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## Mega Maritime Exercise

Defence and Martyrs day ceremony held onboard Pakistan Navy Ship SAIF during Joint Naval Exercise Naseem Ali Bahr-XIV at Jubail, Saudi Arabia.



## Mega maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr-XIV culminates at Al Jubail, KSA

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Major joint Naval Exercise Naseem Al Bahr-XIV between Pakistan Navy (PN) and Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF) culminates at Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia. The sea phase of the exercise was conducted in Arabian Sea.

During the naval drills, PN Ships PNS SAIF, HIMMAT, DEHSHAT and MUHAFIZ whereas RSNF Ships BADR, HITTEEN, AL SIDDIQ, OQBAH and AL JAWF, aircraft of Royal Saudi Air Force as well as Special Operations Forces & Marines of both the navies participated. The Exercise included a wide range of operational maneuvers encompassing major facets of Anti-Surface, Anti-Air, Mine Warfare and Special Operations in simulated multi-threat environment to provide optimum training value.

Concurrent to PN ships' visit and conduct of Exercise Naseem Al Bahr-XIV, Flag Officer Sea Training Pakistan Navy, Rear Admiral Shifaat Ali Khan also visited KSA. During his visit, the Flag Officer called on Commander RSNF Eastern Fleet, Rear Admiral Majid Bin Hazza Al Qahatani and other senior RSNF officers and attended the Closing Ceremony of the exercise. During interaction matters of bilateral naval collaboration and regional maritime security were discussed.

Earlier, during harbour phase of the exercise at Al Jubail, Flag Hoisting ceremonies were conducted on board PN ships to celebrate Pakistan's Defence Day.

Exercise Naseem Al Bahr is a biennial Operational exercise which over two decades has evolved as a manifestation of Pak-Saudi strategic relationship and mutual resolve to enhance cooperation in dealing with maritime threats.

## PM lays wreath on martyrs' monument in Gilgit

Saif ur Rehman

GILGIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar arrived here in Gilgit Baltistan on a two-day visit. Accompanied by Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti and Minister for Information Murtaza Solangi, the prime minister laid a floral wreath at the monument of martyrs at the Chief Minister's Secretariat. A contingent of GB Scouts presented guard of honour to the prime minister. The caretaker prime minister was briefed by Chief Secretary Gilgit Baltistan Mohyuddin Ahmen Wani on various matters. Later, he visited an exhibition of science models by students of local schools and evinced a keen interest in the innovative models made by the students and interacted with them. The students presented



various models depicting power sources to mitigate impact of the climate change. The prime minister lauded the abilities of the children and said Pakistan

had a bright future ahead due to its talented youth. He appreciated the knowledge of young girls and boys on environmental issues.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan Gulbar Khan called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar and apprised him of the progress on the ongoing uplift projects.

The chief minister also briefed the prime minister about the public welfare projects, particularly in education and health sectors, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister was given a briefing on the development of tourism sector in Gilgit Baltistan.

On the occasion, the chief minister presented the traditional tunic and a cap of Gilgit-Baltistan to the caretaker prime minister.

## Caretaker FM underlines need to invest in youth's potential for a prosperous Commonwealth



News Desk

LONDON: Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani on Tuesday stressed upon creation of an enabling environment for the young people to succeed and said that a path for a more sustainable, peaceful, prosperous and fairer Commonwealth could be achieved by 2030. In his opening remarks at the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Meeting Plenary Session as chairperson, the foreign minister said that the meeting was significant as youth ministers have not met since 2017 and so much had happened in the world since

that time. He appreciated the vision of the Commonwealth members leaders in making this the year, a year dedicated to youth-led development. Caretaker FM underlines need to invest in youth's potential for a prosperous Commonwealth. The foreign minister said that they had recommended the theme 'Aiming Higher, Delivering More for young people in the Commonwealth' for the current meeting.

The theme expressed the combined aspiration and commitment of the Commonwealth family to invest in and promote young people's development.

## Mohsin Naqvi personally paid for accommodation and food expenses



Asim Tanveer

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi spent a very busy day in Multan today. Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi arrived at Multan Airport at 12 noon and travelled in coasters to South Punjab Secretariat. Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi presided over various meetings for 10 continuous hours as well as visited hospitals. Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi along with provincial ministers, Chief Secretary, Inspector General of Police, secretaries and other officials paid all the visits in coasters and traffic was not stopped at any point in the city. For the first time in history, meeting of Punjab Cabinet was held in Multan.

## Energy crisis: Govt decides to dissolve DISCO's board of directors

Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Ministry of Energy decided to dissolve the board of directors of power distribution companies across the country.

Sources close to the ministry claimed that the Ministry of Energy decided to dissolve the board of directors of power distribution companies across the country as most of the board members are linked to non-technical backgrounds or have political affiliations.

The decision to dissolve the existing boards comes in the midst of ongoing reform efforts in the energy sector.

Sources reveal that, alongside the power distribution companies, the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) will also witness the constitution of new boards, which leads the energy ministry to appoint new board members who possess strong technical qualifications and lack political affiliations.

It has also been disclosed that current board members receive a substantial compensation of Rs 60,000 per day for their participation in meetings, and the decision to end this practice has reportedly been taken.

According to the Energy Ministry, the newly appointed board members of the companies will serve on an honorary basis.

## Cipher case: IHC reserves verdict on PTI chairman's plea against hearing in Attock Jail

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a petition filed by PTI chairman challenging the law ministry's decision to conduct the trial in the cipher case at Attock jail.

The PTI Chairman Imran Khan was sent to jail on August 5 following his conviction in the Toshakhana case.

On August 29, the IHC had suspended his sentence. However, a special court had directed Attock jail authorities to keep him in connection with the cipher case.

The special court subsequently extended the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman's judicial remand till September 13 in the cipher case.

IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq reserved the verdict on PTI chairman's plea after hearing the arguments today. The court had sought an explanation from the respondents on the notice.

It is pertinent to mention here that the PTI chief and vice chairman was booked for 'deliberately missing a copy of the diplomatic cypher'.

The first information report (FIR) was registered on August 15 under the Official Secrets Act. It was registered on the complaint of Home Secretary.

## Parliamentarians asked to submit asset statements by Dec end

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has asked all members of parliament and provincial assemblies to submit their statements of assets and liabilities including those of their spouses and dependents by December 31. According to ECP, all parliamentarians have to submit their yearly statements of assets and liabilities including similar details of their spouses and dependent children as on the preceding June 30 on Form B for the financial year 2022-2023.

The Commission, on the first day of January each year will publish names of members, who fail to submit the requisite statement of assets and liabilities within the period specified under sub-section (1). The commission will on January 16 by an order suspend the membership of a member of an Assembly or Senate, who fails to submit the statement of assets and liabilities and such Member shall cease to function till he files the statement of assets and liabilities.

The ECP further said that any member submitting a fake statement of assets and liabilities under this section in material particulars may, within 120 days from the date of submission of the statement, be proceeded against for committing the offense of corrupt practice.



## Meeting

GILGIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chaired a meeting with the cabinet members of the Gilgit-Baltistan Government on Tuesday.



Photo: PID

# PM for action against elements spreading chaos in name of religion in Gilgit

## Spokesman Report

GILGIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday directed the authorities concerned to identify the elements spreading chaos in the name of religion in Gilgit, and take strict action against them.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss development projects, and law and order situation in Gilgit-Balti-

stan, said the security of every citizen was the state's responsibility.

In the meeting, the prime minister was briefed about the progress on projects in information technology, health, education, and other sectors, as well as the issues.

He was told that steps had been taken to identify and address the problems confronting the education sector in all the GB districts,

particularly Diamer and Astore.

The measures taken for the promotion of education sector included the provision of food to the students, reconstruction of buildings and rehabilitation of dilapidated structures, professional training of teachers, and establishment of smart schools.

The prime minister was also apprised of the projects in GB health sector, including the

establishment of a 24-hour helpline to address the issue of mental health.

Besides the performance of the environment and tourism sectors, the prime minister was also briefed about the sowing of wheat and subsidy on the crop, production and potential of hydel power in GB as well as the budget.

Prime Minister Kakar directed the GB administration and leadership to assess

the scope of the ongoing development projects and give a special focus on those of a crucial nature.

Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfaraz Bugti and Information and Broadcasting Minister Murtaza Solangi, GB Governor Syed Mehdi Shah and Chief Minister Gulbar Khan, GB chief secretary and Inspector General of Police, and senior officers attended the meeting.

# CM Punjab chaired 25th Cabinet meeting at South Punjab Secretariat

## Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: The 25th meeting of the provincial cabinet was held at the south Punjab secretariat in Multan under the chair of caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.

The cabinet approved to increase the minimum salary of workers to Rs.32000 and the CM directed to ensure the implementation of the decision to provide relief to them. The cabinet gave a big relief to the disabled, elderly and students by allowing them to travel for free on the metro bus service and orange line metro train. The cabinet approved the facility of free travel on the orange line metro train and metro bus service for disabled persons, senior citizens and students.

The cabinet also approved the committee's recommendations regarding admis-



sion policy for session 2023-24 in government medical & dental colleges. It approved the formation of a cabinet committee to deal with smog and the CM ordered effective measures to deal with it. The cabinet approved the launch of an endowment fund worth one billion rupees for the welfare of journalists and their families. The CM directed the secretaries to conduct field visits on

Wednesday.

The cabinet was briefed about the mega development projects of south Punjab, including the annual development program and road repair and maintenance schemes, and Lahore, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar motorway & Multan ring road projects. The CM directed to complete the projects in south Punjab soon.

It was decided to entrust

the responsibility of making the dispensaries functional and operational in the premises of the high court's of Lahore, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur and Multan to the Punjab Health Facilities Management Company (PHFMC). It was decided to expand the scope of Punjab's education landscape under the school adoption program. The cabinet also extended the

contracts of the employees of the Violence Against Women Center Multan and appointed a chairman and member for the LDA Commission. It was approved to transfer the management of Haji Abdul Qayyum Teaching Hospital Sahiwal from the specialized healthcare & medical education department to the primary & secondary health department. The provincial policy for safeguarding the nationwide network of oil pipelines system, names of personalities for the Quaid-e-Azam Police Medal and President Police Medal and the establishment of the Punjab Mental Health Authority under the Punjab Mental Health (Amendment) Act 2014 were approved as well.

Provincial ministers, advisors, chief secretary, IG police and others attended the meeting.

## Madad takes notice of irregularities at Federal Urdu University

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi, on Tuesday, took serious notice of irregularities and deteriorating conditions at the Federal Urdu University.

He formed a high-level committee to address academic, administrative, and legal issues. He said the committee was set to present its findings to the vice chancellor and his good office within a week.

The minister said the committee was comprised of senior officials from the ministry and Higher Education Commission adding that Quaid-i-Azam University Vice Chancellor Dr. Niaz Ahmed would lead the committee.

# UK Chevening scholarships open for applications

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Chevening is UK's global scholarship programme, enabling outstanding emerging leaders to pursue one-year master's degrees in any subject and at any UK university. Pakistan has several notable Chevening alumni, including sports journalist Roha Nadeem; Justice Athar Minnalah of the Supreme Court; actor and caretaker



Federal Minister Jamal Shah; and Sonia Shamroz the first-ever woman to be appointed as the police chief of a district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The scholarships are fully funded, including fees, flights, visas, accommodation and some spending money.

