



Court verdict stripping PTI of bat symbol 'resurrected dead party': Bilawal

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said on Friday that a defunct political party was resurrected through a court decision that stripped the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of its electoral symbol (bat), suggesting that the judiciary was responsible for the current crises.



Nation's well-being must come first: Rana Sana

The PM's adviser Rana Sanaullah on Friday said that the country's survival must take precedence over individual interests. "If the country suffers, there will be no refuge for anyone," he warned. Talking to a private news channel, he called on all political figures to set aside personal agendas and focus on the nation's well-being. He cautioned that political infighting and enmity only serve to weaken the country, making it vulnerable to external exploitation.

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Encouraging news

KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses business delegates from the People's Republic of China on Friday.



Photo: Online

Pak-China relations transforming into enhanced investment, economic ties: PM Shehbaz

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, emphasizing the transformation of friendly relations between China and Pakistan into enhanced investment, economic and trade ties, said that the next phase of CPEC will mainly involve business to business arrangements particularly in industrial sector. He expressed the views while addressing the representatives of international companies doing business in Pakistan including China here on Friday. Governor and Chief Minister of

Sindh, Federal Ministers, prominent businessmen and senior officers were also present on this occasion.

The PM said "Pakistan and China are two iron brothers and now we have to convert these relations of brotherhood and friendship into enhanced investment, economic and trade relations particularly in the fields of agriculture, information technology, mines, minerals and infrastructure."

Being an agrarian economy with over 60 % rural population Pakistan need to further strengthen and augment its

agricultural produce, he said and informed that Pakistani agricultural exports increased by \$ 3 billion in the last financial year while we have fixed a target of additional 7 b for the current fiscal year.

Terming it as a quantum leap that required vigorous efforts along with adoption of modern technology and techniques and best practices, PM Shehbaz said that China could be our best partner in achieving this target of boosting agricultural exports and value addition in exports.

Referring to his recent visit

of China the PM said that fascinated by wonderful technology and educational culture in Chinese educational institutions he decided to send 1000 Pakistani boys and girls for advance training in China in Agriculture. That program was almost finalized and now these students would go to China for refresher courses, he added.

Encouraging the Chinese businessmen to enter into business cooperation agreement with Pakistani counterparts the PM said that next phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will mainly

consist of business-to-business arrangements and joint ventures in industry particularly in textile, agriculture production and then export of these products to different countries.

He added that Pakistan and China could devise a common mechanism for production and export of such products and it will be a win-win situation for both the countries.

He said that Pak-China friendship is not only higher than mountains but now it is touching skies as Pakistan has sent its own satellite into space with the assistance of China.

President, PM extend greetings to Arshad Nadeem wins gold medal in Olympics



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in his future endeavors.

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday congratulated javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem as he secured a gold medal for Pakistan at the 2024 Paris Olympics, ending the country's 32-year wait for an Olympic medal.

Arshad Nadeem won the gold medal in the men's javelin beating defending champion Neeraj Chopra of India to clinch Pakistan's first Olympic Athletic medal in Paris Olympics 2024, besides breaking the previous Olympic record with a 92.97-metre massive throw.

"You are a pride of the whole nation," both the president and prime minister said in their separately issued statements.

"Arshad Nadeem's victory is the victory of the whole nation. Setting a fabulous Olympic world record is a great achievement. You have made us proud by winning the gold medal in a great contest of the Olympics and bringing fame to Pakistan," President Zardari stated.

Both the president and prime minister also prayed to Allah Almighty for more success for Arshad Nadeem

"Bravo Arshad! History made! Pakistan's first Olympic men's javelin champion Arshad Nadeem brings home a historic gold medal at Paris 2024! You've made the whole nation proud young man," the prime minister wrote on his X timeline.

In a statement, he greeted the whole nation on this great achievement of Arshad Nadeem for not only winning the gold medal but also setting the world record in the Olympics.

He said that two over 90-meter throws without any foul manifested his great performance and also a "very beautiful gift" of Arshad Nadeem for the nation.

"You have made history in Pakistan as well as the Olympics by setting a new record. The whole nation feels proud of you," he remarked.

The prime minister lauded Arshad Nadeem's hard work and that of his family to win the title and bringing laurels to Pakistan after decades.

He recalled that in his previous meeting with him, he found Arshad Nadeem overwhelmed with the passion to bring fame to his country.

Three soldiers martyred in Khyber gun battle: ISPR



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ISLAMABAD: Three soldiers were martyred in an exchange of fire with Khwarij at three different locations in the Tirah Valley of Khyber district on Friday, the military's media wing said.

The martyred soldiers were Havildar Inam Gul, 37, a Mianwali district resident, Sepoy Muhammad Imran, 29, a Tank district resident, and Sepoy Iltaf

Khan, 22, a Mardan district resident. In a statement, the Inter-Services Public Relations said that four Khwarij, formerly called banned TTP, were killed. "Sanitisation operation is being conducted to eliminate any other Kharji found in the area as security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strengthen our resolve," it said.

IHC seeks reply from ICT admin on PTI rally venue change

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday issued notices to the Chief Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Islamabad, asking them to respond by next week to a request from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to change the location of their political gathering.

Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir of the Islamabad High Court heard the case.

During the hearing, the State Council told the court that the district administration had given permission to PTI to hold a rally in Tarnol on August 22.

Advocate Shoaib Shaheen, representing PTI, informed the court that they had requested for political gathering at F-9 Park or Kashmir Highway on the August 13, urging the court to consider the change.

After hearing the arguments, the court issued notices to the relevant parties and adjourned the hearing till next week.

Pakistan to continue moral, political, diplomatic support to Kashmiris: FO

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ISLAMABAD: The people of Jammu and Kashmir had the right to determine their own future in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions, and Pakistan would continue to provide moral, diplomatic and political support to this cause, Foreign Office Spokesperson said here on Friday.

Speaking during the weekly press briefing of the Foreign office, she said Pakistan remained committed to its Kashmiri brothers and sisters, and this commitment was once again reinforced on the 5th of August this year, when on the fifth anniversary of the unilateral and illegal measures by Indian occupation forces in IIOJK, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister addressed letters to the leadership of the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to draw their attention towards the grave consequences of Indian actions on and since August 5, 2019.

She called for implementation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions to enable the people of Jammu and Kashmir to determine their own future. "This



reflects Pakistan's seriousness in resolving the Kashmir dispute in accordance with international law and UNSC resolutions. The territory of Jammu and Kashmir belongs to the people of Kashmir," she observed.

To a question regarding the bill that had been introduced in the US Congress, the spokesperson said, "We have noted the reports. We have also noticed some unwarranted references to Pakistan. We have conveyed our concerns to the US side. Establishment of defence relations is the sovereign decision of countries. However, in doing so, friendly countries should not be targeted."

"We have been urging our international partners to take a

holistic view of the issues of peace and security in South Asia. Pakistan values its close relationship with the United States. We believe in constructive engagement and dialogue based on sovereign equality, mutual respect and understanding and non-interference in each other's domestic affairs."

"We also believe that deliberations of legislative bodies should contribute to promoting positive dynamics in bilateral ties that should be based on mutual respect and understanding. We hope that the US Congress will play a supportive role in strengthening Pakistan US ties and focus on avenues of mutual collaboration that benefit both our peoples and countries," she remarked.

DPM Dar denies reports that Sindh governor will be changed soon

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has refuted reports that the Sindh governor would be changed in the coming days. MQM-P's Kamran Tessori currently holds the position.

Reports related to the replacement of the Sindh governor are "false" and "baseless," he said in a statement.

Earlier, reports claimed that a final decision had been made to change the Sindh governor and a new governor from the PML-N would be appointed in the coming days.

PML-N leader Bashir Memon's name was being considered for the position after the N-league and the PPP reached an agreement on the matter.

It merits here to mention that Sindh Minister for Local Government Syed Nasir Hussain Shah had also hinted at a change in the Sindh governor in the recent past, stating that if PML-N does not appoint the governor then PPP would provide the name.

PM, CM Sindh discuss current political situation, administrative issues

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah discussed the current political situation and administrative issues here on Friday.

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif during his day-long visit to Karachi.

The current political situa-

tion and administrative issues came under discussion during the meeting, the PM office press release said.

Earlier, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif arrived on a day-long visit to Karachi and attended an inaugural ceremony of the international FoodAg-24 Exhibition held here at the Expo Centre. The prime minister also addressed the ceremony and held meetings with foreign delegates present there.

Chairman Senate hails Imam of Masjid Nabawi for his visit to Islamabad

Kiran Asim

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani has said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia share a long history of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in divers sectors and there is still huge potential for exploring new avenues and boost cooperation in defence, trade and economic sectors. The Chairman Senate expressed these views while talking to a delegation led by Imam of Masjid Nabawi Sheikh Dr. Salah Muhammad Al-Bdeer at the Parliament House on Thursday.

