Islamabad, Kabul should work for common goals, PM Kakar tells Afghan counterpart Caretaker PM Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar wrote a letter to his Afghan counter-part, stressing the need to work together to achieve common goals, media report Monday, PM Kakar's letter comes amid the heightening tension between both countries due to rising cross-border terror attacks.

Iranians give Cristiano Ronaldo an excited welcome in Tehran

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Exports increase by 22.45 percent to Rs.1.27 trillion in two months

ISLAMABAD: The exports from the country in rupee term witnessed an increase of 22.45 percent during the first two months of current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. Exports during July-August (2023-24) were recorded at Rs.1,276,238 million as against Rs.1,042.296 million during the

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Rs.1,042,226 million during the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 22.45 percent, according to provisional data released by PBS.

On year-on-year basis, the exports during August 2023 increased by 26.75 percent and were recorded at Rs.695,136 million compared to the exports of Rs.548,440 million in August 2022.

On month-on-month basis, the exports increased by 19.62 percent when compared to the exports of Rs. 581,102 million in July 2023.



Main commodities of exports during August, 2023 werek Knitwear (Rs. 117,892 million), readymade garments (Rs. 83,447 million), bed wear (Rs. 74,081 million), cotton cloth (Rs. 47,002

Main commodities of exports million), cotton yarn (Rs.30,793 aring August, 2023 werek million), towels (Rs.25,567 million), cotton yarn (Rs.30,793 million), towels (Rs.25,567 million), madeup articles, exclud-ing towels & bedwear (Rs.18,377 million), rice others (Rs.18,073 million), rice basmati (Rs.16,271

million) and meat and meat preparations (Rs.11,210 million). On the other hand, imports

during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.42%.

On year-on-year basis, imports into Pakistan during August, 2023 amounted to Rs. 1.330,488 million as against Rs. 1.337,189 million in August, 2022, 488 million as against Rs. 1.337,189 million in Jugust, 2022, 490,490 million in Jugust, 2022, 590,490 million in Jugust, 2023 when compared to the imports of Rs. 1,041,138 million in July 2023.

The main commodities of imports during August, 2023 were petroleum products (Rs. 180,628 million), petroleum cuide (Rs. 191,438 million), plastic materials (Rs. 180,628 million), plastic materials (Rs. 180,638 million), plastic materials (Rs. 180,638 million), mobile (Rs. 183,538 million), mobile (Rs. 183,538 million), mobile phones (Rs. 237,128 million), mobile phones (Rs. 237,128 million), mos steel (Rs. 37,128 million), mobile phones (Rs. 237,128 million), mos steel (Rs. 327,128 million), mobile phones (Rs. 327,128 million), mos steel (Rs. 327,128 million), mobile phones (Rs. 327,128 million), mos steel (Rs. 327,128 million), modifical modutes (Rs. 24,592 million) and medicinal products (Rs. 24,592 million). scrap (Rs.28,618 million) and medicinal products (Rs.24,592 million).

CJP Qazi Faez Isa asks judicial staff to serve people seeking justice

ISI.AMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faze Isa received a warm welcome from the staff upon his arrival at the Supreme Court on Monday.

Justice Qazi Faze Isa took oath as the 29th ICP in a ceremony held at the President's House on Stunday.

In his interaction with the SC registrar and other judical staff, CJP Qazi Faze Isa asked them to serve the masses coming to the court for justice. "People come to SC for justice," the CJP said. The Islamabad police were to give a guard of honour to the newly appointed CJP, but he denied it.

Read more: Justice Qazi

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Facz Isa takes oath as 29th chief justice of Pakistan Earlier, Chief Justice of Pakistan (Errier, Chief Justice of Pakistan (CIP) Qazi Facz Isa appointed Ms. Jazeela Aslam as the first-ever woman Registrar of the Supreme Court (SC). Justice Qazi Facz Isa on Sunday took oath as the 29th chief justice of Pakistan (CIP) at a ceremony at the Alwanes-Sadir, following the retirement of Justice Umar Ata Bandial. He was administered the oath of office by President Arif Avit Caretaker Prime Minister Anwazul Haq Kakar, top military officials, caretaker federal ministers, senators and foreign ambassadors, attended the ceremony.

ceremony.

Justice Isa will serve in the top judicial office until October 25, 2024.

Cipher case: IĤC to hear PTI chief's plea on September 25

is City Desk

ISI AMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC)
Monday issued notices to the respondents including the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on the Palkstam
Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief's petition seeking post-arrest bail in the cipher case.
The court's notices came during the hearing of Khan's bail petition the allenging the special court's decision in the said case last week. The plea was filled by the PTI chairman on Saturday and was fixed for hearing today.
The special court – established under the Official Secrets Act – had rejected the post-arrest bail pleas of the PTI chief in the case of the missing cipher.

HIC Chief Thustica Amar

the missing cipher. IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq issued notices in

IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq issued notices in response to the plea filed by lawyer Sduman Safdar on behalf of the PTI chief. The PTI chief's legal team repeatedly urged for an early hearing of the case, following which the IHC chief justice emphasised that there is a proper procedure in place. proper procedure in place, and the case will be decided accordingly.

Fai urges world leaders gathered at UN to push for Kashmir resolution

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UNITED NATIONS: As UNITED NATIONS: As word leaders descend-ed on New York to speak at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), a prominent Kashmiri lead-er Monday appealed for decisive steps to implement UN Resolutions on the Kashmiri popule the right of self-determination to decide their destine. "The clock is tricking."

stiny. "The clock is ticking — "The clock is ticking — every day that passes with-out resolution of the Kash-mir dispute is one day clos-er to a cataclysm that will reach far beyond the borders of all countries involved," Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chair-Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chair-man of the World Forum for Peace & Justice, said in a statement referring to the heightening tensions between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan over the

India and Pakistan over the decades-old dispute.

"Kashmir has internation-al legitimacy, having numerous UN Security Council resolutions which have given the right to self-determination to the people to decide their destiny," he said, stressing that those resolustressing that those resolu-tions should once and for all be honoured.

Arrested PTI leader Ibad Farooq's minor son breathes his last

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Ammar, the son of arrested Pakistan Tehreeke-e-Insaf (PT) ticket holder Bud Farooq, did, adding that Jiaz Chaudhry has also instructed not to ticket holder Bud Farooq said, adding that Jiaz Chaudhry has also instructed not to ticket holder bad Farooq said, adding that Jiaz Chaudhry has also instructed not to ticket holder arrest in connection with the May 9 violence.

The brother of Ibad Farooq said that Ammar was suffering from mental illness. The seven-year-old Ammar died today and his finar under the search of the seven-year-old Ammar died today and his finar under the search of Lahore Chaudhry and Halbad Hander Spoke Pakhtunkhwa, and Islam-dawid that he has reached Lahore Corps Commander House along with party leader Yasmeen Rashid, Jiaz Chaudhry has also instructed not to total value of the proposition with the May 9 violence.

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tions from Yasmin Rashid to s Corps Commander House on fire





workers. PTI Chairman Khan was arrested 5 after he was slapped with a five- year prison term in the Toshakhan It is pertinent to mention here that from his Lahore residence on August year disqualification and a three- criminal case.

Pak-Kenya trade relations must be strengthened: high commissioner

FAISALABAD: Madam Mary Nyambura Kamau, the high commissioner of Kenya, emphasized the need to strengthen bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and her country to

between Pakistan and her country to unlock their full potential. She was speaking to the business community at the Faisalabad Cham-ber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) on Monday. Madam Kamau referred to Faisal-

Madam Kamau referred to Faisal-abad as a land of opportunities and highlighted the robust and friendly blateral relations between Kenya and Pakistan, primarily centered around trade and investment. She under-scored the pivotal role that cham-bers like the FCCI play in connecting business communities and fostering strong bilateral trade ties. Madam Kamau commended the abad as a land of opportunities and highlighted the robust and friendly bilateral relations between Kenya and Pakistan, primarily centered around kara dand investment. She underscored the pivotal role that chambers like the FCCI play in connecting business communities and fostering strong bilateral trade ties.

Madam Kamau commended the FCCI for its efforts to enhance its economic significance and pledged full support from the Kenyan High Commission to facilitate connections

between the FCCI members and reliable importers and exporters in Kenya.

She expressed the mission's commitment to furthering realissation of trade and investment potential through collaboration with relevant stakeholders in both the government and private sectors. She suggested the development of dynamic mechanisms to address trade and investment barriers and encouraged the organisation of joint business networking meetings, seminars, conferences, exhibitions, trade fairs, and other promotional activities.

policy and exploring opportunities in emerging non-traditional markets. Dr. Tariq also highlighted the positive impact of NADRA's digitization efforts on the economy, law and order, and governance.

The question-and-answer session featured participation of Mian Muhammad Latif, Azhar Chaudhry, Mian Tayyab, and other members. Dr. Khurram Tariq presented a memento from the FCCI to Madam Mary Nyambura Kamau, and she reciprocated with a valuable gift of Kenyan tea, recording her impressions in the FCCI visitor's book.



