



PM launches anti-polio vaccine drive
Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday launched the five-day anti-polio vaccination drive targeting around 44 million children across the country.



Comedy king Umer Sharif remembered on his death anniversary
Renowned actor, King of Comedy, TV and stage personality, Umer Sharif was remembered on his second death anniversary on Monday. He was born on April 19, 1960 in Karachi, Umer Sharif started his career from Karachi as a stage performer at the age of 19 in 1974

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Meeting

ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting of the Federal Cabinet on Monday.



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PM stresses provision of skills to manpower according to contemporary requirements

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday stressed the need to work on war footing for provision of skills to the country's manpower according to the contemporary requirements. He said the professional education and vocational training programs should be prepared at par with the needs of the international market. Chairing the meeting of the federal cabinet here, the prime minister said

steps should be taken to increase employment opportunities of skilled people abroad. On recommendation of the federal ministry of education and professional training, the federal cabinet also approved the service level amended agreement between National Vocational and Technical Training Commission and Saudi agency Takamol. The prime minister directed that all existing centers of technical education and vocational training should be acti-

ated. On the recommendation of the ministry of education and professional training, the Cabinet also approved the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Area Studies Center, University of Peshawar and Central Asia Research Center of Corvinus University of Hungary. The cabinet also approved the appointment of Lt. Gen. Munir Afsar as Chairman of National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) out of the three names

proposed by the Ministry of Interior. The cabinet was informed that the selection committee had shortlisted names of the three best candidates for the post of Chairman NADRA. After detailed consideration, the cabinet approved the appointment of Lieutenant General Muhammad Munir Afsar as the new Chairman of NADRA. The Cabinet also extended approval to the name of Summit Bank Limited as Bank Mukarramah Limited on the recom-

mendation of the finance ministry. On the recommendation of the interior ministry, the Cabinet approved the agreement between the governments of Pakistan and Ecuador, under which diplomatic, officials and special passport holders of both countries would be mutually exempted from visa. The Cabinet also gave assent to the decisions taken in the meetings of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on September 6 and September 19, 2023.

Lt Gen Munir Afsar appointed as NADRA chairman



ISLAMABAD: Lieutenant General Munir Afsar has been appointed as the new Chairman of National Database and Regulatory Authority (NADRA). The federal cabinet approved the appointment of Lt. Gen. Munir Afsar as Chairman of National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) out of the three names proposed by the Ministry of Interior. The cabinet was informed that the selection committee had shortlisted names of the three best candidates for the post of Chairman NADRA.

Interim govt decides to evict 11 lacs foreigners residing illegally in Pakistan

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government has decided to evict 11 lacs foreigners living illegally in Pakistan because of their involvement in funding, facilitating terrorists and other illegal activities. In the first phase, illegal residents, in the second phase, those with Afghan citizenship and in the third phase, those with proof of residence cards will be expelled. "Illegally resident foreigners pose a serious threat to the security of Pakistan" said a source privy to the development and added that the plan for eviction of illegally residing Afghan citizens has also been approved as this lot is involved in funding, facilitating and smuggling terrorists whereas 7 lacs Afghans have not renewed their proof of residence in Pakistan.



It has been informed that in the first phase, illegal residents will be deported along with those who do not renew their visas. In the second phase, those with Afghan citizenship will be deported, in the third phase, those with proof of residence cards will be deported. The Ministry of Interior has prepared a plan in consultation with the stakeholders and the Afghan government.

Nawaz Sharif 'books' ticket for return to Pakistan on October 21

Web Desk

LONDON: Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) supremo and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has got his flight ticket booked for Pakistan. The former premier is embattled in various cases, including the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) Avenfield, Al-Azizia and Hill Metal and the Flagship references, had left for London in Dec 2019 on medical grounds after the Lahore High Court had granted him permission to travel abroad for four weeks. The sources said the former premier will return to Pakistan on October 21 via a connecting flight.

President directs National Savings to reimburse Rs 1.2 mln to woman fraud victim

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday directed the Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) to reimburse an amount of Rs 1.2 million with profit to a woman victim of fraud. The money was fraudulently withdrawn from the woman's account through the issuance of a fictitious cheque book and affixing her fake signatures on the withdrawal slip. President Alvi asked CDNS to refer the matter to FIA for proper investigation so that the delinquent officials of CDNS involved in the scam may be brought to the book and punished. The president issued these directions while deciding on a representation filed by CDNS (the Agency) against the decision of the Wafaqi Mohtasib directing CDNS to refer the matter to FIA for thorough investigation. As per details, the complainant Abida Riffat had alleged that she was maintaining a Pensioners Benefit



Account with CDNS in Rawalpindi. She found out in 2021 that an amount of Rs 1.2 million had been fraudulently withdrawn from her account in 2019 through another cheque book which was never issued to her. She lodged a complaint with CDNS for investigation and recovery of her defrauded amount, but the matter was investigated in a superfluous manner and she was informed that she could not produce any evidence in support of her claim. Feeling aggrieved, she approached the Wafaqi Mohtasib which asked CDNS to investigate the matter through FIA. CDNS then filed a representation with the President against the Mohtasib's decision.

Foreign Minister's visit to Tibet

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: At the special invitation of the Foreign Minister of China, Wang Yi, Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani is visiting China to participate in the 3rd Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation, being held in Nyingchi, Tibet Autonomous Region, from 4-5 October 2023. The Trans-Himalaya Forum was initiated in 2018 to deepen practical cooperation among regional countries on diverse subjects including geographical connectivity, environmental protection, ecological preservation, and enhancing cultural linkages. The



last in-person meeting of the Forum was held in 2019. The theme of this year's Forum is "Ecological Civilization and Environmental Protection." During his stay in Tibet, Foreign Minister Jilani will address the Opening Ceremony of the Trans-Himalaya Forum. He will also meet with several regional dignitaries including the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Foreign Minister of China and Interim Foreign Minister of Afghanistan.

Mushaal Malik assures journalists to attend long standing issues on priority basis



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Human Rights (SAPM) Mushaal Hussain Malik assured WJAP delegation to resolve their long-standing demands including health card, wages, conveyance and housing quota. She expressed these views during a meeting held at Prime Minister Secretariate here on Monday.

quota for them. Apart from this, the ministry's support was assured for the fulfillment of the long-standing demands of WJAP for gender audit and implementation of gender policy in the media industry. Women journalists in the delegation also discussed issues such as improving workplaces, protection from online and offline threats, and equality in salary structure.

Special Assistant for Human Rights Mashal Malik assured full support for the practical solution of all the problems of women associated with the profession of journalism. Those accompanying Fauzia Kalsoom Rana in the delegation were Ms Rehana Bukhari, reporter at APP, correspondent Germany media organization Deutsche Welle Ismat Jabin, reporter of 24 News Rozeena Ali.

'PTI chief could be poisoned in Adiala Jail'

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Bushra Bibi, the former first lady, feared that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan could be 'poisoned' in Adiala Jail as she approached the Islamabad High Court (IHC) to seek enhanced security for her husband in pris-

on. According to details, Bushra Bibi filed a petition in Islamabad High Court (IHC) through her lawyer, Latif Khosa, expressing concerns that her husband could be poisoned in prison. In the petition, she stated that tampering with her husband's food could be detrimental to his

life, noting that PTI chief was not being provided with the facilities to which he is entitled. She pointed out that her husband was even denied home-cooked meals. Bushra Bibi also said that her husband was being given "inhumane treatment in jail which is a violation of Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitu-

tion". Bushra requested the court to intervene and ensure the implementation of court orders regarding the provision of facilities to her husband in jail, urging the court to direct responsible medical officer to guarantee the supply of healthy food to Khan.

Last week, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman and former prime minister was shifted to Adiala from the Attock jail. As per details, the Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court (IHC) ordered to shift Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to Adiala Jail in the cipher case.

Visit

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the Pakistan Navy led by Rear Admiral Javid Iqbal HI (M), Commandant of the Pakistan Navy War College, along with officers from the Pakistan Navy, visited the Ministry of Maritime Affairs on their Inland Study Tour to Islamabad on October 02, 2023.



Photo: PID

No place for terrorists and their facilitators in Pakistan, reiterate Murtaza Solangi, Sarfraz Bugti

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Monday that it was responsibility of the government to ensure peace in the country and assist the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in conducting free, transparent and impartial elections.

This, he said, during a meeting with Caretaker Minister

for Interior Sarfraz Bugti who called on him here. On his arrival at the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi welcomed Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti.

The two ministers discussed matters of mutual interest including law and order situation in the country.

In the meeting, both Murtaza Solangi and Sarfraz Bugti expressed their profound regret over the loss of precious lives in the recent bomb blasts



in the country. Both the federal ministers reiterated that there was no place in Pakistan for terrorists and their facilitators.

In the meeting, the support of the caretaker government to the Election Commission regarding the elections was also discussed.

The ministers said that the caretaker government will provide all possible assistance to the ECP in fulfilling its constitutional responsibility of conducting general elections in the country.

COMSTECH and Pasteur Institute of Iran sign MoU

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pasteur Institute of Iran and the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMSTECH) signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Chaudhary, the Coordinator General of COMSTECH and Dr. Rahim Sorouri, the Director of Pasteur Institute in Tehran, Iran.

The agreement entails the development and implementation of joint educational programs, research, technology, and innovation initiatives, as well as the organization of national and international



events such as conferences, workshops, exhibitions, and courses. The MoU aims to facilitate the exchange of students, experts, and academic staff for professional development and enhancing scientific activities. The Pasteur Institute of Iran will also

become member of COMSTECH Consortium of Excellence as per the agreement.

During the meeting, Prof. Iqbal Chaudhary acknowledged the Pasteur Institute of Iran as a valuable opportunity for expanding COMSTECH's cooperation. He recognized the institute's distinguished reputation in Iran and worldwide in the field of infectious diseases and vaccines. Prof. Chaudhary suggested close collaboration of COMSTECH with the Pasteur Institute.

Dr. Rahim Sorouri, the director of Pasteur Institute of Iran, presented the institute's activities and capabilities and expressed the willingness to establish comprehensive scientific collaboration with COMSTECH.

Int'l Day of Non-Violence: India continues to commit war crimes in IIOJK

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: When the International Day of Non-Violence is being observed across the globe on Monday, Indian troops continue to commit war crimes in the Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). According to Kashmir Media Service (KMS), the International Day of Non-Violence holds no relevance for the Kashmiris as Indian state terrorism and gross human rights violations continue to take heavy toll on the people of Jammu and Kashmir and they suffer under violent Indian military and political occupation. A report released by the KMS today, said the people of IIOJK have been facing harassment and atrocities with black laws at the hands of brutal Indian troops for decades as Indian troops, paramilitary forces, police, NIA and SIA continue to commit killing of defenseless Kashmiris.