Chairman Senate said that relationship between the two countries is based on common religion, culture and values and such a cordial relationship between the two is testament to the fact that both attach great importance to enhanced collaboration. He said that Masjid Al-Nabawi holds a profound place in the hearts of Pakistani Muslim and it is not merely a mosque but symbol of unity, peace and devotion.

The Chairman Senate termed the visit of the Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi as a significant and said that the visit



underscores the enduring brotherly relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. The Chairman Senate observed that under the leadership of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the bond of friendship between the two nations has flourished.

The Chairman Senate also highlighted the issue of Islamophobia and said that the Muslim world needs to

adopt a collective strategy to counter the Islamophobia and convince the global community that Islam is religion of peace. He called upon the Muslims show unity in its ranks and act in unison to counter those challenges. Chairman Senate also highlighted the importance of high level contacts and said that people to people linkages can be further strengthened when leadership interacts more

frequently and there is more corporation between nations. The Chairman Senate observed the government and people of Pakistan deeply appreciate the support provided by the Saudi Arabia during hard times.

The Chairman Senate also acknowledged the role of 2.5 million Pakistani diaspora working in the Saudi Arabia. He said that the diaspora is playing a significant role in the progress and development of our two countries. He also thanked the leadership, government and the people of Saudi Arabia for looking after the wellbeing of their Pakistani brothers and sisters.

The Chairman Senate said that parliamentary friendship groups play an important role in strengthening and expanding people to people contacts and in this regards friendship groups are being formed in the Senate of Pakistan for enhancing mutual cooperation in diverse sectors.

Senator Sherry Rahman, Irfan ul Haq Siddiqi, Maulana Atta Ur Rehman, Abdul Shakoor Khan, Abdul Wasay, Khalida Ateeb and Aimal Wali Khan were over also present during the meeting.

District officials to congratulate Arshad Nadeem on Olympic success



Asim Tanveer / Waqar Paracha

KHANEWAL/MIAN CHANUN: On the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, every divisional and district administration reached Chak 101 15L of Tehsil Mian Chanun to celebrate the historic success with the family of Olympian Arshad Nadeem—Commissioner Multan Division Maryam Khan and Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali. Bukhari went to Arshad Nadeem's home after winning the gold medal in the Olympics javelin throw and met the national hero's mother and congratulated him and offered flowers and sweets. The nation's head has been raised with pride. Congratulations to Arshad Nadeem for making a wonderful world record and making the nation proud. Commissioner Multan Division Maryam Khan added that last night the eyes of the entire Pakistani nation were watching the Paris Olympics live on TV. It was on air. As soon as the jury of the Olympic Games announced the victory of Pakistani player Arshad Nadeem in the javelin throw event, the entire Pakistani nation was filled with joy and the whole world, Pakistan and those living in Pakistan started celebrating. Commissioner Multan Division Maryam Khan said that Arshad Nadeem is the recognition and honor of Multan Division and Khanewal District—The Deputy Commissioner said on the occasion that Arshad Nadeem has given a beautiful gift of gold medal to the entire nation -

On his return home, the national hero will be given a grand welcome—every Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Iqbal was also present on this occasion

Commissioner Faisalabad congratulated Arshad Nadeem on winning

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Commissioner Faisalabad Silwat Saeed congratulated Arshad Nadeem on winning the Olympic gold medal and said that his success has made every Pakistani proud. This great success will also instill the spirit of hard work in the youth. The commissioner said that sports play an important role in shaping the personality of the youth. He said that the divisional administration will continue to encourage the youth for the promotion of traditional sports.



All resources being utilized to provide facilities to passengers: Minister Bilal Akbar Khan

Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Provincial Minister for Transport and Mass Transit Bilal Akbar Khan has stated that, under the guidance of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, all resources are being utilized to provide facilities to passengers. He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting at the DC Office Attock. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Rao Atif Raza, DPO Attock Sardar Ghiyas Gul Khan, former provincial assembly member and ticket holder Iftikhar Ahmed Khan, ticket holder Malik Hameed Akbar Khan, former chairman of the municipality Attock Nasir Mahmood Sheikh, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Attock Aneel Saeed, Assistant Commissioner Shagufta Jabeen, Secretary Regional Transport Authority Sardar Zaheer Ahmed Khan, and other chief officers.

During the meeting, DC Attock briefed Provincial Minister Bilal Akbar Khan on public transport, general bus stands, and other related matters. The DC Attock informed that every type of facility is being provided to passengers at general bus stands, and regular inspections are ongoing. In addition, following government directives, a new fare has been determined through consultation with all bus station managers and transporters, and it is being enforced. Strict legal action is being taken against those who violate it.

DC directed line depts to take steps to ensure implementation of CM's Awami agenda

Adam Khan Wazir

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN: Deputy Commissioner South Waziristan (Lower) Nasir Khan has said here today that the full implementation of the program "Awami Agenda" of the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will be ensured in all cases.

Therefore, all the departments should perform their duties efficiently so as to ensure not only the performance of duties but also maximum relief to the people.

He gave these instructions while presiding over a meeting held in his office Wana related to the program "Awami Agenda" of the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Protest

ISLAMABAD: Police personnel try to stop activists of Sunni Ulema Council during protest in favor of their demands at Aabpara in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online

Benazir Income Support Program chief visits Benazir centers in Takhtbhai

Tariq Khan yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: Benazir Income Support Program Chairperson Center Rubina Khalid arrived in Takht bhai and visited various centers of Benazir Income Support Program established in Takhtbhahi Tehsil. Rubina Khalid met women at different centers and listened to their complaints and inspected the facilities..

According to the details, Benazir Income Support Program Chairperson Rubina Khalid visited the office of Benazir Income Support Program in Takht. President Asad Khan, General Secretary District Mardan and former candidate PK 60 Irfan Mohmand, former candidate for National Assembly Shoaib Alam Khattak, Javed Khan, Syed



Bachamamand, Khushhal Khan, Sajjad Atmani, Khaleed Usman, Niaz Ali Yousafzai and other workers were also present. Income Support Program Chairperson Rubina Khalid

visited various centers of Benazir Income Support Program established in Takhtbhahi on the occasion of Takhtbhahi arrival. On this occasion, chairperson Benazir Income Support

Program Center Rubina Khalid, while talking to the media, expressed her deep anger and said that our effort is to provide financial support to the women involved in this program with dignity. There are clear instructions while actions against device embezzlers and deductors will continue.

Martyr Ms. Benazir Bhutto's aim was to empower women and provide them with training, which is being implemented. ATM cards to women. Payment planning is being done through We have implemented center system in different cities to improve the payment system in one place under the supervision of Benazir Income Support Program Officers, later Rubina. Khalid also visited Shergarh and addressed a function at Elite Wedding Hall.

PM reiterates his commitment to people's welfare at 27th cabinet meeting

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq while reiterating his commitment to public service has said that welfare of people was his government's sole mission.

The PM said this while addressing 27th cabinet meeting held here today.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "Providing basic amenities of life to the people including education and health are among the top priorities of the coalition

government". The PM said that the government would use all available resources for the development and prosperity of the state.

Terming impartial accountability as a key component of effective governance, he said that merit system has been restored and its effective implementation would be ensured.

He asked the cabinet ministers to adopt a self-monitoring mechanism to ensure development works in their respective constituencies and utilisation of the government funds was made

properly.

The meeting was attended by cabinet ministers including Colonel Retd Waqar Ahmad Noor, Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid, Mian Abdul Waheed, Ahmad Raza Qadri, Abdul Majid Khan, Faheem Akhtar Rabbani, Ms. Imtiaz Naseem, Ms. Taqdees Gilani, Chaudhry Muhammad Arshad, Sardar Mir Akbar Khan, Chaudhry Akbar Ibrahim, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, Chaudhry Yasir Sultan, Muhammad Akmal Sargala, Sardar Amir Altaf, Nisar Ansar

Abdali, Javed Iqbal Badhanvi, Diwan Ali Khan Chaghtai and Malik Muhammad Zafar. Whereas Additional Chief Secretary Development, Additional Chief Secretary General, Principal Secretary, Information Secretary and other pertinent officials of the government were present on the occasion.

The meeting also decided to present the Azad Kashmir Building Control Act 2024 in the assembly for final approval.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet decided to present its recommendations regarding a



comprehensive transfer policy in the Azad Kashmir Education Department to the Cabinet within 7 days.

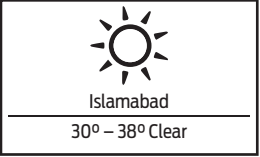
Moreover, a committee under the chairmanship of government

Minister Mian Abdul Waheed was constituted to investigate the matter relating to the illegal allotment in Langarpura and Thotha satellite towns.

The committee has been asked

to submit its recommendations to the Cabinet within a month.

The cabinet has congratulated Pakistani javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem on his historic success in the Paris Olympics.