Ms. Eschor J. Lelei, Second Counident of the Pak-Kenya Business Kenyan High Commission were also sellor, Ms. Uzma Umar, Vice Pres-Council, and other staff from the in attendance.

Preparation for Eid Miladun Nabi

KARACHI: A stunning view of the New Memon Mosque illuminated with colorful lights during the celebrations of Eid Milabeth Colorful lights during the Colorf



Jamaat-e-Islami demonstration against the increase the Prices of Petroleum: Liaqat Baloch

MULTAN: Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Liaqat Baloch Said The hike in petrol diesel prices twice in a mouth by the caretaker government is condemnable. Jamaat-e-Islami has started nationwide protest against inflation. After South Punjah, sit-ins will be held outside the governor's houses of Khyber and Punjah nest week. The people are ready for a rebellion, the dollar is cheap, petrol is expensive, and the business of this business should be closed. All the expectations of the people from the caretaker government have been shattered. These views were expressed by Deputy Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Liaquat Baloch in a speech to the media and a demonstration against the increase in the prices of petroleum products and inflation on Jama Uloom Massom Shah Road.

He further said that the primare expensibility of the separatem reservementicity.



government is to conduct the election of inflation created by the caretaker on time, but failure to do so will harm the country and the nation. The storm lishment in the country is taking its

toll. People are forced to sell children to earn a living. The incidents of suicide and child killing are increasing day by day. He further said that flour sigar pulses have become out of reach of the common man.

The army chief told his agenda and then raised the baton, people's expectations increased that the inflation will decrease, but nothing like that seems to be possible. The primary responsibility of the caretaker government is to ensure that the elections are held in a timely manner, if this does not happen, it will harm the country. Amir Jamaata-e-Islami Multan Dr. Safdar Hashmi also addressed the demonstration, PPP, PDM and Tehreek-e-Insaflaid mines for the people and will soon amnounce their protest program against inflation. Central Media Coordinator Hasan Akhwani, Khawaja Sagheer, Hafz Aslam candidate PP 215 and others also participated in the demonstration.

IG Islamabad's non-bailable arrest warrants issued over Pervez Elahi's arrest

LAHORE: Labore High Court (LHC) issued non-ballable arrest warrants of Inspector General (IG) Islamabad police over arrest of PTI President Pervaz: Elahi against court orders.

As per details, the court heard the case of arresting PTI president Pervaz: Elahi against the court orders and summoned the DIG operations and DIG investigation to indict them in this case.

The court directed the concerned SP to arrest IG Islamabad and present him before Labore High Court as he did not appear before court despite his ballable arrest warrants.

The Labore High Court (LHC) on September 11 issued arrest warrants of Inspector General (IG) of Islamabad police in the contempt case.

As per details, the arrest warrants of IG Islamabad were issued in contempt case over the arrest of former chief minister and PTI president Pervaiz Elahi.

The court issued the written verdict of his arrest warrant for not appearing before court and ordered to present him on September 18 in LHC.

Forced of child labor is a serious crime: Mehr Nazir Syal

Masim Tanveer

MULTAN: Assistant Director Labor Department Mehr Nazir Syal, General Secretary Central Anjuman Tajran Cantt Muazzam Waheed Khawaja, Labor Inspector Ghulam Abbas, Chief Coordinator Ghazam Fahlik, Zafra Flogh Khan, Sajida Bhatti, Khwaja Dilshad Ahmed and Kalb Abid Khan addressed during a meeting organized against child labor in Cantt. While doing op, he said that it is the duty of all of us to respect the labor laws. Forced labor of children is a serious crime. On the special instructions of the Provincial Secretary of Punjab and the Director General of the Labor Department, a special campaign has been launched to strictly implement the labor Daws and rules and regulations and to inform the society about the laws. It has been started, instead of forcing children to work in shops, tradesmen should play a positive role for the protection of the basic rights of children and for education and training.

Concrete works on spillway, diversion tunnels of Mohmand dam vigorously going on

ISLAMABAD: Concrete works on upper stilling basin of the spillway and construction activities at left and right abutments of the Mohmand dam besides various components of the diversion system including the diversion tunnels in upcoming low-flow-season are vigorously going on. Official sources told APP here Monday that the contractor has already been directed to ensure the completion of the diversion system dring the upcoming low-flow season for diversion of River Swat. WAPDA is constructing Mohmand Dam Project across River Swat in Mohmand Darite Orighter Padstundishwa. It is the 5th highest concrete-fices-rock-fill dam in the world. The dam will store water for agriculture, control flood, supply water to Peshawar for urban use and generate green, clean and economically affordable hydel electricity. The project is scheduled for completion in 2026-27. With a gross water storage capacity of 1.29 MAF, Mohmand Dam Willirigate 18,233 acres of new land in Mohmand Charsadad, besides supplementing irrigation supplies to 160,000 acres of existing land. Installed power capacity of the project stands at 800 MW with annual energy generation of 2,866 billion units. The project will also provide 300 million gallons water per day to Peshawar for drinking purpose.

Chest pain can indicate a number of respiratory conditions!

ealthy lungs are incredibly impor-tant and knowing the tant and knowing the carly signs of a poorly functioning respirato-ry system can help one breathe easier. There are many symptoms describing the problems associated with breath-ing that is an extremely discomforting medical condition.

medical condition.
Chronic cough
Many people experience a cough for
short-term reasons such as a cold or
flu but a cough that does not go away
may be a sign of a chronic condition.
Conditions that often lead to chronic Conditions that often lead to enronic coughing include postnasal drip, asth-ma, emphysema and chronic bronchi-tis and can be one of the early signs of lung cancer. While there is no reason to panic from a few days of coughing,

a long-term cough is worth getting looked at.

Wheezing

Wheezing is caused by inflamed, narrowing airways, which can in turn be caused by a number of conditions. From chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPP) to allergies to heart failure, wheezing can be caused by so many different conditions, it is important to speak to a doctor about it even if no other symptoms are present. Additionally, wheezing can be caused by certain medications, such as aspirin soit may be best to tell the physician if it is experienced.

Paintus wallowing

If it hurst to swallow, it could be an early indicator of respiratory illness.

On top of the typical suite of illnesses that typically cause sore throats such as strep throat and tonsillitis, chronic conditions like COPD can also involve

symptoms such as painful swallowing. When in doubt, it's always best to consult a medical professional about the possibility that persistent pain when swallowing might be linked to COPD or another chronic condition. Chest pain can indicate a number of respiratory, cardiac, muscular and digestive conditions, so it is important not to armethair-diagnose yourself. That said, if one is experiencing other respiratory symptoms along with chest pain, such as shortness of breath and coughing, it might be a sign of pleurisy or another respiratory condition. Shortness of breath Though some causes of shortness of

pam, such as shortness of breath and coughing, it might be a sign of pleuris or another respiratory condition. Shortness of breath

Though some causes of shortness of breath are temporary and mild, others are quite serious including as stms, anaphylaxis, COVID, and even carbon monoxide poisoning Of course, reaching out to a doctor is the best way to





can help determine which tests are needed to identify the root cause of

If one experiences morning head-aches in tandem with snoring and other major sleep apnea symptoms, it might be time to reach out to a doctor. Choking

One of the many complications associated with COPD is swallowing problems to the point that one might have an increased risk of choking.

Loss of weight or appetite

Sudden weight loss or a decrease in appetite can be caused by a number of factors but it may be possible that it is linked to respiratory issues. Conditions like COPD are known for causing a decrease in appetite while pulmonary fibrosis can cause weight loss.

Excessive mucus production

The cause of excess mucus can be anything from short-term conditions, like infections or allergies, to chronic illnesses like asthma and bronchitis, so it is important to speak to a physi-

illnesses like asthma and DIOHCHLES, so it is important to speak to a physi-cian, especially if symptoms persist long after recovering from a cold or making it through allergy season.



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IIUI holds 91st meeting of BoG

ISLAMABAD: The 91st ISLAMABAD: The 91st meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Inter-national Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) was held here on Monday at Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Fais-al Masjid campus of the mitography.

and Magid campus of the university. The meeting was chaired by Prof Dr Samina Malik, Rector HU1/ Chairperson Board of Governors of the University, attended by Vice Chairman of BoG and President HU10 F. Hathal Homoud Alotabia and the board members. The board took important decisions in the meeting including the meeting including the appointment of Dr Abdul Raheman as Vice President Language and Control of the government for the employees of BPS 01 to 16. In the meeting, approve

employees of BPS 01 to 16.

In the meeting, approval of the recommendations of the selection boards held from June 2022 to March 2023 in various disciplines was also given.

The BoG chair and the members appropried to

The BoG chair and the members approved the financial year 2023-24 budget as well as recom-mendations of the academ-ic council on certain academic matters were also

academic matters were als approved.

In the meeting, imple-mentation reports of the 89th and 90th meet-ings of the BoG were also endorsed.

HEC announces undergraduate scholarships for students of GB

ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has announced Undergraduate Scholarships for the students of Gilgit-Ballistan to study at top Pakistan Universities/Institutions.

students of Gligit-Baltistan to study at top Pakistan Universities/Institutions. According to the official sources, the applications are invited from outstanding students of Gligit-Baltistan who intend to purse undergraduate studies of Cligit-Baltistan who intend to purse undergraduate studies of Cligit-Baltistan who intend to purse undergraduate studies of the control of the co

The main aim of this programme is to provide financial assistance to GBs students aspiring for undergraduate studies in Pakistan.

