



UN chief says Gaza becoming 'graveyard for children', urges ceasefire

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday warned that the bombed Gaza Strip was becoming a "graveyard for children," as he urged an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict.



Mushaal urges OIC to save her husband's life along with all oppressed Kashmiris, Palestinians

SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussain Mullick called upon the leadership of OIC to take practical steps to save her incarcerated husband Yasin Malik's life and of all oppressed Kashmiris and Palestinians, who were facing gender based violence...

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Burial Services

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir attending Namaz-e-Janaza of Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Hassan Haider at Chaklala Garrison who embraced shahadat in Tirah valley, Tuesday.



Photo: PID

Martyrs of Tirah operation laid to rest in native towns

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The martyrs of Tirah Valley intelligence-based operation (IBO) were laid to rest with full military honours in their native towns on Tuesday.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the Namaz-e-Janaza (funeral prayers) of Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Hassan Haider (age 42 years, resident of DHA-2, Islamabad) was offered at Chaklala Garrison, Rawalpindi. He was later buried with full military honours at Islamabad.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Caretaker Defence Minister Lieutenant General (retd) Anwar Ali Hyder, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim

Munir, and a large number of senior civil and military officers, soldiers, citizens and relatives attended the Namaz-e-Janaza.

The funeral prayers of martyred soldiers Naik Khushdal Khan (age 31 years, resident of Laki Marwat district), Naik Rafiq Khan (age 27 years, resident of Charsadda district) and Lance Naik Abdul Qadir (age 33 years, resident of Murree district) were offered in their native towns. A large number of Pakistan Army officers, soldiers, relatives and local people participated in the funeral prayers. They were later buried with full military honours.

"The sacrifices of martyrs strengthen the resolve and morale of Pakistan Army in the ongoing war against terrorism, which will continue until the end of the last terrorist," the ISPR said.

FM Jilani calls Palestinian counterpart for condolences, solidarity



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilani on Tuesday telephoned his Palestinian counterpart Riyadh Al Malki to offer condolences from the people and government of Pakistan in the wake of ongoing Israeli aggression. During the conversation, the foreign minister

told Riyadh Al Malki that Palestinians were not alone in the face of Israeli aggression as Pakistan stood in solidarity with them.

I called HE Riyadh Al Malki, FM of Palestine to offer condolences of People and govt of Pakistan. Told him that Palestinians aren't alone in face of Israeli aggression and that Pak stands in solidarity with them. FM Malki expressed gratitude for the support/humanitarian assistance - Jilani Abbas Jilani (@JilaniJilani) November 7, 2023 Foreign Minister Malki expressed gratitude for the support and humanitarian assistance from Pakistan.

PM hopeful of SIFC bringing in over \$60b investment to Pakistan in five years

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday expressed the hope that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) would help bring in over \$60 billion investment to Pakistan in the next five years.

"It is indeed. It could be probably more than that," the prime minister said in an interview with Arab News when asked whether the reports that the SIFC would bring in up to \$60 billion in investments in Pakistan in the next five years were realistic.

He said the SIFC would serve as a "one-window operation" to

address any concerns of foreign investors.

"Two or three areas have already been addressed, like repatriation of dollars, which is the demand of any FDI [foreign direct investment] entity, [that] it's insured, it's legally protected," the prime minister said.

"Secondly, the bureaucratic red-tapism has also been addressed, the one-window opportunity on the platform of SIFC is primarily being designed for this purpose, that we need to cut off all these bureaucratic hurdles and rationalize the entire process of allowing and giving permission to any investment from outside within 15 days."



He said a dispute resolution mechanism had been agreed under the SIFC platform.

"It's quite encouraging and favourable, which is acceptable to all the outside parties ... The

dispute resolution mechanism has been addressed."

To a question, he said the government hoped to conclude a deal by December for Saudi Arabia to buy stakes in Reko

Diq, one of the world's biggest gold and copper mining projects.

"We are quite excited at the Saudi offer, and we would be very much encouraging their participation, not just in this project but otherwise also," Prime Minister Kakar said.

"It is the negotiation part, which is happening between the three parties, and let's see what sort of outcome comes of that."

In August, Pakistan hosted officials from Saudi Arabia in its inaugural mining conference in Islamabad where Barrick officials were also present. Barrick and Saudi Arabia's state-owned mining company Ma'aden jointly operate a copper project in Jeddah.

PM's participation in the 16th ECO Summit in Tashkent

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar will embark on an official visit to Tashkent, Uzbekistan to participate in the 16th Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Summit being held on 8-9 November 2023.

At the Summit, the Prime Minister will reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to ECO Vision 2025 and to promotion of regional cooperation in the areas of trade, transport, connectivity, energy, tourism and economic growth and productivity. He will present Pakistan's vision for the future work of the organization and for promotion of regional connectivity and mutual prosperity. He will also engage in bilateral discussions with the leadership

US plans \$320 million weapons transfer to Israel as Gaza death toll mounts: Reports

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: Amid escalating Israeli air and ground attacks against besieged Gaza, the United States will transfer \$320 million worth of precision bombs to Israel, multiple news outlets reported - as calls for a ceasefire grow. The news comes shortly after the White House said US President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "discussed the possibility of tactical pauses" to allow civilians to safely depart from under-attack areas, amid increasing calls for a ceasefire.

The report said US President Biden's administration has informed Congress of the planned transfer of Spice Family Gliding Bomb Assemblies through a formal notification sent to congressional leaders on October 31. In New York, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres led the calls for immediate calls as Palestinian authorities reported that more than 10,000 people have been killed in deadly Israeli air strikes on Gaza.

The secretary-general told reporters that Gaza was becoming a "graveyard for children", with more than 4,100 killed since the fighting began.

PML-N, MQM-P to jointly contest 2024 elections

Bureau Report

KARACHI: In what is being termed as the first major political alliance before the February 8 polls, PML-N and MQM-Pakistan, have announced to contest the 2024 general elections jointly.

The announcement was made by MQM-P and PML-N leaders in a joint press conference following a delegation-level meeting with former premiers Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif in Lahore.

MQM delegation comprising Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Farooq Sattar and Mustafa Kamal met PML-N supreme Nawaz Sharif and his brother Shehbaz at the party's Central Secretariat in Lahore.

In a joint statement issued after the meeting, the parties said they had agreed to adopt a joint strategy to put an end to the public's woes.

"Both the parties agreed to adopt a joint strategy to bring the people of Pakistan out of the current problems and to put Pakistan back on the path of development. The two parties also decided to set up a six-member committee to prepare a comprehensive charter to address the problems of Sindh province, especially its urban areas.

Russia reacts strongly to Israel's nuclear remarks

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Russia's foreign ministry said on Tuesday that a remark by an Israeli junior minister who appeared to express openness to the idea of Israel carrying out a nuclear strike on Gaza had raised a huge number of questions.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday suspended Heritage Minister Amihay Eliyahu, from a far-right party in the coalition government, from cabinet meetings "until further notice".

Asked in a radio interview about a hypothetical nuclear option, Eliyahu had replied: "That's one way." This has raised a huge number of questions," Maria Zakharova, Russia's foreign ministry spokeswoman, was quoted as saying by state RIA news agency. Zakharova said the main issue was that Israel appeared to have admitted that it had nuclear weapons.

Israel does not publicly acknowledge it has nuclear weapons though the Federation of American Scientists estimates Israel has about 90 nuclear warheads. "Question number one - it turns out that we are hearing official statements about the presence of nuclear weapons?" Zakharova said.



Pakistan targets to take AMA accounts number to 20m by 2024: Shamshad

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Shamshad Akhtar Tuesday said that Pakistan had targeted to take the number of Asan Mobile Accounts from existing 8.5 million to 20 million by 2024. "Around 8.5 million new bank accounts have been opened under this scheme with 38% by women. Our target is to take the number of these accounts to 1 crore by December 2023 and 2 crore by December 2024," she said addressing a virtual seminar titled "Spotlight Pakistan Day - Bridging the Financial Inclusion Gap in Pakistan" under the auspices of the World Economic Forum's Edison Alliance and Virtual Remains Gateway.

She said under AMA, any citizen with a Pakistani identity card could open a bank account through their mobile phone. By entering a 4-digit code, people can transact through these accounts. Dr Shamshad said that to deal with the challenges of a low rate of financial inclusion, Pakistan had formulated an ambitious financial inclusion strategy. In terms of financial inclusion, direct, easy mobile accounts and the Benazir Income Support Program were key achievements of Pakistan, she added.

The finance minister said



that the Alliance has provided 90 million people with digital healthcare and 18 million people - mostly youth - with quality education and skill training opportunities to get employment, through 250 initiatives in 254 countries in 90 countries across the world in two years which had changed the lives of millions of people. Referring to the initiatives taken by the Government of Pakistan regarding digital inclusion, the finance minister said that to meet the challenges of low rate of financial inclusion, Pakistan formulated an ambitious strategy for financial inclusion in 2018. The digital infrastructure was built and under this with the support of Raast Payment Gateway in 2021 that helped in digital payments between individuals, businesses and government institutions. Calling the Benazir Income Support Program another success story of Pakistan, she said the program had a leadership role in the world in terms of supporting the economically weaker sections and providing them with better employment opportunities.

Victory Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan Celebrated

Launch of Azerbaijan Airlines in Pakistan boosts people-to-people contacts: Solangi

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday lauded the recent launch of Azerbaijan's national airlines in Pakistan which would further increase people-to-people contacts between the two countries. Addressing the ceremony of the Victory Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the minister said, "It is heartening to note that recently Azerbaijan's national carrier AZAL has commenced its operations between the two countries. This would definitely contribute in further bringing our people closer."

He said more than 50,000 tourists from Pakistan had visited Azerbaijan in the year 2022 which showed a tremendous potential not only in the economic realm but also in the domain of people-to-people contacts. Solangi said the people of Pakistan and Azerbaijan shared common historical, cultural and religious affinities. "The brotherly ties go far beyond our existence as modern independent nation states. The multifaceted relations



between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have been expanding and deepening in recent years," he said while highlighting the increased economic cooperation and people-to-people contacts between the two countries that further cemented the bilateral relations.

During the last year, he said the bilateral trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan had increased and was expected

to multiply in the near future. "Azerbaijan has emerged as a hub for connectivity projects being the central part of North-South and East-West transport corridors including the creation of the Trans-Caspian International Route and the opening of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway communication system," he remarked. He said, "Azerbaijan is also the initiator of major energy projects.

These are comprehensive connectivity corridors that would significantly contribute to the development of the entire region." The minister expressed the hope that the bilateral relations would grow and strengthen further in the years to come. On behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan, the minister also felicitated the Government and the people of Azerbaijan on their Victory Day. On the historic day, he said, Azerbaijan succeeded in liberating its territories that had been under Armenian occupation for more than 30 years.

"This great feat has been achieved under the dynamic leadership of President H. E. Ilham Aliyev who has transformed Republic of Azerbaijan into a regional hub and economic power that is recognized across the region and beyond," he noted. Lauding the development of the recently liberated territories, he said it was evident from construction of airports, modern infrastructure, restoration of cities and villages damaged in those areas. The repatriation of internally displaced people was also appreciable, he added.

Winter's dry fruit

FAISALABAD: People are buying peanuts from vendor at Ghala Market in City.