Applications for Chev-

ening scholarships to study in the UK are open between 12 September and 7 November 2023 - applications can be made on the Chevening website [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org).

British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Jane Marriott CMG OBE, said: "Home to some of the world's best universities, the UK is a top

destination for hundreds of thousands of students each year. Chevening scholarships not also allow some of Pakistan's brightest scholars to benefit from a UK education, but to truly experience the UK and build important networks.

"Chevening scholarships have already had a profound impact on thousands of Pakistani professionals. I would encourage anyone thinking about taking the next step in their career to apply."

This year, there are also two new partnerships. Swindon Town Football Club are offering sports professionals the opportunity to study for a master's programme in Coaching and Sports Sciences. Essex University is offering two places on climate change and the environment, as well as heritage and museum studies.

# Malaysian PM evinces keen interest in Pak Halal products



## Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Tuesday visited the Pakistan Pavilion at the 19th International Halal Showcase (MIHAS '23) in Kuala Lumpur, and evinced a keen inter-

est in the Pakistani Halal products. Pakistan High Commissioner Syed Ahsan Raza Shah extended a warm welcome to the Malaysian prime minister upon his arrival at the Pakistani Pavilion, Pakistan High Commission in Kuala Lumpur said on X, formerly Twitter.

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim got a briefing about "Made in Pakistan" from High Commissioner Ahsan Raza Shah. He praised the high quality of Pakistan's Halal food. A total of 42 countries, including Pakistan, are taking part in an international expo, which is scheduled to run until September 15.

# FM Jilani, Rwandan minister discuss cooperation for youth uplift



## News Desk

LONDON: Minister of Youth of Rwanda Dr Abdullah Utumatwishi on Tuesday met Interim Foreign Minister Jilani Abbas Jilani, on the sidelines of the 10th Commonwealth

Youth Ministerial Meeting. In the meeting, the two foreign ministers exchanged views on bilateral cooperation and exploration of new avenues for the uplift of youth. The two leaders also agreed to promote bilateral cooperation in multiple spheres.

# KP Governor, Iranian Consul discuss promotion of bilateral, trade ties

## Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Consul-General of Iran Ali Banafshekha on Tuesday called on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali at the Governor House, and discussed further strengthening of bilateral and trade relations between both the neighbouring countries. Governor Haji Ghulam Ali congratulated Ali Banafshekha on assuming the responsibilities of the Consul General of Iran on a permanent basis, saying Iran was a brotherly neighbouring Islamic country. He said the people of both countries were tied in the bonds of love and respect for each other.

He stressed need for the exchange of delegations of trade, journalists, youth and skilled women, which would not only further cement the bilateral relations but also promote the soft image of two countries. He also emphasized that small and large scale commercial activities between Pakistan and Iran should be promot-

ed and said that joint venture in trade sectors between Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Turkey would be a positive initiative. The Iranian Consul General welcomed the Governor's proposals for the exchange of delegations in various fields, including the promotion of trade activities, said Iran was willing to have bilateral cooperation in all areas, including trade in Pakistan including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He said that the Pak-Iran Gas Line project was a very important project for both countries, as its completion would start the era of prosperity in the region. He said that Pakistan and Iran had ancient cultural and friendly relations. The Consul General said that markets set up at the Pak-Iran would promote land route trade between the two countries. He also invited the Governor to visit Iran. He also expressed his grief and sorrow over loss of life in the Warsak Road blast and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

## Chinese economy remains strong, resilient, sasy Mao Ning



## Spokesman Report

BEIJING: The Chinese economy remains strong and resilient, with ample potential and vitality, and the fact that the fundamentals sustaining China's sound economic growth in the long run stay unchanged, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning said on Tuesday. Responding to some Western officials' comments about talking down China's economy at a regular briefing here, she said, that every now and then, the "China collapse" theory surfaces, but the reality is that China's economy has not collapsed.

Mao Ning said, the world economy has been recovering sluggishly and the external environment has been severe and complex since the beginning of this year, however, China's economy has continued to revive and rebound.

## Bushra Bibi's bail extended in NCA £190m scandal



## News Desk

ISLAMABAD: A local court in Islamabad on Tuesday approved bail of Bushra Bibi, former first lady and wife of PTI Chairman Imran Khan, in the 190-million-pound Al-Qadir Trust case.

The court extended bail plea till September 26 against surety bonds worth Rs 100,000. The Islamabad court also barred authorities from arresting former first lady till next hearing. In another hearing today, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) adjourned the hearing on Bushra Bibi's petition against audio leaks till Sept 18. Justice Babar Sattar of the IHC heard the petition and merged PTI chairman's wife Bushra Bibi and Zulfi Bukhari's audio leak petitions with Najamul Haq's petition which was already pending.



# Jamal Shah for further strengthening cultural, literary ties with Sri Lanka

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah called for further strengthening cultural and literary relations with Sri Lanka to further cement bilateral ties. He stated this during a live performance of Sri Lankan cultural troupe comprised of Chandana Wickramasighe and the Dancers' Guild here at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) on Tuesday.

The cultural show was jointly organized by the National Heritage and Culture Division, PNCA, Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi in collabora-



tion with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka Karachi aiming to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diplomatic relations of Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Augustine Christy Ruban, Charge De Affair and Mr U. L. Niyas Deputy Head of Mission Sri Lanka High Commission, Consul General of Sri Lanka in Karachi Jagath Abeywarna and Director General PNCA were also present on

the occasion. The dance troupe entertained the audience with traditional, folk, creative and modern dancing and got big applause from the audience at the jam-packed auditorium of PNCA.

Federal Minister Jamal Shah also met with the troupe artists and expressed his happiness with their mesmerizing performance. He said that Pakistan and Sri Lanka enjoy cordial relations in all walks of life that are firmly based on mutual trust. The minister said that the Pakistan-Sri Lanka relationship is rooted in shared cultural ties as Pakistan hosts ancient relics and architecture central to Buddhist heritage in the Taxila. Chandana Wickramasighe and the Danc-

ers' Guild of Sri Lanka, a dance troupe entertained the audience with traditional, folk, creative and modern dancing in the show.

Earlier, Consul General of Sri Lanka in Karachi Jagath Abeywarna said that Chandana an acclaimed dancer and founder of the Dancers Guild, has bagged many local and international awards for outstanding choreography, rhythm, style and character. Speaking on the occasion, Chandana said that the Guild is committed to promoting traditional and fusion dance acts merging culture and contemporary music; displaying passion and imagination through stimulating movements and vibrant beats.

# Pakistan's Truck Art exhibited at Commonwealth Youth Ministerial moot



ISLAMABAD: The famous Truck Art of Pakistan was exhibited here on Tuesday, on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Youth Ministerial

Meeting. The display of the unique art attracted the delegates attending the moot who took a keen interest and appreciated the work. Interim

Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, who is attending the meeting, visited the exhibition along with Secretary General of the Commonwealth

Patricia Scotland. The secretary-general appreciated the beauty and decoration of Pakistan's Truck Art.

# Pakistan's first digital 'Museum of Food'

News Desk

KARACHI: Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture, and the British Council, proudly launched 'Pakistan's Museum of Food', a digital hub featuring the rich and diverse culinary landscape of Pakistan.

'Pakistan's Museum of Food' is the largest and most comprehensive exploration of Pakistani cuisine online, featuring over 9000 Images, over 90 videos and over 100 stories that capture the vibrant culinary tapestry of Pakistan's five provinces and beyond, seamlessly interwoven with recipes from the diaspora, an essential contribution from their UK-based co-creators, W. M. Legacy. The project aims to preserve and celebrate the culture and heritage of Paki-



stani food, as well as to document its dynamic evolution and progression.

Project Director, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, said, "Pakistan's culinary heritage is an intrinsic part of the country's cultural identity, but with the passing of

generations and the challenges brought about by climate change, certain domestic practices and traditional recipes are at high risk of being lost. In response to this looming crisis, we embarked on a mission to not just reminisce about the

flavors of yesteryears, but to actively preserve and revitalize the vanishing recipes and customs that define our past. We hope that this project will inspire people to explore, appreciate, and enjoy the vibrant culinary culture, line-

age and food practices of Pakistan, as well as to contribute their own stories and recipes to this living narrative."

Amit Sood, the Director and founder of Google Arts & Culture, said "An online feast for the senses, we're thrilled to unveil our latest exhibition on Google Arts & Culture dedicated to the vibrant flavors and rich culture of Pakistan.

The Director Arts Pakistan at the British Council, Laila Jamil said: "We are delighted to have supported this important project highlighting Pakistan's diverse culinary practices which have been beautifully collated and shared by our partners. This support was possible through our Gender Ecologies Grant Programme, which explores the intersection of women, climate change and the arts.

## 'Pakistan Theatre Festival' at the Arts Council of Pakistan,

City Desk

KARACHI: On the fourth day of the Pakistan Theatre Festival organized by the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, American Theatre group Uplift presented the Theatre "Through The Waves" in which Cultural Attaché of the American Consulate Anamaria Karrels made a special appearance. "Through The Waves" was a physical Theatre that beautifully presented the story of three women through only music and acting without dialogues, which was highly appreciated by the audience. On this occasion, Anamaria Karrels, Cultural Attaché of the American Consulate, expressed her opinion and said that it is an honor for us that the American Theatre group is performing in Karachi. Through which they are helping to understand each other's history and perspective, in the end the artists of the American Theatre group said that performing in front of the Pakistani Theatre audience is a great experience, and will continue this series in the future



## Sindh Educational Welfare Association announces two days second Indus festival

Qayoom sarohi

HYDERABAD: Sindh Educational Welfare Association has Announce two days second indus festival in sakrand.

Syed Mahboob Ali Shah Chairman Sindh Educational Welfare Association (SEWA) has meet Mr Munwar Ali Mahesar Pattern in Chief SEWA along with Director Culture Hyderabad Mr Sher Muhammad Mahar. During the meeting with approval by Pattern in Chief

Sindh Educational Welfare Association SEWA Has Announce Two Days Second Indus Festival On 7 & 8 October at Children, s Park Lila abad Sakrand District Shaheed Benazirabad.

## Yousuf Malik directed meeting on restriction on transportation of hazardous material

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Today meeting chaired by NHMP sector Commander at line headquarters Paikhel M-14 was chaired at sector office regarding transportation of hazardous material through non OGRA safety protocols is banned. Directive issued via IGP NHMP sultan Ali khawaja was issued by DIG (operations & evaluations) Mr Saad Akhter Bharwana for strict compliance. Marketing companies, oil depot, oil companies association heads and petrol pumps representatives attended the agenda and ensured implementation of approved SOP's and applicable laws in true letter and spirit. Dig Motorways yousuf Malik says that entry is purely restricted involved in violation of NHMP & OGRA SOP's. Two drivers along with day & night driving SOP's, engine machine horse power, tracker and dashcam directions will be followed.



## Unacceptable to hand over public schools of Punjab to the private sector: Dr. Zia

News Desk

KHARIAN: It is unacceptable to hand over public schools of Punjab to the private sector.

