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

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. (Details on Page 5)



**UN must play its much-needed role to help** resolve Kashmir dispute: PM AJK

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**President Alvi** 

terrorist attack

跨 City Desk

hour of grief.

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

He added that Pakistan

sympathized with the bereaved

families who lost their loved

ones in the attacks. He also

condoles with Iran

over loss of lives in

### Envoys' Conference

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



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 Secu-

He was speaking at the ongoheld at the Ministry of Foreign matic challenges and opportu- Pakistan's foreign policy to align

Pakistan's envoys from impor-

tant 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 rity Council resolutions and the Jilani outlined the framework wishes of the Kashmiri people. of discussions at the Envoys' Conference and its importance ing Envoys' Conference being as a deliberative forum on diploing demands on the conduct of region and around the globe.

Affairs from January 4-6, 2024. nities for Pakistan in view of the it with present-day imperatives. global and regional develop-

> strengthening the anchoring role policy formulation and implementation.

perspective about the press-

He said that the foreign policy should be guided by a vision

He underscored the need for of Pakistan as a progressive, economically ascendant state of the Foreign Office in foreign that prioritizes the socio-economic well-being of its people.

He termed the conference The prime minister, in his timely and relevant against the key-note address, shared his backdrop of profound transformations taking place in the

He reaffirmed his trust in Paki- and advancing its global stature.

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

### prayed for the elevation of the hit a procession near the Saheb ranks of martyred in paraal-Zaman mosque located in dise and the speedy recov- the southern city of Kerman. Prime Minister's participation in Envoys' Conference

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar today participated in the ongoing Envoys' Conference being held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 4-6 January 2024. Pakistan's Envoys from imporin the Conference and are of Pakistan's foreign policy.

Welcoming the Prime and implementation.

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 opportunities for Pakistan in view of the global and regional developments. tant capitals are participating He underscored the need for strengthening the anchordeliberating on various facets ing role of the Foreign Office in foreign policy formulation

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 Wednesdav. A

large number of people were

also wounded when the blasts

#### Solangi hopes political parties will work for welfare of differentlyabled 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

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.

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.

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 A seven-member bench — headed 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 CJP said here the question arises being elected as politicians, the top Amendment Act.

judge remarked.

not about Islam.

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

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 simi-

lar 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

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

Faiz Hameed

**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 Jillani 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

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 that took place yesterday in by effective measures.

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

B 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 in jails. 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

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 elec-

tions 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, Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto'.

# UN must play its much-needed role to help resolve Kashmir dispute: PM AJK

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that the United Nations should play its much-needed role to help resolve the long pending Kashmir dispute in line with the UNSC resolutions. He said that the United Nations, which had guaranteed the right of self-determination to the people of Jammu and Kashmir through an impartial referendum, must fulfill its responsibility.

He said that it was high time that the highest body (UN) should use its clout and exert pressure on India to ing the right to self-determination to there was a dire need that the world ted by Indian forces in the Indian-oc-



fulfill its commitments vis a vis grant- community and human rights watch- cupied territory of Jammu and Kashdogs should take effective notice of the mir. the people of Kashmir. He said that human rights violations being commit-

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

"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.

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

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: 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

S 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 embassadors 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 Schoolypmics 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 hed on this occassion. 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.



# 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 referenfrom Azadi Chowk to the outside the press club organized by Jammu and Kashmir



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 nominatdum. A huge rally will march ed candidate for Assembly Constituency Seven Shaukat United Nations Mission Office Javed Mir said that if the referendum in East Timor and West Sudan. Maybe, why are and present a memorandum the obstacles in the referento Secretary General Ban dum not removed in occupied Ki-moon while Prime Minis- Jammu and Kashmir? Mediter Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq ation between Pakistan and political parties and Hurriyat India is indispensable for a

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-

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.

### 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 improve ments are being made.

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

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

**№ PPA** 

ISLAMABAD: Karandaaz successfully conducted specialised training sessions, in collaboration with DEMO, to train 145 women entrepreneurs in various Hunza, Gilgit, Peshawar, Hydernation of Information on Financial and Business Services to Women Entrepreneurs" initiative has made significant strides in empowering women entrepreneurs across Pakistan by address-

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. cities across Pakistan, including com.pk, which hosts a wealth of valuable resources, including abad and Multan. The "Dissemi- instructional videos and materials offering essential financial and business knowledge for women entrepreneurs.

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



Services at Karandaaz, said, "The cial and digital literacy is essential success of innovation can only be for increasing financial inclusion, address that barrier, particularly as much as its adoption. Finan- but unfortunately, it has been from a women's financial inclu-

severely lacking in Pakistan. To

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

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, ing-related matters.

Multan, and Multan Matters. During the project, repre-

sentatives from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) conducted mentoring sessions and provid-The participation of women ed 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 bank-





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#### RPO Dera distributes prizes to cops fighting against terrorists attack

#### **Adam Khan Wazir**

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Regional Police Officer Dera Nasir Mehmood satti said here on thursday

That all the officers and cops who add value to the police force by performing their professional duties well are valuable assets of the force, and they will be encouraged in every

He expressed these thoughts in Dera Police Range office, while distrib uting the cash rewards sent by the Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Akhtar Hayat Khan to the policemen who fought bravely and with high morale after the terrorist attack in Tank

Police Line. Addressing the event, Regional Police Officer Dera appreciated the professionalism and hard work of the police in maintaining regional peace and order against terrorists.

The Regional Police Officer hoped that every police officer and jawan would maintain regional peace in the future, however, we will try hard to bring people involved in terrorism to justice.

# **IIUI Rector directs** for best medical facilities to students

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Professor Dr. Samina Malik, Rector, International Islamic University (IIU) has directed that high priority based medical facilities must be provided to the university students.

Along with the Acting President Prof. Dr. Abdul Raheman, Rector IIUI visited the newly built medical centre of the university where its operationalization, utilization of the new facilities and overall performance was reviewed.

The new medical centre building is part of the infrastructural reforms of the President IIU, Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi initiated in the light of the new strategic plan of the university.

The Rector IIU was briefed by Dr. Wakeel Ahmed, In-Charge Medical Centre, about the services in the new building, availability of the facilities including labs, available beds and per day visits of the patients. On the occasion, other relevant officers were also present.

Dr. Wakeel while briefing about the facilities apprised that there are 16 beds in the medical centre, while 4 of those have been dedicated for the emergency. He also briefed that the demand for

the X-ray machines, ECG equipment and other radiology related gadgets has already been submitted and the centre will be furnished with these facilities in the near future.

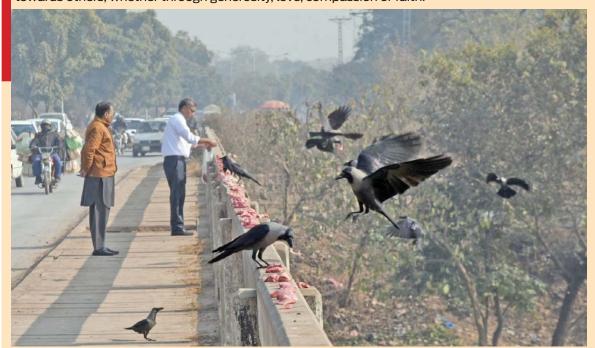
She said that high priority facilitation of the students must be the core objective. She directed that a complaint box to address the issues of students must be installed today on an urgent basis and that box shall be monitored by her office. She the medical centre.

said a separate well equipped medical facility for the female campus is also part of the future plan of the university.

The IIU Rector also took interest in the psychological counselling centre, she examined the availability of the medicines and reviewed the charges and services of the laboratory. She desired that cleanliness must be ensured within the vicinity and a hygienic environment must prevail within

### Sadqa

ISLAMABAD: A charitable man is feeding meat to birds along the Park road as (Sadqa).Sadaqa is charity given voluntarily in order to please God and it also describes a voluntary charitable act towards others, whether through generosity, love, compassion or faith.



