

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif signing Joint Declaration and other documents adopted at the conclusion of the 23rd Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit held virtually on Tuesday.



# PM calls for SCO's joint action to counter economic recession, terrorism & climate change

#### 跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday called for a joint action by the member states of the Shanghai Cooper- ident Kassym-JomartTokayev, address the common challeng- Rahmon, Uzbekistan's President es of economic recession terror-

Putin, Indian prime ministerNarendraModi, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Kazakhstan's Pres-ShavkatMirzivovey and Iranian

in view of Pakistan's location connecting the region. He announced that Pakistan

was planning to host a regional connectivity conference in the ation Organization (SCO) to Tajikistan's President Emomali- last quarter of the current year. On terrorism and extrem- ity in Afghanistan was critical to were the need of the hour. ism, the prime minister said the

their national capacities and also under the framework of SCO-RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure).

Terming peace and security a common concern, he said stabil- peace and communal harmony achieving the common objective.

Russian President Vladimir a game-changer of progress ism, and separatism both in and economic losses worth \$30 billion.

Sharif said poverty alleviation must be a priority in the wake of economic recession.

On Islamophobia, he said

He emphasized adhering

in Sweden: Govt to hold countrywide protests on July 7

## 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The government would observe Yaum-e-Taqaddus-e-Quran on July 7 to hold countrywide protests demonstrations against the desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden and convene a joint parliamentary session a day earlier.

The decision was made on in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif here to discuss the issue of the desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden.

It was decided that protest rallies would be held on Friday across the country to condemn the act.

The prime minister appealed to the nation, including all the political parties, to participate in the protest to convey a united message to the mischievous minds.

Besides, the government

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that nations and leadership believing in peace and co-existence should contain the violent would also convene a joint forces infested by the Islamosession of the parliament on phobia and religious biases.

July 6 to formulate a national strategy on the issue and

represent the nation's senti-

ments and feelings through the parliamentary forum.

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the president of the Paki-

stan Muslim League-Nawaz,

instructed the party to partici-

pate in the Yaum-e-Tagaddus-

e-Quran and hold countrywide

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which all of them were united.

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trend of Islamophobia.

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The joint session would also adopt a resolution to condemn

The prime minister, also

## SC rejects plea against BHC's decision to quash FIR against PTI Chairman

station.

## 腾 City Desk

Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan asked ISLAMABAD: The Supreme that if the SHO's decision was Court on Tuesday rejected the wrong, would an application plea against the Balochistan be made against it in the ATC or not?

ism, and climate change.

"The SCO represents a promising future only if we seize the opportunity to achieve the shared goals for the region's peace and prosperity," he said in his virtual address to the 23rd Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State (CHS).

The invitation to Prime Minister Sharif to attend the ing on investment in this area SCO-CHS, which was held in a video conference format, was extended by the prime minister of India in his capacity as the current Chair of the SCO.

President EbrahimRaisi joined the virtual moot among other leaders of the observer states.

He stressed that the regional organization could play the role of "beacon of peace, stability, and progress". Terming regional connectivity

a defining feature of the modern economy, he emphasized focusas a "vehicle of peace and prosperity".

He mentioned that China Pakistan Economic Corridor, a flagship project of the Belt and must take concerted actions

"monster" must be fought with vigour and determination by all SCO states.

He pointed out that diplomatic point-scoring must be avoided by all countries and said that all forms of terrorism, including State terrorism, must be

condemned. "There is no justification for killing people. Also, the religious minorities should not be narginalized in the garb of political agenda," he said.

Sharif said the SCO countries Chinese President Xi Jinping, Road Initiative, could become against terrorism, extrem- change", leading to 1,700 deaths

He highlighted the impending grave humanitarian crisis and

economic meltdown in Afghanistan, which he said, needed urgent corrective measures by the interim Afghan government and the international community

On climate-induced disasters, the prime minister said the situation demanded global solidarity as it was the time to act "now and immediately".

He mentioned that Pakistan, during the last year's flash floods, faced the "horrors of climate

the resolutions of the UN Security Council to settle the issues amicably before it was too late.

The prime minister expressed Pakistan's resolve to play a positive and constructive role in making SCO an effective regional organization.

He thanked India for its stewardship of SCO during the past year and congratulated Kazakhstan for assuming the chair for the next year.

He congratulated the President of Iran on his country's inclusion in the organization as a full member.

## Marriyum felicitates Fahad Shahbaz for winning Diana Award

#### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday felicitated a Pakistani youth leader, FahadShahbaz who received a prestigious Diana Award from the United Kingdom for his exceptional humanitarian efforts and unwavering commit-



ment to inspiring and mobilising younger generations to create lasting change in their communities and beyond.

"Congratulations to talented Fahad-Shahbaz, who laid foundation of Youth General Assembly at 18 years of his age, for winning the international Diana Award," the minister said in a tweet.

Pakistani youth who had been striving to bring change in the society, she added.

She said youth like SaminaBaig, NailaKiani, Boxer Taimur Khan and ShahbazFahad were source of pride for Pakistan. These people were a true identity of Pakistan who inspired youth This reflected positive mindset of through positive thinking, she added.

High Court's decision to quash the First Information Report (FIR) and arrest warrant filed against the PTI chairman in connection with the killing of senior lawyer Abdul Razzaq Shar in Quetta.

A two-member SC bench comprising Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan and Justice Avesha A Malik heard the case filed by Imran Khan against his nomination and arrest warrant in the case of the senior Supreme Court lawyer who was killed

in Quetta. During the course of proceedings, Chairman PTI's lawyer Latif Khosa read out the murder case of lawyer Abdul Razzaq Shar and said that the son of the slain Lawyer Abdul Razzaq Shar filed a case against Imran Khan under terrorism provisions. Latif Khosa insisted that his client's life was in danger.

Justice Ijaz asked who determined the imposition of terrorism provisions in the case. The lawyer said that the primary responsibility lied with the SHO of the police from the government lawyer.

When the lawyer said that a non-bailable arrest warrant had been issued for Chairman PTI, Justice Ayesha Malik asked whether the constitution of joint investigation team (JIT) was challenged.

Latif Khosa said that he did not know what was happening against his client and SHO could not impose terrorism provisions at the stage of investigation.

The lawyer said that Imran Khan was still coming to Islamabad, but he had stopped him from coming to the Supreme Court, on which Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan said that this case was to quash the FIR and there was no need for Imran Khan to come.

Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan said that if he wanted more relief, request the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

The Supreme Court rejected the request for injunction and interim bail against the decision of the high court and sought the details of the case

## Bilawal terms July 5 as Black Day in national history

#### 腾 🛚 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has termed July 5, 1977, as a black day in national history.

He said that this day will continue to remind us how a power-hungry dictator pushed the entire nation into the mire of extremism, terrorism, Kalashnikov and drug culture under the guise of religion, from which even after 46 years, we still could not get rid of them completely.

On July 5, 1977, the tin-pot dictator General Zia-ul-Haq seized power by unconstitutionally overthrowing the government of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the first elected prime minister of Pakistan and the most popular leader, and deprived the citizens of their basic rights. Since then, Pakistanis around the world observe the 5th of July as Black Day.

According to the statement issued by



Media Cell Bilawal House, the Chairman of PPP further said in his message that dictator Zia is a culprit of the Constitution of Pakistan and the Pakistani nation.

He said that the way civil and human rights were violated during the dictatorship of General Zia and the way atrocities were committed on those who demanded

the restoration of democracy, humanity will always be ashamed of such crimes.

Bilawal said that the nation is well aware of the fact that a handful of people who follow dictator Zia's thinking are still busy making conspiracies against the people's right to rule in their hunger for power, but failure is their destiny. "The era of dictators and puppets has become a thing of the past. Now there is only democracy in the present and future of Pakistan," he added.

The PPP Chairman saluted the Jiyalas (party workers) who were flogged, endured the hardships of imprisonment and embraced martyrdom for the sake of democracy during the Zia regime.

He also vowed that his party will continue struggling with the same determination and courage to fulfil the mission of safeguarding the unanimous Constitution of 1973 and the parliamentary system of democracy and establishing a society based on equality as given by Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar

**Tajik Defence Minister** meets Khawaja Asif

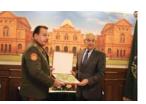
#### 😂 News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Tajikistan Defence Minister, Sherali Mirzo along a delegation called on Defence Minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif and discussed bilateral defence cooperation the other day.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif expressed best wishes for the military and civil leadership of Tajikistan, and its people, said a press release on Tuesday.

The minister highlighted that being neighbours of Afghanistan, both Pakistan and Tajikistan were facing similar security challenges and threats.

Pakistan believed in peaceful resolution of all issues and appreciates the efforts of Tajikistan in promoting peace and stability in the region, he added.



The minister highlighted that CPEC would further provide new and unique opportunities for enhancing connectivity and integration from Gwadar to Kashgar and Murghab in Tajikistan

Khawaja Asif said that Pakistan would continue to provide assistance in intelligence capacity building and sharing of technical expertise with Tajik Armed forces. Tajik Defence Minister assured his government's commitment and pledged to work with Pakistan to strengthen bilateral ties.



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## Solidarity with martyrs

NUSHKI: The representatives of the civil society and traders community have staged a rally to express solidarity with the martyrs who rendered sacrifices for the country.



# PM for priority to completion of public welfare projects

#### 👺 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday stressed on according high priority to the public welfare projects, besides maintaining quality and transparency of the ongoing development projects.

He said preference should be given to commencement of those projects which were aimed at development and prosperity of youth and women's empowerment.

The prime minister issued these directives while chairing a high-level meeting on uplift projects under the current fiscal year.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Finance Ishaq Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Media Wing said in a press and prosperity of youth and sion of a comprehensive report during the current fiscal year.



Minister for Planning Ahsan release. Iqbal, PM's Adviser Ahad Khan Cheema, PM's Special of the progress on the devel-Assistants Malik Ahmad Khan and Shaza Fatima year 2023-24 and a detailed Khawaja, and other relevant briefing was also given about Dar, Minister for Defence authorities, the PM Office the steps for the progress

women, and development of The meeting was apprised agriculture, industries, infrastructure and other sectors. opment work during the fiscal The prime minister directed for completion of all the projects within the stipulated

Scholarship initiative was being launched across the country, including Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. The meeting was further

briefed that under the PM's Youth Programme, distribution process of laptops among the talented youth would commence soon.

over the related mechanism.

He said the PM's Merit

The prime minister observed that for the development of agriculture sector. solarization process of tube wells should be initiated soon, besides directing that pace on the public welfare mega projects should be expedited.

He also stressed upon attaching special focus on the uplift of the backward areas

## **Embezzlement in uplift** projects: NAB decides to question Pervaiz Elahi

#### 😂 🛚 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Lahore has chief minister Pervaiz Elahi in a is also involved in the irregularities, case of alleged

misappropriation in development projects in Gujrat. Sourc-

es within the accountabilitv bureau told ARY News that Pervaiz Elahi had

worth billions in Gujarat division in 2022-23.

Sources claimed that the bureau revealed misappropriation in approvawarding of contracts. The former Superintendent.

Punjab CM committed irregularities in development projects worth more than Rs23 billion.

Sohail Awan, personal secretary of sought answers from former Punjab Moonis Elahi - son of Pervaiz Elahi,



approved development projects sources added. "Sohail Awan received bribes and kickbacks for the former chief minister," they claimed.