The programme is also in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs) of Pakistan L. Gradicate extreme poverty and mobilize resource; therefore, to accomplish these goals, the government has directed HEC to expand higher education scholarships for the least developed areas and reduce incenuality within the country.



ble to apply.
Similarly, the students already enrolled in any BS Program prior to advertisement maximum of one academic year/session may also apply. The award of scholarships will be

made irrespective of gender, caste, race, and religion.

The students already enrolled in any BS Program in public sector universities/institutions prior to the advertisement (maximum one academic year/

session) may also apply.
However, as per selection criteria, the
HEC Scholarship Aptitude Test shall
be arranged by HEC/ETC. Applicants
must secure at least 50% marks in the
test. The test result will be valid for 01
year.
The selected applicants shall secure
admissions by themselves in the defined
program of study in Pakistan.
The scholar shall sign an agreement/
undertaking before availing of the scholarship. The terms and conditions laid
down in the agreement/undertaking

down in the agreement/undertaking and award letter shall be binding for

and award letter shall be binding for both parties. Final award letters shall be issued after securing the admission and the completion of all required formalities including the legal documents. The students are required to apply through the following HEC Online Application System? https://eportal. hec.gov.pk/? till 30 September, 2023.

Brazilian Flavors

ISLAMABAD: Brazilian Ambassador to Pakistan Olyntho Vieira posing for group photo graph along



CIRCLE brings She Loves Tech back for its 7th year Islamabad Round-An Unmissable Event!

ISIAMABAD: She Loves Tech, a global startup and tech competition dedicated to empowering women entrepreneurs, has returned for its 7th consecutive year in Islamabad. Presented by CHRCLE Women Association, a women-led startup, and generously supported by HBL Happening on September 15th, 2023 at HBL Towers Blue Arus Islamabad. In a nation where female entrepreneurs make up just



my own and rely on whenever need be. The guidance provided at the boot camp and by the mentors were monumental in shaping us towards our win. She Lows: Rich Palsistan extended its reach this year, encompassing local rounds in Islamabad, Kanachi, Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, Salkati, Quetta, Hyderabad, and Glight, among the 15 participating cities.

This event Event was attended by Karnadaaz, Essayaia.

2023 at HBL Towers Blue Are Islamabad.

In a nation where fentale entrepreneurs make up just one percent of the entrepreneurs make up just one percent of the entrepreneurs make a part of the entrepreneurs of change. It proudly mained among the top 10 rounds globally with the highest number of applications in 2022, out 670-participating countries, show-crasing its immers impact.

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Captain(R) Khan challenged to Astronomers about Climate Change

ISLAMABAD: Captain(Red)Engineers Ghulam Mohammad khan ISLAMABAD: Captain (Red)Engineers Chulam Mohammad khan clinate change or environment on earth All the Astronomers of the world are Challenged Regarding their views about the Climate Change on Earth. The fact is that the Sun has moved from South of the earth towards morth this all has happened before my eyes and is still happening the movement towards the North of the earth stated about 12 years ago and is still moving. Now the result will be the northern countries must be lotter and southern be colder. The astronomers are requested to check equatorial line on the earth to know No court of the word can be blamed. It is pure godly work and the whole word has forgotten the God.

Turkish students complete Urdu language course at AIOU

ISLAMABAD: The Department of Urdu, Allama Iqbal Open University (A10U) concluded a month-long Urdu Language Course for its second batch of students from the University of Istanbul. The Vie Chancellor of A10U, Prof. Dr. Nasir Malmood, presided over the certificate distribution ceremony, with the Academic Attaché of the Urukish Embassy in Pakistan, Mehmet Toyran, as the chief guest. Director of Yinus Emre Institute Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Halil Tokar, all the deans of A10U, principal officers, faculty members, and Director of International Collaboration and Exchange, Dr. Zahid Majeed were also present at the event. Turkish students introduced themselves in Urdu and mentioned that they were able to learn how to write and speak the language in just one month. They proudly spoke in Urdu during their visits to various places throughout the course, without using a single word of English. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, expressed his admiration for the students and their teachers for their dedication and hard work. Dr. Nasir Mahmood also emphasized the importance of language and culture, and how completing this course will enable these students to become ambassadors and contribute to strengthening the relationship between Turkey and Pakistan. The educational attaché of Turkey expressed grafitude towards the Vice Chancellor and teachers of A10U for teaching Urdu to their students.

21 drug peddlers netted with 20 kg charras, over 1 kg heroin

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi police in an action against suspected drug peddlers conducted raids in different areas and rounded up 21 accused on recovery of over 20 kg charras, over 1 kg heroin and other items from their possession. According to a police spokesman, Dhamial police held Shehnaa Bibi for carrying 1300 grams of heroin and Norene Bibi for possessing 2030 grams of charras. Race Course police also recovered 1600 grams of charras from the possession of a female drug smuggler namely Mehnaz Bibi. Gigar Khan, Sadiqabad, Race Course, R. A. Bazar, Airport, Saddar Baroni, Rawat, Bani, Taxifa Nascerabad and Saddar Wah police conducted raids in their respective jurisdiction and rounded up Sadaqat, Danish, Zoeshan, Hamid, Culzar, Shabbir Ahmed, Ahmer, Tanwer, Jawed, Rehan and others and recovered over 17 kg charras. Separate cases have been registered against all accused while further investigations are underway. City Police Officer, Rawalpindi had directed the police officers to accelerate ongoing operations against drug peddlers, bootleggers and other lawbreakers, he added.

Maroof Int'l Hospital organized Free Medical Camp with senior health professionals

ISLAMABAD: Maroof Int'l Hospital placed a Free Medi-Hospital placed a Free Medi-cal Camp, in collaboration with AGIKO to promote wellness and AG/IKO to promote wellness and raise healthcare awareness within the community. Especially in the wake of fishing conjunctivitis in Pakistan, due to humidity, poor sanitation and hygiene conditions following the summer monsoon season. The camp was held at Pakistan Revenue Automation Pvt Ltd. (PRAL), featuring renowned medical professionals in Ophthalmology, Physiotherapy, and Nutrition. It was an all-day event that included informative sessions, interactive workshops, and opportunities for the attendees to have free consultation with the medical experts.





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China, Pakistan cooperating closely in science, technology

he Beijing International Week for Science Literacy has brought together leaders from different parts of the world to share their experiences and achievements in promoting science literacy in their respective countries and to learn from the Chinese experience, said Khan Muhammad Wazir, Science, and Technology Counselor of the Pakistani Embassy in China.

In an exclusive interview with the Global Times,

M an excutisive micrices with the Gooda limes, Wazir congratulated and expressed his appreciation of the leadership of the Beijing Association for Science and Technology (BAST), for hosting the event. A total of 24 international organizations and institutions from 22 countries and regions, with 27 representatives from various tech sectors and the science education industry, are attending the conference. They will jointly explore the issue of improving

They will jointly explore the issue of improving public scientific literacy and plan a win-win development path, according to the BAST, the main organizer

Khan Muhammad Wazir attended the launch cere-

Khan Muhammad Wazir attended the launch cere-mony at the Shougang Park in Beijing.
When asked in what specific areas China and Paki-stan could work together to improve the general pub-lic's science literacy and how that will help enhance the iron-clad friendship between the two countries, Wazir noted that China and Pakistan are cooperating closely on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematica) diversion and results a Mall beand Mathematics) education and recently a MoU be-tween the China Association for Science and Technol-ogy and the Pakistan Science Foundation was signed. The cooperation includes the training of STEM

The cooperation includes the training of STEM teachers, the exchange of STEM students, and the sharing of experiences and resources.

Set to end on September 24, this year's Beijing week is themed "Working Together for Common Development – Digital Literacy and Future Education."

This theme reveals the Chinese openness, mutual learning for common benefits, and China's willingness to shear with the rest of the world its achieves. ness to share with the rest of the world its achieve-ments in making science a culture and new normal, the councilor said.

He also noted that China has used science, technology, and innovation for its socio-economic development and to transform its economy and society into

digital and connected systems.

The theme further explains the increasing and essential link of education with digital technology.

UNGA session: World leaders to address Global South's concern over poverty

Iftikhar Ali

akistan's Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq, will join nearly 150 world leaders in next week's UN General Assembly to deliberate about key international peace and security issues as well as Global South's concerns over growing powerty, inflation and debt burden.

With the high-level segment of the 1939-member Assembly's 78th session beginning Sept 19, hundreds of New York Police Department (NYPD) personnel on Sunday begun erecting roadlibocks and check points around UN Headquarters in Manhattan to turn the area into a high security zone to protect the visiting world leaders.