Photo: Online

Disclosure of allocation of one district seats for two districts SW Lower & SW Upper

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: It has been allocated that students from South Waziristan Lower and South Waziristan Upper have been given a quota of one district in the reserved seats for tribal districts in educational institutions across the country, including Medical and Engineering Universities.

In 2022, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government divided South Waziristan into two districts under the Land Revenue Act 1967.

The names of which were named as South Waziristan Upper and South Waziristan Lower in the notification.

It has been a year since South Waziristan was divided into two districts, but still the quota of one district is being given in the higher educational institutions of the country.

For the year 2023, the Higher Education Commission released 500 scholarships to Ex FATA districts/ Newly merged Districts.

In which 62/62 seats were being formed in South Waziristan Upper and Lower but 62 seats have been given to both districts.

This year, 300 seats were allotted to tribal districts by Pakistan Medical and Dental Commission (PMDC).

In which 42 seats of South Waziristan Lower and Upper were being formed according to as one district, but both the districts were given 42 seats i.e. one district share.

Every year, 1400 seats of engineering universities are allotted for female and male students of erstwhile FATA, in which a separate quota has not been made for both the districts so far.

ANP senior leader Ayaz Wazir says

that this is a matter of great misfortune, that South Waziristan has been divided into two districts but till now privileges are being given to only one district.

Ayaz Wazir said that on the other hand, there is poverty and backwardness in these two districts, there was a need to provide more scholarships to poor boys and girls than the existing ones.

On this regarding Chairman Rehmat Khan Mehsud said in a letter, but here the districts of Ex FATA are not getting a share even in the basic shares which are the right of our children Chairman of Mehsud Welfare Association and retired AIG Rehmat Khan Mehsud has written a letter to Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar regarding the equal distribution of seats allocated to tribal districts in universities across the country, including medi-

cal and engineering universities.

In the letter, Rahmat Khan Mehsud requested the Prime Minister that South Waziristan is divided into two districts in the year 2022.

Which have been named South Waziristan Upper and South Waziristan Lower.

In the letter, the Prime Minister has been told that till now the separate status of the special seats in different colleges and universities for the students of these two new districts has not been clarified, therefore, separate seats should be given for the students of both the districts.

It should be noted that in October 2022, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government fulfilled the long-standing demand of the local people and South Waziristan was officially divided into two districts.

AJK Information Secretary addresses departmental briefing in Muzaffarabad

Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Information Secretary of the Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir, Ms. Tehzibun Nisa, visited PID Complex Muzaffarabad. A departmental briefing was given to the Information Secretary in Directorate General Public Relations, Director Public Relations Raja Shahid Hussain, Director Press Information Publications and Photocoll Amjad Hussain Minhas, Director Social and Digital Media Muhammad Bashir Mirza and officers of the department participated in the briefing. She also inspected various sections of the Department. Speaking to the officers after the departmental briefing, Information Secretary Ms. Tehzibun-Nisa said that the current challenges of the media cannot be met without using modern technology. Artificial intelligence has revolutionized every aspect of life, we need modern digital technology. We must adopt to overcome to meet present challenges. My effort will be to bring innovation in the public relations department according to the vision of Azad Kashmir Prime Minister and work on fast track basis and align the information department with the modern requirements of social and digital media. She said that the problems of the department will be solved on a priority basis and steps will be taken to provide more resources. She said that development plans should be prepared for dealing with the challenges of modern media and capacity building of officers. In order to enhance the efficiency of officers, they should be sent for training in federal institutions so that their professional skills can be increased. Earlier, the Information Secretary was briefed by the officers of the department, Qaratul Ain Shabbir, Raja Muhammad Sohail Khan and Raja Abdul Basit Khan about development projects, digital and social media, advertising department, electronic and print media, declaration and monitoring sections and Azad Jammu and Kashmir Press Foundation.

Special Education Bahawalpur organized an inter-district Sports Gala



Quratul Ain Asim

BAHAWALPUR: Department of Special Education Bahawalpur organized an inter-district sports gala at Dring Stadium in which special athletes from district Bahawalnagar, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalpur participated. Showed enthusiasm and enjoyed this beautiful colorful sports gala a lot. Chief guest of the event was Bahawalpur Divisional Sports Officer Mohammad Amir Hameed. He distributed prizes to the winning athletes. Shields were distributed to District Sports Focal Persons. He said in his address that sports are very important for these special children.

He paid tribute to all the heads of departments, Divisional Education Officer Special Education and Muhammad Yamin Divisional Focal Person Sports Bahawalpur and Syed Ziaul Haq Haqqi for organizing the most wonderful Divisional Sports Gala. On this occasion District Education Officer Special Education Bahawalpur. Representing Anila Chauhan said that in all our institutions, special attention is paid to the education of these special children as well as co-curricular activities and sports. Education Punjab provincial level sports gala will be held from November 20 to 22 in Lahore and this sports gala is a part of this program. The winners of the division will go to Lahore for the provincial level competitions.

Multan Cardiology institute inspected the under construction Doctors Nursing Hostels



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khat-tak visited Cardiology Hospital and inspected the under construction Doctors Nursing Hostels, Sarai.

He said that the extension block is complete, medical surgical OPD has been fully activated. There is proper seating arrangement for patients and family members. A token system has been introduced for the turn. He ordered the completion of the inn by January 31 and said that the completion of the inn will provide adequate accommodation to the families of the patients. Axion Building Hyder Ali said that the construction of the doctor's hostel at a cost of 8 crore 67 lakh 43 thousand rupees is in progress. Doctors hostel will be completed in this financial year.

The foundation of the 4 storied inn has been started at a cost of Rs.20 crores. Every effort will be made to complete the work before the stipulated deadline. Doctors hostel with 42 rooms, Nursing hostel with 42 rooms are under construction. MS Cardiology Hospital Dr. Iqbal said that more than 2000 patients are being provided treatment facilities in OPD on daily basis. To meet the shortage of human resources, permission has been sought from the Health Department, Election Commission. Commissioner Aamir Khattak discussed the available facilities with the patients. Director Development Rubina Kausar, Dr. Farhan, Dr. Asad were present.

Newly elected body of ASA AIOU took oath

ISLAMABAD: "We will work for the betterment and progress of Allama Iqbal Open University together, rights belong to responsibility and all the faculty members must focus on facilitating students, developing course content and academic development", said Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood while addressing the oath taking ceremony of newly elected body of Academic Staff Association (ASA), AIOU.

Dr. Nasir said that universities are known for their faculty members and institutions cannot stand anywhere without teachers. Dr. Nasir Mahmood added that faculty members are the think tank of university, who give valuable insights and input in policy matters and decisions. The newly elected body must come up with a professional development program for faculty.

Drug Union talks successful with drug inspector, announced to open medical stores from today

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: Drug Union South Waziristan Lower and Drug Inspector After long talks, the negotiations were successful.

The drug union decided to end the protest after 6 days and it was announced that all the stores will be opened from November 8 today.

Drug Union Lower South Waziristan cabinet members along with Drug Inspector Sibghat Ullah Wazir said while holding a press conference at District Press Club Wana.

that misunderstandings had arisen between them for the last several days, that our misunderstandings were removed. They said, due to which the



South Waziristan Lower Drug Union was in protest.

On Tuesday, with the efforts of South Waziristan Lower Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Saif Ur Rahman Wazir, successful negotiations were held between the Drug Union and Drug Inspector Sibghat Ullah Wazir.

Commerce and Industry President Saif Ur Rahman Wazir said in the press conference, as you know, people of our tribal areas are facing a lot of problems after FATA merger with KP.

He said, so documents are not available with the people of our area and the major medical institutions of Pakistan are located far away from us.

He said that the medical stores who have the certificate will display it on the occasion.

However, those medical stores who have applied for the license will display the license after completion.

He said that the people of Waziristan were facing a lot of difficulties due to the protest of the drug union for the last several days.

After successful negotiations, the protest was called off.

He said that the responsibilities of Drug Inspector Sibghat Ullah Wazir will be fulfilled well and drug union will support him.

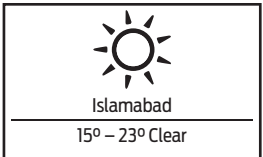
Drug Union President Hazrat Ullah Wazir said that our protest will end from today,

all private hospitals and medical stores will be opened.

Drug Union President Hazrat Ullah Wazir thanked Waziristan Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Saif Ur Rahman Wazir.

On the other hand Drug Inspector Sibghat Ullah Wazir said that if anyone violates roles, action will be taken against them under the Drugs Act 1976.

In which press conference Vice President Muhammad Aslam, General Secretary Muhammad Iqbal, Rahmat Ullah, Aman Ullah Wazir, Rehan Ullah Wazir, Ajab Khan, Noor Muhammad and Tehsil Shakai President Abdul Hakeem were present on this occasion.



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Pak-Palestine Forum holds important meeting to highlight Palestine issue

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: An important consultative meeting of Pak-Palestine Forum was held at: Jama Masjid Usman, Faiz Ahmed Faiz Road, Near Attock Petrol Pump, H-8/3 Islamabad in which domestic and foreign members working under the forum and The meeting was attended by the members of Majlis Shuri and started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Maulana Fatehullah Usmani, in his opening remarks, informed about the establishment of the forum in Pakistan. Two years ago, on October 7, 2021, since its inception, it has been active in highlighting the Palestine issue throughout the country with extreme hard work and zeal. Every organization has difficult circumstances at the time of starting, those who have been associated with the forum in the past and carried forward the work of the forum, as a result of which the major religion-political parties of Pakistan, Jamiat Ulema, deserve to be congratulated. Islam and then Jamaat-e-Islami met with the leadership of Hamas in Qatar with moral and financial support, the hard work of Pak-Palestine Forum has been so successful in this party.

Explaining the current situation, Maulana said how Israel faced defeat and failure on every front after Hamas's current stormy operation in Ghara, and to cover it up, they targeted children, women and vulnerable people. He wants to get rid of his weakness. Mentioning the actions, he said that this attack by Hamas has convinced the world that Hamas is highly organized and has the full capacity to defeat Israel, which is why the United States, Britain and other pro-Israeli Western countries.

Speaking at the meeting, the General Secretary of the Forum, Nadeem Ahmed Khan, talked about the collection and delivery of relief materials for the Palestinian issue and the people of Gaza from the platform of the Forum. They are helping in every way for the people of Palestine and Gaza.

PNCA presents 'Star Moon Road' group exhibition to highlight Chinese art

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan National Council of the Arts hosted the opening of "Star Moon Road," a spectacular group exhibition featuring diverse and imaginative works by Chinese contemporary artists.

The exhibition showcases an intriguing mix of artistic expressions, including scrolls, sculptures, and various other mediums, offering a captivating exploration of Chinese culture and creativity.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Jamal Shah, Minister of National Heritage & Culture Division (NH&CD), and M. Ayoub Jamali, Director-General of PNCA. "Star Moon Road" brings

together a curated selection of works by prominent Chinese contemporary artists, highlighting the rich artistic traditions and innovative approaches of Chinese art. The exhibition serves as a commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Belt and Road Project, symbolizing the cultural exchange and artistic collaboration between the two nations.

