spotify has been a great partner to many artists like myself since arriving in Pakistan and is constantly striving to help us grow our fan base which matters the most", said Maanu while sharing his excitement.

"It's also a huge bonus that this announcement coincides with the release of my next album YIN $/\!/$ YAIN which listeners will get a glimpse of through the RADAR documentary. I hope to use the push given by the campaign to try and ensure this next album reaches as many people as possible.

"We're incredibly excited to amplify Maanu as the next RADAR Pakistan artist. His music has resonated well with Pakistani audiences and it's time to elevate his music to a global audience unlike ever before. Maanu will release his newest single exclusively with RADAR Pakistan which proves RADAR Pakistan to be the home for emerging artists across the nation. I can only imagine what lies ahead for Maanu, but for now, we're glad to be a part of his journey," said Khan FM, Spotify's Artist & Label Partnerships Manager for Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh.

National Skills University Islamabad Shines Globally

№ News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The National Skills University Islamabad has been selected for the UNESCO-UNEVOC initiative for promoting systematic digital transformation in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). A notification received from the UNEVOC Center, Shenzhen Polytechnic China, states, "This letter is to formally confirm that the UNEVOC Centre, National Skills University Islamabad, Pakistan, has been recognized as one of the key partners for the UNEVOC Network Coaction Initiative 2023. We believe that your center's expertise and commitment will greatly contribute to the success of this project and help us achieve our shared objectives. By collaborating closely, we can bridge the digital skills gap and foster sustainable development in our regions and countries.

The Vice-Chancellor of National Skills University Islamabad described this participation as a recognition of the university in promoting skills education across the country and working with international partners. Other participating institutions in this initiative of transforming TVET education include Preah Kossomak Polytechnic Institute, Cambodia; Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore; Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia; Zhejiang Technical Institute of Economics, China. The leading institution for digital transformation initiatives is Shenzhen Polytechnic, China. All participating universities will jointly work to identify and share good practices related to the digital transformation of skills education and share on a unified platform. A meeting of all university leaders for this project will be held in Shenzhen Polytechnic, China.

It is important to mention that proceeding and conference of this digital transforming skills education initiative will be publicly accessible in Urdu, English, Chinese, and Khmer. It will be a unique opportunity for the Pakistani nation to learn about the global efforts of National Skills University Islamabad to promote skills education in our national language. It is important to mention that NSU was part of a similar initiative, the UNESCO-UNEVOC Co-Action Initiative for the "Future Foresight Institutional Capacity for Post-COVID-19 World" project.

'A Conversation with Ms. Bette Dam, author of Looking for the Enemy: Mullah Omar and the Unknown Taliban'

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East & Africa (CAMEA) at the enabling readers to gain deep-Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organized 'A Conversation with Ms. Bette Dam, author of Looking for the Enemy: Mullah Omar and the Unknown Taliban. Diplomats, academics and students attended the event.

During her introductory Director of CAMEA, highlighted the distinctiveness of Ms. Dam's work as a Western author, offering a fresh perspective on the subject

She emphasized that Ms.

Dam's nuanced approach of Taliban movement, factors for upbringing, formative years, exploring all sides of the story contributes to a comprehensive and unbiased analysis, er insights into complex issues. Ms. Khan noted that this ability to embrace different viewpoints enhances the resonance and relevance of Ms. Dam's writing in the region.

DG ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, delivered welcome remarks. He appreciated Ms. remarks, Ms. Amina Khan, Dam's work, stating that her work had helped demystify many aspects of Mullah Omer's life and mission which had remained shrouded in mystery. In particular, her research had provided fresh perspective on the indigenous origins of the

its rise in the peculiar circumstances of the civil war-ridden Afghanistan of the mid-1990s, the handling of 9/11 and its aftermaths by Taliban leadership, the troubled relationship between Mullah Omar and Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, and the last days of Mullah Omar and his demise in Afghanistan.

Ms. Bette Dam gave a brief presentation on her journey as an investigative journalist in particular.

During the discussion, Ms. Bette Dam highlighted the extensive research that had been undertaken to delve into the intricacies of Mullah Omar's life, encompassing his development as a leader, the inception of the Taliban movement, and the final moments of his life.

