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**Envoys' Conference**

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses the Envoys' Conference on Thursday.



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**PM-Kashmir**

**Pakistan to always champion Jammu & Kashmir cause: PM**

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday said that Pakistan would always champion the Jammu and Kashmir cause and its resolution as per the United Nations Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people. He was speaking at the ongoing Envoys' Conference being held at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs from January 4-6, 2024. Pakistan's envoys from important capitals are participating in the conference and are deliberating on various facets of Pakistan's foreign policy. Welcoming the prime minister, Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani outlined the framework of discussions at the Envoys' Conference and its importance as a deliberative forum on diplomatic challenges and opportu-

nities for Pakistan in view of the global and regional developments. He underscored the need for strengthening the anchoring role of the Foreign Office in foreign policy formulation and implementation. The prime minister, in his key-note address, shared his perspective about the pressing demands on the conduct of Pakistan's foreign policy to align

with present-day imperatives. He said that the foreign policy should be guided by a vision of Pakistan as a progressive, economically ascendant state that prioritizes the socio-economic well-being of its people. He termed the conference timely and relevant against the backdrop of profound transformations taking place in the region and around the globe. He reaffirmed his trust in Paki-

stan's diplomacy and diplomats in their capability to fully deliver despite pressing odds, and expressed the hope that the deliberations of the conference would lead to practical suggestions to navigate Pakistan's foreign policy through present day challenges. PM Kakar extended his best wishes to the Foreign Office and Pakistani diplomats in safeguarding the country's interests and advancing its global stature.

**President Alvi condoles with Iran over loss of lives in terrorist attack**

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday expressed his deep condolences to the government and people of Iran over the terrorist attack in Kerman. The president condemning the brutal attack said that Pakistan and its people stood in solidarity with the people of Iran in this hour of grief. He added that Pakistan sympathized with the bereaved families who lost their loved ones in the attacks. He also prayed for the elevation of the ranks of martyred in paradise and the speedy recov-



ery of the injured. According to global media outlets and Iranian state media reports, at least 103 people were killed by two bomb explosions near the tomb of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani on his 4th anniversary on Wednesday. A large number of people were also wounded when the blasts hit a procession near the Saheb al-Zaman mosque located in the southern city of Kerman.

**Prime Minister's participation in Envoys' Conference**

**PPA**

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**Solangi hopes political parties will work for welfare of differently-abled persons**

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Thursday expressed the optimism that political parties would take into account special steps and initiatives for the welfare of special people in their manifestos. "Political parties should come up with the programmes for special people in their election manifestos and programmes," Murtaza Solangi said while delivering the speech at a function, organized by Pakistan Disabled Foundation for differently-abled persons.

**Lifetime disqualification not determined in Constitution, remarks CJP**

**PPA**

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) Thursday resumed the hearing on a case about the lifetime disqualification of lawmakers under Article 62(1)(f) of the Constitution. A seven-member bench — headed by CJP Isa and comprising Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhel, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Musarrat Hilali — is conducting a hearing on the case. The proceedings of the case are being broadcast live on SC's website and YouTube channel. At the resumption of the hearing after a day break, Khurram Raza, plaintiff Sajjadul Hassan's lawyer questioned under which law the appeals are being heard. The court is hearing appeals under 184-3 or 187 section of the constitution of Pakistan, he asked. Plead your case don't repeat please, CJP Qazi Faez Isa asked Khurram Raza. CJP said here the question arises

if SC enjoys powers under Article 62-1F. The top judge said a candidate is disqualified over nomination papers. How can one be disqualified for life, he remarked. "Lifetime disqualification under Article 62(1)(F) was determined according to one's own perception and not the Constitution". CJP observed that dictators amended the constitution of Pakistan and put conditions of Saadiq and Ameen for Parliamentarians. Why they did not place the same conditions on them for contesting elections? The top judge also inquired if the provisions of disqualification were amended in the Constitution by a dictator, saying that a "hypocrite was worse than a non-believer". He lamented that amendments were made on "gun points" and asked how the wisdom of five judges sitting in a court could be more than the people sitting in the Parliament. Dictators also come into power by violating the constitution not after being elected as politicians, the top

judge remarked. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah remarked when the Election Act had been amended by the Parliament, how can the condition of lifetime disqualification remain? Subsequently, Advocate Usman Karim came to the rostrum. He highlighted that the preconditions of saadiq and ameen were also applied to non-Muslims, arguing that hence these conditions were not about Islam. Read more: CJP hints at concluding lifetime disqualification case at next hearing. Karim said the judgment of lifetime disqualification was written by former CJP Umar Ata Bandial, who adopted different grounds on similar cases, later. He said a lawmaker can only be disqualified on nomination papers and if by-polls are held, the said person can take part in it. Usman Karim also opposed the tenure of the 5-year disqualification of lawmakers in the Election Amendment Act.

