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Pakistan needs more women in entrepreneurship for sustainable economy: President

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SIFC meeting

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakarchairs the 6th meeting of the Apex Committee of Special Investment



SIFC Apex Committee reviews major macro-economic issues

Spokesman Report

on Wednesday reviewed major national exchequer. macro-economic issues affecting inordinate delays in restructuring/privatisation of cash bleeding state owned enterprises (SOEs).

The SIFC convened 6th meetthe investment climate including ing of its apex committee to review various initiatives being release. The ministries apprised investment prospects. The prime spearheaded through the SIFC forum. The meeting was chaired

ISLAMABAD: The apex privatisation process and hence, was attended by Chief of Army the country. committee of Special Invest- in the larger interest of the coun- Staff General Syed Asim Munir, The committee expressed to overcome economic chalment Facilitation Council (SIFC) try, reduce recurring losses to the members of the cabinet, provincial chief ministers and the high the ongoing negotiations with The chief of army staff assured level government officials, PM Office Media Wing said in a press

the forum about the practical

steps undertaken during the last

The committee also resolved with by Caretaker Prime Minis- one month to improve business tries and departments and directconsensus on fast-tracking the ter Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and and investment environment in ed to continue with the Whole

foreign and domestic investors for timely realisation of various minister appreciated the good work put forth by various minis-

of the Government' approach overall satisfaction regarding lenges being faced by Pakistan. unflinching resolve of Pakistan army to support the government's endeavours for a sustainable path towards economic recovery.

FM Jilani, Mongolian **Deputy** PM discuss bilateral ties



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani on Wednesday held a fruitful meeting with Deputy PM Sainbuyan of Mongolia in Tibet. FM Jilani, Mongolian Deputy PM discuss bilateral ties The two countries agreed to further deepen mutually beneficial Pakistan-Mongolia relationship, deepen trade and economic cooperation specially in the field of mining, agriculture and textile, FO Spokesperson posted on X.

Minister spells out govt strategy to meet energy needs

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali has spelled out the government strategy to meet the future oil and gas needs in an efficient manner by stepping up hydrocarbon exploration activities in potential areas across the country. "We are coming up with a policy for tight gas, policy for shale gas, we have already announced bids for onshore exploration and in December for offshore exploration," he said in an interview with tial interest in their offerings. The for power generation to electrify the Emirates News Agency (WAM) on sidelines of the ADIPEC Conference at Abu Dhabi.

He said Pakistan has a strong with around 10 companies from the exploration, oil marketing, and ising start, and on the very first day,



presence here is off to an excellent beginning," he said. Muhammad Ali laid emphasis on decarbonisation and electrification, saying that they presence at ADIPEC this year, were critical components of Pakistan's energy strategy for the future. "While these aspects may not have related sectors. "Indeed, it's a prom-received sufficient attention in the past, there is now a strong focus we have seen a remarkable response. on them. Initiatives include energy All our companies are active-conservation, electrification efforts, three key priorities for the energy ly engaged, and there's substan- and the re-purposing of natural gas

appliances and vehicles," he said. He said that on the decarbonisation front, the Climate Ministry was actively engaged in setting up carbon fund while the Energy Ministry was developing a comprehensive carbon policy."The ultimate goal is to unite all stakeholders and maximize the potential of these initiatives," he added. He outlined

PSO halts fuel supply to PIA over non-payment of dues

Commerce Desk

over non-payment of dues.

spokesperson, the fuel supply was suspended by the PSO at Lahore airport.

KARACHI: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has halted the fuel supply to Pakistan International Airline (PIA) ty of fuel. According to PIA

The national flag carrier had to face the outburst of

and PK 305 from Lahore to Karachi's passengers after the delay in flights due to the non-availabili-

The spokesperson said that PIA is in talks with the PSO and the delayed flights will take off soon.

Earlier, it was reported that due to the lack of maintenance and repair neering department.

Lahore to Madina PK-747 work, several Boeing 777 aircraft of the national flag carrier Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) developed technical faults during international flights.

The technical faults in PIA aircraft are continuously rising due to the lack of maintenance and repair work by the airline's engi-

It is pertinent to Contract Management has mention here that the work on the restructuring plan of Pakistan International Airlines for privatization has been expedited.

As per details, the PIA administration sought applications from legal and corporate firms for the restructuring plan of the national flag carrier.

The Department of

been directed to forward the applications by Octo-The assets belonging

to the national airline, including property, debts, aircraft, and employees, will be transferred to the new company and PIA will be presented to the investor as free from debt organization for privatization.

Migration deal sealed by EU countries

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: European Union countries on Wednesday sealed a deal on how to handle irregular migration at times of exceptionally high arrivals, taking a step towards overhauling the bloc's asylum and migration rules before a pan-European election next year.

Envoys of the bloc's 27 nember states reached the agreement on Wednesday after overcoming the latest spat between Italy and Germany over charity ships picking people up in the sea as refugees and migrants from the Middle East and Africa try to cross the Mediterranean for Europe.

The 27 countries will now negotiate further with the European Parliament. They hope to have a functioning migration system in place ahead of a 2024 European Parliament election that takes place across the union of some 450 million people.

The EU has been seeking to reform its asylum system since more than a million people reached its shores in 2015, catching the bloc by surprise and overwhelming countries of first arrival such as Greece and Italy.

Diplomatic sources said Italy agreed to the deal after removing some references to the NGO operations. They added Poland and Hungary staunchly opposed to hosting any people arriving from the Middle East and Africa voted against, while their reluctant peers Austria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia abstained. The majority vote went through.

Two innocent **Pakistanis** martyred by Afghan sentry's fire at Chaman **Border crossing**

😂 Adam Khan Wazir

RAWALPINDI: Two innocent Pakistani citizens on Wednesday embraced martyrdom after an Afghan sentry employed at the Friend Ship Gate of Chaman Border Crossing along the Pakistan-Afghanistan Border in Balochistan Province opened unprovoked and indiscriminate firing at pedestrians moving from Pakistan to Afghanistan. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the incident occurred at the outbound gate, at 1600 hours, located on the zero line. The two innocents who embraced martyrdom included a 12-year-old child, while

another child was injured. The Pakistan Army troops exercised extreme restraint and avoided any exchange of fire in the presence of innocent passengers to avoid collateral damage. However, the dead bodies of the deceased were shifted to DHQ Hospital Chaman, and the injured child, ISPR said.



who was immediately evacuated by security forces, was under treatment. The Afghan authorities have been approached to inquire the reason for such irresponsible and reckless acts, apprehend and hand over the culprit to Pakistani authorities, it added.

"IAG (Interim Afghan Government) is also expected to exercise control over its troops and impart discipline to act responsibly in order to avoid the recurrence of such incidents in the future. Pakistan remains committed to contributing towards peace, prosperity, and development through positive and constructive bilateral relations, however, such unpleasant occurrences have the potential to harm the sincere intent and purpose," the

Illegal immigrants have 27 days to leave Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Foreigners residing illegally in Pakistan have only 27 days left to leave the country and face deporta-

Foreigners living illegally must leave Pakistan by October 31 or law enforcement agencies will ensure their arrest and deportation.

It should be noted that in the meeting of the Apex Committee of the National



Action Plan, it had been decided to take strict action against the illegal immigrants living in Pakistan and the trade and properties of illegal immi-

Cipher case: *IĤC to hold* open hearing on PTI chairman's bail plea

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday dismissed FIA's plea and announced holding an open court hearing on the bail plea of the PTI chairman in cipher case.

Announcing the verdict that was reserved on Monday, the Islamabad High Court CJ Justice Aamer Faroog ruled to hold open court hearing of the former PM's bail plea in the cipher case.

The IHC in its verdict said during the hearing sensitive information will be made in-camera on the lawyers' point out.

In the last hearing, FIA Special Prosecutor Shah Khawar pleaded for an in-camera hearing on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan's bail plea in the cipher case as it is fearful that an open court hearing could harm Pakistan's diplomatic ties with other states if the matter is discussed publicly.

Shah Khawar said even former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was booked in a case for speaking publically on a matter.

Shah Mehmood meets PTI chief during cipher case hearing

😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan met former foreign minister and party vice chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi during cipher case As per details, the meeting

between the PTI chairman and Shah Mehmood continued for a short while during the cipher case hearing.

Furthermore, the PTI lawyer also had a short meeting with former prime minister and party chairman Imran

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The Spokesman

Rising Woman 2023 ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing an event themed 'Rising Women 2023', organized by Women's Business Network (WBN), at Aiwan-e-Sadr, on Wednesday.



Pakistan needs more women in entrepreneurship for sustainable economy: President

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday stressed the need for and said integration of the country's fifty percent population into entrepreneurship was important for a sustainable economy. "Women need to be given equal opportunities in education, employment, and political domains to help them secure adequate space in mainstream entrepreneurship," he said at an event themed 'Rising Women 2023', organized by

(WBN). President Alvi called for devising demand-driven policies including a supportive institutional environment and gender-responsive policies to a workplace free from harasspursue their businesses. The the information about entrepreneurship more accessible to women and pointed out that only five percent of women availed of the reserved quota of

Bank due to a lack of guidance. He stressed the implementation of family-friend-

Women's Business Network opportunities for doing business from home and providing them a welcoming environment when they rejoin work after maternity leave. The president emphasized providensure women's empowerment ment to encourage women to ing household women with contemporary skill sets such president highlighted making as the usage of internet to meet the current trends of the world. "We need to train these women to adopt innovative entrepreneurial modes through the use of information technology to business loans from the State help them learn from their homes," he said. He mentioned that women could be turned

said the religion Islam and the country's constitution ensured equal rights for women and

supported their progress. Despite this, he regretted that absurd cultural norms prevailed in the country where women were denied the right to inheritance. Ambassador of Austria in Pakistan Andrea Wicke spoke about the need to end gender discrimination and under-valuation of women's work. She said equal pay, financial literacy, and legal protection were significant for into a productive workforce women's economic empowly policies for women, such as if provided with equal oppor- erment. Italy's ambassador

Andreas Ferrarese expressed his country's shared commitment with Pakistan in achieving the goals of gender equality. He said with equal access to resources, women could bring a positive transformation in the society. Founder WBN Sam ALi Dada said her organization was helping rural women rise above challenges and create improvement in their own lives and their communities. She mentioned Khudkafeel Initiative and Women's Sports Gala as the catalyst programmes in making the

women in rural areas self-suf-

Commerce Minister terms GCC-Pakistan FTA as breakthrough for trade

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Dr. Gohar Ejaz here on Wednesday termed the recently signed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as breakthrough for trade, making Pakistan the first country to secure such arrangement and providing it access to substantial market.

This is very positive news for Pakistan exports towards gulf countries," the minister said while addressing a press conference. He was flanked by Federal Caretaker Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi, Caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali and Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti.

He said GCC the six-country bloc comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab



having FTA with the council. The FTA was signed at 5th round of GCC meeting held

The minister said that GCC was market of around \$1 trillion exports and \$550 billion imports, however Pakistan's share in imports from was it was \$19 billion dollar average Emirates, was established in as it was importing energy and 2009 and it was after 14 long petrochemical products while stan also discussed issues of

years that any country was the exports' share was just \$2.5 billion dollar.

The minister lauded Saudi Arabia for playing important role in materializing the agreement with six gulf countries, adding that all members of all countries were present during the agreement and they even celebrated it to have such agreement with any country.

The minister said that Paki-

Saudi Arabia. He said, discussion were made for putting in place a mechanism to facilitate cation to comply with new laws ing Afghan transit.

government had made proper law to facilitate Afghanistan transit trade adding that the smuggling of transit goods from Afghanistan had increased from \$4 billion to \$6.7 billion.

He said, the government took measures to curb this menace and under new law it had also prepared negative list for exports to Afghanistan.