Ms. Bette Dam also talked about Mullah Omar's perspective on the Taliban, revealing that he viewed the group as a neutral peacekeeping force with the intention to halt the ongoing conflict and chaos in Afghanistan. Contrary to prevailing beliefs, as highlighted in her book, Ms. Bette Dam challenged the narrative by emphasizing that Mullah Omar, the former Taliban leader, remained in Afghanistan until his death, refuting the misconception that he died in Pakistan.



Her remarks were followed focused on her key findings narrative and the difficulties it by an interactive discussion. as well as problems related to posed for objective journalistic The participants' comments the dominance of the Western reporting.



Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index				
Current	Prev. Close			
41,671.65	41,340.06			
Day's High	Day's Low:			
41,693.46	41,362.06			
Index Value	Change			
5,610,822,172	+331.59			
Percentage	Time			
+0.8%	31 May, 2023 5: 00 pm			
Europe: FTS	SE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change			
7,522.07	-105.13			
Percentage	Time			
-1.38%	30 May, 4: 35 pm GMT			
USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
32,949.84	-143.50			
Percentage	Time			
-0 43%	30 May, 1: 10 pm			

Open Market Forex Rates

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average

GMT-4

Change

+94.62

Time

30 May, 3: 15 pm

GMT+9

-0.43%

Index Value

31,328.16

Percentage

+0.30%

Open Market	. C.CA.	lates
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	201	203
Bahrain Dinar	758.7	766.7
Canadian Dollar	228	230.2
China Yuan	40.34	40.74
Danish Krone	41.03	41.43
Euro	331.5	334.5
Hong Kong Dollar	36.44	36.79
Indian Rupee	3.45	3.56
Japanese Yen	2.18	2.41
Kuwaiti Dinar	927.38	936.38
Malaysian Ringgit	61.94	62.54
NewZealand \$	172.79	174.79
Norwegians Krone	25.67	25.97
Omani Riyal	740.96	748.96
Qatari Riyal	78.37	79.07
Saudi Riyal	82.7	83.5
Singapore Dollar	214	216
Swedish Korona	26.36	26.66
Swiss Franc	315.7	318.2
Thai Bhat	8.21	8.36
U.A.E Dirham	84.9	85.7
UK Pound Sterling	382	385
US Dollar	313	316

Pakistan's first packaging alliance seeks green financing

ISLAMABAD: CoRe (Collect and Recycle) the first multi-stakeholder packaging alliance in Pakistan has sought availability of green financing, 5-year tax holiday for recycling projects, incentivization for infrastructure amongst other recommendations to the federal government in the forthcoming budget 2023-

Highlighting the importance of government's role in facilitating circular economy, Sheikh Waqar Ahmad, CEO, CoRe said, "The first step to address the issue of packaging waste and ensure a waste-free future is public investment in the formal collection and recycling

High level delegation of ICCI visited Skardu to review the arrangements of ICCI Tourism Summit 2023

Example 2 Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Chamber of Commerce high level delegation visit to Gilgit-Baltistan, The delegation was headed by President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari. During the visit, the delegation met with the high officials of Gilgit government, security agencies and administration officers. The delegation reviewed the arrangements for the first ICC Tourism Summit 2023 scheduled for the promotion of tourism in the northern regions organized by the Islamabad Chamber in July. The delegation was also made to visit various tourist points and briefed about the business activities in the area.

Speaking in a meeting with the President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce, Provincial Tourism Minister Raja Nasir Ali Khan said that the activation of Islamabad Chamber for tourism in the region is very welcome. The Gilgit Government will provide full cooperation



said that ICCI should cooperate for the improve-Speaking on the occasion, President Islam- Islamabad Chamber is trying to promote the Tourism Committee of ICCI.

regarding the organization of the conference. He abad Chamber Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that I am grateful to the provincial government ment of the dry fruit industry in Gilgit-Baltistan. for its cooperation in organizing the summit. gri-La Fort, Deosai. The tour was organized by

tourism. The northern regions of Pakistan can become the central points for tourism in the region. We need to improve the infrastructure. hoteling industry, roads and other facilities are necessary for the promotion of tourism. Launching of international flights is indispensable in the promotion of tourism. Government should develop Skardu airport as per international standards.