**Faiz Hameed 'records' statement before Faizabad sit-in commission**

**Monitoring Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Lt. General (retired) Faiz Hameed recorded his statement before the Faizabad sit-in commission, well-placed sources told ARY News on Thursday. On November 08, 2017, Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) organized a sit-in at Faizabad interchange against the amendments in the Election Bill 2017, changing the word oath to declaration. Faizabad sit-in commission is working under the head of Dr. Akhtar Ali Shah and comprising former IG Tahir Aalam and Khushal Khan.

**Foreign Minister's telephone call with the Foreign Minister of Iran**



**PPA**

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani spoke to the Foreign Minister of Iran Hossein Amir Abdollahian, today. Foreign Minister expressed deep condolences over nearly hundred deaths in the dastardly terrorist attack that took place yesterday in

Kerman. On behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan, Foreign Minister expressed solidarity with the people of Iran at this moment of grief. Foreign Minister termed terrorism as a common threat to both Pakistan and Iran which needs to be countered by effective measures.

**Rejecting nomination papers of 873 PTI's candidates including Imran Khan**

**Naveed Ahmad Khan**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan has said that after the regime change conspiracy, all attempts are being made to oust PTI from the electoral arena through use of the worst state power and coercion under the "Infamous London Plan", which is evident from rejecting of nomination papers of 873 PTI's candidates including almost entire prime minister Imran Khan-led cabinet of PTI government. Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, PTI Chairman has said that under the series of the state coercive measures, first PTI leadership and workers were implicated in fabricated, frivolous



and political motivated cases to keep them in jails. Barrister Gohar Khan further stated that the nomination papers of PTI's candidates were snatched and the party candidates proposers and seconders were whisked away to debar them from submitting nomination papers; however,

even then PTI outnumbered all political parties in filing nomination papers for the upcoming general elections scheduled to be held on February 8, 2024. He pointed out that the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) biasness could be judged from the fact that the nomination papers of almost the entire cabinet of PTI government including Prime Minister Imran Khan were rejected on technical and flimsy grounds. "The data released by the ECP concealed the facts even though more than 90 percent of the rejected papers consisted of PTI candidates. PTI's ticket holders and covering candidates were also specifically targeted and efforts were made to ensure that no notable candi-

date emerged in any national or provincial constituency across the country," he maintained, vowing that the political opponents have no courage even to face PTI under-19 team. Barrister Gohar Khan has stated that PTI Founding Chairman Imran Khan never said he does not trust Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa, adding that no one should say such a thing because PTI and its leadership have full trust of the top judiciary and are confident that the top court will intervene instantly and restore the party's iconic "bat" symbol. The PTI chief raised concerns about the alleged mistreatment of PTI workers during the electoral process, urging the judiciary to address these issues promptly.

**Bilawal says PPP contesting elections from every constituency**



**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the party will contest elections 2024 from every constituency and it is contesting the elections to win. While addressing a party's

workers convention in Jati Umra, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that he is grateful to Chaudhary Abdul Ghafoor for not only joining the PPP but contesting the election on its ticket. Bilawal said "we do not believe in the politics of hatred and division, and will take our manifesto to the people, and contest the elections based on that, as done by our ancestors, Qaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto".

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He said that it was high time that the highest body (UN) should use its clout and exert pressure on India to fulfill its commitments vis a vis granting the right to self-determination to the people of Kashmir. He said that there was a dire need that the world



community and human rights watchdogs should take effective notice of the human rights violations being committed by Indian forces in the Indian-occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

“The people of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir will never leave their brethren in the lurch”, he said, adding that Pakistan and Azad Kashmir would continue their all out moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Occupied Kashmir till they achieve their cherished goal of freedom from India’s occupation.

Denouncing Indian state terrorism in IoK, the AJK premier said that the Indian occupation forces have killed thousands of innocent Kashmiris, including men, women and children. He said that Kashmiris who have rendered unprecedented sacrifices for their freedom would never compromise on their ideals. “The Kashmiri people will continue their struggle for the security, integrity, stability and completion of Pakistan”, the PM added.

Expressing complete solidarity with the people of Kashmir, the PM said,

## Sardar Atique demands UN to implement its resolutions on Kashmir

Abdul Majeed Tahir



RAWALPINDI: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Atique Ahmad Khan has said that the United Nations should prepare a solid mechanism to implement its resolutions on Kashmir. In his message on the occasion of January 5 Self-Determination Day, he said that the Kashmiri people have sacrificed for a long time for freedom and the right to self-determination.