Pro-Khalistan Sikhs demand ouster of Indian High Commissioner

News Desk

LONDON: Pro-Khalistan Sikhs rallied at the Indian High Commission in London, demanding the removal of Indian High Commissioner Vikram Doraiswami, expressed support for Canada and protested against India's alleged interference in pro-Khalistan activities in the UK, Canada, and other countries. They were demonstrating against what they perceived as Indian involvement in pro-Khalistan activities across the UK, Canada, and various other countries.

While chanting slogans to close down Indian Missions and expel High Commissioner Vikram Doraiswami, the protesters pledged to continue their activism in support of the Sikh right to self-determination through the global Khalistan Referendum campaign. They also carried posters of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who



was tragically killed in July this year by Indian state agents on Canadian soil. Paramjeet Singh Pamma, the UK-EU Coordinator of the Khalistan Referendum, explained the decision to prevent Doraiswami's entry into Glasgow Gurdwara Sahib, saying, "The Sikh Sangat has collectively decided that Indian agents should not be permitted to visit the Gurdwara Sahib. They do not come to pray or show respect; instead, they come to spy on Sikhs and propagate falsehoods created by the Hindutva Modi government." "Now there is no doubt that Nijjar, a Canadian citizen, was assassinated by the Indian agents working under the supervision of Indian High Commission in Canada solely for leading the Khalistan Referendum campaign in Canada," stated Paramjeet Singh Pamma, UK-EU coordinator of Khalistan Referendum. "Nijjar was like my real brother. We campaigned together and worked together under the banner of Sikhs For

Justice (SFJ). He was a dedicated man whose mission in life was the creation of Khalistan. India assassinated him but has created tens of thousands of more Nijjars who are motivated by the same ideological desire for the state of Khalistan," said Pamma.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reported that Hardeep Singh Nijjar was assassinated by Indian agents in Canada on June 18.

Nijjar was Chief Coordinator of Khalistan Referendum campaign in Canada and was a close associate of UK based Paramjeet Singh Pamma. Nijjar was a close associate of Khalistani leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, who is Counsel General of Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), the advocacy group running Khalistan Referendum globally. Nijjar, Pamma along with Pannun were designated Terrorist by the Indian government in 2020.

Economic Review: IMF team to visit Pakistan in October end week

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: An IMF mission will arrive in the last week of October for economic review of the standby arrangement.

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Ministry of Energy, State Bank of Pakistan, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), have been instructed to prepare their implementation reports on the IMF conditions.

The IMF mission will hold talks on the review with the economic managers for over one week. The energy sector's circular debt, FBR revenue generation and market-based currency exchange rate will be key points of the economic review.

The visiting IMF officials will also review external financing, circular debt management plan, and issuance of bonds.

The team of global lender will review the adjustment and re-basing in the prices of electricity and gas as per the conditions of the standby



agreement.

The Ministry of Finance has assured the IMF, a reduction of 180 bln rupees in circular debt of the power sector by June 2024.

The mission during its stay in Pakistan will also hold meetings with various political parties and discuss the next general elections in the country.

Sources said that the global lender has expressed its satisfaction with performance of the FBR. "The IMF will be informed about economic performance of the country in the first week of October."

"Taxation data of the first quarterly of the ongoing fiscal year, July to September, will likely to be shared with the IMF," sources said.

"A plan of crackdown against tax theft has also been shared with the IMF," sources added.

Mr. Rizwan Ata takes charge of BankIslami as its New President & CEO

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: BankIslami, Pakistan's leading Islamic financial institution, has appointed Mr. Rizwan Ata as its new President & CEO.

Mr. Rizwan Ata has bought with him a wealth of experience and a profound understanding of the Islamic banking industry to his new role. Having been associated with BankIslami for the past five years in the capacity of Group Head Distribution.

Mr. Rizwan Ata has played a pivotal role in driving the bank's exceptional growth and success during this period. Moreover, he also held the position of Deputy CEO before taking



the charge as the President & CEO of BankIslami.

ECP deny concerns raised by FAFEN over preliminary delimitation

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in a bid to address concerns raised by the monitoring group Free and Fair Election Network (Fafen), on Monday clarified key aspects of its preliminary delimitations report.

The electoral watchdog in an issued statement emphasised that Fafen's analysis of the initial constituencies was flawed and based on a misunderstanding of the criteria used for seat distribution.

These modifications involved merging several districts to achieve balanced population representation and reallocating the number of seats for both national and provincial assemblies across different districts.

In response to Fafen's concerns, the ECP clarified that it had allocated 266 National Assembly seats to provinces based on population. However, Fafen's misunderstanding



ing incorrectly treated provinces, not districts, as the unit for seat allocation, causing confusion.

Section 20 of the Elections Act 2017 covers constituency rules, and the rationale for constituency changes was explained in the initial constituency report.

The Election Commission emphasized that recent amendments to the Elections Act 2017, including a new provision in Section 20(3), no longer require the ECP to "strictly adhere" to current district boundaries when such adherence would result in a population variance exceeding 10 per cent, aiming for more equitable elections.

May 9 violence: ATC orders to release Haleem Adil Sheikh, others

Bureau Report

KARACHI: An anti terrorism court (ATC) has ordered to release Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Haleem Adil Sheikh in May 9 violence case.

As per details, the anti terrorism court has issued the release order of Haleem Adil Sheikh and four other PTI workers including Shabir Hussain, Basharat Hussain and Abdussamad.

The court order stated that if the PTI leader is not arrested in another case then he should be immediately released however the PTI leader is arrested in another case as well which is registered in Ferozabad police station.

The release order was granted after the bail was accepted against the surety bond worth Rs 0.1 million.

Earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Haleem Adil Sheikh was re-arrested outside the Karachi anti-terrorism court on August 31, hours after an ATC ordered his release orders.

During the hearing, the police sought a physical remand of the former Sindh opposition leader which was rejected by the ATC.

The court rejected the police request and ordered the immediate release of PTI Sindh chapter president.

However, Sheikh was immediately taken into custody in another case by Sindh police shortly after his release.

Sheikh, the former opposition leader in the Sindh Assembly, who disappeared after the May 9 vandalism, was first arrested on Aug 30 after he arrived in SHC to seek bail in vandalism case.

PM says his government's sole agenda is welfare of people of Azad Kashmir

Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that the present government has no agenda other than the welfare of the people of the state.

While addressing the inauguration ceremony of Cardiac Hospital here on Monday, the PM said, "We will leave the government in case we fail to address the problems of the people of the state and restore their confidence".

"People will lose their faith in the government if we fail in our efforts to strengthen the system and maintain the welfare of the state", the PM said.

Reiterating his commitment to abide by the oath, the PM said that he would quit if he loses an absolute majority in the assembly.

Terming the welfare of people as his government's sole agenda, he said that safeguarding the constitutional rights of the people of the state was the responsibility of the coalition government.

Vowing to defend the rights of people, the PM said that he would continue to raise his voice for the legitimate rights of his people at all available forums. He, however, maintained that there was a dire need that we all realize our duties and responsibilities towards the state.

He said that ruling and opposition parties were like two wheels of a chariot, necessary to run democracy.

The PM said, "As long as I am in the government, I will do my best to strengthen the system".

The AJK government, he said,



would continue to lend its all out political, moral and diplomatic support to Kashmiri brethren in their just struggle for the right to self-determination.

The PM issued directives for constituting a Board of Governors comprising members from lawyers, civil society and medical professionals to manage and run the hospital successfully.

The event was also attended and addressed by Chief Secretary Dawood Muhammad Bareech, Special Secretary Public Health Abdul Sattar Khan and others.

On this occasion, former President and Prime Minister Sardar Ahmad Khan, Senior Minister Colonel (R) Waqar Ahmad Noor, Government Ministers Sardar Mir Akbar Khan, Abdul Majid Khan, Akmal Sargala, Zafar Iqbal Malik, Nisar Ansar Abdali, Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Sarda Rajaveed Ayub, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, Chaudhry Aamir Yasin, Javed Butt, Syed Bazal Ali Naqvi, Chaudhry Azhar Sadiq, Nabila Ayub, Dr. Mustafa Bashir, Ms. Noreen Arif, opposition leader Khawaja Farooq Ahmed, Ms. Taqdis Gilani, business representatives and lawyers were present.

Sardar Attique expresses grave concern over Indian state terrorism in occupied Kashmir

Bureau Report

BAGH: All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference President and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan, while expressing grave concern over the martyrdom of 13 Kashmiris in the month of September in the continuous operations of state terrorism by the Indian Army in Occupied Kashmir, said that the Indian Army has killed innocent Kashmiris in various fake encounters and they are killing martyrs during the so-called search operation. Currently, the Kashmir Hurriyat leadership is locked up in houses and jails, the Indian government has turned the occupied Kashmir into a prison, every day the martyrdom of Kashmiri youths, raids in houses, rape of women has become normal. Kashmiri students are being martyred in fake competitions. Despite all these Indian ambitions and tactics, the resistance movement is continuing but expanding. He expressed these views while talking to the Muslim Conference workers in Bagh. He said that the Indian government made the lives of Kashmiris a torment in Occupied Kashmir. It has kept and violated the basic human rights and is killing Kashmiris on a daily basis. The Modi government has deprived the Kashmiri prisoners of basic rights and facilities. Detainees have been kept in jails beyond their capacity.



Saghar seeks world leaders' attention towards worsening HR situation in IoK

Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: Convener All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Mehmood Ahmed Saghar has sought world leaders' pro-active role to address the dire political and human rights situation in the Indian occupied Kashmir and settlement of the dispute as per the UN resolutions.

In a joint communiqué addressed to the OIC Secretary General and the UN chief Mr. António Guterres, Saghar said that the blood of innocent Kashmiris was being spilled over with impunity by the trigger-happy Indian forces.

"Innocent civilians in particular the educated youth are being killed ruthlessly by the Indian forces during fake encounters, cordons and search operations", he said adding that the targeted killing of Kashmiri youth amounts to systematic genocide.

Referring to settler-colonialism policies of the Indian state, he said, "Enactment of a series of anti-Kashmiri laws such as rebranding of demographics and redrawing of Jammu and Kashmir's electoral map have instilled a fear of insecurity amongst the Kashmiris".

These laws, he said, were meant to change the region's demography and to deprive natives of their resources, jobs, identity, cultural, land and above all the right of self-determination guaranteed to them by no less an authority than the United Nations.

Terming these laws as a serious violation of the UN resolutions Saghar urged the world leaders to take effective notice of India's settler colonialism drive intended to replace the indigenous population with a new society of settlers in the occupied Kashmir.

Referring to the 5th August 2019 move by the Indian state, the APHC convener said, "The move was a deep-rooted conspiracy to erase the Kashmiris' political, cultural and national identity". Saghar maintained that the attempted annexation of Jammu and Kashmir has pushed the region into a quagmire of uncertainty.

Three-day anti polio campaign started

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Amir Khattak Commissioner Multan Division said anti-polio campaign has started in 393 union councils of Multan division.