He said, Pakistan was committed to facilitate genuine trade to Afghanistan, however added that the neghbouring country would have to pay bank guarantees equal to duties of goods and 10 percent transit fee for using Pakistani infrastructure.

He said, the government wanted to ensure that the

Pakistani overseas workers in goods meant for Afghanistan do not come back to Pakistan adding that around \$500 million that were earned by workers to have proper certifi- Pakistanis overseas was financ-

He said, even the State The minister said that the of Pakistan did not intervention and even then dollar went up to Rs.330 and now it is around Rs.280 due to government measures and crackdown on hundi-hawala set ups.

> He said, money came back to interbank market and the situation has changed now adding the currency would further stabilized.

> At the outset of news briefing, Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said the prime objective of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was to boost the $economic \,progress \,of \,the \,coun$ try by removing all the obsta-

All the relevant ministers were present at SIFC meeting,

OIC strongly condemns storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque, closure of Al-Ibrahimi Mosque



ISLAMABAD: The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Wednesday strongly condemned the storming of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque by the Israeli occupation forces and the blatant assault on worshipers as well as the arrest of a number of them.

The Muslim world body, in a statement, also condemned the closure of Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Al-Khalil (Hebron).

"The OIC General Secretariat considers this an extension of the pying power, of the sanctity of the Al-Quds.

holy places and freedom of worship, and a blatant violation of the Geneva Conventions and international law. said the statement.

It said that the OIC held the Israeli occupation government fully responsible for the consequences of the continuation of these crimes and systematic attacks that fuel violence, tension, and instability in the region.

The OIC called upon the international community to assume its responsibilities to put an end to these serious violations, stressing the necessity of preserving the historical and legal status of the Islamic and Chrisrepeated violations of Israel, the occu- tian holy sites in the occupied city of

'World Teachers Day' to be observed on October 5

👺 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: To celebrate World Teachers' Day, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will organize a ceremony at Government Hasnain Shaheed Higher Secondary School, City No1, Peshawar on Thursday.

Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Dr. Muhammad hard work of teachers in Pakistan

WORLD

Qasim Jan, would be chief guest on the occasion. This year's central event aimed to recognize the dedication and

Pak-Norwegian BPC reaffirm to further strengthen bilateral cooperation

ISLAMABAD: The 12th Round of Pakistan-Norway Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) were held here on Wednesday in which the two sides reaffirmed to further strengthen cooperation in areas including investment, shipping, climate change, renewable energy and higher educa-

Pak-Norwegian BPC reaffirm to further strengthen bilateral cooperation Pakistan delegation was led by Ambassador Muhammad Saleem. AS (Europe) while the Norwegian delegation was led by Vebjorn Dysvik, Director General, Department for

Regional Affairs, the Foreign Office Spokesperson posted on X.

Pak-Norwegian BPC reaffirm to further strengthen bilateral cooperation https://x.com/ForeignOfficePk/ status/1709589229074841859? s=20 The BPC also reviewed progress made since last BPC held in 2021.

In a related post, the spokesperson further said that Norwegian side, being a key investment partner of Pakistan, was also briefed on the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), recently established by the Government of Pakistan and was invited to explore investment prospects arising out of the Council.

Rs 69 bln money-laundering identified in 5 years: Senate body informed

Mews Desk

ISLAMABAD: The customs authorities Wednesday informed the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue that inspection teams had identified Rs 69.5 billion money-laundering committed by 63 individuals during last five years.

Member Customs, Zeba Hai Azhar briefed the committee in a meeting, chaired by Senator Saleem Mandviwala, almost seven accused attached with the solar equipment import-business were among those who smuggled billions of rupees to different countries.

The senate body took up various reports on the massive moneylaundering by solar panel/equipment importers was also apprised that two accused had deposited Rs 26 billion in cash for import of solar panels.

The customs official said First Information Reports (FIRs) had been registered against six accused for their alleged involvement in the money laundering for causing dent to the national exchequers.

She highlighted that around 59 percent imports were done through green channels and most of the transition cleared in the Post Clear Audit a Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

Protection Corporation (DPC) Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Inayat Hussain said that the funds of depositors had legal protection worth Rs 500,000.

Earlier its limit was Rs 250,000 and the said amount limit fully covers 94 percent of depositors under the SBP subsidiary Deposits Protection Corporation (DPC) He said that all the scheduled

banks operating in the country were required to be members of DPC to ensure the deposits in these banks come under the umbrella of the deposit protection mechanism. While briefing on the account opening issue faced by the Political-

ly Exposed Persons (PEP), SBP offi-

cials informed that a focal person had appointed in each bank to facilitate the PEP in their account opening procedures. The SBP also appointed a focal

person in the SBP to solve the queries related to the account opening said adding that SBP further instructs banks to fast this procedure.

Senator Kamil Ali Agha said that the PEP faced problems in their account opening this is a violation of fundamental human rights and the constitution Article 10.

He said action should be taken against such officers and persons who obstruct the opening of accounts.

At UN, Pakistan pushes for defeating terrorism by settling disputes like Kashmir

跨 Spokesman Report

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan has called for addressing the unresolved conflicts, foreign occupation and denial of right to self-determination, especially in Kashmir and Palestine, in order to completely wipe out terrorism that has spread across the world.

"To comprehensively defeat terrorism, we must address not only its symptoms but also its root causes," Ambassador Munir Akram told the General Assembly Legal (sixth) Committee during a debate on 'Measures to eliminate International Terrorism' on Tues-

In his remarks, the Pakistani envoy spoke about terrorism's emerging trends and underscored both the importance of agreeing on a legal definition and developing a comprehensive convention on combating the menace.

"Any definition of terrorism in the comprehensive convention must also and emerging threats, including violent acts by white supremacist; far right extreme right wing, violent nationalist, xenophobic, Islamophobic, anti-Muslim and Hindutva groups and ideologies in various parts of the world," he said.

The new convention, the Pakistani envoy said, must clearly distinguish between acts of terrorism and a legitimate struggle of peoples under foreign and colonial occupation to the right to self-determination and national liber-

"We must ensure that fight against terrorism is not misused to violate human rights," he said, noting a. recent Amnesty International Report illustrates how one country in South Asia India - has weaponized the FATF's recommendations to suppress civil society and journalists and intensify oppres-

Ambassador Akram said that over the past two decades Pakistan has played a key role in fighting against terrorism, pointing out that Al-Qaeda was decimated largely due to its efforts.

However, he said that Pakistan was also a principled victim of terrorism, recalling that over the last 20 years it has suffered over 80,000 civilian and militake into account and reflect the new tary casualties in terrorist attacks, while its economy and development have been severely damaged.

> Pakistan continues to suffer from State-sponsored terrorism, he said, adding that on 29 September - on the birthday of Prophet Muhammad



(peace be upon him) - it had suffered two terrorist attacks, which killed 60 and injured over 100 civilians.

Ambassador Akram also called for addressing the emerging threats of terrorism from right-wing, neo-fascist and Islamophobic extremism," while advocating "appropriate changes" in the UN's counter-terrorism architecture and sanctions regimes to cover hate speech, terrorist narratives and provocations to violence.

"The new cyber tools of terrorism, including crypto-currencies and on-line terrorist recruitment; and regulate social media platforms.

To this end, he suggested that the General Assembly should establish a commission to promote the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism

On the other hand, Indian delegate Kajal Bhat reacted to Ambassador of a Sikh leaders on the Canadian soil. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

Akram's pointed words, claiming that Kashmir was an integral part of India and accused Pakistan of involvement Pakistani delegate Muhammad

Jawad Ajmal hit back, saying that Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized disputed territory. The dispute, he said, remains on the UN Security Coun-

cil's agenda and it's final disposition will

be determined by the Kashmiri people

through a UN-supervised plebiscite. Ajmal, a first secretary at the Pakistan Mission to the UN, told the committee that the Indian occupation forces were trying to suppress the Kashmiri people's demand for the exercise of their right to self-determination and freedom, with a brutal crackdown.

Since 1989, he said, over a hundred thousand Kashmiris have been killed and a systemic colonial-settler project is in the works.

The Pakistani delegate accused India of sponsoring state terrorism. "Previously, it used to perpetrate terrorism against its immediate neighboyrs. Now, its terrorist franchise has gone global," he said in an obvious reference to the alleged Indian involvement in the killing

While briefing on the Deposits

PM says people need to realize consequences of holding strikes

Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that it was imperative that the people need to realize the fact that holding strikes and creating anarchy in the state make problems more complicated rather than solving them.

While talking to public delegations that called on him here today, the PM said that the coalition government was trying to resolve all the problems and provide maximum possible relief to

He said that efforts were afoot to CBR chairman Sardar Zafar Khan, he to improve governance in the state.

Referring to the appointment of cy".



induct honest people into the system said, "Honest and transparent people are being promoted in the bureaucra-

for his honesty and integrity, he said that Khan was the person who has the potential and capability to fix the

He said that the government was functioning effectively within the ambit of the constitution and rule of

He said that reducing electricity prices was not an easy decision. He said that the decision was taken in the wider interests of the people.

He said that it was for the first time that the government had suspended the notification regarding the increase in electricity prices.

"Flour prices had increased during the previous government but after

Appreciating the CBR chairman taking charge I took notice of the matter and withdrew the increase in flour prices ", he said, adding that the decision was taken in the larger interest of the people.

"As long as I am in power, I will protect every single penny of the tax-money", he said.

He said that the expenses of the Prime Minister's House have been reduced from one and a half crore to fifteen lakhs.

Referring to the austerity drive, he said, "I don't use government vehicles, have visited Bhimbar twice, in

He said that all the funds would be used for the welfare of the people of

PMLN ideological workers rejected cabinet formed in NW



Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: PMLN ideological workers have rejected the cabinet formed in North Waziristan, expressing their displeasure with PML-N provincial president Amir Muqam.

They announced a press conference at the Islamabad Press Club on October 8 in order to convey the plea to the central leadership.

In this regard, a meeting of ideological workers of PML-N was held in a local hotel in Tehsil Mir Ali of North Waziristan under the chairmanship of senior leader Imran Dawar.

Provincial leaders Malik Liaqat Ali Wazir, Arfaq Ullah, Faiz, Nazir Dawar, Naseem Ullah, Ehsan, Younis and others were also present on

They said while talking to media representatives after the meeting, that the provincial president PMLN Amir Muqam did not take into confi $dence\,the\,local\,senior\,leadership\,and\,ideological\,workers\,of\,the\,Muslim$ League-N in reconstituting the newly elected cabinet of North Waziristan.

They said, this is a gross injustice to ideological workers which will never be tolerated. They said that in the new cabinet formed in North Waziristan, office

bearers from other parties were honored and ideological workers were

They further said, the sacrifices are ours, now the positions have been shared among the officials of other parties.

World Animals and Birds Safe Day Celebrate in Multan: Khalid Mehmood Qureshi



MULTAN: The International Animals and Vegetarian Day was celebrated under the auspices of Animal Save Movement Pakistan. On this occasion, the rally was held. Stop killing animals and birds. Let the animals and birds live a free and happy life, do not imprison them in cages. Zoos should be demolished and all animals and birds should be freed.

Stop eating meat and eat vegetables and other foods. Meat is harmful to health. Avoid meat, eat vegetables and get rid of thousands of diseases. Love animals and birds they are our friends. Live and live.

The rally was led by Khalid Mehmood Qureshi, President of Animal Save Movement Pakistan.

Session Judge assured delegation, three judges would soon start work in SWL



Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: Waziristan Wana political alliance under the leadership of District Bar South Waziristan President Shafi Ullah Advocate and General Secretary Nawab Ali Advocate held a detailed meeting with Sessions Judge South Waziristan District Shakir Ullah.

A detailed discussion was held regarding the shifting of district courts from Tank district to South Waziristan Lower district, in which all aspects were discussed.