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AIOU gears up celebrations of independence day

City Desk

ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 2024: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has completed its preparations for the nation's Independence Day celebrations. Following the guidance of Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, the campus has been decorated with national flags and illuminated buildings, creating a festive atmosphere.

Visitors, including families and youth, have been flocking to the university in the evenings to enjoy the decorations, sparking patriotic enthusiasm. It is worth mentioning that Allama Iqbal Open University regularly celebrates Independence Day with great enthusiasm every year. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, had instructed that this year, we should celebrate Independence Day in such a way that it becomes an example for educational institutions across the country. AIOU is among the first institutions to finalize its preparations, setting a high standard for other educational institutions.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, commended Estate Officer Rao Zia Ur Rehman for his efforts in decorating the university and congratulated the entire Estate Office team for their diligent execution of duties.

Parliamentarians' role vital to achieving gender equality, green economy goals: Romina Khurshid

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam said that gender equality and the empowerment of women are vital to addressing the world's unprecedented intertwined global crises from food insecurity and climate change to conflict, fragility, and violence, to sluggish economic growth.

While addressing a curtain-raiser press conference here on Friday regarding a two-day meeting of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (APFFD) on 'Gender Empowerment and Green Economy' starting from Monday, she highlighted the role of parliamentarians in advancing both gender empowerment and a green economy crucial in achieving women's socio-economic empowerment and gender equality in all spheres of society for achieving sustainable development goals, particularly related to education, health, sustainable livelihoods, climate resilience, water and sanitation, clean energy and decent work.

Spelling out the core objectives of the crucial Asian parliamentarians' conference, the PM's climate aide Ms Alam said that the event aims to deepen understanding of the gendered dimensions of climate change and the green economy; explore the vulnerabilities and strengths of women in these sectors with a focus on promoting gender-responsive policies that ensure equal access to resources, land rights, and financial services; examine successful legislative frameworks in Asian countries that promote women's participation in green sectors; foster collaboration among parliamentarians to create a network



committed to gender-responsive green policies; and facilitate knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning, which are vital for

advancing gender equality and sustainable development.

She also informed the media that key discussions during the

course of the meeting would seek to highlight the role of women in green sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable agriculture,

and conservation, highlighting both the barriers they face and their critical contributions to environmental sustainability.

Romina Khurshid Alam Pakistan is at the forefront of climate action, with initiatives like the Green Pakistan Program, Climate Smart Agriculture, GLOF, Integrated Water Resource Management, Solarization, and Recharge Pakistan which address environmental concerns while emphasizing women's inclusion in these efforts.

However, this meeting would also provide a platform to showcase Pakistan's case and share our experiences with other countries, PM's aide Ms. Alam highlighted.

AFPPD is a network of parliamentarians in Asia-Pacific region based in Tokyo, Japan. It serves as a forum and coordinating body of 30 National Committees of Parliamentarians on population and development initiatives.

Road closed

RAWALPINDI: A view of road with heavy shipping containers at Faizabad in the city.



Photo: Online

ICCI & Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust to Partner on Community Service Projects

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), emphasized that serving humanity and alleviating the suffering of those in need should be the primary goal of every individual and that he in his personal capacity as well as the President ICCI is doing his level best to amicably fulfil this obligation.

During a meeting with Abdur Razzaq Sajid, Chairman Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust, a non-profit international organization with operations in multiple countries that focuses on providing humanitarian aid, healthcare, education, and social welfare services to underprivileged here at the Chamber House, Bakhtawari praised the Trust's humanitarian efforts, particularly in supporting Palestinian brothers affected by Israeli brutalities. He assured Sajid of the business community's and ICCI's full support for the Trust's



noble cause.

Abdur Razzaq Sajid briefed Bakhtawari on Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust's activities, including operating four Eye Hospitals in Pakistan and Azad Kashmir, where over 0.25 million cataract operations have been performed. The Trust also provides clean drinking water, free ration to needy families,

free education to underprivileged children, organizes tree plantation campaigns, and undertakes various other welfare initiatives. Additionally, the Trust is working in Gaza, running a field hospital in Khan Younis, providing ration to over three lakh victims, and conducting Quran classes with the support of Al-Hashmi Trust."

Warner Music South Asia Releases Sheheryar Rehan's "Teri Yaadien Kyun"



City Desk

LAHORE: Warner Music South Asia, in partnership with Giraffe, Pakistan's leading music and audio production company, is excited to announce the release of "Teri Yaadien Kyun," a soulful new track by the rising pop star Sheheryar Rehan.

The song, a poignant exploration of love, loss, and longing, showcases Sheheryar's exceptional vocal prowess and songwriting abilities. "Teri Yaadien Kyun" is a heartfelt ballad that delves deep into the complexities of a broken relationship, capturing the raw emotions of heartbreak with stunning authenticity.

"I'm thrilled to collaborate with Warner Music South Asia and Giraffe on this special project," said Sheheryar Rehan. "Their support and belief in my music have been instrumental in bringing this song to life. I hope listeners connect with the emotions poured into 'Teri Yaadien Kyun' and find solace in the music."

FIA chief reviews Lahore zone after 'adequate' response to immigration queries

City Desk

LAHORE: Director General Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Ahmad Ishaq Jehangir, PSP, PPM conducted a detailed visit to Lahore Zone. During the visit, DG FIA chaired a high-level meeting to review the ongoing operations and performance of the agency.

Director Faisalabad, Gujranwala, and Multan zones participated in the meeting via video link. A detailed performance report highlighting the progress on critical investigations was presented to the DG FIA.

Key issues discussed during the meeting included actions against overbilling, the PASCO scandal, money laundering, and arrest of most wanted human traffickers and terrorists.

DG FIA expressed satisfaction with the current performance of the zones. He emphasized the importance of intensifying efforts against those involved in human trafficking, corruption, money laundering, manufacturing of spurious drugs, and overbilling. He reiterated that all available resources should be mobilized to ensure the arrest of criminals.

DG FIA reaffirmed the agency's commitment to providing top-tier immigration services to passengers. He also called for rigorous screening processes to curb the trend of individuals traveling abroad under the guise of begging.

The meeting concluded with a strategic discussion on the future course of action.

CASS discusses ongoing crisis in Jammu and Kashmir under Indian siege

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad, conducted a special session under its Catalyst Conversation Series on 'Chinans in Chains: India's Siege of Jammu and Kashmir' with Mr Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman, Kashmir Institute of International Relations, to discuss the current situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Air Marshal Farooq Habib (Retd), Senior Director at CASS, set the stage for the discussion and highlighted that the full integration of IIOJK into the Indian Union has been a central element of the BJP and RSS's Hindutva

agenda. He noted that abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A on 5th August 2019 by the Modi government were followed by severe security measures including curfews and communication blackouts in the disputed territory. Air Marshal Habib also observed that the Indian Supreme Court supported the government's actions, which included the enactment of laws aimed at changing the region's demographics by allowing an influx of non-Kashmiris. He shared that five years on, the Muslim majority in IIOJK continues to face marginalisation and repression, with the international community largely remaining silent on these issues.

In his Keynote Address, the Distinguished Speaker Mr

Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman, Kashmir Institute of International Relations, discussed the considerable socio-political and economic upheavals in Jammu & Kashmir since the revocation of Article 370 and 35A, marking five years of continued distress and despair.

About 19,000 people, including political and human rights activists, were detained, impacting over 8 million Kashmiris who faced shortages of essentials and medical supplies due to the lockdown. He further pointed out the economic turmoil within the region, stating that businesses have suffered immense losses while poverty, hunger, and unemployment have risen, starkly contradicting claims made by the Modi government.

Mr Wani also criticised the

severe restrictions on media freedom and the suppression of dissent, which he said significantly curtails the flow of information and silences human rights defenders in the region. However, he also highlighted that the youth of IIOJK have become pivotal in conveying the ground realities of suppression. In the absence of external support, this younger generation has not only been a source of information but also a source of strength. They have successfully established a support base beyond the international press, a feat that eluded the previous generation.

In his Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks, Air Marshal Javid Ahmed (Retd), President CASS-Islamabad, reflected



on the strategic and diplomatic approaches necessary for addressing the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He discussed the limitations of strategic patience or a defensive posture in dealings with India, asserting that such approaches are unlikely to bring about a resolution. He advocated for the proactive use of modern

communication tools. "The active employment of social media, along with cultural productions such as dramas, movies, and songs about the occupied territory, and leveraging influencers in these mediums, are critical strategies for shaping international perceptions and garnering global support for Jammu & Kashmir," he noted.

President CASS also stressed the importance of developing Azad Kashmir as a model for future governance and development strategies in the region. "We must critically assess our development achievements in Azad Kashmir; it should serve as a benchmark for envisioning the future of Kashmir," he concluded.