The bureau has directed Elahi to submit his answers to its Joint Invesal of development projects and tigation Team on July 6 through Jail

## **K-Electric tariff** likely to be increased

#### 😂 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The electricity tariff is likely to be increased for K-Electric consumers by Rs1.49 per unit which will put an additional burden of Rs2.78 billion on consumers.

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) will hear the pleas for another hike in the electricity tariff on Wednesday (tomorrow). K-Electric sought NEPRA to approve Rs1.49 per unit hike in the tariff.

Other than the K-Electric tariff, the power authority will also hear pleas for hiking the electricity tariffs by Rs2.5 per unit in terms of fuel adjustment for the month of May.

Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) and K-Electric submitted separate pleas to the NEPRA.

Earlier in the day, in yet another power tariff hike, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) jacked up electricity prices by Rs1.25 per unit.

According to the notification issued by the power regulatory per unit hike in electricity in the wake the month of April.



of the monthly fuel adjustment. The consumers have to pay the additional amount in August.

Furthermore, the increase in electricity cost will apply to all the consumer categories except lifeline consumers and KE users.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) requested an increase in power tariff on May 24 under a third-quarter adjustment.

Separately on Friday, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Friday announced Rs0.5 per unit reduction in the power tariff for K-Electric consumers.

According to the notification issued by the NEPRA, the K-Electric power tariff was reduced due to authority, NEPRA approved Rs1.25 the fuel cost adjustments (FCAs) in

## IHC declares Toshakhana case against PTI chairman inadmissible

#### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday declared the Toshakhana case against the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) chairman inadmissible

IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq announced the verdict on a petition filed by the former premier against the decision of a trial court that had declared the criminal case, filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), admissible.

The petition was filed after the PTI chief was indicted in the case on May 10. Two days after the high court had stopped criminal proceedings



in the Toshakhana case.

became a major sticking point in national politics after the The reference, which alleges that Imran failed to share Election Commission of Pakistan disqualified the PTI chief details of the gifts he retained from the Toshaskhana (during for making "false statements his time as the prime minister) and incorrect declaration" last was filed by lawmakers from month

The judgement added that the ruling coalition last year. The Toshakhana issue

to be indulged in corrupt prac- seat," the ECP said, adding: tices under sections 167 and 173 of the constitution. "A under Article 63, 1(P), over criminal proceeding will be initiated against him over filing a false statement."

period of time and the submis-

"His disqualification under Article 63, 1(P) has been for his current parliament membership", the ECP said in its 36-page detailed judgment of the reference.

"The amount in his bank account was around half of the value of the state gifts. PTI chief was bound to declare the cash and bank details in his returns but he didn't declare it," ECP decision read.

"Imran Khan being declared disqualified and unseated the former premier was found from his National Assembly

"He has been disqualified submitting a false statement and declaration".

Following this, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had launched probe against former prime minister Imran Khan in Toshakhana case on March 9.

The NAB action comes after Dubai-based businessman Umar Farooq Zahoor claimed that the PTI government sold an expensive Graff wristwatch - gifted to former premier Imran Khan by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman – for \$2 million, worth approximately Rs280m at the time of sale in 2019.

## CJP, fellow Supreme Court Judges salaries increased by ordinance

### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Acting President has promulgated 'Salary of Judges of the Supreme Court Order 2023' to increment remunerations of the Chief Justice of Pakistan and fellow judges of the apex court.

The ordinance has enhanced salary of the CJP to Rs12,29,189 per month, while judges of the supreme court will earn Rs11,61,163 per month.

The judges salaries ordinance has come into force from July 1st, 2023.

Under the previous order issued by President in June 2022, the CJP's monthly salary was Rs1,024,324 while that of other apex court judges was Rs967.636.



The National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman Noor Alam Khan on May 16 this year asked the auditor general to present a comparative observation report on the salaries and privileges received by the president, prime minister, federal ministers, members of the parliament, and the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

## Huawei unveils innovations in ICT services, software to empower industrial intelligent digital transformation

#### 👺 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Huawei, the global technology leader, showcased its latest innovations in ICT services and software at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) Shanghai 2023 aimed to empower industrial intelligent digital transformation in collaboration with global carriers and industrial partners.

Vice President of Huawei's Global Technical Service Department Bruce Xun while addressing the MWC Shanghai 2023 emphasized that by innovating ICT service and software solutions, Huawei will continue to work alongside global carriers to build green, efficient, and robust networks that provide the ultimate experience. chart new growth curves, develop the intelligent digital talent of the future, and drive industrial intelligent digital transformation to create an intelligent world that prioritizes ultimate user experience.

Embracing the dual-E (Energy and Experience) concept, Huawei is committed to promoting a low-carbon circular economy with green and low-carbon target networks.

In the second half of 2022, Huawei initiated

a project to reconstruct the sites and equipment rooms of China Mobile Shandong.

As of June 2023, the impact of this project has been substantial, with a total energy savings of 10.6+ million kWh and a reduction in carbon emissions of 3720+ tons, which is equivalent to planting about 200,000 trees.

The explosive growth of computing power requirements has led to a sharp increase in AI computational capacity, accompanied by a dynamic surge in energy consumption. Shenyang AI Computing Center was successfully launched in just six months, achieving a high level of computing density while maintaining exceptional energy efficiency.

In Q2 of 2023, Huawei efficiently upgraded the center's computing power from 100P to 300P, resulting in sustained and efficient business growth for the customer.

Huawei's AUTIN solution facilitated the O&M transformation of China Mobile Tianjin's B2B services. AUTIN ensured a guaranteed user experience, which substantially improved China Mobile Tianjin's private line user satisfaction, ranking it among the top 10 in the China Mobile group nationwide.

AUTIN implements proactive service quality monitoring through multi-vendor cross-domain service topology restoration, facilitating the identification of potential network risks up to 12 hours in advance.

AUTIN has also significantly reduced the average fault diagnosis duration from hours to a few minutes and improved service availability by an impressive 15%

China Mobile Shanghai is dedicated to constructing high-performance networks that provide superior user experience and drive business success. With the implementation of Huawei's innovative technologies, including multi-carrier dual-layer beam adjustment, SRCON wireless channel simulation, and scenario-based network optimization, China Mobile Shanghai has achieved the top spot in the MIIT benchmark ranking for two consecutive years.

Huawei's Smart Decision solution has enhanced the marketing efficiency of China Mobile Shanghai and facilitated coordination between its marketing and network departments in marketing activities such as the promotion of the 700M devices, VoNR, and second SIM slots. As a result, China Mobile Shanghai has experi-



enced a sustainable increase in its 5G user penetration rate and 5G traffic ratio as well as service revenue compared to previous years

The cloud-native Convergent Billing Solution (CBS) is a comprehensive billing solution designed specifically for carriers, offering a full-stack heterogeneous platform with 99.9999% reliability. With CBS, carriers can drive innovation in subscription packages, streamline operations, and accelerate time-to-value.

Huawei's next-generation Mobile Money solution offers customers with a comprehensive suite of mobile wallets, mobile payment, and mobile financial services.

Following an 18-month collaboration with

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Huawei, bank K in Asia Pacific has emerged as the largest financial service provider in the local market and maintained this position for four consecutive years.

With its advanced features such as omni-channel access, all-scenario intelligence, high reliability, and large capacity, the AICC has played a significant role in reducing the overall OPEX of China Unicom's 10010 customer service center by 16.5%.

Intelligent digital transformation is a multifaceted process that involves technological advancements and the development of digital talent.

China Mobile Zhejiang has collaborated with Huawei to establish a digital talent maturity model, devise strategies for digital talent development, and offer digital leadership coaching to 130+ managers. This partnership has resulted in the reskilling and upskilling of over 4000 technical employees.

At the conclusion of the conference, Bruce Xun reaffirmed Huawei's commitment to developing cutting-edge ICT services and software solutions through continuous innovation. As a trusted partner, Huawei is committed to working collaboratively with global customers to create an intelligent world that prioritizes the ultimate user experience.

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# Yousaf Raza Cadet College ceremony very soon: Yousaf Raza Gillani

## 😂 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Former Prime Minister and Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani once again committed to the development of Multan district. Funds were approved for the completion of the gift of Yousaf Raza Gillani Cadet College Multan for the youth of Saraiki and Wasaib. Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani has obtained the approval of funds from the government for the renovation and decoration of the historical mosque adjacent to it and other development projects. It is a fact that the construction of a cadet college is a necessity for all the youths living in Saraiki Wasaib.

Protest



Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani said that railway line near Shujaabad near a bridge will be constructed on the Hazrat Musa Pak Shaheed is the big

and ancient spiritual center of Saraiki Wasaib, so approval has been obtained for the renovation and decoration of Darbar sharif and its adjacent mosque and the expansion of the Darbar. This project will also be started soon.

Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani further said that the development work done by me as the Prime Minister while fulfilling the mission of my nobles is obvious to all, now when Pakistan People's Party is in power, I have continuously struggled and approved these projects. I have given good news to the people of Multan. People should pray that these projects will be completed soon.

HYDERABAD: Workers of Jamaat-e-Islami hold a protest against burning of Holy Quran in Sweden.



Hearts of Two Billion Muslims Burned in Sweden: Siraj Ul Haq **AIOU** establishes prospectus sale points at union

## Immediate initiation of Emergency Measures to Eliminate Dengue Larvae: Amir Khattak

## 😂 Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak ordered the immediate initiation of emergency measures to eliminate dengue larvae and said that The teams of all institutions including the health department went out to the field. Cases will be registered by seal-ing the commercial property when dengue larvae are found. These views were expressed by Commissioner Amir



Khattak while presiding over the review meeting on the anti-dengue campaign. He said that Due to the expected rains, there is a fear of dengue virus spreading. Activities should be seen to destroy dengue larvae in homes and public places.

Dengue screening should be done in sensitive areas through hotspots. Commissioner Amir Khattak, while giving an ultimatum, said that strict action will be taken against the negligent authorities in the dengue campaign. Citizens should keep their surroundings dry and clean to eliminate the dengue mosquito. Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir, Additional Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed. And Officers of the concerned departments were present.

Muslim Umah strongly condemns burning of Holy Quran in Sweden: Durdana Šiddiqui

腾 🛛 Kiran Asim



MULTAN: The entire Muslimf and anger over the incident of burning the Holy Quran in Sweden-Durdana Siddiqui. In the name of freedom of expression in European countries, insulting the Holy Prophet of Islam s, insulting the Holy Qur'an and the holy places of Muslims have become a joke.

The sanctification of the Holy Quran is a red line for two billion Muslims of the world. Secretary

General Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Durdana Siddiqui and South Punjab President Tasneem Sarwar condemned the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden. Safeguarding the sanctity of the Holy Quran is the basis and soul of the faith of Muslims.

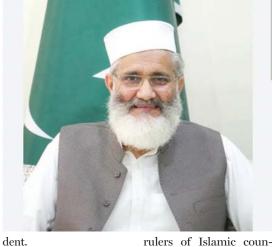
The Holy Qur'an is the source of growth and guidance for humanity until the Day of Resurrection-Muslims have more devotion to this eternal book than their lives, wealth and children-The desecration of the Quran by an Iraqi non-Muslim citizen is highly condemnable and a punishable crime on the part of the Swedish government.