Aman Ullah Wazir from Pakistan People's Party, Nadeem from Jamaat-e-Islami, Noor Zaman Advocate from Awami National Party, Ashfaq from Pakhtunkhwa MAP, Arshad Haroon from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Shah Mehmood from National Democratic movement and Councilor alliance President Sahib Khan participated in this

Apart from this, the delegation of Pakistan Qabail Moment members and lawyers was headed by President District Bar District South Waziristan Shafiullah Advocate.

The Iranian theatre play TIK TAK' presented in Karachi Arts Council

Bureau Report

KARACHI: On the 25th day of the "Pakistan Theatre Festival" theatre play "TIK TAK" by the Iranian theatre group "Petvazh" was presented in the Persian language in Auditorium I, Iranian Consul General Hassan Nourian, Director of Khana-e-Farhang Cultural Center of Islamic Republic of Iran, Karachi Dr. Saeed Talabi Nia, Consul General of France, Consul General of Indonesia, Consul General of Kuwait, Consul General of Malaysia, Acting Consul General of Afghanistan, Consul General of Saudi Arabia, Consul General of Oman, Consul General of Yemen and other social personalities participated.

Secretary Arts Council Ijaz Farooqi welcomed the distinguished guests, theatre writer Mahdi Salehyar while the director was Ahmed Nadafi, the cast of the drama included Maryam Al Sadat, Alireza Kaghazgaran, Reza Azamirad and Mahdi Sarsangi Aliabad. Drama showed that a soldier is guarding a tower and his wife rushes to the war zone to call her husband as she has no hope of him returning home, at the same time an enemy soldier is captured. It is very similar to the prisoner soldier (husband of the woman), the woman tries her best to explain to both of them that there is no war between you and your commanders have instigated you to fight while the price of war is paid only by your soldiers. Not the commanders you've never fought or met, they're only connected to you wirelessly. In the end, everyone is killed and a new soldier takes his place. The audience applauds the performance of the Iranian theatre group.

Sardar Attique says Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) life an excellent example for us

Bureau Report

DHIRKOT: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan has said that the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is an excellent example of life for all of us. He said that societies develop based on social principles as well as moral principles.

He expressed these views while addressing the Milad-ul-Nabi gathering organized by Raja Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, Raja Abdul Jabbar Khan and brothers in Dhirkot. Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan said What did the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) are the guidance and guidance for those who come to the Day of Judgment. Allah Almighty has also assigned us responsibilities such as establishing prayer, obtaining sacrifice.



sustenance, zakat, and giving charity. Bringing the message of Allah that Allah is one and do not commit polytheism, you established a system of justice, listened to the poor. From the biography of the Prophet, we know that you also formed a team despite the elites, oppression and oppression. It brought a revolution that covered the whole world. He said that even today we need similar spirit, movement and

taken care of and justice has been ensured. He always advised the rulers to keep their doors open, make their standard of living according to the people there and take care of the poor.

He said that we cannot compete in the world without knowledge, we have to work on it at every level, even now 2 crore children are out of schools, we all have to play our part together, then we will be right direction.

He said that targeting innocent and innocent citizens in the mosque on the occasion of Milad-ul-Nabi is a very cowardly act. He said that the beasts that target innocent and innocent citizens have nothing to do with humanity.. He said that the terrorists involved in these heinous acts of terrorism have no religion. Playing with the lives of innocent and innocent citizens

He said that in Islamic society, poor is a very shameful and cowardly act and helpless people have always been which cannot be condemned as much. Terrorists who target innocent citizens cannot save themselves from the wrath and punishment of Allah Almighty.

President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan participated in the Asrana given by Namdar Sardar Idris Kazim in Minhasa. Later, the workers of met President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan him at the residence of Sardar Idris Kazim in Minhasa. After the completion of Muzaffarabad tour, President Muslim Conference reached Rawalkot where President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan Chapanidhar condoled the death of senior Muslim Conference leader Sardar Latif Khan in Rawalkot with his sons Sardar Murtaza, Sardar Shafiq and other dear relatives and offeredFatiha Khwani.

DG Agriculture urges farmers to implement modern agricultural technology for better wheat production

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Dr. Ishtiaq Hassan, Director General Agriculture (Extension) Punjab while addressing a gathering of farmers as a special guest in Hazro has urged upon the farmers to carry out modern agricultural technology which is imperative to achieve better yield of wheat leading towards self-sufficiency in wheat in Pakistan is the guarantor of the country's food security. He said the purpose of this gath-

ering was to create awareness among the farmers to get better production of wheat. Addressing the farmers on this occasion, Director General of Agriculture Dr. Ishtiaq Hassan said that food management is a very important challenge for the growing population of the country at this time. Improved wheat production is essential to meet this ers should use the seeds of the varieties challenge. Dr. Ishtiaq Hassan, Director General Agriculture (Extension) Punjab further said that the time for wheat cultivation in rain fed areas is near and farm- better seeds are the primary need for



 $ers\, should\, complete\, their\, preparations$ in this regard.

The Punjab Agriculture Department (Extension) staff is standing by the side of the farmers. In this regard, the farmrecommended by the Punjab Agriculture Department for better production of wheat in rain fed areas because

better production. At present, the price of wheat is also quite good which can bring good income to the farmers.

Director General said that revolutionary measures are being taken by the Punjab government to increase the production of wheat this year. This year, fifteen hundred rupees subsidy is being provided on disease free wheat seed bag and total 1.2 million bags will

be provided to farmers. Ten thousand wheat demonstration plots will be planted and twenty thousand rupees for agricultural inputs would be provided on wheat yield.

This year prizes on wheat yield competition have been increased for the successful farmers in the wheat yield competitions. Across Punjab, the first position winner will be awarded a tractor worth 4.5 million, the second position winner a tractor worth 3.5 million and the third position winner a tractor worth 2.5 million will be provided.

Similarly, at the district level, the farmer who won the first position would be given 6 lakh, the second position 4 lakh and the third position holder would be given 2 lakh rupees subsidy of billions of rupees is being given on potash fertilizers. Addressing the gathering Deputy Commissioner Attock Rao Atif Raza, participating as the guest of honor, said that the availability and quality of fertilizers and agricultural inputs are being ensured to achieve abundant produc-

Multan Institute of Cardiology Phase 2 completed before time: Amir Khattak

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The Punjab government has given another gift to the residents of Multan and South Punjab. The milestone of completing the Cardiology Hospital Extension Block at a cost of more than 3 billion rupees has been crossed. Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak congratulated the Building Department and related officers. He said that

33 room OPD has been functionalized and handed over to cardiology hospital management. The entire extension block including wards of 208 beds has been completed. The construction of the hospital consisting of 3 basements, ground floor, 3 floors has increased 208 beds.

A 4 storied inn is being constructed at a cost of 20 crores in cardiology hospital. PC One of the 250-bed inn has been approved by the Punjab government. Commissioner Engineer Aamir Khattak visited the cardiology hospital. Deputy Commissioner



Assistant Commissioner City Simal to the patients in the cardiology block Mushtaq and other officers were also accompanied.

Commissioner Aamir Khattak Multan Captain R Rizwan Qadeer, checked the availability of medicines

and inquired about the facilities available in the hospital. E X N Building Hyder Ali, while giving a briefing, said that the tenders of the inn will vear.

be opened on October 19.

The accommodation for paramedical staff in cardiology extension block will be completed by the end of this





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AIOUcommences final examinations from October 16

Spokesman Report

Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is conducting examinations of Associate Degree (Arts, Commerce, Education) BBA, BS and B. Ed programs offered in the spring 2023 semester from October 16, 2023, to December 15, 2023, throughout the country.

The date sheet is available on the university website (www.aiou.edu. pk). Roll number slips are being uploaded to students

CMS portal. Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof Dr. Nasir Mahmood has instructed the examinations department to ensure transparency and provide all facilities to the students during the conduct of examinations. Examination centers are being established across the country in nearby and easily approachable vicinities of the students for their convenience.

Special teams will make surprise visits to the exam centers to eradicate the element of cheating and will check the identities of

Moreover, a ceremony was recently held at AIOU to celebrate World Translation Day.

The ceremony was presided over by the Vice Chancellor AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, while Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Director General of National Language **Promotion Depart**ment (NLPD) was the chief guest, and Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui, a prominent scholar, columnist, writer, educationist, and former VC AIOU was guest of honor.

The event was hosted by Dr. Ghulam Ali, Director, Center for Languages and Translation Studies (CeLTS) and Dr. Lubna Umar. At the end of the ceremony, 'DREAM'S DONT DIE', the English translation of Dr. Shahid Siddiqui's novel was launched.

Education in nation-building is as essential as foundation stone: Mushaal

ISLAMABAD: Mushaal Hussain Mullick Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Human Rights and Women Empowerment on Wednesday made it clear that the role of education in nation-building is as essential as the foundation stone and our young generation through education can play a significant role in the uplift and development of the country. "We can create awareness about human rights only through education," she added.

The SAPM made these remarks while speaking as a chief guest at a ceremony titled the Millennium Education One World Campus, E-11/4 Islamabad hosted by Student Council Investiture Ceremony and High Achievers Awards 2023 aimed at encouraging young individuals

responsible citizens. She said that it was next to impossible to enslave educated people; hence the Indian notorious fascist government was making all-out efforts to deprive the people of education through various coercive tactics.

Mushaal stated that the occupation authorities were well aware of the power of education that a war-like situation was created and a curfew was placed in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) under a well-conceived plan so that parents could not send their children to educational institutions because of fear of their detention and torture at the hands of brutal Indian forces. Enlightening the Millennials about progressive education, she said education is not only the name of getting marks but also the name of improving the different abilities of the students. Mushaal encourto regularise the student body and become aged the learners to work hard and put



their best efforts towards their respective clubs and societies

"New Dawn" could only come from the modern youth who are capable of overthrowing the shackles of external materialism and reawakening their inner fire," she added. Therefore, Mushaal underlined that it was high time to focus on education for the progress and prosperity of the country.

The SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment said: "We are proud of our children who have made Pakistan famous in "OA" levels. During the ceremony, Mushaal, CEO of Roots Millennium Schools, Chaudhry Faisal Mushtaq, Sabina Zakir Director of Communications, Community, and Outreach of The Millennium Education Group, awarded sashes to all the members of the council inclusive of members of Millennium Clubs and Societies.

Rehmat ul Alameen Conference

ISLAMABAD: Ameer Tanzeem Al-Ikhwan Pakistan Abdul Qadeer Awan addressing during a seminar entitled "Rehmat ul Alameen Conference" at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce in Federal



Religious Scholar calls for curbing smuggling and leakages to improve the economy

15 Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a conference on Rehmat ulil Aalameen Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). Sheikh Silsa Naqshbandiyya Owaisya and Head of Tanzeem Al-Ikhwan Pakistan Hazrat Ameer Abdul Qadeer Awan Madzala-ul-Aali was the chief

Speaking on this occasion, Hazrat Ameer Abdul Qadir Awan Madzala Al Aali shed light on the life of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) in detail. He said that Allah SWT had sent Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as a mercy and a source of guidance for the Zakat and Ushar, Pakistan can ber of Commerce and Indus-

by adopting the principles of his this world and the hereafter. He said that the birth and death of of humanity to achieve in this world and the hereafter. He said that Islam has also given golden principles for the economy and emphasized on the circulation of wealth in the society so that the wealth does not accumulate in a few hands. He said that by adopting the system of

people of the whole world and get rid of debts. He said that the example of the interest-based life, we can achieve success in economy like filling water in a strainer, so by getting rid of interest-based financial system Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) and adopting the system of took place in the month of Rabi Zakat and Ushar, the economy al-Awwal, so this month has can be brought out of difficulspecial significance in Islamic ties. He said that the prevention history. He said that the life of of smuggling is yielding benefi-Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is cial results for the economy and a book of guidance for the whole and stressed that all immoral and illegal sources of revenue leakages should be plugged to improve the economy. He said that despite being an agricultural country, people in Pakistan are facing food inflation which is unfortunate.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamtry, welcomed Hazrat Ameer Abdul Qadeer Awan Madzala-ul-Aali, Head of Tanzeem Al-Ikhwan Pakistan and hoped that his Bayan on Seerat e Nabvi would be very beneficial to the participants. He stressed that the well-to-do of society should take better care of poor people to help reduce poverty and promote prosperity.

Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President ICCI thanked the Chief Guest and all the participants for attending the Secrat

Engr. Azharul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI, Akhtar Hussain, ICCI Religious Affairs Committee Convener Tariq Nusrat Wani and others were also present on the occasion.

Holy Help Welfare announces 10 years of success

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Holy Help Welfare Organization, a non-governmental organization active for the education and arrangement of orphans, has completed ten years of success. Chairman Holy Help Welfare Abdullah Sabir On this occasion, he promised the students and parents that they will give the best education to the children studying in the school. So that in the future our children can play their key role in taking Pakistan on the path of devel-

Holy Help Welfare Organization, a non-governmental organization active for the education and arrangement of orphans, organized a special event in Chak Jalal Deen, a backward area of Rawalpindi, on the completion of 10 years. In which Peshawar Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Syed Saadat Hussain Shah, Mr. Otto Kurzendorfer General Manager of Serena Hotel, Islamabad. Otto Kurzendorfer General Manager, ISCO Chairman Qamar Islam Raja, Faisal Qayyum Malik, Haji Zafar Iqbal, Dr. Khalil Ahmad Khan,



Project Director CDRS Raja Naseer Abbas Zafar Ali Juha and a large number of local dignitaries participated.

Mr. Otto Kurzendorfer GM of Serena Hotel, who was the chief guest, said that it is a commendable initiative to provide free education to orphans and deserving children. I request the philanthropists to support the organization in this

cause. People's Party executive member Syed Saadat Hussain Shah said that we will continue our support for better education of children. God willing, we will help the school administration in constructing a new school building by taking a canal plot for the school. Later, Chairman Holy Help Welfare Abdullah Sabir thanked the

Work started on Pakistan's first 'TourismApp':WasiShah

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ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Tourism, Wasi Shah has said that the ministry would soon launch a 'tourism app' for the convenience of the public to provide one-click information related to tourism destinations and focus on promoting medical tourism in the country.



In an exclusive talk with journalists, the minister said that tourists visiting Pakistan will soon have an official application providing authentic information and access to the state tourism department," he said.

He specifically said that the app will provide tourists with all the information they want to know and will include all the information regarding restaurants, hotels, transport, travel facilities, culture, entertainment and historical places which will be updated on a regular basis.

He further added that it was a pleasure to see tourists from abroad in Taxila on the occasion of the culture caravan and he is very grateful to the people and the media for their immense reception in public circles.

Talking to the journalists, Minister of State for Tourism Wasi Shah said that as the Minister of State for Tourism, I am taking practical steps to promote tourism and make Pakistan a paradise for tourists, the fruits of which will reach the tourists soon.

APUBTA announces nationwide protest by university teachers against HEC violations



ISLAMABAD: The All Public Universities BPS Teachers Association (APUBTA), during a core committee meeting, has announced a nationwide protest by university teachers. The core committee expressed deep concern over the HEC's disregard for the clear directives issued by the National Assembly Special Standing Committee (NASSC), under the chairmanship of Prof Dr. Mandokhail.

In August, the NASSC instructed HEC to release promotion statutes within 15 days, which HEC failed to do, despite having signed an agreement with teachers. In response to these violations, a show cause notice was issued to the Chairman of HEC by the NASSC.

To address these issues and prevent further violations, the core committee has decided to stage a protest to hold HEC accountable for its breach of HEC ordinances, NASSC directives, Senate guidelines, Ministry of Education directives, and its own signed agreement. The protest plan

Black Ribbons: October 2-6

University-level Corner Meetings: October 9-13 University Visits by Leadership: October 3-20

Walks on Campuses: October 16-20 Provincial and Central Level Press Conferences: October 23-27

March to Islamabad: October 31 Sit-in at Islamabad and Complete Boycott of Classes in Nationwide Universities: October 31-November 3, or until the matter is resolved.

APUBTA emphasizes its commitment to resolving these issues peacefully and has raised concerns at various forums. However, HEC's lack of seriousness and failure to honor signed agreements have left no choice but to take this course of action. The seniority issues and lack of service

structure have adversely impacted university teachers. The government and relevant authorities are urged to address these concerns before the APUBTA's deadline, as resolving these matters through protests would not be in the best interest of both teachers and

Resisting Injustice: University Teachers' Struggle on World Teachers Day

Dr Imtiaz Ahmad



On World Teachers Day, which is celebrated internationally on October 5, I recall an important event from 2006. On this day, the former Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz granted a significant scale upgrade to university teachers and coined the term "Salam Teachers Day." Teachers, both in local communities and nations, are revered as the architects of society and are seen as agents of change and moral guidance. While "Salam Teachers Day" is well-suited

for educators in advanced countries, in Pakistan, teachers often receive respect primarily within the confines of their classrooms when they are educating or advancing the children of influential individuals. Unfortunately, when it comes to advocating for their own rights, many pass the responsibility to others, and little action is taken.

University teachers in Pakistan face a unique challenge. They are the only government employees who remain stuck in the same pay scale throughout their careers due to the absence of a clear career progression structure, despite provisions in the HEC ordinance. Regrettably, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has shown reluctance in implementing this provision.

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Canada India Conflict

mid escalating New Delhi-Ottawa tensions, the United States has said that Canada's allegations about India's involvement in the killing of a prominent Sikh leader on the Canadian soil were "serious" and must be investigated fully.

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who supported the Khalistan movement, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen outside a gurdwara on June 18 in a Vancouver suburb.

India had designated him as a "terrorist" three years Asked whether the Canada-India row came up during

the meeting, the visiting Indian External Affairs Minis-

Jaishankar had with US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan in Washington last week, John Kirby, the spokesman for the National Security Council at the White House said that the issue was discussed.

"We'll certainly leave it to those two countries to talk about their bilateral relationship," Kirby said in response to a question at his press conference.

"We've been clear, these allegations are serious, they need to be fully investigated and of course, as we've said before, we urge India to participate actively in that investigation," Kirby said.

Meanwhile, at the State Department, Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel told his daily news briefing that it's critical that Canada's investigation proceeds and the perpetrators are brought to justice.

"We also have, as we've previously said publicly and privately, urged the Indian government to cooperate in the Canadian investigation and cooperate in those efforts," he said.

When asked about U. S.' policy on the Khalistan issue, all that Patel said was that "broadly across the board, individuals have the right to freedoms of speech, right to peacefully assemble in the United States...".

(India has been pushing the U. S. to curb the activities of Khalistani activists here.) Replying to another question, he said he had seen the reports about India seeking drastic reduction of Canadian diplomatic staff at Canada's High Commission in New Delhi.

"But I don't have anything further to offer on those reports and certainly don't want to get into hypotheticals and take this process one step at a time.

As it relates to our Indo-Pacific strategy and the focus that we continue to place on the region, that effort and that line of work is going to continue," he said.

"With India, we are partners with them in the and in many others, and we continue to work with them and other countries in the region on a number of impor-

"But as I said, we take these allegations very seriously and we continue to not just work closely with our Canadian partners but have publicly and privately urged the Indian government to cooperate with Canada," Patel

Impacts of suicide attack or bombing in Pakistan

Syeda Mahnoor Fatima

suicide strike is carried out by someone, often a terrorist, who expects or wants to murder both oneself and others.

In a religious decision published in April 2002, Sheikh Hamed ai-Aii, a Salafist professor on Islamic culture in Kuwait, defined the circumstances under which it is permitted to kill civilians in the name of jihad without going against the Prophet Muhammad's prohibition against the killing of women and children. The AI-Aii on "Participation in War" said that it is legal to murder civilians in times of war if they actively participate in warfare, advise or urge others to do so, etc. It should be mentioned that a contemporary army fighting a war also consists of non-combatants, some of whom serve in combat support jobs and without the help of whom fighting a war would be impossible.

In Pakistan, a religious celebration honoring the birth of the Islamic Prophet Mohammad turned deadly on Friday when a suicide bomber detonated powerful explosives close to a mosque, killing at least 52 people and injuring at least 70 more in an assault that targeted worshipers and police. At least 5 individuals were killed in a separate incident that targeted another mosque elsewhere in the nation.

If I discuss its effects, it has led to an increase in political unrest, instability, and insecurity in the nation as a result of Pakistan's participation as a "frontline state" in the global fight against terrorism. The

cost of this conflict is quite high for Pakistan. However, little research has been done, particularly in terms of tallying Pakistan's losses throughout this conflict.

Human cost is the most visible effect of any war, and Pakistan is no exception, according to Nadia Mushtaq Ahmad's study. Pakistan has lost 49,000 lives since 2001, according to a report given by security services to the Pakistani Supreme Court on March 27, 2013. We may measure the human cost of terrorism by adding the numbers of victims from terrorist acts, political and ethnic violence, sectarian violence, and target murders, including drone operations. The main reason for this is that today's majority of terrorist, sectarian, and ethno-nationalist organizations have a close-knit relationship with one another.

As a result of terrorism, the Pakistani economy experienced serious harm. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is essentially the infusion of cash or investment from foreign nations, whether in the form of partial operations like multinational corporations or other forms of support. FDIs boost productivity in the country they are invested in. The incorporation of foreign technology is where this direct investment's greatest advantages come from. It is believed that military operations in FATA and other parts of KP, along with an excessive rise in the country's credit risk, which has driven up the cost of borrowing from the market, have negatively impacted foreign direct investment, which had been rising sharply for several years. Pakistan's exports have also been impacted by its involvement in the fight against terrorism.

Internally Displaced People (IDPs), The Pakistani government launched five significant military operations against the militants after the Taliban violated the Nizam-e-Adl Regulation 2009 in Malakand Division. As a result of these operations, according to a report released in June 2013 by the International Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC), approximately 5 million people have been forced to flee their homes within Pakistan.

This protracted conflict has had terrible societal effects on Pakistan. The physical infrastructure was severely damaged by hundreds of suicide bombs that took place across the nation, and the costs associated with maintaining law and order put an even greater strain on the economy, diverting funds from other areas of spending to security. The socioeconomic climate of today has probably had a negative impact on the fight against poverty.

Any nation in the world can advance with the right education. It also suffered as a result of the war on terror. Schools for females in general were demolished. The Taliban outright forbade girls from attending school.

Sports: On March 3, 2009, terrorists attacked a visiting Sri Lankan cricket team in Lahore, killing eight Pakistanis, including six police officers and two civilians, and injuring six players. The militants in Pakistan have already attacked other sports. It had a negative effect on Pakistan's reputation.

The most significant variables influencing the number of tourists entering The writer is a Student of Law College at any nation are terrorism, political unrest,

and violence. The Pakistani government relied on tourism as a significant source of income until a few years ago. After certain western nations began issuing Negative Travel Advisories (NTA) for Pakistan, the number of international tourists sharply decreased. A government may issue an NTA to discourage its citizens from traveling to a certain nation. Even when several nations lowered their travel warnings, things in Northern Pakistan have gotten worse.

Pakistan's dilemma of national identity, Pakistan's identity today is divided between being a state on the front lines of the global battle against terrorism and serving as a safe haven for a new generation of terrorists. Regardless of Pakistan's actual circumstances, the country has been portraved as unstable and in a less than favorable light.