The exhibition consists of a diverse array of artworks, including intricately crafted scrolls, awe-inspiring sculptures, and mixed-media creations that blend tradition with modernity. Each piece tells a unique story, inviting viewers to immerse themselves in the beauty



and depth of Chinese contemporary art. The event was a celebration of artistic excellence and cultural harmony, reinforcing the bond between Pakistan and

China through the language of art.

"The CPEC Belt and Road Project has not only strengthened economic ties but has also paved the way for cultural exchange. Star Moon Road beautifully captures the essence of this collaboration, showcasing the artistic brilliance of Chinese creators." - Mr. Jamal Shah, Minister of NH&CD.

The Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) is a premier cultural institution dedicated to promoting and preserving Pakistan's diverse artistic heritage. With a commitment to fostering artistic excellence and cross-cultural understanding, PNCA serves as a hub for creativity and innovation in the country.

Makai ki Rotti and Sarsoo ka Saag

ISLAMABAD: A woman vendor is preparing the traditional "Makai ki Rotti and Sarsoo ka Saag" for customers during annual Lok Mela 2023 at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online

Malik Ajmal Joiya and Malik Ashiq Joiya joined the Pakistan People's Party



Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Former Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani was met by the former Member of Provincial Assembly and Parliamentary Secretary of Q-League from Lodhran at Gilani House, in which Malik Ajmal Joiya along with his son former Member of Provincial Assembly Malik Ashiq Joiya Joined the PPP. People's Pakistan People's Party took a big wicket from Lodhran of Q-League. Malik Ajmal Joya had become a member of provincial assembly from Q-League from PP-226. He said that only the People's Party can get the country out of crises and difficulties.

While Malik Ashiq Joya said that the People's Party is the only representative party of the poor, the people of Lodhran also stand with the People's Party and will make the people of Lodhran prosperous together with Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani because Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani during his tenure in power. Steps were taken in real sense for the development and prosperity of South Punjab including Lodhran.

Awareness Session on treatment of cleft lip and palate



News Desk

KHARAIN: Seekers Special Aabled Society in collaboration with Ayesha Bashir Cleft Trust Hospital Gujrat, organized Awareness Session on Health Care Services focusing on the causes, issues, and treatment of cleft lip and palate for children born with Cleft Lips

Dr. Ejaz Bashir Chairman of Ayesha Bashir Cleft Hospital Gujrat highlighted that cleft lip and palate are genetic conditions that affect a child's ability to suckle and can lead

to nutritional deficiencies. He mentioned that Ayesha Bashir Cleft Hospital in Gujrat has successfully treated over 25,000 children with cleft lip and palate, enabling them to lead normal lives.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sajid Mahmood Shahzad emphasized the importance of helping others as a prerequisite for success in life, and he commended Dr. Ejaz Bashir's contribution in treating children with cleft lip and palate.

Senior journalist Aziz-ur-Rehman Mujahid

President of Pasban Welfare Foundation Gujrat stressed the need for societal awareness and support to prevent these conditions in children. He also mentioned the harmful effects of smoking during pregnancy.

Ammara Maqsood Qadri, Secretary of Seekers Club, also praised the commendable efforts of the Ayesha Bashir Cleft Trust Hospital during the seminar. She lauded the hospital's dedicated work in providing free treatment to children with cleft lip and palate, emphasizing the significant

impact it has had on improving the lives of affected children and their families.

The seminar was well-attended by faculty and students from School of Medical Laboratory Technology and Pharmacy departments. At the end of the event, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sajid Mahmood Shahzad presented shields and awards to the distinguished guests. #CleftLip #Seminar #Healthcare #Awareness #Ayesha Bashir Cleft Trust Hospital Gujrat #MinhajUniversityLahore

Transformative Event SOT 2023 Ends on High Note

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The School of Tomorrow (SOT) Events, Edition Sixteen, Guardians of the Future: Shaping Tomorrow with Generative AI, has successfully concluded at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) in Islamabad. Organised by Beaconhouse, Pakistan's largest network of educational institutions, the SOT was attended by writers, policymakers, artists, educationists, students, and experts from various fields.

The opening session of the conference 'Setting Directions' explored topics and actions to make the world a better place for future generations. Moderated by Kasim Kasuri, CEO Beaconhouse and Chair SOT Events, the panel included Jamal Shah, Dr Basit Riaz Sheikh, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, and Paul Hutchings. An exclusive keynote by



Mr Sean Covey, President of FranklinCovey Education and author of the acclaimed book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" was also featured, along with an interview of the prolific best-selling writer, Jeffrey Arthur.

Speaking about the conference, Kasim Kasuri, Event Chair and CEO of Beaconhouse, said, "It is an honour for us to be able to provide a plat-

form that sparks thought-provoking conversations around the most critical issues facing our future generations. The outcomes of these discussions will undoubtedly inform the direction for our schools and shape our collective futures for the better."

Over the three days, SOT featured prominent speakers including Jamal Shah, Mehmal Sarfraz, Salima

Hashmi, Vaneza Ahmad, Ali Safina, Mira Sethi, Syed Mohammed Ahmed, Dr Sohail Naqvi, Dr Tariq Banuri, Moed Yousuf, Kamran Lashari, Muriel Summers, Rashid Rana, Ayesha Chundrigar, Roshaneh Zafar, Wusat Ullah Khan, Munizae Jahangir, Mehmal Sarfraz, Ali Xeeshan, Zara Shahjahan, Muhammad Hafeez, Ali Tareen, and Jose Alonso, amongst many others.

This year's lead sponsor was Google for Education and Tech Valley, the Titanium Sponsor was UBL, and the Gold sponsors were My BagPack and Emkay Books International.

IIUI Pro-chancellor stresses upon constructive role of educational institutions in society



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Professor Dr. Ahmad Salem Muhammad Al- Ameri, Pro-Chancellor of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and President, Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University has said that it is imperative to follow the speed of technology and contemporary requirements, educational institutions being relevant to the societal needs can become best serving hubs of humanity.

The historic visit of the IIUI Pro-Chancellor is on an important visit to Islamabad where he will attend the 12th convocation of university.

According to details, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Salem Muhammad Al- Ameri, during his visit inaugurated the CAEPE where he was briefed by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Vice President R&E, about the knowledge in Micro- and Nano-scale Engineering of Devices, Materials and Systems to enable solutions for Big Problems such as Connectivity, Energy, and Improving Quality of Life. The overall objective of the Centre is to establish a sustainable source of research training for developing qualified manpower with a focus on future requirements, and facility access services in these fields that are applied to the national needs.

On this occasion, he said initiatives of nano technology and smart weather reading are the omen of university's exemplary success. He appreciated the leadership of Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi saying that he has rightly been able to implement his vision to make IIUI a truly international institution.

On the occasion, the Rector IIUI Prof. Dr. Samina Malik thanked IIUI Pro-Chancellor for his visit and also appreciated the continuous support of Saudi Government and Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud University. The IIUI President on the occasion, gave an overview of his policies, university's future goals and its services in the society.

A one-day Free Medical: Eye Camp is organized in Jhangi Syedan Islamabad.

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Social Organization Echo Foundation, Health TV, Pakistan Academy of Family Physicians (Pioneers), Shifa-e-Noor Eye Care Foundation and Media Association of Pakistan organized a One Day Free Medical & Eye Camp at Dhok Bota, Jhangi Saidan, a suburb of Islamabad. went. In which Allergy, Asthma, Urticaria and Eye Specialist Doctors and Lady Doctors examined the patients for free and gave free medicines.



On this occasion, Muzaffar Ali Butt, Central President of Media Association of Pakistan (MAP) and Chief Organizer of HTV Free Medical Camps said that he had started the series of HTV Free Medical Camps in 2015 which Allahdullillah 9 has been going on for years. In these Free Medical Camps Check-ups and Medicines as well as Tests for various diseases are conducted.

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Armed forces' Vow to Protect Motherland - II

Despite being deeply wounded and weakened, our adversary persists in its malevolent strategy. It continues to seek means of engaging our armed forces, masterminding, financing, and arming criminal gangs, and enlisting paid agents to orchestrate attacks against our security forces. Its focal point remains Balochistan, with calculated attempts to threaten our military installations across the army, air force, and navy.

but had conveniently delayed. Secondly, our sworn enemies in a last ditch effort to put to use their fast depleting assets inside Pakistan, before their relocation to Afghanistan are deploying their agents and hardcore criminals to carry out sabotage activities by utilizing the refuge, weapons and reconnaissance and critical intelligence enabling them to launch lethal terrorist attacks on innocent civilians and security agencies, resulting in the loss of lives and property.



The current spike in terrorist attacks was also supported by the highly influential and well-connected smugglers and drug dealers whose operations were severely impeded by the coordinated anti-smuggling and anti-drug campaigns, largely spearheaded by the army, both within the country and along the 2,500-kilometer border inflicting losses which runs into billions of dollars.

This could be the decision to rid the country of the menace of illegal aliens, irrespective of their origins, most of them hailing from Afghanistan. These aliens, in a heartless and unscrupulous manner, have been siphoning off our precious foreign exchange by smuggling it into Afghanistan. This illegal activity has had the deleterious effect of bolstering the Afghan Afghani and simultaneously weakening the Pakistani Rupee to the point of imminent economic distress. This course of action also prompted the UK and USA to finally evacuate the Afghans they had promised to repatriate



Analysis

Qamar Bashir

The recent surge in terrorist incidents has an undeniable connection to the multiple decisive actions taken by the government of Pakistan supported by its armed forces to safeguard the economic, financial and security interests of the country.

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But perhaps in the pursuit of their nefarious attempts to divert our focus, the hostile elements operating against Pakistan may have failed to recognize the

indomitable spirit, unwavering resolve, and unparalleled capabilities of our armed forces.

These forces have acquired the mastery of performing with equal excellence on multiple frontiers, demonstrating the ability to launch precision counter-offensives that yield the desired outcomes.

They have honed the skill to protect and fortify our borders against adversaries, whether the challenges came from the likes of the USSR, USA, India, or Afghanistan.

The armed forces have exhibited their mettle in quelling the menace of terrorism, a testament to their unwavering commitment to purging the scourge from regions like Swat Valley and other parts of our beloved nation.

They have proven their prowess in aiding economic and financial battles, steering the ship of our nation towards stability in the realms of finance and economics.

In the past, they were prepared and

resilient, emerging victorious against forces that sought to dismantle Pakistan, regardless of their size and resourcefulness.

Today, they remain undaunted, meticulously countering every act of terrorism with unparalleled precision. And they will continue to do so in the future, undeterred by threats to their own lives and the pain and agony borne by their grieving yet proud families.

Their resolute resolve remains unwavering, their determination unshakable, as they stand united to defeat all forms and manifestations of terrorism, whether emerging from within our own borders, originating in Afghanistan, or even instigated by India or other external sources. This indomitable spirit serves as a testament to our armed forces' dedication to the defense of our nation and the protection of our people. This unwavering commitment to our nation's security and well-being stands as an indomitable force in the face of adversity.

Pakistan seeks early implementation of UNGA's Gaza truce resolution

A top Pakistani diplomat has called for the early implementation of the recent UN General Assembly resolution seeking "humanitarian truce" in Gaza in view of the continued Security Council's failure to even call for a ceasefire to stop the slaughter in the enclave, as he underlined the role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in conflict resolution. "The ICJ's role is even more vital today when threats to the peace, stability and prosperity are proliferating; when the use or threat of use of force is frequent and widespread; when occupation persists for decades; when the right to self-determination is an unfulfilled promise for many peoples," Ambassador Munir Akram told the 193-member Assembly during its debate on the court's work.