# Neotech chief hails FATA youth for attaining higher technical standards

### **₿** PNP

ISLAMABAD: Aamir Jan. executive director of Neotech. has said that the young generation has an important role in the development of nations. Neotech is determined to equip the youth of the country with technical education on a large scale. He expressed these views while addressing the certificate distribution ceremony at the end of the training of the youth of FATA at Pak Technical Skills Development Institute. Adviser to the Ministry of Transport, Livestock and Dairy Development Punjab Professor Sajjad Qamar hosted the event and Vice Chairman PUPPA Shakeel Abbasi Chairman PUPPA Asad Hafz Kayani Chaudhry Ataur



Rehman and others addressed reduce the development defithe event. Aamir Jan, executive director of Neotech, said that skill education is the key to development and prosperity in today's world. We are making technical development the first priority. Sending the youth abroad with technical education will

cit. The process of training the youth of FATA is very welcome. Shakeel Abbasi and his entire team deserve congratulations for playing their part for the development and prosperity of the underprivileged area. Vice-Chairman Pupa Shakeel

Abbasi said in his address that we have selected the youth from the remote and backward areas of the country and have made them through the best training stages so that they can make their mark in every field of the world.

Our organization is determined to continue training the youth of FATA, Balochistan and remote areas and provide them with employment opportunities abroad. Speaking, Professor Sajjad Qamar said that Aamir Jan and his organization are doing valuable work.

And it is hoped that this year lakhs of people will become their own and country's support by getting training. At the end of the ceremony, the chief guest also distributed certificates and prizes among 39 students

# NSU hosts two-day electric vehicle (EV) introductory course

ISLAMABAD: The National Skills University Islamabad (NSU) organized a Two-Day Electric Vehicle (EV) Repair and Maintenance Introductory Course, showcasing the collaborative efforts between NSU and Pak-China Huazi Green Energy Pvt Ltd. The course, led by esteemed Chinese technologists, marked a significant stride towards fostering sustainable energy practices and knowledge exchange in electric vehicles.

The event, held from 3-4 January, witnessed a convergence of industry experts, educators, and students, creating a dynamic platform for disseminating knowledge and insights into the rapidly evolving landscape of electric vehicles. The collaborative initiative between NSU and Pak-Chi-



na Huazi Green Energy Pvt Ltd aimed to bridge the knowledge gap in electric vehicle technology and promote adopting eco-friendly transportation

Highlights of the event included

interactive sessions, hands-on workshops, and comprehensive presentations by Chinese technologists, who shared their expertise and experiences in the field. Participants had the opportunity to delve into the intri-

cate details of electric vehicle systems, charging infrastructure, and sustainable energy practices. The practical aspects of the course allowed attendees to gain firsthand experience with

## NFEH, PTC to launch drive to plant 100,000 saplings in Karachi in 2024



#### **E** City Desk

KARACHI: The National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) and PTC is all set to launch its plantation drive next month to meet the target of planting a total of 100,000 trees and plants in Karachi in 2024 in partnership with two other concerned non-governmental

The both NGO, s signed a memorandum of understanding with the Plant a Million for community (PTC) to jointly launch the massive tree plantation campaign in Karachi. NFEH President Naeem Qureshi, PTC Founders Razzaq Pardesi, and, Murad Ali Soni, signed the MoU at a ceremony.

Under the MoU, PTC will donate plants of indigenous species to NFEH to conduct its plantation campaign in the city. The NFEH will also launch a mass awareness campaign to motivate school students, corporate and industrial sectors, media, and other concerned NGOs to actively take part in the plantation drive.

NFEH President said the plantation campaign would be launched in February and continue till October 2024 to plant 100,000 plants and saplings in the city.

He said the office of Karachi's Commissioner, Karachi's Mayor, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, newly formed town municipal administrations, DHA, cantonments, and corporate organizations would be fully involved in the plantation drive.

He said that it would be mainly the responsibility of the KMC, towns, cantonments, DHA, and other land-owning agencies in the city to point out proper sites for planting tree saplings and plants.

Qureshi said the new sites would be selected in consultation with the KMC, towns, and other concerned NGOs for the best utilization of available open urban spaces for increasing green cover and growing urban forests in the city.

We will donate plants to every concerned citizen, company, and industry that approaches us with their resolve to contribute to the cause of making Karachi clean and green but all of these recipients will have to give a solemn undertaking that they will be fully responsible for watering, nurturing, and protection of these saplings till they become fully grown trees," he said.

### Army chief's green Pakistan initiative boosts morale of farmers, industrialists: Čhaudhry Zulfiqar



#### 👺 Bureau Report

MULTAN: The determination to get the country out of crisis, the army chief's commitment has boosted the morale of farmers and industrialists. Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum said,

Addressing the National Farmers' Convention in Islamabad last month, Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir reiterated his determination to bring the country out of crisis through agricultural reforms. The leading industrialist while talking to Media Cell said that it is "laudable that the Army Chief's address summarizing the Green Paki-

stan initiative aims to give priority to the agriculture sector." There is no doubt that Allah Almighty has blessed the country with countless natural resources and no power in the world can hinder its

Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum says that it is true that a large part of the income from such an initiative will go to the provinces, the country will be prosperous, the people will come out of poverty and some part of the income will be earmarked for farmers and agricultural research.

Chairman SM Food and Volka Food International Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum said that the Army Chief's pledge to eliminate mafias is welcome. All this is possible only with the support of the people. We are standing by our army in the best interest of the country.

#### Tahir Sadiq's wife, daughter nomination papers accepted

#### 👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: As the third phase of general elections is underway, election appellate tribunal given relief to two Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) potential candidates from Attock on Thursday. The candidates- mother and daughter belong to political heavy weight family of Attock have filed their nomination papers on national as well as provincial assembly constituencies of the district.

Secretary information of PTI district Attock chapter Imran Khan Hazrovi while talking to media persons on Thursday has said that the nomination papers of Naz Thair-wife of former member national assembly Major (retd) Tahir Sadiq and Eman Thair-daughter of Mr Sadiq has accepted. Ms Naz is sister of former Prime Minister Ch Shujjat Hussain. Mr Hazrovi informed that an election appellate tribunal on Thursday granting both candidates permission to contest the election declared RO's verdict null and void. He added that nomination papers of Eman Tahir from national assembly constituency NA-50 Attock-II, nomination papers of Naz Tahir from provincial assembly constituency PP-2, Attock-II has accepted. It may be mentioned here that Ms Eman was eelier arrested outside Peshawar high court (PHC) when she appeared before court for extension of her transit bail in various cases registered against her family in Attock district in connection with May 9 incident.

Moreover, the Isthikam Pakistan party (IPP) on Thursday announced seat adjustment with Pakistan Muslim league (PMLN) in a provincial assembly constituency of district Attock. It is the first declared seat adjustment in this region inked by both political parties. In a notification issued on Thursday over the signature of Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan spokesperson to the President PML-N and Numan Ahmad Langrail-spokesman to the President IPP, the seat adjust was agreed on the provincial assembly constituency of PP-4, Attock-IV and former provincial Minister for revenue Col (retd) Muhammad Anwar was announced as a joint candidate of both political parties.

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# Dense fog creates challenging commute for capital's residents

ense fog blankets have created challenging commutes for the capital city like other parts of the country along with causing health hazards, especially for allergy patients in the last few days.

The unusual dense foggy conditions prevailing in the capital attributed by weather experts to lack of rain during this Winter season amid climatic changes have not only disrupted road travel but flight operations too in the fog-bearing areas of the

The persistent fog/smog due to the insignificant rain during this Winter season has caused diseases among the citizens especially those with allergy issues, old people and children.