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PM Kakar is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow at the head of the Pakis stan delegation to UNGA. He will address the Assembly on Sept 22, the first Paki-stani caretaker premier to do so. Caretaker Foreign Jalil Albas Jilani will also be here. In his address, the prime minister will outline Pakistan's perspective on a range of regional and general issues of concern, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He will also elaborate on the significant measures taken by his caretaker administration to consolidate the country's conomic recovery and efforts to mobilize domestic and external investment. In addition, the prime minister will

domestic and external investment. In addition, the prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with counterparts from various countries as well as with the heads of international organizations, philanthropic organizations and corporate leaders. he also has a number of

during the General Assembly focus on priorities of developing countries in Africa. Latin America and Asia: climate, health, financing for development, and how to get the Sustainable Development Goals — a global 'to do' list created in 2015 — on track. In a series of briefings, INO fificials have said that efforts to address Global South needs, including tackling poverty and diseases and improving access to clean water and energy, are trailing far behind the target that U. N. member countries have set for themselves through the STOcs. Briefing Pakstain inewmen, Ambassador Akram, who has served twice as chairman of the Corpu of 77 (developing counedia engagements. US President Joe Biden, as leader of the host country, will be the second speaker on Tuesday, the opening day of the annual gathering of world leaders who take the pulse of the planet and tackle global challenge.

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The list of speakers indicates the presence of 145 Heads of State and Government, 6 Vice Presidents, 4 Deputy Prime Ministers and 38 Ministers or Chiefs of Delegations – a total of 196.

This year's them is "restoring trust and reigniting global solidarity", but the credibility of the UN is currently being undermined by geopolitical conflicts, divisions and paralysis at the Security Council, as economic, humanitarian and climate-related crises continue.

In an interview with APP, Pakistan's UN Ambassador, Munir Akram, underscord the neef for a plan to counter the grim challenges facing the world.

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man of the Group of 77 (developing coun-tries) plus China, said that Pakistan stands

grim challenges heungt the world.

"The 78th session of the General Assembly is meeting in a complex international by is meeting in a complex international movinoment, marked by conflicts, especially in Europe and Africa, growing great comme, 60 developing countries in financial distress, and as yet no clear strategy on how to address these challenges," Ambassador Akram also stressed the reliability of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties. The debate with Ukrainian President Violoty-pyrZelensky strending in person for the first time since the conflict started. The war is escarebating food price inflation in emerging markets and developing countries of their pelege of the poorest and most vulnerable countries. Several top-level meetings happening

to speak out on the world's most press-ing human rights issues," said Louis Char-bonneau, UN director at Human Rights Watch, a prominent international watch

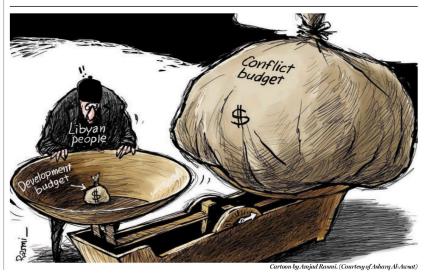
bonneau, UN director at Human Rights Warch, a prominent international watch-dog body.

"They should all make use of this golden opportunity to generate discussion on world crises, finding instace for ongoing abuses, or bringing attention to issues outside the headlines."

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has unged states to fosu greater attention on issues that are priorities for Guterres has unged states to fosu greater attention on issues that are priorities for developing countries, including dimate changes and meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals is reneial to the rights to health, water, sanitation, food, and education, among other in the course of the 78th session,
"Action is what the world needs" the UN chief said at his bi-annual press conference on Wednesday, defining the gathering of world leaders as a "one of a kind moment" to both assess the state of world affairs but also "act for the common good."
"This is not a time for inclidiference or indecision," Guterns told reporters at UN Headquarters. This is a time to come together for real, practical solutions."
"It is time for compromise for a better tomorrow. Politics is compromise. Diplomacy is compromise. Effective leadership is compromise."

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The Asim Doctrine in action for Betterment - I

akistan, a country rich in history and cultural diversity, has made significant strides since its inception in 1947. However, it continues to grapple with numerous challenges that impede its progress. While the nation has made noteworthy continues the progress of the nation has made noteworthy and address the major problems that persist.

Economic instability remains a significant concern in Pakistan. The country faces issues such as inflation, fiscal deficits, and a lack of sustainable economic growth. These problems can lead to reduced purchasing power for citizens and hinder long-term development. Pakistan faces thronic energy shortages, leading to frequent power ortages and disruptions in daily life. The energy crisis has a detrimental impact on industries, hampers economic growth, and discourages foreign investment. Security issues are a longstanding challenge in Pakistan. Terrorism, millitaney, and regional instability has been supported by the stablity. Although Pakistan has made stride in combination of the stability although Pakistan has made stride in combination of the stability. Although Pakistan has made stride in combination of the stability and facilitating millitant activities in Pakistan. India has has a long history of spring in Pakistan where numbers of RAW agents have been arrested in past. Indian hand behind recent Lananwal targedy is also in front of the stability. Although are completely in short of the stability and facilitating TTP who is involved in millitant attacks in Pakistan. Recently, two army posts were attacked by terrorists on the Pak-Afghan border in Kailash area of Chitti, in which 1 bares oddlers of Pakistan

Then on the other side is Afghanistan which is still hosting and facilitating TTP who is involved in militantatuacis in Pakistan. Recently, two army posts were attacked by terrorists on the Pak-Afghan border in Kailash area of Chitral, in which 4 brave soldiers of Pakistan Army were martyred. According to ISPR, the security forces repulsed the attack and inflicted heavy essables on the terrorists. In the exchange of fire, 4 soldiers were martyred and 12 terrorists were killed while a large number of them were seriously injured. Spokesperson of the Pakistanis Foreign Office has said that modern weapons have fallen into the hands of terrorists in Afghanistan and attacks are being carried out on Pakistan and its security institutions with these weapons. During the weekly briefing in Islamabad, Foreign Office Spokesperson said that Pakistan is concerned about the modern weapons available in Afghanistan which are used against us by militant groups. The spokesman said that we believe that the border between Pakistan and Afghanistans hould be a border of peace. If the border is closed by Pakistan, it is because of the serious security situation. We are negotiating with the Afghan government. The interim government has informed its concerns regarding the recent incident on the Afghan border. On the Chitral attack, the

spokesperson of the Foreign Office said that they have expressed their concern about the situation in Chitral to the Afghan authorities. After Soviet war, millions of Afghans migrated to neighboring countries including Pakistan, Turkamanistan, Quzakhstan, Tajikstan and Iran ete for saving their lives. Some refused to keep them and the ones who accepted kept them in refuge camps. Those camps were not less than jails. One the other hand Pakistan settled them across the country and allowed them to do businesses independently. According to a report more than 4-4 million afghans are in Pakistan out of which more than 1.7 millions are un-registered. Theft, terrorism the have been increased in Pakistan due to these Afghans but Pakistan kept them as a resemblance to Ansar e Madina but in return Afghans back bite our country. They take food from us and live in Pakistan but always prefer India. They are behind smuggling, illegal storage and terrorism. They were also involved in Chitral incident along with India. They are behind smuggling, illegal storage and terrorism. They burn our flags and damage our conomy by smuggling the things from here. Now it's the need of time to take action against such Anti-Pakistan elements and send them back to their country of origin. People of Pakistan stand with Army Cheff on his stance relating to Afghanistan, TTP and Afghans. Political instability and frequent changes in government leadership have bindered policy continuity and long-term planning. Effective governance remains a challenge, as political parties often prioritize their interests over the needs of the population. Pakistan faces mumerous challenges, including inadequate infrastructure, a lack of access to quality healthcare in rural areas, and the prevalence of preventable diseases. Corruption remains a pervasive issue in Pakistan, affecting government institutions, public services, and economic development. Efforts to combat corruption are ongoing but face resistance from entrenched interests. Pakistan faces numerons, air a

Pakistani economy is tanking while global economy is picking up

t is indeed ironic to observe that while the global economic situation is recovering from the setbacks of Covid pandemic and Ukraine war yet Pakistans economy is sliding consistently. A new world trade report released by the World Trade Organisation (WTD) points out that negative head-lines are obscuring a more optimistic global trade picture as even trade between the United States and China reached its highest-level last year despite escalation of Trade tensions between them since 2018.

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Trade tensions that began in 2018 between the world's two largest trading partners saw tit-for-tat escalation of import tariffs but the report noted that despite all obstacles bilateral trade increased. Unilateral trade-related measures are generating an increasing number of trade measures that are raised by WTO members in different boldes. The nature of these concerns is also changing as re-globall-sation through increased international cooperation and broader integration is assisting trade, inclusiveness and environmental ustainability. On the other hand, Pakistan is sinking deep in economic mire as it is now reported that the country's interest payments last month increased alarmingly to Rs. 579 billion withle its income stood at Rs. 381 billion surpassing the federal government's net income for the month by Rs. 156 billion that constitutes 41 per cent shortfall. This has raised concerns that the annual debt servicing cost may exceed budget allocations due to rising interest rates. Provisional federal fiscal operations for July, marking the beginning of fiscal year 2029-24 have on should only be used by investors who are aware of the figure of the properties of the propert

indicated that Pakistan's debt situation is no longer sustainable. The country is now borrowing primarily to meet interest payments that is contributing to an elevated debt burden. Intriguingly, just a year ago, the net income was sufficient to cover interest payments, but this is not the situation currently.