"The enduring tragedy of Palestine vividly illustrates these formidable challenges, rendered even more poignant by the continued failure of the Security Council to even call for a ceasefire to stop the slaughter in Gaza," the Pakistan envoy said. "We, therefore, urge the Secretary General for the early implementation of the resolution entitled 'Protection of Civilians and Upholding Legal and Humanitarian Obligations' recently adopted by the General Assembly during its tenth Emergency Special Session on Palestine." The Jordanian-led resolution, co-sponsored by Pakistan, was adopted by a vote of 121 in favour to 14 against, with 44 abstentions. It called for "an immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce" in Gaza leading to a cessation of hostilities in the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict. In this context, Ambassador Akram said that a 1970 international declaration enjoining member states to abstain from any forcible action that denies peoples their right to self-determination, freedom, and independence, has gained "renewed significance". Under international law, he said, the struggle for self-determination and liberation from foreign occupation was deemed legitimate, adding that it was the suppression of the struggle that was illegal. "While states retain the right to self-defence, those unlawfully occupying foreign territories cannot justify their actions under the pretense of 'self-defence'," Ambassador Akram said, referring to the Israeli claims that it is acting in self-defence following the October 7 attacks. Pakistan, he said, "eagerly anticipates ICJ's advisory opinion on the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem". Ambassador Akram said Pakistan believed that the ICJ could and must play a pivotal role in the resolution of conflicts and disputes through unbiased conclusions based on international law. To that end, he said, its jurisdiction should be made mandatory for issues that are on the Security Council's agenda and where resolutions of the Council remain unimplemented. "Pakistan will continue to uphold the role and functions of the ICJ as an indispensable pillar in the international legal framework, upholding the principles of the Charter of the United Nations for the pursuit of global peace and justice."



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

Analyzing the Dynamics of Inflation in Pakistan: Causes, Consequences and Policy Implications - V

Improved infrastructure can enhance supply chain efficiency, reduce production costs, and contribute to overall price stability. Additionally, enhancing productivity and resilience in the agriculture sector is essential. Investments in irrigation, technology, and market access can mitigate the impact of food price fluctuations and reduce supply-side shocks on inflation.

Next up global economic policies should be taken into consideration for example, Pakistan should diversify its export markets and reduce reliance on specific commodities. Efforts to expand the range of exportable goods and services can reduce vulnerability to global price fluctuations. Moreover, maintaining an adequate level of foreign exchange reserves is crucial. These reserves serve as a buffer against excessive exchange rate volatility and speculative attacks on the currency. Inclusive policies and public awareness are vital as well, invest in education and healthcare to improve human capital and reduce inflation's impact on healthcare and education expenses. Developing robust social safety nets to protect vulnerable populations from inflation's adverse effects, in addition to this, Prioritizing transparency in policies and communicating openly with the public to manage inflation expectations. Lastly, promoting financial literacy to empower individuals to make informed financial decisions amid inflation.

However, the most substantial policy would be international collaboration as it would be the most effective in overcoming inflationary hurdles. Collaborating with neighboring countries and international organizations can help address common inflationary challenges, particularly related to food price fluctuations. Sharing infor-

mation and best practices can lead to more effective responses. Supremely, engaging in trade agreements and regional economic initiatives can promote economic stability and reduce inflationary pressures. Expanding trade opportunities and diversifying trading partners can enhance resilience to global economic fluctuations. These detailed policy implications and recommendations are designed to guide policymakers in Pakistan as they work to effectively manage inflation and create an environment of economic stability and improved living standards for the population.

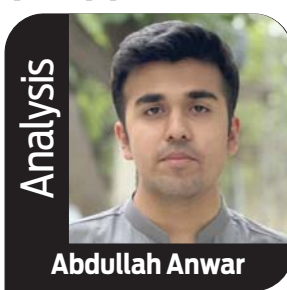
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effects of inflation. Public awareness, transparency, and financial literacy are essential for managing inflation expectations and empowering individuals to make informed financial decisions. International collaboration, both regionally and through trade agreements, can enhance economic stability and reduce inflationary pressures.

To effectively manage inflation in Pakistan and ensure economic stability and improved living standards for its citizens, policymakers must adopt a holistic and coordinated approach. This includes prudent monetary and fiscal policies that respond to inflationary pressures, additionally, Supply-side measures that enhance productivity and reduce production costs. Investments in education, healthcare, and social safety nets to protect vulnerable populations are vital too. Transparent communication with the public to manage inflation expectations and above all, active engagement in international collaboration and trade agreements to reduce external vulnerabilities. Nevertheless, continued research and adaptation of policies are essential to address the evolving dynamics of inflation in Pakistan. Monitoring global economic conditions, commodity price trends, and regional developments will be crucial for effective policymaking.

This research paper provides a comprehensive analysis of inflation in Pakistan, shedding light on its causes, consequences, and policy implications. By understanding the complex dynamics of inflation, policymakers, economists and stakeholders can develop effective strategies to mitigate its adverse effects and promote sustainable economic growth and social development in Pakistan.

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Analysis

Abdullah Anwar

Myths Surrounding Pak Army's Recruitment and Promotion System - I

The foundation of any independent nation relies on a robust and proficient military force. A professional army, composed of well-trained, disciplined, and dedicated soldiers, serves as an indispensable asset in ensuring a country's security and prosperity.

At its core, a professional army is entrusted with the primary and most essential responsibility of preserving a nation's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Such a military, backed by thorough training and modern equipment, is crucial for countering external threats and safeguarding the nation against hostile forces. A well-prepared army acts as a powerful deterrent, dissuading potential aggressors from engaging in military conflicts. Besides its role in defending against external threats, a professional army plays a crucial part in handling domestic crises. Natural disasters, civil distur-

guaranteeing that a nation remains competitive and capable in the ever-evolving landscape of defense and security. This encompasses not only advanced weaponry but also expertise in areas such as cyber warfare, intelligence gathering, and other cutting-edge facets of military operations.

A professional army is characterized by a strong sense of discipline, ethical standards, and accountability. Soldiers are rigorously trained to adhere to a strict code of conduct and respect their country's laws and regulations. This adherence is essential for maintaining the trust and confidence of the civilian population and upholding the rule of law during times of conflict. Professional armies invest significantly in providing specialized training to their personnel, encompassing not only combat skills but also logistics, medical services, engineering, and other critical support functions. This specialized training ensures the military's ability to operate efficiently and effectively in a wide array of scenarios, from active combat zones to humanitarian missions. A professional army offers ample career opportunities and avenues for advancement to its personnel, which encourages talented individuals to pursue military careers, ultimately leading to a highly skilled and experienced military force.

Fostering a strong military tradition can also instill a sense of pride and purpose among those who serve, cultivating a culture of dedication and commitment. The necessity for a professional military within a nation is evident in various facets of national security and stability. From safeguarding against external threats to managing crises and participating in global security efforts, a professional military stands as a cornerstone of a nation's defense strategy.

To be continued



Analysis

Abdul Basit Alvi

Mushaal urges OIC to save her husband's life along with all oppressed Kashmiris, Palestinians

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick called upon the leadership of OIC to take practical steps to save her incarcerated husband Yasin Malik's life and of all oppressed Kashmiris and Palestinians, who were facing gender based violence including sexual harassment, rape as a weapon of war, arbitrary detentions, molestations and trafficking of women.

Speaking at an International Conference on Women in Islam organised by OIC and KSA Foreign Affairs Ministry, Mushaal said that she would like to appreciate the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Muhammad Bin Salman for his dynamic role in enhancing the role of women upliftment according to the Vision 2030 policy under which Saudi women witness enhancement

in their status in the field of sustained development.

She said: "Pakistan takes pride as one of the staunchest supporters of women rights and women leadership."

Mushaal contended that at the OIC Pakistan has spearheaded various initiatives for women's rights and has convened ministerial conference on women in Islam as the chair of the 48th CFM in New York. The SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment went on to say: "I am also a peaceful freedom fighter; our family is at the forefront of Kashmir's struggle for the right to self-determination against Indian Occupation."

However, she noted: "India has gifted our family with enormous titles, I am practically a half widow, my husband locked in a death cell of Tihar jail is a half father and our 11 year old daughter is a half orphan. We have not seen him since 9 years and spent only 60 days in a marriage of 14 and a half years."

Mushaal pointed out that India has left them homeless, besides they witnessed various incidents of sexual harassments, tortures, arrests, attacks and threats, even her daughter was not spared, she was sexually harassed, body searched, pampers torn when she visited her jailed father in central jail at the tender age of two.

The SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment said that she wanted to ask the world a question today through this powerful platform that what more a price do the Kashmiri people have to pay for being held hostage, locked up, kidnapped by a tyrant who was not willing to except any ransom except for genocide through body bags and meticulously manipulating demographic changes in blatant violations of Geneva Conventions, international law and UNSCRs.

"I, as the daughter of the Muslim Ummah asks, where is my husband? Where is the father of Raziya Sultana?



Where is Mohammad Yasin Malik," she asked, adding that a child deprived of

hugging her father from nine years, whose only crime was leading the strug-

gle for Azadi of Kashmiris.

She highlighted that He was not just a freedom fighter or a political icon but a preacher of non-violent, Ghandian movement and thus symbol of peaceful solution of Kashmir issue, adding, "If peace is not an option then definitely war is the answer between two nuclear countries."

"Pakistan has always remained committed towards supporting the legitimate freedom struggle of the Kashmiris and call for immediate resolution of Kashmir dispute as per the UN resolutions. Simultaneously Pakistan also strongly condemns Israeli crimes against humanity against innocent children, women and men of Palestine," she added.

Mushaal demanded an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, an end to blockade of Gaza, full access to international Humanitarian organisations to send, medicine, food and water supplies to the beleaguered people.

Minister Dr. Al-Maliki receives a phone call from his Pakistani counterpart and informs him of the latest developments

News Desk

GAZA: The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Dr. Riyad Al-Maliki, received a phone call from his counterpart, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Pakistan, Minister Jalil Abbas Gilani, who wanted to offer his condolences to the Palestinian people and their representatives in light of the magnitude of the devastating event to which the Gaza Strip is exposed. His country rejected the Israeli aggression on the Strip and expressed its dissatisfaction with the extent of the destruction. And the killing that the Palestinian people pay for in the face of the gravity of the Israeli bombing and destruction, which has not stopped for 32 days since the start of the barbaric Israeli war on the Palestinian people in Gaza.



their state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital. He also stressed his country's commitment to deploying all its capabilities for the benefit of the Palestinian people and its readiness to provide everything the Palestinian people need in such inhumane conditions to which this steadfast people is exposed.

In turn, Minister Al-Maliki presented his counterpart, Minister Gilani, in details of what the state of "occupation and destruction" Israel is doing

against the Strip, including killing, destruction, and cutting off water, electricity, communications, and fuel, to prevent hospitals from carrying out their duty in treating the large numbers of wounded who fill the hospitals, in addition to its targeting of civilians, especially children and women. And the elderly in their homes, in hospitals, schools, or shelters, and even targeting ambulances.