According to health experts, the major sufferers of seasonal diseases especially influenza, cough and fever are the children and old ones due to their weak immune systems.

They have suggested taking those diets which can boost their immunity to fight seasonal diseases, revert to organic foods and handle such issues with home remedies.

Naheed Raza, a mother of three children who daily travels from Rawalpindi to Islamabad to attend her office, said, "Dense foggy conditions with reduced visibility is unusual for me while living in the capital for the last many years. Even I could see the visible fog after 11 am".

She said that the chilly weather due to dropping mercury will make it difficult for the kids to go to school in the coming days as the risk of catching the virus from other affected children in school still looms even if they are healthy.

Director Forecasting, PMD, Irfan Virk said that dry and cold weather will continue to prevail during this week and there are no chances of significant rain in the coming days except light rain in a few parts of Balochistan.

He said that the fog patches ranging from normal to dense will continue in the plain areas of the country till the next rain.

He said that dense fog is likely to continue over the plain areas of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Upper Sindh and Islamabad during this week therefore citizens are advised to be

The PMD in its advisory has also warned that exposure to the foggy environment can cause health issues among the cit-

The day temperatures are expected to drop 03-05 Celsius degrees in the coming days due to the foggy conditions. Very cold weather conditions are likely to prevail in fog-affected ar-

Flights, Railways and Highways/Motorways operations may be disrupted during the foggy conditions. The travelers have been advised to remain cautious during the foggy days due to the reduced visibility level and avoid unnecessary travelling during the morning and night hours.

According to the various news reports, several flights have been delayed, cancelled or diverted on Wednesday due to the low visibility amid dense fog.

The situation also led to disruption of the train service and suspension of road traffic on Motorways in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. There were about 20 to 25 domestic and international flights which were delayed, cancelled and diverted to Lahore from the Islamabad International Airport (IIAP) where visibility dropped at night.

# SC's Response to Level Playing Concerns - II

tutional channels might encounter obstacles when institutions themselves face compromise or influence. In such complex scenarios, mobilizing civil society becomes imperative, leveraging public support to advocate for fairness and justice. Engaging with international organizations, leveraging diplomatic channels, and bringing global attention to these violations serve as alternate avenues to spotlight injustices, applying external pressure to restore democratic norms. Effectively addressing these challenges requires a multipronged approach, combining institutional redressal with public mobilization and international advocacy to safeguard the integrity of the democratic process.

When a major political party approaches the Supreme Court of Pakistan seeking redressal for a lack of a level playing field, the court encounters certain limitations. Upholding political neutrality while addressing constitutional rights is paramount. However, the court's jurisdiction might be confined when matters directly fall under the purview of other institutions like the Election Commission or the government's executive actions. Operating within legal frameworks and past precedents, the court must tread cautiously, ensuring its interventions align with existing laws and constitutional provisions.

The court's role mandates upholding the rule of law while respecting constitutional boundaries. It should safeguard

et, navigating these insti- constitutional rights without overstepping its jurisdiction. While intervening to uphold democratic principles is permissible, the court must refrain from excessive interference with the functioning of other branches of government or independent bodies, unless absolutely necessary.

Many courts around the world were confronted with similar situations. In toral integrity.

the United States, the pivotal case of \*Citizens United v. FEC\* marked a watershed moment in the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings on elections. The decision, affirming corporations' and unions' rights to unlimited independent political spending under

the protection of the First Amendment, reshaped campaign finance regulations.

Within India's legal landscape, \*Kuldip Navary, Union of India\* exemplified the Supreme Court's commitment to fostering free and fair elections. The petition challenged the existing electoral framework, arguing that voters should have the option to reject all candidates contesting in an election if they found none of them suitable or deserving of their vote. The Supreme Court, acknowledging the importance of voters' rights and the need for electoral reforms, ruled in favor of introducing the NOTA option on ballot papers, allowing voters to express their dissatisfaction with contesting candi-

Kenya's Supreme Court made history

& others\*, where the court nullified presidential election results due to irregularities. This landmark decision emphasized the critical importance of conducting transparent and fair elections, showcasing the judiciary's intervention to safeguard democratic principles and elec-

The lack of level playing field will not only mar the result of the elections but also prompt the prolonged litigation in the post-election scenario. The aggrieved parties are most likely to approach the Supreme Court to nullify elec-

tion results due to concrete evidence of rigging will involve various potential

The Supreme court is playing a proactive role to ensure that elections are held in a free and fair manner. There are two possible and expected decisions by the supreme court. In one scenario the SC despite compelling arguments from PTI's legal counsel court may observe procedural limitations in directly attributing contempt. After thorough scrutiny and hearing the responses from the officials, the Supreme Court might issue directives for better implementation of Election Commission orders but refrains from labeling the actions as contempt due to lack of conclusive

In an alternate scenario, the Supreme

with its ruling in \*Raila Odinga v. IEBC Court may take a stern stance against the alleged disregard of Election Commission directives by the Punjab administration and police. Despite the administration's counter-arguments and explanations, the court finds substantial evidence suggesting deliberate actions hindering PTI's participation, thus constituting contempt. The Chief Justice may express strong displeasure over the reported incidents of hindrance faced by PTI candidates during the electoral process, highlighting the criticality of ensuring a level playing field for all political parties. The court, after careful consideration and thorough examination of the evidence presented, holds the IG Police and Chief Secretary accountable for failing to uphold the Election Commission's directives. The Supreme Court may reprimand, possibly imposing fines or penalties, and issue stringent directives to ensure strict adherence to Election Commission orders in future

> However, the final verdict of the Supreme Court in such scenarios would largely hinge on the evidence presented. the court's interpretation of contempt in this context, and the extent of the officials' compliance or disregard for the Election Commission's directives. It would aim to reinforce the sanctity of fair electoral processes while balancing accountability with procedural considerations.

Former Press Secretary to the President, Former Press Minister to the Embassy of Pakistan to France, Former



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

#### **Qazi Hussain Ahmad:**

# A Visionary leader's legacy of Islamic values, unity and advocacy

Pakistani politician and religious leadtions to Pakistan, Islam, and efforts owards unity and peace. His life was characterized by his involvement in both religious and political spheres. Born in 1938 in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Qazi Hussain Ahmad hailed from a religious family of district mination for the Afghan people. His engagements Noshehra. He got his early education in religious

ic Studies from the University of Peshawar. He was greatly inspired and influenced by the teachings of Maulana Maududi, the founder of Jamaat-e-Islami, a prominent Islamic political party in Pakistan.

Qazi Hussain Ahmad joined Jamaat-e-Islami and quickly rose through its ranks due to his Dynamic personality, fluent organizational skills, and commitment to Islamic principles. He became the

a crucial period in Pakistan's political history. He was third Ameer of Jamat e islami after Mia Tufail Muhammad. His tenure as a head of Jamaat-e-Islami was marked by his efforts to promote Islamic values and principles in Pakistani society. He worked tirelessly to advance causes related to social justice, education, and the implementation of Islamic laws within the country.

In addition to his endeavors within Pakistan, Qazi Hussain Ahmad advocated for peace and harmony among different segments of society. Despite his staunch religious and political views, he believed in dialogue and cooperation among diverse groups to achieve mutual understanding and societal progress. He was particularly vocal about the Kashmir issue

ently raised his voice against human rights violations er known for his significant contribu- in Indian-administered Kashmir, urging the international community to address the plight of Kashmiris.

