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Armed Forces of Pakistan, CJC&S & Services Chiefs wish a very happy Eid to fellow Pakistanis. Eid-ul-Azha gives us message of peace, unity, fraternity & selfless sacrifice for the humanity. Let us remember and honour Shuhada of Pakistan on this day who sacrificed their lives for the motherland. They will forever be etched in our hearts.



PM, President Erdogan exchange Eid greetings

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday spoke to President of the Republic of Türkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan and felicitated the government and the people of Türkiye on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. Reciprocating the prime minister's sentiments, President Erdogan extended warm Eid greetings to the people of Pakistan.

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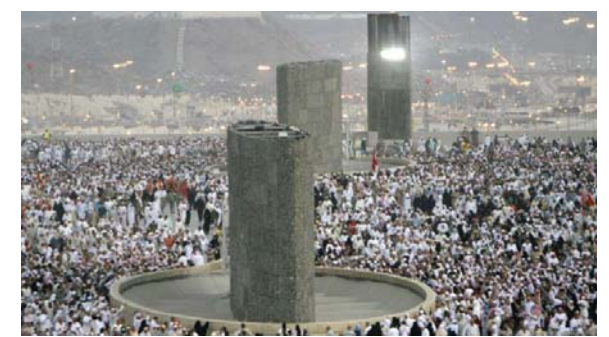
Inflationary

ISLAMABAD: A vendor displaying the sacrificial animals to attract customers in connection with Eidul Azha but is not getting Buyer due to inflation.



Photo: INP

Pilgrims perform stoning of devil at Jamarat



News Desk

MINA: Millions of pilgrims, after saying prayers on Eid-ul-Azha morning and travelling through different means of transportation on Wednesday (10th Zilhaj), embarked on a journey from Muzdalifah to Mina for the 'stoning of the devil.'

In the scorching heat, the walk can be long and tiring, so many people choose to go by bus or train. But hundreds of thousands of pilgrims including men and women could also be seen in groups, proceeding to Jamarat for stoning.

The pilgrims collected pebbles from Muzdalifah last night and made their way to Jamarat Bridge.

It was one of the final rites of Hajj, which took place in a structure with three pillars symbolizing the devil.

Every pilgrim should hit one

of the three walls of the Jamarat on three different occasions.

This year, the Nusuk platform added the schedule of the Jamarat stoning ritual to facilitate and streamline the event that most of the 1.8 million pilgrims will head to throughout the day.

The ritual will be repeated for two more days, with participants eventually casting stones at all three pillars.

Stoning is one of the most dangerous stages of the Hajj, with the press of people around the pillars creating the risk of a stampede.

In 2004, 244 people were killed, and a year later at least 360 died when several pilgrims tripped over baggage while others behind them kept pushing ahead.

Saudi authorities subsequently built the current complex to reduce the risk of stampedes.

PM forms high-level committee for PIA's restructuring, revival

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday constituted a high-level committee to work out the restructuring, reformation and revival of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA).

He was chairing a high-level meeting to discuss the matters pertaining to the PIA, according to the PM Office.

The committee, headed by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, would present its proposals and recommendations to the Federal Cabinet after Eidul Azha.

The committee would also comprise Railways and Aviation Minister Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, Commerce Minister Syed Naveed



Qamar, Special Assistant to the PM Jahanzeb Khan and secretary aviation.

The body would deliberate on different options for the restructuring and revival of the PIA.

The aviation minister briefed the prime minister about the proposed route map and reformative measures for the uplift of the national flag carrier.

The prime minister appreciated the efforts of the minister for the PIA's revival.

He viewed that the PIA had the capacity to overcome the losses.

The meeting was told that the number of planes in the PIA fleet would have to be increased from 27 to 49, in order to steer the airline out of the crisis.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said the PIA had lost the Europe and US routes owing to irresponsible statements by the previous government, inflicting the loss of billions of rupees.

PM forms high-level committee for PIA's restructuring, revival

He recalled that the incompetent ministers of the previous government had victimised international investors, Chinese firms and Turkish businessmen.

Calling the reformation process inevitable, the prime minister told the meeting that the PIA could only progress if run by professional and administrative experts purely on a profit-and-loss basis.

The prime minister said the government was heading toward a policy mechanism in which its role would be confined to the policy-making, and facilitation of investors, businessmen and companies. Federal ministers Khawaja Saad Rafiq and Azam Nazeer Tarar, Advisor Ahad Cheema and relevant authorities

Commander Shafi among three terrorists killed in Bajaur IBO

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: The security forces killed three active terrorists including their commander named Shafi during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in the general area Inayat Qilla of Bajaur District on June 27.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Wednesday, an intense exchange of fire took place between the security forces and terrorists.



Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed terrorists, who remained actively involved in terrorist activities against the security forces as well as killing of innocent citizens.

The sanitization of the area was carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the area.

Nawaz Sharif will come back to Pakistan, says Ahsan Iqbal

Bureau Report

NAROWAL: Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal said that Nawaz Sharif will come back to Pakistan.

As per details, Ahsan Iqbal said that cases were made against former prime minister Nawaz Sharif through a conspiracy but the legal team is working to get justice for the PML-N supremo. The federal minister maintained that election will be held on time and PML-N will come out victorious as it did in 2013.

He added that in 2018 the journey towards development was stopped



through a conspiracy and the politics of hatred was started in Pakistan.

Ahsan Iqbal said that Pakistan is currently stuck in debt and the government has to accept every condition of the IMF.

Earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif formed a legal team for completing the legal work for the

return of former premier and Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Supremo Nawaz Sharif. The legal team will be headed by Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar. The other members of the legal team include PM's special assistant Attaulah Tarar, Irfan Qadir, and other legal experts.

Sources told ARY News that the committee will expedite the follow-up of cases against the former premier. It will speed up the legal work for the dissolution of cases against Nawaz Sharif and its disqualification to remove legal barriers to his return to the country.

PML-N, PPP bigwigs 'agree' on charter of economy

News Desk

DUBAI: The coalition partners in the centre - Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) - have reportedly agreed on "charter of economy" to steer the cash-strapped country out of the crisis.

PML-N top leader Nawaz Sharif and PPP leaders Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto have been in Dubai for talks over the election and other political and economic issues. The top men from the PML-N and

PPP met in Dubai on Monday to decide the timing of the next general elections in the country and "their share" in the future set-up.

Sources told media that Nawaz Sharif and Asif Ali Zardari have agreed on the majority of points of charter of economy under which a similar coalition setup would be formed after the general elections in 2023.

"The coalition partners in the current set up JUI-F, MQM-P and parties included in

PDM alliance would be made part of charter of economy," say sources.

Moreover, no breakthrough was reached between PPP and PML-N leaders over the election alliance for 2023 general elections, they say, adding that the caretaker would be finalised by taking other allied parties in confidence.

It is pertinent to mention here that the two sides have been at odds with regard to the timetable of the next general election after dissolution of assemblies in August.

Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari have been staying in Dubai for further talks with Nawaz Sharif and other PML-N leaders. According to sources, more PML-N and PPP leaders are expected to arrive in Dubai to join the dialogue.

It is worth mentioning here that PM Shehbaz Sharif and former president Asif Ali Zardari have repeatedly stressed the need for a "Charter of Economy" and sought formulating long term policies to improve the economy of the country.

TikToker Ayesha case: Prime suspect sent on physical remand

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The prime suspect who abandoned TikToker Ayesha's body at Jinnah Hospital was sent on two-day physical remand.

As per details, the prime suspect Jibran was presented in the city court in the TikToker Ayesha case. In his statement, the prime suspect told the court that he lifted an abandoned girl's body which has made him a criminal now.

The court asked why didn't the accused call an ambulance or 15. At this, his lawyer said that he is not literate enough to call the ambulance or contact the police. Furthermore, the court sent him on two-day physical remand and ordered the investigation officer to present the accused before the court on



June 30 along with the progress report.

Read more: Abandoned girl's body case: Police lodge FIR, record father's statement

Earlier, police registered the First Information Report (FIR) in the abandoned girl's body case over the complaint of her father and also recorded his statement.

Police recorded the statement of deceased Ayesha's father Sultan today. Sultan stated "I had received information from police that they found my daughter's body. My daughter went to a party with Jibran and a woman namely Pinki.

Education Matters

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain on Wednesday called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and they discussed the country's overall political situation as well as the matters pertaining to education and professional training.



Photo: PID

Petroleum prices likely to be cut by up to Rs10

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Wednesday recommended up to Rs10 per litre reduction in the price of major petroleum products.

Ogra suggested reducing the price of petrol and diesel by Rs10 per litre, respectively. Sources divulged that Finance Minister Ishaq Dar will make the ultimate decision after consulting with Prime Minister Sheh-



baz Sharif.

There was also a chance of price maintenance, the sources added. The new prices will come into effect from July 1.

Shortage of judges causing huge backlog of cases in superior judiciary

News Desk

LAHORE: The country's superior judiciary is dealing with a huge backlog of 380,539 cases at the start of the year 2023. Dunya Investigation Cell reported

There were 51,744 pending cases in the Supreme Court of Pakistan (SC), 103 in the Federal Shariat Court (FSC), 17,104 in Islamabad High Court (IHC), 179,425 in the Lahore High Court (LHC), 85,781 in the Sindh High Court (SHC), 41,911 in the Peshawar High Court (PHC) and 4,471 cases in the Balochistan High Court (BHC).

The reason behind the pending cases is said to be the acute shortage of the judges.

Presently there are two seats vacant in the Supreme Court, six in FSC, two in IHC, five in SHC and three in PHC.

As per SC, on June 1, the total number of pending cases was 53,949. By June 15th, 1,164 new cases were filed and during that period 566 cases were decided.

There are total 54, 547 pending cases in the apex court. The expected number of cases is likely to be decided in the SC during the one year is 13,584 that is visibly less than the cases decided during the previous



year.

The SC record indicated over 22,081 new cases were filed and 24,303 cases decided during February 2, 2022 to February 25, 2023.

The apex court's sanctioned strength of judges is 17 but 15 are working while two positions are vacant.

Similarly, there are eight sanctioned seats of judges in FSC, but six judges are working.

As many as 19 seats are vacant in the LHC as only 41 judges are working against the sanctioned seats of 60.

There are 10 sanctioned positions of judges in IHC but eight judges are working.

Five seats are also vacant in the SHC as 35 judges are presently working against the sanctioned 40 seats.

The PHC has also 20 seats but 17 judges are working while the BHC is also facing shortfall of two judges.

Zardari calls for efforts to end poverty

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday asked all the stakeholders to collaborate in an effort to eradicate poverty from the country.

In his Eid message, Zardari said, "I would felicitate the Muslims throughout the world on the arrival of Eidul Azha. The lessons of sacrifice, endurance, and tolerance are taught

to us on Eid. It is imperative that we remember those in need".

"We should remember our Kashmiri brothers, sisters, and children. The prayers will be offered for the country's valiant sons who are protecting it," Zardari maintained.

"We shall also honour our martyrs who sacrificed their lives in defence of country," he added. Zardari returned home after a three-day visit to Dubai to celebrate Eidul Azha



in Nawabshah.

However, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari will

celebrate Eid in Dubai.

Last week, former president Asif Ali Zardari said the

charter of economy was need of the hour.

Speaking to industrialists, the PPP co-chairman underscored the nation's potential and dubbed the country as a "golden basket". The nation has been blessed with an abundance of resources by Allah Almighty, he added.

"I am willing to sign the charter of economy. Investors are becoming uneasy and moving their money abroad," Zardari added.

People throng to markets, but most of animals remained unsold

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: With only one day left for Eid-ul-Azha, people thronged to cattle markets to buy sacrificial animals but many of the animals remained unsold because of their sky-high prices.

After receiving salaries, the government and private sector employees also visited the markets on the first official holiday on Wednesday, however, most of them seemed complaining about inflated animal rates, while on the other side, cattle sellers claimed that insufficient supply from Punjab and Sindh provinces had driven the prices high.

"Cattle markets have visitors in large numbers but serious buyers are a few. People mostly ask about the prices, take selfies with animals, and go away," some sellers told APP.

Meanwhile, cattle traders insisted that affluent people preferred goats and sheep for health reasons as they feared that the other sacrificial



animals were infected with cattle skin disease.

A visit to different sale points also revealed that the price of a normal-size goat, sheep, or lamb ranges from Rs 65,000 to Rs 75,000, whereas a medium-size cow and calf ranged from Rs 140,000 to Rs 300,000.

"Transporting animals from south Punjab to cities like Lahore, Rawalpindi or Fais-

alabad had become a pricey affair," Imran Ali, a livestock trader from Narang Mandi, said. When asked about the high prices, he replied that last year a truck carrying animals to Lahore from Mithan Kot and Dera Ghazi Khan would charge Rs 48,000 to 50,000, but this year they were demanding around Rs 95,000 to 100,000 for the same task.

Security, cleanliness, animal

health and other facilities provided by the local body and caretaker set up, were seemed better this year, however, effects of the heavy rain on Monday morning could not be washed out till Wednesday.

Meanwhile, keeping in view the security measures regarding the Congo virus and lumpy skin diseases, the Minister for Local Government & Community Development (LG&CD)

Ibrahim Murad had already issued instruction that only healthy animals should be allowed to be brought to the cattle markets while the entry points of cities should be sprayed to prevent the Congo virus.

Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) also provided their cleanliness services in cattle markets and the city and also set up a control room for cleanliness operation during all three days of Eid.

Meanwhile, Department of Local Government had established 118 cattle markets and 182 cattle sale points across the province for the convenience of the people to purchase sacrificial animals for Eid-ul-Azha.

As many as 34 cattle markets and sale points were set up in Bahawalpur Division, 42 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 34 in Faisalabad, 23 in Gujranwala, 22 in Gujarat, 31 in Multan, 32 in Lahore Division, 26 in Rawalpindi Division, 21 in Sahiwal and 35 in Sargodha Division.

Archbishop extends Eid greetings to Muslims



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Archbishop Dr. Joseph Arshad has extended his heartfelt greetings to all Muslim brothers and sisters in Pakistan and around the world on the occasion of Eid ul Azha.

He, in a statement issued here, said Eid ul Azha teaches sacrifices and invites us to respect, tolerance, and love for all which were the cornerstones of an integrated society.

On this blessed occasion, he also remembered all those suffering in pain and anguish who are not able to celebrate the joy of Eid.

He invited all who were blessed with numerous resources to reach out to help the deserving people so that they can also join in the celebrations of Eid ul Azha with joyful hearts.

ECC approves Bonded Bulk Storage Policy 2023

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet approved "Bonded Bulk Storage Policy 2023" for petroleum products, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar tweeted here on Wednesday.

He said, it was another commitment of the government fulfilled with people of Pakistan that was made through Budget speech for the fiscal year 2023-24 on June 9 23 in National Assembly.

He said, the details would be shared by State Minister for Petroleum through presser.

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Turkish Ambassador calls on Khawaja Ahmed Hassan



Bureau Report

LAHORE: Ambassador of Türkiye to Pakistan Mehmet Pacaci on Wednesday called on Khawaja Ahmed Hassan Coordinator to Prime Minister here at his office.

Bilateral relations between the two countries and mutual interests were discussed during the meeting.

Khawaja Ahmed Hassan said that Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Republic of Türkiye proved helpful for strengthening the relations of both the countries.

Pakistan Pavilion inaugurated at China International SME Fair in Guangzhou

Spokesman Report

BELJING: Acting Pakistani Consul General, Sardar Muhammad, inaugurated the Pakistan Pavilion at the 18th China International Small and Medium Enterprises Fair in Guangzhou.

He also represented Pakistan at the opening ceremony of the Fair and the 2nd SME International Cooperation Summit main forum, both held in Guangzhou.

Sardar said that Pakistan has been allocated a significant area at the Fair where eight Pakistani companies are showcasing a variety of products including jewelry, handicrafts, and food items, he told China Economic Net (CEN).

The Consul General and He Bing, the Deputy Director General of the



Department of Industry and Information Technology of Guangdong, toured all the stalls and praised the exhibitors for their impressive display of Pakistani products.

"We highly appreciate the People's Government of Guangdong Province and others involved in organizing CISMEF for providing this great platform for SME promotion, which is the real engine of global inclusive sustainable economic development," he stated.

Sardar noted that CISMEF offers

valuable opportunities for SMEs, both from China and globally, to learn from each other and strengthen exchanges and cooperation. He is confident the Fair will meet its set objectives.

"As per the 2022 estimates from the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA), there are over five million SMEs in Pakistan. They contribute 40% to Pakistan's GDP and account for 25% of overall exports. After agriculture, the SME sector employs the highest percentage of the working population in the country," he pointed out.

He emphasized that SMEs play a crucial role in shaping national growth strategies, generating employment, and fostering social cohesion by improving the standard of living for vulnerable segments of society.

'Bonded storage policy' introduced to end dry outs in petroleum sector: Musadik Malik

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Minister of State for Petroleum Dr. Musadik Malik said on Wednesday that the government had introduced 'Bonded storage policy' to end the dry outs in the petroleum sector.

Addressing a news conference Musadik Malik said, that under this policy the foreign companies doing legal business of oil from around the world could construct bonded warehouse for oil storage in various major cities and it would not only bring in foreign exchange reserves to Pakistan but also ensure all the time availability of petrol and diesel in the country.

It would also break the monopoly of a few oil marketing companies, which used to create artificial shortage of oil



the country on various pretext, and also discourage illegal hoarding of oil to gain more profits, he added. He said the government was taking appropriate and comprehensive measures to maintain or gradually lower the prices of energy including petroleum, gas and electricity.

Musadik Malik added that foreign companies which stored petroleum and diesel in the bonded warehouse, would definitely get themselves registered here in Pakistan and would have to open their business accounts

in the local commercial banks. Consequently, it would resolve the issue of LCs (Letters of Credit) confirmation as these companies would make business transactions in dollar or in Pak rupee directly through banks and in a way, it would also release the pressure on country's foreign reserves exchange and create a little bit space for the government in making various payments, he said. He added that this initiative would also do away with LCs charges, which so far were being passed on to the end consumer.

He asserted that it would be a great relief and facilitation for the small filling stations which faced even more problems during shortage of oil, and now they would be able to continue their business after buying oil from the bonded warehouses.

Shah Mehmood Qureshi to celebrate Eidul Azha in Multan: Imran Gerdezi

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: According To Spokesman Syed Imran Haider Gerdezi said Vice Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and former Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi visited the residence of eminent religious scholar and central Ameer of Jamaat Ahlesunnat Pakistan Allama Syed Mazhar Saeed Kazmi yesterday where he visited him. Allama Syed



Mazhar Saeed Kazmi underwent surgery a few days ago in a private

hospital in Lahore and he is recovering well at home. Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi was there for some time and visited Allama Syed Mazhar Saeed Kazmi. Special prayers were offered for his early health and safety.

Makhdoomzada Zain Hussain Qureshi and Syed Ahsan Saeed Kazmi, the sons of Allama Mazhar Syed Kazmi, were also present on this occasion. Meanwhile, Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf Vice Chairman and former Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi and former Federal Parliamentary Secretary Finance Makhdoomzada Zain Hussain Qureshi were present on this occasion. They reached Multan to celebrate Eid ul Adha Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi will perform the Eidul Azha prayer at 8 am in the cover of Hazrat Bahauddin Zakaria. Later he will talk to the media

Eid Rush

KARACHI: People are leaving to their native villages for celebrating Eidul Azha with their beloved ones with great Zeal.



Fawad Chaudhry and Shireen Mazari who take Imran Khan to the closed street: Amir Dogar

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Former Chief and Minister of State Malik Amir Dogar said that I strongly condemn the events of May 9 and pay tribute to the sacrifices of the martyrs of Pakistan Army. The administration of Multan is my witness that I did a peaceful protest and stopped the workers from going to the check post. Those who killed Tehreek-e-Insaf were Fawad Chowdhury, Shireen Mazari. Imran Khan made mistakes and mistakes 125 members of the National Assembly were not at all willing to resign.

Similarly, at the time of the dissolution of the Punjab Assembly, the members and Parvaiz Elahi kept begging Imran and saying that there will be no election, we will be killed, PDM will take



everything, we will serve jail, but Fawad Chowdhury group did not let anyone go. Aamir Dogar said my father. And uncle's past is in front of the institutions. Our family is a patriot and lover of Paki-

stan Army and we believe that the martyrs of Pakistan Army owe us a debt. On May 9, we were going home after ending the protest at Chungi No. 9, and my secretary told us that the workers were

going to Cantt. CPO, RPO, Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner were present on the spot. I didn't let the workers go to the check post and I sat at a drink corner. Malik Amir Dogar said that if the assemblies were present today, the incident of May 9 would not have happened. He declared Usman Buzdar responsible for the ruin and destruction of Punjab and said that Usman Buzdar is a very unfaithful person.

He further said that as a member of the National Assembly, I always stand with the state and will do the same in the future. The only solution to the political and economic unrest is immediate and transparent elections, after which the country will go on the path of democracy and the economy will also improve.

Chaudhry Zulfiqar message on Eidul Azha

News Desk

MULTAN: Hajji or Eidul Azha is an important slogan and a great act of worship among the rituals of sacrifice. This act is the tradition of our noble ancestor Hazrat Ibrahim (Abraham, peace be upon him). Islam has commanded the sacrifice (slaughter) of animals solely for the sake of Allah. Sacrifice is a manifestation of worship, humility, and submission, through which arrogance and self-importance are eliminated.

A Muslim, solely out of obedience to his Lord's command, sacrifices an animal without any ulterior motives. The wisdom behind sacrifice does not lie in questioning why an animal is being slaughtered. Through this entire act of sacrifice, we receive the message that at every turn of life, we are to sacrifice everything, including our emotions and desires, for the sake of Allah, and live our lives with humility and modesty.

I pray to Allah that He keeps us alongside the true joy of Eidul Azha and accepts our sacrifices with honor, and grants us the ability to perform this great act of worship in accordance with its essence. Amen.