This has been said by the President of Tanzeem-e-Asatza Pakistan Punjab, Dr. Zia-ur-Rehman Zia, in response to the statement of the caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab that 1,000 schools of Punjab are being handed over to an organization called Muslim Hands. Provincial President Dr. Zia-ur-Rehman Zia said that instead of privatization of education, education should be reformed. Corruption should be eradicated. Punjab government should stop re-recruitment of retired people. The Tanzeem-e-Asatza Pakistan will oppose the anti-education decision made by the caretaker provincial government at all levels



## IIUI President chairs inauguration ceremony of addition of 2 new banks at varsity

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In pursuit of student's centric approach of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) President and his vision of student's facilitation, two more new banks (Faysal Bank and Bank Al Falah) have been added for collection of fee so that students may not face any hurdles or inconvenience in fee deposit.

Male students can now deposit fees in any branch of Habib Bank Limited and Faysal Bank Limited across Pakistan without any charges.



# Safe Spaces for Children in the Digital Age: The Vital Role of Parents

Muhammad Farooq

The internet offers children vast access to information and entertainment, but exposes them to online threats like child exploitation. Today, busy parents often neglect their child's well-being, leaving them vulnerable to internet dangers due to excessive digital device usage.

Parents have a key role in term of child's physical, psychological, social, intellectual, spiritual and emotional well-being. It is important for parents to prioritize spending quality time with their children, both offline and online. This can involve educating children about the potential risks of the internet and guiding them on how to navigate online spaces safely. Parents must recognize that the internet

cannot replace their role, and its risks often outweigh its benefits, potentially causing harm in the real world.

Considering the increasing trend of children falling victim to online dangers and engaging in unlawful online activities, it is crucial to educate parents about these issues and provide guidance on effectively addressing this problem.

Parents should prioritize maintaining open communication and fostering a friendly atmosphere with their children. This encourages them to freely discuss negative internet experiences, allowing parents to educate them on handling such issues wisely and promptly. They need to use tools like parental control software/applications to have appropriate level of control

to their child's online activities while allowing them to use internet for useful purposes. PTA has compiled a list of parental control software, including free options to be used for restricting kid's online activities which is available at PTA's website (www.pta.gov.pk).

Parents need to guide children about following safety measures so as to empower them to navigate the digital world safely:

- Do not disclose personal information and identity to any one especially while using chat rooms, Instant Messaging (IM) programs, online games, or similar activities requiring a login. Hide actual personal information by using nickname as username.
- Create strong passwords for online accounts and avoid

using the same password for multiple sites.

- Do not share personal information like photos, videos, or personal opinions. Once anything is made online, it is available to the rest of the world and cannot be taken down.
- Never meet online friends in person as they may not be who they claim to be.
- Behave ethically online, just as we do in real world. Prior to sharing received content, take the time to authenticate its source—particularly if it could damage someone's reputation, target state institutions, incite law and order issues, or result in tangible harm. A valuable guideline to follow is to pause and consider associated potential



consequences before sharing posts or replying to unknown emails.

- Everything you do online is being recorded and can be traced by anyone, including law enforcement agencies to catch wrongdoers.
- Do not click on suspicious

links or download files from unknown sources, as it may contain malware or viruses. Only download software from reputed websites.

- Remember to regularly update your antivirus software to shield yourself from the newest security risks.

- Be conscious about phishing emails or messages, never disclose personal information such as: address, passwords, or financial details to anyone online as legitimate organizations never ask such information through unsolicited emails/messages.
- For removal of inappropriate/unlawful content from Internet/Social media, visit <https://complaint.pta.gov.pk/RegistrarComplaint.aspx> PTA CMS mobile app. Whereas, for initiating action against online culprits, complaint may be sent to FIA at <https://complaint.fia.gov.pk/>
- The internet is full of opportunities and dangers. With little attention we can equip children to safely explore the internet while staying alert to possible threats.



## Pakistan Energy Exhibition & Conference 2023 to Open in Lahore

The Pakistan Energy Exhibition & Conference (PEEC) 2023 will open in Lahore on Thursday, September 14. The event

will feature over 200 international and local participating companies, and is expected to attract over 8,000 visitors. PEEC is the region's premier event

for the energy sector in Pakistan. It will provide a platform for businesses to showcase their products and services, and for stakeholders to discuss the latest trends and developments in the

industry. The exhibition will cover a wide range of topics, including oil and gas, power generation, renewable energy, and smart grid technologies.

The conference will feature keynote speakers from the government, industry, and academia featuring some of few prominent speakers like Deputy Managing Director (SO) NTDC MR. Ali Zain Banatwala, Chief Executive Officer Roush Pakistan (Power) Ltd.,

Mr. WAQAR Ahmed Khan, former Deputy Managing Director NTDC, Mr. Muhammad Ayub, HESCO Independent Director, Mr. Irfan Ahmed, OGRA Chairman, Mr. Masroor Khan and Chairman WAPDA, Lt GEN (Retd) Sajjad Ghani will discuss key issues facing the energy sector, such as energy security, climate change, and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

PEEC is a valuable opportunity for businesses to connect with potential customers and partners, and to learn about the latest trends in the energy sector. It is also a great opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the industry.

The event will be held at the Expo Centre Lahore | Hall 1, from September 14-16, 2023 Admission is free for corporate industry professionals.

## PTCL & DynaSys join hands to take IoT & Satellite Communications to the next level

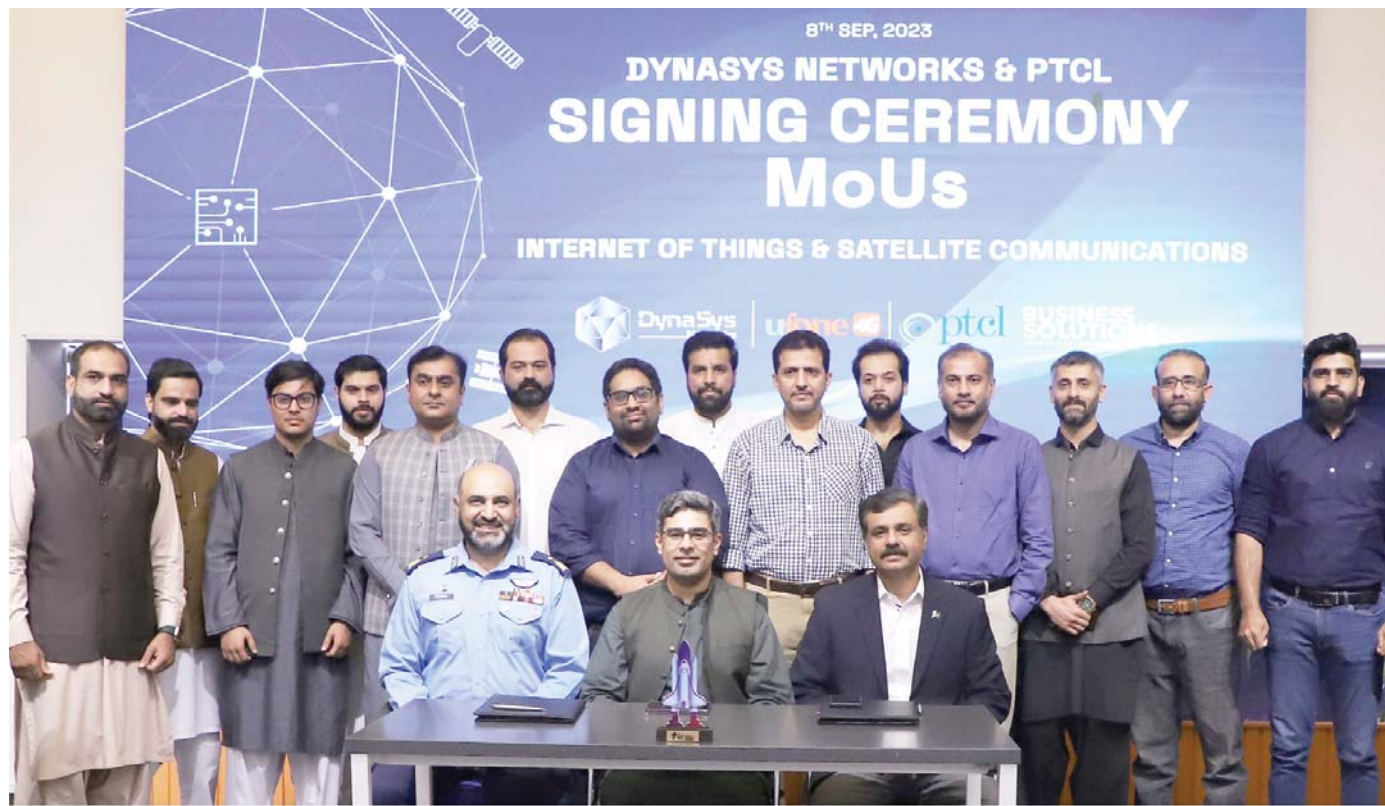


Photo shows Air Cdre Dr. Tauseef Ur Rehman, Project Director Technology, NASTP (Left), Ali Akhtar, CEO, DYNASYS (Center) and Aamer Ejaz Group VP, Carrier Services, PTCL & Ufone 4G (Right) along with senior officials of all three organizations at the signing ceremony between PTCL and DYNASYS for development of IoT and SatCom services in Pakistan.

### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) and DynaSys Networks (DynaSys) announced the signing of two Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) at a ceremony held at the National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP) in Rawalpindi.

The signing ceremony was jointly chaired by Aamer Ejaz, Group Vice President, Carrier Services, PTCL & Ufone 4G and Ali Akhtar, Founder and CEO, DynaSys Networks. The ceremony was attended by senior officials from both organizations, along with the leadership of NASTP.

The MoU on Internet of Things (IoT) establishes the technical framework for the integration of DynaSys' IoT platform and end user devices with PTCL's Cloud and cybersecurity infrastructure as well as wired and wireless transmission networks. This would culminate in a fully assimilated and first of its kind IoT service that would be

commercially available to customers across Pakistan. The mission statement on IoT reaffirmed by both organizations is to jointly become Pakistan's largest IoT service provider with the first to one million active end user subscriptions.

During the ceremony, Aamer Ejaz, Group Vice President Carrier Services, PTCL & Ufone 4G said, "We are excited to establish a partnership with DynaSys to support the IoT and satcom needs of our business partners. PTCL, a market leader in telecom, is proactively playing its role to bridge the digital divide to bring a positive change in the lifestyle of people. Such partnerships will help achieve that objective by providing futuristic, innovative and cost-effective solutions even in the remotest parts of the country. It will contribute significantly towards stirring the business activity and overall economic growth of the country."

On the occasion, Ali Akhtar, Founder and CEO of DynaSys Networks, said, "The framework that DynaSys and PTCL have formally signed today

is a giant leap for materializing IoT in Pakistan. The missing piece of the puzzle so far has been the platform which we have now solved. In the months ahead we will be working hand in glove to materialize Pakistan's first full-fledged IoT service. On satellite communications, it is natural that the talent of both organizations would gravitate towards each other for a high impact market presence. We're taking solid steps to dominate this space in Pakistan and to spread out to the broader region."

The MoU aligns the vast technical and commercial expertise of DynaSys' satellite communications team with PTCL's extensive satellite communications infrastructure and rich history of satellite services in Pakistan. Through this alliance, both companies not only endeavor to become Pakistan's largest satellite communications systems integrators and service providers, but also aim to significantly increase market share across the region.