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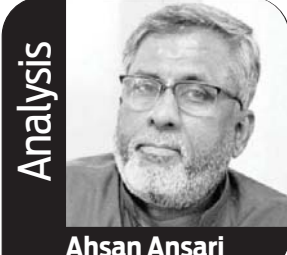
Arshad Nadeem wins gold medal and made world record in Paris Olympics 2024

Pakistan's famous athlete Arshad Nadeem made history for Pakistan by throwing a javelin throw of 92.97 meters at a speed of 110 km at Paris World Olympics 2024 with great ability and passion. Apart from this, he also set a world record. This success is not only an important milestone in Arshad Nadeem's career, but it has given a new impetus to Pakistan's abilities in athletics at the global level. Arshad Nadeem hails from Mian Chanu, a small town in Punjab, Pakistan. From an early age he was keenly interested in sports, especially track and field events. Despite limited resources, Arshad's passion for the javelin throw remained palpable, and he devoted himself to perfecting his skills. His hard work paid off and he emerged as a powerful player in national competitions. Arshad Nadeem's journey to the top was not without its challenges. They faced financial difficulties and non-availability of modern training facilities. However, his talent and determination caught the attention of coaches, who saw his potential. With their support, Arshad started participating in international

competitions, which gave him valuable experience and motivation. His breakthrough came at the 2018 Asian Games, where he won a bronze medal. This success took him to the heights of fame and earned him recognition as an athlete in Pakistan. Over the next few years, Arshad steadily improved his performance, breaking his own records and setting new records in the javelin throw. Arshad Nadeem's unbeaten victory has undoubtedly made the entire Pakistani nation proud, which will be remembered for a long time in the Olympics. This glorious victory of his is no less than a great gift for Pakistan after 32 years. Especially when the nation of Pakistan is celebrating Independence Day in the month of August. President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Mian Shabbaz Sharif, chiefs of armed forces, governors of all provinces and other top political and social figures of the country have sent congratulatory messages to Arshad Nadeem on this wonderful victory. Apart

from this, other countries have also sent special messages of congratulations to Pakistan and Arshad Nadeem on Arshad Nadeem's excellent victory. The Paris World Olympics 2024 was the culmination of years of hard work and dedication for Arshad Nadeem. In the months leading up to the event, he focused intensely on his training strategy and worked tirelessly to improve his technique. His efforts paid off when he qualified for the Olympics with a brilliant performance in the qualifying rounds. On the day of the final event, Arshad Nadeem stepped into the arena with strong confidence and conviction. The competition was fierce, with top athletes from around the world vying for the coveted gold medal. However, Arshad Nadeem took advantage of his years of experience and rigorous training to stay focused. In an amazing display of prowess, Arshad Nadeem bowled the final throw which floated through the air and reached a stunning distance. The stadium crowd

burst into applause when the measurement was confirmed, Arshad not only won the gold medal but also set a new Olympic record of 92.97 meters in the javelin throw. Arshad Nadeem's victory at the Paris World Olympics 2024 is a testament to his ability, determination, and perseverance. His success has inspired countless young athletes of Pakistan and made the nation proud. Arshad's success highlights the importance of investing in sports at the grassroots level, as it can identify and nurture outstanding talent. Along with his victory, Arshad Nadeem is determined to further his career and continue to represent Pakistan at the international level. His journey from a small town in Punjab to the pinnacle of Olympic success with hard work, determination, and strong self-belief will continue in the upcoming World Games. Arshad Nadeem's gold medal win in Paris World Olympics 2024 is not only a personal achievement but also a significant achievement for Pakistan. This is the high potential of Pakistani athletes to succeed at the global level and an inspirational message for future generations.



Analysis

Ahsan Ansari



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

WHO official highlights difficulties in dealing with emergencies amid Mideast escalation

Recent developments in Gaza, the wider Middle East, and Sudan, have highlighted the complexities of emergencies in the World Health Organization's (WHO) vast Eastern Mediterranean region, officials from the UN agency said during a virtual media briefing on Wednesday. The past two weeks have seen a variant of poliovirus type 2 detected in sewage samples in Gaza, deadly military strikes in several neighbouring countries, and the confirmation of famine in Sudan's North Darfur state, among other challenges. WHO Regional Director Dr. Hanan Balkhy voiced grave concern over the ongoing escalation across the region, characterized by deadly strikes against civilians, political entities, and infrastructure which are rapidly raising the risks of a wider war. She said civilian populations already ravaged by violence, hunger and disease, do not deserve to be further threatened. Health systems must be rebuilt, not devastated, and further developed so that they can withstand further shocks that could potentially affect us all, like the next pandemic, she said. In the face of the escalating political tensions, she stressed that all diplomatic efforts must be made to prevent this worrying situation from spiraling further. Meanwhile, polio in Gaza is of great concern. Dr. Balkhy warned that although no cases have been detected, children are at high risk. In response, WHO is working with the Ministry of Health in Gaza and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) on a range of measures, including polio vaccination campaigns which will begin very soon. Let me be clear – we need a ceasefire, even a temporary ceasefire – to successfully undertake these campaigns. Otherwise, we risk the virus spreading further, including across borders, she said. Dr. Hamid Jamari, Polio Eradication Director at the WHO Regional Office, said some 500,000 children under eight, will be targeted in two rounds of vaccination campaigns. He said the WHO Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, has already authorized the release of sufficient doses of the novel oral polio vaccine type two from global stocks, which are held in Indonesia. "Of course, the challenge is when can we get these vaccines through to Gaza", he said, citing issues such as the current tensions in the region, logistical difficulties and flight cancellations. "And once the vaccines get there, then we need a massive change in the current environment which is not only ceasefire and peace so that children can be vaccinated, but we also require freedom of movement".

Defense Budget: Vital for Ensuring Our Survival - II

Global defense spending collectively reached approximately \$1.9 trillion recently, reflecting a steady rise driven by geopolitical tensions, technological advancements, and evolving security threats. The proliferation of cyber warfare capabilities, space militarization, and investments in artificial intelligence are reshaping military strategies worldwide. Pakistan, situated in a strategically vital region and facing a range of security challenges, stands at a pivotal moment in its history. From internal threats to external pressures, Pakistan navigates a complex geopolitical landscape that shapes its security policies and national priorities. One of Pakistan's foremost security challenges is terrorism and extremism. The country has confronted internal militant groups such as Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and sectarian organizations, which have posed significant threats to peace and stability. Despite military operations like Zarb-e-Azb and Radd-ul-Fasaad, which have achieved substantial gains in combating terrorism, sporadic attacks continue to test the resilience of Pakistan's security apparatus. Pakistan shares borders with Afghanistan, India, Iran, and China, each presenting unique security dynamics. The porous border with Afghanistan has facilitated cross-border militancy and insurgency,

affecting Pakistan's efforts to stabilize its western frontier. Tensions with India, especially over the disputed region of Kashmir, periodically escalate, necessitating a strong defensive stance and effective diplomatic engagement to manage bilateral relations. Political instability and governance challenges within Pakistan pose significant security risks. Issues such as corruption, weak governance structures, and occasional political upheavals have at times diverted attention and resources from addressing core security concerns. Strengthening democratic institutions, promoting the rule of law, and enhancing governance transparency are crucial for fostering internal stability and resilience against external pressures. As a nuclear-armed state, Pakistan's nuclear deterrence capability plays a critical role in its national security strategy. Ensuring the safety, security, and credibility of its nuclear arsenal amid regional tensions remains a top priority. Pakistan adheres to a policy of credible minimum deterrence, placing emphasis on responsible nuclear stewardship while navigating the complexities of regional nuclear dynamics, particularly with neighboring India. Economic stability is inseparably tied to national security. Pakistan confronts various challenges including fiscal deficits, inflation, unemployment, and poverty, exacerbating social discontent and susceptibility to extremist ideolo-

gies. Effectively addressing these socioeconomic issues through sustainable development initiatives, job creation, and poverty alleviation measures is crucial for fostering long-term stability and resilience against internal security threats. Pakistan's diplomatic engagements on regional and global platforms play a pivotal role in tackling security challenges and promoting its national interests. Strengthening alliances with key partners, participating actively in regional forums like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and promoting dialogue for conflict resolution are integral components of Pakistan's foreign policy strategy to mitigate security risks and enhance regional stability. Pakistan's security imperatives necessitate a strong and modernized military force capable of addressing diverse challenges. The necessity for a strong and well-equipped military extends beyond mere defense; it encompasses safeguarding national sovereignty, countering extremism, managing regional dynamics, and promoting stability. Pakistan's geographical location and historical disputes dictate the need for a military capable of defending its territorial integrity and sovereignty. The military serves as the forefront against external threats, ensuring the security of Pakistan's borders, particularly along its volatile western frontiers and the Line of Control (LoC) with India. A robust military deters aggression, maintains deterrence, and provides a crucial defense posture vital for national security.