Eidul Azha Camps of WM Company Established in Multan city: Shahid Yaqub

Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Chief Executive Officer of Waste Management Company Shahid Yaqub has said that on the occasion of Eidul Azha, camps of the Waste Management Company have been established throughout the city. I will continue to distribute waste bags and awareness pamphlets He expressed these views while visiting the awareness campus and the landfill site. On this occasion, the CEO checked the arrangements in the awareness campus and also distributed waste bags among the citizens.

Chief Executive Officer Shahid Yaqub has said that the cleanliness complaints received in the awareness campus will be resolved immediately. A special operation will be conducted to provide a clean environment to the citizens. The CEO said that a special control room will also be set up to monitor the Eid operation. has been established while the Waste Management Company is fully prepared for the mega cleaning operation of Eidul Azha All the operational vehicles, dumpers and cleaning staff have been sent to the sectors. Shahid Yaqub said that the digging of trenches for burying waste at Habiba Sial landfill site has also been completed.

While new uniforms, handcart and loader rickshaws have also been provided to the cleaning staff, washing and scraping of mosques and Eid places have also been done by the company, while distribution of announcements and pamphlets will also continue in mosques for the awareness of citizens. The CEO expressed his determination that the citizens will feel a pleasant change on Eidul Azha. 17 thousand tons of garbage will be disposed of during Eid.

While District administration officers will do special monitoring of the cleaning operation. The CEO said that citizens can file complaints about cleanliness at the 1139 control room. Earlier, the CEO distributed pamphlets and waste bags in markets and homes.

Strict action taken against the transporters excessive fares on Eid: Umar Jahangir

Kiran Asim



MULTAN: Under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir, Strict action was taken against the transport companies charging excessive fares on Al-Azha. On the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir, Secretary RTA cracked down and closed 38 buses and wagons for overcharging and overloading, while 72,000 rupees collected as excess fare was also returned to the citizens.

Rana Muhammad Mohsin said that on the order of the Deputy Commissioner, special checking teams have been formed during Eid days. The district administration will not allow to collect excess rent under any circumstances.

Gillani House Multan caught fire: Yousaf Raza Gilani

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The terrible incident of arson in Gillani House Multan The bedroom of former Prime Minister and Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani and two adjacent rooms were burnt to ashes, but Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani was miraculously safe. He had come out of his bedroom a couple of minutes before the fire broke out. Although the initial cause of the fire is said to be a short circuit, however, an electrical fault could not be found from morning to evening. In this regard, when Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani was contacted, he told the media that when he came out of his room at 10 am, he tried to turn off the lights as usual.



But despite all my efforts, the lights were not turned off, so I called the employee outside the room, as soon as the employee Arif went to the room, the flames had spread.

During this time, apart from the room, the dressing room and the adjacent room were also engulfed in fire, but thanks to God, all the family members including me were safe. During this time, 1122 was called. Rescue 1122 staff brought the fire under control, during which the lights of the entire house were turned off, but the lights of Yousaf Raza Gillani's room were not turned off and the electricity remained intact. According to the sources, the loss can be estimated at millions of rupees. Syed Abdul Qadir Gillani and Syed Ali Haider Gillani praised the timely efforts of the Rescue 1122 staff.

Lahore to ensure cleanliness during Eidul Azha

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Secretary Local Government Department Parvaiz Iqbal has announced that dedicated staff will be deployed in the field during all three days of Eidul Azha to ensure cleanliness and maintain a litter-free environment in all districts. The local government department has meticulously made all necessary arrangements to guarantee cleanliness in cities, towns, and villages on this auspicious occasion.

To effectively manage and address any concerns, a control room under the supervision of the Secretary Local Government Board has been established. This control room will operate round the clock, with 109 officers and employees working in three shifts. The first shift will be from 9 am to 5 pm, the second shift from 5 pm to 1 am, and the third shift from 1 am to 9 am. The diligent individuals in the control room will be readily available to promptly address complaints and ensure their resolution. They will also oversee the ongoing cleaning operations conducted by waste management companies and local governments, including Lahore.

For filing complaints, dedicated contact numbers have been provided for the control room. Citizens can reach out to the following numbers in case of any complaint: 99214831, 99214837, 99214840, 99214841, and 99214883. Additionally, representatives from the helpline 1198 will also be present in the control room to assist. In cities where waste management companies are operating, citizens can contact the respective waste management company's helpline at 1139 to register their complaints, he concluded.



Multan Cricket Stadium ready to host matches of the tournament

Karachi won Sindh Region Men's and Women's titles of PMYP Talent Hunt

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori has said that the Prime Minister's Talent Hunt Youth Program will bring a revolutionary change in the sports of Pakistan. I congratulate Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for taking steps to find talent in different sports across the country. He expressed these views while addressing the closing ceremony of Prime Minister Talent Hunt Youth Sports Hockey League.

Prime Minister Youth Program Talent Hunt Youth Sports Hockey League Sindh Region Men's and Women's Title Karachi won, Sukkur Region 2nd, and Larkana 3rd in men's competition. In the women's competitions, the Larkana team stood 2nd and the Shaheed Benazir Abad Region team stood 3rd position. Captain of the Karachi women's team Dua Khan was the top scorer with 15 goals. Shazma Naseem of Karachi was declared the best goalkeeper and Saba of Larkana was declared the best player of the League. Zain Anil of Karachi was the top scorer with 6 goals, Abdul Rafe



Sajid of Karachi was declared the best goalkeeper, and Masim Zakir of Sukkur was declared the best player.

According to the details, on the last day of the Prime Minister Youth Program Talent Hit Youth Sports Men's and Women's Hockey League, Karachi Region won the men's and women's matches. In the men's match, the host team defeated Sukkur by two goals.

Centre Forward Muhammad Usman of the winning team scored both goals. In the last match of the Women League, Karachi defeated Sukkur Region by 11 goals. The Captain of the winning team, Dua Khan, scored 7 goals including a double hat-trick, Saima Ghulam, Sehrish Sabir, Muqadsas Rafiq, and Momal scored one goal each.

Chief Guest Governor Sindh,

Kamran Khan Tessori said that the efforts of Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahbaz Sharif and Special Assistant for Youth Affairs Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja for the promotion of sports are commendable.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of Sir Syed University, Prof. Dr. Vali Uddin, Vice Chancellor of Iqra University, Prof. Dr. Waseem Qazi, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Aurangzeb Khan, and Director of Sports Higher Education Commission Pakistan, Javed Ali Memon, Olympian Sameer Hussain, Muhammad Ali Khan, Adnan Ashraf, Secretary of Sindh Hockey Association, Akbar Qaim Khan, Gul Faraz Ahmed Khan, and other office bearers of Pakistan Hockey Federation and Sindh Hockey Association were also present.

Director of Sports HEC, Javed Ali Memon, congratulated the Director of Sports of Sir Syed University, Mubashir Mukhtar, and his team for organizing such a great event. He said that after the Sindh Provincial League, the National League will also be organized successfully.



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CM Bizenjo directs commissioners to maintain security, cleanliness on Eid ul Azha

Bureau Report

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo on Wednesday directed all commissioners, deputy commissioners and SSPs to be at their respective places of assignment on the occasion of Eid ul-Azha and special arrangements for security and cleanliness should be made in all districts. The chief minister also directed the



administrators of Quetta Metropolitan Corporation and other districts

to arrange for immediate disposal of animal waste and to ensure the security of Eid Gahs for offering Eid prayers. He also instructed the administration should be alert to deal with any emergency situation in the rain-affected areas. The CM urged the masses to cooperate with the administration in cleanliness measures on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

Wooden blocks

Rawalpindi: A vendor selling wooden blocks (to be used for cutting meat) on the eve of Eidul Azha



Aima Baig shines at Spotify's Times Square billboard as the latest EQUAL Pakistan Ambassador



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: A soulful and charming voice that has become a household name in the country, Aima Baig featured as EQUAL Pakistan's Ambassador for the month of June, and like other EQUAL Ambassadors before her, Aima is also shining bright on Spotify's digital billboard in Times Square, NYC. Her track "Aey Zindagi" has been highlighted on Spotify's EQUAL Pakistan playlist as part of the celebrations. Aima Baig made her debut in 2016, and since then, she has been on the roll, becoming one of the most celebrated playback singers in the country and receiving numerous accolades including the coveted Tamgha-e-Fakhre-Imtiaz from the government of Pakistan, global recognition, and a massive fandom. Her magical voice, soul-stirring compositions, and efficacy for striking the right chords at the right time have catapulted her career to new heights. She has also collaborated with leading musicians including the likes of Asim Azhar, Ali Zafar, Ali Sethi, and Sahir Ali Bagga. Aima's tracks have also been featured in numerous movies including Lahore Se Aagay, Na Maloom Afraad 2, Tefea in Trouble, and Jawani Phir Nahy Ani 2.

Poor, destitute should not be forgotten on Eid: Tessori

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori on Wednesday, congratulating the people on Eidul Azha, said following the Sunnah of Prophet Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) they sacrificed animals every year as per the command of Allah Almighty, they should also not forget those who were not able to perform the religious obligation.

The governor, in his message on Eid ul Azha, said the poor and destitute people, and those who were badly affected by economic conditions, deserved the most attention from their well-off brethren,



and the Islamic injunctions in that regard were also clear that they were entitled to the meat of sacrificial animals. Some 100 camels would be sacrificed at the Governor House, whose meat would be distributed among the deserving and needy people, he added.

The governor asserted that the darkness from society could be removed by following the Sunnah of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS). "A welfare society can be established if we mould our lives as per sayings of the Prophet."

He recalled that Pakistan came into being as a result of the great sacrifices of Muslims and it could be made a stable, strong, prosperous and Islamic welfare state if "all of us remove our differences."

The governor said the entire nation condemned the May 9 incidents and proved that no conspiracy against the country's security and stability could succeed.

Pakistan, EU agree to intensify cooperation in fight against human trafficking

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the European Union have agreed to intensify cooperation in the fight against smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings.

The two sides emphasised the importance of comprehensive cooperation on migration management, including return and readmission under the framework of Pakistan-EU Joint Readmission Agreement.

The EU expressed sincere condolences on the loss of Pakistani lives in a tragic shipwreck on the Mediterranean Sea.

The 13th Pakistan - European Union (EU) joint commission meeting held in Brussels served as an occasion to exchange views on all areas of the Pakistan-EU cooperation, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a joint press release on Wednesday.

The joint commission was co-chaired by Deputy Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific in the European External Action Service Paola Pampaloni, and Secretary, Economic Affairs Division Dr Kazim Niazi.

Both sides also underscored the significance of Pakistan-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue which aims to open pathways for legal migration, besides curbing illegal migration.

They also expressed satisfaction over holding of the inaugural meeting of the migration and mobility dialogue in Islamabad, which was preceded by the joint readmission committee meeting

and the technical round table for the talent partnerships.

They also discussed the need to expand cooperation in the area of climate change and environment, as well as in the fields of education, culture, science and technology, connectivity and digitalisation.

They also stressed upon the need to find peaceful solutions to global conflicts, in full respect of the principles of international law and the UN Charter.

