



Election results were made months before polling day: Pir Pagara

GDA Chief Pir Pagara Sibghatullah Shah Rashdi has claimed that the election results were made and were sold months before the polling day. "The election was sold three months before the polling day and the payment has also been made," he said while addressing a sit-in in Sindh's Jamshoro... (Details on Page 8)



Israeli's Netanyahu rejects UN, US recognition of Palestinian state

The Palestinian state is not a gift or favor from Netanyahu, but rather an entitlement imposed by international law and international legitimacy resolutions. Netanyahu once again challenges the international and American consensus on the right to end the occupation and the embodiment of the Palestinian state. He declares his rejection of UN and international recognition of it, and presents his traditional conditions... (Details on Page 8)

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Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a review meeting regarding Karachi Electric on Friday.



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Caretaker setup resolves major long-standing issues to ensure economic stability: PM

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday said that the caretaker government had resolved major long-standing problems in a short span of time to move the country towards economic stability. He said the caretaker setup also provided all possible facilities on priority to the international

investors and business community to attract maximum foreign direct investment in the country. He emphasized that the caretaker government was committed to continue its efforts to resolve the problems facing the country's economy till its last day of working. Chairing a meeting to review various issues of Karachi Electric (K. E), the prime minister said

that the government was trying to solve all the remaining problems as soon as possible to remove all obstacles in the way of uninterrupted supply of electricity to the residents of Karachi. The prime minister directed to find out solutions on priority basis to the issues faced by the Karachi Electric. The delegation of K. E thanked the prime minister and his team for resolving the

long awaited issues of Karachi Electric. The prime minister also hailed the signing of the inter-connection agreement between National Transmission and Distribution Company (NTDC) and Karachi Electric (K. E) held the other day. The CEO of Karachi Electric paid tribute to the caretaker PM and the government officials for solving the problems faced by the compa-

ny on priority basis. The prime minister directed that NEPRA and Karachi Electric should jointly find a solution to these problems on a priority basis and submit a report in this regard as soon as possible. Caretaker minister for energy Muhammad Ali, Chief Executive Officer of K. E and concerned high officials participated in the meeting.

Naming Faiz Hameed for orchestrating VONC a 'slip of tongue': Fazl

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday backtracked from his statement regarding ex-spymaster Lt Gen Faiz Hameed's involvement in bringing no-confidence vote (VONC) against former prime minister Imran Khan, dubbing it a 'slip of tongue'.



"I believe Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed were responsible for rigging during the 2018 general polls," the JUI-F chief had said in an interview with a private TV channel. A day earlier, Maulana Fazlur Rehman held former army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and ex-spymaster Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, who was the then-Peshawar corps commander, responsible for the no-confidence vote against former prime minister Imran Khan and the PTI government.

Maulana Fazl was among top opposition leaders who spearheaded the efforts to oust the PTI founder under the banner of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM). Speaking to a private news channel, he clarified that he took Faiz Hameed's name by "mistake". However, he main-

tained Qamar Bajwa and Faiz were involved in rigging during the 2018 elections. "This matter should be consigned to history instead of being discussed more," he remarked. When asked Qamar Bajwa had asked him to swear on his words, Fazlur Rehman replied these generals had also taken oath no to interfere in politics. "It is wrong to demand an oath on things that happened in front of us," he added. Talking about the elections and meeting with the PTI delegation, Fazl said that transparent elections did not take place anywhere including Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. "Despite our differences, PTI delegation came and held a positive meeting. But we emphasised [with them] that rigging did take place in KP," he added.

ECP forms tribunals to hear polls' results-related pleas

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) formed election tribunals in Balochistan and Sindh for hearing polls' results related pleas.

Justice Muhammad Saleem Jessar has been appointed to the election tribunal for the Larkana division.

Justice Muhammad Karim Khan Agha and Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry of the Sindh High Court (SHC) would hear petitions for the Karachi Division.

Similarly, Justice Abdullah Baloch, Justice Rozi Khan Barrech, and Justice Muhammad Aamir Nawaz Rana of the Balochistan High Court would hear elections-related pleas in the province. The ECP made these appointments on the recommendations of Chief Justices of the Balochistan and Sindh High Courts.

Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro will be heading an election tribunal for the Sukkur and Shaheed Benazirabad divisions while Justice Anjad Ali Sahito will hold hearings in the Mirpurkhas and Hyderabad divisions.

The tribunals would address the petitions about 'irregularities' and rigging accusations in the elections and subsequent bye-elections.

'PTI founder vows not to seek political vengeance upon return to power'

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan on Friday asserted that his party will adopt a "Fatah-e-Makkah" approach, vowing not to seek political vengeance upon returning to power. The remarks were conveyed by PTI leader Ali Muhammad Khan following a meeting with Imran Khan at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Ali Muhammad Khan said the former prime minister stressed "honesty and forgiveness" to take the country forward.

PTI calls for nationwide protests today against 'election rigging'

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Friday called for nationwide demonstrations today (Saturday) to protest what it calls "brazen rigging" of February 8 general election. Speaking to journalists after meeting Jamat-e-Islami (JI) leadership in Islamabad, PTI leader Asad Qaiser invited different political parties that believed that there was "rigging" in the elections to join the protest. "The meeting was held under one-point agenda; the nation's mandate was stolen in the elections 2024," he said, adding that it was agreed to unite the voice against the "brazen rigging". Qaiser further said that the PTI was in contacts with other political parties that believed "elections were rigged". "Now decisions will not be made in closed rooms; the voice of people of Pakistan will be heard," he

added. He regretted that the country was heading towards further political instability after general elections. "We have given call for nationwide protests tomorrow," he said, urging the people to participate in them. The PTI leader claimed that his party secured victory over 170 National Assembly seats, but "our mandate was stolen". "We will continue the struggle to stabilise democracy and give basic rights to the people," he added. For his part, JI Central Naib Ameer Liaqat Baloch said that his party's contact and talks with the PTI will continue in the future. "I think we will welcome whichever party protests against this rigged election," he said. It is pertinent to mention here that the Jamat-e-Islami (JI) had declined Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) offer to form a coalition government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

ECP notifies 8 judges as appellate tribunals to dispose off election petitions

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has appointed 8 judges as appellate tribunals to dispose off election petitions for National and Provincial Assembly constituencies in both general and by-elections. "In accordance with Section 140 of the Elections Act, 2017, the Election Commission of Pakistan, upon the recommendation of the respective chief justices, has appointed judges from various high courts to serve as election tribunals, effective immediately," said ECP spokesman.