The government of Pakistan should highlight the issue of this outrageous insolence in the United Nations-and mobilize the conscientious countries of the world-the ruler of the Muslim world should express the true feelings of the Muslim Ummah on the issue of the Holy Quran.

DFP bereaved over demise of veteran trade union Kashmiri leader Sampat Prakash Srinagar

#### 😂 Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Amer Jamaat-e-Islami Sirajul-Haq has said that the hearts of two billion Muslims have been burned in Sweden, not the Holy Quran. As a result of the contacts of Jamaat-e-Islami, there was a consensus that against the tragic event, Pakistan, Turkey, Malavsia, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Morocco, and South Africa will jointly celebrate the day of condemnation on the 7th of July. The imams and sheikhs of the mosques are requested to lead the dent. protests themselves after President Vladimir Putin, a practical role in stopping



We want the imams of tries and the OIC instead Friday prayers. Russian the Christian world to play of verbal statements. As a reaction to the enormous Canadian Prime Minister blasphemy. The Muslim increase in demand for the Justin Trudeau and Pope Ummah is waiting for a Quran after 9/11, organized Francis are grateful for the concrete strategy against attacks on Islam by psychocondemnation of the inci- Islamophobia from the paths and religious terror-

ists began, threatening world peace. Desecration of the Quran in Sweden It is not an individual's problem, during the days of Eid and Hajj when millions of Muslims were busy following Sunnah Ibrahimi.

The rulers have not reduced their privileges nor reduced the size of the cabinet, the economy cannot improve due to corruption and usury, the so-called civilian governments have not been able to establish good governance, looting and unfair distribution of resources continues. The only solution to the problems is Jamaat-e-Islami, which has a competent leadership free from corruption. If transparent elections are held in the country, Jamaat-e-Islami will give surprising results.

## council level

## 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: AIOU is commencing the first phase of Autumn 2023 semester from July 2023, and for convenience of the students, the university has established prospectus sale points at Union Council level through out the country. Main campus and 54 regional campuses are already facilitating the students and before admission date list of the prospectus sales points will be shared on official website (www.aiou.edu. pk). It should be noted that admission forms for matriculation and FA programs can be obtained from these sale points and can be submitted manually as well as via online mode, while online application has been made mandatory for admission to the remaining programs. In regional offices, facilitation centers and information counters have been set up in accord-

### 😂 🛛 Abdul Majeed Tahir

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) while expressing its profound grief and sorrow over the demise of veteran trade union leader Sampat Prakash has termed his demise as a great loss.

In a statement issued here today, the DFP on behalf of its incarcerated chairman Shabir Ahmed Shah extended heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the bereaved family.

Hailing the deceased leader's selfless services to the Kashmiri society, the statement said that Prakash was a fearless advocate of Kashmiris' fundamental rights who never hesitated in calling spade a spade.

"Sampat Prakash was a man of character and a true friend and well wisher of Kashmiris who refused to accept the foreign dictates", the statement said, adding that the deceased was a symbol of interfaith harmony and served as a bridge between the Muslim and Pandit community in Kashmir.

Prakash has also supported for a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute through dialogue and diplomacy.

The DFP also condoled the demise of the brother of Ghulam Rasool Nawaz of Pampore.

Meanwhile, the DFP acting chairman and convener APHC Pak chapter Mehmood Ahmed Saghar termed Sampat Prakash's death as a big loss and hailed his valuable work and contribution as a community leader who enjoyed great respect in the Kashmiri society. Saghar expressed his deep sympathies with the bereaved family.

## Anjuman Tajran Grocery warn of 'skyrocketing dearness' after IMF deal

#### 😂 Bureau Report

FAISALABAD: Sheikh Muhammad Masood, General Secretary Anjuman Tajran Grocery and General Store City District Faisalabad highlighted in his analysis that in the next few days be is likely to go up to Rs 750 per kg. ready to face skyrocketing dearness. It has been made clear that the people should be mentally prepared to face it.

He expressed that, the IMF agreement will necessarily create such incentives that the basis of which such conditions are laid where the people can get relief even after bearing a heavy burden.

Whether one Should have got any good advice from Pakistan's top economist? Mr. Ishaq Dar's suggestions and IMF conditions were relied upon which is totally against the constitution and law.

Non-inclusion of constitution- Roll Biscuits. al experts is likely to create further economic hurdles for Pakistan, he said & added.

That's why the grocery merchants have warned that there is a 100 percent cold bottles will be Rs 160 and 1.5 liter

be Rs 300 per bottle.

And sugar Rs 180 per kg and Kashmir ghee Rs 600 per kg while Super cost Rs 80 per kg. kernel and Kainat rice are likely to go from Rs 400 to Rs 550 per kg.

And a pack of Surf Excel Ariel Bright

Similarly, small soap bars are priced at Rs 120 and medium soap bars at Rs 180 while jumbo large soap bars are likely to go up to Rs 250.

Similarly, laundry soap, cow soup, etc. are likely to go up to Rs 250 per kg, radish soup at Rs 350 per kg and Inam soup at Rs 380 per kg.

Similarly, matches are likely to cost Rs 10 per piece, while treat and razer blades are likely to cost up to Rs 15 per

And Super Biscuits Rio Candy Tuck Gala Lemon Paint Party Pick etc Rs 40 is likely to increase to Rs 50 Half

And Hair Color Adore Rs 300 while Olivia Rs 350 and Black Rose Rs 250 and Blaney Color Sasha Rs 110 per medical stuff will be very expensive. piece.

And the smallest bottle of shamchance that Coke, Sprite etc; one liter poo zero is at least 300 rupees, while a bottle of medium shampoo is 600 bottles will be Rs 200 per bottle, while rupees and a large bottle is 1000 2.5 liters Coke and Sprite Jumbo will rupees, while a bottle of jumbo sham-

poo is likely to go up to 1800 rupees. A packet of iodized salt is likely to

There is a 100% possibility of a sharp increase in the prices of all other food and drink and household and personal care items.

Similarly, the prices of clothes, suits and shoes and children's uniforms and stationery etc. will increase smartly.

Similarly, the prices of all electronic items, including mobile phones, refrigerators, freezers, AC fans, air coolers, ovens, washing machines and dryers, and water dispensers, etc., will be increased.

Similarly, electrical equipment, switch button wires, bod energy saver bulbs, copper winding wires, DP main etc. will all be expensive.

Similarly crockery etc. all silver steel stone set glasses and all plastic utensils etc. will all be expensive.

And baby feeding powder milk and liquid milk tea maker and all medicine

Baby pampers, feeding feeders, nipple pacifiers, etc. are likely to increase in price.

Similarly, the prices of all the construction materials, ie, cement, gravel, bricks, gadar, TR, doors,

windows, ceiling, piling and all the of Pakistan. decorative items, are going to be expen-

ance with the directives issued by vice

chancellor Prof Dr Nasir Mahmood.

Similarly, household wiring of water, pipes, faucets, wash basins, flash sets, water pump motors and all the tools that are used in daily life, including pliers, screws, testers, hammers, wrenches, etc., will all be expensive.

Similarly, the things used for the fitting of locks, windows and doors, nails, gratings, iron grills, wooden gates, etc. will all be expensive.

UPS batteries etc are also 100% likely to be very expensive.

Similarly, toothpastes and toothbrushes, hair color and creams like Golden Pearl, Sandal Arena Gold Faiza Face Fresh Dew Fair and Lovely and all face washes and powders etc will become expensive.

A new hike in the prices of all these items is expected on or before July 10 as the agreement with the IMF has reached an agreement to increase the prices of 742 items and all economists have warned that this is the government's move to the IMF. It is the worst deal and the most expensive debt in Pakistan's 75-year historyAn agreement has been reached which is no less than a death deal for the people

He further clarified that, the Suzuki Alto 800 cc new model, price 3 lakh 39 thousand rupees but it is not for you, yes it is for the Indian people.

For us, a new anthem is being released with an inflation bomb.

Our country's currency has fallen even from countries like India Bangla Nepal?

Now, no one is calling for war or enmity, it is being told here that Pakistan is a country of the poor and the conscienceless, where whatever happens, the responsible do not care for his responsibilities.

If I have power, but the vibrations of noise have escaped me to perform accurately, think a little about the dear country.

The question was, in what capacity has irrelevant person been going on an official visit to Japan with the foreign minister?

The nation ask a question that, Imran Khan's tenure was 6% GDP growth in 2022. and the growth in the year 2023 under the current system is only 0.5%.

In such circumstances to whom respect maybe the given.

Here who is worthy of respect?

He elaborated that, During Imran Khan era, Bilawal was shouting in the assembly and saying, Tear up the IMF deal?

But today, by pledging the country, only 3 billion dollars are being wasted. Let me tell you a story!

Salar is contributing to the economic plan.

Dar Sahib has forgotten that he is actually asking for a share.

During the Imran Khan era, petrol was Rs 150 per litre, so the PDM parties did an inflation march.

Now it has reached close to 300 rupees and after the new IMF agreement, electricity, gas, petrol will be more expensive, for which the nation is being congratulated.

And what the media used to call the IMF's torture, is now calling it "good news".

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But today, by pledging the country, only 3 billion dollars are being thrown. Let me tell you a story!

Salar is contributing to the economic plan.

Mr. Ishaq Dar forgot actually the problems of the poor.



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# Barrister Sultan condemning in strong terms the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden

#### 😂 🛛 Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, while condemning in strong terms the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden, has said that the incident has hurt the sentiments of over a half billion Muslims around the globe.

In a statement issued here today, the AJK President, while Organization of Islamic Cooperdemanding the Swedish govern-

the perpetrator involved in this heinous crime, said that, as per the international law, all states were bound to prevent such vile acts that promote religious hatred.

Terming the incident as highly condemnable, the president said that it was quite unfortunate that the sacrilege of the holy Quran was being normalized in the name of freedom of expression.

The AJK president said that the ation (OIC) must take practical



Paris and Denmark, which have Union and the OIC have strongly hurt the sentiments of Muslims all over the world.

The Spokesman 3

He said that no international law allows spreading religious hatred. He stressed the need to exercise the right to freedom of expression responsibly and in accordance with relevant international human rights laws. Peace and interfaith harmony,

of freedom of expression." We strongly condemn this incident and demand the Swedish government to take stern action and punish the person who has brazenly committed the unpar-

condemned the desecration of the

Holy Quran in Sweden, the inter-

national community should bear in

mind the fact that such Islamopho-

bic incidents, which target Muslims

and insult our sacred values, cannot

be allowed to happen in the guise

## Careless

ment to take stern action against measures to stop the occurrence of such incidents. He said that simi- lar incidents have also happened in





## Homebridge by Beaconhouse collaborates with Akhuwat to provide free A Level education

#### 🐞 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Homebridge by Beaconhouse, Pakistan's first Cambridge certified online ALevel programme, has joined forces with Akhuwat Foundation to provide free ALevel education to deserving students from across Pakistan. Students from both OLevel and Matriculation will be shortlisted for this ground-breaking initiative, which aims to extend accessibility of the international qualification to a new group of students. Homebridge is Pakistan's first online Cambridge International A Level programme, offers students an opportunity to study their Cambridge programme with online the necessary facilities for a fully-funded two-year A an uninterrupted learning journey. Through this model, listed students from public Beaconhouse campuses for Pakistan, after a need and expressed his joy over the create equal opportunities,



and revolutionise education in Pakistan.'