The EU assured that it has a strong interest in working together and deepening its relations with Pakistan and also welcomed the participation of Pakistan in the second Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum held in Stockholm.

Pakistan recognized the importance of sustained engagement, particularly in areas such as trade and development cooperation.

Both sides agreed to continue cooperation on emerging challenges of food and energy security, and climate change.

Besides bilateral cooperation, both sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues. Pakistan emphasised its grave concerns on the human rights and humanitarian situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The EU reiterated its position concerning the war against Ukraine.

The joint commission was preceded by the sub-group meeting on democracy, governance, rule of law and human rights.

Pakistan and the EU discussed a wide range of human rights related matters, such as the operating space for civil society organisations, preserving freedom of expression and opinion and the growing problem of disinformation.

The EU recalled the importance of ensuring access to justice in line with international standards, such as the



ICCP.

Pakistan and the EU also exchanged views on freedom of religion or belief and the rights of persons belonging to minorities and vulnerable groups and concerns about anti-Muslim hatred.

Pakistan shared the steps taken to strengthen access to justice as well as reforms related to the application of the death penalty.

They also discussed the reform of the mercy petitions procedure.

The EU reiterated its position on the abolishment of death penalty and emphasised the need to pursue the reform

Manufacturing sectors boost trade surpluses, foreign exchange: FTO Coordinator

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis Wednesday said that the countries with strong manufacturing sectors generate trade surpluses, increase foreign exchange reserves, and improve balance of payments besides providing impetus to economic growth.



Speaking at seminar, He said that the manufacturing sector equally plays a vital role in international trade by producing quality goods for export besides strengthening the economy by increasing GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and ample jobs creation opportunities, said a press release.

"Manufacturing industries tend to have higher productivity levels compared to other sectors, leading to higher economic output and improved living standards", he added.

He said it is a labor-intensive sector that provides employment opportunities to a large number of people that creates both skilled and unskilled jobs, supporting a diverse range of occupations.

"Availability of manufacturing jobs helps reduce unemployment rates, alleviate poverty, and promote social stability", he said.

Manufacturing sector is closely linked to innovation and technological advancements and drives research and development activities, leading to the creation of new products, processes, and technologies.

Meher Kashif Younis said technological advancements in manufacturing can enhance productivity, efficiency, and competitiveness, benefiting both the sector and the overall economy.

"Export-oriented manufacturing industries contribute to economic diversification and reduce dependence on a single sector", he added.

Highlighting the significance, Meher Kashif Younis said manufacturing can drive regional development by attracting investments and creating industrial clusters in addition to concentration of manufacturing activities in specific areas stimulates local economies, encourages urbanization, and promotes the development of supporting infrastructure and services. It can help bridge regional economic disparities and promote balanced growth, he added.

Crackdown against illegal petrol pumps in Multan Division: Amir Khattak

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Crackdown against illegal petrol pumps on the order of Commissioner Engineer Aamir Khattak Commissioner's order to prepare lists of illegal petrol pumps in the division Seal the illegal petrol pumps, take legal action against the owners. He said that Petrol smuggling causes serious damage to the country's economy. Poor petrol leads to damage to vehicles, increase in pollution.



Non-contracted oil companies sell contraband petrol. A massive crackdown by Assistant Commissioner City Seemal Mushtaq, 32 illegal oil agencies sealed, 17 FIRs registered Multan-Commissioner Amir Khattak, Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir has given the task of identifying such elements. Money agencies without approval, safeguards are a threat to human life and property. Under no circumstances will illegal petrol pumps be allowed to operate. Warning by Simal Mushtaq

South Korea to issue record number of visas for workers

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: South Korea aims to issue a record number of visas for foreign skilled workers this year, as the justice minister announced on Wednesday a fifteen-fold increase in the annual quota to 30,000 in order to help companies overcome staffing shortages.

With younger South Koreans reluctant to take up blue-collar jobs, the industrial and farming sectors of Asia's fourth-largest economy are struggling to fill vacancies.

Since its introduction, the annual quota for the E-7-4 visa programme has gradually risen from 300 in 2017 to 2,000 in 2022.

This year's jump will be the largest by far and should help address chronic shortages of skilled workers in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors, a justice ministry official said. South Korea had initially planned to cap this year's quota at 5,000.

The presidential office quoted Justice Minister Han Dong-hoon as telling a government meeting that it should end "talk of foreigners being unable to come due to insufficient quota."

In response to requests from industry, the criteria for visa applications will also be relaxed, the ministry said.

views on future programmes and longer-term development needs.

The EU informed about the Global Gateway, the EU's strategy for connecting the world through investments and partnerships - to be delivered through Team Europe approach - under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) as the main financial tool. Pakistan reiterated appreciation for the EU's commitment in support of its Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Framework (4RF) following the floods of last year, which was also demonstrated at the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan, held in Geneva in January 2023.

Pakistan and the EU agreed on the need to explore further collaboration with European IFIs to boost Global Gateway infrastructure investments' financing.

The EU also acknowledged Pakistan's generosity in hosting Afghan refugees.

Pakistan and the EU acknowledged the importance of future cooperation on security matters and in this connection, they welcomed the resumption of the counter-terrorism (CT) dialogue.

They appreciated the significance of Pak-EU knowledge partnership, in particular the growing participation of Pakistani students under the Erasmus Mundus scholarship programme.

Both sides also agreed to explore research collaborations under the Horizon Europe Programme.

It was agreed to hold the next session of the Pakistan-EU Joint Commission in Islamabad in 2024.

The EU welcomed the progress made by Pakistan on the anti-torture legislation.

With regards to electoral reforms, Pakistan underscored that it had welcomed independent observers in the past to monitor elections in the country. The Pakistan - EU Sub-group meeting on Trade also preceded the Joint Commission. A range of trade topics at the multilateral (WTO), plurilateral and bilateral levels, including market access issues and other areas of specific interest and cooperation were on the agenda.

They agreed on the importance of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+).

The EU presented the state of play of the ongoing negotiations on the renewed Generalised Scheme of Preferences applicable from 2024. Pakistan's reform agenda towards the full implementation of the 27 international conventions related to GSP+ was recognized.

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Falsely Making a Laughing Stock of Innocence! - II

Kee personal interests above all else: When a person feels that his personal interests will be jeopardized by supporting the right, while sticking to the wrong action will greatly benefit him, he will stop accepting the truth. Therefore, it is necessary for the accepted right to keep personal interests above the threshold.

(6) Get rid of arrogance: Arrogance is a big obstacle in accepting the truth. An arrogant person, even knowing the truth, hesitates to accept it and knows it as dishonour. Therefore, it is necessary to get rid of arrogance in order to accept the truth. go

(7) Eliminate selfishness: Those who consider their opinion or advice as final and irrefutable sometimes find it difficult to support what is right and they start opposing what is right by making it a problem of their ego. Self-righteousness must be eradicated for acceptance.

(8) Put an end to hubris and fame-seeking: Sometimes it happens that the right of something is clear as day, but in spite of this, one's false and wrong position is being presented in opposition, which is the cause of hubris. And fame is acquired, so it is necessary to eliminate the hubris and seek fame in order to accept the truth.

Quality, thoughts of reflect actions, not doing anything for the honor of the Prophet ﷺ, the character of every true Muslim, sleeping on the throne suffer whole the nation in deprivations.

76-years & '25- Billion population is still in dreams?
 Do they get analyzes from the elderly

because the original analysts have disappeared? If there are children, they have little and, surprisingly, perhaps complete freedom.

But in 76-years, should any single principle be formulated for the Islamic way of life? If this is not possible, then the reasons should also be explained why untoward conditions are imposed on the poor & all others?

Al-Quran!
 Those who do not believe in the verses of Allah and they are the liars are the ones who lie and slander.
 They are the ones who make false slanders.

Regarding the Holy Qur'an by the infidels, the slander of the Holy Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, who was slandered by him for writing the Qur'an, has been rejected in this verse. The summary of the verse is that lying and slandering are the work of the unbelievers.

From this verse, it is known that lying is the worst of the major sins. Apart from this, lying has been condemned in many places in the Holy Qur'an and Allah has cursed those who tell lies. The evil of lying has also been described in many hadiths, 4 of them are mentioned here:

(1) It is narrated from Hazrat Abdullah bin Masoud, may Allah be pleased with him, that the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "Enforce charity, because truth leads to goodness and goodness shows

the way to Paradise." The man always speaks the truth and tries to speak the truth stays, until he is written as Siddiq before Allah, may God be pleased with him, and avoid falsehood, because falsehood leads to Hellfire, and man keeps telling lies and trying to lie. (Al-Bukhari, Kitab al-Adab, Chapter Sayings of Allah Ta'ala: O those who believe, fear Allah and be with the righteous, 4/125, Hadith: 6094, Muslim, Kitab al-Albar wa Salat wa Al-Adaab, Chapter Kabah al-Qab, Goodness of Sadaqah, and Fazlah,

(2) On the authority of Hazrat Anas, may Allah be pleased with him, the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "Whoever stops telling lies and lies are void (i.e. the only thing to stop lying) is his For a house will be built in the edge of Paradise and whoever stopped arguing Though If he is on the right, that is, he does not argue even though he is on the truth, a house will be built for him in the middle of Paradise, and for him who improves his morals, a house will be built in the highest level of Paradise.

(3) It is narrated from Hazrat Sufyan bin Aseed Hazrami, may Allah be pleased with him, that the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, said, "It is a matter of great betrayal that you say something to your brother and he tells you about it." Knowing the truth and you are lying to him.

(4) It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Huraira, may God bless him and grant him peace, that Hazrat Anwar, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "A servant speaks and does it only to make people laugh, because of which the depth of Hell is so deep, falls in which is greater than the distance between heaven and earth and The amount of slippage caused by the tongue is more than the amount of slippage caused by the foot.

Allah "Surely He does not like the arrogant."

It is the need of the hour to release all those who are behind the bars & clutch without the acceptance of the truth.

Your personal matters & grudges are related to your own self but humanity never allowed even in the history to engulf the rights of independence.

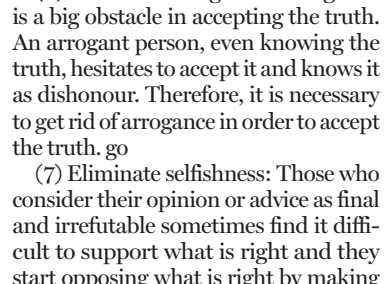
How many innocent people who are behind the bars & melancholically thinking! What was his fault or sin?

In Pakistan, there is dire need to change the methods of inquiry & investigations even if anyone tries to influence, could not succeed & find the ways of tyranny.

Developed countries' like Japan can support us about the ways of arresting not before launching the complete & perfect investigation against a criminal.

It is our first and foremost duty to maintain the dignity level of our services with quality assurance because as a human being we will be held responsible, where we were right & wrong. Wrongdoer's activities are considered as suppression & tyranny in the court of Allah Almighty.

Concluded



Analysis

Mian Rashid Asghar



Adieu Imran Khan, Adieu PTI

For PTI, spring is over. When spring takes off, autumn lands, greenery perishes, flowers fade away, chirping birds migrate and aquatic animals hibernate. If spring is beautiful, autumn is not ugly either. Beauty is appreciated because it dies. Allama Iqbal says: "Only change lasts forever." Change needs adaptation, rather than resistance.

