



Israel's crimes in Gaza pose threat to entire region: Turkish President Erdogan

Netanyahu is using the military operation in Gaza to extend his gov't's political life while threatening the security of the entire region, according to Turkish President Erdogan. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government is using the military operation in Gaza to extend its political life, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said. (Details on Page 5)



Three children among 7 injured in Peshawar's Warsak Road blast

At least seven people including three children were injured in a roadside bomb blast on Warsak Road in Peshawar. According to police, the blast took place near the Babu Garhi Chowk in the limits of the Machini Gate police station. Four kilograms of explosives, planted on the side of the road, were used in the blast, he said. The injured were shifted to the Lady Reading Hospital where two children are said to be in critical condition.

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Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar view of debris of the demolished Chambers of Lawyers at F-8 Football ground after the Supreme Court ultimatum, which was till 01-05-2021, as the Workers of Anti encroachments.



Photo: PID

CNS Message on the Occasion of Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-6)

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: It is a matter of great satisfaction for me that Pakistan Navy is holding its sixth Maritime Security Workshop at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore. The Workshop has become an annual signature event of Pakistan Navy since 2017. It is pleasing to know that MARSEW is gaining traction and growing interest in the academic circle and at the institutional level. This is indeed a national need, and the one, which is sync with the demands of rapidly changing global trends.



Understanding oceans and maritime security is central to global geopolitics and economic security of nations. Pakistan cannot remain oblivious to geopolitical shifts in the maritime province of Indian Ocean or the demands of Blue Economy as an essential pillar of country's economy. Pakistan's economic future is strongly tied to sea and a stable maritime security order in the region. Despite seas acknowledged as the common heritage of mankind, contested claims over maritime resources are spawning friction as never witnessed before in human history. New developments and simmering conflicts on the shores of Indian Ocean necessitate thorough understanding and informed debate to assimilate their wider impact on regional states. Increasing militarization of Indian Ocean and any escalation in crisis could spark a conflict with repercussions for the entire region. This will devour the economic advancement of many countries, perhaps in manner, which is inconceivable.

The significance of blue economy is vital for countries like Pakistan to draw appropriate and sustained economic benefits. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal, related to oceans, requires all major stakeholders including Government agencies, policy makers, NGOs, scientists, researchers and local communities to

PM for health sector reforms to meet global requirement of experts

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday emphasized the introduction of reforms in country's health sector with a view to meet the global requirement of health experts. He chairing a meeting of the

task force on reforms in medical education and patients care, said the reforms in the health sector was vital in current situation. The prime minister also called for improving the standards of medical education in accordance with the contemporary requirements. The participants of the meet-

ing were briefed on the strategy to uplift the health sector at par with international standards. The prime minister said that considering its significance, enhanced attention should be given on uplifting the nursing sector. The meeting was also briefed on the steps taken for improve-

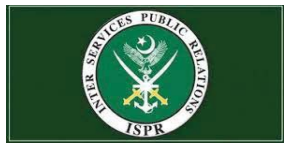
ment in the health sector in coordination with the health ministry, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, Higher Education Commission and medical universities. It was told that a three-prong strategy had been formulated for health sector reforms to enforce the rules and regulations of inter-

national standards. The participants were also apprised of the reforms strategy for the graduate and postgraduate levels in the health sector. Prime Minister Kakar appreciated the performance of the task force working under Special Assistant Dr Amir Bilal for bringing in health sector reforms.

Army soldier Martyred S. Waziristan during fire exchange with terrorists

Adam Khan Wazir

RAWALPINDI: On 5 December 2023, a fire exchange took place between own troops and terrorists in general area Sararogha, South Waziristan District. Own troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location. However, during intense fire exchange, Sepoy Ahmed Ali (age: 26 years, resident of District Charsadda), having fought gallantly, embraced



Shahadat. Sanitization operation is being carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the area as security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe-out the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strengthen our resolve.

Planning Minister Reviews power sector's progress

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of the power sector of the ministry. The Chief Energy Section gave a detailed briefing on current statistics, prevalent policies and new initiatives of the power sector, a news release said. The Power Section of the Planning Ministry is assigned the tasks of technical appraisal of the Power Sector's development projects to be considered by the CDWP and ECNEC.

Sixth Round of Bilateral Political Consultations between Pakistan and Mexico

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ISLAMABAD: The 6th Round of Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) between Pakistan and Mexico was held in Islamabad today. Ambassador Mariam Aftab, Additional Foreign Secretary (Americas), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led the Pakistan delegation while the Mexican delegation was headed by Ambassador Jose Tripp Villanueva, Director General for Africa, Central Asia and Middle East, at the Mexican Foreign Ministry. The BPC reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations, regional and multilateral issues. The Additional Foreign Secretary reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to further deepening and



broadening its ties with Mexico, particularly in the areas of trade, agriculture, investment, science & technology, and people-to-people contacts. She underscored that Pakistan was firmly focusing on imperatives of geo-economics and pursuing policies that would promote peace, growth, development, and regional connectivity. The two sides expressed satisfaction at the cooperation between their delegations at various international organizations and forums especially in the United Nations, and on the question of Security Council Reform. Pakistan and Mexico continue to support each other's candidatures at the UN and other international bodies.

Interior Minister condemns Peshawar blast

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti Tuesday strongly condemned the explosion near the school on Warsak Road Babu in Peshawar. He expressed deep sorrow and regret over the injuries of innocent children in the blast, adding that no effort should be spared in the treatment of children and other injured. Praying for the speedy recovery of those injured in the explosion, especially children, the minister said that Children were the future of this country and they would be protected at any cost. Terrorists were proving their cowardness by targeting innocent children, the minister said.

Arrest warrants issued for Murad Saeed, 7 other PTI leaders

Bureau Report

LAHORE: An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Tuesday issued non-bailable arrest warrants for eight Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders, including former federal ministers Murad Saeed and Azam Swati, in case related to arson, chaos, and anarchy following former prime minister Imran Khan's arrest on May 9. According to details, ATC Admin Judge Abhar Gul Khan issued warrants citing PTI leaders' involvement in setting ablaze police vehicles at Rahat Bakery Chowk in Lahore on May 9. The arrest warrants were issued against Murad Saeed, Azam Swati, Farrukh Habib, Zubair Khan Niazi, Hafiz Farhat, Wasiq Qayyum, Hamid Raza and Imtiaz Ahmed. The anti-terrorism court issued the arrest warrants on an application moved by the police who told the court that they could not arrest the accused so far.

Infant dies at Rawalpindi hospital due to 'lack of oxygen supply'

City Desk

RAWALPINDI: A 10-month-old girl, named Aliza, died on Tuesday in Benazir Bhutto Hospital children's ward in Rawalpindi due to lack of oxygen, claimed the family members. According to details, the relatives of 10-month-old girl Aliza - who was shifted to Rawalpindi's Benazir Bhutto Hospital from Wah Cantt - blamed the hospital authorities for insufficient medical facilities and 'lack of oxygen supplies'. Sources told that the number of patients in the hospital children's ward witnessed an increase due to closure of Holy Family Hospital. Medical Superintendent Tahir Rizvi has denied the victim's family members claim and said there wasn't any oxygen supply issues in hospital children's ward. However, he said, the children ward was 'over-burdened' due to closure of Holy Family Hospital.

Sanjrani urges collective efforts to end suffering of innocent Palestinians

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani Tuesday urged collective efforts to end suffering of innocent Palestinians and emphasized the need of a resolution in accordance with international law. During a meet-

ing with Ambassador of Jordan to Pakistan, Maen Khreisat who called on him here, he said the genocidal actions and war crimes of Zionist Israeli regime in Palestinian territories were condemnable. The discussion primarily focused on strengthening bilat-

eral ties and addressing pressing humanitarian issues. They delved into the current situation in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, condemning the Israeli actions and emphasizing the broader implications for the Middle East region. Sadiq Sanjrani appreciated the efforts of King Abdullah

bin Hussein of Jordan in seeking an end to the ongoing crisis. He appreciated Jordan's pivotal role as the custodian of Masjid Al Aqsa Compound and its historical significance in maintaining peace in Alquds Jerusalem. The ambassador highlighted Jordan's continuous support for the Pal-



stinian people, including the establishment and replenishment of a hospital in Gaza to provide crucial medical services. Given Jordan's historical commitment to Palestinian refugees, he stressed their ongoing efforts to assist in times of need.

Women University to host 2nd International Conference on Linguistics in Katchery Campus: Dr Kalsoom Pracha

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Department of English, the Women University Multan organized the 2nd International Conference on Linguistics and Multidisciplinary Research 2023 at Katchery Campus. Prof. Dr Kalsoom Pracha, Vice Chancellor, the Women University Multan inaugurated the conference. The delegates from different universities of California, Malaysia, Indonesia, China and Pakistan addressed this two-day conference. While inaugurating the conference, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Kalsoom Pracha appreciated the participation of national and international speakers. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Kalsoom Pracha congratulated the entire faculty of the English Department on successfully conducting the conference. She said that the conference provided an opportunity to the young scholars to meet and learn from eminent national and international

al experts. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Kalsoom Pracha said that the field of linguistics owned a versatility through its multi-disciplinary connections and hence puts a great demand for research in the background of a new fragile world. Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Prof Dr Muhammad Kamran (VC MNSEU) emphasized the need to bring social transformation at various levels through literature. He pointed out to embed IELTS or TOEFL basics in the English curriculum of Pakistan and emphasized the need to tailor language curriculum keeping in view the needs of Pakistani students to develop national consciousness among them. He stressed on students to work hard to gain knowledge and enhance their communication skills to achieve success. Dr Wajid Ali (VC, University of Okara) talked about the need to train the teachers in line with the

emerging trends in the arenas of linguistics and literary studies. Prof Dr. Naveed Chaudhry said the central theme of the conference "Aspects and approaches in contemporary linguistic studies" carried too much importance in the present global scenario. He said that the conference aimed at bringing a vast array of topics related to the theme and taking stock of scholarly work in linguistics. He congratulated Dr. Mamoon Khan for achieving another milestone. Addressing the ceremony Dr. Mubina Talat said we should educate our youth in line with the demand of modern time instead of the traditional system of education. The conference focal person and Chairperson, Department English, Dr. Mamoon Khan highlighted the importance of local languages, which might play an essential role in engaging citizens in greater understandings of the world's environmental crisis. She said that



It is a historical moment for the Department of English to host 2nd International Conference in which the academicians and research scholars from across the country and abroad presented their latest research works. In two days conference inspiring plenary and discussion session

will take place to provide ample opportunities for collaboration and discussion on various aspects. The scholars were Dr. Stephen D Kashren (University of South California), Dr. Zia Ahmed, Dr. Fauza Janjua, Dr. Asim Mahmood, Dr. Arshad Ali Dr Muntazir Mehdi, Dr. Ali Karakas, Dr. Rukminingsih, Dr. Ali Jalalian, Dr. Besharat, Dr. Cheong Huey Fen, Dr. Saleem Akhtar, Dr. Mansoor, Dr. Akbar, Dr. Asif and Dr. Asma, Dr. Maroof Anwar and others who have presented their research works done in various fields including Social Sciences, Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Engineering, Law and justice, Environmental sciences, Health, Energy, Linguistics, History, Archeology, Tourism, Economics, and Socio-Cultural Issues. At the end, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Kalsoom Pracha presented souvenirs to guests and speakers of the conference. A sufi night was also organized by the Department of English.