Nawaz Sharif advised against forming govt in Centre

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leaders advised party supremo Nawaz Sharif against forming the federal government.. According to details, former Finance Minister Ishaq Dar briefed the party on the two meetings held with the Pakistan People's Party (PPP)

regarding the formation of the federal government. The sources privy to the development said that most of the PML-N leaders feared that the PPP would 'blackmail' them at every step in the hung parliament. "PPP is shying away from taking responsibility and only wants to enjoy privileges. If they are willing to join the

cabinet, then there is no harm in forming a coalition government," sources said while quoting the PML-N leaders. On the occasion, PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif kept listening to the suggestions put forwarded by the PML-N leaders. The apprehensions of the leaders prompted the PML-N top leadership to expand the

consultation on whether or not to form the federal government. It is pertinent to mention here that no party is in a position to form the federal government alone. Out of 266 general seats in the National Assembly, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) backed independent candidates lead with 93 seats while the PML-N has 75.

The PPP's candidates emerged victorious from 54 seats while Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) has 17, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) bagged four and Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) secured three seats. Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) won two seats while eight independent candidates have also won.

Launch of PTV newsletter, a major milestone: Secretary Information



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Information and Broadcasting Shaheera Shahid on Friday said Pakistan Television (PTV) had achieved a major milestone by launching its newsletter, aimed at inculcating reading and writing habits among the youth. Addressing the launching ceremony, the Secretary congratulated the PTV management and team on the major achieve-

ment. "PTV team has worked hard in preparing the newsletter, titled PTV Times," she added. On the occasion, PTV Managing Director Mubashar Touqeer said the newsletter was a reflection of the strong bond between PTV and its viewers, who would get valuable information through the newsletter. He congratulated the PTV management and staff who worked hard to produce the newsletter.

Mushaal Mullick blasts Indian authorities for inhumane treatment of JKLF chief

PPA

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister for human rights and women empowerment, Mushaal Hussein Mullick has vociferously condemned Indian authorities' inhumane behavior towards her husband, Chairman JKLF Mohammad Yasin Malik. She has said that Yasin Malik's health has deteriorated to an alarming level after he stopped taking medicines in protest to inhuman behavior of authorities for their delaying tactics to take him to the hospital for proper medical treatment, despite court orders.

Mushaal said that the expired and outdated pacemaker implanted in him had now gone ineffective, endangering his life. She said that in addition to his heart problems, Yasin Malik was also suffering from kidney ailment.



She further said that according to confirmed reports his body weight had also dropped to a great extent, which was a great cause of concern.

Mushaal said that as per reports, the health of Muhammad Yasin Malik, was deteriorating speedily due to lack of his proper medical treatment in Tihar Jail. She said that just two weeks ago, his mother had approached a court in Delhi to draw the court's attention towards the deteriorating health condition of her son and over concerns of the lack of interest



of the authorities towards his health. In her plea to court, his mother also expressed her readiness to bear the expenses of her son's treatment.

Mushaal said that her husband Yasin Malik worsening health condition and court orders demanded that Yasin Malik should have been immediately transferred to the hospital and

kept there under the supervision of doctors until his full recovery. She said that Yasin Malik was taken to a government hospital in Delhi on February 13 only after his condition deteriorated to alarming level. She said that despite the court orders to keep him under supervision in hospital, authorities brought him back to the jail after just a routine medical checkup.

She appealed International human rights institutions to intervene so that the precious life of the most popular pro-freedom political leader of the people of the Jammu Kashmir was saved.

She further emphasized that the resilient people and leadership of Jammu and Kashmir cannot be intimidated or subdued through false and fabricated cases, nor by employing heavy-handed and inhumane tactics.

Shortage of Sugar insulin vaccine in Wana DHQ Hospital

Adam Khan Wazir

WANA: District Lower South Waziristan District Headquarter Hospital Wana and including other health centers, insulin injections, are facing severe problems due to lack of all kinds of first aid medicines.

The provincial caretaker government had also approved the grant of medicines for all major hospitals of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, but the procurement of medicines could not be done till now.

On this occasion, Gul Nawaz Wazir said while talking to the media that my five-year-old daughter is suffering from diabetes since childhood, for which doctors have recommended insulin injections.

He said that without insulin injection, it has become difficult for the daughter to pass from moment to moment and she is in the struggle of life and death.

He said that for the last several weeks, all the government hospitals have gone behind the insulin injection but no insulin injection was found in any hospital.

Gul Nawaz further said that the above mentioned injections are available in private hospitals, but the cause of poverty is beyond my control.

On the other hand, DMS Dr. Zain Ullah Wazir said that a demand has been made from the provincial government to provide insulin injections.

Insulin injection will be provided to diabetic patients soon after supply gets from the provincial government.

In this regard, all the government BHUs and dispensaries in the outskirts of Lower South Waziristan district have become non-functional for the last several months due to lack of medicines.

Public circles say that due to non-availability of first aid medicines in remote hilly areas of Tehsil Birmal, Tehsil Toi Khullah and Shakai, due to non-availability of first aid medicines, children, girls, women and the elderly are facing severe difficulties.

WASA to take action against absent staff and officers: MD

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Managing Director WASA Amir Aziz has directed to take departmental action against officers and employees who are absent and not joining their post, while he has also urged to make a comprehensive and efficient attendance mechanism. WASA Head Office While presiding over a meeting, he said that in order to restore the confidence of consumers, immediate redressal of their complaints is the top priority and no compromise will be tolerated in this regard. MD Vasa further said that such Officers and staff who delay joining after posting or are absent from their duty should be deducted from their salary for those days. This will improve the image of the department. The Managing Director directed the Administration Directorate to prepare the attendance mechanism from the Deputy Director to the Sub-Engineer and complete the attendance report at half past nine in the morning. He clarified that All resources should be used to provide quality water supply and drainage facilities to the public and any negligence in this regard will be considered unacceptable.