The anti-polio campaign will continue from October 2 to October 6.

In Multan Division, 10829 teams will administer polio vaccine to more than 25 lakh children.

4380 teams will administer polio vaccine to 1000089 children in Multan district. 2373 teams will administer polio vaccine to 622516 children in Vehari district.

2538 teams will administer polio vaccine to 596792 children in Khanewal district. Commissioner Multan Division Amir Khattak Also Said 1538 teams will administer polio vaccine to 374287 children in Lodhran district.

The cooperation of parents is indispensable for a polio-free Pakistan.

Get your children vaccinated against polio to protect them from lifelong disabilities. Strict legal action will be taken against parents who refuse to give polio shots. Commissioner's warning. Railway station and Polio camps have also been set up at public places including the general bus stand. According to Commissioner Multan Division Aamir Khattak



Joint strike in Hyderabad to arrest killers of journalist Jan Mohammad Mahar

Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Journalists' hunger strike against the killing of journalist Shaheed Jan Muhammad Mahar in Hyderabad, a week's ultimatum to the government to arrest the killers.

The Hyderabad Union of Journalists staged a hunger strike in front of the press club yesterday to arrest the killers of martyred journalist Jan Muhammad Mahar.

A large number of journalists participated in the hunger strike, while other political and social leaders including DHO Hyderabad Lala Jafar Khan also participated in sympathy. On the occasion leader of FUJ Lala Rehman samo, President of HUIJ Iqbal Mallah and other journalist said that we give an ultimatum to the government and the police for a week.

If the killers of martyred journalist Jan Mohammad Mahar are not arrested, we will announce the next strategy of the protest movement, which will continue until the goal is achieved.



Punjab College has many talents, says Khattak

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Muhammad Amir Khattak has said that Punjab College and its teachers have many talents that is why it has been holding numerous positions in Multan Board and Zakaria University for many years. By adopting standard quality, the dreams of students and their parents have been fulfilled. Government colleges should also adopt their technology to open the future of students. My heart also wants to give a lecture in Punjab College. He said while addressing the welcome party in honor of the female students in Punjab College as a special guest.



He further said that Punjab Group of Colleges Chairman Mian Amir Mehmood, Executive Director Sohaib Afzal and Regional Director Admin Professor Osama Bashir Qureshi have introduced such a vision which is a milestone in the field of education. Punjab

College has always had this tradition. That it has been providing education to its students according to the modern requirements of the time along with standard facilities. The children of every major officer of Punjab, Judges, Lawyers, Doctors, Engineers, and other profes-

sionals have received their education from here.

Director Punjab College Professor Osama Bashir Qureshi said that this institution is leading in the wonderful process of mental development of every child to express creative activities with the best education and training of its students.

In this regard, various societies have been organized by the college which are playing a significant role in highlighting the creativity among the students. We are not only through education, but a family that is constantly striving to provide the best future to students and complete an educated society. And the students also addressed. In the end, shields were given to the best teachers.

More than 10 lakh children's will be administered polio drops

Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: On the instructions of the Punjab government, a 3-day national polio campaign has been started in the city of Saints. During the campaign, more than 10 lakh children will be administered polio drops during the door-to-door campaign. Deputy Commissioner Captain Retired Rana Rizwan Qadeer. On the direction of the district officers have started a strict inspection to make the polio campaign successful.

The assistant commissioners also reviewed the security of the field teams and after counseling the parents who refused to administer the polio drops in different areas, they also administered the drops to the children. Special camps have

NAEAC team visits Gomal University

Adam Khan Wazir

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) team chaired by Professor Dr. Fayyazul Hasan visited the Faculty of Agriculture of Gomal University.

The National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council team also met Vice Chancellor Gomal University Professor Dr. Shakibullah.

On this occasion, the registrar of Gomal University Dr. Muhammad Shoaib, Dean of Agriculture Faculty Professor Dr. Muhammad Saleem Jilani, directors of various departments, teachers were also present.

The team also visited classrooms, laboratories and research centers of various departments of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Gomal University Vice Chan-



cellor Professor Dr. Shakib Ullah said that agriculture is very important in the development of the country, because agriculture is one of the main pillars of the country and this is the reason. That special attention is paid to the knowledge and research of the students in the Faculty of Agriculture of Gomal University.

He further said that the students of Gomal University are providing education facilities in a very peaceful and calm environment keeping in mind the modern requirements of the times, and this is the reason why parents have confidence in Gomal University administration, due to which now the

number of students of Gomal University has exceeded 20 thousand.

On this occasion, Chairman National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council Professor Dr. Fayyaz Ul Hasan said, that Gomal University under the leadership of Professor Dr. Shakibullah and the efforts of

Dean Agriculture Professor Dr. Muhammad Saleem Jilani is giving special attention to the students of the Faculty of Agriculture along with the fine education as well as research.

He said the students can benefit from it in their practical life by getting the degree.

On this occasion, the team of Pakistan Agriculture Research Council visited various departments of Gomal University Agriculture Faculty, including Agronomy, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Entomology, Animal Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Central Library, Gymnasium, Dr. Abdul Qadir Khan Auditorium, Sports Complex in the main campus, Hospital, Orchard, Research areas, Wild life Park as well as Food and Technology, Animal Sciences, Wild life Department at Gomal University Quaid-e-Azam Campus were also visited.

VC UOG Prof. Dr Muhammad Mushahid Anwar called on Governor Punjab



Correspondent

KHARIAN: Vice Chancellor UOG Prof. Dr Muhammad Mushahid Anwar called upon Governor Punjab Engg. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman at the latter's office on Monday. During the meeting, they discussed matters of common interest and explored ways to further boost the cause of higher education in the country. The governor expressed his satisfaction about the successful big strides made by the University of Gujrat under the visionary leadership of Dr Mushahid Anwar, reiterating his resolve to provide more student buses as well as government funds for the proposed and ongoing research and development projects at the varsity. Accompanying the UoG VC during the meeting were former mayor of Gujrat Haji Nasir Mehmood and

Mr Waqar Ayub from the Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry who has joined forces with the vice chancellor in his noble mission to uplift the standard of education in the region.



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3 Theater plays were presented at Karachi Arts Council

City Desk

KARACHI: On the 23rd day of the ongoing Pakistan Theater Festival in Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, 3 Theater plays "Koi Tayyari Nahi", "Fareb" and "Sham Bhi Thi Dhawan Dhawan" were presented. The first show was "Koi Tayyari Nahi" directed by Muneeb ur Rehman at improvisation Theater, the highlight of improvisation Theater was the absence of a pre-determined script in the play, students of Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Theater Academy made the audience laugh with their improvisational acting while the students also presented skits on the topics given by the audience.

Second Theatre Play was Fareb. Directed by Muneeb Shaikh, starring the cast Ghulam Mohiuddin, Sara Taqi, Hasan Malik, the drama "Fareb" follows the lives of three people named Aya, Rameez and Jerry. Aya and Rameez are a married couple in a tangled web of relationships, who shares his life with his best friend Jerry, but their friendship hides hidden feelings, while the third show "Sham Bhi Thi Dhawan Dhawan" was presented in Auditorium I, theater writer was Rafiq Anjum and director was Paras Masroor, the cast of the drama included Arshad Sheikh and Laiba Anwar, "Sham Bhi Thi Dhawan Dhawan" is a charming adaptation of Anjum Rafiq's work, the play opens with the walls of a sanatorium as a doctor with unwavering determination.

While upholding the rules and regulations, a deviant female patient struggles with her circumstances, uncovering a soft and mischievous essence hidden in her fiery nature, the interplay between these contrasting personalities forms the centerpiece of this fascinating tale.

Need solution for country despite political and ideological differences: Murtaza Solangi

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: "The country is going through the transitional phase of elections and the situation demands that a solution to the country's problems by staying within the circle of respect and literature, despite all the political and ideological differences," said The Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi, while speaking at the launch ceremony of a well-known journalist and writer, Dr. Farooq Adil's book on hidden aspects of Pakistani history "Hum ne Jo Bhula Diya", at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) yesterday.

The federal minister stressed

the need to sit together and discuss the country's issues and added that Radio Pakistan and PTV can highlight the fundamental issues. The nations who don't learn, they suffer. He said that responsible journalism is very important in the present era. He thanked Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood for organizing such a beautiful book launch ceremony where people from different schools of thought sat together. He added that we need this culture for the academic growth of country.

Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood said that this university was established in 1974. To date, 46 lac students have graduated from this univer-



sity and are serving at key positions across the country. Dr Nasir said that this university has 53 regional offices, and the number of enrolled students is more than 10 lac. He added that next year is the 50th anniversary of AIOU and

we are going to celebrate the golden jubilee. Seminars/conferences and such educational gatherings will be organized throughout the year. Director, Yunus Emre Institute, Prof. Dr. Halil Tokar said that Pakistan and Turkiye have

a long relationship and Turkiye has established three Yunus Emre Institutes in Pakistan to strengthen this relationship, one of these centers has been established in Allama Iqbal Open University. Both countries have helped each

other in difficult times. Dr. Farooq Adil, while presenting the background of his book, said that he was approached by BBC to write about the hidden history of Pakistan. Dr. Farooq quoted his father that if Quaid-e-Azam and Iqbal were alive today, they would surely be in jail, and this thought could not come out of his mind, so he decided to record these events in this book. Other speakers including Fatch Muhammad Malik, Abdul Jabbar Mirza, Khurshid Nadeem, Muhammad Hameed Shahid also gave feedback on the book. Head, Department of History, Dr. Kishwar Sultana and Dr. Abdul Basit Mujahid hosted the event.

Portrait

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson of PEIRA Dr. Sayeda Zia Batool presented Federal Minister Madad Ali Sindhi with a portrait of Honourable Minister on Monday.



Spokesman Photo by Raja Farid

Madad Ali Sindhi expresses satisfaction on anti-drug awareness campaign

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, and the Chairperson of the Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA), Dr. Sayeda Zia Batool, convened a meeting today on October 2, 2023 to discuss and review the activities of the PEIRA-ANF Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign.

During the meeting, the Minister was pleased to see effective implementation and expressed satisfaction with the current status of the campaign's activities. This meeting was in continuation of the Minister's earlier visit to PEIRA in August, during which he advised the launch of this significant initiative due to his great concern over the issue.

The collaboration between PEIRA and ANF represents a community-based approach to combat substance abuse, as envisioned by the Honourable Federal Minister, Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi. The program employs a multi-faceted strategy that includes education, awareness, and intervention, thereby offering a comprehensive solution to the drug issues affecting youth in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

Radio Pakistan celebrates Silver Jubilee of FM-101 channel



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In 1998, FM-101 was simultaneously launched from Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi. Being the pioneer in the FM industry, the prime focus of this channel was to provide an effective platform to the youth, where they can improve their communication skills, and generate revenue for Radio Pakistan.