To be continued

Analysis



Abdul Basit Alvi

Brain Eating Amoeba: A Silent Killer lurking in water bodies

Aleena Gul

Brain-eating amoeba, scientifically known as Naegleria fowleri, is the parasitic species of the genus Naegleria. About 30 different species of Naegleria have been found, but only N. fowleri can cause infection in humans. It is known to cause amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM). The first-ever case of this disease was reported in Australia in 1965. In Pakistan, the first case was reported in 2008 in Karachi. Numerous cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) have been reported in Pakistan as well as around the world, especially in countries like India, Japan, Australia, China, and New Zealand. The death rate of this disease is approximately 95%. It is most commonly found in warm freshwater habitats like lakes, rivers, swimming pools, etc. Naegleria fowleri enters the human body while doing human activities in freshwater, i.e., swimming and diving. Brain-eating amoeba enters the nasal cavity and then attaches to the nasal mucosa. It moves along the olfactory nerve through the cribriform plate until it reaches the central nervous system. The N. fowleri changes from cyst (dormant form) to trophozoite (active form). The trophozoites feed on brain tissues by phagocytosis or by releasing different enzymes, i.e., proteases and hydrolases. N. fowleri inhibits the action of the immune system by changing its surface proteins and by producing antioxidant enzymes. Hence, it results in the onset of infection. Amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) causes nerve injury in the CNS, which ultimately leads to death due to the swelling and necrosis of brain tissues. Symptoms of this disease appear 2-8 days after coming into contact with the parasite. Severe headache, stiffness in the neck, high temperature (more than 100 °C), chills, seizures, confusion and coma are the most common symptoms of amoebic meningoencephalitis. Clinical signs of this disease include lethargy, irregular heartbeats and vomiting. It can also lead to hemorrhage if the infection is prolonged. The severity of the infections depends upon the capacity of the N. fowleri to enter the central nervous system (CNS) of the human body and cause the destruction of nasal passage and brain tissues. It results in the death of the patient within 1-2 weeks after exposure to the infection. Amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is caused by a protistic parasite, most commonly known as the brain-eating

amoeba. This disease is caused by performing different human activities in warm fresh water. Swimmers and divers are more susceptible to this disease. It can also be caused by interacting with non-chlorinated water in swimming pools. Untreated water from hot springs can also be contaminated with brain-eating amoeba. Contaminated tap water can also contribute to the onset of the infection. PAM is not caused by drinking contaminated water; it is caused when N. fowleri reaches the olfactory nerve or nasal passage. The color of the cerebrospinal fluid changes from gray to red in the later stages of the disease. The presence of trophozoites can be checked by using trichrome or Giemsa stain. A CSF wet mount can also be analyzed using a microscope to confirm the presence of trophozoites. Molecular methods like PCR and ELISA can also be used to identify certain genotypes, so we can use these techniques for the diagnosis of N. fowleri. CT and MR imaging can reveal the signs of meningeal enhancement. Primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), which is caused by Naegleria fowleri, has a fatality rate that exceeds 95% even with current amphotericin B treatment. Amphotericin B is the most commonly used medication; nevertheless, despite its widespread usage and support from in vitro research and case reports, it has serious side effects including renal damage. There has been variable effectiveness with other therapies including azithromycin, miltefosine, fluconazole, miconazole, and rifampin. Clinical trials are hindered by the rarity of infections. Corifungin has produced encouraging outcomes in animal models, while miltefosine has demonstrated potential, with two survivors in 2013. Because of their exceptional CNS penetration, fluconazole and amphotericin B can work together to fight infection. Seawater or chlorinated habitats are preferable over freshwater bodies such as lakes, rivers, and ponds in warm areas to lower the risk of infection with Naegleria fowleri. To stop amoeba from entering the nasal passages during freshwater activities, do not submerge the head or splash water. People can use nasal clips to prevent water from entering the nose. Using purified or distilled water to rinse the nose can prove effective to preventing this deadly disease. Sindh Health Department has issued advisory directions to different departments to ensure the proper chlorination of water according to the standards of World Health Organization (WHO).

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57th anniversary of 'ASEAN Day'

ASEAN ties with Pakistan 'deep in history', 'reflect shared goals' -envoy

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chairman, ASEAN Committee Islamabad (ACI) High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Pakistan, Pg Kamal Bashah has said the partnership between ASEAN and Pakistan is rich in history and continues to flourish, grounded in mutual respect and shared goals.

Since its establishment on 8th August 1967, ASEAN has been a cornerstone of regional stability and growth, Chairman ACI said.

Chairman, ASEAN Committee Islamabad (ACI) High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Pakistan, Pg Kamal Bashah said this while addressing the 57th anniversary of 'ASEAN Day'.

The envoy said this year's theme, "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience," is particularly timely and significant as we try to navigate ourselves within the complexities of this modern world.

The ambassador from different ASEAN countries in Islamabad including, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan, Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Philip-



ippines to Pakistan, Maria Agnes M. Cervantes, the Ambassador of Vietnam to Pakistan, Pham Anh Tuan, the Ambassador of

Myanmar to Pakistan, Wunna Han the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to Pakistan, Rahmat Hind-

iartha Kusuma and the Charge d'Affaires of Thailand, Kamolwan Sriposil also present of the occasion.

Meanwhile, Chairman, ASEAN Committee Islamabad (ACI) said, "We take pride in our progress towards the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, which encompasses political-security, economic, and socio-cultural dimensions". He said that this vision underscores our cooperation in critical areas such as defence, counterterrorism, peace-keeping, economic integration, climate action, and disaster risk reduction.

He said that with a combined population of over 690 million people and a combined GDP surpassing USD \$3.6 trillion, ASEAN has emerged as one of the significant political and economic players on the global stage.

Chairman ACI said the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to be known, is a regional organization which currently comprises

the ten member states: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

"We have also recently been welcoming Timor-Leste to be our ASEAN member as they have now been conducting their intensified efforts in implementing the roadmap criteria towards their full membership. Our commitment to dialogue, consultation, and cooperation based on the ASEAN Way principle, has been instrumental in maintaining peace, stability, and prosperity in the region" he said.

ASEAN, Pakistan ties continue to flourish, in mutual respect, shared goals: Chairman ACI

Chairman ACI said this was particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic when ASEAN's coordinated efforts were vital in mitigating the virus's socio-economic impacts.

Addressing the ceremony, he said that since Pakistan was



accorded sectoral dialogue status with the Association of ASEAN in 1993, our cooperation has expanded across numerous sectors, including trade, investment, science and technology, environment, tourism, and human resources development.

Kamal Bashah said this relationship can be seen in many different forms over the years, including Pakistan's accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in 2004 and the establishment of the ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AP-JSCC) which has been instrumental in enhancing our collaboration.

This positive trend has been reflected in the number of Pakistani tourists visiting ASEAN countries, which had surged to approximately 131,000 in 2022, marking a more than 50%

increase from the 2021 figure of around 5,100, he said.

He said that this annual celebration stands as a testament to our collective achievements based on our shared vision for a united and prosperous Southeast Asia. He said, "we have undoubtedly been facing numerous global challenges, including the aftermath of the pandemic, regional conflicts, economic uncertainties, and the urgent need to combat the climate change phenomena."

He said that in these challenging times, regional organizations like ASEAN will continue to play a crucial role in fostering multilateral cooperation in the effort to effectively address these issues. As we celebrate ASEAN's 57th anniversary, allow us this opportunity to reaffirm our dedication toward peace, stability, and prosperity in the region, he added.



ISSI holds seminar on China's "Global Civilization Initiative" (GCI)

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The China-Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organised a seminar on Global Civilization Initiative (GCI), a key pillar in President Xi Jinping's vision for a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind. The seminar featured distinguished speakers from Pakistan and China who highlighted the significance of the GCI in fostering global peace, cooperation, and mutual respect and dialogue among civilizations.

Director General ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, stated that President Xi's three successive initiatives - namely Global Development Initiative (GDI), Global Security Initiative (GSI), and Global Civilization Initiative (GCI) - represented an alterna-

tive vision for global governance and human progress. Inspired by Chinese wisdom and principles of peaceful coexistence, the GCI, introduced by President Xi Jinping in March 2023, focuses on respect for diversity, mutual learning, innovation, and people-to-people exchanges.

The keynote speaker, Ambassador Masood Khalid, Pakistan's former Ambassador to China, reflected on China's integrated approach to global governance through the GDI, GSI, and GCI. He highlighted how these initiatives offer strategic guidance for building a global community with a shared future, embracing changes, and addressing challenges faced by humanity.

Ms. Xiang Yang, Director of the China Study Centre at the National University of Science and Tech-

nology (NUST), shared insights into the practical application of the GCI principles. She discussed the collaborative efforts between China and Pakistan in cultural exchange and innovation, highlighting initiatives such as the establishment of Zhenghe College at NUST, which symbolizes the historical and ongoing cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, Director of the China Study Centre at COMSATS University, focused on the significance of the GCI from the perspectives of China, Pakistan, and the broader region. He emphasized the need for Pakistan to align with the global narrative of peaceful development and leverage the GCI to deepen its relationship with China.