During the visit, Commandant Officer ASF Sved Yasin Shah, Station Commander Skardu, DIG Gilgit-Baltistan Flight Lieutenant (R) Farrukh Rashid and Assistant Commissioner Skardu also met the President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce. The officers of the security agencies assured him that all the agencies will play their role as hosts for the summit. Foolproof security will be provided to the guests coming to attend the summit. During the visit, the delegation also visited other tourist places including Kachura Lake, Cold Desert, Shan-

Zong 4G partners with Roshan **Packages**

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Zong 4G, Pakistan's leading digitalcompany, has partnered with Roshan Packages Limited, one of the country's largest packaging manufacturers, to provide bespoke connectivity for its business. This partnership will enable Roshan Packages Limited to employ Zong 4G's business solutions to optimize the efficacy and reliability of its daily operations across the board.

As part of this partnership, Zong 4G will provide Roshan Packages Limited with customized connectivity solutions tailored to meet their specific business needs. By leveraging Zong's sophisticated services, Roshan Packages Ltd. aims to achieve increased operational efficiency and reliability in their day-to-day activ-

The official spokesperson of Zong 4G said, "We are delighted to join hands with Roshan Packages Limited in enhancing their daily operations. Zong 4G is committed to digitizing Pakistan's corporate land-



scape by providing next-generation business solutions that are crucial for sustainable business growth. We look forward to unlocking this potential with Roshan Packages Limited through this alliance."

Tayyab Aijaz, CEO of Roshan Packages, talked about the importance of integrating

digital solutions in businesses. Highlighting the benefits of technology in upscaling business operations, he commended Zong 4G's robust connectivity and diverse business solutions in helping to make this possible for various corporate sectors including the packaging industry.

No concession for those who attacked the state, insulted martyrs

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ISLAMABAD: Saifuddin Sheikh, Executive Director of Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Tuesday said that those who attacked the state and insulted martyrs for their petty political gains do not deserve any concession.

The leaders who instigated the youth and planned the attacks should be tried in a military courts, he said.

Saifuddin Sheikh said that the global establishment bet on the wrong horse to turn Pakistan-China friendship into enmity and impose an economic blockade on the friendly country, which doomed them to failure.

He said that the military leadership foiled this heinous



conspiracy by taking timely action, for which they deserve all the praise.

The business leader said that the desperate politician, who has caused irreparable damage to the country, is not responding to the charges of planning to roll back the nuclear programme which has exposed his reality to the

SECP Chairman unveils commemorative stamp to mark silver jubilee of CDC Pakistan

Example 2 Commerce desk

ISLAMABAD: To mark the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC), Pakistan Post has issued a commemorative postage

SECP Chairman Akif Saeed officiated the event and unveiled the stamp. Akif Saeed lauded CDC's efforts and perseverance throughout the years and said that "CDC has served as the pride of Pakistan's capital market, with its unwavering commitment towards service quality, innovation, investor facilitation, and improving ease of doing business".

The unveiling ceremony, held today at SECP's head office, marked CDC's landmark achievement of 25 years of successful oper-



structure institution, providing vative services to Pakistan's financial landscape. CDC functions as digital innovation.

exemplary contributions of CDC's data integrity, and service quality.

ations. Since 1997, CDC has been founding member and Chairman, operating as an integral infra- Mr. Arif Habib, the longest-serving CEO, Muhammad Hanif Jakhura, efficient, trustworthy, and inno- and the current Chairman of CDC, Mr. Moin M. Fudda

It operates one of the largest an infrastructure entity offering public interest databases in the country's economy in a safe and On the occasion, the Chairman secure manner, with the highest of SECP, Akif Saeed, recalled the standards of information security,



Badiuddin Akbar said, "CDC is committed in its resolve to continue playing the role of an enabler in line with its vision for effecting ease of doing business while introducing innovative solutions for all stakeholders in Pakistan's financial landscape."