Faisalabad Arts Council announces steps for welfare of artists after third meeting

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The third meeting of the Board of Management Committee of the Punjab Council of Arts Faisalabad Division was held in which it was stated that the board is taking all possible measures for the welfare and cultural development of the artists of Faisalabad. Faisalabad Division. All energies will be used to present the historical heritage of Faisalabad to the whole world, medical fund for Faisalabad poets, writers, and people related to arts and crafts and registration of artists will also be started. Member Board of Management Committee Professor Dr. Riaz Majeed chaired the third meeting of the Board of Management Committee. Director Faisalabad Arts Council Abrar Alam gave a detailed briefing on the proposed cultural activities of the Arts Council and the decisions made in the previous meeting. Commitment was reiterated to make the art gallery fully functional and connect artists with it. A documentary based on the history, prominent personalities and cultural heritage of Faisalabad will be produced. Social media to further improve the ongoing art classes in Arts Council Public Relations Director Khurshid Jilani, Dr. Jafar Hassan Mubarak, well-known travel writer, social personality Prof. Tehmina Afzal, Ahmed Niazi (well-known playwright) and Assistant Director Local Government were among the members. The committee strongly supported the organization of meetings and the actions taken by the Arts Council administration.

RCCI urge govt to withdraw gas price hike

PPA

ISLAMABAD: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has rejected the massive increase of 65% in gas tariffs and urged the Government to withdraw gas price hike.

RCCI President Saqib Rafiq in a statement said that the government has increased the gas prices for the second time in just four months and termed it disastrous for industries. He said that the ECC decision also put an unreasonable burden on a class of residential consumers using more than 2 cubic hectometers (Hm³) gas.

He urged the government to reconsider the decision, pointing out that in developed countries, utilities were not exploited for economic gains.



Protest

HYDERABAD: GDA Leader and spiritual leader of Hur Jamat Pir Sahib Pagara addressing to sit in protest against rigging in general election 2024, at M-9 Motorway near Jamshoro.



Photo: Online

CEO PPIF and DG Behbood Abadi Punjab visited Green Star Marketing Head Office

PNP

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer PPIF and Director General Population Welfare Thaman Rai visited the Green Star Marketing Head Office to review the ongoing projects with the support of Green Star and Punjab Population Innovation Fund. The main Green Star Karachi Head Office team was also present on this occasion. The purpose of the visit of the Chief Executive Officer PPIF and Director General of Population Welfare is to increase the capacity of the employees of the Population Welfare Department through ongoing projects, satellite camps, technical assistance, and youth engagement. Green Star Punjab Population Innovation Fund. The cooperation is focused on providing awareness and aware-



ness among the youth at the university and college level. The youth must have information, awareness, and awareness about SRH and family health issues

after marriage. Thaman Rai said that population Welfare is a common goal supported by the concerted efforts of the private and public sectors. Expressing his satisfaction with the pace of the projects, he further said that the youth has a significant place in Pakistan. Providing a better health environment to these people in Pakistan is the need of the hour and training them on family health issues including family planning. Adopting a strategy is imperative, which is why Green Star Punjab and the Population Innovation Fund are working together to create awareness and educate young people at the university and college levels so that they can enter the workforce when they get married. So that they have enough knowledge and awareness about SRH and family health matters.

CM Inaugurates the Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Package-I Project

PPA

LAHORE: Another mega project instead of being completed in 16 months has been completed in 100 days only. Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated the Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Project Package-I today. CM visited the Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Project and inspected the ongoing construction activities at the Package-II. Mohsin Naqvi appreciated the hard work of the concerned officials and contractor on the timely completion of Package-I project in a record period of time. Commissioner Lahore Division/DG LDA gave a brief-

ing to the CM about the project. CM while addressing the inaugural ceremony stated that owing to an excellent team work along with day and night hard work, the Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Project Package-I has been completed before the stipulated time. Thanks to Allah Almighty that the project from Niazi Chowk up to Saggian has been completed. Hopefully, the package-II from Saggian up to Babu Sabu will also be completed in coming few days. The LDA and Nespak team prepared a unique design of an international standard at a low cost. CM apprised that the 7.3 km long Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road

Project from Niazi Interchange up to Babu Sabu Interchange is the first high-rise project in Pakistan. LDA, Nespak and the contractor by continuously working for 24 hours completed the project in 100 days only. Nine subways have also been built for transportation at the service road in the Bund Road Project. More than 2 lakh vehicles will pass from this project daily and saving of crores of rupees will be accrued in terms of time as well as fuel. Mohsin Naqvi acknowledged that the Provincial Minister for Housing Syed Azfar Ali Nasir, Secretary Housing Sajid Zafar, Commissioner / DG LDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa, Chief Engineer

LDA, Nespak team, Contractor Habib Construction, Project Director and his whole team deserve commendation on the completion of the said project in a record time frame. The Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Project has been completed and it should be labelled as Ring Road. CM stated that the Provincial Minister Azfar Ali Nasir should now shift to his house as the Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Project has been completed. Provincial Minister for Housing, DG LDA and Chief Engineer continuously undertook supervision of this project. I undertook 40-50 visits of the

Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road Project and the Secretaries along with the media team used to accompany myself. DG LDA worked with a brisk speed for the completion of this project. The projects being completed under the supervision of DG LDA during the last one year will be remembered for long. Many problems were being faced during the completion of this project but by the Grace of Allah Almighty, all such obstacles have been overcome. This area will not be less than Gullberg with the completion of Shahdara Bridge, Imamia Colony and Bund Road Project. CM congratulated the the resi-



dents and the whole team on the successful completion of this project. Had the team not worked in a united manner then this project would never have been completed before time. The difficulties of fog, rain and drainage problems were being faced during the completion of this project. Nespak has carried out an excellent monitoring of this project. As a team, we should all take pride that Allah

Almighty has bestowed upon us an opportunity to serve the people. Provincial Ministers Amir Mir, Azfar Ali Nasir, Bilal Afzal, Chairman P&D Board, Secretaries of Housing, C&W, Finance, Information, Commissioner/DG LDA, CCPO, Deputy Commissioner, CTO, CEO LWMC, DG PHA, DGPR, Chief Engineer LDA, Chief Engineer TEPA, GM Nespak and concerned officials were also present on the occasion.

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Read Pakistan successfully concludes the National Reader's Conference

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ISLAMABAD: Read Pakistan, a distinguished organisation committed to promoting literacy and fostering a passion for reading nationwide, held the National Reader's Conference on the 16th of February at Kehkashan Hall, Serena.

This year's conference featured distinguished speakers who had made substantial contributions to their respective fields. Among the honoured speakers were Miss Nigar Nazar, a renowned artist and female cartoonist, and Mr Rashidally Soobadar from the Mauritius High Commission in the most e, memorable way highlighted the importance of reading. Mr Zia Ur Rehman, a notable author who has received a Lifetime Achievement Award and served in civil services for 36 years, spoke passionately about the importance of inculcating reading habits among the youth. Senator Fauwzia Arshad appreciated the cause of Read Pakistan in a very modest way.