Dr. Yasir Masood, Senior Research Fellow at China Global

Television Network (CGTN), shared his insights on the GCI as an extension of China's vision for a harmonious and multipolar world order.

Mr. Yang Nuo, Minister Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, praised the Institute of Strategic Studies for organizing the seminar on the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI). He emphasized the significance of Xi Jinping's initiatives, including the GCI, Global Security Initiative (GSI), and Global Development Initiative (GDI), amidst global challenges like economic struggles and cultural clashes.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director of the China-Pakistan Study Centre at ISSI, highlighted the GCI as a call for a more inclusive and connected global community.



During the lively Q&A session, the discourse focused on a range of subjects including the strength of Pakistan-China all-weather strategic cooperative partnership; the need for proactive efforts to counter the narratives from certain quar-

ters seeking to discredit BRI and CPEC; the importance of enhanced P2P exchanges between Pakistan and China; the demerits of strategies like "decoupling"; Chinese endeavours to ward-off attempts at the "containment" of its "peaceful

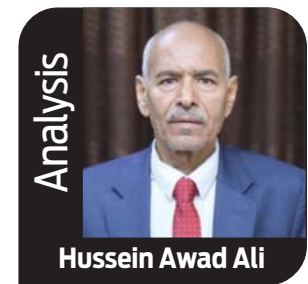
rise"; and China's concerted efforts to promote peaceful coexistence.

Amb. Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BOG ISSI, in his concluding remarks appreciated the speakers and highlighted the seminar's focus on the world order: the Western model, which relies on pressure, and the Chinese approach, centered on coexistence and dialogue.

The seminar concluded with a reaffirmation of the strong and enduring relationship between China and Pakistan, and the shared commitment to advancing the principles of the Global Civilization Initiative for the benefit of all humanity.

The seminar was attended by a large number of diplomats, practitioners, think-tank experts, students, and business and media representatives.

The Janjaweed Rebranded: Why international community's calls to RSF fall on deaf ears?



Fifteen months of the RSF militia's war against the Sudanese people, and the associated unprecedented atrocities have so far met inadequate response from the international community.

True, the UN Security Council's Resolution 2786, 13 June 2024, which demands the RSF end its siege of El-Fasher is significant. However, it falls short of unequivocally condemning the Militia for its brutal crimes.

Between April and December 2023, the RSF and its affiliated militias were responsible for the deaths of 10,000 to 15,000 civilians in West Darfur, according to

a Panel of Independent Experts assigned by the Security Council. The U.S. State Department determined in December 2023 that the RSF committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and acts of ethnic cleansing reminiscent of genocide. A bipartisan draft resolution in the US Congress also recognized these actions as genocide.

On June 5th 2024, another carnage took place in Wad-al-Nora village, Al-Gazirah state. Around 270 villagers were slaughtered.

Despite global outrage over these crimes, in many aspects, the international community's response appears slow, and insufficient and amounts to apathy. **Apathy encourages impunity**

The result is continued and unchecked ethnic cleansing and killings by the Militia in different parts of the country. The latest UN resolution and international condemnations essentially call for the RSF to behave themselves. This soft approach mistakenly assumes the Militia possesses a level of morality, legitimacy or

discipline. The RAF's response to the resolution; a major attack on El-Fasher, demonstrates its disregard for international diplomacy.

Short memory?

Historically, the Janjaweed were globally known for their brutality in the Darfur conflict, with their crimes leading to the International Criminal Court's involvement in 2005. Yet, certain Western quarters seem to have forgotten that the RSF is essentially an upgraded version of the Janjaweed, as the Enough Project puts it. Various international publications equally recall that the RSF evolved from the Janjaweed, infamous for ethnic cleansing and genocide. Wikipedia, the online encyclopaedia, explains "The RSF grew out of, and is primarily composed of, the Janjaweed militias".

Nevertheless, the leader of the Janjaweed, Hemetti, has been elevated to an international figure, receiving calls from the UN Secretary-General and the US Secretary of State, given a red carpet reception by a pro-West East African president, and even invited to an

IGAD summit. This occurs even as the RSF militia continues its atrocities now spanning, beside Darfur, Al-Gazirah, Greater Kordofan, Khartoum, and Sennar states, fully backed by its wealthy regional sponsor, the UAE, which supplies advanced weaponry, mercenaries, finance, and extensive PR and propaganda networks.

Thus, compared to its response to the Janjaweed crimes during the Darfur conflict 2003-2009, the international community seems this time indifferent towards their renewed atrocities, though the current victims constitute almost half of the Sudanese population.

Changing context

Hemetti's rise to the post of Deputy President of the Sovereign Council occurred during an extremely difficult transitional period following the ousting of the former regime by a popular uprising. As the nation emerged from multiple conflicts and with a view to minimizing any resistance to the change that would exacerbate the already precarious

situation, the RSF had to be accommodated, along with the very armed struggle movements whom it had been fighting on behalf of the former regime. It was envisaged then that such arrangements would usher the country into a new dispensation based on a broader national accord. Accordingly, RSF was supposed to be integrated into the national army, SAF, after being reformed and rehabilitated, under the supervision of the latter. However, meddling in the process from both external powers and local politicians aborted this effort, strengthening the RSF instead. Thanks to its regional sponsor and appropriation of the bigger part of the country's gold wealth, the Militia now boasts advanced weaponry, significant economic control, and a PR network. Sudan was a few steps away from joining the list of Middle Eastern countries that are effectively run by militias.

With the heavy losses in manpower it suffered early in the war, the Militia has reverted to its Janjaweed origins, especially after the termination of SAF

officer secondments and voluntary demobilizations within the RSF. Hemetti was removed from his post in May 2023, and the RSF was disbanded by the SAF Commander in September 2023. Therefore, it is Janjaweed unmasked who are now fighting the Sudanese people.

Courting the beast

Certain European powers began courting the RSF before the former regime fell, to help control irregular migration through Darfur and Libya. These dealings gave Hemetti pseudo-legitimacy and significant revenue, facilitating the recruitment of mercenaries, including illegal immigrants attracted by high pay.

Military victory against terrorism

The notion that "there is no military victory in this war" deserves scrutiny. While war is undesirable, defending against aggression is a right and duty. Historical precedents, such as the defeat of Nazism, Fascism, and ISIS, show that military action can be necessary and effective. Thus the question should be how, and not whether the war against

terrorism is won. The SAF is currently winning the war against the RSF militia, which now resorts to targeting remote villages and small towns, displaying tactics typical of terrorist groups like ISIS and Boko Haram.

People's resistance and the right to self-defence

Criticism of arming willing civilians for self-defence against the RSF is misplaced. The right to self-defence is fundamental, especially in a vast, underdeveloped country like Sudan facing a terrorist militia. International precedents support the legitimacy of people's resistance against colonial or terrorist forces.

In summary, the international community's soft approach to the Janjaweed RSF and its leader Hemetti is counterproductive, given the Militia's history and current actions. A firmer stance is needed to address the Janjaweed's renewed crimes and support Sudan's fight against this terrorist group.

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IS Hero of Pakistan

People in Arshad Nadeem's village celebrate Olympic gold medal

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN/MIAN CHANNU: Last night in Paris Olympics, Javelin thrower player Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan performed brilliantly and won the gold medal and set a new record of javelin throw in Olympics. On this occasion, Arshad Nadeem's village Chak No. 101 15L was full of celebration. Before the match, a large number of people were outside Arshad Nadeem's village house watching the live broadcast of the Paris Olympics on TV screen.

As soon as the match started, people started chanting Nara e Takbeer Allah hu Akbar and started chanting Pakistan Zindabad as the Olympics Committee announced the result of the javelin throw final match event and Arshad Nadeem was declared the winner.

So in Arshad Nadeem's village there was a huge fireworks display and youth danced to the beat of drums, while Arshad Nadeem's family welcomed the entire village and outside guests including media teams. And the parents and family of Arshad



Mrs Razia Pervain mother of Arshad Nadeem eating the sweet after Arshad Nadeem winning.

Nadeem paid Nafl of thanks. On this occasion, Arshad Nadeem's mother Razia Parveen said that my son has made our family and the entire Pakistani nation proud

by achieving success.

And before August 14, the Pakistani nation has provided an opportunity to celebrate. On this occasion, Muhammad Ashraf, father of Arshad Nadeem, said that my son, who was very fond of sports since his childhood, has made my family proud by winning the Paris Olympics.

On this occasion, coach Rashid Arshad Saqi said that when Arshad Nadeem was 14 years old, his father gave his hand to me. He said that from today, Arshad Nadeem is in your hands, you can train him in any way and you have a free hand.

Coach Rashid Arshad Saki further said that the way we trained Arshad Nadeem without resources and facilities is unforgettable. Even in games, if not billions then at least spend a few crores of rupees, then we can find diamonds like Arshad Nadeem from all over Pakistan.