FPCCI Election

FAISALABAD: Former President of (FCCI) Mian Idrees addressing during a gathering at the residence of Former President of Chamber and Commerce Hafiz Ahtisham, Care Taker Provincial Minister for Industry and Commerce SM Tanveer, Former President ICCI Zafar Bakhtawari and FPCCI Presidential candidate Atif Akram also present on the occasion.



Photo: Online by Haji Ibrahim

Hundreds of Students have graduated from Here and are supporting their Families: Sadia Kirmani



Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Socio- and political personalities Malik Anwar Ali and Tahira Najam have said that Muhammad Bin Qasim Blind Center is progressing day and night under the leadership of Sadia Kirmani. The plant which was planted 45 years ago by his father, the late Qaim Khan Kirmani, is a milestone. Today, it has become a tree and is spreading happiness in the lives of the blind. Hundreds of students have graduated from here and are supporting their families. He expressed these views yesterday while addressing the 45th foundation day of Muhammad Bin Qasim Blind Center and the prize distribution ceremony of the weekly events. Director of the institution Sadia Kirmani said that I am bringing prosperity in their lives by following the mission of my father to teach the blind to earn instead of asking for a rupee. Our Multan is the only educational institution for the blind which is a playground I am also number one. Recently, our students brought the champion trophy in the baseball tournament in Italy. The weekly events included cricket matches, Naat concerts, music and speech competitions. Prizes were distributed among the winners. Finally, the foundation day cake was cut

Angoor Adda border SWL residents' sit-in over demands enters 20th day

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: The protest sit-in by the residents of Pak-Afghan border Angoor Adda in South Waziristan Lower (SWL) has entered the 20th day in favor of their legitimate demands.

The organizers of the sit-in have closed the Pak-Afghan Angoor Adda main highway for all traffic.

The sit-in were attended by leaders of political parties, scholars, tribal elders and youths besides people of different schools of thought.

The organizers said that in this modern era, the people of Angoor Adda are facing severe difficulties, and thousands of families are deprived of basic facilities.

The sit-in participants said that they were forced to sit-in due to the lack of attention of the government.



The protestors demanded the government to make schools functional for the promotion of education in Angoor Adda

While all health centers should be activated for the convenience of

patients.

They said, Angoor Adda border residences should be allowed to carry food items at the border gate.

Electricity transmission, mobile network and DSL facilities should be

provided.

A special quota should be allocated for the disabled people affected by terrorism and employment opportunities should be provided for the people of Angoor Adda.

The sit-in organizers said that the need of the hour is to provide employment opportunities for the local residents at the Angoor Adda border.

TMA should start operational work in Angoor Adda bazar and NADRA Center should be sanctioned immediately.

Pakistan People's Party South Waziristan Lower President Aman Ullah Wazir addressed the sit-in participants and said, that since the twelfth day, the poor people of Angoor Adda area of birmal Tehsil have been sitting on the streets in the darkness of the night.

Ittehad Group chief blasts U. S. over Gaza

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Senior Vice President Cloth Board Ittehad Group Pakistan Alhaj Abdullah Nawaz Wahra has said that the rulers of 57 Islamic countries of the world are slaves today and the people of Gaza are free who proved that they believe in Kalima Tayyaba and fire and fire.

Living a free and independent life even in the war of gunpowder, the Muslim rulers by passing the resolution of condemnation in the OIC meeting proved that they are buried in the graves of indifference, wearing the shroud of indifference, condemning the Islamic world.

We should go ahead and make honest decisions and not sit with China until the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and the end of the illegitimate Israeli state.



It was Britain that established the illegal Israeli state in the land of Palestine in 1948.

Be it Kashmir or Palestine, without the desire for freedom, the spirit of jihad and the passion for martyrdom, neither

Kashmir nor Palestine can get freedom.

Assuring his full support to the businessmen and people of Azad Kashmir on the problems faced by common man including businessmen in the Kashmir region, including increase in electricity prices, problems of development projects, he said that whenever we are given a voice from Azad Kashmir, Khyber From Karachi to Karachi, the whole of Pakistan will stand with Kashmiri businessmen and people, they will stand in the front line to solve the problems of businessmen and protect their rights.

They declared Israel as an illegitimate state and decided not to accept it under any circumstances.

The Mujahideen of Gaza destroyed Israel's pride and Israel, which considered itself invincible and said that Israel's atmosphere was covered with an iron cap, was destroyed by the Muja-

hideen and until yesterday it accepted Israel.

There were talks that have ended now with the success of the Mujahideen, the Palestinians have exposed the double standard of the United Nations to the world and today more than two billion Muslims around the world stand with Palestine and America and In Europe too, people have risen up against the US and its allies.

They said that Muslim rulers should go beyond condemnation and play their role in stopping the supply of arms to Israel and declare in blunt words.

If Israel's aggression is not stopped, the world of Islam will stop the supply of oil to the world.

and will establish the Palestine Fund for the establishment of the State of Palestine so that the establishment of an independent Palestinian State can be implemented.

Punjab Delegation Takes Center Stage at Cop28 Driving Sustainable Solutions Globally

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DUBAI: A Collaborative delegation of Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA), also known as Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab), and the Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA), led by CEO CBD Punjab & RUDA, Imran Amin, participated fervently in the 28th annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28). With over 190 countries and more than 150 pavilions showcasing global climate initiatives in adaptation and mitigation, the delegation engaged in pivotal dialogues with global representatives.

CEO CBD Punjab & RUDA, Imran Amin, actively engaged with delegates from diverse nations at their pavilions, focusing discussions on critical climate topics encompassing carbon credits, smart solutions, IoT, green energy, urban sustainability, water conservation, and renewable cityscape solutions.

CBD Punjab and RUDA spotlighted their visionary approach aimed at combating environmental degradation while enhancing environmental quality through multifaceted initiatives. These encompass policy implementations, green development practices, LEED certification, smart city frameworks, tree plantation drives, rainwater harvesting, wastewater treatment, and renewable energy generation. Both entities maintain a sustainability-centric focus, integrating eco-friendly features to curb carbon emissions and advocate for green practices.

Chief Minister Punjab, Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, will deliver a keynote address at COP28, on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, highlighting the Province of Punjab's commitment to addressing climate challenges. Additionally, a critical discussion session on the climate finance landscape in the region, will feature esteemed panelists including Zahid Akhter Zaman, Chief Secretary Punjab, Imran Amin CEO CBD Punjab & RUDA, Ifikhar Ali Sahoo, Chairman, Planning and Development Board, Dina Umali, Director of Sustainable Development, World Bank, South Asia Region, Dr. Ibrar Chaudary, Professor Oxford University, and Mr. Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, Climate Change Specialist.

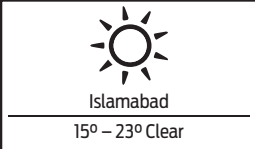
Islamabad ChildLife Foundation wins recognition at UN's climate conference

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ISLAMABAD: ChildLife Foundation has achieved another recognition by becoming one of the three finalists in health category at the COP28.

The COP28 is the 28th United Nations Climate Change conference, being held from 30 November until 12 December 2023 at Expo City, Dubai

At the conference, the Zayed Sustainability Prize was announced as out of more than 5000 applicants.



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Shah condoles the demise of Masarat Alam's father in law



Spokesman Report

SRINAGAR: Incarcerated Hurriyat leader and chairman Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party Shabir Ahmed Shah has expressed deep sense of shock over the demise of father-in-law of Chairman of All Parties Hurriyat Conference Masarat Alam Bhat.

In his condolence message the jailed Hurriyat leader while extending his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and give courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

He said that as per the law every prisoner has the right to visit a sick relative or attend relative's funeral but it was quite unfortunate that Indian authorities have remorselessly deprived the Kashmiri political prisoners of this basic right.

He said that there was a dire need that the international human rights organizations should raise their voice against the Indian government's tyrannical and unjustly cruel attitude towards Kashmiri prisoners.

Pak-Saudi International Conference on Sirah, Civic Sense and Tolerance Commences

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Syed Jamal Shah has emphasized to incorporate the teachings of Khutba e Hajj of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in all educational institutions.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of an international conference on Sirah, civic sense and tolerance organized with a joint venture of Pak-Saudi Governments by the International Centre of Excellence for Sirah Studies, Islamic Research Institute, IRI of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) at the Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the conference, minister Syed Jamal Shah said that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) served as the epitome of civic responsibility. He was of the view that teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) consistently highlighted the significance of treating others with kindness and consideration.

Earlier, Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Government of Pakistan, Syed Jamal Shah inaugurated the International Sirah Exhibition held in

connection with the conference.

Speakers of national and international repute unveiled timeless wisdom for success in this world and the hereafter highlighting the Sirah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in this 2-day international conference. During the conference more than 100 research papers will be presented by the researchers and scholars of international repute.

Prof. Dr. Samina Malik, Rector, IIUI congratulated efforts of both the Pak-Saudi governments for organizing this significant international conference in the present era as such conferences are vital for youth studying at the educational institutions.

Prof. Dr. Abdul Qudus Sahaib, Director, BZU, Multan also highlighted the Sirah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) during the inaugural ceremony and shared incidents with the audience on this occasion.

On this occasion guest of honour, Dr. Azzedine Benzighiba, Director General, Juma Al-Majid, Centre for Culture and Heritage, Dubai, UAE also addressed the conference participants and highlighted various aspects of life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq,



Director General, IRI, gave a comprehensive introduction of the conference and shared the significance of the conduct of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) for Islamic theology, law, culture, Muslim

society and overall Islamic tradition has never been contested. He said Civic sense reflects the social ethics of a society.

The conference shall conclude on December 6, at Quaid-e-Azam Audi-

torium, Faisal Masjid Campus of the university. Mr. Aneeq Ahmed, Honourable Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony would be the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Protest

MUZAFFERABAD: Workers of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front hold placards and shouting slogans during protest at Azadi Chowk, for the release of Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik.



Photo: Online

Kashmir's accession to Pakistan our ultimate aim: Sardar Attique

Abdul Majeed Tahir

RAWALPINDI: Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan President Muslim Conference has said that Kashmir's accession to Pakistan, a sacred goal introduced in J&K back in 1932 by renowned leader Ch Ghulam Abbas "remains our ultimate mission to be completed at all costs, no matter how harder circumstances we will have to face in this mission". This ideology is the backbone of our struggle at party, social, political and personal levels, he stressed.



Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan former Premier of AJK was addressing here Monday in Mujahid Manzil party workers and members of Ch Ghulam Abbas Anniversary Committee. The 56th anniversary of Ch Ghulam Abbas founding stalwart of political platform of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference in 1932 is being observed on December 18, 2023 at his Faizabad Rawalpindi mazar. Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in his historic visit to Srinagar in July 1944 had publicly declared Ch Ghulam Abbas as his ideological successor in Jammu and Kashmir.

In his address Sardar Attique Ahmed advised his party workers to revolutionize the message, mission and commitment of Ch Chulam Abbas and his trusted lieutenant Mujahid Awwal Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan in the hook and corner of the J&K state, in Pakistan and abroad. Large number of Kashmiris from both sides of Kashmir are economic workers, owners of businesses in European, North American and in the Middle East.

Ch Abbas loved Pakistan and in fulfillment of his wishes he was laid to rest in last abode in Pakistan, Rawalpindi, Faizabad.

A delegation of Punjab Danish School visit LCCI

ABC

LAHORE: A delegation of Punjab Danish School and Center of Excellence Authority paid a study tour to the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday.

LCCI President Kashif Anwar warmly welcomed the delegation and answered their questions in detail ranging from tax to private sector's role in policy making. The delegation of Punjab Danish School and Center of Excellence Authority, consisting Accounts Officers of All Danish Schools, was led by the Managing Director Ahmer Malik. Col. (R) Jawad Ahmad and Umer Fayyaz also spoke on the occasion. Tax Advisor Jalal Ahsan gave briefing on tax base and rules and regulations.

LCCI President Kashif Anwar said that we have to adopt a positive approach and should also appreciate the good initiatives taken by the government. He said that we used to talk about the children out of school but it also should be mentioned that Punjab Danish School and Center of Excellence is providing education to 45,000 students with respect.

Talking about taxation, LCCI President Kashif Anwar said that the masses have to play their vital role for tax net expansion and also urged the trade and industrial associations to educate their members about the benefits of becoming taxpayers by filing returns.

LCCI President said that from the platform of Lahore Chamber, we are emphasizing on the importance of filing tax return in order to broaden tax base.

EFP, GIZ to work jointly for the textile sector

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KARACHI: The Employers' Federation of Pakistan and the GIZ of Germany had a very exclusive meeting to discuss a common strategy to highlight the issues faced by the textile sector, and to initiate projects for mutual cooperation and collaboration for industries in the textile sector in Sindh, especially Karachi. The EFP team included President Malik Tahir Javaid, Former President Majyd Aziz, Director Humayun Nazir, Secretary General Syed Nazir Ali. GIZ was represented by Yulia Bazhenova, Paul Steimer, and Noor Khan.



Both the organizations agreed that Pakistan's export base is primarily textiles which also employs a large number of workers and contributes to the foreign revenue of the Country, therefore, emphasis should be focused on ensuring the acceptance of not only the international labor and environment standards but also take into account the ILO better work program and the core conditionalities prescribed by international brands.

EFP and GIZ also accepted the fact that there is an imperative need to enhance productivity and efficiency, reduce wastage, reduce absenteeism and reduce the effluence from negatively impacting the environment. The meeting also discussed the PowerPoint presentation explaining the initiatives undertaken by EFP which was explained by the Secretary General.

Pakistan Red Crescent Society celebrates International Volunteer Day with a tribute to hope

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) organized a memorable ceremony at its National Headquarters on Tuesday to mark the International Volunteer Day. The event resonated with the theme of "Hope" from the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, recognizing and honoring volunteers worldwide who selflessly dedicate their time and efforts to voluntary service, contributing significantly to humanity.

The distinguished presence of Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, added prestige to the occasion. The ceremony brought together a gathering of passionate staff and volunteers, who celebrated the



International Volunteer Day with enthusiasm and fervor. The National Headquarters lawn witnessed a ceremonial cake cutting, symbolizing the shared commitment to humanitarian causes.

Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari personally

engaged with the volunteers, expressing his appreciation for their firm commitment to humanitarian efforts. In his address, Chairman Laghari emphasized that the International Volunteer Day is a celebration of individuals who embody selflessness, compas-

sion, and unwavering dedication to making a positive impact on society. He remarked, "Our volunteers, the heartbeat of our organization, stand as beacons of hope, tirelessly extending their hands to anyone in need, anywhere in the world." In the face of numerous challenges, from natural disasters to health emergencies, conflicts to climate crises, the volunteers of Pakistan Red Crescent Society exemplify the true essence of humanity.

Chairman Laghari concluded, "On this International Volunteer Day, let us salute the unsung heroes who, with humility and determination, make a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals. Together, as a united force, we will continue to spread hope, one act of kindness at a time."

ICCI forges strategic partnership with TDC to address health issues of business community

ABC

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has signed an MoU with The Diabetes Centre (TDC), Islamabad to evolve a strategic partnership between the two organizations in order to address the healthcare issues of the business community. The MoU was signed by Meesaq Arif, CEO of The Diabetes Centre, and Abdul Rahman Siddiqui, Convener ICCI Healthcare Committee during a ceremony held at ICCI.



Lear of TDC and others were present in the MoU signing ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Medical Superintendent, Dr. Babar Hameed Awan Deputy Medical Superintendent and Ms. Naveen Keerio, Marketing Team

and promote a healthy society. He emphasized the role of private-public partnerships in driving positive health outcomes. He said that the partnership of ICCI with the reputable healthcare institutions like TDC would contribute to provide better healthcare services to the members of the business community and lead

to a healthier and more productive society. He said that the partnership between ICCI and TDC would facilitate joint initiatives, including health awareness campaigns, medical camps, and educational programs to empower individuals and members of the business community with knowledge about diabetes prevention and management.

Meesaq Arif, CEO, The Diabetes Centre, Islamabad expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership and said that the collaboration between TDC and ICCI marks a significant step towards creating a healthier and more informed community. By joining forces with the ICCI, we would leverage each other's strengths to benefit the society at large, he said.

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Wheat Subsidy Protests in Gilgit-Baltistan and the Historical Struggle for Autonomy

In the heart of the Himalayas, where rugged mountains whisper tales of centuries-old struggles and triumphs, lies Gilgit-Baltistan—a region fraught with complexities rooted in the Kashmir issue. The people here, united by a shared desire for basic rights, especially the wheat subsidy, have become vocal champions, transcending religious and regional differences.

The echoes of discontent reached a crescendo on December 1, 2023, as a widespread shutter-down strike paralyzed all districts of Gilgit-Baltistan. The catalyst for this protest was the government's contentious decision to withdraw the wheat subsidy, a move that incited vehement opposition from the local population. A compelling trend becomes apparent when people from various castes and races unite to champion their rights in Gilgit-Baltistan. Regrettably, these collective endeavors are often overshadowed by terrorist acts, particularly in Gilgit city or along the Karakoram highway. These incidents often reveal sectarian motivations. On December 2, unidentified assailants in northern Pakistan fired upon a bus, resulting in the tragic death of at least eight passengers and injuries to 26 others.

Historically, the origins of wheat subsidies in the region find no mention in UN resolutions or the Simla Agreement. However, a pivotal moment emerged when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Indira Gandhi, post the Simla Agreement,

shouldered the responsibility of facilitating food supply to the units of Jammu and Kashmir administered by Pakistan and India. This historical gesture laid the foundation for the people's reliance on subsidies, particularly on wheat.

During a period of socio-economic upheaval marked by the abolition of the Rajgiri system, Bhutto strategically announced subsidies on various essential items, including sugar, kerosene, salt, cooking oil, and wheat. Over time, wheat became the focal point of these subsidies, and persistent attempts have been made to eliminate it.

Bhutto's vision for integrating Gilgit-Baltistan into Pakistan faced challenges due to UN resolutions. Resorting to some measures, Bhutto abolished the state subject rule, which effects agricultural development and contributing to the contemporary issues faced by the region.

To understand the intricacies of the present situation, delving into the historical context becomes imperative. At the time of the subcontinent's partition, Gilgit-Baltistan was a province of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, governed by the Sikh Empire under Maharaja Ranjit Singh. The ripple effects of the empire's defeat by the British led to the British selling the rulership of Jammu and Kashmir to Gulab

Singh in 1846.

Gulab Singh's land reforms, including the Resident State Subject Rule Act of 1927, aimed to protect the region's lands and ensure the rights and citizenship of its people. However, in 1974, Bhutto suspended the state subject rule, replacing it with the Northern Areas Natural Rules of 1978, effectively declaring barren lands as the property of the Khalsa Sarkar. This move, a breach of Security Council resolutions, perpetuated the issues that persist today.

In contrast to the situation in Azad Kashmir, where the resident state law safeguards property rights, Gilgit-Baltistan faces a unique challenge due to the suspension of the state subject rule. The region, entangled in the Kashmir dispute, remains outside the purview of Pakistan's 1973 constitution.

Three significant decisions by the Supreme Court of Pakistan further underscore the legal complexities surrounding Gilgit-Baltistan. Governed by the Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR) from 1949 to 1973 and later by Presidential Decrees, the region's fate remains in limbo, as UN resolutions dictate that a plebiscite must determine its future.

The urgent need of the hour lies in lifting the suspension of the rule of law, paving the way for the establishment

of an institution to manage Gilgit-Baltistan's resources. A mechanism akin to the National Finance Commission (NFC) can ensure fair resource allocation, tapping into the wealth generated by the Sust Dry Port, Karakoram Highway, Indus River, K-2, Diamer Bhasha Dam, minerals, and forests.

Should such an institution come to fruition, the billions generated in royalties could address the longstanding deprivation faced by the people of Gilgit-Baltistan. It would mark a significant step towards alleviating their struggles, eliminating the need to protest for wheat subsidies—a saga intricately woven into the historical fabric of a region yearning for its rightful place in the annals of time.

In conclusion, the wheat subsidy protest in Gilgit-Baltistan is not just about a basic commodity but reflects the deeper issues embedded in the region's history and its ongoing struggle for autonomy. As the people of Gilgit-Baltistan voice their concerns, Pakistan must pay heed to the intricate tapestry of legal complexities and historical injustices that have led to this moment. The resolution lies not only in addressing the immediate concerns but also in fostering a sustainable framework that recognizes the region's unique status and empowers its people to shape their destiny.

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Calls for ending civilians' suffering

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed his extreme alarm Monday about the resumption of deadly Israeli bombing, while reiterating his call for a sustained humanitarian ceasefire in war-shattered Gaza and the immediate release of all hostages. "The U. N. continues to appeal to Israeli forces to avoid further action that would exacerbate the already catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza and to spare civilians from more suffering," U. N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in a statement. "Civilians — including health workers, journalists and U. N. personnel — and civilian infrastructure must be protected at all times."