Change is natural, and so is political change. When a political leader fails to come up to the expectations of public, institutions and international world, by fair or foul means, that leader is replaced. When the darling of Nawab Mirza Khan Dagh Dehlvi did not live up to his expectations, he said: "If you are a jilter, then I have the solution too.

You are not necessary, someone or someone else will be OK."
 Imran Khan has been replaced. PTI key leaders have been detained and forced to say goodbye to IK and the party. By doing so, their sins are pardoned. IK's alter egos are parting ways with him one by one. Jaun Elia once said: "If my and Zahida Hina's love can fail, it means everyone's love can also fail." Love between a lover and a beloved fails when the rival becomes powerful or attractive. What bad happens to one today, will happen to another tomorrow.

The establishment's voice noire (IK) has become lonely, beleaguered and may face military courts as a consequence of May 9 riots. PDM is busy with celebrating the downfall of PTI and media is going into raptures over the revival of patriotism. A fable which narrates that in a forest, there was a little bird, that kept the king and public informed about the recent conditions of the forest. Cruelty and brutality were prevalent everywhere in the forest. The king was extremely anxious about the sensational and terrifying news disseminated by the little bird.



Analysis

Prof. Fazal Tanha Gharshin

One day, one of the wisest ministers suggested that the little bird should be prevented from flying and spreading news. So, the little bird's wings were clipped, and the problem was solved.

The country is in the grip of multiple crises. PDM claims that IK is involved in defaming Pak army, but itself is involved in defaming the judiciary. In fact, both Pak army and judiciary are respectable alike. PDM bemoans that the judiciary is siding with IK, but ignores that the establishment is on its side. The CJP has countless favors on PDM. If the CJP had not suspended Qasim Suri's ruling, PDM would not have been able to come into power altogether. A Pashto parable goes that once upon a time a contro-

versial land case surfaced before a judge. The disputed land was claimed by two individuals: a rich and a poor. The rich person gave a fat cow and the poor person gave a turban to the judge in bribery. After a short hearing, the decision came in favor of the rich person. The poor man asked the judge in a querulous tone: "Sir, the turban?" The judge replied in derogatory tone: "The cow ate the turban!"

Nowadays, Pakistan is run by audio and video leaks. No one's honour and dignity is safe. Public's trust in the country's institutions is decreasing with each passing day. Our state institutions (the parliament, judiciary and executive) are our pride; but, who destroyed the country? Jaun Elia says: "You, he, yes, if -- what is this all? Why don't you call me by name!"
 No a faithful lover can dare to call his/her sweetheart by real name publicly -- for it goes against the spirit of true love. Let's express love before the beloved by making a press conference, condemning May 9 riots and quitting PTI.

Adieu Imran Khan, Adieu PTI.
 Open your eyes. Spring has come, greenery has returned, flowers are blooming, birds are singing, and the lover and the beloved are hugging each other.
 Oh spring! shower rose petals, my beloved has come!
 Oh winds! play music, my beloved has come!

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Pakistan's Labor Challenges and Strategies for Skilled Workforce Development

Shoaib Aijaz / Amna Khan

Labor is the lifeblood of any economy, representing the physical and mental effort people put into their jobs. In Pakistan, however, a high rate of unskilled or low-skilled labor poses significant challenges to the country's economic growth. This is primarily attributed to a lack of investment in education and vocational training, restricted access to quality education, and limited opportunities for skill development. As a result, many workers are confined to industries such as agriculture, construction, and manufacturing, where physical labor or low-wage professions that require minimal specialized skills are prevalent.

The implications of this high rate of unskilled labor are manifold. On one hand, it leads to lower productivity levels, reduced wages, and limited career advancement opportunities. On the other hand, it can also serve as a source of competitive advantage in certain industries such as textiles and garments, making Pakistan an attractive destination for foreign investors.

Labor plays a crucial role in Pakistan's economy, with millions of people employed in the agriculture and textile sectors. These sectors contribute significantly to production, export revenues, remittances, and tax income. Approximately 42% of the country's workforce is employed in agriculture, while textiles employ 30% of the labor force. The remittances sent by overseas workers amounted to USD 31.9 billion in 2020, making labor migration a substantial source of foreign income. Furthermore, labor also contributes to tax revenue through income tax, sales tax, and social security contributions.

When comparing labor rates in Pakistan with its neighboring countries, significant disparities become apparent. According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), India's average hourly wage rate as of 2021 is INR 241 (equal to USD 3.23), while Pakistan's minimum wage rate stands at PKR 20,000 per month (around USD 130). Similarly, in China, the average hourly wage rate is CNY 48.7 (equal to USD 7.57), highlighting the wage gap between Pakistan and its regional counterparts.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's minimum salary is AFN 6,000 per month (about USD 78), further underscoring the need for improvement in labor conditions and wages in Pakistan.

In terms of skilled labor, Pakistan faces stiff competition from its South Asian neighbors. India boasts a vast and well-educated workforce, particularly in the IT sector. China, with the world's largest labor force, has made substantial investments in education and training programs to cultivate talented workers across various industries. Bangladesh, in recent years, has made remarkable strides in improving its skilled labor force, particularly in the garment and textile sectors. Despite ongoing conflict and political instability, Afghanistan has made some progress in education, particularly for girls and women. Iran stands out with its highly educated workforce, particularly in fields like engineering and medicine, thanks to significant investments in education and training.

One notable example of a neighboring country capitalizing on skilled labor opportunities in Bangladesh. In 2019, the Bangladeshi and Qatari governments signed an agreement to send skilled labor to Qatar for infrastructure projects related to the 2022 FIFA World Cup. This agreement not only provided employment opportunities for Bangladeshi workers in a high-paying sector but also increased their foreign remittance earnings. To ensure the safety and well-being of Bangladeshi workers in Qatar, both governments established a joint committee to oversee the recruitment and employment processes.

Unfortunately, Pakistan's labor market is predominantly informal, with approximately 72% of non-agricultural employees engaged in the informal sector, which contributes to low wages and abysmal working conditions, especially for those with limited skills or education.

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Message to the 2023 Hajj Pilgrimage: Syed Ali Khamenei's Supreme leader of Islamic Revolutions

In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds and peace and blessings be upon the Great Messenger of God, Muhammad al-Mustafa and upon his Pure Progeny and upon his chosen Companions.

The Abrahamic call to Hajj and his universal invitation have once again addressed the entire world from the heart of history, making eager and excited the hearts that are ready and which remember. The invitation is addressed to all human beings: "And proclaim the Hajj to all the people" (Holy Quran 22:27).

The Kaaba is the blessed host and a guide for all people: "Indeed, the first house to be set up for humankind is the one at Bakkah [Kaaba], blessed and a guidance for all nations" (Holy Quran 3:96). The Kaaba, as the focal point and the main focus of attention of all Muslims, and also the Hajj ritual as a small example of the extensive diversity of the Islamic world, can serve to elevate human society and improve the health and security of all people. Hajj can bless all humanity with spiritual and moral elevation, and this is the vital need of humankind today.

Hajj can annul and render ineffectual all the plans of the Arrogant Powers and Zionism for the moral downfall of humanity - today and in the future.

That which is a necessary condi-

tion for the occurrence of this universal impact is that as a first measure Muslims themselves should properly hear the life-giving message of Hajj and do their utmost to implement it. The two main foundations of this message are "unity" and "spirituality."

Unity and spirituality are what guarantee the material and spiritual advancement of the Islamic world and its enlightening the entire world.

Unity means being connected both intellectually and in practice. It means that hearts, thoughts, and orientations come closer together. It means a synergy in science and experience.

It means having an economic connection between Islamic countries. It means the existence of trust and cooperation between Muslim governments. It means working together against common, definite enemies. Unity means that the plots designed by the enemy cannot set Islamic denominations, nations, races, languages, and the diverse cultures of the Islamic world against each other.

Unity means that Muslim nations should know each other, not through the enemy's seditious descriptions, but through communication, dialogue, and interaction.

They should be aware of each other's potential and capacities and make plans to benefit from them. Unity means that the scientists and universities of the Islamic world work hand in hand

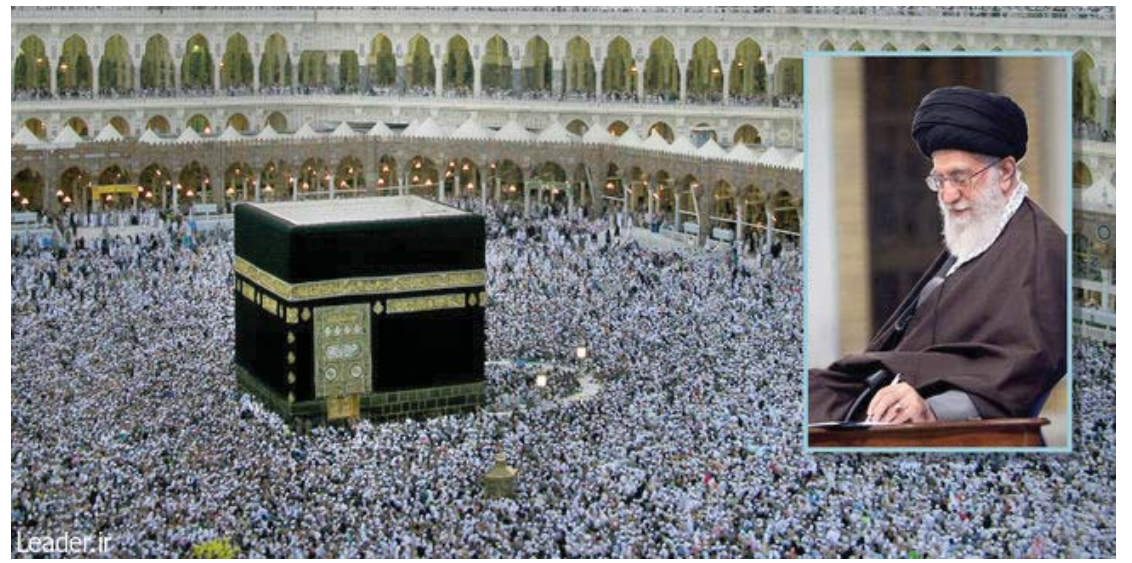
together, the scholars of Islamic schools view each other in good faith and with tolerance and fairness, and they listen to each other's words.

The intellectual elites in all countries and of all denominations acquaint the people with each other's commonalities, and encourage coexistence and brotherhood. Unity also means that political and cultural leaders in Islamic countries should prepare themselves in a coordinated manner for the situation that will exist in the upcoming world order.

They need to determine with their own hands and by their own will the proper place for the Islamic Ummah in the new global experience, which is filled with opportunities and threats. They should not allow the bitter experience of the political and territorial engineering of West Asia at the hands of Western governments after WWI to be repeated.

Spirituality means advancing religious ethics. The enchantment of "ethics minus religion," which has long been promoted by Western intellectual sources, has resulted in this unrestrained collapse of ethics in the West that everyone in the world is witnessing.