Founder Akhuwat Foundation, Dr Amjad Saqib commented on the achievement saving. 'Akhuwat is

## Sardar Attique expressed grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of 6 security personnel 😂 🛛 Abdul Majeed Tahir



DHIRKOT: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan expressed grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of 6 security personnel including Major Saqib Hussain in Shirani and Kech districts of Balochistan province and said that the blood of the martyrs will not

go in vain. The entire nation is saddened by the Balochistan targeted incident

He said that the holy blood of the martyrs is a debt to the nation. The peace and security of Pakistan is possible only thanks to the sacrifices of the brave sons of the nation.

These views were expressed while speaking on the occasion of participation in reception on yesterday. He said that the defense of the country is with strong hands. I am and Pakistan Army is ready to defeat the evil intentions of enemy.

He said that the soldiers of our forces are an iron wall against internal and external enemies. The sacrifices of the forces personnel are unforgettable. We salute all the martyrs of the security forces for their sacrifices to end terrorism he added.

Rupees over 47 billion disbursed among 5.2 million beneficiaries under Benazir Kafaalat

## 腾 City 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 47 billion has been disbursed among over 5.2 million beneficiary women. Disbursement of the tranche has again started after Eid-ul-Azha holidays through banks' retailers.

Under Benazir Kafaalat, 90 lakh registered beneficiary families are entitled to 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 Habib Bank Limited (HBL) for disbursement among the beneficiaries through their retail distribution network.

Along with Benazir Kafaalat, Benazir educational scholarships are lso being given out to the children of registered families, howe 70% attendance in the school is mandatory to receive educational scholarships, said the spokesman of the programme. In case of any complaint, beneficiaries can approach the nearest BISP Tehsil Offices or call on toll-free helpline number 080026477 of Benazir Income Support Program. The BISP spokesman reiterated that any messages from Benazir Income Support Program is sent only from 8171 and message from any other number should not be trusted.

## ISLAMABAD: A view of out of order water fountain on green belt at Shakarparian area, which needs the attention of con concerned authorities.

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extracurricular activities, merit-based libraries, and labs

Under the newly signed Level qualification to shortstudents also have access to and private schools across bridge, Sajjad Leghari tion is set to break barriers,



selection initiative saying, 'We're Cambridge online A Level Project Director Home- programme. This collabora-

delighted to initiate this unique partnership with Homebridge. We are strong advocates of providing quality education as a tool to help our youth break the shackles of poverty. This visionary collaboration exemplifies Akhuwat's commitment to poverty alleviation and creating equal opportunities for all, irrespective of financial and geographical constraints.' The initiative by Beacon-

house and Akhuwat is a catalyst for social mobility in the country and will help open up new avenues and opportunities for the youth. The unique partnership will support the two organisations' continuing work to make high-quality education accessible to students across Pakistan

## LUMS Energy Institute hosts seminar on advancing Pakistan's Energy Sector

#### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's leading higher education institution, LUMS. organised a seminar on 'Advancing Pakistan's Power Sector through Strategic Investments and Digitisation', featuring renowned energy experts, researchers, and academics. The seminar explored the transformative potential of strategic investments in confronting the challenges to Pakistan's power sector, such as power shortages, distribution inefficiencies, and outdated infrastructure.

The seminar was organised by the LUMS Energy Institute (LEI), and experts explored solution-driven strategies and opportunities for innovation to overcome the energy sector's challenges. The panellists called for confidence-building measures to encourage local and international investment in the sector through investment-friendly and consistent policies for long-term and sustainable impact.

Experts included Professor, Werner-Von-Siemens Chair, and Director, LEI, Dr. Fiaz Ahmad Chaudhry; Associate Professor and Co-Founder, LEI, Dr. Naveed Arshad; Advisor to CEO, K-Electric, Mr. Amer Zia; Project Director, National Incubation Centre



in its distribution segment through

Workforce Management, Geograph-

and Advance Analytics and Artifi-

cial Intelligence. She expressed that

these advancements would lead to

an improved customer experience

through faster issue resolution, fewer

interruptions, and enhanced capacity.

Dr. Chaudhry addressed the need

Lahore, Mr. Nauman Ahmad Zaffar; renewables. She highlighted the organ-Head, Computer Science Department, isation's commitment to innovation LUMS, Dr. Basit Shafiq; Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, the introduction of Advanced Distri-K-Electric, Ms. Sadia Dada, and Chief bution Management System, Mobile Technology Officer Power Information Technology Company (PITC), Mr. ical Information Systems (GIS), Kashif Shehzad.

During the panel discussion, Ms. Dada detailed K-Electric's upcoming investment plan of PKR 484 billion for the next seven years. The plan aims to add 2,172 MW to its generation capacity, including 1,182 MW of

for building more energy-efficient and sustainable buildings to reduce the 20,000 MW of demand currently used for cooling. "The investment required to provide the cooling load of Pakistan in the summers is not sustainable and contributes significantly to the circular debt of Pakistan," he said.

Mr. Zia added that the impacts of digitisation and new technologies are often observed long-term and require support from the leadership. There is a dire need to invest in the future and be patient for the results, he explained. He also added that K-Electric is prioritising developing an automated decision-making process and focusing on decarbonisation through renewable energy sources.

Noting the importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the energy sector, Director, Centre for Intelligent Systems and Networks Research, Dr. Gul Muhammad noted, "If we don't have energy, we can't get hold of AI. The best renewable energy is what you save without disturbing any quality of service.

The seminar highlighted the vital role that the LUMS Energy Institute is playing to further solution-oriented discourse about Pakistan's energy crisis.

## The use of helmets for motorcyclists should be implemented: DIG Punjab Police 腾 Mian Rashid Asghar

FAISALABAD: The Deputy Inspector General of Police Punjab has directed to all the District Police Officers, District Traffic Officers, Chief Traffic Officers in Punjab for the enforcement of helmet usage for motorcyclists.

According to the details, the spokesman Inspector Muhammad Zubair Wahla of CTO Masood Ahmad Lone has informed that, in order to ensure road safety and prevention of the loss of precious lives it has been directed that the use of helmet for motorcyclists is enforced in all CTPS /districts with immediate effects. He further said that an action must be taken against all those who are not wearing helmet under the rules.

Whereas a diary regarding the action to be taken against violators must be sent to the office of the competent authorities on daily basis sharp at 9:00 am.

He expressed that the strict compliance must be ensured in all respect because life of the citizens is precious.

## Production of cotton is first priority of Punjab govt: Altaf Baloch



**Quratul Ain Asim** 

MULTAN: Secretary Higher Education South Punjab Muhammad Altaf Baloch is addressing the farmers at Kisan Bethak in Layyah

Multan: Secretary Higher Education South Punjab Muhammad Altaf Baloch visited Tehsil Chaubara in District Layyah to monitor the campaign to grow more cotton. Secretary Higher Education South Punjab meanwhile inspected the demonstration plot of cotton crop. He also inspected the Farmer Facilitation Center Rafiqabad and inquired about the problems from the farmers. He said that more production of cotton is the first priority of Punjab government. A good crop of cotton will be a source of much foreign exchange

Assistant Commissioner Chobara Jam Muhammad Aslam, Assistant Director Agriculture Muhammad Sadiq, Assistant Director Pest Warning Ejaz Qaisrani were also with him on this occasion. Secretary Higher Education South Punjab said that the Agriculture Department has reached out to every cotton farmer for consultation.

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## **Green hydrogen** to boost CPEC development

hina's investment in green energy in countries along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has exceeded its investment in traditional fossil energy. "BRI countries have rich wind, photovoltaic and hydropower resources, which makes green energy development an important direction in the future," said An Fengquan, Deputy Director General of International Cooperation Department of National Energy Administration of China (NEA).

Apart from building plants and facilities for cleangreen energy production, expanding the application of green energy in the BRI programs should also be stressed.

Hydrogen produced with renewable energy sources, or green hydrogen, has emerged as a key energy to achieve net-zero emissions from heavy industry and transport. When we mention hydrogen, most people first think of new energy vehicles, while it has a much wider range of applications, such as chemical, power generation and steelmaking. Zhao Dong, general manager of China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec Group) suggested that green hydrogen can be developed coupling with the largescale development of green electricity and be applied to refining and chemical industry in the next step, China Economic Net (CEN) reported.

"Energy enterprises and chemical enterprises can be involved in BRI projects to promote green hydrogen production for the demand of industrial production. The extra hydrogen can be used for the production of low-carbon fuels and chemicals such as green ammonia and green methane. Such efforts can push forward BRI green energy development," he said.

His viewpoint echoes Dr. Najma Memon, professor of Analytical Chemistry at University of Sindh, Pakistan. "China is investing in most of the infrastructure in Pakistan, building roads and industrial zones, which local raw materials, including steel or concrete material used in it. Clean fuels like green hydrogen can play a big role in producing raw materials." Najma Memon suggested, stating the importance of expanding the application scenarios of green energy during the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship project of BRI.

"2023 marks the 10th anniversary of CPEC. Both countries should introduce green energy projects in the new era. The inclusion of green hydrogen technology can be a value addition. Making the materials used in construction works through clean technology can avoid contaminating the local environment, as well as introducing the new concept of green technologies in the country," he added.

# 5th July, a Black Day in the history of Pakistan

## Adnan Aamir

th July is a black day in history of Pakistan. 37 years ago on this day, a military dictator, General Zia-ul-Haq toppled a democratic government. General Zia ruled Pakistan for 11 years till his death. He destroyed entire social fabric of the society and turned Pakistan into a safe haven for terrorists, drug lords and sectarian monsters. It can be said that on 5th of July 1977, a civilian dictatorship came to an end and it was replaced by a brutal military dictatorship that changed Pakistan forever.

Today is observed as a black day by political forces most notably Pakistan People's Party (PPP), who was the victim of 5th July coup. This day is much important than other black days in Pakistan such as 12th October, when Musharraf took over and 6th October when first martial law was imposed. The damage caused by Zia' regime was catastrophic for Pakistan.

General Zia armed the afghan militants in the name of religion to fight soviets in Afghans. He became an American proxy in order to strengthen his own grip on power. These decisions of Zia shock the very foundation of Paki- ers. PPP had lost favor with masses in

stan. Today, all the terrorist organizations that are spreading like jungle fire can be traced back to Zia regime. It was Zia who divided the country on sectarian basis to weaken his opposition. Under his regime the culture of drugs and open spread of weapons was nurtured. He did not leave any stone unturned to destabilize Pakistani society for his own political benefit. Till to date Pakistan has not managed to escape the strangle hold of the policies initiated by General Zia.

Social evils and terrorism were not the only gift of Zia to Pakistan. He destroyed the political culture of Pakistan and created a new political class. Party-less elections conducted by him in 1985 introduced a new corrupt lot of politicians that joined political arena to maximize their fortunes. Most of the current leadership including Prime Minister Nawaz Sharifs if product of 1985 elections. If the tragedy had not taken place on 5th July then today we would not be facing the family rule of Sharifs.

