



Bilateral meeting of the PM Shehbaz with the Iranian President on UNGA

Both sides reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and underscored the need to further strengthen good neighbourly relations and build mutually beneficial cooperation.



World Tourism Day

President Asif Ali Zardari has urged the media to highlight Pakistan's rich historical heritage, particularly the importance of the Indus and Gandhara civilizations to promote the country as a prime destination for spiritual exploration and cultural discovery. The president, in his message on the World Tourism Day being observed on Friday (Sept 27), said, "Pakistan has enormous tourism potential as it is blessed with spectacular landscapes, majestic mountains and peaks, vast deserts, and beautiful coastlines."

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Meeting

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Mr. Ajaypal Singh Banga, President of the World Bank on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York. Finance Minister, Muhammad Aurangzeb was also present in the meeting.



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PM reaffirms commitment to achieve Pakistan's development goals

Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday reaffirmed the government's commitment to achieving Pakistan's development goals, aligned with Vision 2025 and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The prime minister was talking to President of the World Bank Ajaypal Singh Banga in a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York. Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb was also present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the prime minister appreciated the World Bank's continuous support to the Government of Pakistan in introducing critical economic reforms and addressing Pakistan's economic challenges,

including poverty reduction and infrastructure development.

The prime minister apprised the WB president of the government's steps, involving policy, administrative and organizational reforms, to realize the full potential of the economy and to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

He added that the government has also implemented reforms, particularly in energy, finance, and revenue sectors and Pakistan looks forward to enhanced support from the World Bank for the government's revitalized economic reforms agenda.

He stressed exploring innovative financing solutions for Pakistan's development projects, including water management, energy, and human development.

Azerbaijan to purchase JF-17 Thunder Block-III from Pakistan for enhanced defence cooperation

Naveed Ahmad Khan

RAWALPINDI: As part of Pakistan's efforts to enhance defence cooperation with friendly countries, a contract for the sale of JF-17 Block-III fighter aircraft to bolster airpower capabilities of Azerbaijan has been recently signed.

During his recent visit to Pakistan, H. E Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan was briefed on the combat capabilities and versatile employment options of JF-17 BLOCK-III fighter aircraft. Pursuant to President Aliyev's visit and on request of Government of Azerbaijan, Pakistan deployed PAF contingent at Baku to participate in ADEX-2024 showcasing the aerial prowess and static display of Pride of Pakistan JF-17 Thunder Block-III.



PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN WITNESSES AIR SHOW OF JF-17 THUNDER BLOCK-III AT AZERBAIJAN DEFENCE EXHIBITION

During deployment, JF-17 carried out Air to Air Refuelling from PAF Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft

deploying in a single hop to Baku, Azerbaijan, demonstrating long haul capability and reach of the PAF's fighter jet.

President Ilham Aliyev visited the static display of JF-17 BLOCK-III and later witnessed an enthralling aerial demonstra-

tion of JF-17 Thunder, showcasing the agility and maneuverability of the fighter jet alongside the professional competence of PAF pilots.

JF-17 Thunder Block-III is an AESA Radar and Long Range BVR equipped 4.5 generation Multi-Role fighter aircraft which is capable of undertaking wide array of combat missions providing contemporary airpower employment options thus strengthening the National Security Paradigm of Azerbaijan.

President of Azerbaijan expressed that the support extended by Pakistan would go a long way in consolidating the existing military cooperation between Pakistan and Azerbaijan, fostering closer defence collaboration and strengthening the warm brotherly ties between the two nations.

Intelligence operation in North Waziristan kills eight Khwarij: ISPR

Spokesman Report

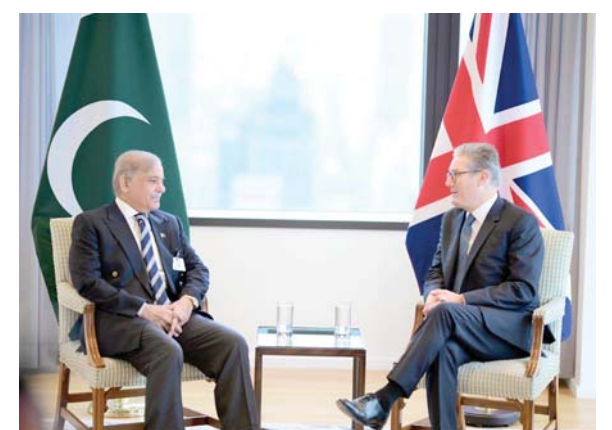
RAWALPINDI: On night 25/26 Sep 2024, security forces conducted an intelligence based operation in general area Razmak, North Waziristan District, on reported presence of Khwarij.