Spirituality and ethics should be learned from the Hajj rituals, from the simplicity that exists in Ihram, from the negation of illusory privileges, from "feeding the destitute and the needy," from "there is to be no sexual contact, vicious talk, or disputing," from



the circumambulation of the entire Ummah around the axis of monotheism, from the Stoning of the Devil [shaytan], and from the Disavowal of the Polytheists [mushrikun].

My brothers and sisters who are performing the Hajj! Take advantage of the opportunity that Hajj provides to contemplate and ponder on the secrets and mysteries of this unparalleled obligatory action and make it a provision for the rest of your life. At this juncture in time and more than in the past, unity and spirituality are subject to the enmity and sabotage of the Arrogant Powers

and Zionism. The US and other centers of Arrogance are strongly opposed to the unity of Muslims, to the understanding between nations, countries, and Islamic governments, and to the religiosity and commitment to religion of the younger generation in these nations. They are intensely opposed to these and they will fight these with any means they can. It is the duty of all of us, the duty of all nations, and the duty of our governments to stand against this evil scheme of the US and Zionist regime. Ask the All-knowing, All-powerful

God for help. Strengthen the spirit of "Disavowal of the Polytheists" in yourselves, and oblige yourself to spread and strengthen this spirit in the environment where you are living. I ask Almighty God to grant all of you Iranian and non-Iranian pilgrims, success and an accepted and blessed Hajj, and I wish for all of you the accepted prayers of the great Vestige of Allah remaining on earth [Imam Mahdi (aj)] - may our souls be sacrificed for him. May God's greetings and mercy be upon you. Sayyid Ali Khamenei Dhu al-Hijjah 6, 1444 June 25, 2023

Revolutionizing tech skills in Pakistan Skills Todo, Executive ATP of Trainocate, takes the lead

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ayesha Zaman, Ceo Skills Todo, the exclusive Authorized Training Partner (ATP) of Trainocate in Pakistan, is excited to announce its recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Enablers and Tareen Education Foundation (TEF). This collaboration aims to empower individuals

and organizations in Pakistan with high-end professional certifications, starting with Microsoft, and expanding to include certifications from Google, AWS, Blockchain, and more in future. She further said that as the exclusive ATP with Trainocate, a global leader in training solutions, Skills Todo ensures that individuals in Pakistan have access to world-class training programs and certifica-

tions. She said this partnership enhances Skills Todo's commitment to providing comprehensive, globally recognized certifications to help professionals stay ahead in the ever-evolving tech industry. Ayesha Zaman said that the collaboration with Enablers and Tareen Education Foundation further strengthens Skills Todo's mission of enabling individuals from all backgrounds to enhance their

skills and career prospects. By onboarding hundreds of other training companies, educational institutions, and organizations. She said that Skills Todo aims to create a widespread impact in the tech skills development landscape in Pakistan. Ayesha said that Skills Todo is actively seeking partnerships with tech training companies and educational institutions to join their growing network. By becoming

part of Skills Todo's ecosystem, these organizations can contribute to the tech skills revolution in Pakistan and play a crucial role in equipping individuals with the expertise needed to thrive in the digital age. At last she said that Skills Todo's collaborations, certification programs will be beneficial for students and will provide the jobs opportunities. She said that if anybody is interested can visit on website



Pakistan confronting worst-ever climatic disaster due to emission of rich countries

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Former President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Iftikhar Ali Malik on Wednesday said that Pakistan is among the hardest hit country in the world confronting the worst ever climatic disaster in memory because of emissions of other rich countries.

Addressing a seminar as keynote speaker on "Pakistan and Response of Leading Emitters" he said around the world 2022 has been a year of climate catastrophe including drought, floods, megafires, typhoons, and Pakistan's flash floods and its large-scale destruction opened the eyes of all over the world which he added is bigger global wake up call, said a press



release. He said one-third of Pakistan was submerged wiping out

hundreds of villages from the map and snatching livelihood from poor strata of the society render-

ing millions homeless and displacing 33 million. He said unfortunately devel-

oped countries have so far after a lapse of one year given assistance to Pakistan less than peanuts.

He said global "Justice is Underwater". Although some progress has been made in recent years to elevate climate justice to a higher place on the global agenda but the world's leading emitters still have not risen to the occasion he added.

He said it's known to everyone globally that the world's rich countries are like that polluting factories that have deprived Pakistan of the long-term climatic conditions on which it has built its economy, homes, farms and infrastructure.

He said if there was a global climate count, Pakistan would have a strong case against other high-income countries for failing to limit climate-changing green-

house gas emissions (GHGs).

But since there is no global climate count (yet) governments should act like one and allocate the attributable climate losses and damages to those countries that are historically responsible for them, he added.

He said the costs of Pakistan floods are enormous to the tune of more than US\$30 billion and the coming months brought increased hunger, disease, poverty, and other social complications.

He said rich countries should bear their fair share of the attributable costs of climate adaptation, emergency response and recovery in countries that played little to no role in causing today's calamities.

He said too often rich and powerful countries deny their

historical responsibilities-whether for colonial, slavery, or climate damage. Replying to a question, he said that the developing world will not forget the leading role that rich countries have played in creating today's worldwide climate disasters.

As climate-related losses rapidly mount, global demands for climate Justice will only grow.

He said all countries must be decarbonized their energy systems and manage their land and ecosystems responsibly and sustainably.

He said Pakistan urgently needs result-oriented support not "pledges" from the world for rehabilitation of its damaged infrastructure, construction of destroyed houses, and financial assistance to flood affectees.

China, world's largest seafood producer, ratifies WTO deal on fisheries subsidies

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala received the ratification from Commerce Minister Wang Wentao at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions.

Follow the meeting at https://wef.ch/amnc23 or on social media using #amnc23 or #2023夏季达沃斯# on Weibo and WeChat.

Tianjin, People's Republic of China, 28 June 2023 - China, the world's leading marine fishing producer, has formally accepted a historic trade agreement for ocean sustainability at the World Economic Forum's 14th Annual Meeting of the New Champions.

It will help bring into force a global deal struck a year ago by the World Trade Organization's 164 members to work towards eliminating billions of dollars in "harmful" subsidies that are emptying the oceans of fish. The agreement prohibits support for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, bans support for fishing overfished stocks and ends subsidies

for fishing on the unregulated high seas. The World Economic Forum, through the Friends of Ocean Action, has been a long-term supporter of the global agreement along with businesses, ocean experts and civil society organizations.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization, received the document from Wang Wentao, Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, at the World Economic Forum's 14th Annual Meeting of the New Champions. With an estimated 564,000 ships, China in 2020 had the biggest fishing fleet in the world, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

"As the world leader in marine fish catch, China's support for the implementation of this agreement is critical to multilateral efforts to safeguard oceans, food security and livelihoods. By curbing harmful fishing subsidies worldwide, we can together forge a path towards a legacy of abundance and opportunity for generations to come," said Okonjo-Iweala.

Under trade rules, two-thirds



of the WTO's 164 members must ratify the deal for it to take effect. China's support now means that 36 countries, including all European Union members, have formally accepted it, and the aim is to have the remaining countries do the same before the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference in February next year. Members have also committed to continuing nego-

tiations to expand the scope to include subsidies that support excessive fishing.

"The Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies is the second multilateral agreement reached by the WTO since its establishment in 1995, and the first WTO agreement aimed at achieving the goal of environmental sustainable development," said Minister

Wang. "It is a significant agreement to boost the confidence of all members in multilateralism. China has completed the approval procedure of the agreement and will work with all members to push the agreement to enter into force before the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference. At the same time, China will participate in the second phase of negotia-

tions in a positive and constructive manner and look forward to an early outcome of the negotiations."

Børge Brende, President, World Economic Forum, said that China's ratification of the agreement was an important indication of the strength of multistakeholder and multilateral cooperation.

"Global challenges like ocean sustainability need global solutions. The Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies shows that governments can work in common purpose for the benefit of communities, economies and the world at large."

The news follows the UN adoption of a world-first high seas treaty protecting marine biodiversity.

Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean and co-chair of the Friends of Ocean Action, said that restoring the ocean's health is a key part of combatting global warming.

"Restoring ocean health enables people everywhere to thrive and ensures we leave a liveable planet for generations to come. I sincerely hope China's support for the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies will now open the flood gates for other countries to deposit their instruments of national acceptance. Through this historic agreement, we have a real chance to make lasting, positive changes to protect the ocean and everyone who depends on it."

SBP decision to hike interest rates supported

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Brig. (ret'd) Aslam Khan, Chairman of Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Wednesday supported the decision of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to hike interest rates by one percent.

SBP raised key policy rate to 22% a day after passage of revised budget on the demand of International Monetary Fund (IMF) he said.

In a statement issued here today, Aslam Khan said that SBP raised its benchmark interest rate by 100 basis points to 22 percent at an emergency meeting in a bid to rescue an IMF program that expires on June 30.

The central bank has now raised its main rate by 12.25 percentage points since April 2022, mainly to curb soaring inflation, he added.

He said that higher interest rates would increase debt servicing burden on government and the private sector, but if this leads to resumption of the stalled IMF programme, the positives would outweigh the negative implications.

The central bank also believes that the decision would help to bring down inflation towards the medium-term target of 5-7% by the end of FY25.

Removing curbs on imports has increased risks for Pakistan as consignments stranded on port are worth more than the forex reserves held by the SBP, which is alarming, he said.

SBP has claimed that it would continue to carefully monitor economic developments and take appropriate action to achieve the objective of price stability over the medium term if necessary.

Rupees over 42 billion disbursed among 47 million beneficiaries under Benazir Kafaalat

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Benazir Income Support Programme is disbursing 4th quarterly tranche of Benazir Kafaalat for the Financial Year-2022-23 and so far, more than rupees 42 billion has been disbursed among over 4.6 million beneficiary women.

Under Benazir Kafaalat, 90 lakh registered beneficiary families are entitled a quarterly instalment of Rs 9,000 per household. Benazir Income Support Programme has already released over rupees 81 billion to its partner banks, that is, Bank Alfalah and HBL for disbursement among the beneficiaries through their retail distribution network.

Along with Benazir Kafaalat, Benazir educational scholarships are also being given out to the children of registered families, however, 70% attendance in the school is mandatory to receive educational scholarships, said the spokesman of the programme.

Disbursement of the tranche continued on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 through banks' retailers despite the public holiday, however, payments will remain suspended during Eid-ul-Azha holidays and Banks holiday on Monday, July 3. The payments will be resumed from July 4, and will continue till the payment to all remaining beneficiaries, the statement continued.

Growth a pipe dream with 22 pc interest rates: Mian Zahid Hussain

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain said on Wednesday said using short-cut loans to solve serious economic problems by ignoring reforms tantamount to economic suicide.

No country in the world can run on continuous borrowing and Pakistan will have to pay Rs7300 billion as the interest of loans in the new financial year, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that a one percent hike in the interest rates will increase debt to Rs7700 billion.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that local investors will be unable to do business with 22 percent inter-



est rates and hoping for foreign investment in such a situation is a delusion. The business leader said that FBR has

collected taxes of 7,000 billion rupees against the target of 7,600 billion, in the current fiscal year, while in the new fiscal year, taxes of 9+15 billion rupees have been collected.