One of the worst effects of the war on terror on Pakistani society has generally been the rise of religious intolerance; people have taken the law into their own hands; weaponization is common; and people have turned against anti-state and law enforcement agencies, including the military, for inflicting this tyranny on the

As I've already said, Mam Nadia Mushtaq listed a variety of negative effects of suicide bombing in Pakistan. They are making Pakistan less valuable and fostering unrest there. It must be denounced, and those involved must also be apprehended and given a death sentence.so that the lovely nation we live in will prosper.

University of Sargodha



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmi. (Courtesy of Asharq Al-Awsat)

Protocol culture in Pakistan

Jalaluddin Kakar

evolving-door democracy and the politically challenged economy of Pakistan have been encircled by protocol culture in a deleterious manner to stave off multiple breadwinners. What shocked me was that the richest 1 percent held 9 percent of the country's income of \$314.4 billion in 2018-19. The report found that the poorest 1 percent held just 0.15 percent.

An idea of magnitude is the one-step forward and two-step backward approach of the state to always shore up the protocol culture in Pakistan for the tycoons and bigwigs to have a luxurious lifestyle by enriching a few at the expense of many. The United Nations Development Programme's recommended policies focus on removing privileges and targeting spending on outcomes that provide both structural support for the country's poor and on the infrastructure—such as education and healthcare—that would provide them further economic opportunities. What I find

more fascinating is that "if with one hand you are providing a gain that benefits yourself and taking the gain with the other hand, then what we have lost is that sense of separation of powers and oversight." An interesting thought enters the mind: the richest 20 percent of Pakistanis hold 49.6 percent of the national income, compared with the poorest 20 percent, who hold just 7 percent.

Much ink has been spilled on highlighting the disparity in as much as prestige-Craving political leadership and military officials use their privilege

discrimination through prejudice against others based on social characteristics, and policies are often unsuccessful at addressing the resulting inequity. The ill-focused attempts of unscrupulous elites to have ubiquity in all spheres always paved the way for them to circulate the money in a few hands and more exasperatingly spend that on unnecessary protocol rather than necessary security. It would be pertinent and safe to say that what we pay for so-called taxes always circulates in the elite's pockets rather than being spent to improve the lifestyle of the needy people. Besides putting a burden on our economy, protocol culture is adding misery to the already suffering common people of Pakistan.

I can unhesitatingly remonstrate that their problem is not a security concern; there is a problem with their psyche. They take pride in carrying a lot of policemen with them. In fact, protocol culture has become a symbol of influence and status. It would be more accurate to say that you may have found yourself stuck in traffic or halted by a police officer. You sat back, waited, and

eventually watched a convoy of large vehicles with blacked-out windows speed through the newly emptied street, surrounded by pickups full of men with guns.

More astonishing of all is that, as per the UN Development Programme's (UNDP), Elite privilege consumes \$17.4 billion of Pakistan's economy. Elite groups, including the corporate sector, feudal landlords, the political class, and the country's powerful military, add up to an estimated \$17.4 billion, or roughly 6 percent of the country's economy. The biggest beneficiary of the privileges, which may take the form of tax breaks, cheap input prices, higher output prices, or preferential access to capital, land, and services, was found to be the country's corporate sector, which accrued an estimated \$4.7 billion in privileges. The second and third-highest recipients of privileges were found to be the country's richest 1 percent, who collectively own 9 percent of the country's overall income, and the feudal land-owning class, which constitutes 1.1

percent of the population but owns 22 percent of all arable farmland. Both classes have strong representation in the Pakistani Parliament, with most major political parties' candidates' drawn from either the feudal landowning class or the country's business-owning elite.

The country's powerful military, which has directly ruled Pakistan for roughly half of its 74-year history, was found to receive \$1.7 billion in privileges, mainly in the form of preferential access to land, capital, and infrastructure, as well

to capture more than their fair share, people perpetuate structural as tax exemptions. However, Pakistan's military is also "the largest conglomerate of business entities in Pakistan, besides being the country's biggest urban real estate developer and manager, with wide-ranging involvement in the construction of public projects". The poorest and richest Pakistanis effectively live in completely different countries, with literacy levels, health outcomes, and living standards that are poles apart. Pakistan ranks second-tolast in South Asia based on HDI, outperforming Afghanistan but lagging behind all six of its other regional neighbours. This is actually something that the leadership brought up themselves as to this conundrum of feeling like one is stuck at a certain point.

All I am saying is that Pakistan is the richest homeland for the 1 percent elites and tycoons. On cue, this question always remains unanswered: Why not prioritize national interests over person-

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WASA Multan, path on growth and development

decisive step was taken to establish a dedicated committee comprising experienced engineers. The primary objective behind the formation of this committee was to devise a strategic plan and pool their technical expertise to reach the predetermined recovery target.

approach, reflecting a commitment to address the

challenges that had stymied the recovery branch's efforts. By assembling a diverse team of engineers, this committee sought to tap into a wealth of knowledge and fresh perspectives, fostering innovative solutions to enhance the likelihood of success. Their collective efforts aimed to identify and rectify the root causes of the previous setback, thereby charting a more effective and efficient path toward achieving the recovery goals set by WASA

Multan. The failure of WASA Multan's recovery branch was attributed to rampant corruption and incompetence within the branch. It was evident that water and sewerage bills from favored individuals' factories, plazas, and markets were not being collected into WASA's accounts. Ostensibly, every employee of WASA's recovery branch had become the owner of millions in bank balances, while their children attended private, expensive schools.

WASA's Managing Director, Chaudhry Muhammad Danesh, is enthusiastic about the addition to recovery according to the new tariff. The recovery and engineering departments have jointly mobilized field teams

to identify defaulters, recover dues, and detect illegal connections. Teams assess performance on a daily basis. During the performance evaluation the other day, all circle in-charges were directed to conduct field surveys on September 30th and collect detailed reports on

survey process will be completed promptly. MD Engi-

ubsequent to the unsuccessful endeavors of the WASA Multan recovery branch, a Kaleem Allah, Director Admin Ahsan Bilal Qureshi, Director Engineering Abdul Salam, Director Recovery Mansoor Ahmed, Deputy Directors Engineering, and others were present during this occasion.

Meanwhile, circle officers were encouraged to identify more new connections, boost their performance, and integrate them into the billing network based on new This development signified a significant shift in tariffs. MD WASA emphasized that consumers should verify their bill details - tariff, category, and area. In case

> of discrepancies, connections identified in the daily survey reports should be billed in the billing section to increase revenue. MD WASA has issued strict instructions for the recovery department to work diligently and achieve the monthly targets. Consumers have also been informed to ensure the timely payment of their WASA obligations to further enhance the quality of water supply and sanitation services.

Zain-ul-Abideen Abid Despite WASA agency budgets remaining minimal, the employees had become exceedingly wealthy, while their salaries were meager in comparison. Ordinary clerks owned cars and houses, while WASA Multan suffered losses. Considering all these facts, the MD of WASA took a bold step and entrusted the responsibility of recovery and monitoring to honest and competent engineers. Corrupt and bribe-taking employees have shown strong resentment towards this commendable

Contrary to the truth, newspapers have been publishing reports against MD WASA and the administration's policies, aimed at spreading falsehoods. WASA consumers have appreciated the new recovery policy, as it is expected to increase revenue through the acquisition of new connections and an expansion in the recovery volume. Consumers assert that the illegally collected funds from factories, plazas, and markets were finding their way into the pockets of WASA employees. Now, survey findings and dues recovery from defaulters. The a neutral team has emerged to successfully combat this corruption and wrongdoing.

Karachi included in 'Road to Makkah' project to expedite pilgrims' journey

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed on Wednesday expressed gratitude to the Saudi government for their ongoing cooperation and support in Hajj arrange-

This sentiment was shared during a meeting with Saudi Ambassador, Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, and Muslim World League Regional Director Saad bin Masood Al-Harsi. The discussion primarily revolved around future Hajj arrangements and mutual interests.

Minister Aneeq acknowledged the successful recent visit to Saudi Arabia and highlighted the improved facilities for



to Makkah project, which would streamline the immigration and customs process for pilgrims leaving from the metropolitan city.

had been included in Road ensure their swift accommodation upon arrival in Saudi Arabia.

Minister Aneeq also emphasized the groundbreaking establishment of a Secrat He elaborated that this Museum in Islamabad, a proj-Pakistani pilgrims this year. development would expedite ect that promises to be revolu-

He mentioned that Karachi the movement of pilgrims and tionary. Muslim World League Secretary-General Sheikh Dr. Muhammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa was scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the Seerat Museum on November 15, he added. He said the Muslim

in various initiatives.

Saudi Ambassador Al-Malki assured that there would be further enhancements in the facilities for Hajj pilgrims in the upcoming seasons. He highlighted the inclusion of Pakistan in the Road to Makkah project, an exclusive programme that currently involves only seven countries worldwide.

Muslim World League Regional Director Saad bin Masood Al-Harsi shared details about the forthcoming construction of the Seerat Museum in Islamabad, which would span an impressive 8,000 square meters. He emphasized the importance of prompt construction and foun-World League continued to dation laying activities set to play a dynamic and vital role commence next month.

Learning about China's socio-economic growth is the need of the hour

👺 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: "Pakistan has prioritized enhancing cooperation in Energy, Mining, Information Technology, and Agriculture, as emphasized by the KP's Minister of IT during the 74th Anniversary event organized by the Pakistan China Friendship Association (PCFA) & China Study Centre (CSC) at university of Peshawar this

Dr. NajeebUllah, Minister for Science and Technology, IT, Sports, and Youth Affairs, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa thanked the PCFA & CSC for organizing the event, And bringing both countries close to each other.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. NajeebUllah congratulated the Chinese people on their national day and advised students to pay attention to understanding Chinese culture, history, and civilization. He also said that we have to learn a lot of things from China's expertise. He highlighted different aspects where Pakistan Labor and Higher Education. needs to improve and can learn from



one of the sectors where we need a lot of improvements. He also stated the Economic Growth have different factors. One is Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) the second is Skilled

Prof. Dr. JehanBakht Vice Chancel-

China. Science and technology are lor of Agriculture University of Peshawar congratulated the Chinese people on their national day. The collaboration in higher education strengthened in the wake of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) further

tion among the institutions of higher learning between the two countries.

Prof. Dr. KausarTakrim, Director, CSC, University of Peshawar welcomed the chief guest, Faculty members, students, and government & media officials to the seminar. She said today, we gathered here to celebrate the foundation day of the People's Republic of China, a nation that has a rich and profound history and has made remarkable strides in the past decades.

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani, Secretary General, of PCFA KP delved into China's rich history and highlighted the country's enduring struggles. However, China's persistent efforts have propelled it toward becoming the second-largest economy in the world. He also emphasizes that Pakistan and China share a unique bond and both countries have supported each other in tough times.

At the end of the event, a cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the "74th founding anniversary of the galvanized the academic coopera- People's Republic of China".

The Hands Deserve The Books

跨 Zeenat Iqbal Hakimjee

hild Labour is a crime against humanity. At this juncture I am reminded of a very moving story about one of the world's greatest humanitarians Abraham Lincoln. The the family was in a miserable state of time, at which this episode took place. Lincoln was a candidate for a congress seat. And on that day, he had an important election speech to deliver. But he also had a far greater task to perform. A noble cause to fight for.

He cancelled his election speech and entered the jam-packed court, which was already in session. Unnoticed, he sat down in the last row. The case being ended, the District Attornev rose and moved the trial of John Wilson for murder. There was a stir through the courtroom. In the doorway appeared the Sheriff, leading a childish figure, a boy of ten, dressed in poor homemade clothes. He was Lincoln, the unique humanist, who had pale and desperately frightened. The judge faced the criminal, paused pityingly and steadied himself. "Have you a lawyer?" He asked. The lad shook his unkempt yellow head. "No, I dunno anybody. I ain't got- Money- to pay".