Even today, India is using immense force to suppress the movement for the right to self-determination. The world should take notice of the destruction of human rights in Occupied Kashmir. Narendra Modi has made Kashmir an open prison and a killing ground. The atrocities of Nazi Germany have also been left behind. In this whole situation, the peace and future of the region is at stake. Now is the time for the United Nations to implement its resolutions and restore the peace of the region. If the world does not stop Modi’s hand, the history of Bosnia and Myanmar may be repeated in Occupied Kashmir. The silence of the United Nations is a matter of concern. He said that elections are going to be held in India. Narendra Modi fought the first election by creating issues like inciting hatred against Muslims and Pakistan and succeeded in his mission. The same strategy was used and now Narendra Modi is sometimes making unnecessary demands from Pakistan and sometimes talking about attacking Azad Kashmir, till the end of Narendra Modi’s tyranny, peace, prosperity and mutual respect cannot be restored in the region.

## Meeting of social leader Maryam with AJK Health Minister

Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Social and human rights leader Maryam Idris met Azad Kashmir Health Minister Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali in Islamabad. There was a special discussion on the issues. In the meeting, Health Minister Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali said that measures are being taken to improve the health sector in Azad Kashmir, with the aim of providing timely and better treatment facilities to the people. In the meeting, social leader Maryam Idris praised the efforts of the Minister of Health to improve the health sector in Azad Kashmir and said that introducing the Rescue 1122 service for the first time in Azad Kashmir is a very commendable initiative that helps people in emergency.



The health minister appreciated the efforts of social activist Maryam Idris and said that I am happy that you pointed out the problems. It is the responsibility of every individual to play his role, Ms Maryam Idris demanded that Ambulance service with modern upgrade system should be provided in Azad Kashmir to reduce the death rate during transfer from homes to hospitals, on which the Health Minister said that he is trying in this regard This will solve the problem very soon. During the meeting Dr. Zahid Mehmood and Prof. Naveed Anjum Bajwa, President British Pakistan Forum UK were also present on the occasion.

## Ideal situation of law and order is very important for the progress of any society

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab Capt. (Rtd) Saqib Zafar has said that the ideal situation of law and order was very important for the progress of any society, while measures like development, education and provision of employment play a significant role in reducing crimes. He said that short term and long term plan for maintaining law and order in the Kacha area of South Punjab are being implemented and under the short term measures, new check posts have been constructed and armored vehicles have been provided to the police.

He said the redistribution of the riverine area between Rajanpur and Rahim Yar Khan was necessary for the timely access of police of concerned district to the Kacha area for quick respon. He was addressing to a group of 31 under training ASPs of Police Academy, visiting South Punjab Secretariat. Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Services South Punjab Engineer Amjad Shoaib Khan Tareen, Secretary Specialized Health Afzal Nasir Khan and SSP Mubasher Mekan were also present on this occasion. He said a good attitude of police officer with public make him popular and advise the officers that the doors of their offices always be kept open for easy access of the people.

That conference was attended by more than forty ambassadors of different countries and recommendation prepared by participants of conference for development are being followed in six sector including education, health, agriculture and livestock, he added. Capt.(Retd) Saqib Zafar said development projects in South Punjab are prepared in the light of these recommendations. Talking about the performance of the Punjab Secretariat, he said in the field of education and sports, exceptional steps has been taken and the South Punjab Secretariat has the honor of organizing the first rowing competition. Holding of Schoolympics games, hockey league and establishment of Transgender and Subhe Nau Schools for labour class are the proud initiatives of South Punjab Secretariat, he concluded. A question and answer session was held on this occasion. Additional chief secretary was presented with souvenir of Police Academy while group leader of ASPs was given away a shield.

## Tents on fire

KARACHI: Fire fighters are busy in fire extinguishing fire at the tent houses colony of gypsy families under the flyover of Teen Hatti in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

# Kashmiris to celebrate right to self-determination today

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: On both sides of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, including the four provinces of Pakistan, Kashmiri people around the world are celebrating their right to self-determination on January 5 (today) with great enthusiasm, devotion and respect. Protests will be held and protest against the non-implementation of the resolutions approved by the United Nations despite the passage of 74 years, with a strong protest, one and a half million Kashmiris will be demanded to hold a referendum for the right to self-determination through referendum. A huge rally will march from Azadi Chowk to the United Nations Mission Office outside the press club organized by Jammu and Kashmir and present a memorandum to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon while Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq political parties and Hurriyat



Conference. The leaders of the All-Party Hurriyat Conference will address a seminar organized at the Kashmir House in Islamabad. Yesterday, Pakistan Peoples Party Azad Kashmir’s Central Deputy Secretary Information nominated candidate for Assembly Constituency Seven Shaukat Javed Mir said that if the referendum in East Timor and West Sudan. Maybe, why are the obstacles in the referendum not removed in occupied Jammu and Kashmir? Meditation between Pakistan and India is indispensable for a

ty. And until a clear policy is determined in the independence and secession movements, India and Israel will continue to deceive the international community through misleading propaganda. They are the guardians of peace and respect for Pakistan.