Tax collection target has been jacked up, but there is no plan to bring the tax-evading sections into the tax net, which will make collection very difficult for authorities.

He said that the country's problems are not solved by tall claims but by practical measures and drastic reforms, which require strengthening the hands of the government.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that Pakistan has always been suffering from difficulties due to higher expenditure than income, the solution of which lies in improving the balance of payments, reducing the debt burden and balancing the tax system.

Until the issues facing the economy are resolved, the rate of growth will be weak, savings

and investment will remain low, deficit will remain high, and the people will never be freed from inflation, unemployment, and instability.

Economic and political stability is essential to increase the rate of investment in the country, he said, adding that the investment has been greatly affected by the judicial tussle, uncertainty and day-to-day changes in important policies in the country.

Continuity of policies to make the investment climate conducive and equal opportunities for all should be provided. Such economic reforms are necessary for the development of the country, which is tough in the short term but sustainable and profitable in the long term, he observed.

Due to the economic crisis, many countries have gone bankrupt, but the countries that took tough decisions have come out of these crises stronger than before, he remarked.

Group Photo

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori, Sohail Nisar, Sr. Vice Chairman PYMA, M. Usman, M. Aslam Moten, Khurshid A. Shaikh, Farhan Ashrafi, Danish Hanif, Khurram Bharara, Saqib Naseem, Jabbar Motiwala, Shahid Ismail, Idrees Memon, Asad Nisar, Ali Tabba, Saqib Bilwani, Haji Hanif Moosa, Sohail Usman, Abid Nisar, Shahzad Nisar, Hassan Sohail and other Businessmen, posing group photo at Valima reception of Muzzamil Sohail.



Jubilee Life Insurance Honored with Best Social Media Campaign



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Jubilee Life Insurance, Pakistan's largest private sector insurance company has once again aced at the esteemed Pakistan Digital Awards 2023. The insurance company was honored with the Best Social Media Campaign (Facebook) for Cricket, making them recipient of Pakistan Digital Award for the fifth consecutive year.

This award celebrates Jubilee Life Insurance's remarkable achievements in digital marketing for its innovative and engaging Facebook campaign during HBLPSL 7. Leveraging the power of social media, Jubilee Life Insurance has engaged cricket enthusiasts, fans, and the wider community. The award was received by the brand and agency team of Jubilee Life Insurance.

Actions are needed to make the northern regions a center of tourism: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari met Chief Secretary Gilgit-Baltistan Mohiuddin Ahmed Wani. In the meeting held at Gilgit-Baltistan House, Islamabad, he briefed about the first ICCI International Tourism Summit to be held in Skardu from July 7 to 9 next month. On this occasion, arrange-

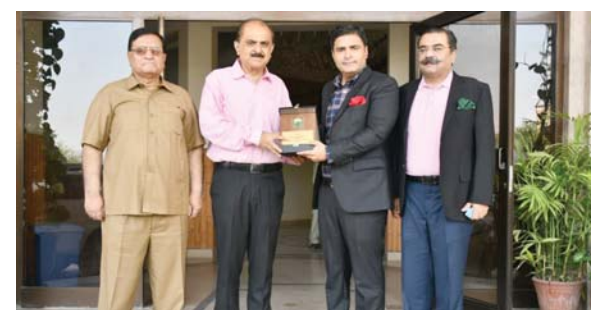
ments and measures regarding the tourism conference were also discussed in detail. President Islamabad Chamber while speaking said that the tourism sector is the easiest source of foreign investment for Pakistan. There are probably no other tourist destinations in the world like our northern regions. However, our problem is that unfortunately tourism has never been given priority in our country and due to lack

of concrete measures in this regard, tourists are turning to other countries.

On this occasion, Chief Secretary GB Muhyiddin Wani informed the President of Islamabad Chamber about the measures taken in Gilgit including the promotion of tourism in other sectors. He said that in Gilgit-Baltistan, education, health and information technology are among my priorities. Lack of funds is also

a major problem. New school buildings are being constructed. Several buildings have been upgraded. GB Government has established 5 Software Technology Parks in Gilgit, Chalas Hunza and Skardu.

A skills program for GB's youth has been launched in collaboration with Nest University. Work is underway to reform the health sector. Modern medical equipment is being provided to the hospi-



tals. 50-bed Cardiac Hospital and 700-bed Saifur Rehman Hospital are being established in Gilgit.

MWC Shanghai-2023

Huawei takes center stage unveiling 'GUIDE to Intelligent World'

Spokesman Report

SHANGHAI: Huawei, the global technology leader, here on Wednesday made a spectacular appearance at this year's three-day Mobile World Congress (MWC), captivating the participants with an array of activities centered on their theme of 'GUIDE to the Intelligent World'.

Drawing in visitors from around the world, Huawei's experiential tour offers a captivating journey through multiple cities, showcasing the company's groundbreaking technology and business initiatives. Attendees have the unique opportunity to witness firsthand the transformative power of Huawei's innovations as they explore various cities and immerse themselves in the company's vision for the future.

Highlighting Huawei's commitment to pushing the boundaries of technological advancement, the company's product launch has stolen the spotlight at MWC Shanghai 2023.

Huawei has unveiled its newest innovative products and solutions, designed to revolutionize industries and enable the full potential of 5GigaGreen, 5G intelligent core networks, Intelligent OptiX Networks, private line + X products, and other intelligent digital transformation solutions.

These cutting-edge offerings demonstrate Huawei's dedica-

tion to delivering state-of-the-art technology to meet the evolving needs of industries worldwide.

With 5GigaGreen, Huawei introduces an environmentally conscious solution that harnesses the power of 5G to drive sustainable practices across industries. By integrating green technology and connectivity, Huawei aims to create a more sustainable and eco-friendly future.

The 5G intelligent core networks by Huawei mark a significant leap forward in connectivity and network management. The intelligent core networks empower businesses with enhanced speed, reliability, and intelligence, enabling them to seamlessly adapt to the demands of the digital age.

In the realm of Intelligent OptiX Networks, Huawei showcases its expertise in optical network solutions. Leveraging advanced technologies, Huawei's Intelligent OptiX Networks enable ultra-high-speed connections and pave the way for the development of smart cities and industries.

Huawei's private line + X products demonstrate the company's commitment to delivering tailored solutions to meet individual business requirements. By integrating private line services with other intelligent technologies, Huawei empowers enterprises to unlock new levels of productivity and efficiency.

The diverse range of intelligent

digital transformation solutions presented by Huawei at MWC Shanghai 2023 cements the company's position as a driving force behind the global technological revolution. These solutions span multiple industries, empowering businesses to thrive in the increasingly interconnected and digitally-driven world.

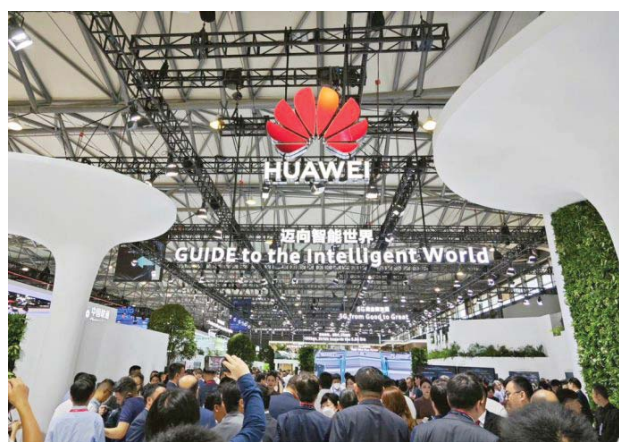
As Huawei's presence at MWC Shanghai 2023 continues to captivate audiences, the company reaffirms its commitment to leading the way in innovation, connectivity, and digital transformation. With their "GUIDE to the Intelligent World" theme, Huawei paves the way for a future where technology revolutionizes industries, transforms lives, and creates a truly intelligent world for all.

In her keynote address titled "Embracing 5G Transformations" Sabrina Meng, Rotating Chairwoman and CFO of Huawei, emphasized the profound integration of the future intelligent world's digital infrastructure into every aspect of our lives, industries, and society.

According to Meng, the integration would not be solely based on advancements in individual technologies but rather on the convergence of multiple elements within incredibly massive and complex systems.

She highlighted the need for systems-level thinking and design to achieve the vision.

Meng drew an analogy to a



game of chess, stating that while observers can see the big picture, players focus on the intricate details.

Similarly, she emphasized the critical importance of systematic capabilities to integrate technology and transform management for the future success of 5G.

Addressing the integration of different technologies, Meng discussed the potential for creating synergy across cloud computing, networks, edge computing, and devices through systematic design and innovation across various domains.

She also highlighted the significance of optimization across software, hardware, chips, and algorithms in overcoming the challenges associated with developing complex solutions for diverse industrial scenarios.

She stressed the need for management transformation

in parallel with technological advancements. "By adopting forward-thinking management practices, organizations can effectively harness the potential of 5G technology and ensure its successful implementation across industries."

Sabrina Meng's keynote provided valuable insights into Huawei's perspective on embracing 5G transformations, emphasizing the importance of holistic thinking, systematic capabilities, and management innovation in shaping the future intelligent world.

Digital and intelligent transformation encompasses more than just technology itself; it involves a fundamental shift in management approach.

Embracing digitalization requires redefining the relationships between people, events, things, and theory, and adopt-

ing an open and forward-looking management style to effectively tackle future challenges.

Currently, there are over 1.2 billion 5G users worldwide, and operators who swiftly embraced 5G development are already reaping the initial benefits. This is due to the escalating network demands driven by new applications across various markets. In the consumer market, services such as New Calling, cloud phones, and glasses-free 3D necessitate faster data rates and lower latency.

In the industrial sector, the RedCap ecosystem has matured, the passive IoT market is expanding, and the Internet of Vehicles (IoV) requires higher uplink speeds.

These all-encompassing applications are expected to result in approximately 100 billion connections, thereby ushering in a second wave of benefits and driving industry upgrades.

Commercial 5G services entered the market four years ago and have been implemented in more than 17,000 private-network projects worldwide.

The revenue generated from 5G private networks and the number of industrial connections has both tripled. Moreover, operators have utilized the CNY10 billion earned from 5GtoB private networks to fuel a CNY100 billion increase in revenue from cloud services, data storage, and platform services.

While many 5GtoB services were initially piloted in China, they have now expanded to other regions worldwide, including Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

These services enable industry customers to reduce costs, enhance efficiency, and facilitate intelligent digital transformation in sectors such as manufacturing, ports, mines, oil fields, and healthcare.

The communications industry is rapidly approaching the advent of 5.5G technologies, which are expected to improve network capabilities 10-fold and create 100 times more business opportunities for operators.

At this year's MWC Shanghai, Huawei is showcasing four of the major features of 5.5G including 10 Gbit/s downlink, 1 Gbit/s uplink, 100 billion connections, and native AI. It is also exploring the five connectivity areas expected to go mainstream with 5.5G - connectivity for people, for things, for vehicles, for industries, and for homes.