During conduct of the operation, intense fire exchange took place between own troops and khwarij, as a result of which, eight Khwarij were sent to hell.

Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from killed Khwarij, who remained actively involved in terrorist activities against security forces as well as target killing of innocent civilians.

Sanitization of the area is being carried out to eliminate any other Kharji found in the area as security forces are determined to wipe-out the menace of terrorism from the country.

Pakistan-UK agree to promote bilateral ties in various sectors



Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and United Kingdom PM Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer on Thursday agreed to further strengthen bilateral ties in various sectors especially trade and investment.

During a meeting on the sidelines of 79th Session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the two sides discussed matters of mutual interests and bilateral relations between the two countries.

The prime minister apprised his British counterpart of the country's current economic situation and the government's measures being taken for the development and growth of the country's economy especially the efforts made in implementing the FBR tax reforms

and expanding the tax base. Additionally, PM Shehbaz Sharif also informed about the challenges Pakistan faced due to the adverse effects of climate change.

He highlighted Pakistan's sacrifices in the fight against terrorism, emphasizing that terrorism was a global issue that required collective action from the international community.

The prime minister noted that the UK was the third-largest investor in Pakistan and discussed the investment opportunities and projects available in the country.

While mentioning the significant role of Pakistanis residing in the UK in the development of both countries, the prime minister expressed a desire to utilize their contributions effectively to achieve mutual development goals.

Swabi police station's roof collapses after explosion

Correspondent

SWABI: A powerful explosion rocked the City Police Station in Swabi District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, causing the roof to collapse and injuring several people.

Following the blast, rescue teams and ambulances rushed to the scene. Videos circulating on social media show people carrying away the injured and flames rising from the police station.

The explosion resulted in numerous injuries and the collapse of the building's roof. A fire broke out after the blast.

Police have stated that they are investigating the cause of the explosion. Initial reports suggest the blast occurred in the kotwali located on the second floor of the Swabi police station.

The explosion destroyed barracks, and several people were trapped under the rubble. Rescue sources initially reported eight injured, including two critically injured, who were transported to the hospital. Firefighters have brought the fire under control.

Tiresome cliches do not controvert facts, CJP tells Justice Mansoor in strongly-worded reply

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a strongly worded letter written on Thursday, Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa explained to Justice Mansoor Ali Shah why he removed Justice Munib Akhtar from the judges committee.

The letter comes in response to Justice Shah's letter from a few days ago, which had criticised the CJP for his one-man show.

"Your tiresome cliches do not controvert facts," Justice Isa wrote.

The chief justice wrote that Justice Munib Akhtar had opposed the Practice and Procedure Act and had availed full vacations unlike most members of the court.

CJP Isa also said Justice Akhtar had disrespected senior judges and behaved rudely towards other members of the judges committee. He also criticised

Justice Munib for adjourning cases and giving injunctive relief.

However, the CJP did not stop there and went on to list his achievements during his tenure.

CJP Isa wrote that he had done away with 'cliques' which each CJ had used to control the court in the past and had promoted merit in the court. He also said that the court had been returned to its full strength.

Justice Isa also took credit for making sure that general elections were held and democracy was 'returned' to the country.

Justice Isa also said that he was 'perturbed' by Justice Shah's saying the country is in a 'constitutional crisis' adding that such a remark can undermine stability in the country.

He also asked Justice Shah to return to his duties after considering the matter objectively.

ECP once again approaches SC for clarification on reserved seats

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has once again approached the Supreme Court for clarification regarding the allocation of reserved seats to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). The ECP finally issued a notification regarding these reserved seats.

The ECP made the decision in its eighth meeting on the matter on Thursday.

The petition filed in the Supreme Court argues that when clarification was sought on the July 12 short order, the new act was not in place. It requests guidance on the court's decision in light of the Election (Amendment) Act. Since Parliament has now enacted this law, the petition asks whether the ECP should follow the parliamentary law or the Supreme Court's decision.