After 25 years, its transmission has been extended to 20 stations with a relaying station at KallarKahar. Being the largest FM network in Pakistan, this channel provides coverage to 70 percent area of the country.

Besides, transmission of FM-101 is accessed abroad through web streaming with a massive following. Comments and appreciation on social media about the presentation and content of FM-101 programmes prove that its transmissions are not only appreciated in the entire world but also receive commendation from the neighbouring country.

It is pertinent to mention that FM-101 gives special focus to programmes pertaining to children, women, youth, sports, senior citizens, religion, health, business, technology, climate change, and music. Providing career counseling to youth and encouraging budding artists in the realm of music is another hallmark of FM-101 programmes.

PNCA organizes 'Latif Day'

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Shah Abdul Latif Bhatai is considered one of the most important personalities of Sindhi literature and culture. He was a deep spiritual person who loved music, poetry and the natural world. Shah Bhatai's poetry features his deep spiritual content, deep love for nature and his special dignity for the Sufi elders. His poetry collection is considered to be a valuable document of Sindhi history and culture. The message is found in the age of Shah Sahib. Celebrating the day of Hazrat Qalandar Lal Shahbaz, his poverty is increasing.

Ayub Jamali, Director General PNCA said that holding the PNCA with the PNCA of the Shah Abdul Latif Social and Cultural Association SASCA creates an impression among the people. He assured full support for more such events. Such events also promote the message of peace, love and harmony through the expression of traditional musical heritage of the subcontinent. Dr. Saadia Kamal-Mahen Malik - prof. javed iqbal Mughal. Reema Shaukat-Shah Muhammad. Mahboob Rajpar read papers on shah abdul lateef bhatai.

In music, Sameera Altaf-Sobia Malik-Fakir alias Alan Faqir Junior-Sajid Faqir-Aun Ghulam Ali and dedicated duties while Komal Butt and Zahid Hussain Jatoti performed.

Lahore embraces Futuristic Vibes at Spotify's 'Pakka Hit Hai' round two

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: An electrifying wave of music and excitement swept through Lahore as Spotify hosted the second round of its highly anticipated "Pakka Hit Hai" gig. Round two of this series featured an opening act from Towers followed by a headline act by the sensational music producer and composer, Talal Qureshi.

Spotify has continually been committed to fostering an environment where artists can thrive, and fans can revel in the joy of music. Thus, the "Pakka Hit Hai" gig is not just a concert; it's a celebration of music, creativity, and the power of collaboration. With the second gig held recently, Spotify brought its listeners along on an incredible musical journey, where hits are not just guaranteed - they're "Pakka Hit Hai."



'Art and artists is my lifelong asset': Sheeba Butt

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Vice President of Pakistan Muslim League-N Women's Cultural Wing and well-known film, drama and stage actress Sheeba Butt said that art and artists are my lifelong asset, I have lived my life in the service of art. To play my full role in taking important steps for the welfare of artists. The purpose of my life is to serve for the development and success of artists.

Expressing her thoughts in an important meeting with Journalists, Sheeba Butt, a well-known actress of film, drama and stage, thanked the party's top leadership and artist community for being elected vice president of Pakistan Muslim League-N Women's Cultural Wing and said that two days ago in PML-N House Naserabad, I was nominated



as Vice President of Women's Cultural Wing. The notification of which was officially issued. Which was given to me by the President of Punjab Mother Wing PML-N, Saiful Mulok Khokhar, for which I am very grateful to all of. Sheeba Butt said that she entered the

world of art from childhood. The journey of art began with the well-known PTV serial Alf Leela. When I was student I received training in classical dance from Maharaj Ghulam Hussain Khatak, a dancer of Alhamra Art Council. I worked as an actress of film, drama and

stage who made the country famous by giving excellent performances at the international level. Was a part of the team of other popular artists including Umar Sharif, Sohail Ahmed, Amanullah. I represented the drama culture of Pakistan all over the world including Europe. Played a role in the Punjabi movie "Pind Di Karhi" in India. I also did work with FM 98 Lahore.

Sheeba Butt said that artists call me Har Fun Moola, which means I worked in every field of art. I have a special attachment to art. I also worked in countless plays in Lahore. Worked with Umar Sharif in countless dramas. Out of which "Bakra Kiston Mein" was very popular. "Majajan" is one of my most popular films among others. I worked with renowned directors and producers including Syed Noor, Sangeeta Baji.

Circle and L'Oréal Fund for Women collaborate to empower 1500 young women

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Thewomen-led not-for-profit tech startup CIRCLE, in collaboration with L'Oréal Fund for Women program, which aims to support women in vulnerable situations through digital literacy and entrepreneurial skills, announces a groundbreaking partnership with the launch of pioneering CIRCLE Nano Influencer Academy for Women, aimed at equipping 1,500 creative women with the skills they need to thrive in the digital age, gain a strong footing in the online world, and achieve financial independence.

During the ceremony, the U.S. Consul General, Ms. Kristen Hawkins highlighted a significant gender disparity in digital literacy between men and women in Pakistan, stating, "Despite women forming a



larger portion of the population, they often face barriers to accessing this fundamental right. I would like to take this opportunity to commend CIRCLE and L'Oréal Fund for Women for spearheading this transformative program."

Sadaf Abid, CEO and founder of CIRCLE, expressed her vision, saying "We firmly believe in the potential of every woman to become a financial force. Through CIRCLE

Nano Influencer Academy for Women, we are taking a significant step towards economic empowerment and inclusivity for women in Pakistan."

Qawi Naseer, Country Manager, L'Oréal Pakistan shares his thoughts on the partnership, "L'Oréal Pakistan is excited to collaborate with CIRCLE in empowering women in Pakistan. The CIRCLE Nano Influencer Academy for Women aligns

with our commitment to promoting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as well as advancing opportunities for women in the digital age, reflecting our dedication to creating a more inclusive and empowered society."

The CIRCLE Nano Influencer Academy for Women, is an incredible initiative for not only empowering our women but also promoting gender equality in Pakistan.

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Afghan-India honeymoon is over-I

India invested heavily in Afghanistan, allocating more than \$3 billion for aid and reconstruction initiatives. These efforts encompassed the development of critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, dams, power stations, schools, hospitals, and the Afghan Parliament building. India also extended humanitarian aid, providing food, clothing, medicine, and shelter, along with scholarships for Afghan students and training for Afghan security forces. This support included weapons, equipment, and military vehicles for the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

(Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan), which had sought refuge in Afghanistan since June 2014, established connections with the Afghan intelligence agency, NDS. Through this link, they established contact with operatives of India's RAW. Ehsan claimed that NDS and RAW facilitated the harboring of anti-Pakistan militants and assisted in establishing "special committees" in Afghanistan to maintain contact with the NDS.

The statements made by Ehsanullah Ehsan in his interview had brought to the forefront allegations of clandestine collaboration and assistance provided to elements opposed to Pakistan by Afghan and Indian intelligence agencies and raised concerns about the nature of regional dynamics and the potential implications for security and stability in the region.

The abrupt withdrawal of the previous Afghan government and U. S. forces in 2021, leaving behind military and civilian hardware worth billions of dollars, not only dashed the United States' aspirations for Afghanistan but also eroded India's influence within the Afghan government. The rapid rise of the new Taliban regime, which has established itself as the de facto governing authority, albeit awaiting international recognition, may have signaled a reluctance to serve as a tool of Indian policy against Pakistan in the region.

Furthermore, it underscores the age-old axiom that India primarily acts in its own self-interest and may change its loyalty when its interests demand it. India, after a careful assessment of the costs and bene-

fits associated with maintaining friendly relations with the Taliban, as well as the desire to appease the United States have chosen the latter path. The benefits it stands to gain from its association with the United States appear to outweigh any potential loss in its status as the largest regional donor to Afghanistan over the past two decades.

The withdrawal of U. S. military forces from Afghanistan had sharply diminished its role and influence within Afghanistan. Currently, India has not publicly disclosed any immediate plans to reopen its embassy in Kabul which it shut down immediately after withdrawal of US forces in 2021. Whereas recently, Afghanistan, citing a lack of cooperation from the host government, has opted to close its embassy in New Delhi. These

India's decision not to extend patronage to the Taliban-led government, coupled with the Taliban interim government's move to close down its embassy, has cast a shadow of uncertainty over the future of thousands of Afghan students, professionals, patients, and businessmen residing in India.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as of October 2023, there are approximately 18,500 Afghans living in India. Among this population, more than 10,000 Afghan students find themselves grappling with the challenge of renewing their visas. Around 5,000 professionals are facing obstacles in renewing their work permits, while over 2,000 patients are encountering difficulties in accessing essential medical care. Additionally, Afghan military personnel are struggling to receive their salaries and cover their expenses, and asylum seekers are confronting hurdles in obtaining refugee status. This complex situation highlights the multifaceted humanitarian and administrative challenges faced by Afghan residents in India amid the evolving political landscape in Afghanistan.

Maintaining all weather friendly relations by Pakistan with Interim Afghan Government have also not been the bed of roses though Pakistan played a pivotal role in facilitating the signing of the Doha agreement, which ultimately led to the withdrawal of U. S. forces from Afghanistan, the collapse of Mr. Ashraf Ghani's government, the alteration of India's relationship with Afghanistan, and the installation of the Taliban interim government in Kabul.

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Qamar Bashir

Blood Donations

Thalassemia is a genetic blood illness that affects millions of people around the world, resulting in a lack of hemoglobin production and chronic anemia.

The need for regular blood transfusions is a painful reality for those suffering from the disease.

However, in the midst of this medical crisis, a group of unsung heroes emerges: blood donors.

By donating the priceless gift of blood, these generous individuals provide a lifeline of hope to thalassemia patients.

Blood Donations: A ray of hope for Thalassemia patients Blood is a thalassemia patient's lifeline.

Their bodies struggle to create enough healthy red blood cells, forcing patients to rely on blood transfusions on a regular basis in order to survive and lead a relatively normal life.

Without these transfusions, thalassemia patients can endure significant weariness, weakness, and even fatal complications.

Blood Donations: A ray of hope for Thalassemia patients Ateeq Afridi, Founder of Act of kindness Pakistan, a non-profit NGO for the welfare of orphan kids, a blood donor who not only donate blood but also help Jamila sultana foundation in setting up blood donation camps country wide said that he had visited several educational institutes to educate students to donate blood if it is not possible for you that's ok but go through blood screening test at least to monitor overall health which is also helpful in diagnosing medical condition.

He had observed that all stakeholders should come forward and play their vital role to prevent thalassemia.

The only treatment of this disease is bone marrow transplant which is very expensive.

A poor cannot afford the expenses of this treatment. Thalassemia treatment should also be included in Sehat card to provide financial assistance to such patients.

Punjab Assembly had passed the legislation that before marriage thalassemia test is important because when two minor thalassemia prey opposite gender marries, their child will be born with major thalassemia.

The disease is spreading at large due to cousin marriages. The disease is transferring through genetics.