In addition to the esteemed speakers, the conference hosted a compelling panel discussion with prominent participants, including Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Former Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Dr. Waqar Azeem, a multi-talented individual with expertise in playwriting, directing, and acting, discussed "The Joy of Reading Plays", Sumbhal Naveed, Founder and CEO of the Institute of Learning for a Better Tomorrow (ILFABET), delved into the "Pedagogy of Reading Habit in Pakistan", Munir Ahmed explored the theme of "Storytelling to Inculcate Reading Interest", while published author Madiha Arsalan discussed the "Role of Language in Literature SDGs 2030." Miss Sadaf Raza who is a poet, mystic, and healer and has authored three collections of poems, moderated the whole panel discussion.

Indigenisation and Technological Sovereignty: Key to Pakistan's Defence Evolution: urge CASS Seminar Speakers

PPA

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad, successfully hosted a seminar titled 'Shifting Battlefields: Impact of Emerging Technologies on the

Character of Warfare in South Asia'. This event convened distinguished experts from the defence, technology, and academic sectors to discuss the transformative role of emerging technologies in modern warfare, with a particular focus on South Asia.

Air Marshal Farooq Habib (Retd), Senior Director at CASS, opened the seminar by stressing the complexity and unpredictability of technological evolution in military contexts. He emphasised the necessity for Pakistan's defence sector to adapt and evolve in response to these advancements to maintain strategic and tactical superiority.

Lieutenant General Aamer Riaz (Retd), former President of the National

Defense University, in his Keynote Address, underscored the profound influence of technological advancements on the character of warfare. He predicted a technological upheaval, highlighting the need for strategic adaptation to innovations in space, cyber, AI, and more. General Riaz called for a revision of traditional warfare strategies to include emerging technologies that are redefining conflict dynamics.

Mr Fawad Zahir, a Defence and Strategic Studies Expert, focused on the importance of airpower, enhanced by big data analysis, quantum computing, and Machine Learning. He urged for robust civilian-military collaboration to harness technological advancements for defence purposes.

Prof. Dr Yasar Ayaz, Chair-

man/CPD of the National Centre of Artificial Intelligence (NCAI), highlighted AI's potential to revolutionise warfare, marking it the third major evolution after gunpowder and nuclear power.

Mr Khawaja Mohammad Ali, a Cyber Security, Data Privacy, and Digital Forensics Expert, delineated the critical role of cyber operations in modern conflict, advocating for the establishment of a national cybersecurity authority; extensive training and awareness programmes; cyber diplomacy; and indigenous development in cybersecurity solutions.

Senior Journalist and Columnist, Mr Zarar Khurro, focused on the strategic importance of narrative building in the context of advanced technological warfare. He discussed the long-term process of narrative construction facilitated by technology, pointing to the need for authenticity and the significant impact of social



media on public opinion.

President CASS-Islamabad, Air Marshal Farhat Hussain Khan (Retd), in his Concluding Remarks, reiterated the critical importance of first-shot capa-

bility in modern warfare, driven by advancements in sensors and detection technologies.

The presentations were followed by active participation from a diverse audience, includ-

ing retired military officers, scholars, journalists, and students, who engaged in an interactive Question and Answer session, further enriching the discourse on this critical subject.

National Readers Conference

ISLAMABAD: Local singer performing during a ceremony title National Readers Conference 2024 at a local hotel, in the Federal Capital.

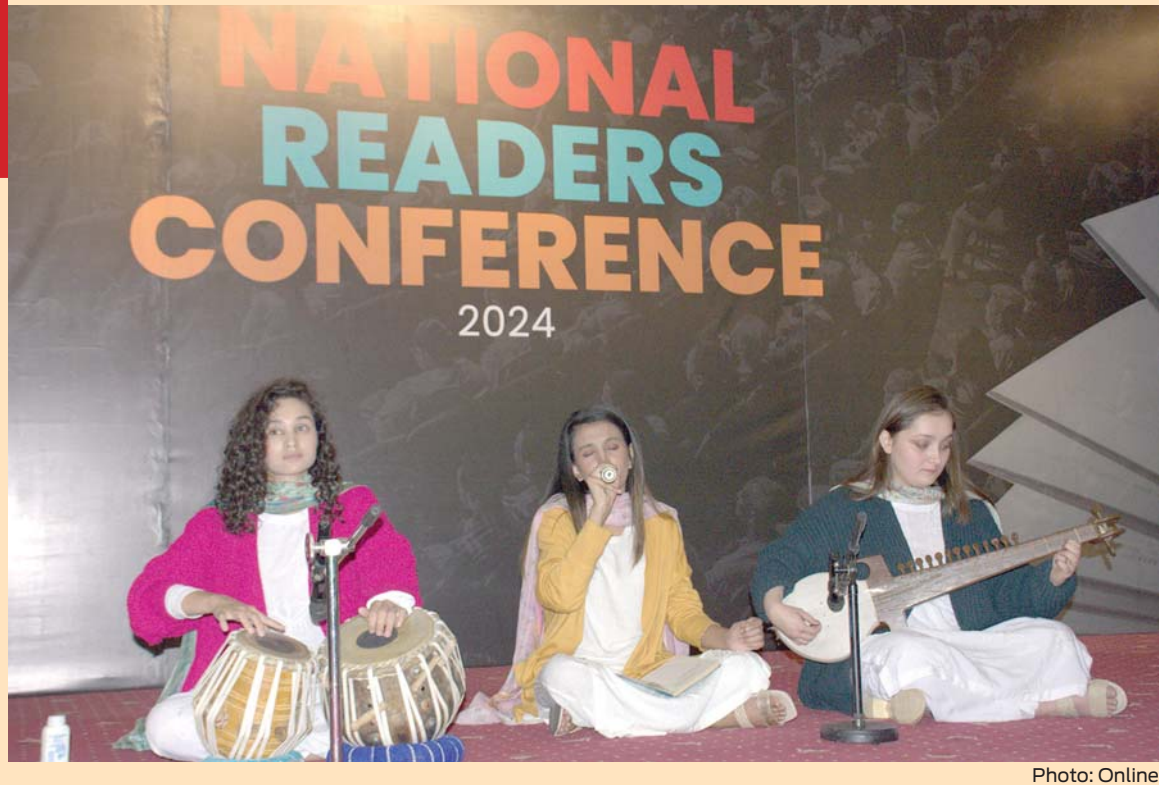


Photo: Online

Standard Chartered and Karachi United concludes sixth Football Youth League

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KARACHI: Standard Chartered-Karachi United Football League concluded its sixth year in Karachi.