They are the guardians of humanity. The issue of Kashmir is neither a territorial dispute nor a religious dispute, nor is it a reaction to secession. State terrorism, lawlessness, violations of human rights, enforcement of crackdown curfew, killing and looting of women, extra-judicial abduction of youth, genocide of peace-loving people, discovery of anonymous graves, arrests of Hurriyat Conference leaders, are on the rise and after August 5, 2019, after the amendments in Article 370 and Section 35A, India has given domicile to four million non-state actors in the conspiracy to change the historical status of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

dignified and long-lasting just solution of the Kashmir issue, and the influential countries including the United Nations will not play a decisive role for the protection of humanity. Shaukat Javed Mir said that the root cause of the conflict between the two neighboring traditional nuclear rival countries is Kashmir. Shaukat Javed Mir said that the world will have to go beyond the economic interests associated with India and provide a road map for the protection of the lives of millions of people and the survival of humani-

## Regional Police Officer visits Police Educator Public School

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Regional Police Officer Captain (Rtd) Muhammad Sohail Chaudhary visited Police Educator Public School. ADIG Mansoor Alam, Personal Staff Officer Muhammad Yusuf Bhatti, Principal Police Educator Public School Sobia Saqib and other officers were also present. RPO reviewed the ongoing development work in the school.

Also reviewed the installation of solar panels. Which will not only save electricity. Rather, the expenses will also be less. And the uninterrupted supply of electricity will also continue.

He said that a series of measures are going on for the convenience of students in the Police Educator Public School. In which further improvements are being made.

The purpose of which is to make the Police Educator Public School equal to the best schools of Multan.

# Karandaaz launches WeHub, Empowers Women Entrepreneurs across Pakistan through Innovative Training Programmes

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ISLAMABAD: Karandaaz successfully conducted special training sessions, in collaboration with DEMO, to train 145 women entrepreneurs in various cities across Pakistan, including Hunza, Gilgit, Peshawar, Hyderabad and Multan. The “Dissemination of Information on Financial and Business Services to Women Entrepreneurs” initiative has made significant strides in empowering women entrepreneurs across Pakistan by addressing their enterprise development

needs and equipping them with vital financial knowledge and skills to foster business growth.

Taking it further, Karandaaz has also launched a comprehensive Women Entrepreneurs Hub (WeHub), wehub.karandaaz.com.pk, which hosts a wealth of valuable resources, including instructional videos and materials offering essential financial and business knowledge for women entrepreneurs.

Commenting on the successful completion of specialised training sessions, Sharjeel Murtaza, the Director for Digital Financial



Services at Karandaaz, said, “The success of innovation can only be as much as its adoption. Finan-

cial and digital literacy is essential for increasing financial inclusion, but unfortunately, it has been

severely lacking in Pakistan. To address that barrier, particularly from a women’s financial inclu-

sion perspective, Karandaaz Pakistan has developed WeHub – an information hub to equip up-and-coming women entrepreneurs with essential financial and digital knowledge.”

The participation of women entrepreneurs throughout Pakistan acknowledged the need for the program and its success. Additionally, the project forged partnerships with local stakeholders to amplify its impact, collaborating with organisations such as the Karakoram Area Development Organisation (KADO), NIC Peshawar, NIC Hyderabad,

Women Chamber of Commerce Multan, and Multan Matters.

During the project, representatives from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) conducted mentoring sessions and provided valuable insights into SBP policies and schemes to promote MSME financing. Furthermore, private banks including Bank of Punjab, Bank Alfalah, Bank of Khyber, United Bank Limited, Habib Bank Limited, and Askari Bank also played an essential role in guiding MSMEs on securing loans and addressing other banking-related matters.





# Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar still lives in the hearts of Turkiye people: Ambassador

By Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: H. E. Mr. Mehmet Pacaci, Ambassador of Turkiye to Pakistan said that Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar had led the Khilafat Movement for the protection of an integrated Ottoman Empire, which was a symbol of the unity of Muslim Ummah due to which he and other leaders of Khilafat Movement still live in the hearts of the nation of Turkiye. He said that Ali Brothers had put the founding stones for the long-lasting friendly relations between Turkiye and Pakistan. He said that the material and financial support by the Muslims of the Sub-Continent led by Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar had helped the Republic of Turkiye in the establishment of various institutions. He said that the spirit of freedom created by the Ali Brothers in the Muslims of the Sub-Continent ultimately led to the creation of Pakistan. He said this while addressing the Anniversary of Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry and lauded ICCI for organizing such an event to remember the heroic personality of the Sub-Continent.