The UN chief called on all parties to respect their obligations under international humanitarian law and renewed his call for a sustained humanitarian cease-fire in Gaza and for unconditional and immediate release of all remaining hostages held by Hamas. He also emphasized the need for unimpeded and sustained humanitarian aid flow to Gaza, noting that people, who had been ordered to evacuate, have nowhere safe to go and very little to survive on. The statement said the UN chief also remained gravely concerned about the escalation of violence in the occupied West Bank, including intensified Israeli security operations, high numbers of fatalities and arrests, spiking Jewish settler violence and attacks on Israelis. "The number of civilians killed is rapidly increasing," said Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner-General of UNRWA, the U. N. agency that assists Palestinian refugees. "Civilians, including men, women, children, older persons, the sick and people with disabilities, are the most to suffer," Lazzarini said. He also emphasized the need for unimpeded and sustained humanitarian aid flow to Gaza, noting that people, who had been ordered to evacuate, have nowhere safe to go and very little to survive on. The World Health Organization (WHO) also called on Israel to take measures to protect civilians. The UN health agency was on Monday notified by Israel to remove supplies from its medical warehouse in the south "as ground operations will put it beyond use," Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a post on social media calling for the order to be withdrawn. Humanitarian officials have warned that the current situation in Gaza did not allow them to address the immense needs there. More than two million people live in the enclave and over 80 per cent, nearly 1.9 million, are now displaced, according to the latest update from UNRWA, which is sheltering 1.2 million residents in its facilities. UN humanitarian affairs office OCHA said limited aid distributions took place in Rafah governorate in southern Gaza on Sunday and largely stopped in the adjacent Khan Younis governorate due to the intensity of hostilities. Additionally, central Gaza was largely disconnected from the south, following Israeli forces' prevention of movement, including of humanitarian supplies.



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

Journey from Despair to Hope with General Asim Munir - IV

General Syed Asim Munir, who received an honorary sword during training, led the Pakistan Army through a challenging period, achieving notable successes. When he took command, Pakistan faced economic difficulties, a declining currency, and rising inflation. The threat of the country defaulting loomed, with anti-state elements started exploiting the situation through social media.

Under General Asim Munir's leadership, the country shifted the trajectory from despair to stability. After a year, Pakistan has witnessed significant achievements, including crackdowns on the smuggling mafia, a historic decline in the dollar's value, and strategic stockpiling of essential goods, profoundly impacting the lives of citizens. The establishment of the Special Investment and Facilitation Council proved to be a game-changing project, attracting billions of dollars to Pakistan in just five months and opening doors for more significant investments.



Analysis
Abdul Basit Alvi

Noteworthy developments have also occurred in the agriculture sector, with positive outcomes expected in the coming months. The stock market has reached new heights, reflecting increased confidence. Through military diplomacy, General Asim Munir has strengthened Pakistan's ties with important nations. Intelligence-based operations resulted in the elimination of 464 terrorists, contributing to improved law and order.

Additionally, effective action against illegal foreigners has led to over two and a half million leaving the country in just a few weeks. The Pakistan of today, compared to November 29, 2022, has undergone substantial positive changes, and the journey towards stability continues. General Asim Munir's tenure has seen decisive actions against terrorists and anti-state elements, including the use of Military Act and Military Courts to swiftly address the perpetrators of the May 9 attacks on military and civilian installations, reinforcing the sovereignty and writ of the State. In the pursuit of stability, development, and prosperity for a nation, the collaboration between the military and civilian government plays a crucial role. Pakistan, finds itself at a crucial juncture where the synergy between the armed forces and the civilian government can drive positive change.

Under the leadership of General Asim Munir, the Pakistan Army, with its logistical capabilities and disciplined manpower, stands well-prepared to respond swiftly and effectively to natural disasters or emergencies. Joint efforts between the military and civilian authorities in disaster response and relief operations ensure a rapid and coordinated response, minimizing the impact on the civilian population. The military's engineering expertise is utilized for significant infrastructure projects, such as

road construction and bridge building, contributing to economic growth, enhanced connectivity, and improved living standards.

Collaborative endeavors extend to maintaining internal security and conducting counterterrorism operations, essential for the nation's stability. The Pakistan Army, drawing on its experience in handling security challenges, works closely with civilian law enforcement agencies to address threats effectively. Joint intelligence-sharing and coordinated operations create a secure environment, fostering citizen safety, encouraging investment, and promoting economic growth—a tradition that the Army is committed to maintaining.

Safeguarding national borders is a vital role of the military, crucial for protecting sovereignty and ensuring regional stability. Stringent anti-smuggling actions, involving securing porous borders and combating internal mafias, contribute to border control. Collaboration between the military and civilian government in managing border issues and diplomatic relations promotes peaceful coexistence with neighboring countries. A united front in foreign policy and strategic decision-making strengthens the nation's position on the international stage.

The expertise of the Pak Army in training and capacity building is harnessed to enhance the capabilities of civilian institutions. Training programs in law enforcement, disaster management, and other critical sectors contribute to developing a skilled and efficient civilian workforce.

To be continued

Bridging Horizons: Economic Strategies and Geopolitical Dynamics

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani

China, like a masterful economic alchemist, defies convention by orchestrating a strategic symphony—precision-cutting interest rates to elegantly combat the looming specter of deflation.

Have you ever pondered how economic strategies and geopolitical maneuvers shape the world's future? In a landscape where nations grapple with challenges, China seems to be orchestrating a different symphony. Let's embark on a journey through the maze of global infrastructure competition, where economic uniqueness, strategic initiatives, and collaborative endeavors intertwine. In a recent East Asia Forum article, a striking revelation emerges—China's economy dances to its rhythm. While the rest of the world battles inflation, China tactically cuts interest rates to ward off deflation. This distinctive economic strategy showcases China's prowess in navigating global financial currents.

Traditional geopolitics often spawned arms races, but China is charting a new course—an infrastructure competition that diverges from the norm. The global stage witnesses major powers initiating substantial infrastructure projects, challenging conventional paradigms. It's a novel approach that beckons a redefinition of global power dynamics.

Enter the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC), a memorandum signed by eight nations responding to China's Belt and Road Initiative. This ambitious project aims to connect half the world's population and 40% of the global economy, unfolding as a potential game-changer. It signifies a strategic response to the evolving infrastructure narrative.

The Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), an initiative by G7 countries, takes center stage. With a commitment to mobilize \$600 billion for developing nations by 2027, the US State Department deems projects like the Lobito Corridor and Zambia-Lobito railway in Africa as significant contributors to global progress.

Responding to the Belt and Road Initiative, the EU unveils its \$340 billion Global Gateway investment plan. Positioned

as a credible alternative, this plan doesn't merely mimic but introduces a distinctive approach to address global infrastructure gaps. Beyond megaprojects, a tapestry of regional initiatives unfolds. Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific and Partnership for Quality Infrastructure, along with India's regional connectivity endeavors—these smaller strokes contribute to the evolving landscape of global infrastructure development.

Despite geopolitical tensions, collaboration emerges as the defining theme. Organizations like McKinsey and the Asian Development Bank view these projects not as rivalries but as collaborative efforts. The \$26 trillion global infrastructure gap necessitates collective action, fostering a sense of partnership.

China's proximity to investment-focused regions and its status as the world's largest trader amplify its influence in the global infrastructure race. The trend initiated by China propels major powers to allocate substantial capital, transforming the global infrastructure landscape.

As investments surge to address the infrastructure gap, opportunities unfold for widespread development and collaboration. Regardless of the financier, these megaprojects promise benefits that extend to various nations, promising a shared journey toward progress. The prevalence of terms like connectivity, corridors, infrastructure, and Belt and Road echoes a trend set by China. This marks a paradigm shift in great power politics, with a significant allocation of capital toward global infrastructure and connectivity projects initiated by China. In the grand symphony of global infrastructure development, China's unique notes resonate, steering the world toward a future where collaboration, innovation, and connectivity redefine the very fabric of progress.

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UN General Assembly adopts four Pakistani resolutions set to promote disarmament, int'l security

News Desk

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations General Assembly stamped its approval on four annual Pakistani disarmament-related resolutions that are aimed at advancing the goals of regional as well as international peace and security. The resolutions, which reflect Pakistan's commitment to achieve those goals, were recommended on Monday by the 193-member Assembly's First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) where the texts were adopted by overwhelming support of its membership.

Of these, three resolutions deal with regional disarmament, conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels as well as Confi-

dence Building Measures (CBMs) in the regional and sub-regional context. The fourth Pakistani resolution sought international security assurances for non-nuclear-weapon states. The resolutions, entitled "Regional Disarmament and Confidence Building Measures" in the regional and sub-regional context, won the unanimous approval of the Assembly — adopted without a vote. But the resolution on "Conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels" was supported by an overwhelming majority of 186 votes, with India casting the only "no vote." The resolution titled, Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, was also approved

by a large majority. It garnered 123 votes in favour to none against, with 62 abstentions. By its terms, the Assembly reaffirmed the urgent need to reach an early agreement on effective arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. It appealed to all States, especially the nuclear-weapon States, to work actively towards an early agreement on a common approach, particularly on a common formula that could be included in a legally binding international instrument.

It recommended that the Conference on Disarmament actively continue intensive negotiations with a view to reaching early agreement and concluding effective international



agreements in that regard. Diplomats said that all four resolutions recognize the significance of and complementarity between regional and glob-

al approaches to arms control, disarmament and confidence building to promote international peace, security and stability. The resolutions also draw attention to the excessive conventional military danger in the regional context — implicitly in South Asia —, propose measure to address the associated risks and encourage efforts aimed at promoting confidence building Measures (CBMs) at the regional and sub-regional levels to ease regional tensions; and further disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation measures. They said the resolution on conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels acknowledges that the preservation of a balance in states' defence capabilities strengthens peace and stability.

Group photo

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi in a group photo with the participants of awareness event "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and Harassment of Women" organized by the Federal Ombudsperson Secretariat for Protection Against Harassment (FOSPAH), at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Tuesday.



Photo: PID

India to be world's third-largest economy by 2030

Reuters

BENGALURU: India will remain the fastest-growing major economy for at least the next three years, setting it on course to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030, S&P Global Ratings said in a report.

India's gross domestic product (GDP) (INGDPY=ECI) grew a bigger-than-expected 7.6% in the second quarter of fiscal 2024, data showed last week, which prompted several brokerages to raise their full-year estimate.

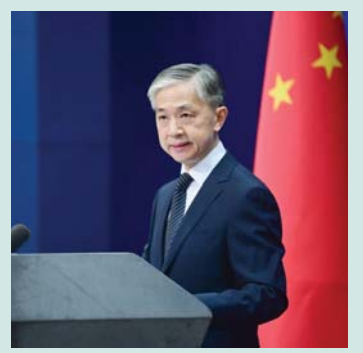
However, S&P, which had raised its forecast even before the latest data, said India's growth will depend on its successful transition to a manufacturing-dominated economy from a services-dominated one.