The SECP Commissioner for Securities Market, Abdul Rehman Warraich, Executive Director Musarat Jabeen, CEO Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), Mr. Farrukh H Khan, Additional Director General Pakistan Post. Mr. Shahid Malik, and other officials were also present.

Dr. Ishrat appreciates the pioneering work by FPCCI's **Policy Research Unit**



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Policy Advisory Board (PAB) of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce (FPCCI) held a consultative meeting with Dr. Ishrat Hussain (Former Advisor to the Prime Minister and Ex-Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan) at the FPCCI head office, Karachi. The session was co-hosted by Chairman PAB & former Federal Secretary Mohammad Younus Dagha and Sr. Vice President Muhammad

Suleman Chawla. The research team of the Policy Advisory Board, along with Dr. Usama E. Khan, Head of Policy Research Unit, presented various research papers on Macroeconomic Framework, Fiscal and Monetary Policies, International Trade, Investments, and Industries, Taxation Reforms, the Agriculture Sector, and the Energy

Pakistani Students took top positions in Huawei ICT Competition 2022-2023 Global Final Held in Shenzhen, China

146 Teams from 36 Countries and Regions Win Awards in this competition

tition 2022-2023 Global Final concluded in Shenzhen, drawing to a close the the event's culmination was a competition between finalists in 146 teams from 36 countries. Before the Final, more than 120,000 students from more than 2000 universities in 74 countries and regions around the world took part in the ICT

The students from Pakistan won the second and third prizes in the Network Track and third prizes in the Innovation Track at the Huawei ICT Competition 2022-2023 Global Final concluded recently at Huawei Headquarters the second prize in the Network Track comprised of Muhammad Faeez, Asad Anwer and Faheem Yar Khuhawar from Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro and Maryam Fareed from Lahore College for Women

ma Shafique from Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro, seventh instalment of this competition. Eman Yaqoob from Lahore College for The first to be held in person since 2019, Women University, Umar Raza from FAST-nu Islamabad and Muhammad Zubair from University of Engineering and Technology Lahore bagged the third prize in the same category, among other teams globally. Additionally, both Team Glam from

Pakistan comprising Hasan Ali Khattak, Moaaz Tameer and Sidra Farooqui and Team Quran Ustads comprising Minhal Zafar, Hyder Ali, Muhammad Shaheer and Noor-ul-ain from FAST-National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad won the third prize in Shenzhen, China. The winner of in the Innovation Track, among other

This year, the proportion of female contestants in the global final exceeded 21%, an increase of 8% compared to

Shunli Wang, VP of Huawei Middle

PAKISTAN: The Huawei ICT Compe- University while the team made of Fati- East & Central Asia said, "I would like to congratulate all the winning teams from Middle East. Digital talents and skills will be the foundation for the digital economy development- a key part of Middle East countries future plans and visions- and Huawei will continue to be committed to build the ICT ecosystem with a focus on local talents nurturing and bringing ICT education resources to more academies and universities in the region.

Stefania Giannini, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education, sent her wishes for the Huawei ICT Competition through a video. She said that Huawei ICT Competition not only improved students' digital skills, but also explored feasible solutions for the sustainable development. She expressed that UNES-CO fully supports Huawei's efforts in the education industry to improve global connectivity and digital skills.

Teams from the Middle East and Central Asia performed with distinction at this year's event. Apart from the



and Kazakhstan won the first prize in the Network Track while teams from Iraq, Jordan, and Bahrain won the second prize in the Network Track among other teams globally. Additionally, the team

Pakistan teams, the teams from the UAE from Saudi Arabia won the third prize in the Network Track among other teams globally, and the teams from Jordan and Kazakhstan won the third prize in the Cloud and Innovation tracks.

The Huawei ICT Competition aims

to provide a platform for global college students to compete and communicate with each other in the ICT field. As of the end of 2022, Huawei has cooperated with 2200 universities to build Huawei ICT Academies, helping to train more than 200,000 students each year. Since its initial launch in 2015, more than 580,000 students from 85 countries and regions around the world have participated in the competition.