This league was launched in November 2023. Featuring 206 thrilling matches, among 74 teams, it comprised more than 1280 young male and female players, who showed great performances. Sponsorship of this tournament was a part of Standard Chartered Bank's resourceful social development initiative to promote healthy sporting activities in the country.

The winning team in the girls' competition was the Karachi United girls team, while the victorious squad in the under-



14 boys' competition was Karachi United Baldia Centre. Earlier, the under-10 team contest was won by Karachi United Mauripur Centre while the top team in the under-12 contest was Karachi United CEFA Centre. Meanwhile, the crown in the school category championship headed to Dream of Youth. The tournament inspires enthusiastic participation by

children hailing from different football clubs and academies in Karachi. Standard Chartered has been sponsoring this league since 2017. Initiated with engaging 600 children from underserved communities, today the tournament has exceeded the headcount to over 6500 children, who have been supported through sports to become

productive citizens.

Rehan Shaikh, CEO, of Standard Chartered Pakistan commenting on the sponsorship said, "We are very proud to be part of this wonderful initiative over the last 6 years and the impact it has created for thousands of children and their communities. The league continues to grow from strength to strength, bringing together children from across different communities and backgrounds through friendly and healthy competition."

Commenting on the league Mr. Imran Ali, Director Youth and Community, at Karachi United said: "This Youth league continues to impress us in its ability to engage new players and communities every year."

Bazm Nadeem holds 90th mushaira for poets in Multan



Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The 90th Mushaira of Bazm Nadeem is a proof of efforts for the promotion of literature. The 90th Mushaira of Prof. Nadeem Bazm Nadeem was held in a local college. Tufail Baloch was present and Dr. Prof. Maqbool Gilani was responsible for the administration. Among the accomplished poets are Munis Hashmi, Sadia Rabab, Maria Farhat, Afzal Munir Afzal, Abid Hussain Abid, Zahid Maloof Khakhi, Tafail Baloch, Abdul Hakeem Jahangiri, Muhammad Ali Bahoush, Khalid Awan, Mehboob Ahmed Kamal, Abid Namazal, Tania Abidi, Ishtiaq Ahmed Shahid, Saima Saimi, Shazia Kanwal Dr. Maqbool Geelani Abdul Wahid Nadeem and Ashraf Javed were present at the event while addressing the ceremony. Prof. Abdul Wahid Nadeem, patron of Bazm Nadeem, said that the 90th monthly mushaira of Bazm Nadeem is a proof that Bazm Nadeem is trying hard for the promotion of literature. And will continue to organize mushairas for poets.

Pakistan's Mohsin Naveed Ranjha to launch London studio

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LAHORE: Coveted fashion label, Mohsin Naveed Ranjha, announces a major brand expansion, as the fashion house is set to launch a standalone design studio in the heart of London's luxury district, just off Regent Street. Mohsin is the first Pakistani couture fashion designer to do so, taking the nation's fashion footprint to new frontiers.

The MNR studio will open its doors to London with a celebratory event on the 8th of March.

Led by Creative Director Mohsin Naveed Ranjha, Managing Director Abubakar Naveed Ranjha and managed by Pakistan's top digital ecosystem powerhouses Cresset Tech, the MNR London studio will feature regular Ready to Wear Collections, Luxury Capsule Collections as well as Bespoke Bridal services, across both Menswear and Womenswear. "I feel an immense sense of pride with the launch of our studio in London. Being able to share the beauty of Pakistan through fashion, right in the heart of one of the world's most coveted fashion capitals, is thrilling. I have both high and humble ambitions for the MNR brand and our arrival into the London fashion scene is an important step to the fulfillment of some of these aspirations" said Mohsin Naveed Ranjha.

MNR Design Studios sowed its roots in the city of Gujranwala with the opening of its first bridal boutique in 2014, the success of which led to an expansion into the major metropolises of Pakistan, Karachi and Lahore. MNR has amassed a significant international celebrity following and recognition, dressing multiple global stars including celebrity Tan France on multiple occasions, alongside Bollywood forces such as Ranveer Singh, Sara Ali Khan and Jhanvi Kapoor.

Bank Alfalah and Zindagi Trust unite to transform education through integrating digital arts and the financial literacy

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KARACHI: Bank Alfalah, a leading commercial bank in Pakistan, and Zindagi Trust, a pioneering non-profit organisation committed to transforming the landscape of education in Pakistan, are pleased to announce the initiation of the Digital Arts and Financial Literacy Program at Zindagi Trust schools.

This initiative is pivotal in Bank Alfalah's dedication to fostering educational innovation and digitisation in Pakistan. Bank Alfalah will be funding PKR 14.84 million over a span of two years to facilitate the establishment of a digital art lab and enhance their curriculum empowering young girls on their path to financial independence at an early age.

The program aims to evolve the educational landscape by integrating

digital arts and essential financial literacy into the curriculum, offering girls professional opportunities in the digital world. The collaboration is set to benefit around 2,000 female students at Zindagi Trust's adopted schools in one academic year. This will open doors for girls to develop valuable skills that are increasingly in demand increasing their access to professional opportunities in the long term. The girls will be better equipped to pursue rewarding careers and achieve financial independence in the future.

Atif Bajwa, President and CEO of Bank Alfalah, emphasised, "We recognise the power of education in shaping futures, and through this collaboration, we aim to empower young girls with skills essential for success in the digital world. This initiative also aligns seamlessly with our ongoing commitment to digitisation, as we believe in leverag-

ing technology to enhance the learning experiences of the next generation."

Zindagi Trust remains steadfast in its commitment to effecting transformative change through education and persistently endeavours to redefine the parameters of educational innovation. The operationalization of the inaugural Digital Arts Lab at SMB Fatima Jinnah Government Girls School stands as a testament to this unwavering dedication to providing students with a superior educational experience. Additionally, plans are underway for the establishment of a second Digital Arts Lab at Khatoon-e-Pakistan Government Girls School, reaffirming the organisation's pledge to extend high-quality educational opportunities to a broader spectrum of students. Commencing from the academic year of 2024, the Digital Arts Program will be implemented, marking a significant step forward



in enriching the educational landscape and fostering the holistic development of our students.