Ali Jauhar to create the spirit of freedom in the Muslims of the Sub-Continent and his role in the Khilafat Movement. He said that today Pakistan needs sincere leaders like Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar to steer the country out of current economic challenges.

Zafar Bakhtawari, former President ICCI and Secretary General UBG Pakistan said that Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar had laid the foundation of friendly relations between Turkiye and Pakistan, which are still growing stronger day by day. He said that Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar had raised a strong voice for the protection

of Ottoman Empire and the Muslims of the Sub-Continent and thus brought the people of Turkiye and Pakistan even closer. He said that Pakistan and Turkiye should commemorate his anniversary officially to recognize his role for the people of the two countries.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor, Preston University threw light on the multi-dimensional personality of Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar as a civil servant, journalist, activist, scholar, poet, freedom fighter, and a leader of Muslims. He also highlighted the short and long-term impact of the Khilafat Movement, which ultimately led to the



development of the two-nation theory and the creation of Pakistan.

Asif Luqman Qazi, Executive Director, International Relations, Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan said that the Ottoman Empire was a pivot for the Muslim Ummah, and its disintegra-

tion after the First World War led to the creation of many countries and weakened the power of Muslim Ummah. He said that with strong unity, the Muslim Ummah can avoid situations like those in Palestine, Kashmir, and other places.

Ms. Shumaila Siddiqui, a pro-

geny of Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar, Begum. Afraz Sial Convener ICCI Literacy Committee and others also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the contributions of Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar to the Muslim Ummah.

## Faisalabad RPO reviews general election arrangements as required by Election Commission

By Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: All the resources are being utilized for the peaceful and transparent conduct of the general election. All government institutions should perform their responsibilities in an efficient manner for the conduct of the general election as per the code of conduct of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

We have to take steps in a coordinated manner as a dynamic, active and organized team so that the very important and sensitive responsibility of conducting the election can be properly discharged. These views were expressed by Commissioner Faisalabad Silwat Saeed and RPO Dr. Abid Khan while presiding over the review meeting of the arrangements made in connection with the general election

in Faisalabad Division.

In the meeting, the officers of sensitive institutions, CPO Muhammad Ali Zia, Deputy Commissioner Abdullah Nayar sheikh, Regional Election Commissioner Shabbir Abbas Bukhari, divisional heads of all relevant departments, while the Deputy Commissioners of District Jhang, Chiniot and Toba Tek Singh, District Police Officers and District Election Officers were present.

The Commissioners participated through video link. Regional Election Commissioner Shabbir Abbas Bukhari reviewed the arrangements made by the Election Commission for the conduct of the general election, the plans for setting up polling stations and polling booths, the appointment of presiding officers, assistant presiding officers and polling staff. And gave a briefing regarding

their training. Commissioner Silwat Saeed said that according to the code of conduct of the Election Commission of Pakistan, whatever responsibility is assigned to the government departments to conduct the election, they should perform it in an efficient manner.

Meetings should be held frequently in this regard so that any difficulty faced at any level can be removed immediately. He said that CCTV cameras will be installed to monitor the election process in all the districts of the division. Help will be taken.

Wall chalking and advertising banners, posters against the code of conduct should be removed and immediate action should be taken against the candidate who violates the code of conduct. Regional Police Officer Dr. Abid Khan gave a briefing on the



security and arrangements for the safe delivery of polling materials on the

occasion of the election in the division. Do not allow any pressure to happen

and act according to the election code of conduct.

## Embarking on the Future of Jobs: Navigating Transformations in Pakistan's Textile Industry.

By PNP

KARACHI: A special interactive session on the "Future of Jobs, Navigating Changes in the Global Workforce," designed exclusively for the students and faculty of the National Textile University, Karachi Campus, was held here today. Mr. Amir Jahangir, CEO of Mishaal Pakistan, the Country Partner Institute of the Center for New Economy and Society at the World Economic Forum, gave the keynote speech.

This unique interaction session provided a comprehensive snapshot of the global workforce in 2024, emphasizing the influence of economic, health, and geopolitical trends. Mr. Jahangir highlighted technology as a key driver, noting a shift in the human-machine frontier, where roles driven by technology, digi-



tization, and sustainability are experiencing the fastest growth. Crucial skills highlighted include analytical and creative thinking, with the challenge lying in providing adequate training opportuni-

ties for six in 10 workers by 2027. The session was designed around the Future of Jobs Report of the World Economic Forum. The discussion evolved as it was discussed that companies are strategi-

cally investing in AI and big data, and learning on the job and process automation are common workforce strategies.