Minister Al-Maliki also explained to his counterpart the position of the State of Palestine and what is required of the international community to end the killing, stop the aggression, call for a ceasefire, and bring in what the besieged and detained people need in terms of food, medicine, drinking water, and fuel, and in removing the wounded, providing shelter for the displaced, preventing displacement, and providing protection for the Palestinian people. And return to discuss the roots of the problem and the need to open a political horizon to end the occupation and embody an independent and sovereign state with Jerusalem

as its capital.

Minister Malki also touched on the increasing violence occurring by settlers and the Israeli army in the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, and the targeting of these invaders against defenseless civilians and residents of remote areas, preventing the movement of citizens on the roads, and other measures aimed at destabilizing the West Bank and providing excuses for wider invasion. And a bigger attack on the West Bank to kill the largest possible number of residents and spread terror among the residents and force them to flee their homes and lands.

In conclusion, the Palestinian and Pakistani ministers agreed to meet during the Islamic summit that will be held this week in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, in order to better coordinate between the two countries and their positions, as well as to benefit from their presence in international forums in the interest of advancing the Palestinian cause and advancing the rights of the Palestinian people.

40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Pakistan and the Republic of Korea



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the Republic of Korea are commemorating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations today. To mark the occasion, Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Gilani and Foreign Minister of the Republic of the Korea Park Jin, exchanged messages of felicitations through diplomatic channels.

The relationship between Pakistan and the Republic of Korea is marked by characteristic warmth and candour and features mutually beneficial cooperation in diverse fields.

Foreign Minister Gilani and Foreign Minister Park reviewed the rich history of Pakistan-ROK relations, socio-cultural ties, development and economic cooperation and the contribution of respective diasporas, which act as a bridge of friendship between the two countries. Underscoring the strong potential for future collaboration, the Foreign Ministers pledged to intensify cooperation in all fields, including political, economic, cultural and people-to-people contacts.

WhatsApp releasing new search tool for desktop version

Meta-owned messaging app WhatsApp is up to releasing another feature for its desktop version, "making it easier" for users to search the messages on the platform, WABetaInfo reported.

The new "search message by date" feature will be rolled out to some beta testers, allowing them to quickly search for messages shared on a specific date within their conversations.

"Thanks to this feature, WhatsApp would have offered users a more efficient and convenient way to navigate through their message history when searching for messages," the WhatsApp news tracker said.

The enhanced search functionality will simplify the process of finding any conversation from a specific date or retrieving important information about a past event.

As seen in this screenshot, the users can pick a date from the date picker panel which pops up by clicking the calendar button — available once the update takes place — and search the messages from a specific date.

However, the feature will initially be available to some beta testers having the latest version of WhatsApp Web and will be rolled out to more users in the coming days.

As per WABetaInfo, the introduction of the date-based search feature finally makes it possible to quickly locate messages from a particular date.

"This not only saves time but also reduces the frustration of scrolling through long chat histories."

More specifically, the feature will be helpful in looking for non-text messages, such as voice notes, which are complicated to retrieve since those without text transcriptions cannot be searched, or when users are unable to recall the exact wording in a text message.

Ignite Your Tech Career with Huawei ICT Competition

Abeera Abbasi Fast University

The Huawei ICT Competition 2023/24 is an exciting opportunity for students and professors to showcase their skills and knowledge in information and communication technology (ICT) and make a difference in the world. The competition is open to students of all levels, from undergraduate to PhD, as well as professors who are interested in ICT research and development.

Registration/nomination/selection process

The registration process for the ICT Competition 2023/24 is simple and straightforward. Students can register for the competition on the HUAWEI website. There is plenty of opportunity for students to register via booth setups and registration forms.

Merit/transparency

The ICT Competition 2023/24 is a highly competitive event. However, the selection process is transparent and fair.

All applicants are judged on the same criteria, and the finalists are selected based on their merit.

Why participate?

There are many benefits to participating in the ICT Competition 2023/24. Here are just a few:

Make a difference in the world: The ICT Competition is a great opportunity to use your ICT skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on the world. The competition challenges participants to develop innovative solutions to real-world problems.

Gain valuable experience: The ICT Competition is a challenging but rewarding experience. Participants will learn new skills, work on cutting-edge technologies, and gain experience in solving complex problems.

Network with industry professionals: The competition provides an opportunity to network with industry professionals from Huawei and other ICT companies. This can lead to internships, job opportunities, and mentorship relationships.

Win prizes: The winners of the

competition will receive prizes, such as cash, scholarships, and internships. These prizes can help participants to further their education and career goals.

Boost your resume: Participating in the ICT Competition is a great way to boost your resume and make yourself more competitive in the job market. Employers value the skills and experience that participants gain in the competition. Being an undergraduate embedded engineer at NUCES FAST Islamabad, I am passionate about ICT. I believe that ICT has the potential to solve many of the world's most pressing problems, such as improving healthcare, education, and environmental protection. I am excited to participate in the ICT Competition 2023/24 and to use my skills to develop innovative solutions to these problems.

The ICT Competition 2023/24 will consist of two rounds. The first round will be an online test that will assess the contestants' knowledge of ICT fundamentals. The second round will be a live competition in which the contestants

will work on real-world ICT challenges.

The ICT Competition 2023/24 will test the contestants' skills and knowledge in a variety of ICT areas, including:

- Networking
- Cloud computing
- Security
- Big data
- Artificial intelligence
- Internet of Things

There are a few things that students can do to prepare for the ICT Competition 2023/24:

Strengthen your ICT skills: Review the ICT topics that will be covered in the competition and make sure that you have a strong understanding of them.

Practice solving ICT problems: There are many online and offline resources that can help you to practice solving ICT problems. Work on team projects: The ICT Competition is a team event, so it is important to practice working on team projects.

Network with ICT professionals: Talk to ICT professionals about their work and learn from their experiences.

BRI is a catalyst for positive change, peace, and prosperity, experts

PNP

ISLAMABAD: Against ongoing global chaos, conflicts, and Middle East turmoil that disrupt peace and stability worldwide, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a powerful force for hope and unity. The recent Webinar on the Third Belt and Road Forum, themed "Together for Common Development and Shared Prosperity," saw distinguished speakers worldwide passionately emphasize the BRI's transformative potential.

They pointed out that amidst the tumultuous landscape of wars and instability, the BRI not only offers a solution to ongoing conflicts but also paves the way for a future marked by universal peace and shared prosperity.

Hosted by Friends of BRI Forum and the Centre for BRI and China Studies at the Institute

of Peace and Diplomatic Studies (IPDS), the event brought together prominent voices from diverse regions. Dr. Farhat Asif, President of IPDS, opened the proceedings, underscoring the global impact of BRI, with Pakistan serving as a key beneficiary through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Dr. Wang Li, Senior Professor at China's School of Law, highlighted the BRI's commitment to prosperity and the common good as intrinsic values.

Ulf Sandmark, Chairman of BRI Sweden, emphasized the BRI's role not only in economic development but also in promoting global unity by resolving conflicts, such as the situation in Gaza. Ambassador Igor V. Khalevinskiy, Chairman of the Association of Russian Diplomats, Russia, commended the BRI for its remarkable global impact by

facilitating development and prosperity.

Prof. Zhou Rong, Senior Fellow at the Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies of Renmin University, China, stressed the importance of collaborative projects like the BRI in a world marred by conflicts, where China is making significant progress and changing lives. Dr. Kurt Grötsch, Founding President of Catedra China and Ambassador of Minzu University, Spain, highlighted the need to focus on the environmental and green impacts of the BRI as it continues to progress.

Dr. Katarina Zakic, Head of the Regional Center for Belt and Road Studies, IPE, Serbia, discussed the positive effects of the BRI on Serbia-China political relations, trade, and Chinese investments in various sectors. Carlos Martinez, Co-Editor of the Friends of Social-

ist China Platform, UK, emphasized the BRI's role in achieving and promoting sustainable development, emphasizing its unique and impactful nature compared to initiatives by other countries.

Dr. Hasan Abdullah Al-Dajah, Head of the Department of Media & Strategic Studies at Al-Hus-

sein Bin Talal University, Jordan, shared insights into the ongoing progress and development catalyzed by the BRI worldwide.

Martín Rafael López, a researcher at the Center of Chinese Studies at the National University of La Plata, Argentina, delved into the strong ties between Argenti-

na and China and how BRI and economic cooperation are helping both the country and the region grow. Terry M. Kiragu, Co-Founder of the Women, Youth & Children Development Organization, Kenya, emphasized the significant role of the NGO sector in making transformational impacts and facilitating development.

The webinar was attended by a large number of participants from different parts of the world. The webinar provided a platform for thought leaders to explore the potential of the BRI in shaping a more peaceful and prosperous future for all.



Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
53,735.73	53,711.46
Day's High	Day's Low
54,312.89	53,711.46
Index Value	Change
13,278,747,006	-124.63
Percentage	Time
-0.23%	7 Nov, 2023 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,410.04	-7.72
Percentage	Time
-0.10%	7 Nov, 4:35 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
34,135.67	+39.81
Percentage	Time
+0.12%	7 Nov, 12:22 pm GMT-5

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
32,271.82	-436.66
Percentage	Time
-1.34%	7 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185	186.8
Bahrain Dinar	756.65	764.65
Canadian Dollar	209	211
China Yuan	39.26	39.66
Danish Krone	40.99	41.39
Euro	307	310
Hong Kong Dollar	36.11	36.46
Indian Rupee	3.39	3.5
Japanese Yen	1.74	1.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	921.66	930.66
Malaysian Ringgit	61.36	61.96
New Zealand \$	166.3	168.3
Norwegians Krone	25.76	26.06
Omani Riyal	738.95	746.95
Qatari Riyal	78.16	78.86
Saudi Riyal	76.6	77.5
Singapore Dollar	206	208
Swedish Korona	25.38	25.68
Swiss Franc	317.17	319.67
Thai Bhat	7.85	8
U.A.E Dirham	81.25	82
UK Pound Sterling	354.5	358
US Dollar	287	289.3

Speakers call for an independent state of Palestine to ensure world peace

Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) in collaboration with Civil Society Alliance, Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and National Press Club Islamabad organized a protest rally against the ongoing atrocities being committed by Israel on the Palestinian people. The rally started from National Press Club Islamabad and ended at D Chowk. Chairman of Senate Standing Committee on Defense Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, Former President and Secretary General UBG Pakistan Zafar Bakhtawari, President of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists Afzal Butt, President of National Press Club Anwar Raza, Abid Abbasi, President, Rawalpindi Union of Journalists, Secretary General CDA Labor Union Chaudhry Yasin, Convener of Civil Society Alliance Mustafa Haider Syed, Patron-in-Chief of Pakistan Sweet Homes Zamurd Khan, President of Anjuman Tajaran Pakistan Ajmal Baloch, and a large number of businessmen, journalists, lawyers and civil society persons joined the rally and expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Speaking on this occasion, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Defence, said that it is impossible



to establish lasting peace in the world without resolving the conflicts of Palestine and Kashmir. He strongly demanded the United Nations and the international community to play a role in solving these long-standing problems. He said that Israel has crossed all limits of brutality in Gaza by martyring over 10,000 Palestinians, out of which over 4,000 are children.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that the establishment of a free and independent state is the fundamental right of the Palestinian people, which they have been deprived of until now. He said that Israel is committing serious war crimes in Palestine, but it is a pity that no one in the world is going to stop it

from these atrocities. He said that the Muslim world should now realize that until they unite and build their strength, no one will save them from the atrocities of aggression. He said that the GDP of 57 Muslim countries is about US\$ 24 to 30 trillion, but the defence power of Islamic countries except Pakistan and Turkey is still very weak due to which Muslim countries are given no importance in the world.