The petition further pleads that the ECP is facing uncertainty regarding the reserved seats and seeks guidance on the Supreme Court orders of July 12, September 14, and September 23. It states that the ECP's behavior clearly indicates its desire to comply with court orders; however, complying with the September 14th order would violate the newly enacted parliamentary law.

Our struggle will continue till the people of Kashmir achieve their cherished goal: PM AJK

Bureau Report

MIRPUR: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that elections held in occupied Kashmir under military siege cannot be a substitute for Kashmiris Right to self determination.

The PM said this while addressing the 8th convocation of Mirpur University of Science and Technology as a special guest here today. "We reject these sham polls being held under the shadow of guns", the PM said, adding that India was using the so-called elections to perpetuate military occupation and hide barbaric brutalities and the violation of human rights in Occupied Kashmir.

Holding a referendum in the region under the UN auspices, he said, was the unanimous demand of the Kashmiri people. The AJK premier reiterated the Kashmiris' resolve to continue the ongoing struggle to its logical conclusion. "Our struggle will continue till the people of Kashmir achieve their



cherished goal of freedom from India's illegal occupation", he said. Referring to the continued bloodshed and violence in the Indian occupied Kashmir, the PM said, "Kashmiri people have not only been deprived of basic human rights and freedoms, but they were being subjected to enforced disappearances, extra-judicial killings", the PM said adding that in presence of Indian forces the held territory has become a hell hole for its citizens.

The PM also appreciated the role of VC and faculty members for their remarkable role in promoting higher education. Referring to various initiatives his government had taken during the past couple of years, the PM said, "We established financial discipline in government institutions, promoted investment, established merit, prevented misuse of public funds and ensured proper and effective use of allocated funds in education, health and other sectors". The convocation was attended by Vice Chancellor Mr. Brigadier (ret'd) Prof. Younis Javed (Star Intiaz Military), government Ministers including Colonel Retired Waqar Ahmad Noor, Chaudhry Arshad Hussain, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, Chaudhry Yasir Sultan, Malik Zafar

Iqbal, Chaudhry Muhammad Akhlaq, Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid, Javed Iqbal Badhanvi, Ms. Nabila Ayub, Advisors Ms. Sabiha Siddique, Col. Retd. Assembly, Higher Education Chairman Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, and others. Whereas, students and their parents and civil society members were present on the occasion. Pertinently, president AJK Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry could not attend the convocation due to bad health. However, his special message was read out to the audience by Idrees Abbasi, the secretary to the AJK president.

Mian Abuzar Shad set to lead LCCI as new president



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: As the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) transitions into its extended two-year election cycle, seasoned businessmen Mian Abuzar Shad and Faheemur Rehman Saigol are poised to take turns leading the chamber.

After the sweeping victory by the Ptaf, Progressive, and Pioneer Alliance in the 2024-26 LCCI elections, Shad is likely to assume the presidency for the first year, with Saigol succeeding him in the second.

Shad, known for his unwavering commitment to Lahore's business community, is expected to steer the LCCI towards growth and stability during his term. Saigol, with a forward-thinking approach, will focus on modernizing trade practices and strengthening international relations, ensuring continued progress for the chamber in the second year.

With no other candidates filing nomination papers for the presidential, senior vice president, or vice president slots, the election commission is expected to issue an official notification tomorrow. The SVP and VP roles will be filled by renowned businessmen Khalid Usman and Shahid Nazir, respectively.

Their combined leadership promises a bright future for the LCCI, prioritizing innovation and business community needs.

Multan Chamber Elections: Mian Bakhtawar Tanveer Sheikh Elected Unopposed President