Decent Technology is the Sales Partner and Distributor of Inverex Solar Energy

Exclusive Interview of Daniyal Rasheed CEO, Decent Solar & Decent Technology

Tahir Amin Malik

Daniyal Rasheed, CEO of Decent Solar and Decent Technology Company in Lahore, said that according to the World Bank, Pakistan has a solar power potential of 40 GW and has set a goal to achieve 20% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

Pakistan has introduced incentives to promote the use of solar energy, but he said a lot more needs to be done.

He said that Pakistan is heavily dependent on fossil fuels for energy generation. However, due to the large population and current progress in industrialization, these sources are not fulfilling the existing energy needs.

Therefore, he said, alternate energy sources need to be sought, and solar energy is the best renewable energy option for Pakistan in terms of price, lifespan, operation, and maintenance cost.

In an interview with the

spokesman, he said the government should help the solar sector overcome barriers and utilize solar energy to the maximum extent possible in the country.

In informing the spokesman about his life, he said he is an electronic engineer. He started as a sales executive from 2012 to 2019 and was later promoted to sales manager. He served at Inverex Solar Energy to become the National Sales Manager and later started his business in 2020 with the names Decent Technology and Decent Solar.

Daniyal Rasheed said the company's first outlet was at Mall Road, Lahore, while the second was at Cavalry Ground, Lahore. Later, he expanded to Karachi.

He said Pakistan suffers from an electricity crisis, and bills are increasing rapidly. Therefore, solar power is the solution to this problem.

Considering the market conditions, we have decided to provide quality products to the people so that they can get value for their investment.

He said we provide good



domestic and commercial solutions to help people overcome the electricity crisis.

He said that through our solar systems, people can save money and get a dependable power supply. The return on investment in the solar market is better than in some other sectors, but it is the best investment for them.

With increasing climate change-related disasters occurring worldwide, every country has started focusing on climate change in its own way. Many developed countries have set

goals for reducing the share of fossil fuels in their resource mix for generating electricity and replacing them with renewable energy resources such as wind and solar.

Daniyal Rasheed said that while electricity companies can use wind and solar energy on a large scale, this requires constructing long and expensive transmission lines.

Unlike wind projects, solar panels can be deployed on a small scale on consumers' properties, thereby avoiding expensive transmission expenses. These panels can be mounted on the roofs of homes and businesses without large tracts of empty land because solar panels can be mounted on the roofs of homes and businesses. When paired with batteries, they can continue to provide electricity during power outages.

According to many experts, solar energy has the highest potential for contributing to meeting the net zero emissions goals because falling costs for solar panels and storage batteries have made solar cost-competitive compared to fossil fuels and other renewable energy solutions.

Several international organizations have stated that solar power must become the world's largest global energy source by 2050 to meet the net zero emissions goal. They have estimated that the average annual solar investment must be doubled through 2030 for that to happen.

Pakistan receives a lot of sunlight, yet it relies heavily on fossil fuels to generate electricity. Fossil fuels lead to emissions, are expensive, and, since they are often imported, burden the balance of payments. In addition, electricity generated using fossil fuels is often unreliable. Power outages are common. This makes a compelling case for installing solar panels on customers' prem-

ises.

Pakistan should prioritize reducing the share of fossil fuels in electricity generation and increasing the share of renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. Oddly enough, despite being located in a region severely affected by climate change, Pakistan continues to invest in environmentally unfriendly methods of power production.

Solar power can provide a lot of the electricity that Pakistan needs. Much of the land is dry and hot for the better part of the year. Today, Pakistan only generates around one per cent of electricity through solar power. If fully utilized, solar and wind power could generate more than a third of the electricity required in Pakistan.

In Sindh, rooftop solar panels of 20MW were installed in some 30 hospitals under a World Bank finance project. He said the project demonstrated that rooftop solar panels could be installed in Pakistan in less than a year and at a relatively low cost while avoiding the need for additional transmission and distribution infrastructure.

High electric city rates are major drivers of solar's potential success in Pakistan. The low labour cost is another factor that can make solar more beneficial in developing countries such as Pakistan. Labour costs come into play in two ways—the cost of installing the panels and the cost of manufacturing panels. Pakistan's labour installation costs are far lower than in Australia and the US.

It would make sense to produce solar panels in Pakistan. In the near term, it may make sense to import them from China, a world leader in the production of solar panels and a good friend of Pakistan. Once Pakistan sets up a domestic solar production industry, it could start exporting panels to



countries in the Middle East.

Consumers who install solar power often have excess energy during the day. They import it at other times when the panels produce insufficient power to meet their needs or at night. Net metering — a billing mechanism that credits solar system owners for the electricity they add to the grid — is necessary for encouraging solar installations. It has been in place in Pakistan since 2015. Unfortunately, the regulatory body is considering modifying the export compensation rate, which would be a setback.

Instead of decreasing compensation rates, the government needs to move in the opposite

direction. It should subsidize the installation of solar panels through rebates. The key is ensuring that the customer's investment in solar panels can be returned in five to seven years. In the US, those who install solar systems receive an income tax credit of 30.

To address the concern that only the rich can afford to install solar panels, additional incentives, such as higher rebates and low-interest financing, should be provided to low-income customers.

Additionally, Pakistan should take steps to encourage the installation of batteries that are paired with solar panels.



PCFA-KP & KPEZDMC celebrate Chinese Spring Festival 2024 at the RSEZ

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NOWSHERA: The Pakistan-China Friendship Association (PCFA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province Pakistan & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development & Management Company (KPEZDMC) celebrates the Chinese Spring Festival 2024 at Rashakhi Special Economic Zone (RSEZ) the flagship Economic Zone under CPEC.

Extending Greetings & Best Wishes to the Chinese Community based in RSEZ which is being leased to China Road & Bridge Corporation (CRBC) for 30 years, the PCFA-KP Secretary General Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani said we at Pakistan joining our Chinese Friends on the Happy occasion and extending Greetings as we share our great & valuable time tested friendship. PCFA-KP since 1970, is doing their best to further strengthening Sino Pakistan Relations in all fields of life. The visionary Chinese leadership & Peoples under the President Xi Jinping are achieving new heights of economic & social prosperity this is the high time that we should learn lesson from the success of China and Understanding China is need of

the hour.