Former President ICCI and Secretary General UBG Pakistan Zafar Bakhtawari said that the conflicts of Palestine and Kashmir are the unfinished agenda of the United Nations and without solving them, the world will never achieve sustainable peace. He said that Muslims all over the world have deep respect and regard for Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Pakistani nation has deep love for the Palestinian people.

Vice President ICCI Engineer Azharul Islam Zafar, President Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists Afzal Butt, President National Press Club Anwar Raza, Abid Abbasi, President, Rawalpindi Union of Journalists, Secretary General CDA Labor Union Chaudhry Yasin, Convener Civil Society Alliance Mustafa Haider Syed, Patron-in-Chief Pakistan Sweet Homes Zamrud Khan, President Anjuman Tajaran Pakistan Ajmal Baloch, and others also addressed the rally and expressed full solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Appreciation

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Moeenuddin, Director, PEL receiving the shield from Federal Minister for Energy, Mr Muhammad Ali, on the occasion of 29th Annual Technical Conference (ATC) and Exhibition held at the Serena Hotel, on Tuesday.



29th ATC and Exhibition Organized by SPE (Pakistan Section) and PAPG kicks off

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Pakistan Section and Pakistan Association of Petroleum Geoscientists (PAPG) are holding the 29th Annual Technical Conference (ATC) and Exhibition on 7th and 8th November 2023 at the Serena Hotel, Islamabad.

Federal Minister for Energy, Mr Muhammad Ali, was the chief guest at the opening ceremony. The Managing Directors and senior management of all the E&P Companies, Service Companies, international delegates from all over the world including SPE MENA Regional Director & EVP of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) Mr Mohamed Al Marzouqi and over 1200 delegates attended the Opening session. The theme of this year's conference is "Exploring the Unexplored: High Risk Plays and Economic Challenges".

The chief guest Federal Minister

for Energy, Mr Muhammad Ali, in his address, appreciated the efforts of Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Pakistan Section and Pakistan Association of Petroleum Geoscientists for holding the 29th Annual Technical Conference. He emphasized on the importance of such technical forums and sought input from the professionals to put their heads together to overcome the economic and energy woes of the country. The Honourable Federal Minister then inaugurated the Exhibition and Oil show and visited the booths setup by domestic and international exhibitors.

Corporate Members were presented shields as a token of appreciation for their support to the organizing bodies. Lifetime Achievement awards were presented to Mr Tanweer Aizad, Professor Dr Amanat Ali Bhatti, Mr Muhammad Azam Malik and Dr Mubarak Ali for their services to the industry and academia. Mr Mohamed Al Marzouqi delivered the 'Key Note

Address' and highlighted the challenges being faced by various companies in the Middle East and North Africa Region. Mr Faheem Haider, MD & CEO of Mari Petroleum Company Limited, Chairman of SPE Pakistan Section and Chairman of ATC, in his address highlighted the economic challenges being faced by the E&P industry and provided valuable suggestions for the improvement of the sector.

The Annual Technical Conference is a flagship event of the Upstream Oil & Gas Industry of Pakistan which attracts international and domestic experts. It provides an opportunity to international and local industry to showcase technology. It is a forum where the authors share their experiences of successful deployment of technology for the benefit of the entire industry. The application of new technology can bring improvement and increase oil and gas production from the indigenous resources of Pakistan.

Cheezious Partners support Breast Cancer Awareness



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a commitment to raising awareness about breast cancer, Cheezious, a beloved name in the food industry, has joined forces with esteemed educational institutions, Riphah International University, National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), and Bahria University. The collaboration aims to make a substantial impact during Pinktober, the annual breast cancer awareness month.

Zohaib Hassan Head of Marketing at Cheezious said "We are honored to partner with these esteemed institutions in the noble cause of breast cancer awareness. At

Cheezious, we believe in not only serving delectable food but also contributing to the well-being of our community. Our participation in Pinktober events underscores our commitment to creating a positive impact and raising awareness about breast cancer. We are proud to support these initiatives and hope that our contributions help make a difference."

This collaboration represents a commendable effort to support breast cancer awareness and encourages individuals to prioritize their health. By partnering with respected organizations, Cheezious is contributing to a vital cause and extending its support to those affected by breast cancer.

JS Investments Launches JS Islamic Premium Fund to Offer Attractive Shariah-Compliant Returns

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: JS Investment Limited (JSIL) has announced the launch of JS Islamic Premium Fund (JSIPF), a shariah-compliant investment solution for its investors. This new offering is a straightforward, medium-risk investment solution that delivers consistent and attractive Shariah-compliant returns.

JSIPF reflects JSIL's core values, emphasizing reliability and stability. It focuses on a diversified portfolio of Shariah-compliant,

high-yielding fixed-income securities, a strategy that manages risk while ensuring stable, consistent returns. This also aligns with the company's commitment to investor performance.

The fund's strategic approach focuses on enhancing income through investments in high-quality Shariah-compliant assets within the Islamic Microfinance sector, Shariah-compliant bank deposits, and Shariah-compliant Money Market instruments and government securities.

Emirates Celebrates a Decade of Success in Sialkot

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Emirates, the world's largest international airline and facilitator of vital trade links, is proud to announce a significant milestone in its history in Pakistan. This month, Emirates is celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing customers in Sialkot with passenger and cargo services. Over the past decade, Emirates has firmly established itself as a key player in this dynamic region, supporting travel and movement of goods with unmatched dedication and commitment.

For ten years, Emirates has been connecting the industrial city of Sialkot with the world through its direct services to Dubai, the hub city of the airline, and seamless connectivity. With the inaugural flight to Sialkot

in November 2013, the city became the fifth Pakistani point in Emirates network.

Emirates has had a transformative impact on Sialkot, providing an alternative gateway to the Export Triangle of Pakistan, encompassing Gujrat, Sialkot, and Gujranwala. Sialkot, renowned for its manufacturing excellence in producing sporting goods, clothing, and leather garments, amongst others, has significantly benefited from Emirates' cargo services. Emirates SkyCargo has played a pivotal role in exporting more than 41,000 tonnes of commodities, in addition to imports in excess of 1,400 tonnes.

On the occasion of the airline's tenth anniversary of operations in Sialkot, Mohammed Alhashmi, Emirates' Vice President for Pakistan said "Sialkot is

an important point in our network in Pakistan and we are pleased to have connected passengers and manufacturers with our global network using our unrivalled services. For ten years, we have gone from strength to strength in Pakistan, establishing ourselves as a reliable airline for a broad segment of travellers, including leisure, business and corporate, students and those visiting family and friends, in addition to exporters of goods. We would also like to thank all our partners and key stakeholders for their contributions to our successful operations over the years.

"Emirates is proud of the journey it has shared with Sialkot over the past decade, and we look forward to many more years of successful partnership, growth, and connectivity. This milestone marks a decade of commitment



to the city, its people, and its vibrant industries," continued Alhashmi. Emirates and Pakistan share a special relationship, which goes back almost 38 years when its first ever flight from Dubai landed in Karachi on 25th October 1985. Since then, this

historic partnership has continued to flourish with Emirates currently operating over 50 weekly flights to five Pakistani cities including Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and Sialkot, which continue to be an integral part of the airline's network.

World Tourism Market inaugurated in London, highlights Pakistan's growing tourist industry

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The World Tourism Market, the largest global festival of tourism, has commenced in London, marking a significant moment for Pakistan's tourism industry. The Pakistan Pavilion at the World Tourism Market (WTM) was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Tourism and SAPM on Youth Affairs, Wasi Shah, along with the High Commissioner of Pakistan, Dr. Muhammad Faisal, in London. Notable participants include the Tourism Ministers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Sindh, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC), Provincial Department of Tourism, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan, all united in showcasing Pakistan's diverse and captivating tourist destinations on the global stage.

Wasi Shah, while commending the preparations made by the Travel Market, expressed his optimism that international exhibitions such as WTM will significantly contribute to attracting more tourists to Pakistan in the near future. He emphasized the natural beauty and cultural richness that Pakistan possesses, making it a prime destination for travelers worldwide. The government's commitment to promoting tourism activities in Pakistan, improving infrastructure, and adopting successful international strategies promises to bolster Pakistan's economy through tourism, potentially turning it into a vital source of foreign exchange.

During the event, the Tourism Minister welcomed suggestions from participants and assured them of the Government of Pakistan's full cooperation in facilitating the tourism industry's growth. The Pakistan Pavilion at the World Travel Market garnered considerable attention from a diverse audience, including tourists, representatives from international travel companies, and social media influencers. It also served as a focal point for those who have previously visited Pakistan and expressed a keen interest in exploring more of the country's breathtaking tourist destinations.

Foreign players see Pakistan as leading destination for int'l sports events

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Foreign taekwondo players believe Pakistan has the leasing to be a prominent destination for international sports events. The foreign players and officials who participated in the recently concluded 5th Asian Open Taekwondo Championship have returned to their respective countries.

Before departure, the international players expressed their desire to visit Pakistan again, describing their stay in Pakistan as ideal. Cansel Deniz, who secured victory in the women's +73 category, took the opportunity to commend the Pakistan Taekwondo Federation for their proficient



organization of the event. Deniz's recognition of the remarkable talent exhibited by Pakistani players reflects the growing prowess of the country in the field of taekwondo at an international level. Gold medalist, Nadja from Serbia declared Pakistan as her favourite country in terms of sports participation. The amicable atmosphere and memorable experiences during their time in the country were lifetime remembering. Geon-Woo Seo, who won the gold medal in the -80 kg from Korea, expressed his intent to revisit Pakistan and reminisce about the beautiful memories made. He further said Pakistan has the potential to be a prominent destination for international sports events.

Maxwell's double ton lifts Australia avoid Afghanistan scare to reach semis

A Sports

MUMBAI: Glenn Maxwell's marathon 201-run knock lifted Australia to edge spirited Afghanistan by three wickets to qualify for the ICC World Cup 2023 semi-finals.

Set to chase 292, Australia found themselves in deep trouble as Afghanistan bowlers ran through their top and middle order to restrict them to 91/7 in the 19th over.

Coming out to bat at number six, Glenn Maxwell played a sensational knock - aided by a couple of missed chances by Afghanistan fielders - and powered Australia to pull off an astounding victory with 19 balls to spare.

The right-handed batter put together an unbeaten and one-sided partnership with skipper Pat Cummins, who scored a responsible 12 runs. His 68-ball knock featured only one boundary.

Glenn Maxwell, who battled through cramps,



smashed 21 boundaries and 10 sixes on his way to an unbeaten 201 in just 128 deliveries.

His 201-run knock marked the first double century by an Australian batter in ODI cricket and is also the highest individual score by an Aussie in a run chase.