Regarding Afghanistan, he expressed concerns

about the situation in the country, especially during times of conflict and foreign intervention. He highlighted the need for stability, peace, and self-deterextended beyond regional conflicts. He was known studies and later got a master's degree in Islam- for his efforts to strengthen ties among Muslim nations. He advocated for unity

among Islamic countries, believing in the collective strength of the Muslim ummah (community). He used his platform to raise awareness about the challenges faced by Muslims globally, addressing issues related to conflicts, social injustice, and the rights of Muslim minorities in various parts of the world. Moreover, Qazi Hussain Ahmad

was proficient in various languages, party's chief in 1987, leading Jamaat-e-Islami during including Arabic, Urdu, English, Persian and Pashto. His command over multiple languages enabled him to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, both within Pakistan and on the international stage. His appreciation for Allama Iqbal's poetry was evident in his speeches and writings. He often referenced Iqbal's philosophical and ideological concepts, drawing inspiration from Iqbal's vision for an enlightened Muslim society. He often used Igbal's poetry to convey messages of unity, self-re-

In short, Qazi Hussain Ahmad's contributions and services extended beyond Pakistan. He actively raised his voice for the rights of Muslims in Kashmir, Afghanistan, and across the world, advocated and supported the cause of self-determination for for unity among Islamic nations, possessed linguistic

spect, and the revival of Islamic principles among

azi Hussain Ahmad was a prominent the people of Kashmir. Qazi Hussain Ahmad consist-versatility, and drew inspiration from Allama Iqbal's poetry and philosophical ideas to communicate his vision for a better society deeply rooted in Islamic principles. His life offers several lessons and a clear message to individuals and society: His life exemplified unwavering dedication to Islamic principles, social justice, and the betterment of society. He emphasized the importance of upholding one's values and beliefs in the face of challenges.

> He dedicated his life to serving humanity, advocating for the rights of the oppressed, and working towards a more just and equitable society. His commitment to social causes teaches the importance of selfless service for the betterment of others. He emphasized the significance of unity among Muslims and the need for collaboration to address common challenges faced by the Muslim ummah. His life teaches the value of fostering harmony and solidarity among diverse communities. His activism and advocacy for various causes, including Kashmir, Afghanistan, and global Muslim issues, underscore the importance of raising one's voice against injustices and standing up for what is right.

> Qazi Hussain Ahmad passed away on January 6, 2013, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to Islam, social justice, and unity among Muslims. His life's message resonates with the call for righteousness, selflessness, and the pursuit of a just and equitable society based on Islamic principles.

> His life serves as a testament to the enduring values of compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to serving humanity. His legacy continues to inspire individuals globally, urging them to uphold moral principles, advocate for justice, and strive for unity among diverse communities, all essential ingredients for fostering a world guided by peace, equity, and Islamic values. I would say in the last he was indeed Father of the nation, and he will always be remembered in golden words and will live in the heart of the nation.

# Atrocities in Occupied Kashmir and Propaganda against Pak Army - III

**Abdul Basit Alvi** 

extended political support Jammu and Kashmir. This support is evident in various international forums where Pakistan advocates for the rights of the fostering a shared identity and mutual Kashmiri people and highlights the understanding. longstanding issue of Kashmir. Pakistan's diplomatic efforts are crucial in Pakistan and Pak Army in Azad Jammu bringing global attention to the situation and Kashmir go beyond conventional in AJK and fostering a greater under- defense responsibilities. Pak Army's standing of the region's aspirations for multifaceted involvement in securiself-determination. Economic collab-

oration between Pakistan and AJK is vital for the development of both regions. Pakistan has played a pivotal role in supporting the economic growth of AJK through various projects, infrastructure development, and trade initiatives. The

Karakoram Highway, which connects Pakistan to China through AJK, serves as a testament to the economic importance of the region and the collaborative country and, specifically, for AJK. Presefforts between Pakistan and AJK. The ently, it is imperative to draw attention security of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is intrinsically linked to Pakistan's defense condemning the atrocities committed by strategy. Given the volatile geopolitical landscape in the region, Pakistan plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and sovereignty of AJK. The two regions collaborate closely on defense matters, right of self-determination for Kashmiris. and Pakistan provides security assistance to AJK to safeguard its borders and protect its residents. The people of adversaries, and stringent action should Pakistan and AJK share strong cultural be taken against anti-state entities.

akistan has consistently and social affinities. This commonality in language, traditions, and values creates a and solidarity to Azad sense of unity and belonging. Exchange programs, cultural events, and peopleto-people interactions further strengthen the bond between Pakistan and AJK,

Dear readers, the contributions of ty, disaster relief, infrastructure devel-

> opment, and community welfare reflects comprehensive commitment to the well-being of the people in AJK. As the region continues to confront challenges, the Pakistan Army remains resolute in its dedication

to ensuring a secure and prosperous future for Azad Jammu and Kashmir. It is crucial to recognize the services of the Pak Army for the entire to the situation in Occupied Kashmir, the Indian Army against innocent Kashmiris. Lovalty to Pakistan and the Pak Army is paramount, utilizing all available forces and resources to advocate for the Additionally, it is essential to vigilantly monitor elements that align with our

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

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 Turkive. 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 ment. He said that today Pakistan needs the creation of Pakistan. He said this sincere leaders like Moulana Muhamwhile addressing the Anniversary of Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar at of current economic challenges.  $the\ Islamabad\ Chamber\ of\ Commerce$ & Industry and lauded ICCI for organizing such an event to remember the stan said that Moulana Muhammad heroic personality of the Sub-Conti-

President, Islamabad Chamber of ing stronger day by day. He said that Commerce & Industry highlighted the Moulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar had



dom in the Muslims of the Sub-Continent and his role in the Khilafat Movemad Ali Jauhar to steer the country out

Zafar Bakhtawari, former President ICCI and Secretary General UBG Paki-Ali Jauhar had laid the foundation of friendly relations between Turki-Engr. Azhar ul Islam Zafar, Acting ye and Pakistan, which are still growcontributions of Moulana Muhammad raised a strong voice for the protection

Ali Jauhar to create the spirit of free- 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 prog-

eny 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

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

👺 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 through video link. Regional Elecand organized team so that the very important and sensitive responsibil- Bukhari reviewed the arrangements ity of conducting the election can be made by the Election Commission properly discharged. These views were for the conduct of the general elecabad Silwat Saeed and RPO Dr. Abid ing stations and polling booths, the diate action should be taken against Khan while presiding over the review appointment of presiding officers, the candidate who violates the code

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 tion Commissioner Shabbir Abbas expressed by Commissioner Faisal-tion, the plans for setting up poll-

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

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 imm connection with the general election ing staff. And gave a briefing regarding Dr. Abid Khan gave a briefing on the delivery of polling materials on the Do not allow any pressure to happen of conduct.



meeting of the arrangements made in assistant presiding officers and poll- of conduct. Regional Police Officer security and arrangements for the safe occasion of the election in the division. and act according to the election code

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

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 Mishal 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, emphasizgeopolitical trends. Mr. Jahangir higha shift in the human-machine frontier, where roles driven by technology, digi-



encing the fastest growth. Crucial skills providing adequate training opportuni-

ing the influence of economic, health, and talization, and sustainability are experities for six in 10 workers by 2027. The session was designed around the Future lighted technology as a key driver, noting highlighted include analytical and crea- of Jobs Report of the World Economic tive thinking, with the challenge lying in Forum. The discussion evolved as it was discussed that companies are strategi-

cally investing in AI and big data, and ty, Karachi Campus. Mr. Amir Jahanglearning 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

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-

ir's comprehensive presentation has illuminated the path ahead for our students and faculty, providing valuable insights into the evolving global workforce land-

Mohsin Iqbal Chief founder of, Tech Saeein 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 Saeein, 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 handson learning keeping students abreast of industry advancements.

# Fazaia Bilquis College of Education for Women PAF Nur Khan

here's an incredi- the party. ble party going on at this gorgeous And a beautiful 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 agreed to go out with him.

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 confi-

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

Rocky was good looking but his character was not good.