## SECP forms Committee with ICAP and PIDE to encourage corporatization

### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has formed a Committee in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) and the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) to

promote corporatization.

SECP has consistently introduced reforms to facilitate company incorporation through automation and streamlining of processes aimed at reducing the overall time of starting a business in Pakistan. Resultantly, the total number of registered companies has increased to 200,000, with

over 99.8% of enterprises registering online and 24% completing registration on the same day. However, there is a need to promote corporatization by identifying and addressing bottlenecks and providing concrete recommendations to achieve sustainable economic development.

The term of reference of the

Committee, comprising senior representatives of SECP, ICAP, and PIDE, encompasses a review of the existing regulatory structure, identifying impediments, and providing practical recommendations, including fiscal reforms, to encourage corporatization for sustainable economic development.

## Need of Foreign Investment in Pakistan

It is commonly known that foreign direct investment (FDI) is an essential engine for economic growth, particularly in developing nations like Pakistan. Its importance stems from the ability to bring essential resources, innovative technology, and know-how to domestic markets. These benefits can spur development and create fresh opportunities for both businesses and people.

The importance of FDI in fostering economic growth has garnered renewed focus in recent years. In order to strengthen their economies and boost the living standards of their citizens, global governments are more likely to entice foreign investment today. Pakistan's economic development and success have been significantly facilitated by foreign direct investment (FDI). The State Bank of Pakistan says that FDI inflows increased significantly by 137% in the fiscal year 2020-21, totalling \$2.78 billion, illustrative of the

nation's concentrated attempts to draw foreign investment in vital industries including energy, telecommunications, and construction.

The purpose of our research is to offer empirical proof of the connection between FDI and



Pakistani economic growth. We studied the effect of FDI on GDP while also taking into account numerous other characteristics, such as political stability, terrorism, and trade openness, using data spanning two decades, from 1996 to 2022.

Our results show that FDI has a positive impact on economic growth in Pakistan, especially when combined with trade policies that are more flexible. We found

a significant positive link between the increase of GDP and FDI inflows, demonstrating the potential of FDI as a powerful engine of economic growth. For instance, political stability is recognised as a key element impacting FDI inflows and can play a significant role in luring international investment. The same is true for the deployment of effective counterterrorism measures, which can create a stable and secure business environment and promote economic growth.

As a result, our study offers concrete proof of how FDI has helped Pakistan's economy thrive. It also highlights the significance of fostering an environment that is favourable to foreign investment, including open trade policies, political stability, and successful counterterrorism efforts. Pakistan can speed up its economic development and continue to draw in international investment by doing this.

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# Chandrayaan-3 v/s Real India-II

**P**olitical stability and the rule of law are critical to a thriving economy. The United States has a long history of democratic governance, a strong legal framework, and respect for property rights. This provides businesses with a stable and predictable environment in which to operate. The US invests heavily in infrastructure, with an extensive network of highways, airports, ports, and railways. This infrastructure supports domestic and international trade, facilitates the movement of goods and people, and contributes to economic growth. The rich economy of the United States is the result of a combination of factors, including its diverse industries, commitment to innovation, entrepreneurial culture, and access to global markets. While the country faces economic challenges like any other, its resilience and adaptability have allowed it to maintain its position as a global economic powerhouse. As the United States continues to evolve and embrace new technologies and industries, its economic strength is likely to remain a defining feature of the nation for years to come.

They have equal rights for all. They don't have severe issues Human rights and freedom of expression. Poverty level is minimum and people are free and prosperous in US. The United States, often considered a beacon of democracy and freedom, has long championed the cause of human rights within its borders and on the global stage. As a nation founded on principles of liberty and justice for all, the supremacy of human rights is enshrined in its constitution and deeply ingrained in its national identity. The United States was founded on the principles of individual liberty, equality, and justice. The U.S. Constitution, with its Bill of Rights, serves as a cornerstone for the protection of human rights.

The First Amendment to the Constitution protects these essential rights. The United States has often served as a refuge for those fleeing persecution in their home countries. The nation's commitment to providing a safe haven for refugees and asylum seekers demonstrates its dedication to protecting the rights and well-being of individuals seeking a better life. Beyond its borders, the United States has been a strong advocate for human rights around the world. It has played a leading role in organizations such as the United Nations, promoting democracy, the rule of law, and the protection of fundamental freedoms. The U. S. has also imposed sanctions on nations with poor human rights records and supported humanitarian efforts in conflict zones. The supremacy of human rights in the United States is not a mere slogan but a guiding principle deeply woven into the nation's fabric. From its founding principles to landmark civil rights legislation, the country has made significant strides in advancing human rights and promoting equality and justice for all its citizens. While challenges persist, the United States remains committed to upholding human rights both within its borders and as a global advocate for the cause. As a shining example of democratic values, it continues to inspire the world in the ongoing struggle for human dignity and freedom.

Now come to India. Now days everyone is appreciating India on its successful moon mission while my point of view is different. According to available details, Indian Chandrayaan-3 is the third mission in the Chandrayaan programme, a series of lunar-exploration missions developed by the Indian

Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Launched in July 2023, the mission consists of a lunar lander named Vikram and a lunar rover named Pragyan, similar to those launched with Chandrayaan-2 in 2019. The propulsion module carried the lander and rover configuration to lunar orbit in preparation for a powered descent by the lander. Chandrayaan-3 was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre on 14 July 2023. The spacecraft entered lunar orbit on 5 August, and the lander touched down in the lunar south polar region on 23 August at 12:32 UTC, making India the fourth country to successfully land on the Moon, and the first to do so near the lunar south pole.

India, claims to have rich cultural heritage and rapid economic growth, often garners. However, beneath the surface of progress and prosperity, the country grapples with a deep-rooted issue: poverty. The persistence of poverty in India not only hampers the country's so-called socio-economic development but also leads to a range of human rights violations. India is home to one of the largest populations of people living in poverty globally. Poverty in India is multifaceted, with rural and urban disparities, income inequality, and lack of access to basic amenities like clean water, sanitation, and healthcare. Millions of Indians face daily struggles to secure food, shelter, education, and healthcare for themselves and their families. Poverty directly infringes upon an individual's right to an adequate standard of living. Access to nutritious food, clean water, decent housing, and education is often denied to those living in poverty. Poverty exacerbates health disparities, limiting access to medical care and proper nutri-

tion. Lack of healthcare infrastructure in rural areas forces many to forgo treatment, leading to preventable illnesses and deaths. Poverty frequently results in a lack of access to quality education. Children from impoverished backgrounds often drop out of school to support their families, perpetuating the cycle of poverty and limiting their future opportunities. Many impoverished individuals in India are forced to accept low-paying, exploitative jobs with harsh working conditions, infringing on their right to work with dignity and receive fair wages. Poverty pushes children into labor at a young age, depriving them of their right to a childhood and an education. Child labor often exposes them to hazardous conditions, physical abuse, and psychological trauma. Minority communities, women, and marginalized groups disproportionately bear the brunt of poverty and its associated human rights violations. Discrimination in access to resources and opportunities further exacerbates their vulnerability.

Readers, millions of homeless people and poor sleep on streets of India. Incidents of aggression against minorities and Human right violations in Occupied Kashmir, Manipur, Assam and all over India are in front of us. Women rape ratio is on peak. There is no freedom of expression and fair reporting in India. They are a so-called secular country but in reality they are follower of Hindutova and have zero respect for minorities. Moon missions of India have given no practical benefit to people of India. Modi intends to gain political benefits through their moon missions. Other countries have made their people prosperous before going to moon while India is entirely opposite where they are going to moon by snatching food from the poor. Indian Government needs to rectify their country first before making homes on moon.

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Analysis

Abdul Basit Alvi

## UN rights chief slams repression politics

**U**N High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk Monday called on countries to reject authoritarianism and protect civic space and fundamental rights in order to advance economic development. Addressing the opening of the Human Rights Council's 54th session, Turk strongly condemned the "old, blunt, brutal politics of repression" as exemplified by a rise in military coups and the crushing of dissent – "in short, the fist". Following military takeovers in Niger and Gabon, he insisted that the "un-constitutional changes in government" such as the ones seen recently in the Sahel were "not the solution".

"We need instead an urgent reversal to civilian governance, and open spaces where people can participate, influence, accompany and criticize government actions – or lack of action," the UN rights chief told the Geneva-based Council, which is composed of 47 members. Turk said that the challenges faced by countries in the Sahel, which leave their populations "struggling for daily survival", were interlinked. The devastating impacts of climate change, lack of investment in essential services and weak governance "are the sources that violent extremism draws from", he warned. He also sounded the alarm over mass-produced "lies and disinformation" aided by new technologies and emphasized that "people everywhere want – and have the right to... objective information, not propaganda."

The UN rights chief underscored that over his years of service with the UN it had become clear to him that development issues "underlie almost every challenge we face". "Leaving no-one behind is not an empty slogan. It is a human rights action plan that reaches across the whole spectrum of human rights", he said.

He deplored the fact that the world was "betraying [its] promise" to end hunger and poverty by 2030. Some 600 million people are projected to be chronically undernourished at the end of the decade according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) despite the massive financial and technological resources at our disposal, Turk said.

He also stressed that 1.2 billion people, nearly half of them children, now lived in "acute multidimensional poverty" and risked being joined by millions more as a result of climate change, as projected by the World Bank. "

This is a terrible collective human rights failure," he stated. The High Commissioner detailed steps to address the "abyss between rich and poor" and the inequalities preventing humanity from achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He spoke about the need for a reform of the international financial architecture offering "fairer deals on debt relief", urgent funding for developing countries in the form of an SDG Stimulus, a push towards international tax cooperation and a reinvigorated global fight against corruption and illicit financial flows. Turk also called for "effectively financed human rights-based climate action" to help developing countries adapt to the effects of climate change, to which they contributed so little, and offset the damage done.

He stressed the need for a "rapid, equitable phase-out of fossil fuels" and welcomed the consideration of measures to ensure "accountability for environmental damage", such as the proposed inclusion of the international crime of "ecocide" in the Rome Statute of the UN-backed International Criminal Court.



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmī. (Courtesy of Ashfaq Al-Azmat)

## Jinnah's Vision and Today's Pakistan

**T**oday 11th September, on the occasion of the death anniversary of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (ra), we should put forward the goals of our leader for a better future of the country and the nation, according to which he supported the creation of a separate state from the British and the Hindu empire for the Muslims in the most difficult moments, made it possible. It was such a great achievement that today's leaders who have not played a positive role in making Pakistan stand on its own feet despite the passage of a long time.

Our Quaid Muhammad Ali Jinnah (ra) was a forward-thinking selfless leader who not only played a key role in the creation of the country for the Muslims, but also guided us. The Quaid had a clear and unwavering intention for Pakistan, to build a strong, prosperous and progressive country. Their aim was to enable all the citizens of the country to live in peace, harmony and brotherhood. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah knew that the concept of establishing an Islamic democracy would give the people the full right to choose their leaders through free and fair elections. And he emphasized the importance of such a democratic system, who respects the rule of law, protect the rights of minorities and ensure the welfare of all citizens. Muhammad Ali Jinnah had a dream of a Pakistan where every individual, irrespective of his religious or ethnic group, would participate in the democratic process can contribute to the development of the country.