For Afghanistan, Azmatullah Omarzai, Naveen-ul-Haq and Rashid bagged two wickets each.

Ibrahim Zadran started the innings cautiously after his captain opted to bat,

however, he lost his opening partner Rahmanullah Gurbaz (21) in the eighth over with a meagre 38 runs on the board.

He was joined by Rahmat Shah and together they added 83 runs for the second wicket to drag Afghanistan's total to 291 in their allocated 50 overs.

Rashid Khan's unbeaten 35-run cameo featured two boundaries and three sixes from 18 balls.

Meanwhile, Zadran finished his innings unbeaten at 129 runs from 143 balls with the help of eight boundaries and three sixes.

Australia's Josh Hazlewood picked two wickets, while Starc, Maxwell and Adam Zampa managed one wicket each.

Glenn Maxwell breaks records in historic Afghanistan chase

Fighting through cramps, Glenn Maxwell smashed an unbeaten 201 off 128 balls, guiding Australia to an unexpected win over Afghanistan in Tuesday's match at the World Cup 2023.

Apart from the victory that sealed the Kangaroos' spot in the semi-finals, the magnificent knock by the Aussie batter broke several records in the history of cricket.

Highest match aggregate in Aus vs Afg
Australia's complete chase of the 291-run total posted by Afghanistan, powered by Maxwell's power-hitting registered the highest match aggregate in an ODI match between Australia and Afghanistan.

Highest individual score for Australia
Hitting an incredible double century, Maxwell scored an unbeaten 201, which is the highest individual score by any Australian batter. The score smashed the record of former Aussie cricketer Shane Watson, who posted 185 runs in a match against Bangladesh in 2011.

Biggest partnership on 8th wicket for Australia
Besides smashing an individual double century, Maxwell also stitched a spectacular 202-run unbeatable partnership with skipper Pat Cummins on 8th wicket in an ODI match. This was Australia's biggest-ever partnership in an ODI match, after the 119-run stand between Shane Warne and Paul Reiffel.

Biggest partnership on 8th wicket in ODI
The 202-run stand between the Aussie pair also broke the record of 138-run partnership between South Africa's Andrew Hall and Justin Kemp.

Bangladesh beat Pakistan Women in a super over thriller

A Sports

Bangladesh won the second ODI against Pakistan in the Super Over after the match at Shere Bangla National Stadium ended in a dramatic tie with the three-match series now squared at 1-1.

Pakistan made seven runs for the loss of two wickets (Iram Javed and Bismah Maroof) in five balls of the one-over eliminator before Bangladesh reached the target on the final delivery of the Super Over, making 10-1 in reply.

Pakistan were 153-6 in the 47th over in pursuit of the 170-run target before a collapse left them needing three in the last over with one wicket in hand. Nashra Sundhu, who came out to bat No.10, was run out on the penultimate ball with the scores level.

Pakistan's opening pair of Sidra Amin and Sadaf Shamas provided a 41-run



start to the innings. After the departure of Sidra (22, 43b, 3x4s), Bismah was the next batter to return back to the pavilion for nought off three balls.

Sadaf was joined by Aliya Riaz and the pair added 23 runs for the third wicket before Sadaf departed for 29 off 83 balls, which included three fours. Aliya was next to go not before scoring a 28-ball 21, hitting two boundaries.

At that stage of the innings, captain Nida Dar was joined by Iram Javed and the pair

stitched another 25 runs. Right-handed batter Iram, who was included in the side in today's game in place of injured Muneeba Ali, scored 15 runs off 31 balls, smashing two boundaries.

With 70 runs required and five wickets in hand, wicketkeeper-batter Najiha Alvi joined Nida and the pair added 28 runs in the total before Nida got out for 27 off 47 balls, hitting a four.

Najiha and Diana later added a vital 25 runs for the seventh wicket before a flurry of wickets deterred the

charge.

Earlier, after Bangladesh opted to bat first for the second time in as many games, Pakistan bowlers restricted them to 169 for nine in their 50 overs. Captain Nigar Sultana top-scored for her side with a 104-ball 54, which included three fours.

The wicketkeeper-batter added a 49-run partnership for the third wicket with opening batter Fargana Hoque (40, 88b, 3x4s).

For Pakistan Women, left-arm spinner Sadia Iqbal, who bagged four wickets in the first ODI, took two for 32 in 10 overs today. Fellow left-arm spinner Nashra bagged two wickets for 27 in her quota of 10 overs.

Najiha, playing her second ODI, enacted four stumpings becoming only the second Pakistan wicket-keeper to do this in an ODI innings. Batool Fatima achieved this feat in 2004 against the West Indies in Karachi.

Anamul Haque approved as replacement for Shakib in Bangladesh squad

Sports Desk



ISLAMABAD: The Event Technical Committee of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 has approved Anamul Haque Bijoy as a replacement for Shakib Al Hasan in the Bangladesh squad. Anamul Haque who has played 45 ODIs, was named as a replacement after Shakib was ruled out due to a fracture of the index finger of his left-hand sustained during Bangladesh's match against Sri Lanka on Tuesday, said a press release.

The replacement of a player requires the approval of the Event Technical Committee before the replacement player can be officially added to the squad.

Babar Masih down UAE's cueist in World Snooker C'ship

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani cueists Babar Masih downed Andulrahman Saif of UAE in the IBSF Men's World Snooker Championship 2023 at Doha, Qatar. Babar beat Andulrahman by 4-0 (88-0(88), 67-50, 94-04(93), 102-37(91)).



Meanwhile Seyang Heo of South Korea defeated Ahsan Ramzan of Pakistan by 4-0 (68-37, 60-10, 73-33, 67-41) and ShriKrishna Suryanarayanan of India outplayed Pakistan's Muhammad Naseem Akhtar by 4-2 (115-26(56), 79-20, 22-74(52), 81-0(80), 44-76, 79-5(54)). The last round and semi-finals of the championship would be played on November 9 while final on November 10.

Pakistan-Tajikistan FIFA qualifier tickets up for grabs

Sports Desk



ISLAMABAD: The tickets for the FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier, Round 2, being hosted in Pakistan, are officially up for grabs and can be purchased at bookme.pk. In a bid to make the event accessible to all football enthusiasts, ticket prices have been thoughtfully set at budget-friendly rates.

For the Premium enclosures, tickets are priced at a mere Rs 500, while the general enclosures offer an even more affordable rate of Rs 250, said a press release. This was an exciting opportunity for football fans and fraternity to witness and enjoy the enthralling match between Pakistan and Tajikistan on November 21, at Jinnah Stadium, Islamabad, with the kick-off scheduled for 2 pm.

PPC Fighters qualified for the finals of the RMI Media Cricket League



Sports Desk

PESHAWAR: PPC Fighters defeated PPC Cobra by 29 runs and qualified for the final of the ongoing RMI Media Cricket League being played under the auspices of Peshawar Press Club Sports Committee here at Karnal Sher Khan Army Stadium on Tuesday.

The second semi-final will be played on November 8 (Wednesday) between PPC Markhor and Zalmi. The first semi-final of the ongoing RMI Media Cricket League was played between PPC Cobra and PPC Fighter at the Colonel Sher Khan Army Stadium wherein both the teams played well.

Playing first, PC Fighters scored 169 runs for the loss of four wickets in the allotted overs. Shah Faisal stood out with 66 including five towering sixes and three boundaries, Naem Babar 18 with three boundaries, and Kamran smashed an elegant knock of 45 runs with four sixes and as many boundaries. On behalf of PPP Cobra, Qari dismissed two and Ahsan dismissed one player.

In reply, PPC Cobra failed to chase the required runs target for victory and scored 140 runs for the loss of four wickets in the allotted overs. Rafat scored 16 with three boundaries, Kamran made a vital innings of 37 runs including five boundaries all around the ground. Asad scored 29 with four boundaries and one six and Mehmood made 19 with three boundaries.

PPC Fighters team Bilal and Shah Faisal took one wicket each while Shahid, the right-arm pacer, claimed three wickets and played a key role in his team's victory. Shah Faisal was declared the man of the match for his best all-round performance.

Senior journalist Zulfikar Bhatti participated as a special guest on this occasion. He was accompanied by Khyber Union General Secretary Imran Yousafzai, Chairman Sports Committee Zafar Iqbal, President of Sports Writers Association Asim Shiraz, Senior Journalist Zulfikar Ali Shah Chitrali and other senior journalists were also present. The second semi-final will be played between PPC Markhor and PPC Zalmi while the final will be held on Sunday, November 12.

Pakistan Cup: Shan Masood's ton powers Karachi Whites to second victory

A Sports

Karachi Whites' stand-in captain Shan Masood scored an unbeaten century in the run chase and powered his side to thump Lahore Whites by eight wickets in the fourth round of the ongoing Pakistan Cup 2023.

Lahore Whites scored 249-5 in the allotted 45 overs after being put into bat first by Karachi Whites at Pindi Cricket Stadium.

Tayyab Tahir top-scored for the side, hitting an undefeated 92 from 93 balls, including eight fours and a six.

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He was supported by Umar Akmal, who chipped in with 45 from 35 including two boundaries and as many sixes. Left-arm spinner Noman Ali and pacer Anwar Ali bagged two wickets each.

Karachi Whites got to 250-2 in 34.4 overs owing to extraordinary batting by left-handed opener Shan Masood.

He scored an unbeaten century (121

not out, 99b, 12x6s, 2x6s), which placed the game completely in Karachi Whites' favour. His efforts were complemented by veteran Asad Shafiq (86 not out, 89b, 9x4s).

Ahmed Bashir was the solitary wicket-taker for Lahore Whites, accounting for the two wickets to fall.

In the 13th match of the Pakistan Cup, on the back of half-centuries by Kamran Ghulam and Adil Amin, Peshawar defeated Lahore Blues by six wickets.

After winning the toss, Peshawar invited Lahore Blues to bat first at Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium. The Imran Butt-led side were dismissed for 173 in 42 overs.

The skipper scored bulk of the runs, hitting 94 from 129, including 10 boundaries and a maximum. The second-best score of the innings came from Rizwan Hussain's bat, who produced 22 from 17, including four boundaries.

Left-arm spinner Azam Khan

returned with a four-wicket haul. Off-spinner Sajid Khan and fast bowler Mohammad Imran got two wickets each.

It took Peshawar 35.4 overs to complete the target of 174, losing only four wickets in the chase. Kamran Ghulam (54, 49b, 8x4s, 1x6) and Adil Amin (50 not out, 74b, 5x4s, 1x6) ensured that the chase remained comfortably in their control.

Ali Shafique took two wickets while Hunain Shah Ibtisam-ul-Haq had one each.

Meanwhile, in another fourth-round fixture of the Pakistan Cup, Mubasir Khan's heroics powered Rawalpindi to a seven-wicket win over Faisalabad.

Rawalpindi opted to bowl first after winning the toss against Faisalabad at Abbottabad Cricket Stadium. Faheem Ashraf-led Faisalabad managed to score 197 in 39.5 overs.

Mohammad Saleem (41, 55b, 5x4s, 1x6) and Ali Shan (37, 42b, 5x4s) were the notable run-getters for the side.



Mehran Mumtaz, Mohammad Awais Anwar and Jahandad Khan grabbed two wickets each.