As soon As they were outside they walked and tacked a bit and 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.

and scared Rocky fainted,

tore her dupatta, and tied his sleep the whole night and is very 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

by the river Jane went to him and asked him who are you and what are you doing here at such all of a sudden Rocky's behavior a late night? He didn't reply changed and he tried to harass 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 worried about what happened

The next day she thinks that she will go there again as soon as the morning comes, she waits for night and as night falls she goes

went up and saw a man sitting 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 seen me but I wonder how you

Jane herself is very worried punishment. 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 but he can't use power. away from me and I was impris-

oned 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 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

Clym Thanks, Jana profusely

and turns around happily. Clym tries to use his 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

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.

### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 1	00-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close		
64,639.15	64,646.84		
Day's High	Day's Low		
64,936.75	64,098.10		
Index Value	Change		
10,111,615,587	-7.69		
Percentage Time			
-0.01%	4 Jan, 2024		
3,33,73	5:00 pm		
Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change		
7,723.07	+40.74		
Percentage	4 lan 4:35 nm		
+0.53%			
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average		
Index Value	Change		
37,543.57	+113.38		
Percentage	Time		
+0.30%	+0.30% 4 Jan, 12:59 pm GMT-5		
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average			
Index Value	Change		
33,288.29	-175.88		

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	189.4	191.4
Bahrain Dinar	749.31	757.31
Canadian Dollar	209.5	211.5
China Yuan	39.54	39.94
Danish Krone	41.21	41.61
Euro	308	311
Hong Kong Dollar	36.08	36.43
Indian Rupee	3.38	3.49
Japanese Yen	2.05	2.13
Kuwaiti Dinar	915.69	924.69
Malaysian Ringgit	60.84	61.44
NewZealand \$	175.62	177.62
Norwegians Krone	27.18	27.48
Omani Riyal	731.86	739.86
Qatari Riyal	77.4	78.1
Saudi Riyal	74.7	75.45
Singapore Dollar	209.5	211.5
Swedish Korona	27.34	27.64
Swiss Franc	330.54	333.04
Thai Bhat	8.16	8.31

Percentage

-0.53%

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ISLAMABAD: Mobilink Bank, Pakistan's leading digital microfinance institution, partnered with the National Institute of Banking & Finance (NIBAF) to share its vision and practices with the entire banking industry as a result of introducing an innovative product of Commercial Vehicle. The idea behind bringing this product is to nurture entrepreneurship and foster economic growth, generating employment opportunities that contribute substantially to societal development. Mobilink Bank is part of the VEON

group, a global digital operator that provides converged connectivity and digital services to nearly 160 million customers in six dynamic markets that are home to 7% of the world's population.

Ghazanfar Azzam, President and CEO Mobilink Bank, and Riaz Nazarali Chunara, Managing Director NIBAF, signed the agreement at the NIBAF Headquarters in Islamabad in the presence of senior management from both organizations, including the Chief People Officer, Chief Branch Business Officer, Chief Digital Officer, and Head of Commercial Vehicle at Mobilink Bank.

Also sharing his thoughts, Riaz Nazarali Chunara, Managing Director NIBAF, said, "The NIBAF-Mobilink Bank partnership strives to uplift the underbanked through enhanced financial inclusivity. One can certainly realize the Bank's paramount focus to fuel entrepreneurship by merging banking expertise with microfinance initiatives, creating self-employment and job opportunities. This aligns with national development goals, promoting economic growth and empowering marginalized individuals, especially women.

Mobilink Bank fosters positive change by offering financial services to hundreds of young entrepreneurs, catalyzing business initiation and expansion. This dedication generates multiple job opportunities, particularly benefiting rural and low-income communities. Committed to nationwide progress, the Bank is a beacon for economic growth and sustainable development among the under-

# IGP Islamabad assures to facilitate business community in business promotion

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, Inspector General, Islamabad Police said that the business community is the backbone of the economy and Islamabad Police would act proactively to provide them with a safe and secure environment for business development. He said this while addressing the business community after inaugurating the new building of DPO Industrial Area Office in I-8 Markaz, Islamabad.

Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan said that with the efforts of the Islamabad Police, no disturbance in business activities was observed for the last 2 years in Islamabad as the police ensured that all the roads and markets were kept open.

Speaking on the occasion, Zafar Bakhtawari, former President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Secretary General UBG Pakistan welcomed the opening of a new SP Office in I-8 Markaz and said that it



would provide a better sense of security to the traders of the area. He said that the business community is satisfied with the performance of the Islamabad Police and would provide all possible cooperation to it for a peaceful environment in Islamabad, which would help promote business and investment activities.

Raja Fayyaz Gul President and Zahid Qureshi Secretary General, Traders Welfare Association, I-8 Markaz lauded the IGP Islamabad for inaugurating an SP Office in their commercial center that would help traders in the prompt resolution of police-related issues.

SSP Malik Jamil Zafar, DPO I-9 Circle Khan Zeb, DSP I-9 Syed Sajjad Hussain Bukhari, ASP Sabzi Mandi Asad Iqbal, SHOs of I-9, Sabzi Mandi, Shams Colony and Noon, Sheikh Abdul Razak, Shehbaz Majeed, Khalid Chaudhry, Tahir Ayub, Tehmas Butt, Ch. Muhammad Waseem and many other leaders of traders were also present on the occasion.

# PTCL Group renews partnership with TPL Trakker for provision of **ICT** services

**№** PPA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's largest telecommunications and integrated ICT services provider, PTCL Group (PTCL & Ufone 4G), and leading GPS tracking and IoT services provider, TPL Trakker have renewed their partnership for the continued provision of the state-of-the-art machine to machine  $(\mathrm{M}2\mathrm{M})$  and ICT services to TPL Trakker under PTCL Group Business Solutions.

Group Chief Business Solutions Officer (GCBSO), PTCL & Ufone 4G, Zarrar Hasham Khan, and CEO, TPL Trakker, Rao Salman signed the agreement at TPL Trakker headquarters in Karachi, in the presence of senior officials from both organizations. Under this agreement, PTCL Group will provide wireless connectivity and a host of bundled services to TPL Trakker, to enable the company's premium and efficiency-boosting vehicle tracking, performance management, and other IoT services.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Group Chief Business Solutions Officer, PTCL & ny is proud to be major proponent of tech-



Pakistan. Our connectivity and ICT services provide great deal of ease and enablement to our enterprise customers, like TPL Trakker, who in turn extend game-changing products and services to the people of Pakistan.

CEO, TPL Trakker, Rao Salman said, "We are proud to announce a historic expansion of our collaboration with PTCL Group, propelling us towards undoubted leadership in the Pakistani IoT landscape. This Ufone 4G, Zarrar Hasham Khan said, renewed partnership reaffirms our joint connectivity and positions us as pioneers

IoT solutions. Capitalizing on our local insights and harnessing PTCL's specialized knowledge, we aspire to deliver stateof-the-art solutions that is customized to meet the distinctive requirements of our diverse clientele.

PTCL Group and TPL Trakker excel in leveraging digital technology to enable and empower their respective customers, besides contributing immensely to the growth and development of ICT technologies in Paki-"PTCL Group being the National compa- commitment to our unwavering focus on stan. The mutual collaboration enhances their impact on a larger scale to help enrich nological enablement and transformation in in developing and delivering cutting-edge and strengthen Pakistan's digital landscape.

### **SMAP, PNSC** collaborate to address Red Sea crisis, enhance maritime solutions

**E** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Qasim Yaqoob Paracha, the Acting Chairman of the Salt Manufacturers Association of Pakistan (SMAP), met with the officials of the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) to discuss the recent security concerns in the Red Sea. He urged the government to urgently pursue international solutions to these disruptions, which have significantly increased freight costs and threaten the viability of the salt sector and other vital

Khurrum Mirza, Director of Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), stated that PNSC and SMAP are eager to collaborate and explore mutually beneficial

opportunities. He expressed confidence that the synergies between the two organizations can pave the way for

innovative solutions and

shared success.