There is dire need to implement the legislation to curb the disease.

He said that there are more than thousand thalassemia children registered with Jamila founder who is working specifically for the welfare of such children.

They are daily provided blood and medicines.

Mahnour Qureshi, a well-known anchor, Programming Manager at FM 100 and a health reporter said that blood donors are ray of hope for thalassemia patient because they survive through blood donors.

She said the disease is not only affecting the person who is suffering, it is also affecting his family, generation and community.



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmī. (Courtesy of Ashraf Al-Azcat)

Positive aspects of US Ambassador Visit to GB and Indian Baseless Propaganda-II

As both nations navigate the complex geopolitical landscape, continued cooperation and a commitment to transparency and accountability will be essential to ensuring a mutually beneficial relationship for the United States and Pakistan.

In this context of mutual cooperation and assistance, the US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome conducted week long private visit to GB from 18-25 Sep 23. Visit was conducted under most congenial and serene environment. The ambassador was well received in the area & interacted freely with locals. For initial part of the visit, ambassador was accompanied by Mr Abdul Basit (coordinator for UNDP in GB). Smooth conduct of a high level dignitary's visit not only indicates peaceful environment prevailing in scenic & majestic GB but the visit underlined growing convergence between Pakistan & USA where the ambassador felt free & remained indifferent to baseless propaganda of India on GB. It provided opportunity to US Ambassador to see for himself, after meeting locals, notables & human rights activists of the area and witnessing progress of developing projects. This visit served to further strengthen Pak-US relations and will promote tourism in scenic GB.

The American embassy cleared that the purpose of the trip was to explore opportunities for strengthening the region's climate resilience. The embassy spokesman, Jonathan Lalley, told a leading newspaper that all publications, including the

New York Times, had recently highlighted that Pakistan was one of the world's most vulnerable countries when it came to climate change. "Gilgit and Hunza Valley are unique mountain and glacial ecosystems that feed the Indus River Valley. The region is particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts," he said, making it clear that Ambassador Blome's trips were coordinated closely with the Pakistani government.

The said visit of US ambassador was criticized by India and some internal Anti-State elements on Social Media. No doubt, Social media has become an integral part of our daily lives, providing us with a platform to connect, share, and engage with others globally. While there are several advantages of using social media, it also comes with its fair share of drawbacks. There are many Pros of Social Media. Social media allows us to connect with friends, family, and acquaintances regardless of geographical boundaries. It provides a platform to stay in touch, share updates, and maintain relationships, fostering a sense of community. Social media is an excellent source of news and information. It enables users to stay updated on current events, access educational content, and engage in meaningful discussions. Social media platforms give individuals the opportunity to express themselves creatively by sharing their artwork, writing, music, and more. It allows users to showcase their talents and gain recognition from a wider audience. Social media has transformed the way businesses operate. It provides a cost-effective

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Abdul Basit Alvi

and accessible means for businesses to promote their products or services, engage with customers, and expand their reach to a global audience. Social media allows individuals with shared interests or experiences to come together and form communities of support. It serves as a platform for individuals to find like-minded people and seek advice or encouragement. Along with benefits there are many drawbacks of Social Media as well. One of the significant drawbacks of social media is the potential invasion of privacy. Users may unknowingly disclose personal information, which can be exploited by cybercriminals or advertisers. Additionally, social media platforms themselves may collect and utilize user data for targeted advertising. Social media can provide a breeding ground for cyberbullying, harassment, and online abuse. Users may face public shaming, online trolling, or offensive comments, causing significant emotional distress. The addictive nature of social media can lead to excessive usage and dependence, impacting mental health. Constant comparison with others, seeking validation through likes or comments, and exposure to unrealistic standards can negatively affect self-esteem and contribute to anxiety or depression. Social media has become a breeding ground for the rapid spread of misinformation and fake news. Due to the ease of sharing content without proper fact-checking, false information can quickly go viral, leading to confusion and division among users. Social media can be highly time-consuming, leading to procrastination and decreased productivity. Excessive usage can interfere with work or study schedules, leading to missed opportunities and a decline in overall well-being.

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Quetta, from another Spectacle

Quetta! Beyond the security check posts, thorn bars, threats and terror, there exit a thoroughly normal and equally beautiful part of Pakistan, the tales of which today you are going to read...

Quetta district and division of Baluchistan province and the 5th largest of Pakistan. It is a variation of Kwatkot, a Pashto word meaning 'Fort', as it is encircled by the four imposing hills namely Chiltan, Takatu, Zarghoon and Murdaar, which really gives it a status of enchanted valley, that surely engulf the visitor in its charm. Further, the city enjoys rich history dating from 11th Century when Sultan Mahmud Ghaznavi conquered it, and on top it is significant for every Pakistani due to the reason that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, have spent last of his memorable days here.

The only high-altitude city of Pakistan, Quetta situated at 1,680 meters above sea level, having total population of 2.8 million. Local language is Pashto, but don't worry as some people can even communicate in English, otherwise we always have option open for sign language. Climate is dry and temperate is moderate, sunny at day and chilly in the evening, here you would find a rich diversity of dry fruits as well. Moreover, the valley is abundant with juniper and pistachio forests and diverse wild life, including Markhor the national animal of Pakistan. Also, if anyone is obsessed with horses, it's the right place to find, as horse breeding is thought to be the passion of locals.

Next, I would suggest you pay a visit to the colorful bazars where you would found yourself in brightest of colors of silk, handmade coppers, precious jewels, luxurious rugs, embroidered cloths, and mesmerizing perfumes. Meanwhile, when you feel hungry and tired during your quest of shopping, there're always several options to sit back and relax, like you can have a cup of their traditional tea and can enjoy rich flavors of food, on Prince road you can have Khadda Kebab (Stuffed Lamb) which is cooked by digging up a pit in the ground, whole of the lamb by stuffing it with saffron rice, raisin and other dry fruits and then covering it with spices and herbs, it's the specialty of the city. Another deli-

cy is Dumpokht and Shobat, am telling you they are far much tasty then even Biryani. Moreover, there comes several options for continental and every day Pakistani food as well.

For recreation, there is a museum of significant importance, several public parks, and restaurants, but for staying I would only recommend Quetta Serena Hotel, due to the level of comfort, safety and security, moreover the food is fantastic and ever if you visit Quetta Serena Hotel, have your dinner at Xuelian Restaurant, which is a Chinese restaurant, serving quality food with serene aura, moreover the Chief and staff are very kind and friendly.

From Archeological point of view, with a distance of 2 hours and 30 minutes there's a place called MehrgarhWorld Heritage Site which is one of the ancient civilizations of the world, dating back 7,000 BC (11,000 years), much older than the Egyptian and Mesopotamian civilizations.

Moreover, within a short distance comes Hanna Lake, with is a beauty in itself, then Ziarat the celebrated tourist point due to Quaid Residency and its charming landscapes. For adventure traveler Bolan Pass and Koh-e-Murdaar is the best option, where you can find the enchanting views of alluring mountains, and the spellbinding sight of Sleeping Beauty, a natural shape of mountain seems like a beautiful woman sleeping, however there is a folk tale behind it.

Let's talk about the people, seriously telling the people I meet in Quetta were as generous as of Gilgit Baltistan, moreover the women with whom I came into contact seems empowered, they were working with men with confidence and sense of dignity in their eyes. Moreover, to my astonishment on my return to Islamabad from Quetta I found a single lady though with an infant traveling in the aircraft.

In the end I would say, it's hard to describe the Quetta without getting carried away, and I surely would be happy to visit this city once again in my life.

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Madam WADA Naoko celebrates Autumn at the Ambassador's residence



Diplomat Desk

ISLAMABAD: The spirit of valuing each season as well as seasonal transitions are deeply rooted in Japanese culture. During transition from summer to winter, and from winter to summer, people in Japan especially respect the significance of nature. Fruitful autumn is just as festive as beautiful blooming spring in Japan. To keep this spirit alive, Madam

WADA Naoko, spouse of Ambassador of Japan hosted an event at the Ambassador's residence titled "How Beautiful the Moon is" to welcome the autumn season together with friends from diplomatic community in Islamabad.

The event started with an informative lecture regarding the significance of autumn to the Japanese people. The main theme was Tsukimi (Japan's Moon-Viewing



tradition). This autumn tradition has been uniquely expanded into various scenes such as festival, art and Japanese cuisine.

Madam WADA highlighted

the spirit of celebrating change of seasons while she is in Pakistan where it is currently transiting from a very hot summer to cooler autumn. She said that celebration

of full moon is a very old tradition and is widely practiced in Japan even to this day.

After the lecture, participants experienced autumn through tradi-

tional Japanese cuisine curated by the Japanese chef. Participants also enjoyed the beautiful photos of the Moon taken in Pakistan on the screen.

Hyundai launched the much-anticipated Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Hyundai Nishat Motor (Private) Limited (HNMP), the fastest-growing automotive brand in Pakistan, has launched Santa FE Hybrid, a locally assembled D-SUV hybrid vehicle on Sunday. Hyundai Santa Fe will be available nationwide in two different Variants Smart (FWD) priced at 12,990,000 and Signature (AWD) priced at 14,699,000.

In recent weeks, the automotive industry of Pakistan was abuzz with an expectancy of a high-tech Product launch by HNMP. The wait is finally over as the company has launched the all-new Hyundai Santa Fe hybrid. This highly awaited unveiling is now set to redefine the



automotive landscape in Pakistan, and will definitely elevate HNMP's position in country's auto sector.

Despite the challenges posed by the current econom-

ic situation, HNMP remains steadfast in its mission to introduce innovative vehicles to the Pakistani market.

The Hyundai SANTA FE Hybrid is no exception; it

represents a leap forward in the SUV segment, promising unmatched performance, style, and hybrid technology.

Hasan Mansha, CEO of Hyundai Nishat Motor

(Private) Limited (HNMP), shared his thoughts on the occasion, stating, "The Hyundai SANTA FE Hybrid marks an exciting milestone for us as we introduce our fifth Completely Knocked Down (CKD) unit in Pakistan. With this launch, we are making a bold statement in the SUV market, solidifying our commitment to providing a diverse range of high-quality vehicles to our valued customers."

Hyundai Nishat Motor (Private) Limited reaffirms its commitment to the Pakistani market. With the Hyundai SANTA FE Hybrid, HNMP is bringing the best of its capabilities to Pakistani consumers, ensuring that they have access to world-class vehicles that exemplify Hyundai's legacy of quality and innovation.

CBD Punjab's CEO Imran Amin Leads Progress Review Meeting for Ghora Chowk Flyover

City Desk

LAHORE: Punjab Central Business District Development Authority also known as Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab), is making significant strides in its ongoing projects under the dynamic leadership of CEO Imran Amin.