In the end, coach Rashid Arshad Saqi said that Arshad Nadeem has made the entire Pakistani nation proud by winning in the final event of Paris Olympics javelin throw.

*Arshad Nadeem's victory is Pakistan's victory which will always be remembered:
Dr. Nasir Amin*



Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Pakistan's javelin throw legend Arshad Nadeem won a gold medal for Pakistan after 40 years, making history at the Paris Olympics.

He also achieved this honor by making the biggest throw of 92.97 meters in the history of Olympics. A grand ceremony was held in Government College University Faisalabad to celebrate the victory of Pakistan. In which Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Amin, Registrar Ghulam Ghos, Director of Sports Zeeshan Ahmed Khan, and all the coaches of the Directorate of Sports, Chief Security Officer Dr. Shiraz Malik, besides the university administration, students participated in large numbers. In celebration of Arshad Nadeem's victory, a cake was cut and sweets were distributed among the students. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Government College University Faisalabad Professor Dr. Nasir Amin said, "Congratulations to the entire nation." Arshad Nadeem made history by raising the green crescent flag

Membership of Sports Journalists Association Faisalabad (Sajaf) has been opened

Sports Desk

FAISALABAD: The membership of Sports Journalists Association of Faisalabad (Sajaf) has been opened, this matter was decided unanimously in the interim committee meeting yesterday, the meeting was chaired by senior sports journalists Jameel Siraj, while the committee Members Syed Naseem Shah, Shahroz Ibad and Ali Raza were also present in the meeting. A fee of Rs. Membership forms can be obtained from Interim Committee members Jameel Siraj, Syed Naseem Shah, Ali Raza City 41, Shahruz Ibad Snow News and Qamarul Zaman Butt ARY.

Ronaldo honours Pepe following his retirement announcement

Cristiano Ronaldo paid tribute to his longtime Portugal teammate Kepler Laveran de Lima Ferreira ComM, known as Pepe on his X handle, formerly known as Twitter, as he announces retirement on Thursday.

"There are not enough words to express how much you mean to me, friend," Ronaldo posted on X.

Moreover, the captain of the Portugal national football team called their friendship the biggest achievement he has earned, ESPN reported.

"We won everything there was to win on the field, but the greatest achievement is the friendship and respect I have for you. You are unique, my brother. Thank you for so much," he continued. Despite facing a setback in the quarterfinals of Euro 2024 against France, the 41-year-old became the oldest player to appear at a European Championship finals tournament.

Following his retirement, Pepe posted an emotional video on social media and shed light on his journey as a footballer.

Legacy FC, Karachi City clinch spots in National Women's Club Championship Final 2024

Tahir Amin Mlaki

Legacy FC and Karachi City FC have secured their spots in the final of the National Women's Football Club Cham-

pionship 2024, following their impressive performances in the semi-final matches held at Jinnah Sports Complex, Islamabad.

In the first semi-final, Legacy FC show-

cased their dominance on the field with a resounding 6-0 victory over Karachi United. Eman Mustafa was the star of the match, delivering an outstanding performance with four goals. Kayanat

Bukhari also

contributed significantly, scoring a brace to secure the win for Legacy FC.

The second semi-final saw Karachi City FC display their prowess, overwhelming Hazara Quetta with an 8-0 triumph. Zahmena Malik and Suha Hirani each scored a brace, while Nadia, Zulfia, Sanah and Aliza added a goal each, ensuring Karachi City FC's place in the final.

Karachi City FC will face Legacy FC in the final on August 10, 2024, at 8:30 PM at the Jinnah Football Stadium, Islamabad

IOC to ensure "good and robust" global anti-doping system amid USADA concerns



Xinhua

PARIS: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is collaborating closely with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a "good and robust" global anti-doping system, according to IOC spokesman Mark Adams.

Adams made these remarks on Thursday at an IOC daily briefing at Paris 2024, addressing questions from journalists in the wake of a recent scandal involving the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

The scandal was exposed by a statement issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Wednesday, which revealed that USADA had allowed U.S. athletes who had violated anti-doping rules to compete without disclosing their violations or imposing any sanctions.

"Obviously, we're working with all of our stakeholders and continue to work with all our stakeholders to ensure we have a good and robust world anti-doping system," said Adams.



Olympics | Feature: A climber ascending through time to Olympic heights

Xinhua

PARIS: In just about five seconds, Bassa Mawem journeyed through time and scaled the towering heights of the Olympics, reaching the end of his illustrious career.

As he neared his 40th birthday, just three months away, the French climber took his final "dance" at the Le Bourget Sport Climbing Venue on Thursday, receiving thunderous applause from thousands of local fans.

Despite finishing seventh in the men's speed climbing final with a time of 5.26 seconds, falling short of his medal aspirations, the outcome seemed secondary.

In the adrenaline-pumping "100-meter dash" of sport climbing, Mawem, the oldest competitor ascending the 15-meter wall, showed no signs of age diminishing his hunger and desire to succeed.

Inspiring The World

The speed climbing final featured a host of young prodigies, including 18-year-old American climber Sam Watson, who broke his own world record in the qualifiers with a new time of 4.74 seconds.

Amidst these youthful stars, Mawem stood out not as a relic of the past, but as a symbol of enduring passion.

During a highly competitive qualification round on Tuesday, Mawem surpassed his personal best three times, narrowly

securing his place in the final by edging out 22-year-old Ukrainian Yaroslav Tkach by a mere hundredth of a second.

"It's a moment of unbelievable joy," said the French climber emotionally. "It was a beautiful duel, one I wasn't really favored to win, and I managed to grab it at the end by 1/100th of a second."

"I grew up with this sport bit by bit. It's truly a privilege to be here now with all these inspiring young athletes whom I've also inspired," he said. "To finish my career in the final with them is crazy. It's as crazy for them as it is for me."

Although Mawem ultimately fell to Indonesia's Vedriq Leonardo, who went on to become the new Olympic champion in the event, his presence at the Le Bourget Sport Climbing Venue was a monumental success.

"Because there aren't many places—just 14 spots in the whole world—you had to punch your ticket. I punched my ticket, and now I know I'm part of the top eight," Mawem said.

He set the event's first Olympic record of 5.45 seconds during the speed qualifications at Tokyo 2020, but an injury, a ruptured lower biceps tendon, sidelined him from competing in the final.

Following the Tokyo Games, Mawem faced a long and challenging recovery process, undergoing surgery and staying away from climbing for several



months. When he finally returned, he had to rebuild his strength and skills from scratch.

"It took me a year to get back to my level, and then I had to claw my way back to the international level," he recalled.

His comeback was affirmed at a speed climbing qualification tournament in Rome in September 2023, where he outperformed Europe's best to secure his Olympic ticket.

For Mawem, even when the

Olympic fervor fades and life returns to normal, his love for climbing remains undeterred.

"Climbing brings me balance—a moment in which I detach from work and family. A moment in which I don't

think about the future or all the things I still have to do. In simple words, it is my moment," he said.

Brotherhood Shines

Bassa Mawem was 15 when he discovered climbing, a passion he shared with his brother, Mickael Mawem. The sport then became an anchor for both of them.

The older brother, Bassa, felt a twinge of regret not having his brother, also a professional climber, join him in the Paris Olympics, as he saw the 34-year-old Mickael as a source of motivation.

Their story from Tokyo did not repeat itself. At the last Olympics, the Mawem brothers both represented France. Mickael qualified at the world championships in 2019, while Bassa secured his spot three months later at an Olympic qualification tournament.

However, Mickael, the 2023 world boulder champion, failed to qualify for Paris at the continental combined qualifications in Laval and the Olympic qualifying series in Shanghai.

Yet, Mickael became part of Bassa's Olympic journey, cheering alongside their family and even performing the dramatic countdown ritual with three strikes on the ground to kick off the speed climbing final.

It took a long time for the brothers to join the French national team (Bassa in 2011, Mickael in 2014), but their dedication paid off. Bassa specialized

in speed climbing, becoming national champion, setting a French record with a time of 5.52 seconds, winning silver at the 2018 world championships, and topping the world rankings in 2018 and 2019.

Mickael, less powerful yet more technical, excelled in bouldering. "I love the diversity of training in bouldering, and it's always changing. There are many things to work on—it's always new. I love it," said Mickael.

Bassa emphasized their perseverance, noting that they started from humble beginnings without a climbing background in their family.

"We started from nothing, and we fought. We stuck to our methodology: strength. Since the beginning, even in our cellar, we worked on strength, strength, strength... We stuck to it, and that's how we managed to reach the elite level," said Bassa.

The brothers, known as "Les Freres Mawem," have launched their own line of T-shirts and climbing gear, and opened a climbing gym in Colmar, Alsace, close to their climbing roots.