Chairman SMAP, Qasim Yaqoob Paracha, urged the government to take the salt business community on-board while making important decisions, emphasizing that they are severely impacted compared to other

### **CDA** decides automation of property record to avoid bogus, fraudulent

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authoritv (CDA) has decided to go ahead with the automation of residential and commercial property record in the federal capital. The civic management had been pondering over the project for the last nine years for automation of property record in Islamabad in order to avoid bogus and fraudulent cases.

In this connection, the CDA Chairman Captain (R) Anwar ul Haq had chaired the meeting of CDA Development Working Party, in tion working of the properwhich an amount of Rs170 ty record.

million PC-1, of the automation project was approved for achieving the objectives.

The meeting was attended

by officials from the ministries of finance, planning and interior. According to the details, the contract for the automation of property record

would be given to a government firm. The firm would be responsible for computerizing

record of 45 million papers in a period of two years. The firm would also be responsible for maintaining and running the automa-

## **NEPRA** hikes power tariffs by Rs4.12 per unit

**₿** PPA

KARACHI: National Electric Power Regulation Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday jacked up the tariff by Rs 4.12 per unit for its consumers.

The NEPRA issued a

power tariff by Rs 4.12 per unit in the account fuel adjustment charges for the month of November 2023.

Meanwhile, the consumers have to pay additional charges in the month of January 2024, however, the increase will not apply to notification, increasing the Lifeline and KE consumers.

## FBR finalises scheme to 'slap' tax on retailers

ISLAMABAD: In its efforts to broaden the tax net, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has finalized a scheme to slap tax on retailers in the

As per details, the FBR

capitals of Pakistan in the first phase. The move will generate income of around Rs100 bln. Sources knowing the

matter told ARY News that the tax will be slapped on retailers according to the size of the shop and yearly

# Orange Gold

ISLAMABAD: A vendor is busy in arranging the oranges on his push cart from small heap of such seasonal fruit at Sector G-9 in Federal Capital.



# Railways CEO unveils 'Premium Lounge' dining car services to passengers at Rs 250

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer Railways Amir Baloch inaugurated the 'Premium Lounge, a cutting-edge dining car at Lahore Railway Station on Thursday.

Th lounge, attached to Bahauddin Zakariya Express, marked the initial stride in elevating facilities. Talking to the media, Baloch emphasised the Pakistan Railways' commitment to enhancing food and beverage standards and ensuring value for money in the design of the dining car. The Bahauddin Zakariva Express will be the first bene-



upgrade to the Hazara Express in the subsequent phase. He said that despite limited resources, passengers would be provided with the best facilities. He said that the project had been final-

ficiary, with plans to extend this ised on 'Develop-and run' basis with the cooperation of the private partner.

When questioned, Amir Baloch mentioned that the Lahore dining car contract spans one year, offering bedding

and mentioned ongoing discussions about the financial terms of the ML-1 project. In the dining car, 45 passengers could dine at a time and the car's menu includes more than

40 dishes. An oven is available for fresh baked 'roti', and barbecue and

pizza will also be offered.

each. Stressing cleanliness,

he emphasised the dining car operator's role in maintaining

hygiene. The CEO underscored

the aim of providing fare relief

In the coming weeks, new dining cars will be added to other trains as well. will 'impose' tax on retailers

Tahir Amin Maik

# Bahawalpur boys stun Lahore to win Ŭ-16 Inter-Division TT title

# Mohammad Yousuf wants U19 cricketers play aggressive cricket of 1990s

LAHORE: Head Coach Pakistan U19 Men's cricket team Mohammad Yousuf has said that he wanted the U19 cricketers to play aggressive cricket and fight till the end at the ICC Men's U19 Cricket World Cup 2024 in South Africa.

Addressing a pre-departure press conference at the Gaddafi Stadium here on Thursday, he said the he wanted his young wards to inculcate in themselves the fighting spirit and aggressive style of cricket Pakistan Men's cricket team was known for in the 90s, adding that he wanted these young U19 cricketers to be aggressive without being abusive in

Pakistan U19 Men's cricket team is due to leave on Saturday to take part in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 to be played in South Africa between January 19 and February 11, 2024.

"Aggression is missing in our teams at all levels", adding that "cricketers must treat their opponents as adversaries on the field during the 100 overs of the match, irrespective of the opposition," the former stylish Pakistan batsman said.

However, he said that the U19 World Cup squad was immensely talented and he expected these young cricketers to do well at the ICC Marquee event. About performance of the team in the recently concluded Asia Cup, he said he was very happy with the team's showing in the tournament, adding that the team stumbled



in the semi-final against UAE U19 due to over-confidence. The Head coach said he was working with the team and, expressed the hope, these young U19 cricketers will do well at the whorl's largest stage.

Mohammad Yousuf said that U 19 and the junior cricket is the area where great players can work on the technique of the young budding cricketers, adding that it is difficult to re-model a player's technique after he has matured and selected in the national team.

Coaches in the region have a greater responsibility in harnessing skills and fitness of young players, adding that the coaches from the regions will be invited to the National Cricket Academy (NCA)

for a workshop in order to remind them of their responsibilities.

"The U 19 coaching staff should also visit the region and watch the players in action, so that they have a first-hand knowledge of the skills of the cricketers and manage a larger pool of players," the head Coach U 19 team said.

On selection, he said score-sheet should not be the only criterion of selection of a player, adding that lack of form should not kill a potential candidate. He said a player should not miss selection for being out-of-form or lack in technique.

produces mediocre cricketers, adding that ing job.

the cricket clubs and regions should ban T 20 cricket at the U 19 level in order to promote longer version of cricket in the

He said the T 20 platform of Pakistan Super League (PSL) should be used to earn money but this revenue should be invested on the promotion and strengthening of U 19 cricket like our neighboring country did.

Mohammad Yousuf was of the view that the T20 cricket was not capable of producing cricketers, adding that the greats like Hanif Mohammad, Javed Miandad, Inzimam ul Haq, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younus never played T 20 cricket in their careers.

Mohammad Yousuf said the three-day cricket should be promoted at the district level or the 55 over league of the English Cricket Board (ECB) may also be replicated at the junior level.

He said Saim Ayub was rightly picked over his performances in all formats of the game, adding that it was imperative to provide him ample opportunities once he has been pushed into the test cricket.

Mohammad Yousuf hailed the PCB for picking indigenous coaching staff including former cricketing greats at all levels, adding that this would help harness skills of the players in a better way. However, On T 20 cricket, the former batting he believed that the former legends must great said T 20 cricket earns money but fully immerse themselves in the coach-

### S. Natural Stone U-19 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament **Sports Desk**

Zone-III Whites win in A.

said in a statement on Thursday.

KARACHI: One more match decided in the A. S. Natural Stone Under-19 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament at Landhi Gymkhana Ground. The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi Sponsored by A. S. Natural Stone. Summarized Scores:

Bahawalpur division boys U-16 team shocked Lahore by a narrow

margin of 3-2 in the closely-fought team event title clash of Under-16 Inter-Division Table Tennis Championship at Nishtar Park Sports Complex (NPSC) Gymnasium Hall on Thursday.

Faisalabad division boys' team finished third in the event being organised under the aegis of Punjab Sports Department as part of Sports Board Punjab's Annual Sports Calendar Programme.

In the final clash, Lahore's Ayyan defeated Talha Tahir (Bwp) by

3-1 (8-11, 14-12, 11-9, 11-7) in the first match while Anas Muneeb

of Bahawalpur bounced back and settled the score by defeating

Abu Bakar of Lahore by 3-1 (11-8, 11-4, 6-11, 14-12) in the second

match. Lahore again took the lead by winning the third match

when Zaman outplayed Ayyan Pirzada of Bahawalpur by 3-1(11-6,

8-11, 11-6, 11-3). Now it is Talha's turn to level the score for Bahawalpur by toppling Lahore's Abu Bakar by 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 16-14).