Moreover, the ever-increasing interest rates has forced the federal government to borrow Rs.1.3 trillion at a rate of 24.5% for three months, a rate that was 25.5% higher than the key policy rate. Market sentiment appeared reductant to lead money to the government due to reports that the central bank was considering increasing the key policy rate to 25%, although the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) denied thes

hereasing the key policy rate to 25%, atmongs the State Bank of Pakistan (SSP) denied these reports.

The federal government had no choice but to secure these costly loans due to its cash buffers being nearly R.B., 15 rtillion less than emergent needs as against the available eash buffers, the government was scheduled to make R.S., 05 rtillion in debt repayments. Similarly, R.S., 310 billion in inderset payments were due within this week including on external loans. Additionally, around R.S., 05 lillion was due to the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) beneficiaries. It must be kept in view that for the current fiscal year, the government has allocated R.S., 25 tillion for debt servicing though this figure may go up to R.S. strillion. In the previous fiscal year, the federal government missed its budget targets and failed to restrict fiscal operations to the level agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as the coulition government went entirely out of fine leading to a substantial increase in public debt from Rs.44 trillion in March 2022

America's days as sole super-power over?

he recent expansion in BRICS has brought to fore yet again that the days of unipolarity are finally over. Though the widely spread tentades and influence levels of the American power still keep it in the global forefront yet its decisive impact is widely debated.

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Despite America's huge influence, the end of the Cold War blew away some of its perceptions and so helped to chart a new political geography which had been taking shape in the shadows of the Cold War. Essential elements in the accepted formulation of world politics suddenly seemed to be false and many impressions went hagwire. The most crucial failure to energe out of the fall of the Soviet Union was the final breakdown of the much-dreaded belief in the concept of bipolarity. Though doubts started to emerge after the resurrection of Japan after 1945 and the later inclusion of China in global affairs made bipolarity look quainty ets when was the strength of the Cold War matrix that Japan had been regarded as an adjunct of the United States and China of the USRR. As a power struggle, the Cold War had the appearance of a traditional-pterritorial bounds. From the American certification of the mercan contribution of the mercan content of the American content of the American certain contents but its deological wrappings gave it a scope with no territorial bounds. From the American

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point of view, it extended to China and
all parts of the world supposedly open
to Chinese influence but the reintroduction of China into world affairs had
the opposite effect for it caused the first
major breach in the bipolar mirrage astygoslavia provided the first but lesser breach. It must be kept in view what
for much of the world the Cold War
dictated the pattern of world politics.
The Cold War was an enormously costby and destructive conflict, notwithstanding that it took comparatively few
lives. It was a power struggle of a familiar kind between mutually distrustful
antagonists with ever-coving ideological additives but it had also two
distinguishing features, both of them

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profoundly misleading.

The protagonists, for whom the new category of superpower was invented, were opposed in a pattern which was neither a duel between exclusive autoc-

Soviet system was unable to prepare adequate leadership material for the future and left the union under the fragile watch of octogenarian leader-ship with its members kept on dying

ship with its members kept on dying with regular intervals weakening the hold over the huge state that was kept together by the apparent use of force. The special feature of the Cold War was the existence of muclear weapons which were deemed to be specific to superpowers and were considered the hallmark of their supermacy. However, with the passage of time other states also acquired them taking their sting out of the equation and they virtually became paper tigers though the precised horrors associated with them kept their awe intact.

ally became paper tigers though the perceived horrors associated with them kept their awe intact. Though nuclear weapons are poten-tially devastating but they are rated to be inefficient weapons of war barely redible political weapons and not used after the Second World War. In fact, more money and resources were spent to keep them safely in their arsenal and

the most important sign of bipolarity was recognised to be their efforts to contain nuclear weapons.

ar weapons. widely acknowledged It was a widely acknowledged fact that nuclear weapons made war supremely irrational, conferred more power on fanatics than on sanely calculating statesmen and distracted attention from the undiminished inci-dence and mounting toll of non-nu-

attention from the undiminished inci-dence and mounting toll of non-nu-clear wars.

One of the most significant offshoots of the Cold War was the strengthening off NATO dilance that not only surived the Cold War but actually outlasted it.

Despite the overweening influence of NATO during the Cold War, the American point of view was gradually challenged by the European members of the alliance that became manifest when America tried to assess its own strength against the Iraq conflict but that lasted just a year and the Gulf War of 1991 demonstrated among other things that the United States had ceased to be a virtually unchallenge-able and necessary ringmaster in world affairs. Although indubitably a domi-nant power, it no longer commanded the same kind of leadership, no longer possessed a simple touchstone where-by to test and tune its foreign policies and might no longer choose to act in

concert rather than alone.

These facts however reduced the sense of relief left by the fall of Soviet Union and kept the tensions within the European thearter intact.

Another factor that challenged the American unipolarity was the gradually deteriorating relationship between the US and the United Nations as the pressure exerted by large number of member states resulted in creating temendous discomfiture for America. The UN is committed to preservation of sovereignty of member states and uphoids the independence of each of its members along with explicitly forbidding intervention in the domestic and the compact of the UN was a contradiction in terms for the UN for this fundamental, although qualified, immunity of the state from intervention severely restricted the capacity of the UN to discharge its obligation to uphold human rights since, on the one hand, if frequently could not do so without forcible intervention and, on the other, such intervention and, on the other, such intervention and, on the other, such intervention and of a veto – In the Security Council.

frequently blocked by a veto – or threat of a veto – in the Security Council.

The movement of events however frequently created disunity in the Secu-rity Council in the case of a powerful member, determined on action, was member, determined on action, was opposed by a majority in the Council forcing it to abandon its purpose or proceeding in defiance of the law as was borne out by the operations against Iraq after the war of 1991 and against Serbia in 1999 that made the US to intervene in breach of the law of the Charter.

The consequences included a diminution of the UN's effectiveness and prestige and a blow to the aim of strengthening the rule of law in international affairs. So, there in international affairs. So, there were at the core of the international system tensions between the UN and its more powerful members and with the end of the Cold Warth United States, uniquely powerful, found itself in a fateful position. As a consequence, America found it difficult to map a course between leadership and high-handedness and has to exercise extreme caution thereby reduction in its status as a superpower. This where countries like China and India emerged as protagonists of bringing back the multipolarity in international affairs and BRICS is its manifestation. TW

Iranians give Cristiano Ronaldo an excited welcome in Tehran

ISLAMABAD: Crowds of Iranian football fans gave Cristiano Ronalfootball fans gave Cristiano Ronal-do a rapturous welcome on Monday

Arabia and Iran severed ties.

will be held at the gigantic Azadi als In Tehran, excitement filled the air as fains eagerly waited to catch a 90,000 people.

glimpse of Cristiano Ronaldo as he left Iran's Iman Khomeinis airort carten have ruled that the game the streets as Cristiano Ronaldo and unishment for a contravense fail.

the streets as Cristiano Ronaldo and his team arrived at a hotel in Tehran 2021 online post by Persepolis

asio sparked a debate over frans internet restrictions. Iran has imposed strict internet curbs — including on WhatsApp and Instagram — since last year's mass protests triggered by the death in custody of Mahsa Amini.

"I have talked to the CEO "I have talked to the CEO
of Irancell (a local provider and sponsor to Persepolis) and asked for SIM cards
for... players and those
who accompany them with
unlimited internet," he said

unlimited internet," he said in a press conference. The 2023-2024 Asian Champions League official-ly begins this week with the spotlight on Saudi Arabia which alongside Cristiano Ronaldo has lured a host of stars including Karim Benzema, Neymar and Sadio 6.

Which alongside Cristiano Ronaldo has lured a hose of stars including Karim Benzema, Neymar and Sanda Goorgian security services said the deputy of the following the strength of Ukraine's military counterintelling most successful clubs and reached the final of the Asian Champion League in 2018 and 2020, while A Nassr won the tournament in 1920. Other matches between the two countries will take place in the coming weeks. Saudifs Al Hithad are scheduled to play Irans Septian on October 2, and Saudi club A Illial are scheduled to meet Iran's Nassaji Mazandaran on October 3. with "Welcome", written in Arabic, English, and Farsi.

'I think it will be a beautiful game and will have a lot of excitement, as id 28-year-old Navid Borhanifar, a Cristiano Ronaldo fan. "It's very exciting for me".

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Georgia accuses Ukrainian official of plotting coup



TBILISI: Georgia on Monday accused a senior Ukrainian official of plotting to overthrow the Black Sea nation's government by trogaising mass unrest, in the latest episode of escalating tensions between the ex-Sovi-

of escalating tensions of the countries.
Georgia has been accused of cooperating with the Kremlin even though Russian forces have deployed to separatist regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia since 2008, when Moscow invaded the tiny Caucasus

diplomatic relations."
Georgia's security service said anti-government protests "are being planned for October and December, when the European Commission is set op ublish its decision on Georgia's EU membership application." It said the plot'is being carried out with the coordination and funding from a foreign country."

country."