Interestingly, Zia-ul-Haq gave a new life to PPP as well. According to some political pundits, if Zia had not toppled government of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto then Benazir would have never been prime minister and neither Asif Zardai nor Bilawal would have been national lead-

1977, when it had to rig elections to win them. Another term in the office and PPP would have been a part of history but Zia didn't let that happen. Persecution of PPP leadership and its activists for 11 years pumped oxygen in PPP and it re-emerge as a strong political force in 1988 when Zia died in a plane crash.

The actions of dictator Zia on 5th July have made Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto a hero and larger than life figure. He is virtually worshipped by many ignorant people in Pakistan. An independent analysis of the 5 year rule of senior Bhutto shows that he was a civilian dictator that could do anything for power. The way he treated his own senior party men, like J. A. Rahim is enough to expose his character. In 1977, Bhutto conducted the most rigged election in history of Pakistan. The rigging kick started a nationwide agitation of Opposition parties known as Pakistan National Alliance (PNA).

Zia used the PNA agitation as a pretext to impose martial Law on 5th July. No one can deny the mischievous designs of Zia behind the decision of imposing Pakistan that military dictatorships must martial law but Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto also was partly responsible for it. Bhutto tried to brutally crush the PNA agitation; he general Zia and the damage caused by delayed any settlement with them. All the top leadership of PNA was imprisoned during the course of agitation. If Bhutto

had displayed courage and shrewdness and accepted the demand of re-election of PNA in April then Zia would not have got opportunity to topple his regime.

Most of the PPP supporters will dislike the aforementioned criticism of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. The reason is that PPP supporters, also called Jivalas, blindly follow the Bhuttos and defend their every action. It's because if such people that parties like PPP and even PML-N come to power again and again despite their abysmal performance in the past. Pakistan can never expect any positive change as long as common people let their emotions take the best out of them and vote for dynasties such as Bhuttos and Sharifs.

The damage caused by the Zia was a result of systematic polices during his entire regime. These wrongdoings can't be reversed overnights. The incumbent government has to show the political will to end the policy of patronizing private militias and terrorist organizations for ulterior motives. There is a consensus in never be supported. However, Current political situations can invite another such adventurism would be unimaginable for federation of Pakistan. (Courtesy The Balochistan Point)



## O, European! How seldom are you Mindful?

et's begin from the famous Poet Mirza Asad Ullah Khan Ghalib's saving! " It was his right to

die, so the right has not been paid." Above lines of Mirza Ghalib in the

poem demonstrate of real love. In this poem where the poet says that the only One Who created us is Allah Almighty, Who is Life is also one of His blessings. It is a great blessing. But this life and soul for which consumption?

He has given us his right despite so much servitude.

They have not been able to pay either.

Europe will have to focus on the realities of life otherwise it will have to face unexpected results as started from French.

O, People of Europe! It is a pity for your culture and actions which are totally away from the natural phenomena where your whole so called progress is meaningless proves nothing.

Undoubtedly, Allah Almighty is watching your deeds' and everything in this universe that is visible and which is invisible from your eyes, Allah Almighty is the creator of all of them and indeed Allah Almighty is is able to do everything. In the Holy Qur'an, there are words of Allah Almighty which was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). It was revealed through the Angle Gabriel (AS)

O, European! Ever you read Quran before burning or doing means of livelihood. Yet' you seldom anything against it? You have been doing all against the dignity of Quran, but this Holy Book is unique in all aspects to take you towards the

successes of all kinds in all respect, did-but not Iblîs,2 who refused to someone hidden here, but so sad on your inhuman attitudes!

Read Quranic Surah Al-A, raf-"This is" a Book sent down to you OProphet'-do not let anxiety into your heart regarding it—so with it you may warn 'the disbelievers', and as a reminder to the believers."

'Follow what has been sent down to you from your Lord, and do not take others as guardians besides Him. How seldom are you mindful!"

'Imagine' how many societies We have destroyed! Our torment took them by surprise 'while sleeping' at night or midday.



We will question the messengers 'themselves'.

who

Then We will give them a full account with sure knowledge-for We were never absent '

'The weighing on that Day will be just. As for those whose scale will be heavy 'with good deeds', 'only' they will be successful."

" But those whose scale is light, they have doomed themselves for wrongfully denving Our signs."

We have indeed established you on earth and provided you with a give any thanks."

Surely We created you,1 then shaped you, then said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam," so they all

prostrate with the others."

Allah asked, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" He replied, "I am better than he is: You created me from fire and him from clay." Allama Igbal's staving about the

Europe and The Jews? Unbridled luxury, State pomp and oride, rich commerce;

but to dwell inside that lampless breast all tranquil thoughts refuse. Dark is the white man's country

with the grime of engines, no valley that might see splendour descending on a burning tree;

A civilization sick before its prime, at its least gasp leaving maybe for caretakers of

Christendom, the shine.

Allama Iqbal, the poet of East says;

What comes from the heart has an impact.

But no, it has the power of flight. Al-Qudsi is al-Hashal, keeping an eye on Rifaat,

Rises from the dust, passes on the kidneys.

Love was temptation, the Guru was rebellious and cunning, The sky was torn apart, and Bebak

died. Peer-i-Kurun said after listening, there is someone,

Said the planets, there is someone at the head of the throne.

The moon used to say, no? Ahl-e-zemin is someone. The galaxy used to say, there is

Some of those who thought they

were dead, considered them to be Rizwan.

He considered me as a man expelled from heaven,

How Iqbal took into about Dazzled by Europe;

Your light is only Europe's light reflected: You are four walls her architects

have built. A shell of dry mud with no tenant

soul,

An empty scabbard chased with flowery gilt.

To your mind God's existence seems unproved:

Your own existence seems not proved to mine.

He whose self shines like a gem, alone exists:

Take heed of it! I do not see yours

Unfortunately, despite certain progress & development you prove yourself as nonsense. You are unable to get real benefits

available in this universe.

It is an astonishing moment for all human beings who appreciate the norms & values of such culture whose function is lower than the birds which remember the Allah Almighty.

Know it well! That Allah Almighty helps His believers with the help of small birds as mentioned in the Quranic Surah Al-feel.

O, European, you have been digging a well yourselves to fall into it permanently.

So keep in your minds that Allah Almighty is the Most benificient &;the most Merciful.

(Senior analyst)

## **Electoral Politics in Pakistan**

#### 腾 🛛 Malaika Sarwar

he founding leaders of Pakistan envisioned a political system that would truly represent all its people, regardless of their social status, religion, or economic background. They incorporated the idea of democracy into the 1949 Objectives Resolution, which emphasized that the state should exercise its authority through elected representatives chosen by the people. This democratic vision has been a fundamental principle in all three constitutions of Pakistan. Nonetheless, the establishment of a stable democracy in Pakistan greatly hinges on the way elections are conducted.

Opposition parties in Pakistan have consistently criticized nearly all general elections, alleging widespread electoral manipulation. Citizens express concerns about polling staff engaging in biased practices, such as favoring voters affiliated with a specific party while restricting others.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) faces criticism for being perceived as biased and nepotistic. Unfortunately, significant gaps in the electoral system persist, even after previous reform efforts, and these issues remain unaddressed.

The former cricket star turned Islamist politician Imran Khan has staged massive rallies to demand a snap general election (along the way, he also survived an apparent assassination attempt). On the other hand, the ruling coalition has steadfastly insisted that a national election will not be held until October. In a last-ditch attempt to force the issue, Khan's camp dissolved the provincial legislatures of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in January. Under the constitution, polls must be held within ninety days of dissolution.

The Constitution in its Article 224(2) provides: "When the National Assembly or a Provincial Assembly is dissolved, a general a period of ninety days after the dissolution, and the results of the election shall be declared not later than fourteen days after the conclusion of the polls." The period of ninety days for holding elections of a dissolved assembly, on the dissolution by a governor, is reinforced by

Article 105(3): "Where the Governor dissolves the Provincial Assembly, he shall: (a) appoint a date, not later than ninety days from the date of dissolution, for the holding of a general election to the Assembly"

So, Khan apparently calculated that the cashstrapped government, crippled by a dire shortage of foreign reserves, would have no choice but to hold nationwide polls simultaneously. But the government has held firm, claiming that it cannot afford to fund elections now and that it cannot guarantee security amid a sharp rise in terrorism. The PTI wants the Election Commission to follow the order and is gearing up to campaign. The ruling coalition, on the other hand, is under intense pressure because it is not ready to go to the polls against the popular Khan.

As Pakistan grapples with a severe economic crisis that threatens a potential financial default, the fractured ruling coalition has increasingly relied on the military to counter the influence of the deposed populist leader, Imran Khan, and suppress street protests. Meanwhile, the military itself faces a difficult choice. Should it continue supporting the coalition government, consisting of outdated, dynastic, and religious parties that have repeatedly failed to deliver on the promises of democracy and equitable economic development? Or should it find a way to control the unpredictable behavior of Imran Khan, allowing him a chance to return as prime minister through a genuinely free and fair election? The military has, for now, chosen to support the coalition by withholding security forces in the name of maintaining law and order. Thus, this reluctance to hold elections, especially in an election year, is draining the coalition's political capital and threatens to disrupt the trend of smooth power transfers that has been observed since 2008. Ultimately, the path forward for Pakistan lies in finding a balance between democratic principles, fair election to the Assembly shall be held within elections, and stability to fulfill the vision of its founding fathers.

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# Two countries have a history of a long and close relationship: CG Yang Yundong

Pak-China friendship is unique and exceptional - CEO Irfan Wahid

## 腾 Spokesman Report

KARACHI: AdPulse and Karachi Editors Club jointly organized a grand event to celebrate the 102nd anniversary of the Communist Party of China at GFS House in Defense, Karachi. Managing Director GFS Builders and Developers, Mansoor Wahid, monitored the event and it was attended by the Consul General of China, HE Yang Yundong, representatives from neighboring countries, businessmen, entrepreneurs, high officials, members of KEC, including dignitaries from different walks of life.

Speaking on the auspicious occasion, Chinese Consul General HE Yang Yundong said that the Chinese Communist Party is the ruling party have a history of a long and close relaof the People's Republic of China that tionship. Both countries are "natuwas founded by Mao Zedong and his companions in 1921.

the importance of China-Pakistan relations and said that the two countries bright future for the two countries.



ral partners" in growth and development. He urged Pakistan to continue The Consul General also spoke about to support the development of China and work together for prospering and

CEO of GFS Builders, Irfan Wahid, said that the Pak-China friendship is unique and exceptional. There is no such example of a strong relationship between the two countries in the world like Pak-China. Pakistan-China relationship is above the friendship

between two neighboring countries, which cannot be expressed in words. The relationship of trust, confidence, and mutual respect between the two countries for the past several years is a story of love, sincerity, and righteousness.

General Secretary of Karachi Editors Club, Manzar Naqvi, said that CPEC would have a positive impact on the entire region. The world will always remember the story of Pakistan-China friendship and economic cooperation.

CEO GFS, Irfan Wahid, Managing Director, Mansoor Wahid, Marketing Director Mohsin Wahid, CEO AdPulse Khurram Jaffrani, Mr. Manzar Naqvi congratulated the Consul General HE Yang Yundong on the 102nd anniversary of the Communist Party of China. They said in a joint statement that CPC has played an important role in the development of China and the world. The CPC's commitment to socialism and communism has inspired millions of people around the world.