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: The results of the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry elections for the year 2024-26 have been announced. Mian Bakhtawar Tanveer Sheikh was elected unopposed for the post of President, while Khawaja Muhammad Mohsin Masood and Senior Vice President were elected. Mohammad Azhar Javed Khan was also elected unopposed for the post of Vice President. Last day, a meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Multan in connection with the election, in which the members of the Majlis-e-Aila and former presidents of the House, former senior vice presidents and former vice presidents, attended. Election Commission members Syed Ifikhar Ali Shah, Khawaja Muhammad Sohail Tufail and Muhammad Shakeel Arain announced the inconclusive results. According to the inconclusive results, Majidullah Khan, Khawaja Mohammad Mohsin Masood, Mian Idris Ahmed Sheikh, Waseem Akhtar, Mohammad Sarfaraz, Major Retd Tariq Khan, Mohammad Azhar Javed Khan, Aamir Ali Khan, Sheikh Mohammad from the corporate class on the 26 seats of the Executive Council of the House. Yasin, Arshad Iqbal Sheikh, Muhammad Altaf Shahid, Khawaja Muhammad Zulfikar Ali Siddiqui and Ms. Hina Ishtiaq Hilla were elected as members of the Executive Committee for two years 2024-26 on the reserved seat for women and Mian Bakhtawar Tanveer Sheikh, Rajab Hussain from the associate class, Khwaja Muhammad Arshad, Sheikh Zafar Hussain, Muhammad Arif, Sheikh Faisal Saeed, Zafar Iqbal Siddiqui, Raza Amar, Amar Yasir Khawaja, Abrar Ahmed, Sheikh Muhammad Amjad, Muhammad Ramzan Bhatta and Ms. Iram Iqbal Sahiba uncontested on the reserved seat for women. The members were elected to this council. The final results of the election for the year 2024-26 will be declared on 28 September 2024 in the annual session of the General Body of the House.

2 killed, one injured in firing outside Judicial Complex



ISLAMABAD, SEP 26 (APP): Two persons were killed and one injured in a firing incident outside the Judicial Complex in G-11 Sector of the Federal Capital on Thursday.

Tafseer Hussain Shah along with his companions was reportedly passing through the area when his car was fired upon by some unidentified individuals.

Tafseer Hussain Shah died on the spot, while his driver Wajid Masood Kayani and another person sustained injuries. The injured were shifted to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), where Wajid Masood Kayani also succumbed to his injuries.

Tafseer Hussain Shah, a property dealer and resident of G-14 Islamabad, hailed from Kotli Sattian.

According to police, an old enmity might be the reason behind the killings.

The police cordoned off the area and launched a search operation to apprehend the assailants.

Appreciation

MULTAN: Regional Manager Allied and EFA School South Punjab Muhammad Imran Arif is distributing certificates among students.



IRSA's technical committee meets to assess water availability for Rabi



ISLAMABAD, SEP 26 (APP): The technical committee of Indus River System Authority (IRSA) met on Thursday to assess the availability of water in the rivers and reservoirs for the upcoming Rabi season 2024, scheduled to commence from Oct 1.

The meeting of the IRSA technical committee was convened to provide an assessment of the water flows in the rivers and reservoir level during the upcoming Rabi season.

The meeting was presided over by the IRSA Director Operation Khalid Idress Rana while Chief Engineer WAPDA, Directors Regulation Punjab, Sindh, Superintendent Engineer Irrigation Balochistan, Director Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and officials of Tarbela and Mangla dams also participated in it.

The Water Accord 1991 empowered the IRSA to determine water availability in the country and provincial share twice a year, once for Kharif season and the other for Rabi season. Rabi season starts from October 1, while Kharif starts from April 1.

Shehbaz government trying to save its tenure: Dr Safdar Abbasi

Exclusive interview
By Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Dr. Safdar Abbasi, who is the General Secretary of Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), expressed his views regarding the constitutional amendment.

He said that the Constitution of Pakistan came during the era of Pakistan People's Party was very non-controversial, earlier, the Constitution of 1956 and 1962 was a one-sided constitution and was in accordance with the dictator mindset which was first advocated by Sikandar Mirza and later by Ayub Khan. It was the first unanimous constitution of 1973. Which seemed impossible at that time, but Bhutto had brought together all the parliamentary parties and political forces to pass this constitution. And I think that even after more than 50 years, that's still the consensus, and there's been attempts to break it through various PCOs. And yet we are carrying things along with the 1973 constitution.

Apart from this, the Eighteenth Amendment was also made during the Pakistan People's Party period. There were definitely some differences with my government, but it was also amended in different articles. It was a consensus-oriented amendment and it was



commendable. Now, all the controversial amendments, whether it is the 8th amendment or the 17th amendment, and what is being amended today is a controversial amendment and there is no consensus in it, there are very serious reservations about this assembly, especially it is understood by the public and the opposition parties that this government has been established through bogus elections.

Now, even if you make any amendment in the constitution by breaking people, it will have no worth and value because

there will be a question of legitimacy even on this amendment. It is a question mark on the constitutionality of the assemblies, then obviously when amendments are made there is a question mark on it too.