The event was also attended by Mr. Adil Salahuddin Chief Commercial Officer KPEZDMC Mr. Gouhong Beng Deputy Project Head CRBC for RESZ, Mr. Ahsan Laiq Siddique Zonal Manager, Engr. Sardar Ali Energy & Power Officer, Mr. Ashraf Hayat Director Utilities CRBC, Mr. Bilal Durrani Joint Secretary PCFA-KP.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Adil Salahuddin CCO KPEZDMC congratulates the Chinese Friends on behalf of Mr. Javed Khattak Chief Executive Officer KPEZDMC & all team members and ensure all support in economic developmental activities and initiatives to be taken in best interest of industrial & economic development of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. He also thanks PCFA-KP for this friendly gesture to celebrate Chinese Spring Festival 2024 mentioned that these friendly initiatives bring both nation closer.

Mr. Gouhong Beng, Deputy Project Head CRBC at RSEZ appreciate the gesture of PCFA-KP & said we are close friends and our friendship is named as Iron brothers by Chinese leadership. He



also thanks to KPEZDMC for extending all support in their activities and achievements in the RSEZ.

The Chinese Spring Festival 2024

cake cutting was jointly held by Participants & later on Souvenirs were presented by PCFA-KP to the Chinese & KPEZDMC officials.



Amjad Jalil Chairman BOI AJK will participate in the Pakistan Investment Conference in Jeddah

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ISLAMABAD: Founder Chairman of Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry Khursheed Barlas and Fahad Barlas Convener Exhibition at Azad Kashmir House, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Board of Investment Chairman Amjad Jalil, Madam Taqdees Gilani Minister of Small Industry and Travels and Tours, Sardar Abdul Khaliq, Abbasi met Director Small Industries. During the conversation, Chairman Khursheed Barlas briefed that the Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry is organizing the Pakistan Investment Conference on May 11, 2024 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

In which a large number of different business community related to

tourism, pharmaceutical, minerals, medical, civil aviation industry, dairy and agriculture, construction material, private developer, capital market and stock exchange, education, information technology and other sectors will participate. The chairman said that there are attractive opportunities for Pakistani investors in many sectors of Saudi Arabia's economy, including tourism, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, chemical industry, real estate and food processing.

Chairman Azad Jammu and Kashmir Board of Investment Amjad Jalil appreciated the services of Chairman Khursheed Barlas and assured him that he will fully participate in the Jeddah Conference and the investors and industries associated with all sectors related to Azad Jammu

and Kashmir based in Saudi Arabia. Cars will also be invited. Meanwhile, Amjad Jalil said that Azad Jammu and Kashmir Board of Investment along with Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry will organize a conference in Islamabad and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

In which investors and industrialists associated with all sectors will be invited. Finally, Chairman of Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry Khursheed Barlas also presented the shield to Taqdees Gilani, Minister of Small Industry Travels and Tours. On this occasion Amjad Jalil, Chairman BOI Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Abdul Khaliq Abbasi Director Small Industries Fahad Barlas Convener Exhibition is also present.



Protest against rigging

HYDERABAD: Hundreds of Thousands supporters of Grand Democratic Alliance and Hur Jamat offering Jumma Prayer during a sit in protest against rigging in general election 2024, at M-9 Motorway near Jamshoro.



Photo: Online

M-9 blocked

Election results were made months before polling day: Pir Pagara

Dastagir Bhatti

Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA) Chief Pir Pagara Sibghatullah Shah Rashdi has claimed that the election results were made and were sold months before the polling day.

"The election was sold three months before the polling day and the payment has also been made," he said while addressing a sit-in in Sindh's Jamshoro against alleged rigging in the February 8 polls.

The GDA chief went on to add that he refused to hold rallies and corner meeting ahead of the election was rigged even before the voting process.

A large number of people gathered in Jamshoro for a sit-in against alleged rigging in the general elections on Friday.

The protest call was given by the GDA, the Pakistan Muslim League-Functional and some

other parties.

The traffic on the Karachi-Hyderabad motorway was blocked as the local administration asked travellers to opt for national highway route Thatta route.

It is being held at the M-9 motorway in Jamshoro that links to the Indus Highway and Super Highway.

The academic session at the University of Sindh, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, and Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences remained suspended and the point buses for the varsities could not run due to the roadblock.

Moreover, the exams in colleges affiliated with the University of Sindh were postponed due to the protest.

"This sit-in is different than other sit-ins," GDA leader Fehmida Mirza said in her address.

Several political parties have protested against alleged rigging in elections. Nationalist parties in Balochistan have also been protesting for the same cause and observed shutter down strike last week.

There were reports of rigging in Larkana, Khairpur, Sanghar, Nawabshah, Dadu, Hyderabad, and Tando Muhammad Khan.

"Through this sit-in we want to give a message to those institutions that Sindh was the province that founded Pakistan and there are many leaders here who played a role in founding Pakistan," Fehmida said and spoke about the state's "treatment" with such people.

She slammed general elections and described them as farce. "Sindh has been made a colony," she said.

The PPP has emerged as the largest party in the province. But the rival parties, except MQM-P, have not accepted

the result.

"We reject these elections and this election commission," she said and demanded that those who looted the votes should be tried. Article 6—a law pertaining to treason.

She spoke about the 18th Amendment, saying that the law has been made a "joke and leading to state within a state."

"We won't rest until Sindh gets its rights," she said and praised women for turning up in large numbers to protest against alleged rigging.

The former National Assembly speaker warned of using a harsh tone for "institutions" if their demands were not met.

She expressed concerns over registration of FIRs against her party leaders. Fehmida expressed her intention to form an alliance of political parties that have concerns over elections. She alleged that Sindh was given to the PPP on a plat-

ter.

"These elections, local bodies are unacceptable," she chanted. Fehmida demanded a provincial finance commission for the province.

GDA leader Saira Bano said that mere national songs were not enough to show solidarity with the national and called for practical measures.

In an apparent reference to the establishment, Bano said that a "corrupt party" cannot be given the mandate.

"This sit-in will not stop. It will be continued in every district," she said and added that the party would not sit idle.

Qomi Awami Tahreek President Ayaz Latif Palejo lamented the condition of Sindh province, saying that the province has been made a railway station where no locomotive arrives.

He wondered the government changes in the three provinces, but not in Sindh.

President directs insurance companies to pay Rs 3.46 million to heirs of insurance policyholders

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has directed two private insurance companies to pay the death insurance claims of Rs 3 million and Rs 460,000 to the legal heirs of the deceased policyholders.

The President gave these directions while deciding upon two separate representations filed by Adamjee Life Assurance Company Ltd and EFU Life Assurance Ltd against the decisions of the Federal Insurance Ombudsman (FIO) directing them to pay the death insurance claims to the respective claimants.