Bahawalpur's Anas then exhibited wonderful command and won

and appreciated their fighting game skills. "It is quite heartening to

see the deep involvement and dedication of young players in their

game. We are pretty hopeful that several of these young lads will

represent the country at bigger sports competitions in future," he

the title decider against Lahore's Ayyan by 3-0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-5). DG Sports Punjab Dr Asif Tufail congratulated the winning team

Zone-III Whites beat Zone-IV Blues by 8 Wickets. Zone-IV blues 181 all out 42 overs. Run ullah 49, Adeel Gul 38, Qazi Saad uddin 31. Mir Hamza (lb) 4/26, Usaman Maqbool (ob) 2/30,

Zone-III 185/2 in 27.4 overs. Zanair Aali 53 7x4 not out, Muanna Kazim 48, Muhammad Usman 35, Parashant Ravi 26. Kaif Abbas (sla) 2/46.

#### India crush South Africa in 'shortest Test' to level series



CAPE TOWN: Pacers-led India romped to a convincing seven-wicket victory in the second Test despite a valiant century by South Africa's Aiden Markam to level the two-match series 1-1 at Queensland on Thursday

Set to chase a mere 79, India took just 12 overs to register an important victory in the second session of Day 2, making it the shortest Test in history, in terms of balls bowled.

In pursuit of a modest total on a challenging surface, Yashasvi Jaiswal attacked from the first delivery and made 28 from 23 deliveries before being caught at the boundary off Nandre Burger. Shubman Gill (10) and Virat Kohli (12) fell to Kagiso Rabada and Marco Jansen respectively before Shreyas Iyer hit the winning

boundary, his only scoring stroke. Captain Rohit Sharma, on the other hand, stayed unbeaten on 16. Earlier, Aiden Markram scored a gutsy century for South Africa but India bundled out the hosts on a modest 176.

Markram top scored for South Africa with 106 off 103 balls before South Africa were bowled out for 176 shortly before Lunch. The home side could add 94 runs for the loss of their remaining seven wickets in the first session on Day 2.

Jasprit Bumrah led the bowling attack for India in the second innings of the ongoing Test as he returned with a six-fer. Mukesh Kumar supported the fellow pacer with two scalps while Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna took one wicket apiece.

The opening day of the second Test saw 23 wickets fall as both sides went hard at each other.

India lost their last six wickets for no run in 11 deliveries and were bundled out on a modest 153 in response to South Africa's 55. India, who had a flying start to the final match of the series when they skittled South Africa for a paltry 55, coped with a collapse of the ages to bundle out on 153 and could only acquire a 98-run lead.

The visitors, at one stage, were looking in a commanding position but the Proteas ran through their middle and lower order to force a comeback.

India's top batters Virat Kohli (46), Rohit Sharma (39) and Shubman Gill (36) remained the notable contributors to their total while the rest seemed hapless against the determined Proteas bowling attack and seven of them fell for a duck.

# Rain washes out third session Pakistan remove Australia openers

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Persistent rain washed out the final session on the second day of the SCG Test after Australia managed 116-2 in 47 overs in their first-innings reply in the face of disciplined Pakistan

The players had earlier walked off due to bad light in the afternoon session, forcing an early tea break, according to information made available here by Pakistan Cricket Board. Rain soon arrived following the interval as inclement weather meant there was no further play possible. Day three will see a 10:00 am local time start with the weather expected to be better for the rest of the match.

Australia resumed from their overnight score of six for no loss, having batted just one over on the previous day. David Warner and Usman Khawaja continued their sedate progress as Pakistan pacers Mir Hamza and Hasan Ali maintained accurate lines and lengths.



following this match, succumbed to the 68b, 4x4s) could not capitalise on the pressure when he edged a good-length ball off Aamir Jamal only to be dropped

Warner, who will retire from Test cricket by Saim Ayub at first slip. Warner (34, missed chance and was later removed

Ali Agha, caught neatly by Babar Azam

Australia's cautious approach continued in the second session as they scored a total of 38 runs in 17 overs for the loss of Khawaja (47, 143b, 4x4s). The Australia opener, particularly bogged down by the lack of runs, was caught down the leg-side off Aamir. The on-field umpire had initially ruled Khawaja not out but had to reverse his decision after a successful review. Marnus Labuschagne (23 not out, 66b, 1×4) and Steven Smith (6 not out, 7b, 1×4) will restart their battle against the Pakistan bowling attack tomorrow. Scores in brief:

Pakistan 313 all out. (Mohammad Rizwan 88, Aamir Jamal 82, Salman Ali Agha 53, Shan Masood 35; Pat Cummins 5-61, Mitchell Starc 2-75, Mitchell Marsh 1-27)

Australia 116-2, 47 overs (Usman Khawaja 47, David Warner 34, Marnus Labuschagne 23 not out; Salman Ali by a sharp spinning delivery by Salman Agha 1-18, Aamir Jamal 1-26)

## MEPCO Board of Directors is taking strong steps to promote sports in the country's largest electricity company

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Chairman MEPCO Board of Directors Sardar Mohammad Jamal Khan Laghari has said that the Board of Directors is taking strong steps to promote sports in the country's largest electricity company. Mepco Sports Association is being supported to provide facilities to the players and organize various events. Sports play an important role in the development of Athangal, Sports Officer Razia ny famous in international and the society. He expressed these views while meeting the players di Team Wajahat Bucha and Board of Directors, ChiefExecof Mepco Kabaddi team. President of Mapco Sports Associa-



tion Chaudhry Khalid Mehmood, Secretary Haider Usman the country and the compa-Sultana, Manager Mapco Kabad-Coach Kabaddi Team Chaudhry utive Officer MEPCO Engineer Muhammad Hussain among the

famous players who have made national competitions. Mepco Mehrullah Yar introduced Bhar-

wana and other board members and gave a detailed briefing about their performance. Chairman Mapco Board of Directors said that I am happy with the players of the national and Mepco Kabaddi team who defeated the Indian players. I myself am a rifle shooter and I am second in national ranking. Pakistan has been represented in international rifle shooting competitions held in South Africa last year. A true sportsman is one who steps into the field with sportsman spirit and plays for the country and the company. He with Waqas and Arif Sial and to directed the sports association enlighten the name of their coun-

teams by conducting talent hunt program and to recruit more players as needed in MEPCO Kabaddi team and to evaluate their performance and include them in the team.. Chairman Mepco Board, Board Directors Mian Muhammad Ali and Athar Ali Mazari, Mepco Kabaddi Team Coach Shahid Iqbal Jat, Kabaddi Team Captain Amir Ismail, Players Rashid Ismail, Mohsin Naseer, Akmal Shahzad, Muhammad Zulfikar, Muhammad Rafiq, Usman Khan, Muhammad Met to prepare youths for MEPCO tryAppreciate the efforts.

# Federal Cup Tennis C'ships enter in semifinal stage

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: The 36th Federal Cup National Ranking Tennis Championships saw some awe-inspiring contests at the hard courts of PTF-SDA Tennis Complex, Islamabad during the course of the quarterfinals on Thursday.

Sixth seed Mudassar Murtaza upset 4th Seed Muhammad Abid in a thrilling three-set match with a scoreline 5-7, 6-2 6-2, whereas top seed Muhammad Shaoib struggled hard to win his encounter against talented Yousaf Khalil in an exciting three-set match 7-5 5-7

Third seed Muzammil Murtaza faced tough resistance from 8th seed Barkatstraight-set quarterfinal match 7-6(2)

Second seed Aqeel Khan convenient-In the second set which was marked matches and moved to semifinals.

with aces and long rallies and the score went up to 4 all as both players held their respective serves, Aqeel broke the 9th game of talented Qureshi by hitting some winners down the line and forcing out the youngster in 6-4 by holding the 10th game.