Now, if there will be any good thing in this amendment for example, the Federal Constitution Court, which is a part of the charter of democracy, but how will the constitution of the Federal Constitution Court be, what will be its members, what will be its powers, a lot of questions on it. There is a big debate. If there is a legislative assembly

and there is no question mark on it, a constitutional exercise is conducted in which a consensus is built, then the amendments will be acceptable, but in the manner in which they are being done, I think like Maulana Fazal ur Rehman took a stand and including all the parties, like I am the general secretary of GDA, but they did not give us a part in the parliament.

Neither we have any senator nor we have any members, our duty will remain the same, but until the issue of legitimacy is not resolved and there is no consensus in the amendment, then it will not be accepted by the public, Dr Safdar Abbasi said in response to a question. said that no one knows where the draft is and who brought it. The debate in the amendment of the constitution always held in public forum. Look at the democracy of the world. If there is any amendment, it is debated for a year. Here the law becomes temporary. It is not a legislation but a person specific legislation, which has many controversies and these controversies will continue to grow and the system will not last long as it is trying to run.

I don't understand how these ordinances are being made. It is a simple person-specific legislation. There are very serious controversies in this whole matter and these controversies are increasing and I don't think this system works. In response

to what is the future of democracy in Pakistan and whether the current government will be able to fulfill its mandate, Dr. Safdar Abbasi said that political parties have an important role in democracy and only political parties can take political issues forward. But the problem is that there is no political leadership in our political parties, there is a family legacy in every political party which they are carrying forward.

Recently in Sindh there are many big issues in politics in which the biggest issue is water all the opposition parties in which JUL, Jamaat-e-Islami and PTI all the parties had called a protest all over Sindh. We have rejected all the amendments. We have a discussion with all the opposition parties on how we can cooperate with each other.

Our opinion was that instead of entering into an alliance with a party, we should cooperate with each other on issues. This is the crisis that we are seeing in the Parliament at the moment. Our effort regarding this amendment is that the four major opposition parties should come together on the basic issues and take things forward. Our point is that all the opposition parties have a meeting again and should organize and adopt a common plan of action on how we should cooperate with each other in future national politics.



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Mian Anjum thanks to traders for support and says will try to solve their problems

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: PPP Alliance Chairman Mian Anjum Nisar thanked to all the market traders and businessman to support PIAF PBG Progressive Alliance. Mian Anjum Nisar said that elected members will fully try to solve the businessman and traders problems and this is include in our priority. The PIAF Chairman Faheem-Ur- Rehman also said that under the leadership of Mian Anjum Nisar our team is fully united and he also thanked to all the markets traders and Businessman who gave the vote and supported us and due to this we got convincing and historic win with clean sweep. He also thanked to former Chairman PIAF Muhammad Ali Mian and former Vice Chairman PIAF Tahir Manzoor for supporting role. He said Traders and businessman, and Industrialists trusted on us and we will fully try to solve their problems. He said for the solving of Traders and Business problems if possible so then we will meet Government officials as well.

Tourism is an invisible export and its foreign exchange earnings can contribute: FPCCI

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) celebrated World Tourism Day 2024-25 at the FPCCI President Secretariat in Islamabad on September 25, 2024. The event featured prominent international guests, including H. E. Ms. Harerimana Fatou, Ambassador of Rwanda and High Commissioner-Designate of the Republic of Rwanda, Mr. Ito Takeshi, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, and Mr. A. Christy Ruban, Deputy Head of Mission of Sri Lanka, Indonesian Ambassador, representative of JAICA. Executive Members of FPCCI, representative of Pakistan Hotel Association, Pakistan Association of Tours Operators Pakistan Travels Mart and others were also attended on celebration ceremony.

Mr. Tariq Mehmood Jadoon, Vice

President of FPCCI, reiterated FPCCI, Mr. Karim Aziz Malik, Chairman of the FPCCI Capital Office, Malik Sohail Hussain, Chairman Coordination FPCCI, Mr. Salman Javed, Convener of the FPCCI Standing Committee on Tourism Economy, and others stressed that tourism is an invisible export and its foreign exchange earnings can contribute to the adjustment in balance of payments position of the country. They noted that the tourism sector is a major employer, providing opportunities in hotels, restaurants, travel agencies, and tour operations. He emphasized how tourism-related employment can reduce poverty and improve living standards, particularly in rural and underdeveloped regions with popular tourist destinations.