The EU recognised Georgia's "European perspective" last year but deferred its membership application while granting candidacy to fellow ex-Soviet Ukraine and Moldova.

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That has led to mass anti-government protests in Tbilisi, where the government is facing accusations of backsliding on its commitments to democracy and undermining Georgia's EU membership bid.

Earlier in September, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said 'there is still quite a bit of work to be done 'by Tbilisi to be granted a formal candidate status.

US-Pakistan Relations: UNGA Parallel event in New York

before a match against an Indian team. Cristiano Ronaldo and his team-mates have been placed under the



tries resumed diplomatic relations.
Fans chanted the name of the
Portuguese five-time world player of the year as he arrived with his
Al Nassr teammates to face Iranian club Persepolis in the Asian

Champions League on Tuesday. The match will be the first since Tehran and Riyadh reached a China-bro-kered deal announced in March. Teams from both countries had

on board a bus.

Posters of Cristiano Ronaldo sprung up across the Iranian
capital's main streets emblazoned
with "Welcome", written in Arabic,

in Paristan. Participants includ-ed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Elizabeth Horst from the US State Department, seasoned diplomat Ambassa-dor Robin Raphel, attorney

worldwide to engage in critical conversations. One such event organized this year was "Pillars of Denocracy: US-Pakstan Relations," hosted by the Muslim American Leadership Lagost into second profiler of Denotration Emission brought and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakstan. Participants included Principal Deputy Assistants. This world profiler of the UN Plaza while UNGA againties to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakstan. Participants included Principal Deputy Assistants. This will have to come from within. Ideas for Constructive Part-first time along the first time along the first time along the stand indicals, experts, and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistan. Participants included Principal Deputy Assistants. This will have to come from within. Ideas for Constructive Part-first time along the stand indicals, experts, and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistan. Participants included Principal Deputy Assistants. This will have to come from within. Ideas for flow the US and Pakistant in Participants and adjustants, ethicipation, and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistant and adjustance that provide and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistant and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistant and adjustance that provide and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistant provided and activists to exchange perspectives on promoting democracy in Pakistant provided and provided and provided and prococupation with security concerns.

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While problems persisted, participants were hopeful that US-Pakistan ties were progressing upward. With continued constructive partnership centering democratic norms, Pakistan's latent potential can be realized for a stable and prosperous future. As Elizabeth Horst asserted, "the future remains in the hands of Pakistan's people."

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USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
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Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	198	200
Bahrain Dinar	789.45	797.45
Canadian Dollar	220	222.20
China Yuan	40.72	41.12
Danish Krone	42.42	42.82
Euro	322	325
Hong Kong Dollar	37.93	38.28
Indian Rupee	3.57	3.68
Japanese Yen	2	2.09
Kuwaiti Dinar	968.3	977.3
Malaysian Ringgit	63.21	63.81
NewZealand \$	175.01	177.01
Norwegians Krone	27.87	28.17
Omani Riyal	770.79	778.79
Qatari Riyal	81.28	81.98
Saudi Riyal	78.7	79.5
Singapore Dollar	217	219
Swedish Korona	26.6	26.9
Swiss Franc	330.78	333.28
Thai Bhat	8.29	8.44
U.A.E Dirham	81.7	82.5
UK Pound Sterling	375.5	379
US Dollar	296.1	299

India possibly selling dollars to save rupee from record fall



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ISLAMBAD: The Indian central bank is possibly selling dollars via public sector banks, with the Indian rupee (INR) just shy of a record low, six traders told Reuters news agency.

The Indian rupee was at 83,2025 to the U.S. dollar, down from 83,09 at open and within a whisker of the lifetime low of 83,29.

"Hearing of public sector bank names on the offer (on USD/INR), which you would have to think is for the RBI (Reserve Bank of India)," at rader at a private sector bank said.

(rueserve Bank of India)," a trader at a private sector bank said.
Two large public sector banks were major dollar sellers, according to traders. The RBH has been on offer at "various price points" and not holding to any particular price right now, another traders aid.

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Would not be a surprised if rupee saw a new low despite the RBI. The dollar stelling is being absorbed without any difficulty, he said.

The Reserve Bank of India has regularly intervened to make sure that the rupee does not fall below the 83-29 record low. Surging oil prices and the rally on the dollar index suggest the rising risk of a significant decline in the local currency, analysts fear.

Brent crude has rallied 8.5% this month and surged nearly 26% in the current quarter on worries over supplies. Higher oil prices could widen India's oil trade deficit and impact the overall deficit. India's trade deficit in August widened to a 10-month high at \$24.2 billion.

PSA fully supports the vision of a cleaner, greener Pakistan: **Amir Chaudhry**

LAHORE: Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) Part Fritz. Transsar Folia Association (1987) has expressed its graditude to the caretaker government for its decision to maintain the current Net Metering rate for solar energy users, as announced by Minister for Baergy Muhammad Ali Psk Chairman Amit Chandhny commended to government, emphasizing that this decision would foster the adoption of solar energy and contribute to a cleaner, greener Pakistan. Mr. Amir Chandhry said that Psk fully supports the vision of a cleaner, greener Pakistan and emphasized the need to let the solar sector flourish by simplifying processes and encouraging solar adoption in various east of Credit (L/Cs), a key requirement for solar project sourcing and financing, should undergo simplification. The current ambiguity in the polity regarding L/Cs procedures can deter ed its gratitude to the care



potential investors and consumers.

Lastly, Amir Chaudhry added, that convenience is a pivotal factor in encouraging solar adoption. Streamlining the process for the end-consumer, from selecting the installer to obtaining permits to connecting to the grid for Net Metering, can significantly reduce the barriers to entry for potential users. An online or simplified net metering process can help consumers with a more informed and conve-

nient installation process, making them more likely to inwest in solar systems. Net Metering allows solar energy users to feed excess electricity back into the grid, offsetting their energy bills and encouraging the production of clean energy. The PSA, representing the interests of the solar industry, has welcomed the government's decision to

senting the interests of the solar industry, has welcomed the government's decision to preserve the existing rate, ensuring stability and continuity for the sector.

Extending heartfelt appreciation, Amir Chaudhry stated, "We are thankful to the government for quelling the rumors regarding revising the net metering rates. This decision will undoubtedly promote the usage of solar energy across the nation. It aligns with our collective vision for a sustainable Pakistan, reducing carbon emissions, and fostering a cleaner and greener environment for all. The PSA remains eager to collaborate with all stakeholders to further advance the solar energy sector and contribute to the nation's long-term sustainability objectives."

Solar energy is an essential component of Pakistan's clean energy transition, contrib-uting to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, energy independence, and job creation with-in the renewable energy sector. Maintain-ing the current Net Metering rate provides much-needed certainty to investors and encourages further investment in solar infra-

structure.

Amir Chaudhry further emphasized the environmental benefits, saying, "By preserving the current Net Metering rate, we are not only promoting sustainable energy practices but also taking concrete steps towards controlling nitrogen emissions and ensuring a cleaner environment for future generations."

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The PSA is committed to working along-side the government and other stakeholders to continue driving the growth of the solar ener-gy sector in Pakistan. The association sees this decision as a significant step towards achiev-ing the country's renewable energy goals and combating climate change.

Gold firms as spotlight shifts to US Fed policy meeting

ISLAMABAD: Gold edged higher on Monday ahead of the U. S. Federal Reserve's policy decision this week, where it is overwhelmingly expected to keep interest test seads, but investors will be watching the central bank's language on future rates. Spot gold gained 0.1% to 81,925.50 per ounce by 1223 GMT. U. S. gold futures were up 0.1% at 81,948. Spot gold gained 0.1% to \$1,925.50 per ounce by 1223 GMT. U. S. gold futures were up 0.1% at \$1,948\$. There are good chances that rates are group of the Bank of Japan due on Priday.

So far, due to the resilience of the U.S. contony and high levels of inflation, investors are not yet sure that twe reached the interest rate peak, "said Carbo Alberto De Casa, market analyst at Kinesis Money."

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bility of a rate rise in November, according to the CME's FedWatch Tool. "Gold has seen limited investor appeal this year as the market consensus shifts to soft landing expectations," analysts at investment bank SP Angel wrote in a note.

Sheikh Zunnurain hosted a lunch in honor of Sri Lankan Consul General

for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah was also

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ISLAMBAD: Chairman of Pakistan Business Group Organization Punjah Chapter Shelkh Withammad Zunnurain hosted a lunch in lohoor of Sri Lankan Consul Honor of Sri Lankan Consul Hon

also mentioned the upcom-ing development projects in Pakistan. Sheikh Muhammad Zunnurain acknowledged the visionary leadership of Mr. Faraz ur Rehman Founder of PBGO, which aims to promote strong busi-ness relations between Paki-Culture Jamai Shai was also described as encouraging by Chairman Sheikh Muham Land Zunnurain acknowledged Lunnurain acknowledged Lunnurain acknowledged for Mr. Faraz ur Rehman programs will be organized for the promotion of account was the Alba Maria Call Carlo (Mr. 1984). See Jamai Call Carlo (Mr. 1984) and Sri Lanka.