Regarding the protection of the rights of minorities, they knew that Pakistan would be a diverse country in the region in which people of different religions would live. Therefore, he was trying to ensure the protection of the rights of religious and ethnic minorities. Quaid-e-Azam had a clear message for all religions that you are free, you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to mosques or any other place of worship, you are free to live in this state of Pakistan. Belong to any religion; caste or creed Muhammad Ali Jinnah believed that a strong and prosperous economic system is essential for the welfare of the country and its people. He always advocated economic policies that would promote industrialization, trade and investment because a strong economy would not only improve the standard of living of the people but also make Pakistan self-reliant and less dependent on foreign aid as well.

Today, a long period of 75 years is passed, but we are dependent on others for each and everything. Quaid used to say about education that "without education there is complete darkness and with education there is light. Education is a matter of life and death for our nation." "Next to men, women should have equal rights and opportunities in all aspects of life, including education, employment and participation in the political process." Mother of the Nation Fatima Jinnah along with her brother

er encouraged women to actively participate in various fields. Quaid-e-Azam's vision of Pakistan also included the importance of strong institutions and the rule of law.

During the early years of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam's leadership faced many challenges including the partition of India, the refugee crisis and the establishment of a new state, but he remained steadfast in achieving a strong and prosperous Pakistan within limited resources. His determination and decisive role in shaping the nation's early years was crucial.

Quaid as Pakistan's first Governor-General and later its first President, despite his terminal illness, Quaid-e-Azam worked day and night to establish the foundations of the new state. In a short time, he focused on building the necessary infrastructure, making policies and developing a sense of national identity among the people. His leadership worked tirelessly for the future development of the nation.

Dear readers: If we look at the time since independence, despite being in the realm of democracy, Pakistan has seen periods of military rule and constant political chaos. The people of Pakistan have always wanted a government that respects their rights and freedoms. If we examine the economy and development of the country today, we are years behind in the race for development due to our internal issues. Apart from challenges related to minority rights and religious freedom, communal violence, economic development, hyperinflation, corruption and governance, justice delivery, industrialization and self-reliance have adversely affected the Quaid-e-Azam's vision. The moments when the life of the great leader, Quaid-e-Azam was cut short due to illness and he was reunited with his real creator on 11th September, 1948. His death was a deep loss for Pakistan. We should remember that Quaid-e-Azam's vision of a strong and prosperous Pakistan should not end with his death, as his ideas are a beacon of light and guidance for future generations. For decades, Pakistan has been facing multiple challenges including political instability, economic crisis and security threats. However, there is still time that the principles and values formulated by Quaid-e-Azam (ra) are the guarantee of a bright future for the nation, should be adopted.

Let's remember the sayings of our Great leader: "Remember, the establishment of Pakistan is an event that cannot be compared in history. It is the largest Islamic empire in the world and if we work with integrity, dedication and unselfishness, it will also grow magnificently year after year. I have full faith in my people. And I am sure that on every occasion they will act according to the history, glory and traditions of Islam. Nature has exalted you above everything. You have unlimited resources. The foundations of your kingdom are firmly laid. Now it's your job to build it as fast and as good as possible. So go ahead and keep going."



Analysis

Javed Ullah Raja

## COAS support to caretaker setup, a good omen-I

**'F**or the support of the government, the Chief of Army Staff has actively entered the field." Apparently, public representatives have failed miserably in controlling the ongoing deterioration in the country's quality of life. The fundamental reasons for this include corruption, nepotism, and the breakdown of the rule of law, which have completely taken root in the country. In these circumstances, Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff, General Asim Munir, had to step in to take control of dollar reserves and combat smuggling. He met with business personalities in Karachi and made it clear that they will now lead the country on the path of progress and remove all obstacles along the way. These meetings and statements are commendable, but the real challenge is to gain the trust of the people, whether they are under federal or provincial governments, as the people of Punjab lack confidence in these rulers.

The public is deeply saddened by the events of May 9th, but every Pakistani citizen has the right to ask how sugar that was sold for 80 rupees per kilogram reached 180 rupees, how petrol went from 150 rupees to 305 rupees, and who allowed the exchange rate of the US dollar to jump from 170 rupees to 310 rupees. They wonder how electricity rates escalated from 16 rupees per unit to 55 rupees and why the interest rate surged from 7 percent to 22 percent. These are the questions for which the rulers must be held accountable.

The storm of inflation has affected those who were overlooked by the hands of a government in power for one year and four months. The people are no longer so naive that they can be

convinced that "it's all because of Imran." To gain the trust and cooperation of the people, every price hike must be justified and explained by those in authority.

"People need a leader at this time who stands with the caretaker government and conducts timely general elections so that the future elected government can make decisions in the best interest of the country and the nation. It is essential to take disciplinary and legal actions against individuals who are involved in smuggling while being assigned to border duty, as smuggling of petrol, tires, shoes, and cigarettes into cities and shops is the result of collusion among the heads of institutions. It should be stopped, and legal measures should be taken to restrict the buying and selling of dollars unnecessarily. Large currency notes of five thousand rupees should be discontinued so that the tax evaders' sources are exposed. But this cannot be done here because everything serves the national interest, and no one has done anything for the national interest in 76 years."

The question arises as to who was responsible for curbing widespread and blatant smuggling on the country's borders. For years, these very rulers have been involved in illegal smuggling activities. During raids, bags full of dollars and Pakistani currency are being discovered in the homes of public representatives and prominent business figures. Meanwhile, these rulers are preoccupied with taking loans upon loans, while the common people struggle to put food on their tables. In such circumstances, conveying good news about foreign investment to the public seems meaningless.

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Analysis

Zain-ul-Abideen Abid



# Russia's position at the seventy-eighth session of the UN General Assembly

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: We have consistently pursued the policy of facilitating national reconciliation and settlement in Afghanistan, as well as maintaining stability and making it a state free from terrorism and drugs. We are seriously concerned about the growing influence of ISIL and the threat of its terrorist activities spilling over into Central Asia. We stand for sustained and pragmatic interaction of the international



community with the Taliban de facto authorities. We are convinced that expanding dialogue with Kabul is in the interests of the security and economic development of the entire

region. We will continue work within credible multilateral platforms, such as the Moscow Format of Consultations, the Neighbouring Countries of Afghanistan mechanism, the regional Quartet (Russia, China, Iran and Pakistan), as well as within regional organizations, primarily the CSTO and the SCO. We have taken steps to establish a new regional Five format involving Russia, China, India, Iran and Pakistan. We believe that the US and its allies,

who are responsible for the critical situation in Afghanistan following their 20-year presence, should bear the major costs of the post-conflict reconstruction of the country.

We attach great significance to the activities of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, first and foremost in the context of increasing humanitarian support to the local population, creating conditions for an early unfreezing of Afghan assets and mobilizing donor funds to revive the national economy.

## Pakistan envoy discusses Jammu and Kashmir with OIC chief

Noorulhassan Gujjar

JEDDAH: Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Ambassador Syed Mohammad Fawad Sher called on the OIC Secretary General, H. E. Houssein Ibrahim Taha at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, today. A wide range of issues were discussed during the meeting.



(OIC's Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation), etc. Ambassador Fawad Sher noted that Pakistan maintained a firm position and has traditionally played an active role in steering OIC's response to all important issues.

He thanked the Secretary General for OIC's unwavering support to the Jammu and Kashmir cause and urged for the complete

implementation of the OIC Plan of Action on Jammu and Kashmir adopted by the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Islamabad. On Islamophobia and the repeated incidents of desecration of the Holy Quran, he reiterated Pakistan's strong condemnation of these despicable incidents. The Secretary General appreciated Pakistan's robust engagement with

the OIC and its effective participation in addressing challenges confronting the Muslim world. He stated that the OIC highly valued Pakistan's contributions on issues of collective concern to the Ummah.

The OIC Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) will be held on 21st Sept, 2023 on the sidelines of the 78th UNGA session in New York. Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States would participate in the meeting. The ACM would also witness other events on the sidelines including the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir. The Islamic Summit is scheduled to be held on 16-17 December 2023 in Banjul, Gambia, and will be preceded by the meetings of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers and Senior Officials.

## Russian Union of Journalists expresses its bewilderment regarding the position of the French Foreign Ministry

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Ministry of France decided not to comment on the statement by Maria Zakharova, Spokeswoman of Russia's Foreign Ministry, who talked about Russian journalists being denied access to a news conference by President of France Emmanuel Macron, while also accusing her of "blowing things out of proportion."

"We do not have any comments regarding the statements by the Russian Foreign Ministry's Spokeswoman who is well known for her exaggerations," the French Foreign Ministry said in response to a media inquiry regarding the refusal to grant Russian journalists access to Macron's news conference on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in India.

For the record, Yekaterina Nadolskaya, a Russian journalist, was denied access and could not hear Macron speak. At the same time, 11 French journalists have been accredited in



Russia and can attend any official events.

Responding to this incident, the Russian Foreign Ministry asked France to present its apologies for "racial discrimination and aggressive nationalism."

At the same time, the Russian Union of Journalists expresses its utmost bewilderment regarding the position of the Foreign Ministry of France and its decision not to recognise the obvious fact that journalists are facing discrimination on ethnic grounds, as well as that it did not find it necessary to at least present its official apology to Russia. The Russian Union of Journal-

ists believes this approach to addressing this situation to be unprofessional and most likely motivated by the desire to avoid any accountability.

The Russian Union of Journalists would also like to note that this was not the first incident of the kind; in fact, it was part of a series of intentional acts by the French authorities to make it impossible for Russian journalists to do their work in the normal course of business.

In his comment for RT, Head of the Russian Union of Journalists Vladimir Solovoy said this was an "extremely unpleasant" incident. "Not just Russian journalists, but their fellow colleagues from other countries were also prevented from attending the news conference by President of France Emmanuel Macron. It seems that he is afraid of taking questions from anyone other than his own journalists who submitted their questions in advance, so they ordered that all others be denied access," Vladimir Solovoy pointed out.

## At least 2,300 dead, 10,000 missing as Storm Daniel bursts two dams in overflooded Libya

At least 2,300 people have died, and 10,000 are missing after Storm Daniel dumped devastating rain on Libya's northeast, reportedly bursting two major dams and overflowing the already heavily inundated areas of the country.

Tamer Ramadan, head of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) delegation in Libya, stated that "the death toll is huge and around 10,000 are reported missing."

Othman Abduljalil, the health minister in Libya's eastern parliament-backed government, reported that as many as 6,000 people are missing in the city of Derna alone, describing parts of it as a "ghost town."

The floods have overwhelmed several cities in the country's northeast, bordering the Mediterranean Sea, including Derna, which has been hit particularly hard.

Hichem Abu Chkiouat, the minister of civil aviation and a member of the emergency committee in the eastern region, painted a grim picture, stating, "The situation was catastrophic... The bodies are still lying in many places. There are families still stuck inside their homes, and there are victims under the rubble."

The floods have been attributed to a powerful low-pressure system that developed into a tropical-like cyclone, referred to as a "medicane," after causing catastrophic flooding in Greece. This extreme weather system, similar to tropical storms and hurricanes, has wreaked havoc in Libya, a nation already grappling with political divisions and the aftermath of a decade-long conflict.

The scale of the disaster has prompted concerns that aid efforts may be hampered by Libya's political fractures. The country has been divided between rival administrations since 2014, and the UN-backed Government of National Unity (GNU) in the capital, Tripoli, is in opposition to the eastern-based government led by commander Khalifa Haftar.