Afghanistan should not be excluded from international community: China

Spokesman Report

BEIJING: A Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Tuesday said that Afghanistan should not be excluded from the international community. "As a long-standing friendly neighbor of Afghanistan, China believes that Afghanistan should not be excluded from the international community," Wang Wenbin said during his regular briefing in response to a question about Bilal Karimi who officially started his position as the ambassador of Afghanistan in Beijing.

"We hope Afghanistan will further respond to the expectations of the international community, build an open and inclusive political structure, adopt moderate and prudent domestic and foreign policies, firmly combat all forms of terrorist forces, develop friendly relations with other countries, especially with its neighbors, and integrate itself into the world community," he added. Wang Wenbin said that the Chinese side believed that diplomatic recognition of the Afghan government would come naturally as the concerns of various parties were effectively addressed.



Wang Wenbin

Israel's crimes in Gaza pose threat to entire region: Turkish President Erdogan

TASS

Netanyahu is using the military operation in Gaza to extend his government's political life while threatening the security of the entire region, according to Turkish President Erdogan.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government is using the military operation in Gaza to extend its political life, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, according to Russian news agency TASS.

"The Netanyahu administration is committing crimes against humanity, war crimes, in a bid to extend its political life while putting the security of our entire region in danger," Erdogan said at a summit of Persian Gulf countries in Doha, as cited by the TRT Haber TV channel. According to Erdogan, Ankara has sent two planes and two civilian ships with humanitarian aid for Gazans, transferring the sick and the wounded to Türkiye for medical treatment.

The Turkish president noted that Ankara's priority was to establish an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, ensure lasting peace and unhindered humanitarian aid deliveries to the region, as well as resolving the Palestine issue based on the two-state principle.

"Recent developments only confirm the need to create an independent Palestinian state within the 1967 borders with its capital in Eastern Jerusalem," he said.

Erdogan also highlighted the need to prevent the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from spilling over into Syria. "We cannot allow the Gaza massacre to expand into a war that will engulf Syria," the Turkish leader stressed.

Hundreds of Palestinians have been killed by Israeli airstrikes across various areas of Gaza since Friday morning, as Israel resumed its aggression after a seven-day truce, the Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza said in a statement.

Since October 7, over 15,899 Palestinians, including over 6,200 children and more than 4,000 women were killed, with another 41,316 wounded, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza.



Navigating COP28

Pakistan's multifaceted approach to finance, indigenous peoples, gender equality, energy and industry and accountability

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is actively participating in COP28, attending 28 events that offer a worldwide forum for conversations on various viewpoints and climate change-related projects. Under the overarching themes of "Finance/Trade/Gender Equality/Accountability" and "Energy and Industry/Just Transition/Indigenous Peoples," the Pakistan Pavilion has successfully organized and hosted a total of 10 events to date. The country's dedication to openness and cooperation is demonstrated by the way different organizations present their initiatives on this global platform. Today's focus is on the valuable insights derived from key discussions involving the Ministry of Planning, Sindh People's Housing Foundation (SPHF), UN Women, Danish Energy Agency and the Sustainable Energy & Economic Development Program (SEED).

The COP28 panel titled "Enhancing Cross-Agency Coordination for the Expansion of Climate Finance," organized



ized by the Planning Commission of Pakistan, was a pivotal gathering of policymakers and experts. Moderated by Ms. Nadia Rehman, Member of the Planning Commission, the session addressed strategies to attract private investment and international support for Pakistan's climate finance needs. Mr. Awais Manzoor Sumra, Secretary at the Ministry of Planning, highlighted the role of the Sustainable Finance Bureau in preparing projects across agencies. He emphasized, "Efficient collaboration is key for impactful climate finance initiatives." Sindh People's Housing

Foundation (SPHF) convened an important, focusing on advancing climate action and building resilience after the 2022 floods. The session showcased collaborative efforts between SPHF and International Financial Institutions, aiming to build 2 million resilient houses in Sindh. The Caretaker Chief Minister of Sindh introduced the Donor Platform, a cooperative initiative to unite stakeholders and resources. The international community is invited to actively engage in this transformative initiative, with gratitude expressed to the World Bank and discussions

underway with the Islamic Development Bank and Asian Development Bank.

During the panel discussion, OGDCL (Oil and Gas Development Company Limited) participants engaged in a discourse involving various stakeholders. The conversation revolved around exploring how the oil and gas industry can contribute positively to mitigating climate change and improving environmental conditions. OGDCL shared insights into specific initiatives they have undertaken to address climate change and communicated their defined objectives aimed

at fostering positive change in climate conditions. The company is dedicated to achieving these objectives as part of its commitment to making tangible contributions to climate improvement.

The collaboration between the Pakistan Pavilion and the Sustainable Energy & Economic Development Program (SEED) centered on exploring climate investment potential in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Pakistan. The event featured an exposition on investment prospects, followed by a panel discussion with experts. Topics included navigating the carbon market, green standards, nature-based solutions, and investment opportunities in Pakistan, specifically in KP. The Secretary of the Ministry of Climate Change expressed gratitude and assured support for future initiatives in climate finance and carbon markets.

These discussions underscore Pakistan's dedication to addressing climate challenges comprehensively, promoting global cooperation, and building a sustainable and resilient future.

US awaits outcome of India's probe into Indian official's alleged complicity in plot to kill Sikh leader

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: The United States is looking forward to the result of an Indian government investigation into American prosecutors charges against a man they said was "recruited" by an Indian official to assassinate a pro-Khalistan leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun on US soil, State Department Spokesperson Mathew Miller said Monday. "With respect to this specific case, there is an ongoing law enforcement matter at issue here, and we don't talk about those from this podium. I will defer to the Department of Justice to do that," he said in response to a question from a Bangladeshi journalist. "When this alleged incident

was brought to our attention, we made it very clear at the most senior levels of our government to the most senior levels of the Indian government how seriously we would treat something like this," Miller told reporters at a sovereign state of Khalistan. Prosecutors at that time did not name the Indian official or the target. Gupta was arrested by Czech authorities in June and is awaiting extradition. "The defendant conspired from India to assassinate, right here in New York City, a U.S. citizen of Indian origin who has publicly advocated for the establishment of a sovereign state for Sikhs," Damian Williams, the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan, said in a statement. The charges come

after a senior Biden administration said earlier that U.S. authorities had thwarted a plot to kill a Sikh separatist in the United States and issued a warning to India over concerns the government in New Delhi was involved. The unidentified Indian government employee allegedly contacted Gupta in May to orchestrate the assassination, according to a superseding indictment. The employee told Gupta that in exchange, the employee would help with getting a criminal case in India against Gupta dismissed. Gupta allegedly reached out to someone he believed was a criminal associate for assistance with finding a hit man, prosecutors said, noting that the person Gupta reached out to was a

source working with the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration). The DEA source connected Gupta to the undercover DEA officer who pretended to be a hit



man, the indictment stated. The Indian government employee gave Gupta information about the victim, including phone numbers, the victim's day-to-day

conduct and the victim's home address in New York City. The government employee offered to pay \$100,000 for the assassination, according to the indictment.

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
62,956.02	62,493.05
Day's High	Day's Low
63,036.51	62,215.18
Index Value	Change
22,997,637,149	+462.97
Percentage	Time
+0.74%	5 Dec, 2023 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,489.84	-23.12
Percentage	Time
-0.31%	5 Dec, 4:35 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
36,056.34	-148.10
Percentage	Time
-0.41%	5 Dec, 11:58 am GMT-5

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
32,775.82	-455.45
Percentage	Time
-1.37%	5 Dec, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	187.72	188.22
Bahrain Dinar	758.58	766.58
Canadian Dollar	209	211
China Yuan	39.93	40.33
Danish Krone	41.41	41.81
Euro	309	312
Hong Kong Dollar	36.49	36.84
Indian Rupee	3.42	3.53
Japanese Yen	1.49	1.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	923.13	932.13
Malaysian Ringgit	60.97	61.57
New Zealand \$	175.89	177.89
Norwegians Krone	26.68	26.98
Omani Riyal	740.01	748.01
Qatari Riyal	78.36	79.06
Saudi Riyal	76	76.8
Singapore Dollar	211	213
Swedish Korona	27.45	27.75
Swiss Franc	326.65	329.15
Thai Bhat	8.09	8.24
U.A.E Dirham	77.6	78.3
UK Pound Sterling	361	364
US Dollar	283.5	286.3

Tobacco control is a collective responsibility: Minister acknowledge champions

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: In a collaborative effort to tackle the urgent issue of tobacco consumption in Pakistan, the Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC) organized a prominent event in partnership with the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK). The event, aimed at recognizing champions of tobacco control across diverse sectors, drew participation from key government officials, health activists, and stakeholders.

Expressing gratitude to SPARC and CTFK for hosting the event, Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, and Parliamentary Affairs, Murtaza Ali Solangi, highlighted, "Our commitment to addressing the multifaceted challenge of tobacco consumption is crucial for the well-being of our citizens. As a minister and a concerned human being, I pledge to work



tirelessly on this cause. Today, we celebrate the dedication of individuals who are striving for a tobacco-free Pakistan, emphasizing the need

for a radical shift in our lifestyles to stabilize our planet." Dr. Maheen Malik, Director of Tobacco

Control for the South Asia Region at CTFK, expressed gratitude for the commitment of CTFK's partner organization in Pakistan and pledged continued collaboration with stakeholders to ensure effective and responsive initiatives and policies addressing evolving challenges posed by tobacco consumption.

Dr. Khalil Ahmad Dogar, Program Manager at SPARC, emphasized the critical issue of tobacco use on the health and well-being of children, stating, "Implementing these recommendations creates a safer and healthier environment for our youth, ensuring they grow up free from the devastating effects of tobacco."

The event celebrated individuals from government, academia, media, and youth who have dedicated themselves to the cause of creating a tobacco-free Pakistan. This collective effort reinforces the commitment to building a healthier and more resilient nation.

Despite massive profits, banks indifferent to problems of account holders

Tariq Khattak

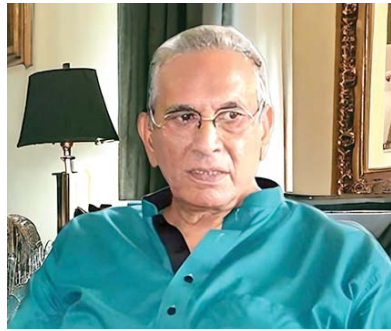
ISLAMABAD: Former President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Dr Shahid Rasheed Butt, on Tuesday, said banks are making profits indiscriminately but have become indifferent to the protection and other problems of the account holders.

He said those who have put their money in banks are often victims of fraud, but the banks seem unconcerned as they are fully focused on profits.

Shahid Rasheed Butt said in a statement issued here today that banks are expanding their business, but they are not bothered to upgrade their security system, and the masses are paying the price.

The victims of fraud are not being treated properly, but they are being ignored, he said, adding that many banks do not even complain about fraud to the relevant authorities.