3.93m cotton bales production a good omen for Pak economy

LAHORE: Pakistan's cotton industry has experienced a remarkable surge in cotton bales production till September 15, 2023, as with the fresh arrival,

production till September 15, 2023, as with the fresh arrival, Pakistan Cotton Gilmers Association (PCGA) has released yled figures, indicating a robust performance in the sector.

The PCGA official sources told APP with figures that till September 15, 2023, cotton arrivals sourced to 3,933 million bales, which is signifying a remarkable 79,87 per cent year-on-year (YoF) increase, compared to the same time period last year when a rivals stood at 2.187 million bales.

The substantial growth in cotton arrivals is a promising sign for Pakistans' cotton industry, which plays a pivotal role in the nation's economy. Cotton and textile exports have remained pillians of Pakistans' cotton my, the sources said. It is worth mentioning here that cotton arrivals from Sindh have increased by a staggering 2.15 times YoF, reaching 2.380 million bales. This surge reflects a growing focus on enhancing



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remain more strong, sustaining employment and supporting conomic growth.

Exports from the country in the rupe term witnessed an increase of 22.45 per cent during the first two months of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, the Paki-stan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

Meanwhile, it is a good sign for the national economy that

PFC to take part in Dusseldorf-Germany expo: Mian Kashif

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Purniture Council (PFC) will take part in the 4-day Dussel-dort-Germany Expo starting from November 13 to discove-erbusiness opportunities and explore new market access for Pakistani products In a press statement, Chief Execu-tive Officer PFC Mian Kashif Ashfra said they TBC Jonne tive Officer PIC Wilan Kashif Ashfaq said that PIC along with Chenone will be partic-ipating in this mega event. He said Chenone will also exhibit its high-quality inter-national standards products to capture their share in the global market. He said its an excellent opportunity



al other international fairs in the US, China, Italy, Sri Lanka etc. and introduced their products which are in great demand. He hoped to get orders from foreign buyers. TDAP is facilitating the manufacturers of export products. He said he would also hold a series of maraglobal market. He said it's no excellent opportunity also hold a series of mara-tos showcase Pak products and develop bissiness deals with international buyers, government unprecedented He said PPC and Chenone have already attended sever-investors.

France to let fuel retailers sell below cost in inflation fight

the French government plans to temporarily lift a ban on retail-crs selling road fuel below cost as part of efforts to stem inflationary pressures on households, Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne told newspaper Le Parisien.

A renewed surge in pump prices this summer has complicated the government statempts to curb consumer inflation, with ministers calling on fuel and food industries to cut their margins.

Total?nergies has extended a capon fuel prices past the end of the year while some supermarket chains have held promotions to sell petrol at cost.

But a ban on below-cost selling of fuel, dating back to 1963, was preventing distributors from



cutting prices further, Borne said, announcing that the ban would be lifted for "several months." "With this unprecedented measure, we will obtain tangi-ble results for the French people, without subsidising fuel," she said in an interview published on Saturday.



She rejected the idea of the government reducing fuel taxes, citing the need to reduce the public deficit and debt while

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were a source for concern and may need to be addressed by government action. Regarding fixed prices, Borne told. Le Parisien that compa-nies from November would be required to indicate on labels when they modify the size of a prochiet.

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ne punoe cencertand coerwinie saying that large companies should play their part. Finance Minister Bruno Le Maires aid on Thursday that high petrol refining profit margins se such practices.

PESCO removes dozens of illegal connections; recovers over Rs 200,000 from defaulters

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PESHAWAR: Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) on Monday contin-ued its crackdown against power pilferers and default-ers in the provincial capital and removed dozens of ille-gal connections.

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According to a PESCO

orabad and Vihargoi areas here and complaints were registered against the pilfer-ers in Shahpur police station for registration of FIRs and legal action.

During the operation more than Rs 200,000 were recovered from defaulters, said the official, adding that despite a deficiency of 70 to expense.

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According to a PESCO
spokesman, several illegal
connections and direct hooks
were removed during operations in Duranpur, Manzoillegal consumers.

Pakistani athletes to compete in 25 disciplines during Hangzhou Asian Games



a young country with 64 percent of the population under the age of 29, Pakistan facilities and preferential policies that

poised to become a significant catalyst to deepening cultural and sports exchanges between Pakistan and China.

With over 12,500 athletes from 45 countries set to compete in a wide array of sports, the 19th Asian Games has captured global attention.

The event promises to be a thrilling spectacle, showcasing the extraordinass visils, determination and teamwork of athletes from diverse backgrounds. Meanwhite, the 19th Asian Games village has officially been opened. The main village in Hangzhou, the largest non-competition venue for the event, is located on the south bank of the Qiantang River.

Another five athletes' villages are located in the cities of Ningbo, Wenzhou and Jinhua, and the countles of Chumian and Tonglu in east China's Zhejiang Province. The eco-friendy village in Hangzhou is expected to host over 20,000 people, including athletes, officials and staff during the games. In the village, people can visit the 5G Smart Asian Games Experience Space to watch the games in Experience Space to watch the games in Glass-Free 3D and via VR Live Sport.

ISLAMABAD: The winning Captain of Tug of War event of Beaconhouse school system Hamza Ali Khan being re-ceived winning trophy from Headmistress of BSS Cam-

PM Talent Hunt Badminton League takes place in Multan



AHORE: The Prime Minister Talent Hunt Youth Sports League for Men & Women in Badminton unveiled a new generation of rising stars on Monday at Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan. Ammara Rubab, the chief organizer of the event, told APP here that young athletes aged 15 to 25, under the watchful eyes of technical experts from Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, and the University of Sargodha, showcased their extraordinary talents during the trials.

"The Prime Minister Talent Hunt Youth Sports League is decicated to providing a platform for these budding athletes to display their exceptional skills on the court, fissering a spirt of healthy competition among the nation's youth, said Ammara, who is also the head of sports Kinniard College University.
She said: "As we move forward, we anticipate an exciting season filled with dedication, passion, and outstanding sporting accomplishments."

Trials for KHA U-15 teams for Challengers Cup held

KARACHI: The trials for the selection of five participating teams of KHA Under-15 Hockey 5As Side Challengers Cup were held on Tuesday.

The event will commence on September 23 at Mini Astro Turf Ground, KHA Sports Complex, organized by Sports and Education Technologies in collaboration with Karachi Hockey Association (KHA).

More than 70 boys participated in the trials, conducted by the Selection Committee consisting of Laceq Lashari, Mahmood Ali Khan and Khalid Junior. Forty selected players for 5 teams will be amounted on the official page of KHA.

The Tournament Director will be Imtiazu Hasan while other officials Organizing Secretary Ausar Rabbani, Technical Officials Marian, Moin Alam, Arsalan, Media Co ordinator Batool Kazin, Umpires Manager Dr Samar, Umpires Imran Khan and Rizwan Khan.

Misbah-ul-Haq backs Pakistan team despite 'mistakes' in Asia Cup 2023

Former captain Mishah-ul-Haq backed the Pakistan team ahead of the upcoming ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 following their early exit from the Asia Cup 2023. Mishah-ul-Haq, while talking to the media during the trophy unwelling ceremony of the Over 40s Cricket Global Cup in Karat-in defended Pakistan captain Babar Azam despite a 228-run loss against arch-rivals India.

"The captain is not the only one responsible for a 228-run defeat, the whole team is responsible," Mishah said. "The team's confidence has definitely been damaged, however, the Pakistan team has always bounced back from difficult situations."

He further showed his faith in the current Pakistan team going into the World Cup 2023 in India.

Bangladesh's Tanzim Hasan Sakib under fire over controversial statements

Bangladesh, cricket, tanzim hasan sakib misogynistic, misogynistic comments, Bangladesh pacer Tanzim Hasan Sakih was embroiled in controversy Monday over misogynistic social media posts condemning working women, just days over misogynistic social media posts condemning working women, just days after making a brilliant international



after making a brilliant international debut.

Bowler Tanzim Hasan Sakib took the wicket of India captain Roht Sharma with only his fourth delivery in international cricket when the neighbours met in the Asia Cup on Friday, before holding his nerve in the final over to secure toriory for Bangdadesh. Related – Bangdadesh stun India for consolation Asia Cup 2023 win

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The comments provoked a back-lash, with Paris-based feminist writer lash, with Paris-based feminist writer Jannatun Nayeem Prity pointing out that the Bangladesh team jerseys were made in factories mostly staffed by women. "I feel sorry for you that you don't consider your mother a normal human being" she added. Writer Swakrito Noman described the

Writer Swakrito Noman described the Writer Swakrito Noman described the ly-shared Facebook post, demanding the Bangdadesh Cricket Board (BCB) question Tanzim and the player apologise. Journalist Mejbaul Haque added Monday: The status of such a distorted form of misogyny is unacceptable. No matter how big a star he is?

The BCB said it was investigating. "The issue came to our attention. We are looking into the matter," its cricket operations chief Jalal Yumus told AFP. Tanzim Hasan Sakib has played 12 first-class matches in his short senior arcret, after helping Bangdadesh win the Under-19 World Cup in 2020.