The floods have affected multiple cities, leading to the destruction of bridges and entire neighbourhoods. Rescue and relief efforts have been complicated by the heavy destruction, lack of phone lines, and inadequate preparedness for such a catastrophe.

## JS Bank and State Life provide Financial Solutions for Customers and Employees



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan (SLIC) and JS Bank Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide seamless financial and insurance services to their customers and employees. Through this agreement, JS Bank will provide innovative transaction banking solutions including cash management and employee banking services to SLIC, while SLIC's robust insurance offerings will be offered to JS Bank employees and customers, fostering a synergy that aims to revolutionize the financial landscape in Pakistan.

SLIC's enhanced Life and Health products will be available for customers from all strata of society ensuring financial protection for the people of Pakistan. The partnership will greatly facilitate State Life's esteemed policyholders through digital solutions and services and will also extend social protection products to JS Bank employees and customers.

The MOU was signed during a signing ceremony in the presence of Shoaib Javed Hussain, CEO, State Life Insurance Company, Basir Shamsie, President & CEO, JS Bank, along with senior members of the leadership from both companies.

Basir Shamsie, President & CEO, JS Bank, commented on the partnership; "This collaboration with SLIC is a testament to our joint vision of providing best-in-class offerings to our customers."

At the event, Shoaib Javed Hussain, CEO, State Life, said, "It is a pleasure to announce the strategic partnership between State Life and JS Bank as it has the potential to bring innovation and efficiency to the financial services sector and benefit a wide range of customers."

This strategic alliance between JS Bank and SLIC underscores a shared vision of advancing the banking and insurance sectors, offering customers innovative and efficient financial solutions, and contributing to the economic growth of Pakistan.

## Russia calls for Asia-Pacific biosecurity in the face of evolving threats

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: On September 12 within the 8th Eastern Economic Forum 2023 the panel session "Biosecurity Sovereignty: Fighting Together or Every Man for Himself?" was held. Andrey Rudenko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, participated and made remarks at the session.

Synopsis: Biosecurity risks are evolving rapidly. Factors such as globalization, economic integration, and the development of synthetic biology and genetic engineering are largely shaping modern epidemic processes.

In the current conditions of increased biological threats, it is crucial to have the capabilities required to independently manage the risks posed by epidemics. The countries of the Asia-Pacific region not only have the necessary capacity to manage such risks, but are also actively implementing it, as they rapidly and effectively develop science and technology to combat infectious threats. Russia shares the desire of Asia-Pacific states to build a modern system to counter biological threats.

## The caretaker government's action against various mafias is in the national interest: Sarfraz Mughal

City Desk



ISLAMABAD: Renowned business leader Sarfraz Mughal called the current caretaker government and Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar's indiscriminate action against various mafias and roundups in the national interest. They are forced to pay the bills of the finished unit. Dollars, foreign currency, artificial scarcity is created by hoarding flour and sugar and the price is increased. These mafias rob the nation mercilessly with both hands, causing inflationary storms and crises. Sarfraz Mughal, while paying tribute to the government, has said that due to the government's positive actions, the value of the dollar has clearly decreased, the price of gold has decreased significantly, flour and sugar have also been confiscated by the government and the open market has been opened. Finally, Sarfraz Mughal has appealed to the Federal Minister of Electricity Muhammad Ali that the traders and industrialists across the country are like the backbone of the economy and it is the responsibility of the government to strengthen them. Therefore, electricity tariff should be decided after consultation with the business community and give relief to the businessmen.

## Defence and Martyrs' Day observed in Pakistan Embassy, Beijing

Hinza Asif

BELJING: Pakistan Defence Day and Martyrs' Day were observed in the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing here on Tuesday to pay homage to martyrs of the 1965 war as well as to those brave souls who rendered ultimate sacrifice in the defense of Pakistan.

The ceremony began as national anthems of Pakistan and China were played.

Chief of Staff of the People's Liberation Army Navy, China, Vice Admiral Hu Zhongming graced the occasion as chief guest, along with Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque, and Defence and Army Attaché Brig. Ghulam Mustafa sliced the cake to mark the day.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Moin ul Haque said, the Defence Day is commemorated as a tribute to our brave soldiers who never

hesitate in even laying down their lives for defending our beloved homeland.

Around 58 years ago, Pakistan faced unprovoked aggression in the darkness of the night, which was a blatant violation of international law and was against the norms of inter-state relations.

In the face of overwhelming odds, the Pakistan Armed Forces, with the support and unyielding spirit of our people, defended our sovereignty and homeland. With its blood and sweat, the Pakistani nation wrote a new chapter of courage and conviction, he added.

Ambassador Haque also highlighted Pakistan's sacrifices in its resolve to fight the menace of terrorism and extremism.

Underlining friendliness and goodwill as the key features of Pakistan's foreign policy, the Ambassador highlighted Pakistan's support for the purposes and principles of the UN Char-

ter and its contributions to UN peacekeeping missions.

He also reiterated Pakistan's firm support for the right to self-determination of the people of Kashmir as enshrined in various UNSC resolutions and thanked China for its principled stand on the same.

The Ambassador also spoke at length about the strength of the China-Pakistan friendship that had withstood the vicissitudes and vagaries of time for over 72 years.

He also underscored the high degree of strategic trust and close cooperation developed between the two armed forces through joint defense projects, training, and exercises, and stated that flagship projects like JF-17 Thunder aircraft, VT-4 tanks, naval frigates, and submarines had become the symbol of this close friendship.

He also highlighted the generous assistance by the PLA to

Pakistan during the pandemic and recent floods in Pakistan.

In the end, the Ambassador reiterated Pakistan's commitment to peace and peaceful co-existence.

In his remarks, Defence Attaché Brig. Ghulam Mustafa said that Defence Day is a momentous day in the history of the Pakistani nation when valiant sons of soil laid their lives to defend the motherland against belligerent attacks by the enemy.

On this day, September 6, 1965, our armed forces and the entire Pakistani nation displayed extraordinary courage and spirit in thwarting the evil design of the enemy.

Pakistan's armed forces have given unprecedented sacrifices in its war against terrorism, ensuring peace and security in the country and the region, he added.

He also thanked the Chinese PLA for its support towards



the Pakistan Armed Forces and contributions to our special and strategic military-to-military relationship.

National songs were played

while documentaries on Pakistan were shown during the well-attended event.

The event was attended by senior Chinese civil and military

officials, members of the diplomatic corps, Defense Attaches, media, members of the Pakistani community, and officers of the Embassy.



## Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
45,508.39	45,865.73	
Day's High	Day's Low	
45,902.72	45,468.27	
Index Value	Change	
4,198,270,399	-357.34	
Percentage	Time	
-0.78%	12 Sept, 2023 5:00 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
7,527.53	+30.66	
Percentage	Time	
+0.41%	12 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
34,742.00	+78.28	
Percentage	Time	
+0.23%	12 Sept, 12:55 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
32,776.37	+308.61	
Percentage	Time	
+0.95%	12 Sept, 3:15 pm GMT+9	
Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	198	200
Bahrain Dinar	810.81	818.81
Canadian Dollar	222	224.20
China Yuan	41.79	42.19
Danish Krone	43.74	44.14
Euro	319	322
Hong Kong Dollar	39.15	39.5
Indian Rupee	3.67	3.78
Japanese Yen	2.1	2.18
Kuwaiti Dinar	988.37	997.37
Malaysian Ringgit	65.72	66.32
New Zealand \$	179.36	181.36
Norwegians Krone	28.83	29.13
Omani Riyal	798.42	806.42
Qatari Riyal	83.54	84.24
Saudi Riyal	78.4	79.2
Singapore Dollar	217	219
Swedish Korona	28.16	28.46
Swiss Franc	341.44	343.94
Thai Bhat	8.55	8.7
U.A.E Dirham	81.8	82.6
UK Pound Sterling	371.5	375
US Dollar	297	300

## Grand opening reception

# EO Islamabad Chapter's leadership unveiled its strategic vision for the 2023-24 terms

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) Islamabad Chapter celebrated the grand opening reception of its 6th chapter at the prestigious Serena Islamabad Hotel. The event marked the beginning of a promising year for the EO Islamabad Chapter as it welcomed esteemed diplomats, ambassadors, government leaders, and the country's top CEOs to kick off its 2023-24 term. The evening was nothing short of spectacular, as the EO Islamabad Chapter, known for its commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and leadership, gathered a diverse and influential audience. This year's opening reception was a testament to EO's dedication to empowering entrepreneurs and propelling them toward greater success.

The event was graced by the presence of several dignitaries, who came together to support and celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit. This year's attendees included some of the nation's most prominent CEOs,



who shared their insights and experiences with the EO community. EO Islamabad Chapter, with its mission to provide unparalleled resources, connections, and opportunities to its members, set an impressive stage for the year ahead. The opening reception showcased the organization's commitment to creating an environment where entrepreneurs can thrive and achieve their full potential.

The evening offered exceptional networking opportunities for attendees to connect with like-minded individuals, share experiences, and forge valuable partnerships. The renowned speakers and thought leaders shared their insights, inspiring the audience with their stories of success and resilience. EO Islamabad Chapter's leadership unveiled



its strategic vision for the 2023-24 term, outlining initiatives aimed at supporting entrepreneurship and leadership development. EO Islamabad Chapter reiterated its commitment to nurturing the growth of local businesses, fostering innovation, and contributing to the economic development of Islamabad and beyond. The event demonstrated the organization's dedication

to empowering entrepreneurs and fostering a culture of leadership and success. Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) Islamabad Chapter is part of a global community of 18,000+ successful business leaders in over 75 countries. With a mission to empower entrepreneurs, EO offers a platform for personal and professional growth through valuable experiences and connections.

# ICCI for focusing on pharmaceutical industry to boost exports

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) said that the government should focus on the pharmaceutical industry to boost exports as this sector has great potential to increase exports to over US\$ 5 billion within a few years with the support of the government. He said that around 639 pharmaceutical manufacturing units are working in Pakistan, employing approximately 240,000 people and exporting products worth more than \$300 million to over 60 countries. However, streamlining regulations and addressing the key issues of this industry would help boost its exports to billions of dollars. He said this while addressing a delegation of Pakistan Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Association (PPMA) during its visit to ICCI led by Arshad Mehmood, Zonal Chairman North of PPMA.

Ahsan Bakhtawari said that with close cooperation of the government to the pharma industry, Pakistan can become a leading player in the global pharmaceutical export market. He stressed that the government should take policy measures to encourage the local manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) to reduce our dependence on imports. This would not only make Pakistan self-reliant but would also create opportunities for export-oriented growth. He said that ICCI is



actively working with the relevant authorities of the government including the Ministry of Commerce and Special Investment Facilitation Council to promote the pharma industry and assured that ICCI would cooperate with PPMA in resolving the key issues of this sector. Speaking on the occasion, Arshad Mehmood, Zonal Chairman North of PPMA said that the pharma industry is importing most of its raw material to manufacture medicines, but due to significant devaluation of the rupee and the rising inflation, the manufacturing cost of this has increased manifold. He stressed that the government should introduce a zero tax regime

for import of pharma plants & machinery and the packing material besides reducing taxes on utility bills that would help upgrade the pharma industry and further boost its exports. Engr. Azhar ul Islam Zafar, Vice President ICCI said that the Chamber has constituted a committee for the pharmaceutical sector, which is working to resolve the major issues of this sector. Khalid Iqbal Malik, Group Leader ICCI said that Pakistan is self-sufficient in pharmaceutical manufacturing and the government should provide full support to this industry that would bring a great increase in exports of this sector.