Huawei has already started helping a number of operators around the world begin commercial verification of 5.5G. The 5.5G industry will continue growing quickly as the first release of 5.5G standards is expected to be frozen in the first half of 2024 and related technologies have already been extensively verified.

The MWC Shanghai-2023 will continue from June 28 to 30.

Man City announce signing of Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Manchester City on Tuesday announced they had completed the signing of Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic from Chelsea following the loss of captain Ilkay Gundogan.

The treble winners said the 29-year-old had signed a four-year contract after the clubs reportedly agreed an initial fee of £25 million (\$32 million), with a potential £5 million in add-ons.

Mateo Kovacic joins Pep Guardiola's side after five years at Chelsea, where he won the Champions League and Europa League and made 221 appearances.

He is City's first signing of the transfer window and his arrival compensates for the departure of Gundogan, who joined Barcelona on a free transfer on Monday after seven years at the club.

"This is a brilliant move for me and I



cannot wait to get started with City," said Kovacic.

"Anyone who has watched this team under Pep knows how good they are. For

me, they are the best in the world.

"The trophies they have won are clear for all to see, but they are also the best footballing side out there."

Mateo Kovacic is a four-time Champions League winner having also enjoyed success in Europe's elite competition three times with Real Madrid before joining the Blues.

The midfielder, who began his career with Dinamo Zagreb before a spell at Inter Milan, has earned 95 caps for his country.

City director of football Txiki Begiristain said Mateo Kovacic was a versatile player.

"He can play as a 'six' or an 'eight', has plenty of experience at top-level clubs and he understands the Premier League.

"It was a very simple decision to bring him to City because he has the tactical and technical qualities we are looking for in a midfielder."

Imad Wasim joins Nottinghamshire Outlaws for third T20 Blast stint

A Sports

LAHORE: Nottinghamshire Outlaws on Wednesday signed Pakistan international all-rounder Imad Wasim for a brief two-match T20 Blast stint.

Imad Wasim, who previously represented the Outlaws in the 2019 and 2020 editions of the T20 Blast, will join fellow national pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi at the club.

According to the Outlaws, Imad will be available for the last two T20 Blast group fixtures and will provide a cover for Colin Munro and Samit Patel, who have been ruled out for at least the remaining two group-stage matches due to injury.

His further participation in the ongoing T20 Blast however depends on Outlaws' qualification to the quarterfinals and the availability of Munro and Patel.

Notably, Imad Wasim was part of the Nottinghamshire Outlaws side which won the T20 Blast title in 2020.

"We're delighted to welcome Imad back, partic-



ularly with the memories we have with him lifting the trophy at Edgbaston three years ago," Peter Moores said.

"It helps that he's been with us before. He knows how we operate and vice versa, and he has experience at the highest level which helps in big games. He can bowl across different periods of the game and is a strong middle-order batter.

"Both Colin and Samit are excellent players who have shown their class across the tournament this year, and we'll miss what they bring to the side.

"However, we believe that by exercising the opportunity to recruit an overseas player of Imad's quality, we can retain the balance of our side and continue to push for success.

"We have two big games at Trent Bridge with qualification in our own hands and

an opportunity to still gain a home draw depending how other results go.

"The key will be to look no further than the game on Friday against the Bears as our first opportunity to qualify for the latter stages of the tournament."

Imad Wasim has taken 18 wickets for Nottinghamshire Outlaws in 16 games during the course of his first two stints with the club at an economy of less than seven.

US-based runner Umar Saeed has eyes set on representing Pakistan



Umar Saeed, a 34-year-old design engineer from Pakistan living in the United States, has his eyes set on representing the homeland as a running athlete.

Several Pakistani athletes, who reside overseas, have been given opportunities to showcase their talents in the national football and baseball teams.

This has made space for other individuals like Saeed, who is full of potential, to showcase their prowess and contribute to Pakistan's representation internationally.

Hailing from Punjab's Gujarat, Saeed also has similar ambition. His incredible achievement in a marathon held in the US has gained him the attention of Pakistan's running community. Saeed concluded the prescribed distance in an impressive time of two hours, 22 minutes, and 41 seconds, an exceptional feat within the elite standards of running.

The record for a full marathon in Pakistan is two hours and 14 minutes, which was made by Naser Ahmed in 2003, but only once in the last 10 years has it happened that an athlete completed it in less than two hours and 22 minutes. Israr, a Pakistani athlete, completed the feat in 2015.

Kovacic joins Man City from Chelsea on four-year deal

Sports Desk

MANCHESTER: Manchester City have signed Chelsea's Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic on a four-year deal, the treble winners said on Tuesday.

No financial details were disclosed but British media reported that City paid Chelsea 25 million pounds (\$31.87 million) plus five million in add-ons for the midfielder.

"This is a brilliant move for me, and I cannot wait to get started with City," Kovacic said in a club statement.

"Anyone who has watched this team under (coach) Pep (Guardiola) knows how good they are - for me, they are the best in the world. The trophies they have won are clear for all to see, but they are also the best footballing side out there.

"To be joining this squad really is a dream for any footballer. I still have plenty of learning and developing to do, and I know under Pep's management I can become a better player."

The 29-year-old is City's first signing since the club lifted the FA Cup and Premier League title before completing a rare treble by also winning the Champions League.

Kovacic first joined Chelsea on

loan from Real Madrid in 2018-19 before completing a permanent move and signing a five-year contract.

He helped the West London side to the Champions League title in 2020-21, the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup in 2021, as well as the Europa League in 2018-19.

Kovacic began his senior career with Dinamo Zagreb before signing for Inter Milan in January 2013. He made the switch to Real in the summer of 2015.

Kovacic made his Croatia debut in a World Cup qualifier against Serbia in March 2013

and has gone on to earn nearly 100 caps for his country, helping Croatia to the runners-up spot at the 2018 World Cup in Russia and a third-placed finish in 2022 in Qatar.

"Mateo is an excellent footballer," City's Director of Football Txiki Begiristain said.

"He can play as a 6 or an 8, has plenty of experience at top level clubs and he understands the Premier League. It was a very



simple decision to bring him to City because he has the tactical and technical qualities we are looking for in a midfielder.

"He is someone we have monitored for a very long time and always we were impressed whenever we watched him.

"I am delighted he is here. This is a great signing for this club, and I am very excited to watch what he can do with Pep and the rest of our backroom team."

Late own goal sees India settle for a 1-1 stalemate with Kuwait



A Sports

BENGALURU: A late own goal by Anwar Ali in the stoppage time restricted India to settle for a 1-1 draw against Kuwait after an ill-tempered South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship last Group A fixture on Tuesday.

Hosts, India got an upper hand just at the stroke of the half-time when Sunil Chhetri opened the scoring by converting the corner with great ease.

A corner coming from the right landed perfectly for an unmarked Sunil Chhetri inside the box, who made no mistake to guide it into the nets.

Tensions erupted in both camps during the second half when India's head coach Igor Stimac received his second red card of the tournament.

The tensions persisted as the game continued and India's Rahim Ali and Kuwait's Hamad Al Qallaf were also given the send-off in the 90th minute.

With the completion of the regulation time, India were looking favourites to register a close 1-0 victory over Kuwait.

However, Kuwait then received unexpected support and equalised in the stoppage time, courtesy of an own goal by Anwar Ali.

Amrinder Singh had little opportunity to save the ball after a low cross from the right took a deflection off Anwar's leg and landed in the far corner of the post.

India captain Sunil Chhetri was disappointed with the result but backed his teammate, Anwar, stating an error such as this can happen to anyone.

"It's not Anwar, it is the country that conceded," said Chhetri.

"It can happen to anyone. We didn't even talk about it now (after the match) and we are all professional enough to not talk about it. I hope the kid shrugs it off, we all have his back as it can happen to anyone," he added.

Following the 1-1 stalemate, both India and Kuwait remained unbeaten in the group stage but the latter occupied the top Group A standings due to superior goals scored.

Italy pledges to stamp out anti-Semitism from football stadiums



Sports Desk

ROME: Italy signed on Tuesday a letter of intent aimed at eradicating anti-Semitism from soccer stadiums across the country.

Instances of racism and anti-Semitism are commonplace in Italian stadiums, with fans regularly booing or shouting abuse at Black players, using the word "Jew" as an insult and displaying Nazi or fascist symbols.

The initiative represents a "great contribution" to soccer, said Italy's Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi during the declaration signing ceremony in Rome, which also involved Italy's sports minister and the President of the Italian Football Federation.

The declaration will forbid soccer players from wearing the number 88—a reference to the 'Heil Hitler' salute—and ban symbols recalling Nazism. It will also mandate fans to use non-discriminatory language at all public events and set out guidelines on how to suspend matches in cases of discrimination.

The Jewish community in the past has urged Italian sports authorities to do more to root out anti-Semitism in stadiums.

Last March, during Lazio's 1-0 win over AS Roma in the city derby, a supporter wore a Lazio shirt with the name 'Hitler' and the number 88, while two other fans performed 'Roman salutes', which are associated with fascism.

"... Is it possible that everyone keeps ignoring this?," the President of Rome's Jewish Community Ruth Dureghello had tweeted, commenting on the pictures and videos that circulated on social media following the match.

Lazio later said that the three fans would be banned for life from attending any games at the Stadio Olimpico.

Climate activists disrupt second Ashes Test

Sports Desk

LONDON: England wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow wrestled a protester to the ground as climate activists briefly interrupted play on the first day of the second Ashes Test at Lord's on Wednesday.

Just before Stuart Broad bowled the second over, two protesters from Just Stop Oil ran out of the Grandstand and onto the outfield, sprinkling the group's trademark orange powder on the square but not on the pitch.

Bairstow grabbed one of the demonstrators and carried them off the playing surface, with the other apprehended by stewards.

A third demonstrator was tackled before making it onto the outfield at Lord's, the spiritual 'Home of Cricket' in north-west London.

Spectators booed the protesters as

they were led away by stewards.

Following a delay of several minutes while the orange powder was removed by ground staff, play resumed with Broad bowling from the Nursery End.

This match was the latest British sports event to be disrupted by climate activists Just Stop Oil following similar protests at the Premiership rugby final at Twickenham and the World Snooker Championship in Sheffield.

Joe Perry's first-round match, against Robert Milkins in the World Snooker Championship, had to be stopped when a man jumped onto the table and emptied a bag of orange powder across the green baize.

Stunned fans watched on as half of the table and many of the balls were covered in the cloud of powder, with the man kneeling on the baize for several seconds before a security guard dragged him away.

The man was wearing a white t-shirt emblazoned with the slogan 'Just Stop Oil' on the back.

On the other table at the Sheffield arena, the match between Mark Allen and Fan Zhengyi was interrupted when a woman, also wearing a 'Just Stop Oil' t-shirt, tried to get on the baize at the same time as the male protester.

She was dragged off by referee Olivier Marteel before any powder was thrown.

"Two people were detained after protesters gained entry to The Crucible earlier this evening," a South Yorkshire Police statement said.

"A 30-year-old man and a 52-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage. Both are in police custody."

Just Stop Oil also delayed the England team bus taking the side to Lord's for the lone Test against Ireland earlier this month.