The boy was in tears, his widowed mother was sobbing near him. "Do you wish the court to assign you a counsel?" In the stillness a boot scraped the floor. The man in the back seat rose, "May it please your honour" he said. "I am a lawyer. I should be glad to act as a Counsel for the Defense". The Judge looked for a moment at the loose-hung, towering figure. "What is your name?" He asked. The man answered quietly "Abraham Lincoln". Lincoln, who gave

his life to abolish slavery, had come that day to re-pay a debt.

Years back, when he was a struggling non-entity, the family of the then well to do little boy, then a baby, had given Lincoln solace and succor. Subsequently, the boy's father died and abject poverty. The boy, John had to work due to force of circumstances. in a farm of one heartless man who was Shaughnessy by name. He was a cruel tormentor. One day, he started beating the boy so mercilessly that the desperate defenseless boy struck his tormentor's head with a pitchfork. The man died after some time. The boy was charged for murder. This was the story. It was commonly said that the boy was doomed; No lawyer, even a smart one could get him off after some seemingly convincing evidence. But in the courtroom that day was

no ordinary man. It was the great come, jeopardizing his future career by canceling his election speech, for a great cause- even greater than his own magnificence.

"Gentlemen of the jury," began Abraham Lincoln. I am going to try this case in a manner not customary in courts. I shall not call witnesses; the little prisoner over there is all the witness I want. I shall not argue. You know that at an age when this boy's hands should have held schoolbooks or a fishing rod, they held the man's tool that was his undoing; you know how a grown man goaded the child till in desperation he used the tool at hand. All I ask is that you deal with the little fellow, as you would have other men



deal in such a case with little fellow's of your own at home. Before the verdict, for a second, perhaps, no one breathed in that packed mass. 'Not guilty' was the verdict.

It was a momentous Victory for a great cause. The cause of tormented and exploited 'Johns' of America.

My story is an inspiration from the former. It is about the 'Asims' of Pakistan. A familiar figure in the homes of Pakistan. The not so lucky ones in the houses. I differentiate because cold callous concrete houses consist of ruth-

For one such house Asim worked. His mother was a widow and she washed dishes and clothes for her 'Begum Sahiba' who had suggested this couple for Asim's employment. Asim had formerly tried his hand as a motor mechanic, but as circumstances would have it his boss had closed his workshop because of lack of funds.

After getting the job, Asim worked for Amina and Aslam where he was required to do all the dirty and hard iobs. To clean the bathrooms, to sweep outdoors in the harsh summer sun of Karachi. On the face of it everything seemed fine. His masters bullied him sometimes. They would

feed him with leftovers and not give him new clothes to wear, although he tore his own clothes doing the dirty work. Maybe, it was because poor Asim had not experienced the luxury of life. He could not tell that he was being dealt with severely.

Amina was a frustrated woman. Aslam had two wives and she hated sharing him with his other wife. Maybe this was the reason for her being so cruel.

One ill-fated day, Amina entered the house and heard a noise in the kitchen. A glass had slipped from Asim's hands and was in splinters.

In a rage, she ignited a matchstick and placed it on Asim's hands. Singed he ran out, followed by Amina who seemed in a frenzy. Luckily, for him, she was heavy and could not move as

In his mother's embrace he told his story, to his mother's mistress who listened patiently. She could not even think that Amina could do this to Asim. She was determined to amend the wrong done to him.

She went to Amina's house, but Amina completely denied that she had been cruel. She knew Amina was scared of being blamed publicly. So Asim's mother's mistress threatened Amina to compensate Asim for her ill-doings or she would go to the Police.

Amina was asked to pay a handsome amount to Asim for a life-time in lieu of her attempt to burn Asim's hand, which escaped several burns because of him not loosing his senses and wrapping up his hand tightly so that no air was left to blow the flame.

Asim's mother's won the money and with that money Asim joined school with zeal to become something, and look after his mother.

SCO conference on developing medical, pharmaceutical cooperation



Spokesman Report

BEIJING: The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) conference on development of medical and pharmaceutical cooperation was recently held in Suzhou, China. Attendees included representatives from the public and private sectors related to healthcare from Pakistan, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic the Russian Federation, and Uzbekistan. During the conference, issues of strengthening international cooperation in the field of medicine and pharmaceuticals, harmonising quality control and registration of medicines within the SCO, and ensuring that pharmaceuticals have access to the markets of the SCO member states were all discussed, according to SCO Secretariat here. The participants adopted the Suzhou Initiative following the SCO Conference on the Development of Medical and Pharmaceutical Cooperation, which reflects the goals and tasks related to the further promotion of SCO cooperation in pharma and healthcare, as well as ways to create an expanded, open, mutually beneficial and equal partnership aimed at the effective development of the pharmaceutical industry in the SCO space.

Amb. Amna Baloch meets Rector Rik Van de Walle



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU, Amna Baloch on Tuesday held discussions with Rector Rik Van de Walle of Ghent University. The ambassador discussed the ongoing engagement tracks related to knowledge partnerships and sought deepening of ties, including collaborations with specialized research consortium, Pakistan Embassy in Belgium posted on X. Amb. Amna Baloch meets Rector Rik Van de Walle https://x.com/EmbassyPakBel/ status/1700995901098417599? s=90 In a related post, the embassi said that the ambassador also held an interaction with the Pakistani students. The students shared their ongoing concerns and challenges and the ambassador assured them of complete support and facilitation. Amb. Amna Baloch meets Rector Rik Van de Walle, Meanwhile, Ambassador Amna Baloch called on Permanent Representative of Croatia to the European Union Ambassador Irena Andrassy. Amb. Amna Baloch meets Rector Rik Van de Walle They exchanged views on areas of mutual interest and greed to explore new avenues of cooperation, another post on X said.

RAW officials reveal how Indian spies infiltrated West way before Nijjar's murder in Canada

India's external intelligence service has earned a formidable reputation in its immediate region, with Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Nepal accusing it of meddling in politics and supporting outlawed groups involved in

However, recent allegations by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have cast India's secretive Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) into the global spotlight.

Trudeau claimed that Indian government agents played a role in the June killing of Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in a Vancou-

In response, India vehemently denied the allegations and demanded that Canada provide evidence. Ottawa asserted that it had shared proof with its allies but refused to release it publicly.

Reuters conducted interviews with four retired and two serving Indian security and intelligence officials well-acquainted with RAW. They revealed that the agency became more internationally assertive

following the 2008 Mumbai attacks, a tragic event that claimed 166 lives. All these officials spoke anonymously due to the sensitive nature of their discussions. Several officials disclosed that RAW gradually expanded its presence in

Western nations after 2008. A current official highlighted India's failure to extradite a US citizen convicted in connection with the Mumbai attack as a driving factor behind RAW's efforts to gain influence in the West. While RAW possesses advanced signal and technical intelligence capabilities in its immediate vicinity, its operations in the West are

predominantly reliant on human intelligence, as stated by one serving and one former official. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, known for strengthening India's defence capabilities since his 2014 election, has emboldened RAW, according to five officials. However, Modi's office declined to comment

RAW Chief Ravi Sinha, the only serving official publicly linked to the agency, did not respond to messages seeking comment. Sinha reports to Modi's office through National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who also

remained silent on the issue. All six officials categorically denied any involvement of RAW in targeted killings, emphasising that the agency lacks a mandate for such oper-

The fallout from the Vancouver incident has sparked concerns about increased global scrutiny of RAW, as suggested by Indian intelligence officials and analysts.

Dheeraj Paramesha Chaya, an expert on Indian intelligence at Hull University in the UK, believes that greater Western attention to RAW's activities may lead to a better understanding of Delhi's security concerns.

The West has expanded its military and intelligence cooperation with India amid growing tensions with China, including Washington's agreement in 2020 to share sensitive mapping and satellite data.

Bull & Bears

PSX	100-Snare			
Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 1	100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close			
47,079.83	46,756.80			
Day's High	Day's Low			
47,199.50	46,748.79			
Index Value	Change			
5,844,512,623	+323.03			
Percentage	Time			
+0.69%	4 Oct, 2023 5:00 pm			
Europe: FTSE 100 Index				
Index Value	Change			
7,412.45	-57.71			
Percentage	Time			
-0.77%	4 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1			
USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
32,953.27	-49.11			
Percentage	Time			
-0.15%	4 Oct, 2:37 pm GMT-4			
Asia Pacific: Nikl	kei Stocks Average			

GMT+9 **Open Market Forex Rates**

Change

-711.06

Time

4 Oct, 3:15 pm

Index Value

30,526.88

Percentage

-2.28%

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	180.2	182
Bahrain Dinar	766	774
Canadian Dollar	210	212
China Yuan	39.62	40.02
Danish Krone	40.55	40.95
Euro	297	300
Hong Kong Dollar	36.74	37.09
Indian Rupee	3.46	3.57
Japanese Yen	1.55	1.62
Kuwaiti Dinar	931.36	940.36
Malaysian Ringgit	61.27	61.87
NewZealand \$	171.55	173.55
Norwegians Krone	26.92	27.22
Omani Riyal	748.35	756.35
Qatari Riyal	79.03	79.73
Saudi Riyal	75.25	76
Singapore Dollar	206	208
Swedish Korona	26.34	26.64
Swiss Franc	313.85	316.35
Thai Bhat	7.79	7.94
U.A.E Dirham	78.2	79
UK Pound Sterling	346.5	350
US Dollar	282	284.8



Khalid Associates Global are pleased to conduct a training session for staff of Faysal Bank Limited on the topic of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Regulations on Framework for Managing risks of Trade Based Money Laundering at Learning & Development Centre Lahore. Very good active participation by the participants.

BMP nominates M.Ali Sheikh as presidential candidate for FPCCI election 2024

News Desk



ISLAMABAD: The Businessmen Panel (BMP), the ruling group of the FPCCI. has nominated the noted businessman and FPCCI former

from Islamabad as its presidential candidate for the Federation elections for 2023-24 in view of his great performance as apex body's VP as well as GCCI SVP in

The decision was taken in the Core Committee meeting of the BMP under the chairmanship of Mian Anjum Nisar, the chief of Businessmen Panel.

In a high-profile meeting held here, the group acknowledged the performance and accomplishments of three consecutive presidents of FPCCI from BMP for the collective good of business, industry and trade community of the entire

Addressing the ceremony, Mian Anjum Nisar highlighted the BMP leaders' struggle and achievements over last four years, as the ruling group of FPCCI, and said that despite several issues representatives of the ruling group have performed well in the country's largest trade body and most issues of business community were resolved through the platform of FPCCI.

Economic policies are good; quick reforms required: Mian Zahid Hussain

Example 2 Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain said on Wednesday that Pakistan has become a permanent customer of international financial institutions.

No one tolerates a customer who is unable to repay the loan for a long time, so being economically self-sufficient has become the only means of saving the country, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that some people are still not serious about reforms because their political interests are at stake.

Talking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that the econo- now the foreign doctors trying to treat it are my has been in the ICU for many years, and getting frustrated.



He said that Pakistan is currently facing serious problems of inflation, deficits, reductions in industrial and agricultural production, falling exports, and reduced remittances, hitting the balance of payments.

has reached 74.3% of GDP in FY 2023 and aging. The decision to send Afghans living continues to grow rapidly. Debt and interest payments have become such a big problem that the government is unable to provide relief to the people even if it wants to, nor is it able to develop the economy so that the people can get employment.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that now countries are giving repeated warnings about out the basic weaknesses in the economy and demanding their resolution.

No matter how much money is borrowed, t will never fix the economic problems, as improvement requires internal reforms that have been neglected for decades, he observed.

He said that efforts are being made to The business leader said that public debt improve the situation rapidly, which is encourillegally in Pakistan back to their country is correct.