## Azerbaijan, Pakistan ink Action Plan on cooperation

### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development Minister Sajid Hussain Turi is on a three day official visit to the Islamic Republic of Azerbaijan. The Minister accompanying secretary ministry of overseas Pakistanis and human resources development zulfiqar Haider and secretary workers welfare fund zulfiqar Ahmad engaged in discussions with the Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of Azerbaijan during his visit.

During the meeting, Minister Turi expressed his satisfaction with the high-level relations between Azerbaijan and Pakistan. He highlighted the deep-rooted friendship, brotherhood, and strategic partnership that exist between the two countries. also support for the territorial of Azerbai jan, particularly its political during the 44-day Patriotic War. Protection of the Population of Azerbaijan, represented by Minister Sahil



commended Pakistan's unwavering potential for further development in Market and Social Protection Issues and Human Resources Development ne areas of labor and socia otection of Pakistan Global and the Strategic Significantly, in May last, the Minis- Research Center signed a cooperation 2023-2024. try of Labor and Social Protection of document. These agreements demon-The Ministry of Labor and Social the Population of Azerbaijan and strate the commitment to enhancing the Ministry of Labor and Human collaboration and sharing best practic-Resources Development of Pakistan es between the two countries Babayev, acknowledged the strong Living Abroad signed a Memoran-The meeting, Azerbaijan highlighted its recent social reforms and posicooperation between the two countries dum of Understanding (MoU) on international institutions. The Minis- cooperation in labor, employment, tive experiences in the development of ters discussed the expanding relations and social protection. Additionally, digital platforms and proactive services in the social field and underscored the the National Observatory on Labor in the social field. They expressed their

readiness to share the DOST concept's experience, which focuses on creating digital platforms for social services, with Pakistan.

Moreover, the establishment of the Labor Center of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Baku was discussed as a vital step in further relations between member countries, including Azerbaijan and Pakistan.

Minister Turi emphasized Pakistan's keenness to strengthen relations with Azerbaijan and expressed his positive impressions of the visit. He further highlighted the importance of expanding bilateral cooperation in the areas of labor, employment, and social protection.

As a culmination of the fruitful discussions, the Ministry of Labor Social Protection of the Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis of Pakistan signed an Action Plan for

## *Turning into a Land Eternally Free from War* 腾 News Desk

KOREA: At 00:00 hours on October 10, a military parade in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea was held in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attracting the attention of the world.

Some of the state-of-the-art weapon systems that passed Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, the capital city, had not yet been made public. What is the mission of these marvelous weapon systems?

Chairman Kim Jong Un declared in his speech that the mission is to firmly defend socialism, the dignity and lifeline of the Korean people, and to make them enjoy the benefits of prosperity generation after generation on the land, eternally free from war.

It is well-known that DPRK is one of the hottest spots in the world. It is because the hostile forces are escalating military threats as well as economic sanctions in order to hold sway over this country by any means, paying attention to its geopolitical importance.

To cope with this, the country defined the military capability with which to overpower in advance the forces that may dare to threaten or infringe on the rights to independence and existence of the state and people as the most assured and strongest national defence capability.

The new cutting-edge weapon systems shown to the public during this parade clearly demonstrated that nobody can dare to infringe on this country.

Chairman Kim Jong UN stated in his speech that his country never wants that its military strength would aim at someone else. But, everyone should take into consideration the fact that he repeated the word if once more.

He declared: Our war deterrent, which is intended to defend the rights to independence and existence of our state and safeguard peace in the region, will never be abused or used as a means for preemptive strike. But, if, and if, any forces infringe upon the security of our state and attempt to have recourse to military force against us, I will enlist all our most powerful offensive strength in advance to punish them.

The military parade is a clear manifestation of the iron will of Chairman Kim Jong Un to make the Korean peninsula a land eternally free from war.

## Tamasha Bags The 'Best Online Streaming Platform'Award

#### 😂 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Tamasha, Pakistan's first and largest homegrown OTT platform, has bagged the Best Online Streaming Platform Award at the Pakistan Digital Awards 2023. The Pakistan Digital Awards have gained a reputation for recognizing and celebrating brands that showcase exceptional and innovative concepts. Tamasha's key attri-



butes, including content diversity and discoverability, platform health and scalability, and a seamless user experience, played a crucial role in this recognition. Tamasha proved to be an exemplary entertainment platform, excelling in every aspect, and consistently delivering outstanding performance that caters to a wide range of preferences.

"Tamasha has successfully tailored its offerings to meet the entertainment needs of the local audience, providing an immersive experience that resonates with their preferences. Tamasha's recognition as the Best Online Streaming Platform is a testament to its strong position as the go-to platform for digital entertainment among Pakistani users," said Aamer Ejaz, Chief Digital Officer at Jazz.

The extensive array of entertainment options available on Tamasha speaks volumes about the platform's remarkable content diversity. With n impressive range of entertainment offerings, including live sports 70+ live TV channels, international movies, and shows, exclusive local content, as well as the recently launched original show'Family Bizness', Tamasha continues to lead the local OTT landscape in Pakistan. In the past year alone, the platform has experienced an astounding 300% increase in user engagement, with the app surpassing the milestone of 25million downloads and its user base expanding by a remarkable 400%. It has also deployed cloud-based solutions to provide a seamless streaming experience, besides simplifying the onboarding journey and making content more discoverable for users.

The plan outlines the implementation of the MoU on cooperation in, employment social. It encompasses several key areas, including the monitoring and forecasting of the labor market, prevention of informal employment, and the development of programs for vocational training and professional.

# Turkmenistan announces high-profile international media forum in Arkadag

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

ARKADAG: On June 30, 2023. an international media forum was held in the city of Arkadag, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the State Committee of Turkmenistan for Television, Broadcasting and Cinematography.

The forum gathered more than 100 participants, including heads of academic circles and chief editors of the country's news agencies, representatives of relevant international organizations and associations, correspondents of national private news agencies, as well as foreign mass media accredited in Turkmenistan, including more than 50 representatives of foreign news agencies and TV channels that arrived in Turkmenistan to participate in and cover festive events on the occasion of the opening of the "smart-city" Arkadag.

Delivering opening speech, the head of the Center for Strategic Studies of the Institute of international relations under the MFA of Turkmenistan Sh. Shiriyev highlighted the advanced aspects of the new smart city. Stressing the importance of this mega-project for our country, which has been awarded with more than 20 certificates and awards in the field of sustainable development, environmental protection and innovative solutions, it was noted that the city that the city of Arkadag, built of Arkadag clearly demonstrates on the initiative of the Chairthe use of innovative technolo-





that this progressive innovation means not only a momentum for Turkmenistan, but also serves as pioneering initiative for the entire region.

In the framework of the first session "The city of Arkadag– the first smart city in the region" were heard the speeches of the Secretary General of the Union of Engineers and Architects of the Turkic World Ilyas Demirci, the vice-rector of the Oguzhan University of Engineering and Technology Aymurad Muhammedov, the specialist of the UN Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT) Salvatore Fundare, head of the Central Asian Bureau "VGTRK" Robert Frantsev, who noted man of Halk Maslahaty of gies to create ecologically clean TUrkmenistan on the basis of and livable communities. In the concept of "smart city", is

tecture and planning culture, focused on the maximum use of the latest technologies. organization of urban life. At the same time, a single intelligent

network has been created here, which includes all systems for collecting data on their functioning in real time-from traffic to ecology. It was also stated that the implementation of one of the largest national projects is not only a vivid example of a thoughtful combination of digital and green technologies, but also the implementation of the concept of "New Urban Agenda", approved at the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development Habitat-III. In the context of creating the conditions for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Turkmenistan, it was noted that the country is taking important steps towards the

this context, it was emphasized an example of modern archi- implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular, the creation of sustainable, viable and inclusive cities.

Further, during the session "Emergence of ecological culture in the system of innovative urban planning" Oyunchimeg Amartuvshin, senior program officer for Central Asia of the Global Institute of Green Growth, editor-in-chief of the magazine "Business Central Asia" Indervir Singh, founder and CEO of the Institute Diplomatic World Institute Barbara Dietrich, as well as the general director of "Big Asia" TV channel Alexander Lebedev made statements.

Speaking about the importance of the new city, representatives of international organizations and news agencies emphasized that the social aspects of sustainable urban development, including inclusiveness and

equality, diversity and cultural the director of the information heritage, health and well-being, safety and security, education and training throughout life, were taken into account during its planning.

Highlighting the environmental agenda among some of the relevant and urgent aspects of urban planning, it was emphasized that environmentally friendly materials were used in the construction of objects. Awarding the city of Arkadag a certificate of joining the project "Development of sustainable, green, climate-friendly cities with innovative solutions in the region of the Organization Europe" is a clear example of a healthy lifestyle for people. successful solution to the tasks set in this area.

"Gaining the importance of the city of Arkadag in the developing paradigm of "healthy cities"",

center of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan Ogulmyahri Geldyeva, vice-rector of the Institute of International Relations under Turkmen MFA Gulshat Yusupova and the head of the information service of the «MIR-24»

TV channel acted as speakers. According to the participants of this session, the opening of the country's first "smart" city indicates that Turkmenistan is at the forefront of solving environmental problems and introducing innovative technologies in urban development projects in order to create favorable and for Security and Cooperation in comfortable conditions for a

In the speeches were also noted that the unique natural In the next session, titled environment, fresh air, along of further development and with a number of sports facilities and medical centers, testifies to the care of the state for ronmentally friendly cities".

the younger generation and the protection of their health

Focusing on the importance of the multifunctional Children's Health and Rehabilitation Center named after Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, being a huge children's town comprising of specialized facilities, it was stressed that the application of an integrated approach to protecting public health demonstrates the success of the implementation of the tasks arising from the State Program "Saglyk", developed under the leadership of the National Leader of the Turkmen people.

At the end of the forum, a press approach was organized by speakers who summarized the discussions and shared their views on cooperation in the field implementation of the concept of "smart, sustainable and envi-

## Economy/Commerce

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## **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share **Index Fluctuation**

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index				
Current	Prev. Close			
43,557.01	43,899.00			
Day's High	Day's Low:			
44,511.52	43,488.37			
Index Value	Change			
13,733,341,064	-341.99			
Percentage	Time			
-0.78%	4 Jul, 2023 5:00 pm			
Europe: FTSE 100 Index				
Index Value	Change			
7,519.72	-7.54			
Percentage	Time			
-0.10%	4 Jul, 4:35 pm GMT+1			
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
34,418.47	+10.87			
Percentage	Time			
+0.032%	3 Jul, 1:20 pm GMT-4			
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average			
Index Value	Change			
33,422.52	-330.81			
Percentage	Time			
-0.98%	4 Jul, 3:15 pm GMT+9			
	GIMT <del>+</del> 9			

Open Market	FULEX	ales
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	184.25	187
Bahrain Dinar	761.39	769.39
Canadian Dollar	210	213
China Yuan	37.5	38.8
Danish Krone	41.95	42.35
Euro	304.5	307
Hong Kong Dollar	36.53	36.88
Indian Rupee	3.33	3.38
Japanese Yen	1.91	1.98
Kuwaiti Dinar	928.28	937.28
Malaysian Ringgit	58.14	60
NewZealand \$	175.52	177.52
Norwegians Krone	26.72	27.02
Omani Riyal	743.59	751.59
Qatari Riyal	78.65	79.35
Saudi Riyal	73.6	74.5
Singapore Dollar	217.5	219.5
Swedish Korona	26.94	27.24
Swiss Franc	304.08	309.69
Thai Bhat	7.8	7.92
U.A.E Dirham	75.2	76
UK Pound Sterling	353	357

## **ICCI Tourism Summit will be a** milestone: Ahsan

#### 🐞 Tarig Khattak

ISLAMABAD: President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari has said that tourism is among the fastest growing industries in the world. Many countries are earning billions of dollars annually only through this industry. Last year, more than 200 million tourists traveled to different countries around the world.