Globally Huawei is committed to build 7,000 Huawei ICT Academies in total by 2026, train more than 1 million students every year, greatly improving students' digital literacy and skills for a more dynamic and inclusive digital world. In the Middle East region alone, Huawei has trained over 150,000 ICT talents and are committed to achieving more in collaboration with its partners while over 57,000 people have obtained Huawei certification. Also, the number of Huawei ICT Academies in the region has reached to 186.

Sports activities lead to healthy living, character building: President

👺 Bureau Report

QUETTA: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday said that sports activities always led to healthy competition by promoting discipline and character building, especially among the young people.

Addressing the concluding ceremony of 34th National Games, the president said that by holding national sports event, a message was given to the entire world that Balochistan was a peaceful province.

The president observed that different genres of games always helped in promotion of mental health, character building, team work, and healthy competition at different levels.

He said Quaid e Azam and Fatima Jinnah always encouraged young people of the country to take part in healthy activities and stressed upon imbibing the spirit of unity, faith and discipline in all walks of life.

Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah paid special focus on girls guide to strengthen the organizational discipline, he added.

Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Karkar, provincial minister for sports, chief secretary, officials, athletes and a large number of spectators were present during the ceremony.

About Balochistan, the president said the province was rich with natural and mineral resources and commended all the governments for their efforts to utilize them for the progress and prosperity of



The president further stressed that for physical health, regular exercise and other sports activities must be made a part of life as they were vital for healthy

He also appreciated all the stakeholders for the excellent arrangements and sportsmen for competing in the games.

He termed holding of national games in Quetta as 'another feather in province's cap'.

The president urged the youth to follow Quaid's three guiding words 'unity, faith and discipline' as beacon for achieving success in future.

The president said the country's youth should have faith in their talents as no power in the world could hamper their quest for success in life.

The president expressed his hope that world.

young people world utilize their capabilities for the progress and development of

He also recollected his childhood and youth's days when sports activities were regularly held at the educational institutions.

The president said at the global level, TV channels promoted games across the

ICC ElITE Panel Umpire gave away the man of the match to Ahsan Kaleem



LAHORE: ICC ElITE Panel Umpire Ahsan Raza gave away the man of the match to Ahsan Kaleem from Central Park Central Park Cricket Club beat Paragon Cricket Club by 6 Wickets and Qualify for the Semifinal of Umpires Cup One-day tournament 2022-23 .played at Central Park Housing Society cricket ground here the other day

Paragon Cricket Club Captain Hafiz Salman won the toss and decided to bat first Scored: 197 for 8 in 35 -Overs Umer Farooq 42, Ali zoraiz 37 and Mir Azam 32 we're their main runs getters from Paragon club .Ahsan Kaleem Excellent bowling spell 4 for 37 and Kamran Afzal 2 for 38 were their main wickets takers from Central Park. In
reply Central Park achieve the target $200\,$ for 6 in 34.3 overs Nasrullah 72 Daniyal 64 and Kamran 25 not out we're their main runs getters from the Central Park Cricket Club.Hafize Salman 2 for 23 and Rameez Ashraf 2 for 42 end of the match Chief guest Mr Ahsan Raza ICC Elite panel umpire gave away man of match to Ahsan Kaleem from Central

Ahsan Raza ICC Elite panel umpire appreciated the effort of the Mian Tahir Javed sb and Mr.Usman Anwar sb such a beautiful cricket pitches and ground

Today match Officials Ahsan Raza, Jawaid Ashraf on field umpire, Shahid Dewan Reserve umpire and Azhar Hussain was scorer.

Perseverance drives Laiba Nasir in pursuit of her aspirations

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: At just 17 years old, Laiba to PCB Digital on the sidelines of the on Pakistan's cricketing landscape. Her stellar performances on the international stage, representing Pakistan in the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 in South Africa, have caught my family about why I am playing on and pundits alike. Currently featur- could lead to road blockages. On one ing for the Dynamites in the Pakistan occasion, they even visited my home Karachi, Laiba is rapidly emerging as a from playing this game. At that time,

Laiba's journey to becoming a professional cricketer is an inspiring one. accompanied me there. Born and raised in a cricket-loving Gifted with natural talent, she honed her skills under the guidance of dedi- helped me in my practice, but then my

cated coaches and mentors.