The business leader said that the State Bank should take notice of this situation and improve matters. Otherwise, public



confidence will be affected.

He said that many commercial banks are profiting but are not upgrading their security systems, so account holders are at the mercy of hackers and often get hacked.

Due to sky-high interest rates, bank deposits have reached Rs 25.6 trillion in FY 2023, but the people need to get the profits they deserve.

Moreover, in a rising interest rate environment, some commercial banks have silently converted some customers' deposits from 'savings' to 'current' to increase their

profits, which is illegal and unethical.

He said there is a huge cost difference between the two types of accounts. There is zero return on the current deposits. At the same time, on non-Islamic saving accounts, banks are regulated to pay 1.5 per cent lower than the interest rates, which is 18.5 per cent at the prevailing policy rate.

Shahid Rasheed Butt noted that after stabilization in the foreign exchange market and government actions, obtaining dollars is difficult, easier and more profitable than in the past.

Due to falling land prices and the real estate market's collapse, many people are depositing their money in banks for profit, which has become an opportunity for banks and cybercriminals.

He said that account holders living abroad are also becoming victims of cyber criminals while banks are not doing anything about it.

He warned that the situation should be noticed; otherwise, people will lose trust in banks, which will greatly harm the economy.

SECP establishes Islamic finance research and development centre in partnership with AAOIFI

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) have joined hands to establish a Joint Research and Development Centre (JRDC) to foster growth in Islamic finance. In this regard, Mr. Mujtaba Ahmad Lodhi, Commissioner (SECP) signed an MoU with H. E. Sh. Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman, AAOIFI Board of Trustees at the 8th AAOIFI-IsDB Conference held in the Kingdom of Bahrain from November 29-30, 2023. AAOIFI is a global standard-setting body for the development and issuance of standards for Islamic finance industry.

Mr. Lodhi was one of the esteemed panelists at the AAOIFI conference and presented an in-depth talk on the role of Islamic finance for diversification of economic activity. Key officials of



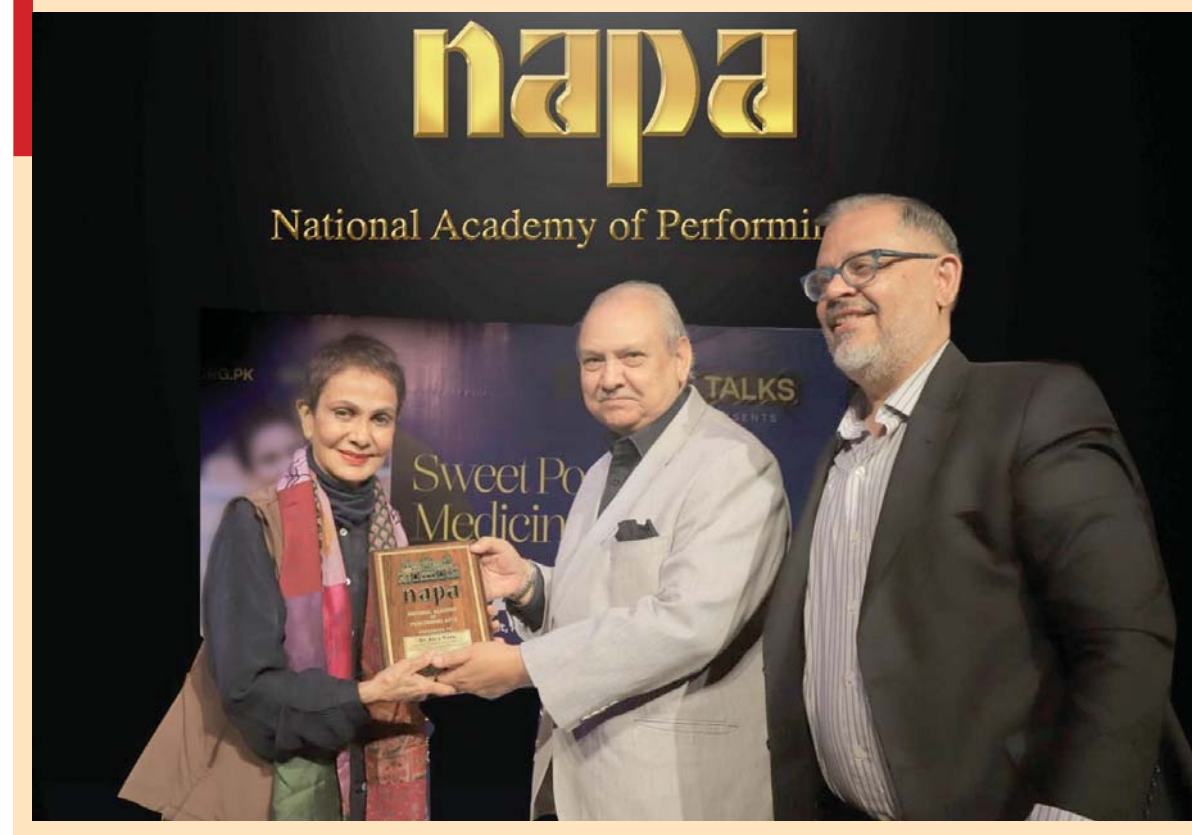
Central Bank of Bahrain, International Islamic Financial Markets and Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance also met with Mr. Lodhi to discuss areas of mutual cooperation.

JRDC, hosted by SECP, signifies a pivotal step towards advancing capacity building, advocacy, and policy formulation to foster growth in the Islamic financial services industry in Pakistan. Under the MOU, AAOIFI will also extend technical support to SECP for capacity-building, research and advocacy activities.

SECP anticipates that partnering with global entities such as AAOIFI will ease the execution of the Federal Shariat Court's decision and support the government's commitment to eradicate Riba from the economy.

Appreciation

Dr. Azra Raza, a renowned oncologist from USA made a presentation of "Sweet Poetry that Medicines All Pain" at the National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA). She is receiving a shield from Syed Jawaid Iqbal, Chairman, NAPA, Junaid Zuberi the CEO is also present.



Innovations in Agricultural Research will Maximize Agricultural Productivity, Dr. Cho Gyoungrae

PPA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Republic of Korea are working jointly on agriculture technology transfer projects for seed potato production through aeroponics, fodder production, chili drying and improvement in artificial insemination in cattle. These projects are being implemented jointly by Korea Program on International Agriculture (KOPIA) and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC). Technical Cooperation Projects (TCPs) were signed for the construction of aeroponic green houses, oat and rye grass seed production and artificial insemina-

tion using Korean Holstein Sexed Semen in Cattle.

In his remarks, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), emphasized the significance of the developing aeroponic potato seeds in Pakistan. During the signing ceremony of the Technical Cooperation Projects (TCPs), Dr Ali explained that conventional potato plants typically yield only five tuber seeds, whereas aeroponic plants have the potential to produce 50 to 60 seeds each. Pakistan currently cultivates potatoes on approximately 300,000 hectares of land, yet due to the substandard quality of domestic seeds, the country

imports 15,000 to 20,000 tons of potato seeds annually.

Dr. Cho Gyoungrae, Director of KOPIA-Pakistan Center, presented the outcome of already on-going projects and future work plan of the center. He told that 1574 m2 aeroponics green houses and 21600 m2 screen houses will be constructed under the project "Pakistan-Korea Joint Program on Certified Seed Potato Production System" to produce 160,000 tons of certified seed potato annually. He also briefed about seed production of oat and rye grass and Breed Improvement through Efficient Artificial Insemination Services by Using Korean Holstein Sexed Semen in



Cattle projects which will be funded by Rural Development (RDA) Korea for three years.

The event brought together Korean and Pakistani scientists, as well as senior management from PARC.

Success of the 7th Pakistan Industrial Expo shows

Abid Saeed

LAHORE: Following the success of the 7th Pakistan Industrial Expo recently concluded at the Lahore Expo Centre, the organizers have announced plans to set up a "Pakistan Pavilion" at their forthcoming events in South Africa, Kenya, the UAE and Saudi Arabia to promote Pakistani products.

The upcoming events are scheduled for the year 2024 and watching the encouraging Chinese response towards Pakistani products and services displayed at the Lahore event, the organizers have decided to promote the interested Pakistani companies in their other events through this initiative.

This was announced by the Everest Expo International Project Director Steve Zhou while talking to journalists here on Sunday sharing the details of the successful event. He disclosed that several Pakistani and Chinese companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) to collaborate with each other in improving the Pakistani industries relating to different sectors at the Expo.

The Chinese companies showcasing the latest technology in CNC machines also signed letters of intent with their Pakistani counterparts for the transfer of technology.

Chairman Daroghawala Industries Owners Association Ch. Mansha whose peers set up a large number of stalls displaying Pakistani products said that one of the standout achievements of the 7th Pakistan Industrial Expo was the creation of a thriving environment for local Pakistani companies. Mr Irfan Ahmad Qureshi from the Pakistan Foundries Association (PFA) Irfan Ahmad Qureshi expressed his delight at having met new businessmen and forging connections that were previously beyond their reach. This expansion of networks within the local community is indicative of the Expo's profound impact on fostering a robust business ecosystem.

Zishan Hashmi, Deputy General Manager Everest International Expo Pvt. Ltd., remarked, "The success of the 7th Pakistan Industrial Expo is a testament to the strength of collaboration between the Pakistani and Chinese industrial sectors.

PM congratulates Pakistan women cricket team for winning T20 series in New Zealand

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday congratulated the Pakistan women cricket team for winning the T20 series

in New Zealand.

The prime minister, in a statement, said that after this victory, Pakistan women's cricket team became the Asian women's cricket team to win the T20 series in New Zealand.

He said that Pakistani women players were in no way behind the men's team.

He said that the Pakistan women's cricket team had the potential to win the World Cup if they continued to



working hard the same way.

Prime Minister Kakar also extended felicitations to the Pakistan women cricketers and their families on behalf of the entire nation.

Nida, Bismah reflect on Pakistan's historic WT20I series win over New Zealand

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan captain Nida Dar and her predecessor Bismah Maroof were on cloud nine after the side's historic Women's T20I series win against hosts New Zealand.

Pakistan registered their maiden WT20I series win by winning the second game of the three-match series by 10 runs at Dunedin's University Oval Stadium.

Nida Dar, in a post-match conversation with teammates Bismah Maroof and Aliya Riaz, said the Girls in Green wished for such big victories. She added that the side has come a long way ahead by blending well together.

The Pakistan captain said the team is achieving the desired results as they beat South Africa and now New Zealand. She added that they are playing more responsi-



bly and players are executing their plans.

She said they will now look for a clean-sweep and beat formidable sides in the future.

Moreover, the all-rounder said it is important for a country to host leagues and tournaments as local players learn from overseas talent. We executed what they learned in the practice

matches ahead of the series.

She added that it is important for a country to host leagues and tournaments as local players learn from overseas talent.