Pakistan has not yet become an international tourism spot due to several reasons, despite having immense potential in terms of tourism. The ICCI Tourism Summit to be held in Skardu next week under Islamabad Chamber of Commerce is an attempt to attract global tourism. The ambassadors of different countries participating in the conference will be the cause of conveying the positive image of the country to the world.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, he said that millions of tourists visited KPK and northern

regions during the Eid holiday only, which is still going on. Despite many obstacles including lack of infrastructure, lack of regulations in the hotel industry, the beauty of these areas attracts tourists. Pakistan has the best tourism resources in the form of KPK, Kashmir and especially the northern regions to attract tourists from all over the world. Due to the sacrifices of the brave forces, people and security agencies, a major obstacle in terms of security has been removed.

To increase the share of the tourism industry in the country's GDP, bringing in foreign tourists is essential. The government needs to focus on it. He said that this year there is a possibility of earning 2000 billion dollars in the world through the tourism industry which was 1451 in 2018. Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. In the last few years, there has been a decline in tourism in the Muslim world, which is mainly due to the incidents of terrorism.

Egypt is earning 50% of its GDP from tourism. Similarly, Turkey, Malaysia, Maldives, some African countries, Dubai, Saudi Arabia are examples for Pakistan, which have focused heavily on tourism. Arab countries are focusing on tourism and other industries by ending their dependence on oil, in this regard, Dubai and Saudi Arabia have invested billions of dollars. Pakistan also needs to think on the same lines.

Nepal earned about 1300 million dollars last year through one of its peaks, Mount Everest, while 6 of the world's 15 highest peaks are in Pakistan. Adventure tourism is important in the western world.

The government needs to take steps in this regard. He said that the main objective of the tourism conference held under the Islamabad Chamber is to attract the world to this most beautiful region. I hope this conference will be a milestone for the promotion of tourism in the northern regions.

## Pakistan's First 'AAA' Rated 'Gender Bond' Launched

#### 🐞 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Roshaneh Zafar, MD-Kashf Foundation (sitting 1st from left), Maheen Rahman, CEO – InfraZamin Pakistan (sitting 2nd from left), Shahid Ali Habib, CEO - Arif Habib Limited (standing 4th from right) and other senior members from respective organizations were also present at the occasion.

This 3-year Gender Bond will raise PKR 2.5 billion under an initial private placement and subsequent OTC listing to capital market investors thereby making it eligible for a large number of capital market participants. The bond carries an InfraZamin credit guarantee of 100% of the principle amount of the bond and partial guarantee for the interest instalments. The Bond is credit rated 'AAA' long term and 'A1+' by PACRA and attractively priced at 3-month Kibor + 1.50pc spread. The InfraZamin guarantee is irrevocable and unconditional which means that in the event of any credit event InfraZamin will pay all amounts as covered by the guarantee facility.

This first-ever Gender Bond will not only foster inclusivity and diversity but also contribute to the development of the bond capital markets. InfraZamin's 100% principle guarantee and partial interest guarantee provides complete comfort and protection to investors against default/credit risk and will play a vital role in crowding in private institutional investor capital to augment Kashf Foundation's balance sheet.

Recent SECP amendments have



funds as well.

Commenting on the occasion, Maheen Rahman, CEO-InfraZamin Pakistan, said, "We are excited to the part of the first Gender Bond transaction in Pakistan and grateful to Kashf Foundation for their pioneering vision towards their long history of enabling women empowerment. As a country which sits near the bottom of the Gender Equity Index this transaction marks a significant leap forward in raising commercial capital directed to female empowerment and financial inclusion and represents an important milestone in the development and growth of the capital market. This transaction also demonstrates the power of using guarantees and credit enhancement facilities to enable a crowding in of private institutional investment into private sector led projects.

afar Managing Director-Kashf Founda-Foundation and InfraZamin will not markets. against InfraZamin's guarantees (similar only be a significant leap forward for the process of creating financial opportunities

for women entrepreneurs by introducing

the first-ever Gender Bond in the capital market of Pakistan. Expanding access to affordable finance for more women-led businesses will create employment opportunities and fuel sustainable economic growth in the country.

Commenting on the occasion, CEO Arif Habib Limited, Mr. Shahid Ali Habib stated: "Arif Habib Limited is pleased to launch the first of its kind AAA Rated 'Gender Bond' in Pakistan being issued by Kashf Foundation and fully guaranteed by InfraZamin. The proceeds will be utilized for economic empowerment and financial inclusion of women in Pakistan which is essential for Pakistan's sustainable development.

Kashf Foundation, InfraZamin Pakistan and Arif Habib Limited are grateful to the support and facilitation extended to them Commenting on the occasion, Roshaneh by the Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) to enable the launch facilitated this risk mitigation by allowing tion, said, "Collaboration between Kashf of this new product for Pakistan's bond The Gender Bond has already been financial sector but will also accelerate the launched in marketing phase and hopes to complete the subscription by July subject to all requisite approvals from the SECP.

## **BankIslami** Pakistan **Achieves AA- Rating**

## 😂 Commerce Desk

deliver exceptional services to LAHORE: BankIslami, Pakiour customers and stakeholdstan's leading Islamic bank, is ers. This recognition demondelighted to announce that strates the effectiveness of our it has been upgraded to an business strategy, the dedi-AA- rating. This prestigious cation of our team, and our rating reaffirms the bank's commitment to excellence, sound financial management, and its continued growth in the banking industry.

highlights the bank's consis-

tent performance and its abil-

ity to navigate through chal-

lenging market conditions

while maintaining a strong

& CEO of BankIslami Paki-

stan, expressed his pride

in the bank's achievement,

Syed Amir Ali, President

financial position.

ability to adapt to market dynamics." He further added, "Bank-Islami Pakistan remains committed to providing AA-rating is a high-grade innovative, Shariah-comrating, indicating that the pliant financial solutions bank has a very low credit that empower individurisk and a very strong abilials and businesses to thrive. ty to meet its financial obli-This upgrade will undoubtgations. This is a testament edly boost confidence in to BankIslami's robust busiour bank and enable us to further enhance our offerness strategy, prudent risk management practices, and ings, expand our footprint, the unwavering trust placed and strengthen our position in the bank by its valued as a leading financial insticustomers. The achievement tution."

our ongoing commitment to

BankIslami Pakistan's upgraded AA- rating reinforces its vision of becoming the preferred choice for customers seeking Islamic banking services. The bank will continue to focus on nurturing relationships, developing cutting-edge technology solutions, and stating, "We are honored to expanding its range of prodhave been upgraded to an ucts and services to meet the AA- rating, which reflects evolving needs of its clientele.



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US Dollar	271	279

## SSGC's loss reaches 10bn in FY2021-22

#### 😂 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company's (SSGC) net consolidated loss has reached Rs10 billion in nine months ended March 31, 2022 on the back of massive increase in unaccounted-for-gas (UFG) losses and rise in financial cost.

According to the data sent to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Tuesday, the gas transmission and distribution company registered a loss of Rs5 billion in first nine months of fiscal year 2021-22.

However, the company registered a profit of Rs1.90 billion in the corresponding period of 2020-21.

The financial report revealed that unaccounted-for-gas (UFG) losses also increased by 2 percent to highest rate of 19pc in first nine months. "Due to financial losses and gas shortage, the losses in 2021-22 are likely to be at Rs8 to 10 billion," the report revealed.

The report stated that the company was fined Rs36 billion by Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) in 2017, which was paid in three installments. Following the payments in 2020-21, the company had shown a profit of Rs2 billion.

## Chinese smartphones dominate Russian market

#### 腾 News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chinese smartphones dominated the Russian market in the first half of 2023, exceeding 70% of all sales, leading consumer electronics retailer M. Video-Eldorado said, up from about 55% last year.

Smartphones from Chinese retailers like Xiaomi and Realme have become top sellers in Russia after Samsung and Apple curbed sales in the country over the war in Ukraine.

Overall demand for smartphones in Russia is up 17% from the same period last year, with almost 13 million products sold.

Moscow has become more reliant on Beijing for everything from electronics to cars after most Western brands exited the Russian market.

85% exemption to NBFC's for exposures to the State Bank of Pakistan's exposure exemptions to commercial banks) along with other areas of support for mutual

## **Telenor delegation** visits PTA

## Corns

FAISALABAD: Formers are packing the Corns in sacks at Field along the Satyana Road in City.



## JS Bank Recognized as Best CSR Bank in Pakistan by Asia Money Award

### 腾 Bureau Report

KARACHI: JS Bank, one of the fastest-growing banks in Pakistan, has been recognized as the Best CSR Bank in Pakistan by Asia Money for its unwavering commitment towards corporate social responsibility. The award recognizes the Bank's contributions, particularly to the flood-affected community following the unprecedented rainfall and devastating floods in the region.

JS Bank was at the forefront of the country's flood relief efforts and was among the first to mobilize teams to provide urgent assistance to the affected communities. The Bank established mobile medical camps distributing essential supplies and pledged to rebuild the affected homes. JS



Bank provided support to over 63 villages and treated more than 10,000 patients through the 24/7 mobile clinics.

Basir Shamsie, President and CEO, JS Bank, commented, "This recognition is a testament to our dedication to building the communities around us. At JS Bank, we

strongly believe in developing communities and positively impacting society. We understand that all businesses have a crucial role to play in driving a positive change and uplifting our people, and we will continue to prioritize and invest in initiatives that make our world a better place."

Previously, the Bank embarked on a journey to combat the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing a drive-through vaccination center in Karachi, providing a safe and convenient way for over 100,000 citizens to receive their mandatory doses.

Committed to its role as a catalyst toward Pakistan's prosperity, JS Bank aspires to continue its journey of impact by providing innovative conventional and digital financial solutions for customers in the vears to come.

and Mr. Shan Ul Haq, VP,

ISLAMABAD: A delegation from Telenor, led by Senior Vice President& Head of Spectrum, Mr. Erlend Fanebust, visited the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) headquarters today. The delegation included Senior VP Spectry's digital transformation. trum, Dr. Magne Petters-Both sides expressed their en; Chief Corporate Affairs commitment to strength-Officer, Mr. Kamal Ahmed ening the digital ecosystem.

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RA & Public Policy. The delegation met with Chairman PTA, Major General (R) Hafeez Ur Rehman. The two sides discussed Telenor's plans to enhance connectivity in Pakistan and foster collaboration to drive the coun-

## **33rd Senior Management Course** delegation visits RCCI



😂 🛛 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A delegation headed by Ms. Sameena Fayyaz, Directing Staff of 33rd Senior Management Course along with faculty members from National Institute of Management, Lahore (NIM), Lahore visited Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) on their Inland Study Tour. The visit was part of the National Institute of Management Course aiming at capacity building and better understanding preneurship.

of national issues and interacting with the key decision makers and Institutions.