Narrating her journey while talking Nasir has already left an indelible mark Pakistan Cup Women's Cricket Tournament in Karachi, Laiba said, "I was 12 vears old when I started playing cricket on the street next to my home with boys. The neighbours used to question the attention of cricket enthusiasts the street, expressing concern that it Cup Women's Cricket Tournament in to persuade my family to prevent me promising talent, showcasing immense my father told me that if I want to potential and determination to succeed. pursue this game professionally, then I should go to the ground and then he

Mentioning the positive impact her family in Lahore, her passion for the father had on her early playing days, sport was kindled from a young age. Laiba said, "My father used to take me to ground early in the morning and

father, who worked at an old clothes shop, got me admitted in a club.

Laiba has four siblings and three of them play sports like football and athletics. During her younger years, Laiba faced suggestions from others to consider athletics due to her short height and not being of the ideal fitness. Nevertheless, she remained convinced regarding her passion for cricket.

Talking about her idol, right-handed Laiba added, "When I started playing cricket, people used to tell me that be like Sana Mir, then I started following her. Later, I tried copying Nida Dar's bowling action, which I am yet to fully Opening up about her challenging

commute to National Cricket Academy, Laiba stated it used to take her two hours to reach the academy, requiring her to switch between two local

would carry her kit bag on her shoulder for a 30-minute walk from canal road to the academy.

Recalling the moment when her name was announced for the first time in Women's U19 T20 Tournament that was played at the Lahore Country Club in Muridke from 13 to 22 August 2022, Laiba said, "I still remember people would question my decision to play this game, advising me against it. Once my name was announced, those very individuals reached out to congratulate me.

Laiba reminisced the joy that she brought to her family when she was T20 World Cup squad. Narrating that moment, Laiba claimed, "I was batting in the nets when the head coach congratulated me that you have been inducted into the squad. When I got free from practice, I called my family members and sister, they were very

selected in the ICC U19 Women's happy. After returning home that day, T20 World Cup. ther took me to the market where our shop is located and proudly shared her journey to representing Pakistan the news with everyone that his daugh-

> squad in the World Cup. in five matches in the ICC U19 Women's parents, one can achieve their dreams."

Reflecting on her experiences and in a major event, Laiba has advocatter had been chosen for the Pakistan ed for young girls pursuing a career in this sport. It is incredibly motivating Laiba went on to represent Pakistan that with hard work and the support of

PFF calls 28 players for national camp ahead of **SAFF Championship**



A Sports

LAHORE: The Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) on Tuesday, called 28 probables for the national camp here ahead of the upcoming South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship

national camp will also aid the participating players to gear up for the four-nation 1993. cup in Mauritius.

directed to report to the camp as it commences on the same day.

The 28 players called by the PFF for the national camp also feature former England U20 player Easah Suliman, former Burnley youngster Rahis Nabi and former Manchester United youngster Otis Khan Salman ul Haq, Abdul Basit after the trio were cleared and Yousaf Ijaz Butt. to represent Pakistan at the international stage.

Notably, Pakistan have been drawn with India alongside invitee Kuwait and Nepal in group A of the SAFF Championship 2023.

A total of eight teams, divided into two groups, will participate in the South Asian tournament.

Group A features host India, Pakistan, Nepal and Kuwait while Bangladesh, Bhutan, Lebanon and Maldives were drawn in Group B.

Pakistan men's football team will mark their return Meanwhile, the upcoming to the SAFF Championship after missing the last two out of the 13 editions held since

The Pakistan Football The probables have been Federation (PFF) could not send its men's team for the 2015 edition held in India due to the lack of funds.

> The national side then missed the 2021 edition as they were serving a suspension from FIFA, which was lifted last year in June. Camp probables

Goalkeepers: Saqib Hanif,

Defenders: Muhammad Umar Hayat, Ali Khan Niazi, Muhammad Sufyan, Muhammad Umer Saeed, Mamoon Moosa Khan, Syed Abdullah Shah, Haseeb Ahmed Khan, Sardar Wali, Sohail, Easah Suliman and Abdullah Igbal.