The responsibility for workforce development falls on both workers and managers, with a particular emphasis on prioritizing women in this evolving landscape. The presentation explored global trends impacting job creation in Pakistan, underscoring the importance of core skills and funding for skills training. The narrative challenges individuals to stay relevant in the bright and prosperous future of Pakistan's evolving job landscape.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Pasha Director, National Textile University (NTU), Karachi Campus, said "In embracing the Future of Jobs, today's session on 'Thought Leadership' marks a pivotal moment for National Textile Universi-

ty, Karachi Campus. Mr. Amir Jahangir's comprehensive presentation has illuminated the path ahead for our students and faculty, providing valuable insights into the evolving global workforce landscape.

Mohsin Iqbal Chief founder of, Tech Saeen shared his thoughts and said, "The Future of Jobs demands a paradigm shift towards eco-friendly practices, and sustainable textiles play a pivotal role in this transformative journey. Embracing alternatives like banana fiber not only aligns with our commitment to environmental responsibility but also opens new doors of opportunity for Pakistan."

Addressing the decline in the textile industry, Mohsin Iqbal, COO of Tech Saeen, emphasizes the urgency of sustainable innovation. Iqbal highlights the need for the Sustainable Textile Inno-

vation Council (STIC) to drive research, development, and innovation in sustainable textiles. He notes that innovation and sustainability are necessities for survival, calling for a concerted effort to embrace change.

The National Textile University (NTU), Karachi Campus is a distinguished educational institution, a sub-campus of the renowned National Textile University. Specializing in textiles and related disciplines, the campus is dedicated to delivering excellence in education and research. Offering specialized programs in textile engineering, fashion design, and textile management, NTU-Karachi Campus ensures a conducive learning environment with a specialized textile library that facilitates hands-on learning keeping students abreast of industry advancements.

## Fazaia Bilquis College of Education for Women PAF Nur Khan

There's an incredible party going on at this gorgeous house. And a beautiful girl named Jane also sends an invitation card to her house. Jane thinks about that place that's like a dream come true. It's so luxurious and extravagant, with stunning architecture, sparkling chandeliers, and beautiful decorations. The party is filled with excitement and there's an air of elegance that just elevates the whole experience. It's a place that leaves you in awe of its beauty. I can only imagine how breathtaking it must be to attend a party in such a stunning setting. Jane is all dolled up and ready to make her grand entrance at

the party. When she walks through those doors, heads turn! She's stunning, and everyone's eyes are glued to her. It's like she's the star of the show, stealing the spotlight with her beauty and confidence. It's a sight to behold. She met her friends there. Mary is her best friend and her cousin Rocky is also there. Jane found him very attractive. He kept looking at Jane throughout the party but Jane didn't pay much attention to him before the party was over, he offered to Jane "Hey let's go for a walk outside. I'm feeling a little weird here. Can you give me company? Jane also knew him and knew that he was Mary's cousin, she thought it was strange but agreed to go out with him.

Rocky was good looking but his character was not good. As soon as they were outside they walked and tacked a bit and all of a sudden Rocky's behavior changed and he tried to harass Jane. She was a very brave girl. She pushed Rocky back and his head hit the stone and blood started shedding out from his head. Jane got scared and Rocky fainted, tore her dupatta, and tied his head and she sat there for a while till Rocky came back to normal. After a while, Rocky regained consciousness. Jane moves on, leaving Rocky alone there. It was nighttime when she

went up and saw a man sitting by the river Jane went to him and asked him who are you and what are you doing here at such a late night? He didn't reply to Jane and disappeared from there. Jane must be very worried about how a human being can disappear. She returned home in a very disturbed state as if she had seen a ghost. Jane doesn't sleep the whole night and is very worried about what happened to that place again. Meanwhile, the man is seen sitting across the river. She called him and he disappeared again and she got very worried and then went home and thought about it all night. The next day again she goes to the river but there is no one there she waits for some time and is very worried about why he is not there. Meanwhile, she sees him by the river again she is very happy and goes to him and asks who are you please answer me who are you and how do you disappear. He says my name is clym and I am a prince after my father died I took over my kingdom and my uncle turned hostile towards me and locked me here forever by giving me punishment and nobody can see me but I wonder how you saw me.