La Liga: Real Madrid maintain winning streak after win over Real Sociedad

MADRID: Real Madrid continued their domination in the ongoing La Liga season as they extended their winning streak to five matches after a 2-1 victory over Real Sociedad at Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday. Both teams entered the match under feated as Real Madrid won all of their last four matches, while Real Sociedad defeated Granada 5-a, after two drawn games against Celta Vigo and Las Palmas. Real Madrid also reclaimed the top spot in the La Liga 2023-24 points table with 15 points. The visitors had a perfect start to the game with an early 5th-minute goal courtesy of Ander Barnerteckes right-footed short from very close range. However, Real Madrid came strongly and Rodrygo made an attempt in the very next minute but was seved in the bottom right corner by Alex Remino.



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Real Sociedad did not slow down either and made several attempts to extend their unside the box.

lead as well as defend the attempts to equalize by the home side. They ensure to does the first half with their lead intact at 1-0.

Real Madrid entered the ground in intact until the final whistle.

In another La Liga fixture, Sergio Ramos made his second debut for his boyhood club Sevilla againt Las Palmas at the Ramon Sanchez-Pégiuan stadium.

Both teams entered the game winless in the ongoing La Liga season however, Sevilla came out victorious and registered their first victory in the season, thanks to

Dodi Lukebakio's brilliant goal in the 71st

DOUT LINEDARSON DOUBLES OF THE MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER LA LIGA fixture, Villarreal edged Almeria 2-1 courtesy of Alexander Sorioth's extra-time header assisted by Alberto Moreno after a thrill-

ing contest.

Getafe on the other hand defeated Getafe on the other hand defeated Osasuna in a five goal thriller at Coliseum Alfonso Péraz to earn their second victory in the La Liga sæson 2023-24. Stefan Mitrovic soored off a header from the centre, which was assisted by Damián Suáraz with a cross following a corner to give Getafe the lead in the 36th minute. However, visitors equalized nine minutes later thanks to Iker Muñoz's right-froted shot off a corner by Aimar Otoz.

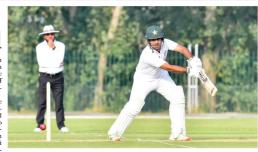
The first half ended at a 1-1 stalemate The first half ended at a 1-1 stalemate, but the home sides coved in the 6th minute of the second half to get the lead, which was equalized a few minutes later as Ante Budimir converted a penalty after David Soria was shown a yellow caud.

Nermanja Maksimovic then scored the match-winning-header for Getafe after a cross by Carles Aleftá following a corner.

QeAT: Asad Shafiq, Sarfaraz Ahmed tons keep Karachi Whites in command

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The Spokesman

Enjoying live-streaming ISLAMABAD: A cobbler looks on a mobile screen watching the live broadcast of the proceeding from the Supreme Court of Pakistan. As The SC for the first time in the country's judicial history was live-streaming a court case on Monday.

Hearing of SC Practice and Procedure Act adjourned till October 3

SC Practice and Procedure Act broadcast live

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ISI.AMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has adjourned the hearing of the petitions challenging the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023, till Octo-ber 3, ARY News reported on Monday. A full court bench headed by

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Chief Justice Quzi Fazz Isa was
hearing petitions challenging
the Supreme Court (Practice
and Procedure) Act, 2023 - a
legislation introduced by the
former coalition government.
CJP Quzi Fazz Isa, during the
hearing of the petitions challenging the Supreme Court
(Practice and Procedure) Act,
2023, which was broadcast live
for the first time in the country's
history, remarked that he heard
ACP san guments in the case.
The chief Justice added that
the ACP has to leave for Vienna regarding the Indus Waters
Treaty. The ACP and other

Treaty. The AGP and other lawyers sought time to reply to the questions raised by the

ench. The chief justice said that we will establish a bench after

consulting two senior SC Judg-es including Justice Sardar Tariq and Justice Jiazul Ahsan. He directed lawyers and all parties in the case to submit their replies and arguments by September 25.

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to stick to the law.
"What is this 'personal opinion', please talk about the law,"
CJP Qazi Faez Isa remarked.
He further asked: "Whose right can be taken away by this law?"
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"Rs6.5 billion dollars were lost due to the court's decision in the Reko Diq case, As chief justice, I do not want such authority," he remarked. Justice Muneeb Akhtar raised the question that if there was administrative authority,

Justice Municot Asian raised the question that if there was administrative authority, had the parliament abolished judicial authority? Justice Musara Hilali asked if the powers of the CIP had been clipped by this legislation. Justice Mandokhel inquired whether the powers of the chief justice had been withdrawn and the powers of the Supreme Court had been curbed. Justice Athar Minalda hasked Khawaja Rahim if agreed that chief justice was master of the roster.

Rabbani demands Senate session to discuss 'western interference'

ISLAMABAD: Senator Reza Rabba-ni on Monday said that the caretak-er government has failed to protect national sowereignty. Former Senate chairman and PPP leader has alleged that the western countries are continuously interfer-ing in internal matters of the coun-try. There intervention has not been restricted to the issue of election only, the diplomats in Islamabad also discussing the economic and politi-cal situation of the country, 'Rabba-nistated.

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ed to visit the offices of various politi-cal parties, he said.

"We are proud people of a sover-eign country, we don't believe in the white man's rule," he said.

He demanded to summon the senate session forthwith for debate

over the attacks on the national sovereignty and other problems of the country.

Train fares hiked for the second time in September

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stan Railways announced a 5 per cent increase in fiars of all shuttle, passenger, express and inter-city trains.

The development comes a day after the caretaker government increased the prices of petroleum products by up to Rai-4 per litre. Recently, the government made a massive hike in petrol and diesel prices after making tall claims of providing relief to the masses.

A massive hike of Ra-6.2 per litre was made on petrol and the new price would be Rs-331.38 per litre was made on petrol and the new price would be Rs-329.31 per litre. Within a month, the caretaker government hiked the petrol price by Rs-58 per litre and diesel by Rs-56 per litre.

CAA 'calls' meeting in Dubai to discuss Islamabad airport outsourcing

ISLAMABAD: The Civil Aviation
Authority (CAA) has summoned'
a meeting in Dubai to discuss the
matters related to the outsourcing
of the Islamabad airport.
According to sources, the CAA
administration has summoned a
meeting in Dubai on September
26. International companies have
been given invitations to attend
the meeting for outsourcing of the
airport.
Earlier, the federal government

Earlier, the federal government issued tenders to seek applications for outsourcing Islamabad International Airport for 15 years. According to the Civil Aviation Authority, the interested bidders have been directed to submit their applications in favor of CAA a RS5,000 fee by November 8. Last month, the government decided to outsource Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad International Airports. Sources said the United Arab Emirates, Quar, Turkiye, China Emirates, Quar, Turkiye, China

Emirates, Qatar, Turkiye, China and Saudi Arabia are taking special interest in outsourcing all three

interest in outsourcing all three airports Following the decision to outsource, the CAA unions launched a protest movement. After continued protest, Aviation Minister, Khawaja Saad called on the leaders of the unions for negotiations, but talks failed.

The CAA employees are adamant in their stance and declare that they will not allow the outsourcing of airports.

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Addressing the media during the protest, a spokesperson for the CAA Union asserted that the protest movement will continue until their demands are met.

Oil tanker operators go on strike, demand 100% fare hike



FM Jilani arrives at Pakistan's UN Mission; meets UNAOC envoy

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UNITED NATIONS: Caretaker Minister for Foreign Affairs Jall Abbas Jilani on Monday arrived at Pakisanis UN Mission; meets UNAOC envoy Upon arrival at the Mission, the Pakistan Mission to the United Nations. The foreign minister is part of Pakistanis delegation headed by lizations Miguel Angel Moratinos Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar attending the "78th the meeting, they discussed matters session of the United Nations General" of mutual interest.

SBP launches agriculture US dollar drops finance literacy program

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The SIP Banking Services Corporation (SIP BSC), on Monday, launched the Agriculture Finance Literacy Program (APLP) to raise awareness among the farming community regarding available financial schemes and government-driven initiatives. The agriculture finance literacy program was launched through a series of five workshops conducted nationwide in the major cities of Karanchi, Quetta, Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Peshawari, according to a statement issued here.

This flagship initiative has been recommended by the Agricultural france by Credit Advisory Committee for impartaing awareness among the farming community while the AFLP aspires

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KARACHI: The US dollar (USD)
dropped further against the Pakistani
pupe (PKR) as it dosed at R8929.59,55
in the interbank trading,
Pakistani rupee (PKR) gainer
R86.90 against the US dollar in
the interbank trading and closed at
R8296.95 as compared to the September 15 rate, 296.65.
According to the forex dealers, the
greenback is being traded at R8297 in
the open market whereas, the banks
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estimate.

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Minister honours Pak Independence movement leaders

ISLAMABAD: Minister of Federal Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi Monday honoured the leaders of Independence movement of Pakistan Chaudhary Rehmat Ali and Qazi Muhamad Isa by ordering the display of their portraits at National Book Foundation.

During a meeting held here with the MD of the National Book Foundation Dr. Raja Mazhar Hameed, the Minister ordered National Book Foundation to organize a National Book Gala at the Pakistan-China Friendship Centre in October.

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