Faisal Muzammil, Humayun Kabir, Ch. Ansar Farooq, Syed Talib Hussain, Ahmed Khan Tareen, Syed Tariq Ali, Muhammad Humayun, Mian Haris, Mian Tariq, Khalid Awan, Mian Zubair, Sohail Mir, Malik Nadeem Akhtar Kakazai, Faisal Zafar, Bilal Munawar, Ch. Ahmed Warraich, Ch. Muhammad Hamza, Kafayatullah Malik, Malik Tariq Javed, Sher Muhammad, Asim Muzzamil, Sheikh Faisal and others were in the delegation. Zafar Bakhtawari former President ICCI and Secretary General UBG Pakistan, Khalid Chaudhry, Asad Aziz, Ch. Muhammad Naem and others were also present on the occasion.

## Pakistan condoles over flood devastation in Libya: FO



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan conveyed condolences to the people and State of Libya over the loss of life and properties caused by the floods hitting Northern parts of the country, ARY News reported.

"The Government and people of Pakistan extend heartfelt condolences to the people and State of Libya on the devastation caused by the deadly floods in the Northeastern part of Libya," the Foreign Office spokesperson said in a statement.

The spokesperson that the loss of lives and the sufferings endured by the survivors were deeply saddening and "we stand in solidarity with the Libyan people during these difficult times."

"Our Embassy in Libya is monitoring the situation and is in contact with the local authorities for possible assistance and support to the community," the spokesperson added.

The catastrophic floods have killed at least 150 people in eastern Libya, after storm Daniel swept the Mediterranean, lashing Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece.

Images filmed by residents of the Libyan disaster area showed massive mudslides, collapsed buildings and entire neighbourhoods submerged under muddy water.

Speaking on Libyan network Almasar, Oussama Hamad, prime minister of the east-based government, reported "more than 2,000 dead and thousands missing" in the city of Derna alone, but no medical sources or emergency services have confirmed such figures.

While media outlets in eastern Libya have largely picked up on Hamad's remarks, separate tolls reported from various areas add up to far lower figures.

# Kim Jong Un in Russia amid US warnings

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrived in Russia by private train to the strains of a military band on Tuesday for talks with President Vladimir Putin - amid warnings from Washington they should not trade weapons.

Kim left Pyongyang for Russia on Sunday on board his train, which sports a signature olive green paint scheme, the North's state media reported on Tuesday, accompanied by top arms industry and military officials.

Video footage released by Russian state TV showed Kim dressed in a suit and smiling as he stepped off his train onto a red carpet at a station in the Russian far east to be greeted by a welcome delegation. A military band arrayed on the platform at the railway station struck up soon afterwards.

A Russian source with knowledge of the trip had told Reuters earlier that Kim had arrived on Tuesday morning, leaving his train to meet Russian officials in Khasan, the main rail gateway to Russia's Far East, before continuing on.

Footage released by Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of Russia's far eastern Primorsky region, showed Kim, sat in a big white chair, talking with a delegation led by Alexander Kozlov, Russia's minister for natural resources.

Kozhemyako said the Russian delegation had discussed the potential launch this year of joint tourism and agricultural projects and hoped to deepen economic ties with Pyongyang.

Kim does not travel abroad frequently, making just seven trips away from his country and twice stepping across the inter-Korean border in his 12 years in power. Four of those trips were to the North's main political ally, China.

"It will be a fully fledged visit," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "There will be negotiations between two delegations, and after that, if necessary, the leaders will continue their communication in a one-on-one format."

Discussions could cover humanitarian aid to North Korea and the U. N. Security Council resolutions imposed against Pyongyang, Russian officials said.

U. S. officials, who first said the visit was imminent, said arms talks between Russia and North Korea were actively advancing and that Kim and Putin were likely to discuss providing Russia with weapons for the war in Ukraine.

There has been no confirmation of the site of the summit, but Kim's train passed the junction for Russia's Pacific port of Vladivostok, where Putin was attending a conference, and headed northwards, Japan's Kyodo news and South Korean media reported, saying he might meet Putin at the Vostochny cosmodrome.

Speaking at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Putin said he was planning to go to the Vostochny cosmodrome, more than 1,500 km (930 miles) to the north, but did not say if he planned to meet Kim there.

He said he had his own programme for visiting the launch station, adding: "When I get there, you will know."

Closer Russia-North Korea Cooperation

Washington and its allies have expressed concern at recent signs of closer military cooperation between Russia and the nuclear-armed North. It will be Kim Jong Un's second summit with Putin, whom he met in 2019 on his last trip abroad. Pyongyang and Moscow have denied that North Korea could supply arms to Russia, which has expended



vast stocks in more than 18 months of war.

Peskov said Russia's national interests would dictate its policies.

"While implementing our relations with our neighbours, including North Korea, the interests of our two countries are important to us, and not warnings from Washington," Peskov was quoted as saying by Russian media.

The make-up of Kim's delegation, including top defence industry and military officials with the notable presence of Munitions Industry Department Director Jo Chun Ryong, suggested an agenda heavy on defence industry cooperation, analysts said.

Kim Jong Un could offer artillery rounds from North Korea's

large stockpile, which could replenish Russia's capabilities in the short term, but questions about the ammunition's quality may limit the overall impact, military analysts said.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's office said many countries were watching with concern the summit between "North Korea which has been sanctioned by the United Nations, and Russia, which is a permanent member of the Security Council".

"As the president has said, we hope Russia will act responsibly as a permanent member of the U. N. Security Council," a presidential official told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

On Monday, Washington urged Pyongyang North to abide by its

promise not to sell arms to Russia that could be used in the Ukraine war, which it said would violate Security Council resolutions.

North Korea is one of the few countries to have openly supported Russia over the Ukraine conflict, and Putin pledged last week to "expand bilateral ties in all respects in a planned way by pooling efforts".

In a striking display, Kim gave a personal tour of an arms exhibition to Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu when he visited Pyongyang in July, and Shoigu saluted when banned ballistic missiles rolled by at a military parade.

Both Russia and China voted for Security Council resolutions as late as 2017 punishing Pyongyang for ballistic missile launches and nuclear tests.



QEAT: Ahmed Safi Abdullah's all-round exploits keep Faisalabad afloat

A Sports

Faisalabad's Ahmed Safi Abdullah impressed with his all-round performances in the first round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy (QEAT) 2023-2024, backing his gritty half-century with 10 wickets against Rawalpindi Region.

After Ahmed scored a gritty half-century in the second innings against Rawalpindi, he picked up two wickets in the third innings, effectively grabbing ten wickets in the game.

Playing at the Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium Rawalpindi, he produced an extraordinary performance with bat and ball alike, rising as the most valuable player for his side thus far in the game.

Faisalabad started the third day of the ongoing first round of the QEAT, at 178 for the loss of five wickets with Asif Ali and Ahmed Safi Abdullah at the crease.

After Asif lost his wicket early in the day, as the set batter on crease Ahmed took on the mantle to keep the runs flowing. His partnership of 59 runs with Ali Shan helped his side retain their momentum.

Once that partnership was broken, the tail was cleaned up by the Multan bowlers. Faisalabad ended their innings at 269.

Captain Zain Abbas was removed cheaply at the start of Multan's innings. Imran Rafiq and Sharoon Siraj subsequently steadied the innings batting together for 58 runs. Once this was



broken, the Zain-led side suffered a flurry of wickets.

Multan ended the day at 155-5 after 52 overs, leading by 119 runs.

In the first match of the ongoing edition of the QEAT, Lahore Whites stood at 254-7 at the start of day three of the match. All-rounder Aamir Jamal lost his wicket early in the day, after which centurion Saad Nasim was joined by Mohammad Irfan on the crease.

Saad and Irfan displayed an extraordinary batting partnership, expanding for 130 runs. The right-handed batter churned out a magnificent double century, batting over two days. The Saad-led

team was bowled out after scoring a mammoth 432.

The Imran Butt-led team began the third innings, trailing by 184 runs. The captain and senior batter Usman Salamuddin both lost their wickets early on.

At the end of the day's play, Lahore Blues stood at 61-2 in 26 overs, with Rizwan Hussain and Umar Siddiq at the crease.

At the start of Day 3 of another first-round fixture of the QEAT, Peshawar stood at 231 for the loss of five wickets. They lost three wickets early in the day, with Abuzar Tariq, Sajid Khan and Abbas Afridi falling periodically.

Peshawar was then bowled out for 301 runs. Medium pacer Ghulam Mudassar bagged a very important three-wicket haul.

Habibullah, the Karachi opener, lost his wicket cheaply at the start of their second batting innings.

Danish Aziz and Ammad Alam could not stay on the crease for long either. Omair bin Yousaf and Asad Shafiq displayed a reliable partnership of 113 runs which brought back stability for the Sarfaraz-led side.

However, then Omair was run out. Following which, two more wickets fell.

At stumps, Sarfaraz Ahmed was at the crease alongside Aftab. The scorecard read 249-6.

In the fourth QEAT match, Rawalpindi began the day at 129-8. The Umar Waheed-led side scraped to 144 before being bowled out by the opposition.

After losing both their openers for a run each, captain Khushdil Shah built a 63-run partnership with Salman Khan Jr.

Although wickets fell on the other end, Salman stood firm and completed a glorious century. Khushdil declared the innings at 225-6, giving the opposition a target of 400.

Abdul Faseeh and Hassan Raza opened the batting for Rawalpindi and were on the crease at the time of stumps, having scored 7 and 9 respectively.

Rawalpindi ended the day at 16-0 after batting for 8 overs.

27th CNS Open Golf championship kicks off

Sports Desk

KARACHI: The Inauguration ceremony of the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Open Golf Championship was held at the Karachi Golf Club here on Tuesday.



Commander Karachi Rear Admiral Muhammad Saleem was the chief guest of the inauguration ceremony.

Over 600 players from across the country are participating in the championship. The championship will be played in a total of 8 categories.

The tournament has become a regular and major event on the national golf circuit since 1995.

A large number of civil and military officers and sportsmen participated in the event.

T20 Wheelchair Cricket Asia Cup to be held in October



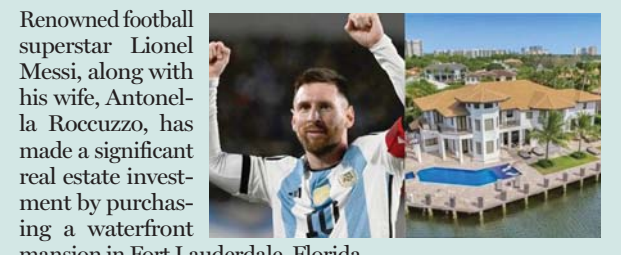
Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The second edition of the T20 Wheelchair Cricket Asia Cup 2023 will be held from October 2 to 8 at the neutral venue of Kathmandu, Nepal, Pakistan Wheelchair Cricket Council (PWCC). "The event, being hosted by Pakistan was earlier scheduled to take place in July but was pushed to October due to the rainy season in Kathmandu," President PWCC Rookhsana Rajpoot told APP. According to Rookhsana, the PWCC was all set to host the event in Pakistan but due to some travelling issues of Indian team it was decided to shift it to Nepal. She said every effort would be made to make the event a real success. "We'll be trying to ensure that fans enjoy exciting contests during the event," she said. Teams from Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka will participate in the Asia Cup. The tournament will be played at Kathmandu's Mulpani Cricket Ground. Rookhsana said geographically Nepal was the best destination for all the participating teams to arrive.