In the semifinal, Aqeel Khan will take on Mudassar Murtaza on Friday, while Muhammad Shoaib will face Muzammil Murtaza on Saturday.

In the junior 18 and under category 5th seed Muhammad Hamza Aasim, the upcoming proficient from Islamabad caused a major upset in the quarterfinal encounter against 3rd seed M. Salaar Khan. In pursuit of his victory, he added his foot speed and topspin to ullah to qualify for the semifinal in a make him a force to be reckoned with. Hamza managed to oust the 3rd seed

Top seed Hamid Israr, 2nd Seed ly won his encounter against upcoming Hamza Roman and 4th seed Ahmad proficient Ahmad Nael Qureshi 6-2 6-4. Nael Qureshi comfortably won their

Men's Singles (Quarterfinals) Muhammad Shaoib beat Yousaf Khalil 7-5 5-7 6-2, Muzammil Murtaza beat Barkatullah 7-6(2) 6-4, Mudassar Murtaza beat Muhammad Abid 5-7 6-2 6-2, Ageel Khan beat Ahmad Nael Qureshi 6-1 6-4.

Men's Singles (Quarterfinals) Yousaf Khalil / Barkatullah beat Aabdal Haider / Zaid Mujahid 7-5 6-3

Mudassar Murtaza / Abdullah Adnan beat M. Zaryab Khan / Huzaima Abdur Rehman 6-4 7-6(4) Muhammad Abid / Ahmad Chaud-

hary beat Hamza Aasim / M. Salaar Muhammad Shaoib / Muzammil

Murtaza beat Semi Zeb Khan / Ahmad Nael Qureshi 6-3 6-3. Men's Singles (Pre-Quarterfinals) Aabdal Haider / Zaid Mujahid beat

Hamza Haziq / Hamza Aasim 6-2 6-0

Rehman beat Saqib Hayat / Hamza

M. Zaryab Khan / Huzaima Abdur

Hamza Aasim / M. Salaar Khan beat

Talha Khan / Kashan Tariq 6-3 6-3 Muhammad Abid / Ahmad Chaudhary beat Kamran Maqbool / Amir Mazari 6-1 6-1

Semi Zeb Khan / Ahmad Nael Qureshi beat Kamran Khan / Zalan

**Ladies Singles** 

Soha Ali beat Shandana Rabbi 6-1 6-1, Natalia Zaman beat Sana Bilal 6-0 6-0, Kainat Ali beat Amna Khan 6-1 6-3, Amna Ali Qayum beat Asfa Shahbaz 5-7 7-5 6-2, Sheeza Sajid w/o Arzoo Ishfaq, Lalarukh Sajid w/o Mehaq Khokhar, Marrukh Sajid w/o Zara Khan.

Junior 18 & Under Singles (Quar-

Hamid Israr beat Zohaib Afzal Malik 6-1 6-2, Muhammad Hamza Aasim beat M. Salaar Khan 6-2 6-3, Ahmad Nael Qureshi beat Kashan Tariq 6-2 6-4, Hamza Roman beat Hamza



Hussain 6-1 6-3.

Boys 14&Under Singles (Quarter-

Zoahib Afzal Malik beat Syed Mahd Mahmood 4-1 4-1, Muhammad Junaid Khan beat Zohaib Amjad 5-4(8) 4-1, Muhammad Shayyan beat Essa Fahad 4-14-1, M. Hassan Usmani beat Razik Sultan 4-0 4-0.

Boys & Girls 10&Under Singles Pre-Quarterfinals):

Azan Imran beat Arham Amjad 4-0 4-2, Arsh Imran beat Hashir Mustafa Subhani 4-0 4-0, Amir Masood w/o Arshman Abbasi, Behroze Umer beat Muhammad Bilal Kamran 4-0 4-0

# The Spokesman

### BARRACUDA-XII

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



**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 concerted efforts by the intercooperation 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

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

national 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.

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

NEW YORK: 1.9 million people, or ing the intensification of hostilities nearly 85 per cent of the total popu- in Khan Younis and Deir al Balah, lation of Gaza, were estimated to be and the Israeli military's evacuation

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 for Agency Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Heavy fog in

different parts of the coun-

try has disrupted air operations severely as anoth-

er 24 flights from vari-

ous airports have been

The number of cancelled

The PIA air schedule

Two flights to Islama-

The PIA flight PK-212

from Dubai to Islamabad

flights has reached 88 in

has been severely affected

due to disruption of Islam-

abad's flight operations.

bad, Sialkot, and Peshawar

were diverted to alterna-

cancelled.

two days.

tive airports.

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

**Another 24 flights** 

cancelled due to fog

took off from Karachi,

flight PF-719 of Air Sial

from Jeddah to Islamabad

landed in Lahore while Air

Sial PF-737 from Muscat

to Sialkot was taken off

from Sharjah to Pesha-

war landed in Karachi

while at Islamabad airport

Dubai Islamabad PK 234

Islamabad-Karachi

Serene Air (ER) 500,

ER-501, Gilgit-Islama-

bad PK-601 and PK-602

were canceled. Islama-

bad-Skardu PA 451, 452

and at Karachi airport PA

200, 201 were canceled.

PK-261,

Abu-Dhabi

cancelled.

PIA flight PK-258

one million people, squeezed into an extremely overcrowded space, followinternally displaced, including some 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 facilities across all five governorates. updated since 12 October, due to access constraints and the security situation

# NTL and NRTC forge partnership for indigenous biometric technology development

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 witnessed the signing ceremony.

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 stateof-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

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

passengers

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

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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.

#### 跨 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 Khurshid Shah clarified matters Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting, the party leadership expressed anger over the that the picture of the meeting news of seat adjustment with PML-N, stating that such an Ayaz Sadiq led to some misunarrangement is categorically

The leadership of the party adjustment from PML-N.

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

with the party leadership. The PPP leadership clarified between Khurshid Shah and derstandings, so the party should openly deny the news of seat

written order on Thursday confirming the scheduled date, directing the

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

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The sea phase of International Exercise Barracuda-XII was attended the brief wherein the aims 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 exertal protection.

cise was held at Karachi.

Foreign Observers and delegations from relevant stake holders also and objectives of Exercise BARRA-CUDA-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 environmen-

### Palestine condemns bombing in Iran's Kerman

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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 the wounded, stressing its permanent including East Jerusalem.

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 killvictims and the Iranian people, and ing of tens of thousands of innocent its wishes for a speedy recovery for civilians, as well as in the West Bank,

# 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.

### **Global Health Security Summit to prepare epidemics** control strategy: Dr Nadeem

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan on Thursday said that an integrated strategy to deal with epidemics would be formed at the upcoming Global Health Security Summit to be held in Pakistan. The minister, in a media briefing, said that the summit would serve as a great opportunity of bringing together, international and national experts in the field concerned and learning by sharing of expertise and knowledge for a safer world.

He said that the Global Health Security Summit was being held on January 10 -11 in the Federal

Capital. He said that the strategic objectives of the conference were to collaborate with global leaders in order to ensure equity-based pandemic preparedness financing for low and middle-income countries, and mutual exchange of knowledge and rich experience with member states and experts around summit thematic areas which focuses on vaccine equity, patent deregulation and transfer of technology.

## Illegal nikkah case: PTI founder, Bushra Bibi to be indicted on Jan 10

ISLAMABAD: The district and sessions court in Islamabad have set January 10 date for the indictment of former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, in the illegal Nikah case.

jail superintendent to ensure execution while considering the logistics of accommodating lawyers and media representatives.

It is pertinent to mention here that Khawar Maneka — Bibi's former husband, who had approached the court — has claimed that the Civil Judge Qudratullah issued a marriage was illegal and against the laws of Sharia.

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