A progress review meeting was chaired by CEO CBD Punjab Imran Amin to closely examine the progress of the Ghora Chowk Flyover, Executive Director Technical CBD Punjab, Riaz Hussain, provided a comprehensive briefing on the ongoing progress of the project. The meeting was attended by the Director Business Development



ment CBD Punjab, Ali Waqar Shah, Director Marketing CBD Punjab, Waseem Siddiq, Director Architecture CBD Punjab, Sameer Aftab, Director Construction CBD Punjab, Asif Babar, along with officials from Nespak and NLC.

CEO CBD Punjab, Imran

Amin, stressed the importance of adhering to the vision and directives of Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Raza Naqvi to ensure the timely completion of the project.

While addressing the meeting Imran Amin said, "We are fully committed to completing the project in the stip-

ulated time. This project is pivotal for the prosperity of the region, and will improve overall mobility in the area."

During the meeting, the technical team reported that all 33 retaining piles for the Ghora Chowk Flyover are completed and the boundary wall is also near comple-

tion. They also highlighted the round-the-clock work at the Ghora Chowk site, with three rig machines in operation. Additionally, the pile load test for the Ghora Chowk Flyover is also completed.

CEO CBD Punjab Imran Amin was also given a brief update about other projects of the authority including the upgradation of Walton Road, the construction of a road connecting CBD Punjab Boulevard, CBD Quaid District, and Walton Road, the construction of an overhead crossing bridge at Walton railway crossing, the infrastructure development of CBD Punjab and the construction of the parking plaza at CBD Punjab project site.

Zong 4G celebrates China's National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Zong 4G is excited to celebrate cultural diversity and togetherness by introducing China Roaming Prepaid Bundles on China's National Day on October 1st and the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival. These bundles bridge geographical distances and embrace the rich tapestry of global traditions and celebrations, reflecting Zong's commitment to connecting people across borders.

Zong 4G's exclusive international roaming prepaid bundles enhance the Chinese holiday experience, offering an exclusive opportunity to stay connected with uninterrupted connectivity. Offering resources starting from 30 minutes, SMS and 1 GB data to 90 minutes, SMS, and 5 GB data. On top of that, only data offers including 1 GB, 3 GB and 5GB are being offered as well, starting from as low as just Rs.950.

Zong 4G's China Roaming Bundles offer travelers an incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in the essence of China. Whether you're exploring the bustling streets of Beijing, savoring authentic cuisine in Shanghai, or admiring the natural wonders of the Great Wall, our bundles ensure you stay connected with your loved ones and share your adventures seamlessly.

"Our China Roaming Bundles exemplify our commitment to fostering global connectivity while honoring cultural diversity. We believe that staying connected is a convenience and a bridge that brings people closer, especially during important cultural celebrations." - Zong Spokesperson.

SUCL PVC Prof Dr Azhar Ali Shah participated as Key Note Speaker at SZABIST Larkano Seminar on 'Muslim Genocide in India by Narendara Modi

Azad Baloch

DADU: Sindh University Campus Larkano Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Azhar Ali Shah participated in a seminar entitled "Muslim Genocide in India by Narendra Modi" organized by SZABIST Campus Larkano at its main Auditorium today. SZABIST Head of Campus Prof Dr Zahida Abro, Major Sharjeel Ahmed, Dr Zamir Soomro, Mr Zulfqar Soomro and other guests, faculty and students in huge number participated in the event.



Speaking on the occasion Dr Azhar Ali Shah enlightened the audience regarding the affiliation of Mr Narendra Modi with the Rashtrya Swamsevka Sangh (RSS) which is a national volunteer organization with paramilitary structure based on the outmoded Nazi Germany and Fascist Italian racists ideologies. Its the largest volunteer organization around the globe under the umbrella of Sangh Parivar and in addition to BJP it established hundreds and thousands of forums, clubs, societies, schools, colleges, businesses and councils at regional, national and international level to promote its unjust cause of racism.

Yuan Momentum: Redefining Global Finance

The global economic and political landscape is undergoing a profound shift of power, with a notable transition from the Western Hemisphere to the East and from the North to the South. This transformation is most salient in the realm of international currencies, where the once-unquestioned dominance of the United States dollar is facing substantial challenges from emerging and developing economies. In the midst of this evolving paradigm, the Chinese renminbi (RMB), commonly known as the yuan, has emerged as a potent contender poised to challenge the dollar's established supremacy.

The ascendancy of the United States, both economically and politically, in the post-World War II era solidified the dollar's role as the world's primary reserve currency. Nevertheless, recent decades have witnessed a dramatic shift in this narrative. The dollar's share of international reserves, which peaked at approximately 70% in 2000, has steadily eroded, declining to roughly 59% by 2022. This decline underscores a signif-

icant shift in the dollar's dominance within the global financial landscape.

Furthermore, several nations have taken measures to reduce their holdings of U.S. Treasury Securities, with China leading the way. China's holdings, which once exceeded \$1.3 trillion in 2013, have dwindled to \$835 billion by June 2023. This trend signifies a strategic shift away from the dollar as a preferred store of value. This move has been catalyzed, in part, by the use of U.S. economic sanctions and the weaponization of the dollar in international diplomacy.

The weaponization of the dollar, primarily through the imposition of economic sanctions, has prompted numerous countries to explore alternative currencies for international transactions. The application of sanctions against countries like Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Venezuela, and Russia has engendered a growing reluctance to rely solely on the dollar.

Despite these developments, the dollar retains its dominance in various aspects of international finance, including trade invoicing, cross-border loans,

and foreign exchange transactions. However, some nations are actively seeking to reduce their dependence on the dollar. Russia, for instance, has significantly diminished its use of the dollar in trade with China, with just 22.7% of Russian exports to China settled in dollars by 2020, down from over 95% in 2013.

China embarked on its journey to internationalize the RMB in 2009, marked by the first cross-border settlement in yuan. Over the past decade, a foundational framework for international usage has been established, including RMB clearance banks, offshore RMB markets, and the liberalization of the domestic financial market.

A discernible global trend known as "de-dollarization" has been gaining momentum. Countries are actively seeking alternatives to the U.S. dollar, responding to its recurrent deployment as a financial weapon and sanctions tool in recent geopolitical conflicts. Addition-

ally, the aggressive monetary tightening measures adopted by the U.S. Federal Reserve, characterized by short-term, frequent, and large-scale interventions, have led to heightened volatility of the U.S. dollar, unsettling the global capital market. In stark contrast, the RMB has maintained stability thanks to China's prudent macro-economic policies, consistent economic growth, lower inflation rates, and steadfast outbound investment. This stability has reinforced the RMB's credibility on the global stage.

With Europe and the United States facing tightening credit environments, the financing value of the RMB has become increasingly apparent. Central banks diversifying their foreign exchange reserves are expected to raise the RMB's weighting as a reserve currency. Notably, in 2022, the International Monetary Fund augmented the RMB's weighting in the Special Draw-

ing Rights basket, further reflecting its growing significance in international finance.

However, experts concur that there is more work to be done to enhance the RMB's international prominence. Despite being the fifth most active currency for global payments by value, the RMB holds a modest 2.19% share of the global market. To bolster its internationalization, deeper integration with initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative is recommended. Strategies include promoting bilateral settlements in local currencies for commodities trade, developing additional yuan-denominated green finance products, and establishing a multilateral bridge to facilitate central bank digital currencies among Asian economies, all contributing to the RMB's continued ascent on the global financial stage.

In addition to these measures, China must cultivate a robust and diverse capital market offering various yuan-denominated assets to incentivize foreign investors to hold and trade in yuan-based assets. Simultaneously, maintaining transparent and stable monetary

policies remains paramount to instill confidence in the RMB.

China's active involvement in institutions such as the Asia Investment and Infrastructure Bank (AIIB) and the New Development Bank (BRICS Bank) augments its influence in international finance. These institutions provide alternative financial infrastructure to the Western-dominated traditional system, thereby fostering the utilization of the yuan.

While the dollar's dominance continues to exert a significant influence, the global economic landscape is undeniably evolving. China's strategic efforts, encompassing the liberalization of capital movement, increased yuan convertibility, and transparent monetary policies, represent pivotal steps toward internationalizing the RMB. China's active participation in institutions like the AIIB and BRICS Bank, alongside its expanding lending activities, contributes to the growing utilization of the yuan.

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Analysis
Muhammad Asif Noor

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
46,627.08	46,232.59	
Day's High	Day's Low	
46,704.63	46,294.62	
Index Value	Change	
6,467,616,919	+394.49	
Percentage	Time	
+0.85%	2 Oct, 2023 5:00 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
7,510.72	-97.36	
Percentage	Time	
-1.28%	2 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
33,314.72	-192.78	
Percentage	Time	
-0.58%	2 Oct, 1:19 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
31,759.88	-97.74	
Percentage	Time	
-0.31%	2 Oct, 3:15 pm GMT+9	
Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	181	183
Bahrain Dinar	765.1	773.1
Canadian Dollar	211	213
China Yuan	39.62	40.02
Danish Krone	40.79	41.19
Euro	302	305
Hong Kong Dollar	36.74	37.09
Indian Rupee	3.46	3.57
Japanese Yen	1.63	1.71
Kuwaiti Dinar	930	939
Malaysian Ringgit	61.27	61.87
New Zealand \$	172.52	174.52
Norwegians Krone	26.92	27.22
Omani Riyal	748.22	756.22
Qatari Riyal	79.03	79.73
Saudi Riyal	75.25	76
Singapore Dollar	206	208
Swedish Korona	26.34	26.64
Swiss Franc	314.22	316.72
Thai Bhat	7.87	8.02
U.A.E Dirham	79.25	80
UK Pound Sterling	351.5	355
US Dollar	283.7	286.5

JI will made Pakistan green, clean, prosperous and free of interest country Siraj-ul-Haq

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Siraj-ul-Haq expressed his determination that if the people voted him to power, he would make Pakistan green, clean and prosperous without usury. He said that usurious economy is the biggest problem of Pakistan and if he gets power, his first attack will be against the usurious system because the main mission of his party is to make Pakistan's economy free from usury. He said that due to usurious system, Pakistan has to give 7.3 trillion rupees in loan and interest payments, so unless the economy of Pakistan is freed from interest, our country cannot develop. He said that in 2008 each of our people owed 500 rupees and today every person of our nation owes 300,000 rupees and all this is due to usury system.

He said that Jamaat-e-Islami has eleven hundred PhD experts who are working on the planning of various sectors of the economy. He said that only 22% of the total area of Pakistan is under cultivation. If his party gets power, agriculturally educated youths will be contracted and leased land for cultivation so that more area can be brought under cultivation.

He said that his party will present a fifty-year economic plan and make it a part of the



school curriculum so that the economic policies do not change with the change of government. He said that chambers of commerce have an important role in policy making and the government should formulate economic

policies in consultation with them.

President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said in his address that seats should be reserved for the business community in parliament and provin-

cial assemblies. So that economic policies can be formulated in consultation with the business community which will strengthen the economy.