"We left Alsace due to a lack of resources for a high-level career, but we returned to share the skills and knowledge we've gained," Bassa explained.

"Our next goal is to allow young people to experience everything we have experienced. We hope that our athletes, one day, will compete in Los Angeles 2028 or Brisbane 2032," he said.

Call on

Masjid-i-Nabvi (PBUH) Imam Dr Salah bin Mohammad Al-Budair calls on Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir at the General Headquarters, Rawalpindi on August 09, 2024.



Photo: ISPR

Saudi's Imam Masjid-i-Nabvi calls on COAS at General Headquarters

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: His Excellency Dr. Salah bin Mohammad Al-Budair, Imam Masjid-i-Nabvi (PBUH) called on General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) at General Headquarters, today.

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest were discussed. COAS welcomed the dignitary and highlighted that visit by His Excel-

lency Imam Masjid-i-Nabvi to Pakistan is a matter of honour for the people of Pakistan.

H. E. Imam Masjid-i-Nabvi said Pakistan has a significant place in the Muslim world and it is playing its vital role for peace and stability in the region. Both sides expressed satisfaction over Pak-Saudi relations. At the end, H. E. Imam Masjid-i-Nabvi prayed for the peace, stability and unity of Muslim Ummah.

AJK PM congratulates Arshad Nadeem on Paris Olympics success

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has congratulated Pakistani Javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem on his historic success in the Paris Olympics.

While congratulating the Pakistani ace javelin thrower who made a world record with 92.97m throw in final round of the Olympics held in

Paris, the AJK premier said, "Arshad Nadeem has made Pakistan proud by winning gold medal after a gap of 40 years." I on behalf of Kashmiri nation congratulate Arshad Nadeem for this historic achievement", the PM said, adding that Mr. Nadeem deserves praise and appreciation over breaking 118-year record. The Prime Minister said that Arshad Nadeem's success was due to his hard-work and perseverance.

Ishaq Dar attends the Graduation Ceremony at the Foreign Service Academy

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A Ceremony was held today at the Foreign Service Academy, Islamabad, to mark the graduation of the 43rd Specialized Diplomatic Course for Pakistani diplomats.

Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He distributed certificates among the participants of the 43rd Specialized Diplomatic Course (SDC) and awarded medals to the top three performers of the 42nd SDC.

In his address on the occasion,



the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister spoke about Pakistan's foreign policy outlook in view of developing

global and regional politics. He underlined the importance of re-orienting Pakistan's diplomatic initiatives from conventional diplomacy to economic diplomacy to advance the country's development agenda.

The Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister highlighted the important role of Pakistan's diaspora in the progress and development of the country, and advised the young diplomats serve the overseas Pakistanis irrespective of their political affiliations, religion or ethnicity. He underlined that Pakistan's young diplomats shall be equipped with necessary skills set

to promote trade and investment and tourism.

The Deputy Prime Minister commended the efforts of Foreign Service Academy for maintaining excellence in its training modules and the training of a large number of foreign diplomats over the years. Director General of the Foreign Service Academy, Ambassador Ahmed Hussain Dayo underlined the commitment of the Academy to continue to maintain excellence in training of diplomats and its pride in training 1,554 foreign participants representing 120 countries.

Finance Minister meets with Chinese charge d'affaires to discuss economic cooperation

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with Charge D'affaires Mr. Shi Yuanqiang and other officials of the Embassy of People's Republic of China on Thursday, 8th August, 2024. Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Power Mr. Muhammad Ali, and Minister of State for Finance & Revenue Mr. Ali Pervaiz Malik also attended the meeting.

The Finance Minister warmly welcomed the Chinese delegation and underscored the strong bilateral relationship between the two nations.



He highlighted recent positive developments in Pakistan's economic landscape, including increased foreign exchange reserves, decreased inflation, and enhanced tax collection. The Minister also outlined significant reforms

in the energy sector, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and ongoing privatization efforts. Emphasizing a focus on export-led growth, he expressed Pakistan's commitment to attracting increased foreign direct investment

(FDI).

Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb recalled his recent visit to China and expressed that he had extremely useful discussions with the Minister for Finance & other officials on proposals for enhancing

economic cooperation between the two countries.

Minister of Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari said that the Government of Pakistan greatly appreciates the Chinese investment in the energy sector of Pakistan. He said that the Government was implementing a number of reforms to address the issues in the energy sector.

The Chargé d'affaires reiterated the Chinese government's commitment to support Pakistan's sustainable economic development. He said that the Embassy was working with various departments on both sides to coordinate implementation of the understandings reached during Prime Minister's visit to China.

HFP, HPS launch Hamdard Naunehal Assembly to help children find the path to success

KARACHI, AUG 08(PR): Hamdard Foundation Pakistan(HFP) in collaboration with Hamdard Public School (HPS) organized Hamdard Naunehal Assembly(HNA) meeting yesterday at The Arena, Bahria Town Tower, on the theme: "The Future Heroes of Pakistan, Selecting The Best Career". Ms. Sadia Rashid, President of HFP, presided over the proceedings. Renowned voice-over actor Faizan Haq Haqi was invited as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Haqi said: "By regularly studying and expanding one's knowledge on various subjects, a person cultivates a broader perspective, deep imagination, and greater acceptance of diversity. Children must develop a strong reading habit and regularly discuss what they read with their parents and teachers to help memorize that information. Patriotism is a sacred and

noble sentiment. Parents and teachers should instill this sentiment in children. A significant part of a person's education is shaped by the home environment. Encourage your children to ask questions and provide them with books to help find the answers, fostering a love of learning in them. Provide children with enough confidence to choose a field that aligns with their interests, preferences, and abilities. Offer constructive criticism and guide children to learn positive lessons from their mistakes."

Ms. Sadia Rashid stated that students serve as the architects in building a nation. "Throughout history, the nations that have embraced science according to their era have led the way. In modern times, equipping our new generation with advanced knowledge has become an absolute necessity. The rise of artificial intelligence is driving remarkable

changes in the field of technology. we must keep pace with other nations. Parents often push their children to become doctors or engineers without considering their child's interests. Every field has its own unique importance," she said.

She advised the students to choose any profession or field while prioritizing service to the country and its people. "Whatever field you choose, you must prioritize patriotism and service to humanity. Many distinguished individuals are worth emulating in this regard, such as Quaid-e-Naunehal Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said and Mohsin-e-Pakistan Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, who excelled in their fields and played crucial roles in the development of Pakistan," she added.

Young speakers from different schools including Leader of the House - Ayesha

Fawad(HPS), Leader of the opposition - Syed Muhammad Shuja (HPS), Qarina Awan (The Savvy School), Laiba Raza (Hamdard Village School), Javaria Imran Khan (P&G Secondary School) and Tauseef (Idaricue School & College) delivered excellent speeches on the topic and received appreciation from the guests and student attendees.

Director of HFP, Syeda Maryam Fatima (HPS) Speaker of HNA, moderated the meeting. Meeting was concluded after Dua-i-Said, presented by the students of HPS.

Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hassan, Vice Chancellor of Hamdard University(HU); Rustam Ali Jamali, President of Sindh Press Club; Prof. Dr. Ahsana Dar, Dean of the Faculty of Eastern Medicine at HU; and Syed Muhammad Arsalan, Director HFP graced the meeting with their presence.

Aleem Khan congratulated Arshad Nadeem on historical achievement

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party and Federal Minister for Privatization, Board of Investment & Communications Abdul Aleem Khan congratulated the nation over the fabulous victory of Olympian Arshad Nadeem in Paris Olympics.

He added that Arshad Nadeem won the Gold Medal in Javelin throw for the country after forty years in the Olympics contests and created the history in sports. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that this brilliant success made the nation proud. The whole world saw the scene of Javelin Thrower standing on the victory stand with the national flag waving on his back and representing the country, he added. Abdul Aleem Khan said that winning the Gold Medal by defeating the traditional opponent India is big achievement that will always be remembered in history with golden words. Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that earlier, Pakistan only won the Gold Medal in field hockey forty years ago and now Arshad Nadeem is the first Pakistani athlete to win the Gold Medal in the individual events.

Arshad Nadeem's historic gold medal win testament to hardwork, dedication: Shaza Fatima

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja gave heartiest congratulations to Pakistani athlete Arshad Nadeem on his phenomenal achievement at the Paris Olympics.

"His historic gold medal and olympic record is a testament to his hard work, dedication, and the limitless potential of our nation's youth.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the Government of Pakistan has consistently supported our athletes, as evidenced by the strong backing during the Commonwealth Games and Islamic Solidarity Games in 2022," she said. This year June, Arshad received significant financial support from the government for his medical treatments and surgery in UK through the federation, along with a financial reward for his silver medal win at the World Athletics Championships in 2023, she added.

Shaza Fatima said: "This unwavering support of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif continues today and will persist in the future, ensuring that our sportsmen and women have the resources they need to excel on the world stage. Pakistan Zindabad!"