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Application for issuance Succession Certificate by Mr. Abdul Rehman with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Ms. Anwar Jan citizen number 3740402524510 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Tasleem Akhtar (Daughter) 2.Abdul Rehman (Son)3.Zahid Mehmood (Son)4.Naseem Akhtar (Daughter)5.Muhammad Masood (Son)

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Letter of Administration Khurram Sardar Bangash with immoveable assets of deceased Mr. Sardar Khan Bangash has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Kashif Sardar Bangash (Son) Zeeshai (Son)4.Khurran Bangash Bangash (Son) On the above application the invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this

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Application Administration of Muhammad Atif with regards to of deceased Mr. Muhammad Faroog citizen 6110134598443 has been received. Following are declared

1.Muhammad 2.Muhammad Raza 3.Muhammad Faisal (Son) 4.Misbah Haroon (Daughter Muhammad Kashif (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this

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Muhammad Adil (Son)2.Riffa

(Son)

(Spouse)3.Kashi

Letter of Administration Succession Certificate by Mr. Amjad Mahmood with regards to Muhammad Adil with regards to moveable & immoveable assets moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Mr. Mohammad of deceased Mr. Muhammad citizen 3740287611911 3740190767277 has been received. Following are declared received. Following are declared as legal heirs.

> Saira Fatima Bi (Daughter 2.Zaira Fatima Bi (Daughter 3.Asad Mahmood (Son)4.Amjac Mahmood (Son)5.Asiac

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Application for issuance of Administration Succession Certificate by Ms Malik Fouzia Zahid with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Ms Begum citizen Mukhtiyar number 4250133495734 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.

1.Komal Atif (Daughter)2.Malik Fouzia Zahid (Daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this

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for issuance Letter of Administration Succession Certificate by Mr. Zohaib Amjad with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Mr. Amjad Hussair citizen number 3740510428649 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. Amjad (Spouse 2.Nazish Amjad (Daughter 3.Zohaib Amjad (Son 4.Muhammad Abdullah Amjad

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Application for issuance Letter of Administration Succession Certificate by Mi Zain UI Abdin Siddiqui with immoveable assets of deceased Ms. Shaheena Parveen Siddiqu citizen number 3740555080696 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Shumaila Nasim (Daughter) Kanwal Nasim (Daughter) 3.Zain Ul Abdin Siddiqui (Son 4.Prince Humair Siddiqui (Son

5.Mahak Atif (Daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteer (14) days after publication of this

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Application for issuance Administration Succession Certificate by Mi mran Maqsood with regards to of deceased Ms. Balgees Akhtar citizen number 6110183734560 nas been received. Following are declared as legal heirs (Daughter .Muhammad Daud Khan (Son) 3.Imran Magsood (Son)4.Sarda Muhammad Magsood Khan Spouse)5.Tehmina Daughter)6.Saima Magsood Daughter)7.Hammad Ali Khan

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for issuance Administration Succession Certificate by Mi Muhammad Naveed Iqbal with regards to moveable immoveable assets of decease Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Mugha citizen number 424011697808 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs 1.Rugia Taskeen (Daughter 2.Sarwat Faroog (Daughter 3.Ayesha Kashif (Daughter 1.Muhammad Naveed (Son)5.Muhammad Nabeel Igba Son)6.Muhammad Zaheer Iqba (Son)7.Muhammad (Son)8.Muhammad Igbal

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Application for issuance Letter of Administration Succession Certificate by Mi Muhammad Munir with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Mr. Ghulan Shabbir citizen 3620159950483 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs.

1.Tanveer Akhtar 2.Fareeda Bibi (Daughter 3. Rubina Shaheen (Daughter 4.Kabir 5.Muhammad Munir On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteer (14) days after publication of this

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Umer Azeem Ms. Sharida Bibi citizen number 4240144039790 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Umer Azeem Abbasi (Son) Laiba Azeem Abbasi (Daughter)3. Amir Azeem Abbasi (Son)4. Almas Azeem (Daughter)5 Noshaba (Daughter).

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