After losing three early wickets in the chase, an unbroken 179-run-stand between Mubasir Khan and Umar Amin turned the game in Rawalpindi's favour, who got over the line in 38.5

overs. Mubasir remained one short of his century, hitting an undefeated 99 from 105, including seven fours and four sixes. Umar also hit a crucial half-century (65 not out, 98b, 7x4s). Khurram Shahzad grabbed two wickets while Waqas Maqsood bagged a wicket as

well.

In the 16th match of the Pakistan Cup, Multan suffered a heavy defeat by 60 runs against FATA at Mirpur Cricket Stadium.

The side could only manage to get to 129 while chasing 190. FATA impressed with the ball while defending a low target; skipper Khushdil Shah accounted for three scalps and Asif Afridi and Irfanullah Shah bagged two wickets each.

Fighting knocks by Sharoon Siraj (58, 82b, 3x4s, 4x6s) and Sharjeel Khan (38, 32b, 5x4s, 1x6) went in vain.

Earlier, after being asked to bat first, FATA got to 189 in 42.5 overs, on the backs of gritty batting efforts by Mohammad Sarwar Afridi (53, 79b, 4x4s, 2x6s), Khushdil (33, 50b, 2x4s) and Mohammad Farooq (32, 30b, 6x4s, 1x6).

Leg-spinner Zahid Mehmood had three wickets to his name, while Tahir Hussain, Waseem Akram and Faisal Akram claimed two wickets each.

Addressed to soldiers

General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) addressed soldiers on the occasion of the 43rd Pakistan Army Rifle Association (PARA) Central concluded session.



Photo: ISPR

Attaining proficiency at shooting must remain at heart of basic military training objectives: COAS

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Tuesday while terming shooting skill as the hallmark of a professional soldier, said attaining proficiency at shooting must remain at the heart of basic military training objectives. The Army Chief made these remarks as Chief Guest at the closing ceremony of 43rd Pakistan Army Rifle Association (PARA) Central Meet held at Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) Jhelum, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The mega shooting event was conducted from October 3 to November 7, 2023. Over 2000 firers from Army, Navy, Air Force, Civil Armed Forces including Rangers (Sindh & Punjab), Frontier Corps and Gilgit-Baltistan Scouts as well as civilians participated in the competition. The COAS

and Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, who was the guest of honor at the ceremony, awarded trophies and medals to the award winners and runners up in each category. In the Inter-Services matches, Pakistan Army won all four contests including CJCS, COAS, CAS and CNS matches, while Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air Force achieved 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Pakistan

Army secured overall Championship Trophy while Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air Force achieved 2nd and 3rd positions. The President's Cup National Challenge match trophy was awarded to Naik Waseem of Army Marksmanship Unit. Pakistan Army won the Prime Minister 'Skills at Arms' Big Bore National Challenge. Pakistan Rangers Punjab won the first prize in para firing matches (infantry squad). The high-

est military shooting honor, 'The Master at Arms' Trophy was awarded to Lance Naik Banaras of 30 Frontier Force Regiment. The 'Best Shot Match Trophy' was awarded to Naik Sher Afzal of 82 (SP) Medium Regiment Artillery. While interacting with the participants, COAS appreciated the firers for their excellent standards of marksmanship. Earlier on arrival, COAS was received by Inspector General Training and Evaluation.

President for a comprehensive strategy to address mental health issues

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday urged the need for a comprehensive strategy to address the growing challenge of mental health issues in the country. He called for taking collective measures and adopting an integrated approach involving various stakeholders, including relevant ministries, the Prime Minister's Office, NGOs, psychiatric associations, and civil society to overcome the mental health burden in Pakistan.

The president expressed these views while chairing a follow-up meeting on mental health, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. President for a compre-



hensive strategy to address mental health issues. The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Strategic Reforms Implementation Unit Prime Minister's Office Hussain Islam and repre-

sentatives of various organizations working on mental health, including the Pakistan Psychological Association (PPA), Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS), the National Commission for Human

Rights (NCHR), Tasken Health Initiative, Pakistani American Psychiatric Association of North America (PAPANA), and British Pakistani Psychiatrists Association (BAPPA) through video

link.

During the meeting, the president highlighted that mental health was a major concern, demanding a coordinated approach from all involved parties.

The president also lauded the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between an international NGO and a private media group in Pakistan for raising awareness about mental health issues.

The meeting also discussed the formation of a committee under the Chairman of Strategic Reforms Implementation Unit Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to further bolster the effectiveness of the 'Humraaz App' geared towards mental health assistance and awareness.

NIH confirms six new Corona cases in last week

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Health officials on Tuesday said that six new coronavirus cases were reported during the last week across the country.

As per data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio was 0.16 percent while no patient was in critical condition.

No death was reported from the coronavirus while 3,674 Covid-19 tests were conducted.

Meanwhile, the official of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination said that the government had strengthened the role of Border and Health Services in Pakistan to deal with any sub-variant of Covid-19.

UN chief says Gaza becoming 'graveyard for children', urges ceasefire

Spokesman Report

UNITED NATION: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday warned that the bombarded Gaza Strip was becoming a "graveyard for children," as he urged an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict.

"The unfolding catastrophe makes the need for a humanitarian ceasefire more urgent with every passing hour," he told reporters at the UN headquarters in New York.

"The parties to the conflict — and, indeed, the international community — face an immediate and fundamental responsibility: to stop this inhuman collective suffering and dramatically expand humanitarian aid to Gaza," he said.

"The nightmare in Gaza is

Relief assistance for the people of Gaza

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A special flight carrying the second consignment of relief goods from Pakistan for the people of occupied Gaza was seen off by Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani and Minister for Human Rights Khalil George today, Palestinian Ambassador in Islamabad Ahmad Jawad Rabei and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NDMA were also present during the send-off ceremony at Islamabad International Airport.

Speaking on the occasion, the Foreign Minister expressed Pakistan's full solidarity with the

Palestinian brothers and sisters and condemned Israel's brutal, disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force against civilians, including women and children, currently besieged in Gaza. The Foreign Minister underlined the urgency of bringing an immediate end to Israeli aggression and lifting of the siege of Gaza. He called for upholding the principles of justice and humanity and facilitation of the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza.

The consignment consists of hygiene kits, medicines and food packages. The first consignment was sent on 19 October 2023.

more than a humanitarian crisis. It is a crisis of humanity."

Israel's strikes have killed 10,222 people, including more than 4,000 children,

in the densely populated and besieged Gaza Strip, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

Guterres also deplored the killings of media workers. According to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, at least 36 journalists and media workers have been killed.

"More journalists have reportedly been killed over a four-week period than in any conflict in at least three decades," Guterres said, adding that 89 UN aid workers have also been killed.

Guterres was formally launching a recently announced \$1.2 billion UN humanitarian appeal to help 2.7 million Palestinians over the entire Gaza Strip and parts of the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Caretaker govt. to ensure cooperation, resources to ECP for holding free, fair, transparent elections: PM Kakar

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday reiterated that the interim government would extend all possible cooperation and ensure provision of all necessary resources to the Election Commission of

Pakistan (ECP) for holding free, fair and transparent elections in the country.

The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner Sikander Sultan Raja who called on him at the PM House, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Caretaker FM, Korean FM pledge to enhance bilateral cooperation between Pak-Korea

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Underscoring the strong potential for future collaboration, Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani and Foreign Minister of Republic of Korea Park Jin have pledged to intensify cooperation in all fields, including political, economic, cultural and people-to-people contacts.

Pakistan and the Republic of Korea on Tuesday commemorated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

"To mark the occasion, Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani and Foreign Minister of Republic of

Korea Park Jin, exchanged messages of felicitations through diplomatic channels," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The relationship between Pakistan and the Republic of Korea was marked by characteristic warmth and candour and features mutually beneficial cooperation in diverse fields.

Foreign Minister Jilani and Foreign Minister Park reviewed the rich history of Pakistan-ROK relations, socio-cultural ties, development and economic cooperation and the contribution of respective diasporas, which acted as a bridge of friendship between the two countries.

Funeral prayers of two martyred cops in Dera performed

Adam Khan Wazir

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Terrorists attacked Alhaj Oil and Gas Company Darzinda Dera Ismail Khan last night with heavy weapons.

On which the policemen fought bravely and repulsed the attack of the terrorists and destroyed their nefarious intentions.

In this attack, police cops ASI Alam Sher, Fazl Ur Rehman, Ata Ur Rehman, Rehmat Elahi and Khan Arif who were injured while fighting with these men.

In which Constable Rehmat Elahi and Khan Arif succumbed to their injuries and died.

The funeral prayer of Martyrs Policemen was performed with official honors at Ijaz Shaheed Police Lines Dera.

In which Regional Police Officer Dera Nasir Mahmood satti, District Police Chief Dera Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani, FRP, City, Sadar, SPs of Investigation and other senior officers



participated.

The bodies of the martyrs were saluted by the well-armed police force.

After the funeral, the Regional Police Officer visited the policemen undergoing treatment at CMH Hospital Dera, inquire from the doctors about the treatment provided to the youth and instruct them to provide the best treatment facilities.

On this occasion, he said while talking to the policemen, the way you bravely stood up and fought against the terrorists, the entire Police Force Co-op is proud of this.

Your blood will not be allowed to go in vain. Inshallah soon the terrorist elements will be brought to justice.

PRCS Chairman calls on Corps Commander Quetta

Bureau Report

QUETTA: Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, held a significant meeting with Corps Commander Quetta Lieutenant General Asif Ghafoor. The discussions centered around acknowledging the commendable services of the Red Crescent during the recent floods in Balochistan.

Lieutenant General Asif Ghafoor lauded the Red Crescent's unwavering dedication and support in the affected regions.

Pakistan Red Crescent Society, in collaboration with the Pakistan Army, has provided significant services in the flood-affected areas of Balochistan. Chairman PRCS, Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, expressed these sentiments during a meeting with Quetta Commander Lieutenant General Asif Ghafoor.

Highlighting the ongoing initiatives of the PRCS Chairman underscored the efficient execution of relief efforts for flood-affected households. With a notable track record, the PRCS has already extended humanitarian assistance to over 2.8 million families affected by the 2022 Monsoon floods, with continuous efforts to reach more. He said Balochistan has always been a priority, and PRCS alongside the Pakistan Army, has provided significant services in the flood-affected areas of Balochistan.

Sardar Shahid Ahmed detailed the initiatives undertaken by the PRCS, stating that 9,798 households



have received domestic necessities, and ration distribution is ongoing for 3,400 households. Cash assistance has been provided to over 6,000 Afghan migrant households through partners, and an additional 1,400 households have received Rs. 26,000 each. To address water scarcity, eight new filtration plants have been installed in affected districts, with three more recently added in different districts of the province.

Corps Commander Quetta, Lieutenant General Asif Ghafoor, praised the services of the PRCS, emphasizing its significant role in natural disasters. He commended the National Society's relentless commitment under the leadership of Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmed, contributing to humanitarian services irrespective of ethnicity or background.

PRCS Chairman reiterated the organization's dedication to continued service in Balochistan, aiming to mitigate risks during natural disasters and improve public health facilities.

In a gesture of appreciation, Chairman PRCS Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari presented a memorial shield to Corps Commander Quetta Lieutenant General Asif Ghafoor.