"The inaugural edition of the tournament was also held in Nepal in May 2019," she said.

Pakistan are the reigning champions as they defeated India in the final to lift the trophy. Rookhsana said the PWCC would be responsible for covering the event cost, while Nepal's National Disability Sports for All Organization (NDSO) and Physically Challenged Cricket Association of Nepal (PCCAN) would provide logistic support.

Lionel Messi acquires \$10.75 million waterfront mansion in Fort Lauderdale



Renowned football superstar Lionel Messi, along with his wife, Antonella Rocuzzo, has made a significant real estate investment by purchasing a waterfront mansion in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The acquisition was carried out through a company led by Messi's wealth manager, Alfonso Nebot, as confirmed by records and sources.

Messi, who joined Inter Miami in July amid considerable excitement, has achieved remarkable success with the team, securing eight wins and four draws.

The Argentine native, who previously played for Barcelona, led his national team to victory in the World Cup championship last year and is currently participating in the 2026 World Cup qualifiers, with a match scheduled in Bolivia.

The property at 91 Compass Lane was sold to Messi and Rocuzzo by John and Stacy Dickerson for \$10.8 million. The Dickersons had acquired the estate in May of the previous year for \$9 million, signifying a 20 per cent increase in value over 16 months.

Situated on a 0.4-acre lot, the mansion boasts 10,500 square feet of living space, eight bedrooms, and 170 feet of waterfront with two docks. It features a waterfront pool, a gym/spa room, and an Italian kitchen, as listed in 2022.

The house, initially constructed in 1988, underwent expansion in 2000, as indicated by property records. The primary suite owned by Messi and Rocuzzo covers a sprawling 1,600 square feet.

Messi's new residence is conveniently located approximately 5 miles from Drive Pink Stadium and Inter Miami's adjacent training facility in Fort Lauderdale. While the team currently operates there, it anticipates a future move to Miami.

Women's U19 T20 tournament to commence from 13 September. PCB Official

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: PCB Official Said that The five-team U19 T20 Women Cricket Tournament 2023 is all set to commence at the Lahore Country Club in Muridke from Wednesday, 13 September. The tournament promises to showcase the incredible talent and passion of young female cricketers from across the nation.

The tournament will feature five teams namely Challengers, Conquerors, Invincibles, Stars and Strikers.

The nine-day tournament will be conducted on round-robin basis, meaning each team will play at least four matches. The final will be played on 21 September, after the league stage is done.

The toss will take place at 0930 PST, while the first ball of the match will be bowled at 1000 PST.

The U19 T20 Women Cricket Tournament 2023 serves a perfect opportunity for the players to stake a claim in the national U19 side ahead of Pakistan U19 women's team maiden tour to Bangladesh in January 2024.

To further incentivise the players to bring out their best performances, the PCB has also introduced financial awards to encourage the players to bring out their best. The winning team will receive PKR

0.5 million, while the runner-up will get PKR 0.3 million.

The player of the tournament will be awarded PKR25,000 and each player of the match will receive PKR10,000. The tournament's top performers - best player, best batter, best bowler and best wicket-keeper - will be gifted kit bags to encourage them to enhance their skills and pursue their cricketing ambitions.

The PCB has also finalised the five squads, which consist of 14 players each. These squads have been selected by the national women's selection committee headed by former Test cricketer Saleem Jaffar after country-wide open trials in eight academies last month.

Eleven players have been placed in reserve pool and they can be called up based on a team's requirement. Only players born on or after 1 September 2004 are eligible to play in the tournament.

Squads: Challengers-Mahnour Aftab (captain), Aleesha Khan, Ezza Nadeem, Fizza Fiaz, Maheen Irfan, Mirab Amin, Muqadas Bukhari, Noor Mehdi, Raahima Syed, Ravail Farhan, Saba Sher, Sumbal Liaqat, Tanzeela Niaz and Widad Iftikhar Coaching staff - Waqar Orakzai (head coach), Intikhab Alam (assistant coach), Maria Gulnaz (manager) and Tehreem

Sumbal (physio) Conquerors-Zaibun Nisa (captain), Araika Karam, Dina Razvi, Javeria Siddique, Jennifer Basharat, Maham Anees, Malaika Riaz, Memoona Khalid, Muskan Abid, Nasreen Ashraf, Nimra Riaz, Quratulain Ahsen, Rida Aslam and Zainab Ishtiaq Coaching staff - Zulfiqar Babar (head coach), Jaweria Rauf (assistant coach), Asiya Khan (manager) and Laila Niaz Khan (physio)

Invincibles-Haniah Ahmer (captain), Aiza Khan, Hafsa Khan, Haleema Dua Zafar, Humaira, Kainat Gulalai, Khizra Liaqat, Memoona Tippu Sultan, Rimsha Shehzadi, Sana Talib, Sania Rasheed, Tayyaba Imdad, Zarish Farooq Samuel and Zoofishan Ayyaz Coaching staff - Waseem Yousufi (head coach), Shakir Qayyum (assistant coach), Hajira Baloch (manager) and Izza Idrees (physio)

Stars-Laiba Nasir (captain), Anaya Khan, Arooj Mazhar, Fariha Fahim, Kainat Eman Shah, Komal Khan, Maham Ali, Mahnoor Mamoon, Manahil Khursheed, Mubeen Ahmed, Samiya Afsar, Sheh Bano, Tahira Arif and Zainab Asif Jutt Coaching staff - Mohsin Kamal (head coach), Nahida Khan (assistant coach),

Najma Zafar (manager) and Rabia Siddiq (physio)

Strikers-Kainat Riasat (Captain), Aiman Arooj, Aleesa Mukhtiar, Aman Fatima, Aqsa Yousuf, Areesha Ansari, Attiya Noor, Esha Tir Razia, Hasnat Ibrahim, Ifrah Tufail, Noor Ul Ain Idrees, Rida Sajid, Sawera Ishaq and Taskyn Fatima Coaching staff - Hajrwa Sarwar (head coach), Rehmat Gull (assistant coach), Shagufta Kazim (manager) and Rabbia Kamray (physio)

Reserve players-Angelina Khurram, Asma Tauqeer, Eman Liaqat, Kiran Qadir, Mahnaz Bibi, Mahnoor Rani, Meerab Shahid, Qandeel Mohsin, Sana Khan, Widia Iftikhar and Zoha Yousaf Tournament schedule (all matches at Lahore Country Club, Muridke) matches begin at 10am

- 13 Sept - Invincibles v Stars (Ground 1); Conquerors v Challengers (Ground 2) 14 Sep - Stars v Conquerors (Ground 1); Challengers v Strikers (Ground 2) 16 Sep - Invincibles v Conquerors (Ground 1); Stars v Strikers (Ground 2) 17 Sep - Invincibles v Strikers (Ground 1); Stars v Challengers (Ground 2) 19 Sep - Conquerors v Strikers (Ground 1); Invincibles v Challengers (Ground 2) 21 Sep - Final

Reason for losing cricket match against India

Aqsa Maqbool Khan

After the worst defeat for Pakistan by India in the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup 2023, the Pakistan team is under severe criticism. What are the reasons for Pakistan's loss in the match?

I think Pakistan lost the match on the toss. Whenever there is a match between Pakistan and India, there is pressure, and the team that handles the pressure wins the match. And when you're on the same wicket, which you have no

idea how it's going to behave just because of the humidity in the air, you assume that we're going to bowl first and win the match. And the Indian team has such a long batting line-up, which has Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, and Jadeja. With such a long batting lineup, when you think that we will play against them with a target, then a chance of returning to the match ends, and in such a case, the pressure increases in the case of a higher score on the scoreboard. They targeted our bowlers, and in such a situation, Shadab Khan and Faheem

Ashraf stopped some runs, did some hard work, and along with that, Naseem Shah bowled well. When they targeted your main strike bowler's, there was no fielder in the slips. The second team's body language wasn't going to win; the boys didn't live up to the way their momentum was built, and while two of your players were injured, Wasim Junior should have been brought on. Some matches could be controlled there.

And besides, you have Abdullah Shafiq sitting on the bench; you are not giving him a chance, and the biggest weakness of the Pakistan team at the moment is

Fakhar Zaman's lack of runs. There is no doubt that Fakhar Zaman has scored a lot of runs for the Pakistan team, but now Fakhar Zaman has not been in form for ten or eleven months, so when your opening does not work... The second is the left-right combination in ODI cricket.

Well, there is no need to be sad; Pakistan is the same team that played in the final of the previous T20 World Cup despite the worst defeat against Zimbabwe. Pakistan will play in the final by defeating Sri Lanka, God willing, and will also defeat India. (Writer is Student of law at university of Sargodha)

Pakistan head coach Bradburn 'grateful' for India wake-up call ahead of World Cup

Sports Desk

Pakistan's heavy defeat to India in the ongoing Asia Cup 2023 was a "timely reminder" for the team to get their act together before next month's ODI World Cup 2023 in India, head coach Grant Bradburn said.

Babar Azam's men suffered a crushing 228-run loss to India on Monday in a rain-hit Super Four clash of the 50-over tournament, a prelude to next month's World Cup in India.

India posted 356-2 in Colombo after rain forced the match into a reserve day and then bowled out Pakistan for 128 in 32 overs to register their biggest ODI victory over their arch-rivals.

"My gut feeling is that we are grateful for the gift that has been this last two days," Bradburn told reporters after the drubbing.

"We don't get to play some of the best players in the world very often," he added.

"We haven't lost a game of cricket for the last three months, so it's a timely reminder that we need to turn up every day, put in our best on the park, and it's actually a gift in the last two days we haven't done that."

Pakistan elected to bowl after Azam won the toss but the team soon lost their grip after a 121-run opening stand between skipper Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill.

Virat Kohli and KL Rahul hit 122 and 111 respectively to extend India's domination in an unbeaten stand of 233.

"We lost at all facets of the game," Bradburn said. "No excuses, we weren't good enough in the last two days."

Pakistan's bowling, led by Shaheen Shah Afridi, had rattled India's top order last week in an Asia Cup group game, bowling them out for 266 before the match was abandoned because of rain.

But Rohit, Gill, Rahul and Kohli came roaring back in the Super Four contest to take the attack to the bowlers.

Bradburn, a former New Zealand international who

played seven Tests and 11 ODIs, said Pakistan will learn from the batting assault.

"Certainly wasn't a surprise. Everyone's seen how lethal our bowling attack is and good teams will counteract that," he said.

Azam started the tournament with 151 against minnows Nepal but Bradburn said Pakistan's batting still lacked firepower.

"Our batting unit hasn't clicked in the past month and again, that is a positive sign," he said.

"We have full trust in them. We are very consistent with our selection. We know they will come right."

Pakistan will face Sri Lanka in their final Super 4 stage match of the Asia Cup 2023 on Thursday.