RCCI President Saqib Rafiq along with Senior Vice President Muhammad Hamza Sarosh welcomed the participants and briefed about the activities of RCCI and further expressed the Chamber's policies and initiatives for enhancing business ties and economy. He informed that RCCI has also signed MOUs with more than 27 universities aiming to promote entre-

## **Sports** Wednesday, July 5, 2023

# The Spokesman

# Jubilee Life Insurance felicitates **Pakistan contingent**

#### 😂 Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Jubilee Life Insurance proudly congratulated the Pakistani squad for their outstanding achievements at the Special Olympics World Games 2023 held in Berlin. The athletes showcased their extraordinary talents and determination, securing a total of 80 medals, including 11 gold, 29 silver, and 40 bronze, placing Pakistan among the top-performing nations in the global event.

Jubilee Life Insurance extends its heartfelt congratulations to each athlete who participated in the Special Olympics World Games. Their exceptional performances, unwavering spirit, and dedication have brought immense pride and joy to the nation. The athletes have demonstrated that with commitment and perseverance, one can overcome any obstacle and achieve greatness

Commenting on the remarkable feat, Farhan Faridi, Group Head-Retail Operations, Marketing and Administration, Jubilee Life Insurance said, "We are extremely proud of the Pakistani squad's remarkable performance in Berlin. Their achievements high-



incredible abilities of individuals with special abilities. At Jubilee Life Insurance, we are dedicated to creating an inclusive society that embraces diversity and empowers individuals to reach their full potential. We congratulate the

light the power of inclusion and the athletes, their families, and coaches on enabled the contingent to achieve such this well-deserved success."

> the exceptional and tireless efforts of Olympics Pakistan, and her team for

remarkable success and paved the way The Company also commended for this outstanding achievement. Their dedication and unwavering support Ronak Lakhani, Chairperson Special played a pivotal role in nurturing and empowering the athletes, allowing their invaluable contributions that them to excel in their respective events.

## Sports Journalist Day

LAHORE: On the world sports Journalist Day Cake Cutting Ceremony Lahore Qalandars Ceo Rana Atif, Director Cricket Operation, Aqib Javed, former Test Cricketer Muhammad Ilyas, Senior Cricket Organizer Rana Anees Ahmed Khan, Former Olympian Khwaja Junaid, Rehan Butt, Senior Journalist President SJAL Ageel Ahmed, General Secretary Chaudhary Asharaf, Treasurer Makhdoom Abubakar, Ch. Yaqoob, and Bilal Ahmed were also present on this occasion.



PM directs for immediate rescue of mountaineer Ăsif Bhatti



😂 🛛 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed the Gilgit-Baltistan and Army authorities to immediately rescue mountaineer AsifBhatti who reportedly got trapped at 7500 meters height while scaling the 8,126-meter Nanga Parbat peak.

The directives came after the mountain-'s son appealed to the prime minister

## Pakistan Women's skills camp to kick off from Wednesday

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan women's team cricketers will attend the skills camp scheduled to take place in Lahore and Karachi from 5 to 17 July, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced on Tuesday.



The first phase of the skills camp will take place at the National Cricket Academy in Lahore from 5 to 9 July where 20 players from Lahore and adjoining areas, will take part, providing them with a platform to showcase their skills and abilities.

Following the completion of the five-day Lahore leg, the focus will shift to Karachi as Hanif Muhammad High-Performance Centre will be the venue for the camp from 13 to 17 July. The players for the Karachi camp will be announced in due course. The women's skills camp will feature a series of intensive train-

ing sessions, led by the Pakistan women's team support staff.

Players will have the opportunity to sharpen their skills, receive valuable guidance, and exhibit their capabilities through various practice matches and scenarios.

The selectors and coaching staff will closely evaluate the participants to identify those who display exceptional talent, technical proficiency, and a competitive spirit.

Earlier on Tuesday, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced that Pakistan's women's team will tour England for a three-match each ODI and T20I series, scheduled to take place from May 11 to 19.

Schedule for Pakistan women's tour of England in 2024 First T20I - May 11 - Birmingham Second T20I - May 17 - Northampton Third T20I - May 19 - Leeds

First ODI - May 23 - Derby

Second ODI - May 26 - Taunton

Third ODI - May 29 - Chelmsford

List of invited players:

Lahore (5 to 9 July) - Aliya Riaz, Amber Kainat, Anam Amin, Bismah Maroof, Diana Baig, Dua Majid, Fatima Khan, Gul Feroza, Lubna Behram, Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Nida Dar, Sadaf Shamas, Sadia Iqbal, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz, Tuba Hassan, Umm-e-Hani and Waheeda Akhtar

Coaching staff - Mark Coles (head coach), Taufeeq Umar (batting coach), Saleem Jaffer (bowing coach), Mauhtashim Rashid (fielding coach), Zubair Ahmed (analyst), Rifat Asghar Gill (physiotherapist) and Hussain Mirza (strength and conditioning coach)

## Pakistan kick off training for Sri Lanka Ťests

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KARACHI: Pakistan squad started their training for the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka, set to commence on July 16 at Galle International Stadium.

According to the details, 16 players including Pakistan's all-format captain Babar Azam, ace pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi and wicketkeeper batter Sarfaraz Ahmed, partook in the team's first training session.

Notably, Pakistan captain Babar Azam was in Saudi Arabia for the pilgrimage of Hajj and returned to his homeland on Monday.

Whereas, ace pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi was in England where he was participating in the ongoing T20 Blast, representing Nottinghamshire.

Right-arm pacer Hasan Ali and top-order batter Shan Masood did not attend the first day of the camp and will join the squad tomorrow

on social media for safe evacuation of his stranded father.

Shehbaz Sharif instructed the Chief Secretary GilgitBaltistan to contact Asif-Bhatti's son and assure him of immediate measures for the stuck up climber's rescue.

## Polish mountaineer Pawel Kopec dies in Pakistan's Nanga Parbat range

#### 腾 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Polish mountaineer Pawel Tomasz Kopec has died after summiting the world's ninth-highest peak, officials said Tuesday, becoming the first casualty reported in Pakistan's climbing season.

The Alpine Club of Pakistan said Pawel Tomasz Kopec died Monday from "acute altitude sickness" while descending from the 8,125-metre (26,656foot) Nanga Parbat, considered one of the world's most perilous climbs with a reported one-in- which earned the nickname at an altitude of 7,400 metres, five fatality rate.

Five of the globe's 14 mountains above 8,000 metres are climb it before the first successin Pakistan - including Hima- ful summit in 1953. layan peak Nanga Parbat,



"killer mountain" after more said Karrar Haidari, the club's than 30 people died trying to secretary said. "It's not possible to lift the body from the higher camps,"

Pawel Kopec's body remains he told AFP.

[up] from there."

He said "it now depends on his family and friends", who may decide to send a private expedition to retrieve his body.

Pawel Kopec, 38, was a member of the Swietokrzyski mountaineering club, which said Nanga Parbat was the climber's second summit above 8,000 metres.

"Unfortunately, he paid the ultimate price for this achievement.

A friend identifying himself only as Mateusz posted a tribute to Kopec's Facebook page.

The mountains have always driven Pawel, his life has been dedicated to them and today the mountains have finally

"The helicopters cannot pick taken this life for themselves," he wrote.

We trust that the spark that fuelled him will remain an inspiration for all of us to persistently pursue our dreams."

Pakistani mountaineer Asif Bhatti, along with his climbing partner Fazal Ali, also encountered problems scaling Nanga Parbat at the weekend.

Bhatti became snowblind and the pair were stranded at one of the peak's higher camps, but resumed their descent on Tuesday, according to Karakorum Expeditions, who are assisting with his rescue.

The summer climbing season started in early June and lasts until late August.

Meanwhile, spinners Zahid Mahmood and Sajid Khan were specially called to the national team's camp.

The ongoing training camp will be held in two sessions every day until July 7.

The first session will be from 0900 to 1130 while the second session will be held from 1230 to 1500.

Following the conclusion of the ongoing camp, the national team will depart for Sri Lanka on June 8 and is anticipated to reach the Island a day later.

The Green Shirts will then play a two-day tour match, scheduled on July 10 and 11.

The first Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka is scheduled to kick off on July 16.

It is worth mentioning here that Pakistan announced a strong 16-member squad for the two-match Test series against Sri Lanka which marked the return of their ace pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi.

The men's national selection committee has also included uncapped batter Mohammad Huraira and all-rounder Aamir Jamal in the 16-member squad for what will be Pakistan's first assignment in the third cycle of the ICC World Test Championship.

The squad has been designed keeping in mind the conditions that the team will encounter in Sri Lanka. The team boasts four spinners, four fast bowlers, six specialist batters and two keeper-batters.

Pakistan squad: Babar Azam (c), Mohammad Rizwan (vc & wk), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Huraira, Mohammad Nawaz, Naseem Shah, Noman Ali, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed (wk), Saud Shakeel, Shaheen Afridi and Shan Masood

Itinerary of Pakistan's tour of Sri Lanka:

9 July - Pakistan land in Colombo

11 and 12 July - Warm-up game

16-20 July - First Test at Galle International Cricket Stadium 24-28 July - Second Test at Singhalese Sports Club, Colombo.

# PCF Secretary Moazzam Khan honours heroes of Special Olympics World Games

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LAHORE: Moazzam Khan Klair, Secretary General of Pakistan Cycling Federation (PCF), hosted a reception in honor of heroes of the Special Olympics World Games 2023 recently held in Berlin, Germa-

Pakistan special athletes had won 80 medals including 11 gold, 29 silver and 40 bronze medals in the Special Olympics. The athletes of cycling and powerlifting especially excelled in the Games with Pakistani cyclists claiming 4 gold, 4 silver, and 3 bronze medals while the powerlifters clinched 3 gold, 7 silver and 4

#### bronze medals.

The reception was held here at a local hotel, where the Special Olympics heroes of cycling and powerlifting were honored and their performances were applauded by the Secretary General of Pakistan Cycling Federation, Moazzam Khan Klair. The reception was attended by Maham Tariq, cycling head coach, Sajid Imran, powerlifting head coach, Zainab Ali Raza, cyclist who won 1 gold and 1 bronze medal and her sister Aleeta Imran.

Moazzam Khan lauded the efforts of Special Olympics Pakistan (SOP) for professionally managing the special athletes of the country and

taking them to one of the biggest special athletes' events - World Games - in Germany this time. "First of all, credit goes to Chairperson of Special Olympics Pakistan and her entire team for their sincere efforts for Pakistani special athletes, who, in return, 80 medals for Pakistan in the limited resources as the other nations' athletes enjoy far better facilities than ours.

"This is true that there is no dearth of talent in Pakistan but the dire need of the hour is to provide them proper platform and facilities, and in return, they are more than capable of winning the international laurels for the country," he added.

Maham Tariq, head coach of cycling, and Sajid Imran, head coach of powerlifting, thanked Mr. Moazzam Khan Klair and PCF President Syed Ali Shah for arranging a reception in their honor. "Such honors and acknowledgments motivate the players and their coaches to put more efforts to win glories for the country at international level. We request Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. IPC Minister Ehsan ur Rehman Mazari and other concerned high-ups to honor all the medal winners of Special Olympics World Games and announce cash

rewards for them so that next time,

they win more medals for Pakistan."