As per details, Ms Zahid Nasreen's deceased sister had obtained an insurance policy from Adamjee Life Assurance Company for the sum assured of Rs. 3 million against an annual premium of Rs. 300,000 in 2021. After her sister died in 2022, the company refused to pay the death insurance claim on the pretext that

the deceased had hidden her pre-insurance ailment of acute kidney injury and chronic liver disease at the time of obtaining the insurance policy. Similarly, Memoona Naeem's husband obtained an insurance policy from EFU Life Assurance Ltd for the sum assured of Rs 460,000 against an annual premium of Rs 23,000 in 2015.

Her husband died the same year and when she filed the death insurance claim, it was repudiated on the ground that the deceased had not disclosed his pre-insurance ailment of Hypertension at the time of obtaining the policy. Feeling aggrieved, the complainants separately filed complaints with FIO to seek relief. The Ombudsman passed the orders in the complainants' favour and directed the respective insurance companies to honour their claims. Later, the companies filed separate representations with the President against the decisions of the Mohtasib.

Mushtaq Janjua sworn in as AJK Accountability Bureau Chief



Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Accountability Bureau (AB) Mushtaq Ahmed Janjua called on President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry here today. Speaking on the occasion, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, while congratulating Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Janjua on assuming the charge of the bureau, said that people in Azad Kashmir have great expectations from the Accountability Bureau and his appointment

has further increased these expectations. The AJK president asked the AB chief to play his role effectively in implementing the accountability act, which he said was introduced back in 2001 when he was Prime Minister of the state.

The Accountability Act, he said, was passed from the Legislative Assembly with the intent to eliminate corruption and make Azad Kashmir a corruption free region. The AB chief thanked the President for appointing him as Chairman Accountability Bureau.

Mushahid Hussain participated in the constitutional meeting of the World Forum against Colonialism

Spokesman Report

MOSCOW: Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed on the invitation of United Russia Party (Ruling and Largest political party in RF) paid a visit to Moscow to participate in the Constituent Meeting of the Forum of Supporters of the Struggle Against Modern Neocolonialism Practices for the Freedom of Nations.

As part of the visit program Senator MHS participated as a panelist in the Forum and held a tete-a-tete with Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of Russia/Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Global Forum Against NeoColonialism and



for Freedom of Nations Mr. Dmitriy Medvedev (Former President of Russian Federation).

During the visit Senator MHS also delivered a lecture at the Russian Diplomatic Academy. The topic of the talk was Pakistan and the changing regional scenario. Senator Hussain during his talk also highlighted the growing relations between Pakistan and Russia especially in the field of energy, connectivity, regional security including Afghanistan and cooperation at multilateral fora including SCO and UN. He also appreciated President Putin's stance on Islamophobia. The lecture was followed by a question and answer session from the students of the diplomatic academy. Senator Chizhov

of the Russian Federation Council also graced the occasion. Post the lecture the Senator held a meeting with the Rector of the Diplomatic academy to exchange views on the emerging trends in global politics as well as on bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Russia. The exchange of views proved to be constructive as both sides displayed congruence on a number of issues of mutual interest. Overall Senator Mushahid Hussain had a very successful visit to Moscow and his engagements with the Russian leadership and intelligentsia were a great contribution towards strengthening Pakistan-Russia relations.

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Israeli's Netanyahu rejects UN, US recognition of Palestinian state

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Palestinian state is not a gift or favor from Netanyahu, but rather an entitlement imposed by international law and international legitimacy resolutions.

Netanyahu once again challenges the international and American consensus on the right to end the occupation and the embodiment of the Palestinian state. He declares his rejection of UN and international recognition of it, and presents his traditional conditions and dictates to the world and the Palestinian people with the aim of suppressing any efforts or ideas regarding a state for the Palestinian people, first and foremost, and as usual, his rejection of any international intervention, with what that means. Of international resolutions and references for peace in order to maintain the approach of negotiations for the sake of negotiations, and he also resorts to misleading countries by claiming that the path to the solution is direct negotiations between the two parties so that the Palestinian people and their rights



remain hostage and captive to Netanyahu, who disposes of them according to his political and personal interests, and to take his long time negotiating with himself. To present to our people only what is consistent with their racist colonial projects, as a betrayal or moral generosity that has nothing to do with international law and the resolutions of

international legitimacy. The Ministry believes that the positions of Netanyahu, who has thwarted all forms of negotiations, are political terrorism par excellence and confessions of his goals of genocidal war against our people and a clear explanation for those countries that want to understand the real goals of settlement and annexation of the West

Bank, including Jerusalem. Netanyahu wants the negotiations with the aim of thwarting them in preparation for successive waves of wars and violence.

While the Ministry welcomes the international initiatives and efforts made to stop the war on our people, protect Palestinian civilians, and open the political horizon to resolve the conflict on the basis of ending the occupation and embodying the Palestinian state, it stresses that Netanyahu's positions must continually strengthen the convictions and efforts of those countries and deepen this movement to force the occupying state to submit to the will of International Peace, and taking practical measures and steps in this direction, most notably supporting the Palestinian efforts made for the State of Palestine to obtain full membership in the United Nations, the initiative of America and Western countries to recognize the state, and taking a binding UN resolution in the Security Council to end the occupation and enable our people to exercise their right to self-determination on land. His homeland.

Pakistan's envoy in Brussels holds E-Khuli Kutchehri

Spokesman Report

BRUSSELS: Ambassador of Pakistan to Belgium and Luxembourg Amna Baloch on Friday held an E-Khuli Kutchehri to engage with the Pakistani community, living in both countries.

During the interaction, the ambassador addressed the community's concerns. She also reaffirmed the embassy's all-out support and facilitation to resolve the issues,



being faced by the community, a press release said.

Pakistan committed to movement of people, goods across Pak-Afghan border: FO



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan remained committed to facilitating fully regulated movement of people and goods across the Pakistan-Afghanistan border based on norms of interstate relations, the spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said on Friday. In response to

media queries regarding remarks of Deputy Interim Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, she said, "Any self-serving and fanciful claims regarding the legality and sanctity of the Pak-Afghan border cannot change the facts of geography, history and international law."

She said the Afghan side will be well advised to address Pakistan's genuine security concerns than try to divert public attention by such unfortunate public pronouncements. "Pakistan remains committed to facilitating fully regulated movement of people and goods across the Pakistan-Afghanistan border based on norms of interstate relations. We will continue to take steps to this end," she added.