> Moreover, he said, any further postponement of important reforms will lead to a faster-than-expected deterioration that will be beyond anyone's control.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the governthe international organizations and friendly ment should reduce its expenses and start saving the country's economy from leeches the economy of Pakistan; they are pointing through the immediate sale of failed government institutions because they are a big problem for the country.

Group photo

ISLAMABAD: a delegation of the Islamabad Industrial Association (IIA) Muhammad Ahmed, Atif Ikram Sheikh, Karim Aziz Malik, Mian Akram Farid, Usman Shaukat posing in a group photo with President of Pakistan Mr Arif Alvi.



Solar Association (PSA) commemorated a year filled with significant milestones during its Annual General Meeting held on Septembut also to generate employber 30, 2023, at the PSA

Pakistan Solar Association

marks year of milestones at annual general meeting

LAHORE: The Pakistan headquarters in Lahore. The meeting was a testaaddressing key issues related to net metering and its unwavering stance against the imposition of the GST on solar products. These accomplishments underscore PSA's steadfast commitment to the advancement of the solar

energy industry in Pakistan. Chaired by Mr. Amir Chaudry, Chairman of PSA, the pivotal role of solar energy in Pakistan's progress and vate a clean and green energy ethos throughout the nation. Mr. Amir Chaudry shared impacts.

the association's visionary goals, stating, "Our vision is to transform Pakistan into a hub of clean and green energy. The solar energy sector not only holds the potential to mitigate energy shortages ment opportunities and significantly contribute to the nation's economic develment to PSA's dedication to opment. By fostering collaboration within our industry, we can expedite the adoption of solar energy solutions and pave the way for a sustainable, resilient, and prosperous Pakistan."

Attendees at the meeting unanimously recognized the profound significance of solar energy in Pakistan's energy landscape. They the meeting centered around emphasized how harnessing solar power could serve as a transformative solution to the urgent necessity to culti- mitigate Pakistan's energy challenges while concurrently mitigating environmental

CM Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inaugurates display center at RCCI

Example 2 Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: For the first time in history, the Chief Minister of Punjab Mohsin Raza Nagyi along with his entire cabinet participated in the ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Rawalpindi

Ministers including Industries Minister SM Tanveer and Minister for Primary and Secondary Health Dr. Jamal Nasir, Minister Information and Culture Amir Meer, Dr. Javaid Akram Specialized Healthcare Department, Ibrahim Murad Local Government, Bilal Afzal Communications & Works and Excise among others, were also present at the ground breaking ceremony of display center for women entrepreneurs, SMEs and cottage industries.

On this occasion, Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman, IG Punjab Usman Anwar, Commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali Chatta, RPO, CPO, Deputy Commissioner and others along with the government officials of Punjab administration along with a large number of local people participated.

The function was attended by office bearers of RCCI, former presidents of Rawalpindi Chamber, women and a large number of business leaders and members.

President Saqib Rafiq said in his address that this is the first time in history that



the Chief Minister of Puniah including his entire cabinet, including advisers and administration, along with the Chief Secretary, IGPunjab and all administrative officials, visited the Rawalpindi Chamber, which not only motivates us but it also shows the seriousness to solve the problems of the business community.

He thanked the Chief Minister for starting work on the Ring Road, Safe City Project and for the grant of 2 billion to BBH and Holy Family Hospital.

Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi said in his address that this is the first time that the cabinet meeting was held in Rawalpindi in which the progress of many

projects was reviewed. He said that the efforts of RCCI for the business community of Rawalpindi region are commendable and appreciated the effective input of representatives of the business community.

Group leader Sohail Altaf also appreciated the efforts of the Chief Minister and his cabinet for the business community. Appreciating the actions of the Chief Minister, he also gave him the title of Mohsin Punjab. Sohail Altaf said economic development can be achieved through industrialization, adding economic zones along the ring road, relocation of transport and wholesale markets, improvement of Nala Lai and Kachhari Chowk and industrial projects.

More 125 percent cotton beles expected in year 2023 session: Saqib Zafar

S Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab Capt. (Rtd) Saqib Zafar has said that the government has turned South Punjab into a cotton belt and it is expected to get 125 percent more bales of cotton this year as compared to last year. He said, in view of the food security, the target of wheat production in Punjab has been set at 50 million tons this year. Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab said strict instructions have been issued to stop smuggling of fertilizer through DG Khan and the government officials who facilitate smuggling will be dismissed from their jobs. He was talking to farmers on the occasion of inspecting the cotton crop in Samina Sadat village in DG Khan. Commissioner DG Khan Dr. Nasir Mehmood and other officials were also with him. Capt.(R) Saqib Zafar said under the leadership of Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, the agricultural sector in Punjab

has made record progress and the total production of cotton this year has been estimated at 70 lac bales while 33 lac 66 thousand bales have been obtained so far. He said the best cotton crop will lead to the acquisition of valuable foreign exchange which will support the country's economy. Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab said the production of rice in Punjab has become doubled as compared to last year and this year rice worth 2 billion dollars will be exported which can be increased to 5 billion dollars in the next two years. He said, in view of food security, the target of wheat production in Punjab this year has been set at 50 million tons. Capt.(Rtd) Saqib Zafar said instructions have been issued to monitor the check posts to stop the smuggling of fertilizer through DG Khan. He said cases will also be registered against the government officials who facilitate the smugglers and they will be dismissed from their jobs.

PSX surpasses 47,000pts level with 323 points gain

KARACHI: Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) extended gains for the third straight session on Wednesday, with the KSE-100 Index gaining 323.03 points (+0.69 percent) to breach the 47,000 points level and close at 47,079.83 points.

The market opened on a positive note and remained positive throughout the session. The indices maintained their upward momentum amid improved economic indicators. The rupee's appreciation over the past few weeks has given investors a sense of confidence. Moreover, 10 percent duty on Afghanistan transit trade is going to discourage any kind of smuggling which used to take place through Afghan tranagainst 95.17 million shares traded

local industry.

On the other hand, the trade deficit improved to \$1.49 billion in September compared to \$2.16 billion in August, showing an improvement of 31.13 percent on a month-onmonth basis.

The benchmark index traded in a range of 450.71 points, showing an intraday high of 47,199.50 points and an intraday low of 46,748.79 points. Among other indices, the KSE All Share Index gained 157.46 points (+0.50 percent) to close at 31,585.67 points, while KMI All Share Islamic Index gained 76.54 points (+0.33 percent) to close at 22,959.29 points.

Total volumes traded for the KSE-100 Index increased by 5.11 million to 100.28 million shares sit and the step will further empower a session earlier. The overall market

volumes increased by 117.06 million closed down and seven remained shares to 330.25 million shares against 213.19 million shares traded a session earlier.

Among scrips, WTL topped the volumes with 150.53 million shares, followed by PRL (12.98 million), and BIPL (11.21 million). Stocks that contributed significantly to the volumes included WTL, PRL, BIPL, CNERGY, and HBL, which formed over 57 percent of total volumes.

A total of 340 companies traded shares in the stock exchange against 326 a session earlier, out of which shares of 171 closed up, shares of 133 closed down while shares of 36 companies remained unchanged. A total of 91 companies traded shares in the KSE-100 Index against 95 in the previous session, out of which share price of 48 companies closed up, 36

unchanged.

The number of total trades increased by 6,127 to 105,989 from 99,862 a session earlier, while the value traded increased by Rs1.21 billion to Rs7.30 against Rs6.09 billion in the previous session.

In terms of rupee, COLG remained the top gainer with an increase of Rs45 (+3.29 percent) per share, closing at Rs1,413.21. The runnerup remained MEHT, the share price of which climbed up by Rs23.63 (+4.56 percent) to Rs541.63. BATA remained the top loser with a decrease of Rs24 (-1.41 percent) per share, closing at Rs1,675 followed by PMRS, the share price of which fell by Rs21.37 (-4.1 percent) to close at

Rs500 per share. The major sectors taking the index

banks (273 points), fertilizers (46 points), chemical (33 points), power generation & distribution (21 points), and cement (9 points). The major companies adding points to the index remained HBL (98 points), MCB (69 points), UBL (47 points), EFERT (41 points), and COLG (32 points).

towards north remained commercial

The sectors taking the index towards south were oil & gas exploration companies (37 points), technology & communication (20 points), investment banks/ investment companies/ securities companies (7 points), and oil & gas marketing companies and insurance (5 points each). The major companies depriving the index of points remained SYS (20 points), PPL (13 points), ENGRO (11 points), MARI (10 points), and OGDC (9 points). TLTP

FIFA announces hosts for World **Cup 2030**

Sports Desk

Morocco, Spain and Portugal have been named hosts of the 2030 soccer World Cup, while Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay will host the opening matches to mark the tournament's centenary, world soccer body FIFA said on Wednesday.

The joint bid from Morocco, Portugal and Spain was the sole candidate to host the tournament. FIFA were due to announce the hosts next year.

The inaugural World Cup in 1930 was held in Uruguay and won by the hosts. Spain have been awarded the World Cup weeks after their disgraced former chief Luis Rubiales was forced to step down for alleged sexual assault at the Women's World Cup.

Wednesday's decision by FIFA marks the first time the World Cup will be staged across three continents and six countries.

"The FIFA Council unanimously agreed that the sole candi-



which will host the event in 2030 centenary celebration ceremony said in a statement.

"Additionally, having taken into account the historical context of the first-ever FIFA World Cup, dacy will be the combined bid of the FIFA Council further unan-Morocco, Portugal, and Spain, imously agreed to host a unique

and qualify automatically from in the country's capital, Montevithe existing slot allocation," FIFA deo... as well as three World Cup matches in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay respectively."

> The 2022 World Cup was held in Qatar. Argentina are the defending champions.

"In a divided world, FIFA and

football are uniting," FIFA president Gianni Infantino said.

"The FIFA Council... unanimously agreed to celebrate the centenary of the FIFA World Cup. whose first edition was played in Uruguay in 1930, in the most appropriate way.

"As a result, a celebration will

take place in South America and three South American countries Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay - will organise one match each of the FIFA World Cup 2030."

Infantino said the first of these three matches would be played at Montevideo's Estadio Centenario, where the first World Cup took place in 1930.

Morocco's King Mohammed VI welcomed FIFA's decision. The African nation stunned the world in Qatar last year when they reached the semi-finals.

"His Majesty King Mohammed VI... has the great pleasure of announcing to the Moroccan people that the FIFA Council has unanimously selected the Morocco-Spain-Portugal bid as the sole candidate to organise the 2030 football World Cup," Morocco's Royal Office said in a statement.

FIFA also said that the 2034 World Cup will be held in the Asia or Oceania region, with member associations from those territories invited to bid to host the tour-

Middlesex County England Delegation Visits National Cricket Academy



Asim Tanveer

The Chief Executive Officer of the Middlesex County Cricket Club, Mr Andrew Cornish, Director of Middlesex County Cricket Club, Mr Alan Coleman, and a representative from Middlesex County Cricket Club, Mr Mohsin Wariach, visited National Cricket Academy, Lahore on Wednesday.

During the visit, the delegation led by Mr Andrew met with the Chair of the PCB Management Committee, Mr Zaka Ashraf, and other PCB officials, and discussed a wide range of matters of mutual interest related to

A.S. Natural Stone U-16 Inter Zonal Cricket *Tournament*

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Two more matches decided in the A. S. Natural Stone Under-16 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament at various cricket grounds. Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi Sponsors by A. S. Natural Stone.

The highlights of the days play was Deadly bowling by off spinner Azan Ali captured 4 Wickets for only 4 runs. Summarized Scores:

Zone-V Whites beat Zone-VI Green by 9 Wickets at Landhi Gymkhana Ground. ZI Green 125 all-out in 38.1 overs. Mudassir 44 14x5, Muhammad Soman Kabir 18. Muhammad Aqil (ob) 3/26, Fazzi Abid (rmf) 2/12, Najaf Ali 2/23.