Bismah Maroof, speaking on the occasion, said the series win was a big moment for the Pakistan Women's Cricket Team as they had been struggling for quite a while and were under pres-

sure to achieve the desired results.

The left-handed batter added that it was a collective effort from the team which paid off. She said it's a morale-boosting win, and the side will carry the momentum.

She said a team needs to have the intention to win as it would help them in catching up to the rest of the teams.

Zaka Ashraf congratulates Pakistan Women's team on their historic series win over New Zealand

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Zaka Ashraf, Chairman of the PCB Management Committee, has congratulated the Pakistan women's cricket team on their remarkable achievement of becoming the first Asian side to defeat New Zealand in a T20I series.

Nida Dar-led Pakistan beat New Zealand by 10 runs in the second T20I in Dunedin on Tuesday to gain an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Mr Zaka Ashraf said: "Pakistan women's team have made the whole nation proud with their brilliant display of skill and talent in New Zealand."

"I want to congratulate and laud the efforts of the entire squad, team management and support person-

nel for their collective effort in making the team achieve this special feat."

"The leadership qualities and courage exhibited by captain Nida Dar reflects in the way her players have responded to the challenge and acquired success on the big stage."

Mr Zaka Ashraf has also announced hosting a special ceremony felicitating the Pakistan women's team upon their return from the tour of New Zealand later this month.

Pakistan Women with this victory took an unassailable lead in the three-match T20I series, having defeated New Zealand women, also known as White Ferns, in the first T20I at the same venue on Sunday by seven wickets.

This marks only the second win for the Pakistan



women's team over third-ranked New Zealand.

After being asked to bat, Pakistan scored 137 for six in their allotted 20 overs, the highest score against New Zealand in this format.

Muneeba Ali top-scored for the side with 35 off 28 balls, hitting six fours. Player of the match, Aliya Riaz, smashed three fours and a six in her unbeaten knock of 32 off 22 balls to help her side post a respectable total.

For the White Ferns, Molly Penfold and Fran Jonas bagged two wickets each.

In turn, Pakistan bowlers kept it tight from the begin-

ning, restricting the White Ferns from scoring runs.

Nashra Sundhu, playing her 50th T20I match today, bowled economically in the middle overs, conceding only 22 runs from four overs.

Pakistan captain Nida Dar became the joint-leading wicket-taker in Women's T20Is alongside Australia's Megan Schutt when she dismissed Maddy Green for 18 off 23 balls, increasing her tally of scalps to 130 in the format.

The star in the bowling unit was once again Fatima Sana, who gave away 22 runs and bagged three wickets, including the prized scalps of captain Sophie Devine (5, 5b, 1x4) and Suzie Bates (18, 18b, 2x4s).

Left-arm spinner Sadia Iqbal grabbed two wickets for 29 runs in four overs.

Shadab Khan's injury and the medical facilities question answered



Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan all-rounder Shadab Khan recently made news not for his performances in the ongoing National T20 Cup 2023/24 but for a particular moment in the fixture between Rawalpindi and Sialkot in Karachi.

The National T20 Cup 2023/24 is in full swing, and the teams are giving everything to win the tournament.

There was a moment involving Rawalpindi captain Shadab Khan as he got injured and it looked like he would be carried off to the dressing room on a stretcher.

However, everyone was surprised when the bowling all-rounder was taken off the field on a staff member's shoulder.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the tournament's organizers came under strong criticism from netizens over the "lack of facilities during the tournament".

Now, senior sports journalist Shahid Hashmi has revealed the facts behind the incident. He said the situation got negatively presented to the fans.

He said there is always a stretcher and an ambulance, equipped with the latest facilities, are available at the venue during a match at all times.

The media person said the PCB should investigate why the authorities did not call for a stretcher to carry Shadab Khan off the field.

Shahid Hashmi said the on-field umpire should have called for a stretcher when he saw Shadab Khan in distress, adding that the team manager and coach should have taken the matter seriously. The journalist said the pandemonium happened because of their communication gap.

He said it is true that the cricket stadiums in Pakistan don't have many facilities, but an ambulance and stretcher are always available. He added that PCB does not own UBL Sports Complex, but the board books it on rent.

Comparing the situation with India, he said 50 stadiums in the country have hosted ODI matches and Pakistan don't have even five that can do so.

He urged the cricket board to construct five to eight stadiums, equipped with the latest facilities, as the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 will be staged here.

Tom Kohler-Cadmore's blitz powers Deccan Gladiators to a thumping victory

A Sports

ABU DHABI: Deccan Gladiators' Tom Kohler-Cadmore played a blistering 69-run knock to guide them to a dominant eight-wicket victory over Northern Warriors in the 21st Abu Dhabi T10 League match at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium.

Deccan Gladiators after opting to bowl reduced Northern Warriors to 12-3 in the second over.

Pace bowler Nuwan Thushara led the destruction with a triple-wicket over which saw Kennar Lewis and Hazratullah Zazai getting their stumps uprooted before Josh Cobb was run out.

James Neesham and Angelo Mathews (29) then joined hands and raised a 50-run stand for the fourth wicket to push the team's total to 62 before the latter was removed by Thushara.

Thushara extended his wicket tally to four as he dismissed Azmatullah Omarzai in the same over as Mathews.

Neesham then added 31 runs with Rahul Chopra before getting out on the



penultimate ball of the innings after scoring 31 off 23 with one boundary and one six.

Chopra remained unbeaten at 14 runs from seven balls with two boundaries and

one six to see the Warriors finishing their ten overs with a total of 100-6.

Thushara was the only wicket-taking bowler among Gladiators with brilliant figures of 4-12.

In response, Deccan Gladiators' opening batter Tom Kohler-Cadmore gave his side a flying start as he hit Angelo Mathews for 26 runs in the first over.

Cadmore's opening partner Nicholas Pooran was dismissed by Sultan Ahmed in the third over with 45 runs on the board.

However, Cadmore continued his onslaught from the other end, hitting 23 runs to Tabraiz Shamsi in the next over completing his half-century in the process.

Shamsi got the wicket of Andre Fletcher in the next over after Fletcher sent the first ball out of the park.

Andre Russell joined destructive Cadmore on the crease and ended the game in style with a six off James Nasheem on the first ball of the seventh over.

Tom Kohler-Cadmore top-scored with a blistering 69 runs in 19 balls, featuring four boundaries and eight sixes.

Tabraiz Shamsi and Sultan Ahmed were the only wicket-takers for the Warriors with one wicket each.

PISC chief lectures on Theory of Game, Prevention of Sports Injuries & Rehabilitation

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Theory of Game and Prevention of Sports Injuries & Rehabilitation were the topics on the second day of the week-long training programme of Punjab Institute of Sports Sciences (PISC) being organised under the directions of Director General Sports Punjab Dr Asif Tufail at National Hockey Stadium on Tuesday.

Sports Board Punjab is conducting a unique training programme for the top level training of all divisional coaches of the province. PISC Principal Chand Parveen, Chief Instructor Hafeez Bhatti and Instructors Shaista Qaiser and Sajid Ali were also present on this occasion.

Master trainers Faisal Abid and Ms Mehwish Roshan delivered lectures on Theory of Game and Prevention of Sports Injuries & Rehabilitation respectively.

Master trainer Faisal Abid during his lecture talked about responsibilities and different techniques of coaches and trainers before, during and after a sports competition. He also threw light on the principles of sports training, speed, agility, prime objective of sports training, psychological preparation of players, muscle strength and determination during his insightful lecture.

Highlighting the role of coaches, Faisal said that an expert coach always monitored his players and their movements continuously, especially before a major sports competition to ascertain if there was any kind of injury or inconvenience.

Expert trainer Ms Mehwish Roshan in her lecture told the divisional coaches about how to prevent an injury and its serious consequences. She said that through better management and timely response we can reduce the seriousness of a sports injury. "The factors of preventative strategy, warm up before game, cool down after game and stretching played key roles in minimizing the chances of injuries in sports," she added.

Ms Mehwish Roshan also threw light on acute and chronic injuries and their preventive measures. "A professional sports physiotherapist plays a significant role when it comes to injuries and their timely management".

She also discussed kinds of sports injuries, symptoms of sports injuries, injury prevention, stages of rehabilitation and significance of diet during an injury, location of symptoms of particular injuries, role and timing of icing, knee injuries, thigh, shoulder and groin injuries, ankle injuries and other sports health complications.

Master trainers Faisal Abid and Ms Mehwish Roshan gave detailed answers to various questions asked by divisional coaches.

Pakistan are not afraid of playing against India

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan batter Shamyul Hussain opened up on the prospect of playing against India in the ACC U19 Asia Cup 2023 in the United Arab Emirates.

Pakistan are placed in Group A alongside arch-rivals India, Afghanistan and Nepal. Group B consists of hosts United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Japan.

The side, led by wicketkeeper batter Saad Baig, will start its campaign when they play Nepal at Dubai's ICC Academy Oval - 2 on Dec. 8.

The side will play India at Dubai's ICC Academy Oval - 1 on Dec. 10. They take on Afghanistan at the same venue on Dec. 11. Shamyul Hussain talked about the prospects of the Pakistan-India fixture with ARY News. He said the Asia Cup is a pinnacle tournament and the side is not afraid of playing their arch-rivals.

He said Pakistan will come prepared against India and be professional.

Shamyul Hussain added that the side would do research on the opponents and look at how they play. He said players should do what is required otherwise there is no point in individual accomplishments when the team loses.

He added that he strives to play according to the situation necessary.

Pakistan squad for ACC U19 Asia Cup 2023: Saad Baig (captain and wicketkeeper), Arafat Minhas (vice-captain), Ahmad Hussain, Ali Asfand, Amir Hassan, Azan Awais, Khubaib Khalil, Najab Khan, Naveed Ahmed Khan, Mohammad Riazullah, Mohammad Tayyab Arif, Mohammad Zeeshan, Shahzaib Khan, Shamyul Hussain and Ubaid Shah.

Bangladesh coach warns against complacency ahead of second New Zealand Test

Sports Desk



LAHORE: Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha warned his side against complacency on Tuesday, a day before the second Test against New Zealand kicks off, despite the hosts dominating win in the first match of the series.

The second Test begins in Dhaka on Wednesday, with Bangladesh looking to win their maiden Test series against the visitors.

Bangladesh — who have previously won Test series against Zimbabwe, West Indies, Afghanistan and Ireland — defeated New Zealand by 150 runs in the first Test in Sylhet.

"If I see any action of complacency, I will have a one-to-one chat," Hathurusingha told reporters.

"We have to start from zero again," he added. "We are trying to start this game like we started the Sylhet game — the same anxiety, intensity, hope, and aims."

The victory in the opening Test helped Bangladesh get off to a winning start in the new cycle of the World Test Championship, having finished last on both previous occasions.

Hathurusingha said Bangladesh should target winning all their home matches in the new cycle, before then setting a goal to win abroad.