Jane herself is very worried about what is going on, clym tells her that he is not an ordinary prince but a magical prince and that my powers were taken away from me and I was imprisoned here. Meanwhile, a messenger comes there who tells Clym that you have been released from this prison because the spell that your uncle cast on you had been broken. This girl has broken the spell. I have seen you and talked to you. now you are free, now go to whatever you want, you are free from this prison. seeing all this Jane can't control her feelings and falls deeply in love with Clym. She hugs him as soon as she hugs him, he suddenly becomes as handsome a prince as he used to centuries ago, for he is completely freed from his

punishment. Clym Thanks, Jana profusely and turns around happily. Clym tries to use his power but he can't use power. He is very worried about why he can't use his power. Jane says don't worry you come with me and I will take you home she takes him to her house. Introduce him to her family and tell her family that she wants to marry him and set a date for the marriage of both of them. A few days later they got married. The day after the wedding Clym gets all his power. The house is just magical, everything happens by itself as Jane wants. She becomes very happy, and they fall in love with each other so much that the city is also known as the enchanted city.



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## BARRACUDA-XII

Exercise BARACUDA XII conducted in Arabian Sea held under auspices of Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency.



## Sea phase of Int'l Marine Oil Spill Exercise BARRACUDA-XII held

**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: The sea phase of International Exercise Barracuda-XII was held at North Arabian Sea on Thursday which was participated by Interim Chief Minister Sindh Maqbool Baqar as chief guest who witnessed the sea phase of the exercise on board Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) Ship KASHMIR. According to the Pakistan Navy news release, the air and surface assets of Pakistan Navy, PMSA, Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and other national stakeholders participated in the sea phase of exercise.

Exercises on containment of oil spill, Search and Rescue operations and anti-piracy were demonstrated by Pakistan Navy and PMSA aircrafts, PN & PAF helicopters and PMSA ships. The drills were witnessed by fifteen foreign observers and representatives of various National stakeholders. The foreign observers applauded the efforts being put in by all the stakeholders specially the efforts of Pakistan Navy and PMSA to fight any disaster at sea. Earlier, the opening brief of the exercise was held at Karachi.

Foreign Observers and delegations from relevant stake holders also attended the brief wherein the aims and objectives of Exercise BARRACUDA-XII were highlighted. Moreover, scholarly papers on response of Oil Spill and Search and Rescue at sea were presented by both National and International speakers. International Exercise Barracuda-XII is a Marine Oil Spill exercise and is aimed to enhance capacity and proficiency of National stakeholders to combat the menace of pollution at sea.

The successful 3 days event served as a testament to the power of international collaboration in contending against marine pollution incidents. The sea phase of BARRACUDA XII reinforces the commitment of all involved national and international stakeholders to uphold international maritime regulations. As the curtains draw on this successful endeavor, the lessons learned and relationships built during this exercise will serve as a foundation for continued cooperation in addressing future challenges in maritime safety and environmental protection.

**PM-Qatar**

## SIFC playing active role to attract investment from Gulf countries: PM

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday said that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was playing an active role in attracting investors from Gulf countries, including Qatar, to benefit from opportunities in key sectors of the economy.

The prime minister, in a meeting with Ambassador of Qatar in Islamabad Ali Mubarak Ali Essa Al-Khater, said that Pakistan and Qatar enjoyed



strong, fraternal ties.

He expressed Pakistan's

desire to expand bilateral cooperation across all spheres, particularly trade and investment. He also conveyed warm regards to the Amir of Qatar.

The prime minister encouraged the Qatari ambassador to explore the potential for cooperation in tourism and media sectors.

He said that Pakistan appreciated the role played by Qatar in diplomatic efforts that led to a temporary ceasefire in Gaza. He stressed the need for

concerted efforts by the international community, particularly Muslim Ummah, to bring peace in Palestine.

As this was Ambassador Al-Khater's first call on the prime minister since presenting his credentials in November, he congratulated the envoy on assuming ambassadorial responsibilities in Pakistan and hoped that the bonds of friendship between the two countries would further strengthen during his tenure.

## Palestine condemns bombing in Iran's Kerman

**Wafa**

RAMALLAH: The Palestine Presidency has Thursday expressed its condemnation and rejection of the murder of innocent civilians that took place in the Iranian city of Kerman, in which hundreds of people were killed and wounded as a result of this painful event.

The Presidency expressed its condolences to the families of the victims and the Iranian people, and its wishes for a speedy recovery for the wounded, stressing its permanent

and absolute rejection of the killing of innocent people anywhere in the world, and its rejection as well of the policy of assassinations, whether in Palestine or anywhere else, because this violates international laws and divine laws, especially since the Palestinian people suffer from the policies of the occupation, the terrorism of Israeli colonial settlers, and the continuous Israeli attacks on civilians in Gaza, which led to the killing of tens of thousands of innocent civilians, as well as in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

## China expresses condolences over death of Pakistan's former foreign minister

**Xinhua**

BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin expressed deep condolences on Thursday over the passing of Pakistan's former foreign minister Sartaj Aziz, hailing his outstanding contribution to China-Pakistan relations.