Zone-V Whites 128/1 in 38.1 overs. Abdullah 68 14x4 not out, Muhammad Akbar 37.

In the 2nd Match Zone-VII Whites beat Zone-III Blues by 10 Wickets at Young Fighter Ground. Zone-III Blues 41 all out in 23.2 overs. Azan Ai (ob) 4/4, Jawad Zameer (mf) 3/13.

Zone-VII Whites 46/1 in 8.1 overs. Noot Zaman 22 not out, Sohail Khan 18 not out.

FIFA 2034 World Cup: Saudi Arabia announces bid to host top soccer event

Saudi Arabia announced Wednesday its intention to bid for the hosting rights of the FIFA World Cup 2034 in a move to establish itself as a prominent force in the

The bid aims to bring forth a top-tier tournament and is inspired by the ongoing societal and economic transformation in the country, as well as the deep-rooted passion for football among its people, according to a statement released by the Saudi Arabian Football

This development follows closely on the heels of Qatar's historic hosting of the first-ever World Cup in the Middle East. Notably, during that tournament, the Saudi national team garnered global attention by defeating eventual champions Argentina in the group stage.

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy National Championship

S Asim Tanveer

Round five of the Hanif Mohammad Trophy, being played across four cities. commenced today. A five-fer by the Islamabad bowler Shayan Sheikh pushed Sialkot on the backfoot. Quetta, after bowling out Larkana for just 89, put up an unbroken opening partnership of 142 runs to assert their dominance in the game. Abbottabad, after bowling out Hyderabad for 77, took lead of 82 runs. A last-wicket-partnership of 42 runs helped Karachi Blues get to 178 runs, after which Bahawalpur scored 110 for two in the second innings.

Larkana v Quetta at Mirpur Cricket Stadium:

Larkana had a tumultuous start to the game after being put to bat first at Mirpur Cricket Stadium. The Quetta bowlers did not let Larkana settle, taking wickets in quick succession. Sabit Ali, who scored 21 from 57 balls including two fours, was the highest scorer for the side as they were bowled out for just 89 in 40 overs. Bowler Najeeb Ullah picked a five-fer.

He was supported by Gohar Faiz and Mohammad Ghous, who got two wick-

ominance, scoring 142 runs without any

loss of wicket. Mohammad Ibrahim scored 76 runs from 121 balls, hitting six fours and a six. Hazrat Wali smashed 61 runs from 97 balls3 which included seven boundaries and a six.

Sialkot v Islamabad at Muzaffarabad Cricket Stadium:

Sialkot won the toss and opted to bat first at the Muzaffarabad Cricket Stadium. Naveed Sarwar scored 69 runs from 160 balls, hitting 11 boundaries in the innings. He was supported by Mohammad Waleed, who scored an undefeated half-century (58 not out, 152b, 5x4s).

at the loss of eight wickets. Shayan Sheikh registered a five-wicket-haul, which was essential in limiting the Sialkot batters. Hyderabad v Abbottabad at Multan Crick-

et Stadium:

Hyderabad's decision to bat first at Multan Cricket Stadium backfired as the side struggled staying put on the crease. The side got bowled out after scoring a In return, Quetta batters asserted their measly 77; the highest scorer of the innings was Danival Hussain Raiput who was

bad bowlers had a riot; Israr Hussain registered a five-fer while Adil Naz got a four-fer.

In return, Abbottabad scored 159 runs for the loss of five wickets, effectively taking the lead on the challenging pitch. Ahmed Khan, who was undefeated at stumps,

scored 35 runs from 76 balls. He hit three boundaries and a six. Spinner Jawad Ali got three wickets while Asim Ali grabbed two wickets.

Bahawalpur v Karachi Blues at Sheikh Khalifa Sports Complex Rahim Yar Khan: At Sheikh Khalifa

Sports Complex in Rahim At stumps, the side had made 233 runs, Yar Khan, Bahawalpur banked on the toss they won and dominated the opposition in the first innings. Saifullah Bangash was the only note-worthy contributor with the bat; scoring 82 runs in 122 balls, including 10 boundaries and a maximum. He stitched a 42-run partnership with Aarish Ali Khan (11 not out, 38b, 2x4s) for the last

> before getting bowled out. Gulfam Aziz and Shayan Khalil got three wickets apiece. Bahawalnur losing only two wickets

unbeaten at 33 (79b, 3x4s, 1x6). Abbotta- in the day, scored 110 runs courtesy of an unbeaten half-century by Aun Shahzad (62, 115b, 8x4s, 2x6s). Ashiq Ali, who got both the wickets for Karachi Blues, was the pick of the bowlers.

> Scores in brief: Larkana v Quetta:

Larkana 89 in 40 overs (Sabit Ali 21;

Najeeb Ullah 5-29, Gohar Faiz 2-15, Mohammad Ghous 2-30)

Quetta 142-0 in 36 overs (Mohammad Ibrahim 76, Hazrat Wali 61)

Sialkot v Islamabad:

Sialkot 233-8 in 98 overs (Naveed Sarwar 69, Mohammad Waleed 58 not out; Mohammad Shayan Sheikh 5-53) Hyderabad v Abbottabad:

Hyderabad 77 all out in 37.5 overs (Daniyal Hussain Rajput 33 not out; Israr

Hussain 5-14, Adil Naz 4-23) Abbottabad 159-5 in 40 overs (Ahmed

Khan 35 not out, Sajjad Ali 26; Jawad Ali 3-53, Asim Ali 2-42)

Bahawalpur v Karachi Blues:

Karachi Blues 178 all out in 50.4 overs Saifullah Bangash 82; Shayan Khalil 3-48, Gulfam Aziz 3-49)

wicket which helped the side get to 178 Bahawalpur 110-2 in 39 overs (Aun Shahzad 62 not out, Mohammad Sudais 96. Ashia Ali 9-91)

Zaka Ashraf wishes Pakistan team luck ahead of ICC World Cup 2023

Sports Desk

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Management Committee chairman Zaka Ashraf on Wednesday, extended best wishes to the Pakistan Men's cricket team upon their participation in the ICC World Cup 2023 in India

Zaka Ashraf extended his support to the team and urged the players to focus on playing great cricket rather than worrying about winning or losing. "I extend my support and best wishes to

the Pakistan team. I am confident that our team has the potential to achieve remarkcompetitive cricket and delivering an excel-



lent performance in the tournament.

"I believe they will be victorious and will bring the trophy home to us. The players just need to trust in their abilities and rest able feats. They should focus on playing assured, the entire nation is firmly support-

Pakistan team will begin their quest for the ICC World Cup 2023 on October 6th when they take on the Netherlands at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium.

Pakistan squad for ICC World Cup 2023 Babar Azam (c), Abdullah Shafique, Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Usama Mir, Haris Rauf, M Wasim Jnr, Hasan Ali, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Saud Shakeel, Salman Ali Agha.

Travelling reserves: Mohammad Haris, Abrar Ahmed, Zaman Khan

Pakistan's warm-up matches schedule:

September 29 — vs New Zealand in

October 3 — vs Australia in Hyderabad Pakistan's schedule for the ICC World

October 6 - vs Netherlands in Hyderabad October 10 - vs Sri Lanka in Hyderabad October 14 – vs India in Ahmedabad October 20 – vs Australia in Bengaluru

October 23 - vs Afghanistan in Chennai October 27 – vs South Africa in Chennai October 31 – vs Bangladesh in Kolkata November 4 - vs New Zealand Bengaluru (Day match)

November 11 - vs England in Kolkata The day matches will start at 10:00 am Pakistan Standard Time (PST) while all other matches will be day-night fixtures, starting at 01:30 pm (PST).

a new Games record 2.35m with

Barshim had extra motivation

to get back on top after being

shocked in Budapest by Italy's

Gianmarco Tamberi, who denied

In other action, China's Wang

Chunyu was dethroned as women's

800m champion by Sri Lanka's

Tharushi Karunarathna, who ran

It was enough to edge India's

In contrast, Bahrain's Birha-

nu Balew, who was sixth at the

Tokyo Olympics, was a successful

title defender with his 13:17.41 in

India's Avinash Sable, who won

second and fellow Bahraini Dawit

Harmilan Bains with Wang taking

a storming 2:03.20.

him a fourth consecutive title.

Woo unable to match it.

PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Fielding Coach-Pakistan Cricket Team

ABOUT PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD

The fielding Coach is responsible to create and lead PCB's fielding programme, develop fielding specific individual and team plans and to provide hands on integrated coaching support to the Pakistan National Team Players.

Pakistan Cricket Board is engaged in promoting and developing the game of cricket in Pakistan and maintaining general control of the game.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE Minimum 5 years of working experience over the past 10 years as a fielding coach for elite cricketers and/

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international equivalent). **COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS**

· Proven ability to effectively work with a wide range of individuals from varied backgrounds.

Superior persuasion skills combined with integrity,

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enhancement strategies in Fielding. Strong written and oral communication skills. **ESSENTIAL** FUNCTIONS, **DUTIES**, **AND**

RESPONSIBILITIES Responsible to identifying objective for individual players that could facilitate excellence and augmentation in fielding skills enhancement.

Responsible for coaching and monitoring players to the required international standards. Responsible in monitoring and evaluating systems

and processes currently in vogue at international levels for fielding category.

Responsible for preparing training programme to meet the developmental needs for each player. Interested candidates may apply, latest by 5 p.m. on 20th October 2023 on the below mentioned address: (www.

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Neeraj Chopra goes big to bag gold at Asian Games 2023

Sports Desk

India's star javelin thrower and Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra produced a giant throw to strike gold at the Asian Games 2023 on Wednesday and cap a gruelling season, with Olympic high-jump champion Mutaz Essa Barshim joining him as a winner.

They were among seven titlists on day six of the track and field in Hangzhou with just the men's and women's marathons left on Thursday, concluding an event dominated by hosts China.

Reigning Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra was under pressure after teammate Kishore Kumar Jena produced a huge personal best of 86.77 metres, which he would later improve to 87.54m and eventual silver.

But Chopra responded emphatically with a season-best 88.88m to retain his Asian Games crown in style.

him the world title at Budapest threw seven times.'

in August and the 87.58m that earned gold at the Tokyo Olym-

"It feels great when we push each other to go farther and farther," he said of competing with Kumar Jena.

His title defence opened controversially.

He hurled close to the 85m line on his first throw and pumped the air in celebration, but his score didn't register and a lengthy delay

Chopra eventually threw again, making 82.38m, then improved to 84.49m.

But Kumar Jena, who was fifth in Budapest, then produced his all-time best to put the pressure on, before Chopra hit back. "I had some issues in the first

throw. There may have been a technical problem or they may not have measured my first throw properly," he said of the delay. This is the first time this has

It was a massive statement and happened to me in a competition. longer than the 88.17m that won The rule is for six throws, but I



ace Arshad Nadeem, pulled out on Tuesday with a knee injury. Kumar Jena was content to

finish behind his "idol". more of us in the future too," he

Meanwhile, Qatar's Barshim skipped the season-ending

2010 and 2014 Asiad titles, and it paid dividends. He entered on the fourth jump

at 2.19m and it turned into a battle "Keep watching, you will see with South Korea's Woo Sang-hyeok, who won the Diamond League in Eugene that Barshim skipped.

The Qatari prevailed, clearing

the 5,000m, a new Games record. easier after his chief rival, Pakistan last month to prepare to add to his the 3,000m steeplechase, came Fikadu third.

> Uzbekistan's Sharifa Davronova was crowned triple jump champion with a new personal best of 14.09m. India won the men's 4x400m relay and Bahrain took out the women's race.

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