"Our young players are capable of playing in any conditions," he said. New Zealand captain Tim Southee said the second Test would be another battle of spin for both sides.

"I think you come to this part of the world, you expect the spinners to play a big role", Southee told reporters.

"We saw that in the first Test match, and we're expecting similar in the second Test".

Bangladesh have won seven of their last 12 Tests in Dhaka's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, including one each against Australia and England.

The Kivis have not won a Test in Bangladesh since their three-wicket win in Chittagong in 2008.

Their next three Tests ended in draws, before the side slumped to defeat in the opening Test of this series.

New Zealand defeated Bangladesh 2-0 in the ODI leg of this tour, which took place before the ODI World Cup in neighbouring India, to end their 15-year wait for a series victory in the country.

Group photo

KARACHI: Group photo of Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf with officers of Naval Aviation at the Induction Ceremony of ATR 75 in Pakistan Navy Aviation Fleet on Tuesday.



PN Inducts 5th ATR Aircraft

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The induction ceremony of 5th ATR of Pakistan Navy was held at Naval Aviation Base PNS Mehran, Karachi. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The newly inducted ATR aircraft, acquired from PIA, is equipped with day and night

flying capability to undertake ferry, logistics support, Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC), General Evacuation (GENEVAC) and training missions. Pakistan Navy is in the process of acquiring ATR aircrafts from various sources and is modernising them to carryout maritime reconnaissance and antisubmarine warfare missions at sea. Being a commercial aircraft

it has very low operating cost as compared to tailor made military aircraft. This is the 5th aircraft which has been acquired for the purpose.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief of the Naval Staff highlighted the importance of evolving geo-strategic environment in the Indian Ocean Region and emphasized the need to have a potent naval force in order to counter

emerging challenges. He underlined the significance of strong maritime defence for Pakistan and reiterated that induction of modern aircraft will enhance Pakistan Navy's capability of safeguarding our maritime frontiers.

Earlier during his welcome address, Commander Pakistan Fleet Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi highlighted that induction

of ATR will ensure sustained operations from western seaboard through regular logistics and personnel movements.

Later, Chief of the Naval Staff handed over ATR documents to Commander Pakistan Fleet. The ceremony was attended by Flag Officers, Ex Aviators of Pakistan Navy and reps of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA).

Israeli war on Gaza Strip 'continues' for 60th day in a row

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemns in the strongest terms the continuation of the genocidal war waged by Israel against our people in general and against our people in the Gaza Strip in particular, which has continued for the 60th day in a row, especially the expansion of the ground incursions that currently include the central and southern Gaza Strip, which is densely populated with people who were forcibly displaced from the northern areas of the Strip. This means that the Israeli bombing of the southern Gaza Strip results in more mass massacres against Palestinian civilians, noting that the crimes of the occupation are still continuing throughout the Gaza Strip from the far north to the far south, including the continued targeting of hospitals, their medical staff, the sick and wounded, and thousands of displaced people who have taken refuge in them. This is currently happening in hospitals in the northern Gaza Strip



in particular, as well as explicit and clear targeting of schools housing displaced people, as is happening in the Asaad Al-Saftawi School and its neighboring schools in Jabalia, in conclusive evidence that targeting civilians is a priority for the Israeli War Council.

It has become clear that the genocidal war includes an Israeli plan to displace the population of the Gaza Strip and push them by force of bombardment and extermination

beyond the borders of the Gaza Strip. Every day that passes since this destructive, racist war brings us closer to witnessing the crime of forced mass displacement of citizens outside the Gaza Strip in a new Nakba imposed by Israel on our people in the Gaza Strip. Gaza also includes the displacement of citizens from the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

The Ministry expresses its extreme astonishment at the

attempts of some countries to coexist with the continuation of the war and to formulate their positions in a way that provides the green light for Israel to invade the southern Gaza Strip, and at the same time is trying to direct demands to it in order to reduce the level of targeting of civilians, and to search for solutions to some of the problems and aspects that result from The war, noting that the general and detailed scene of what is going on in

the Gaza Strip, documented in audio and video, confirms the exact opposite of that and proves that the essence of this war targets all the residents of the Gaza Strip and deals with them with two options: either killing or displacement and emigration, and in a way that does not require further information or evidence of the truth. This targeting.

Once again, the Ministry affirms the failure of military and security solutions to the Palestinian issue, including the situation in the Gaza Strip, and demands that the Security Council quickly adopt a political vision that will end this devastating war, guarantee its immediate cessation, and launch a negotiated political path to resolve the conflict through negotiated political means in accordance with international peace references and the Arab Peace Initiative, and guarantee Above all, protecting civilians and ensuring access to all their basic human needs in a sustainable manner, away from unjust sieges, wars, and the cycle of violence.

First Pak-Qatar IT conference was held in Doha!

Haron Qureshi

QATAR: On Sunday, 30 major IT companies of Pakistan participated in the Pakistan-Qatar IT Conference in Doha, Qatar. Riaz Ahmed Bakali thanked all the guests. The IT conference was officially started with the blessed words of Allah Almighty, the national anthems of both countries were presented. Experts from the IT industry of both countries participated in this conference organized by Pakistan Business Council Qatar in collaboration with Qatar Financial Center (QFC). The 1st Pak-Qatar IT Conference served as an active platform to promote technical cooperation and showcase innovative products and services. The conference unveiled the vast opportunities for the Pakistani IT industry in Qatar's growing IT sector and highlighted Pakistan's leading information technology professional IT solutions in the industry.

During the event, distinguished speakers including Pakistan's Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication, Dr. Umar Saif, Ambassador of Pakistan to Qatar, Honorable Muhammad Ijaz and CEO of Qatar Financial Center, Yousuf Muhammad Al-Jida, gave their speeches on the first IT conference. Expressed thoughts. The spirit of collaboration was exemplified by the conference's G2B and B2B meetings, which fostered meaningful interactions, paving the way for potential partnerships between businesses in



Qatar and Pakistan.

Highlighting the vast opportunities in the technology sector between Pakistan and Qatar, Dr. Umar Saif said, "Pakistan, a vast country just two hours away from Qatar, has a strong IT infrastructure, a wealth of IT products and services, and is a collection of talents. Professionals who can undoubtedly meet Qatar's growing IT needs. There is a need to create a common, secure platform that enables professionals from both countries to share knowledge, expertise and technological advancements, taking the technology ecosystem of both countries to new heights. The Honorable Minister while replying to the journalists further said that we have started the investment of IT industry in Pakistan with Rs 2 billion, we intend to create a value of Rs 50 billion in the next six to eight months. Our commitment is to encour-

age foreign VCs to invest in Pakistani startups, with tens of millions annually. We are promoting growth in the BPO industry, expanding the workforce, and encouraging handset manufacturers to export. Our digital connectivity initiatives aim to make Pakistan a regional hub, provide efficient transit routes and generate revenue. Responding to a question, he added, "We are working on a digital cooperation organization and a digital passport for businesses in the GCC countries." "We are optimistic about the future, taking concrete steps towards a transformative digital landscape.

Commenting on the success of the event, Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar Mohammad Ijaz said, "This event marks an important milestone in the deepening relationship between the two brotherly countries. Cooperation in the IT sector will usher in a new, highly

potential dimension to foster a secure technological ecosystem and enhance mutual trade and economic ties.

Speaking on the significance of the event, Fawad Rana, President of Pakistan Business Council in Qatar (PBC-Q) said, "Qatar's commitment to building a knowledge-based economy is in line with PBC-Q's core objectives.

Minister Honorable Dr. Umar Saif and Ambassador Honorable Mohammad Ijaz were busy meeting the heads of major IT companies in Qatar including QFC, QSTP, QDB, QFZ for three days. In this visit, he explained in detail about the performance of Pakistani companies and what they can do for Qatar in the IT sector. In this conference, 30 IT companies from Pakistan set up stalls and people got information about information technology from them.

The Pakistan-Qatar IT Conference is a valuable platform to strengthen ties between the IT communities of Pakistan and Qatar, opening new avenues for continued cooperation and development. The event was attended by a large number of IT professionals in Qatar. 20 volunteers from the Pakistan community offered their services to make such a big conference a success. This beautiful program was hosted by Hasan Fawad Rana and Shaheer Ahmed Bakali along with Riaz Ahmed Bakali. At the end of the conference, Pakistan Business Forum President Fawad Ahmed Rana thanked all the participants.

President stresses opportunities for differently-abled in education, jobs



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday emphasized inclusion of persons with disabilities in mainstream by providing them opportunities of education and employment. He was speaking to a delegation from Center for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) comprising social activists and persons with disabilities, here at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President Alvi stressed the need

for filling the job quota reserved for differently-abled persons to ensure their financial empowerment. In this regard, he said, vocational training, tailor-made jobs and easy loans could help such people attain self-reliance. The president emphasised installation of functional infrastructure such as ramps at public places to ease the movement of differently-abled persons. Executive Director CPDI Mukhtar Ahmed Ali, social workers and persons with disabilities attended the meeting.

PTI AJK President led delegation meets newly elected party Chairman, expresses full confidence



Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President and former prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan Niazi led delegation met with the PTI newly elected Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan here on Monday.

The PTI AJK delegation held meeting with the party chairman here at the PTI Central Secretariat. The delegation was included the party's central leader Chaudhry Abdul Hameed Pothi and others.

PTI Central Information Secretary Raouf Hasan and the party Chief

Election Commissioner Niazullah Niazi were also present on the occasion.

Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi and other members of the delegation reposed their full confidence in the Imran Khan nominated newly elected PTI Chairman.

In the meeting, they discussed the prevailing political situation in the country and the party's preparations for the forthcoming general elections threadbare.

On the occasion, they also reiterated their resolve to continue supporting PTI funding chairman Imran Khan's comprehensive and effective Kashmir policy.

Nigeria drone strike kills 85; president orders investigation



Reuters

ABUJA: Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu on Tuesday ordered a thorough investigation into a weekend military drone attack that killed at least 85 people, including women and children, in northern Kaduna.

Nigerian army chief Lieutenant General Taoreed Lagbaja visited Tundun Biri village and apologised for the air strike. At a Kaduna hospital where the injured were receiving treatment, he promised to take care of their bills.

The incident highlights a pattern of deadly aerial assaults by the Nigerian military, and is the latest in a series of attacks that have killed civilians, which was the subject of a special Reuters report in June.

Kaduna is 163 km (101 miles)

from the capital Abuja and among northwestern and north central states grappling with kidnappings and killings by armed gangs, which security forces have been targeting using drones.

The National Emergency Management Agency put the official death toll at 85 with 66 injured. Witnesses said more had died.

Tinubu, who is attending the Cop28 Climate Summit in Dubai, called Sunday night's incident a "bombing mishap," which was "very unfortunate, disturbing, and painful," his spokesman Ajuri Ngelale said in a statement.

"The President directs a thorough and full-fledged investigation into the incident and calls for calm while the authorities look diligently into the mishap," said Ngelale.