Aziz, also former finance minister and adviser to the prime minister on foreign affairs, passed away in Islamabad on Tuesday.



"Mr. Aziz was a seasoned politician, strategist and economic expert of Pakistan, and an old and good friend of the Chinese people," Wang said at a regular news briefing.

## 1.9 million people in Gaza estimated to be internally displaced

**Wafa**

NEW YORK: 1.9 million people, or nearly 85 per cent of the total population of Gaza, were estimated to be internally displaced, including some who have been displaced multiple times, as families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety, according to The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The UNRWA said that nearly 1.4 million internally displaced persons (DPs) are sheltering in 155 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates. Rafah governorate is now the main refuge for those displaced, with over

one million people, squeezed into an extremely overcrowded space, following the intensification of hostilities in Khan Younis and Deir al Balah, and the Israeli military's evacuation orders. Obtaining an accurate figure



of the total number of IDPs remains challenging.

It added that the number of IDPs in the northern governorates has not been updated since 12 October, due to access constraints and the security situation preventing verification.

## NTL and NRTC forge partnership for indigenous biometric technology development

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: National Database Regulation Authority (NADRA) Technologies Limited (NTL) and National Radio & Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC) inked a Memorandum of Understanding, signalling a joint effort in the indigenous co-development and production of biometric technologies.

According to the press release issued on Thursday, The signing ceremony took place today at NADRA Headquarters, formalizing this collaborative venture.

NTL, renowned as a system integrator for Digital Identity Solutions using the Pakistan ID Stack, brings a wealth of expertise to the partnership. Its domestic offerings include its flagship product e-Sahulat and a bouquet of biometric verification services enabling fintech and telecom sectors. Internationally, NTL

has successfully implemented projects in e-governance, e-passports, smart identity cards, and civil registration.

NRTC, with its specialization in telecommunication equipment, electronic systems, surveillance platforms, and software solutions, adds its state-of-the-art design and manufacturing capabilities to the collaboration. Renowned for both defence and civil sector products, NRTC operates with distinction at home and abroad.

This collaboration is geared towards the indigenous design and production of biometric and identity-related technologies, serving both local and international markets.

The MoU was signed by MD NRTC, Brigadier Muhammad Asim Ishaque, and CEO NTL, Gohar Ahmad Khan, marking a significant milestone in the joint pursuit of indigenous technological advancements. Senior management from both NTL and NRTC witnessed the signing ceremony.

## Another 24 flights cancelled due to fog

**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: Heavy fog in different parts of the country has disrupted air operations severely as another 24 flights from various airports have been cancelled.

The number of cancelled flights has reached 88 in two days.

The PIA air schedule has been severely affected due to disruption of Islamabad's flight operations. Two flights to Islamabad, Sialkot, and Peshawar were diverted to alternative airports.

The PIA flight PK-212 from Dubai to Islamabad

took off from Karachi, flight PF-719 of Air Sial landed in Lahore while Air Sial PF-737 from Muscat to Sialkot was taken off from Lahore.

PIA flight PK-258 from Sharjah to Peshawar landed in Karachi while at Islamabad airport Abu-Dhabi PK-261, Dubai Islamabad PK 234 cancelled.

Islamabad-Karachi Serene Air (ER) 500, ER-501, Gilgit-Islamabad PK-601 and PK-602 were cancelled. Islamabad-Skardu PA 451, 452 and at Karachi airport PA 200, 201 were canceled.

## Pakistan to conduct COVID tests of international passengers

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to conduct COVID testing of passengers coming from abroad.

According to the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), the decision has been taken as a precautionary measure to save people from the possible outbreak of the new Covid variant. The NCOC meeting discussed the situation in the country about the new variant of Covid JN-1. The forum was told that Pakistan has not reported a single case of the new covid variant, so far. The forum okayed COVID testing at the airports and borders.

## PPP strongly denies seat adjustment rumors with PML-N

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: The leadership of Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) on Thursday strongly denied the rumors related to seat adjustment with Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) in the general election scheduled to be held on February 08, 2024.

Sources close to the development revealed that, during the Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting, the party leadership expressed anger over the news of seat adjustment with PML-N, stating that such an arrangement is categorically ruled out.

The leadership of the party

asserted that engaging in seat adjustment with the PML-N would not be fruitful for PPP. They underscored that the PML-N is the primary political competition for the PPP in the forthcoming elections.

The meeting between PPP senior leader Khurshid Shah and PML-N leader Ayaz Sadiq also came forth in the meeting where Khurshid Shah clarified matters with the party leadership.

The PPP leadership clarified that the picture of the meeting between Khurshid Shah and Ayaz Sadiq led to some misunderstandings, so the party should openly deny the news of seat adjustment from PML-N.