He said that the Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami, Sirajul Haq, should play his role in getting all political parties to agree on an economic pact so that long-term economic policies can be formed. And despite the change of government, the continuity continues because the business class and investors have to face a lot of problems due to the lack of continuity in the policies.

He said that in 2022, Pakistan's trade deficit was about 49 billion dollars because our exports were about 31 billion dollars and our income was more than 80 billion dollars, so the need is that the government should encourage the development of alternative sources of income. He said that more than 2 crore children are out of school at the moment. Jamaat-e-Islami Al-Khidmat Foundation should try to bring them to schools. He paid tribute to the services of Al-Khidmat Foundation in helping victims in other countries including Pakistan and Turkey. The Chamber's Senior Vice President Faad Waheed, Vice President Engineer Azharul Islam Zafar, Zafar Bakhtawari, Mian Akram Farid, Muhammad Ejaz Abbasi, Ajmal Baloch and others were also present on the occasion.

Unity Plantations and Green Corporate Initiative Join hands to Revolutionize Pakistan's Agriculture Sector

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Unity Plantations (Private) Limited [a wholly owned subsidiary of Sunridge Foods (Private) Limited, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Unity Foods Limited, hereinafter collectively referred to as Unity Group] and Green Corporate Initiative (Private) Limited are proud to announce a groundbreaking Master Collaboration Agreement that is set to reshape Pakistan's agriculture and livestock sector, bolstering food security and promoting sustainable development.

Mr. Amir Shehzad, the Executive Director of Unity Foods, expressed his enthusiasm for this transformative partnership, stating, "We are thrilled



to embark on this significant collaboration with Green Corporate Initiative, which will play a pivotal role in strengthening food security and advancing sustainable agriculture in Pakistan. Unity Group is fully committed to being at the forefront of this transformative journey."

Green Corporate Initiative, led by its Director, Mr. Muham-

mad Yousaf Majoka, shares the excitement for this partnership and its potential to drive positive change in Pakistan's agriculture sector. Mr. Majoka commented, "This collaboration represents a strategic alliance with a clear mission to drive progress in Pakistan's agriculture. By working together, we aspire to achieve enduring positive impacts on the

nation's food security and related developmental goals."

The signing of the Master Collaboration Agreement signifies the unwavering commitment of both Unity Plantations and Green Corporate Initiative to the sustainable development of Pakistan's agriculture and livestock sector. This agreement was drafted and structured by SR Law. It marks a significant milestone in their shared mission to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the nation.

This partnership embodies the spirit of collaboration and innovation, and both organizations are eager to bring their collective expertise to bear on the challenges facing Pakistan's agriculture and livestock industries.

NBP Celebrates Eid Milad-un-Nabi with Religious Zeal and Fervor



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) with great religious zeal and fervor at its Head Office in Karachi. A special program of Mehfil-e-Milad was arranged to pay respect to the last messenger of Allah, whose life and teachings are a beacon of light for the whole of mankind.

Renowned NaatKhuwans recited soulful Naats to pay tribute to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). The event was graced by Mr. Rehmat Ali

Hasnie, President & CEO, NBP, as the guest of honor. Senior Executives of the Bank were also present at the occasion.

In his address, Mr. Hasnie said that the Prophet's (PBUH) teachings on cooperation, and tolerance are essential for a peaceful and prosperous world. He urged everyone to follow the Prophet's (PBUH) footsteps and strive to create a better world for all.

At the end of the event, Mr. Hasnie presented honorary shields to the NaatKhuwans and Master of the ceremony.

Sergiusz Moskal paid a visit to the LCCI

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Mr. Sergiusz Moskal, the Third Secretary of the Political Economic Section at the Embassy of Poland, paid a visit to the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) to shed light on the upcoming Water and Energy Expo, organized by the Polish Embassy in the final week of October 2023.

During the meeting, President of LCCI, Kashif Anwar, emphasized the paramount importance of addressing water-related challenges in Pakistan. He underscored that access to clean and purified drinking water is not just a necessity but a fundamental human right. Pakistan's Vision 2025 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030 place a compelling obligation on Pakistan to make substantial progress in achieving its water and sanitation objectives.

Beaconhouse Elevates Learning with Google for Education Tools

City Desk

LAHORE: A transformative collaboration has been initiated by Beaconhouse, the largest education network in Pakistan, with Tech Valley, the partner for Google for Education in Pakistan. The initiative is aimed at revolutionizing educational experiences for over 100,000 students across Pakistan. This collaboration integrates Google Chromebooks with Google for Education's Education Plus Workspace, a comprehensive suite that provides a multitude of educational tools and features. The approach aims to foster enriched learning, enhanced collaboration, and a secure learning environment.

Chief Operating Officer of Beaconhouse, Mr. Ali Ahmad Khan, stated, "We are confident that this partnership with Tech Valley and Google for Education will add significant value to our students' learning journey by fostering collaboration and inclusivity, and enable us to take the next step towards excellence in education."

Empowering Women led tech Innovations

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The leading non-profit tech startup CIRCLE, in collaboration with HBL, proudly announces the victor of the 2023 She Loves Tech Pakistan competition, an event marking its successful seventh year. This win will propel Shehri Raza Founder and CEO BizBto represent Pakistan on the global stage at the She Loves Tech finale in Singapore, Oct 25-28.

CIRCLE Women dedicated to fostering innovation, financial inclusion and entrepreneurship among women in Pakistan brought She Loves Tech to the country in 2017. She Loves Tech, a globally renowned platform is

now the world's largest women and startup competition happening in 70 countries, providing crucial opportunities for women in technology to showcase groundbreaking ideas, connect with industry leaders, and access invaluable mentorship.

Sadaf Abid, Founder and CEO of CIRCLE Women, emphasized the vital role of She Loves Tech, stating, "With Pakistan being at the bottom fourth of the global gender gap index and only 1% women entrepreneurs in Pakistan, She Loves Tech Pakistan is at the forefront of supporting women-led tech startups and inspiring women and girls across the nation to believe in themselves and adopt

technology. This year with the support of our long-standing partner HBL, CIRCLE went to rural Pakistan including places like Hyderabad, Multan, Faisalabad and other locations hosting local rounds and building an ecosystem to support women and girls. When women and girls progress, we all succeed."

The She Loves Tech Pakistan 2023 held regional rounds across ten cities in Pakistan, promoting women's entrepreneurship and empowerment. In collaboration with HBL, CIRCLE Women is devoted to boosting the impact of She Loves Tech in Pakistan, creating a supportive environment for startups led by women. CIRCLE Women goal

is to inspire and drive positive change, encouraging women across the nation to embrace opportunities in the tech world.

Esteemed guests graced the event, including Sarah Mooney - British Deputy High Commissioner Karachi, Abrar Mir - Chief Innovation & Financial Inclusion Officer at HBL, Jamal Nasir - Chief Human Resource Officer at HBL, Bakhtawar Kiyani - first female Asian blind archer (World Games 2023), renowned journalist Maria Menon and Shaista Ayesha, CEO of SEED Ventures. Their presence added significant value and encouragement to this celebration of innovation and female empowerment.

Systems Ltd and Temenos all set to unleash banking innovation at Bank of the Future Forum 2023

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Bank of the Future Forum 2023, one of the key banking and financial conferences in Pakistan, co-hosted by Systems Limited and Temenos, is set to take place on 5th October 2023 at PC Hotel Karachi. The 12th edition of BOFF will welcome over 500 C-Level executives from banks and financial institutions, regulators, fintechs, investors, analysts and media, promising an unparalleled experience that will reshape the banking landscape.

With "Cloud Banking" as the distinguished theme this year, BOFF will feature an array of notable speakers for the banking community including several Temenos experts taking center stage to share their industry-leading insights and showcase live demonstrations.

These thought leaders will shed light on trending topics such as Embedded

Finance, BaaS, Customer experience, Digital Transformation, Cloud and Security.

As a part of the extensive agenda, several breakout sessions will be held allowing the attendees to have a deep dive into key topics such as optimizing collection processes, core banking modernization, and future of corporate lending.

BOFF 2023 will proudly welcome a prestigious lineup of Sponsors, including Nevis Security, HID Global, Salesforce, Red Hat, Hysab Kytan, and Validata to showcase their latest innovations and initiate targeted conversations with an exclusive audience from banking sector.

BOFF 2023 stands out as a one-of-its-kind conference on a massive scale. It brings together the entire Pakistani banking community under one roof, creating an unprecedented opportunity for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration.

Virender Sehwag wants 'Afghanistan to upset Pakistan'

A Sports

LAHORE: Former India cricketer Virender Sehwag, known for making controversial statements, baffled fans with his remarks on the Pakistan team's ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 campaign.

Virender Sehwag, in an interview with a cricketing website, said the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 would be exciting if there were upsets in it. He pinned hopes on Afghanistan defeating Pakistan in the tournament on October 23rd in Chennai.

"There should be something that shakes up the expectations, but I don't want India to face any upset," he said.

"If there has to be an upset, it should be like Afghanistan defeating Pakistan, or New Zealand defeating Australia, or South Africa defeating England. That's when it will be exciting to watch this



World Cup." Moreover, Virender Sehwag hoped India would continue its perfect record

against Pakistan in the 50-over world championships on October 14th in Ahmedabad.

"India's record against Pakistan is quite remarkable, especially in the ODI World Cup. Until now, we haven't lost a single match against them, and I really hope this record continues. Pakistan's team is quite strong, but we have outperformed them in the Asia Cup. "I would love for this record to remain intact, especially when the team steps onto the field in Ahmedabad to play against Pakistan. I expect that 100,000 people will come to the ground to watch the match, and that in itself will create pressure."

Virender Sehwag is one of India's most decorated cricketers. He represented 374 international fixtures across all three formats (Test, ODI and T20) in which he amassed 17,253 runs and took 136 wickets.

He was part of the side that won the ICC World T20 2007, and the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011.

Sri Lankan U-19 Cricket Team to tour Pakistan from 12 October: PCB

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Sri Lanka U19 will travel to Pakistan on 12 October to feature in one four-day and five one-day matches against Pakistan U19. All six matches will be played in Karachi's National Bank Stadium from 15 to 31 October.

The tour will begin with the four-day game from 15 October which will start at 1000 PKT. The five one-day matches will be played between 22 to 31 October, where the first ball will be bowled at 0930 PST.

As per the ICC's eligibility criteria for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2024, players born on or after 1 September 2004 will be eligible to get selected.

This will be Pakistan U19 second bilateral series in this year. In April, Pakistan U19 toured Bangladesh and featured in a series consisted of one four-day, five one-dayers and one T20. Pakistan U19 won all the three-format series, which included winning five-match one-day series by 4-1. Last year in Novem-



ber, Bangladesh U19 toured Pakistan and played one four-day, three one-dayers and two T20 match series in Multan.

Usman Wahla, PCB Director - International Cricket: "We are delighted to welcome the Sri Lanka U19 team to Pakistan for this exciting bilateral series. The series will provide an excellent platform for young talent to showcase their skills and gain an invaluable experience ahead of next year's ICC U19 World Cup."

Our U19 team has played some exceptional game of cricket recently and the series at home showcases the board's vision of nurturing young talent and providing opportuni-

ties to future stars of Pakistan cricket.

I wish luck to both young teams, and may the matches be played in a spirit of camaraderie.

The squad and training schedule of Pakistan U19 team will be announced in due course.

Schedule: 12 October - Sri Lanka U19 team arrival 15-18 October - Four-day match

22 October - First One-Day 24 October - Second One-Day 27 October - Third One-Day 29 October - Fourth One-Day 31 October - Fifth One-Day 1 November - Sri Lanka U19 team departs

Pakistan U19 team praised after attaining remarkable feat in SAFF U19



Tahir Amin Malik

After coming back to Pakistan, the Pakistan U19 Football Team headed by Shadab Ifthikhar was applauded by the Pakistan Football Federation Normalisation Committee during a meet and greet session with media at a local hotel in Lahore. For the first time, the Pakistan football team participated in the SAFF U19 Championship 2023 and finished as runners-up in the event, held in Nepal. The event was participated by Chairman NC Haroon Malik along with members Muhammad Shahid Niaz Khokhar and Saud Hashimi.

Sharing his views, Chairman NC Haroon Malik said: "I'm elated to share that we've reached a historic milestone, undeniably marking a significant accomplishment for both our U19 Team and the Pakistan Football Federation. The way our U19 team played was absolute-

ly phenomenal. We will continue to endure our steadfast commitment to our national stars."

Head Coach Shadab Ifthikhar said: "My experience of coaching the Under-19s was brilliant. I had 25-30 players that all gave their best to produce fruitful results. Every day was tough, but it was amazing to see players working so hard without any complaints. It was an absolute honor to coach them and get them to the final."

He said that the future of the Under-19 players seems quite bright. "We had less than 2 weeks to prepare and then 10 days in the tournament, to get to the final which we did brilliantly. Any camp in the world, you're always going to face challenges, I think the biggest challenge we faced was trying to develop the team but it's a great step of the Pakistan Football Federation," he added.

Naila Kiani first Pakistani woman to scale 7th 8000er in as many months

Sports Desk



ISLAMABAD: Noted female climber Naila Kiani on Monday achieved another distinction of becoming the first Pakistani woman to scale 8,188-meter Cho Oyo, the world's sixth highest peak.

A resident of Dubai and a mother of two, Pakistan-origin Naila Kiani sent a message from the summit of Cho Oyo this morning, standing at 26,864 feet above sea level.

This is her seventh 8,000-meter peak in just seven months - a new record for Pakistan and UAE. This remarkable accomplishment was completed at 11:30 am of Dubai time, said a press release from the Pakistan Consulate in Dubai.

Naila, originally from Pakistan, sent a message from the summit of Cho Oyo this morning, standing at 8,188 meters (26,864 feet) above sea level.

"I am thrilled and humbled to have achieved this milestone," Naila Kiani said. "Thanks to my family, friends, fellow climbers and sponsor Bard Foundation, who've made this possible."

Naila's achievement is not just a personal triumph but also a source of pride for her nation Pakistan and her country of residence UAE.

Her record-breaking climbs serve as an inspiration to women, especially mothers, and mountaineers worldwide, demonstrating that with determination and perseverance, extraordinary accomplishments are within reach.

Pakistan Open Tennis in progress at SBP Courts

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Talented female tennis player Noor Malik outplayed Laiba Iqbal Khan by 6-0, 6-0 in Ladies pre-quarter final match on the second day of the Sheikho Steel Pakistan Open Tennis Championship 2023 at the SBP Tennis Courts, Nishtar Park Sports Complex on Monday.

M Abid, Ahmed Naeel Qureshi, Heera Ashiq, Yousaf Khalil, Mudassar Murtaza and M Shoaib also booked place in quarter-finals after winning their respective Men's Singles pre-Quarter final matches.

The week-long Pakistan Open Tennis Championship will feature a variety of competitions, including Men's and Ladies' Singles & Doubles, Juniors Boys U-18 Singles & Doubles, Girls U-18 Singles, Boys U-16 Singles, Boys U-14 Singles & Doubles, Boys & Girls U-12 Singles & Doubles, Boys & Girls U-10 Singles, Boys & Girls U-8, Boys & Girls U-6, Seniors 45 Plus Doubles, Seniors 55 Plus Doubles, and Seniors 65 Plus Doubles.

This championship, witnessing the participation of 350 players from across the country, is set to culminate in the final showdown on October 6, 2023. Secretary of Sports Punjab Shahid Zaman and DG of Sports Punjab, Dr. Asif Tufail were in attendance, joined by Punjab Lawn Tennis Association (PLTA) Secretary Rashid Malik, as they observed and commended the performances of the talented players.

Following are the results:

Men's singles pre-Quarters:

Ahmad Naeel Qureshi beat Shehzad Khan 2-6, 6-4, 6-3

M Abid beat Hamid Israr 6-1, 6-4

Heera Ashiq beat Ahmad Ch 6-4, 7-5

Yousaf Khalil beat M Salaar 6-2, 6-1

Mudassar Murtaza beat Uzair Khan 6-2, 6-0

M Shoaib beat Mahatir Ahmad 6-1, 6-2

Ladies pre-Quarters

Noor Malik beat Laiba Iqbal Khan 6-0, 6-0

Girls U-18 Quarterfinal

Lala Rukh beat Zainab Ali 6-0, 6-1

Soha Ali beat Sheeza Sajid 6-0, 6-1

Amna Ali Quayum beat Mahruk Khan 6-0, 6-0

Fajar Fayyaz beat Labika Durab 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

5th COMBAXX Asian Open Taekwondo Championship from Nov. 1

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The coveted 5th COMBAXX Asian Open Taekwondo Championship being organized under the auspices of the Pakistan Taekwondo Federation (PTF), will start from November 1. The registration process of international players for this five-day mega event is in full swing.

The mega event is to be played from November 1 to 5 at Liaquat Gymnasium, Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad, the top taekwondo players from all over the world will participate in the senior category competitions

of Kyorugi and Poomsae).

PTF President Colonel (Retd) Waseem Janjua has hailed the hosting of the 5th Combaxx Asian Open Taekwondo Championship given to Pakistan by the Asian Taekwondo Federation and said that the PTF had organized the 4th Asian Open in Pakistan last year as well.

Through sports, the positive image of Pakistan can be promoted. Such international events in the country will be beneficial in the professional development of our progress and they will learn a lot and gain experience in competition with their international contemporaries.

Asian Games 2023: Pakistan lost to Japan, crashed out of medal race

A Sports

HANGZHOU: Pakistan men's hockey team crashed out of the Asian Games 2023 medal race following a 3-2 defeat against Japan on Monday.

Japan needed to win the all-important clash to book their place in the semi-final of the Asian Games 2023 Hockey event while the Green Shirts only needed to avoid a defeat.

However, the result came out in Japan's favour as they edged Pakistan 3-2 and made it to the final four.

Pakistan got off to a flying start as they opened their account just five minutes into the game through Arshad Liaquat only for Japan to hit two goals in response in

the sixth and 17th minutes via Tanaka Kaito and Fukuda Kentaro, respectively and took the lead.

Fujishima Raiki then enhanced Japan's lead to 3-1 in the 28th minute but Pakistan cut their lead soon after through Arbaz Ahmad.

Both sides threatened to score more goals in the final quarter of the sea-saw contest but the scoreboard remained intact at 3-2 till the final whistle in Japan's favour.

A narrow defeat against Japan meant Pakistan have now crashed out of the Asian Games 2023 medal race and will compete against a third-placed side from Pool B for the fifth and sixth position on October 6.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Sadeer with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Rasheed citizen number 6110106602701 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Shazia Bibi (Daughter)2.Razia Bibi (Daughter)3.Barkat Jan (Spouse)4.Muhammad Sadeer (Son)5.Muhammad Munir (Son) 6.Muhammad Qadeer (Son) 7.Muhammad Qadar Gujjar (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA ISLAMABAD-DSFU

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Sajid Mehmood Abbasi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Waris Abbasi citizen number 6110190403145 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Rahat Abbasi (Daughter) 2.Tariq Mehmood Abbasi (Son) 3.Sajid Mehmood Abbasi (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Bilal Ali with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Abdul Rauf citizen number 3740561984595 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Ayesha Begum (Spouse) 2.Saad Ali (Son)3.Shahmir Ali (Son)4.Bilal Ali (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Abdul Salam with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Siddiqua Begum citizen number 6110117230052 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Adeela Mansoor (Daughter) 2.Majida Moazzam (Daughter) 3.Raheela Attallah (Daughter) 4.Saadia Awan (Daughter) 5.Qudsia Hafeez (Daughter) 6.Ahmad Sabeer (Son)7.Ahmad Qudoos (Son)8.Ahmad Salam (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Huzaifa Muhammad Mukaram with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Yahya Hameed citizen number 1210109159607 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Hira Hameed (Daughter) 2.Farah Naz (Spouse)3.Huzaifa Muhammad Mukaram (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Naila Rubi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Ruqiyah Akhter citizen number 6110141775174 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Naila Rubi (Daughter)2.Mian Muhammad Muavia (Son) 3.Muhammad Mazhar Iqbal (Son)4.Muhammad Zafar Iqbal (Son)5.Muhammad Javed Iqbal (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Syed Tabish Raza with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Syed Humayun Raza citizen number 6110119144329 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Syeda Beenish Raza (Daughter)2.Syed Danish Raza (Son)3.Syed Tabish Raza (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Khan Niazi with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Ms. Noor Jehan Niazi citizen number 6110117239548 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Salma Niazi (Daughter) 2.Nadia Niazi (Daughter) 3.Muhammad Khan Niazi (Spouse)4.Azfar Khan Niazi (Son)5.Tariq Khan Niazi (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Zoha Khalid with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Khalid citizen number 3740447933145 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Zoha Khalid (Daughter) 2.Anna Khalid (Daughter) 3.Nayab Khalid (Daughter) 4.Hamza Khalid (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Hafeez Ur Rehman with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Chaudhary Abdul Jabbar citizen number 3740503840407 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Nadia Shaheen (Daughter) 2.Naila Yasmeen (Daughter) 3.Hina Shahzadi (Daughter) 4.Rujia Bibi (Spouse)5.Atiq Ur Rehman (Son)6.Hafeez Ur Rehman (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Javed Akhund with regards to moveable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Iqbal Akhund citizen number 4230116606281 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1.Roshanara Yvone Akhund Robin (Daughter)2.Javed Akhund (Son)3.Birjis George Akhund (Son)4.Erik Safdar Iqbal Akhund (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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