They reiterated FPCCI's commitment to promoting tourism and stressed the need for collective efforts to uplift the nation's economy through tourism. Mr.



Tariq Mehmood Jadoon, Vice President of FPCCI, reiterated FPCCI, Mr. Karim Aziz Malik, Chairman of the FPCCI Capital Office, Malik Sohail Hussain, Chairman Coordination FPCCI, Mr. Salman Javed, Convener of the FPCCI

Standing Committee on Tourism Economy, emphasized the potential of tourism to not only bring socioeconomic benefits but also improve Pakistan's global image.

The event concluded with a collec-

tive call for enhanced investment and efforts to unlock the vast potential of Pakistan's tourism industry. The celebration function were rounded off with cutting cake presented by the college of Hotel & Management.

Tourism EXPO

ISLAMABAD: Sep26 – Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Ambassador of Tajikistan's, to Pakistan Sharifzoda Yousuf Toir and others stands on Tajikistan handmade items Stall during inauguration ceremony of 2nd International Tourism Expo, at a local hotel, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bahir

CBD Punjab and genesis properties ready to transform lahore

City Desk

LAHORE: A delegation of Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA), also known as Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab), recently visited Lahore Global Village (LGV) to assess the progress of its commercial activities. The delegation included Saqlain Akbar, Deputy Director Urban Planning CBD Punjab, Faran Sadiq, Assistant Director Retail Sales CBD Punjab, and officials from the CBD Punjab Technical Directorate.

During the visit, the delegation met with Chairman Genesis Properties, Habib Nawaz, and CEO Genesis Properties, Raheel Iftikhar. The officials were briefed on the progress of LGV, which is expected to become one of Lahore's key commercial and retail destinations.



Chairman Genesis properties, Habib Nawaz, shared that LGV is on track to become operational by the end of October 2024, with many prominent retail and food brands already onboarded for the grand opening. The delegation also

conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing renovation work at LGV to ensure the project's timely completion.

Spokesperson of CBD Punjab commented, "Lahore Global Village will be the new identity of Lahore. The project will

be functional in accordance with the directives of the Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz. Genesis Properties has the full support of CBD Punjab, and both teams are working tirelessly to make LGV operational as scheduled."

AIOU strengthens educational ties with Russia through academic collaborations

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is enhancing its academic partnerships with both national and international institutions to better serve its vast student body, according to Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood. This focus on academic agreements was highlighted by Professor Dr. Hajra Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at AIOU, during her address at a documentary screening event titled "Russian Heritage of the Himalayas: The Journey Continues." The documentary screening was organized by the Faculty of Sciences and the International Collaboration and Exchange department of AIOU, with support from the Russian Embas-



sy in Islamabad.

Dr. Hajra emphasized the university's commitment to aligning education with global and national needs, citing recent agreements with Russian universities. She also thanked the visiting Russian delegation for gifting two books to the university's Russian

Language Center.

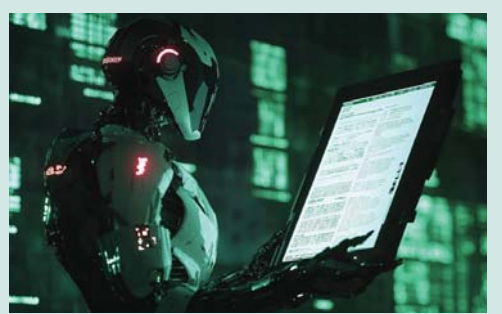
Led by Ivan Chayka, Chairman of Russia's National Award Committee 'Crystal Compass', a five-member Russian delegation visited AIOU to explore opportunities for collaboration. Other members included Dr. Yuri Efremov, Director of the "Russian

Heritage of the Himalayas: The Journey Continues" project, Dmitry Gritsenko of the Russian Geographical Society, Stanislav Osilenko of the Youth Club, and Elena Kolisenkova, Head of Education and Culture at the Russian Embassy. During the visit, Dr. Zahid Majeed, Director of Collaboration and Exchange, briefed the Russian delegation on AIOU's recent initiatives, including the launch of a Russian Language Center in collaboration with the Ural State Pedagogical University. Following the event, the delegation visited the center and commended the university's efforts to promote Russian language and culture, recognizing its potential to enhance educational and cultural ties between Pakistan and Russia.

Kaspersky detects over 1 million daily web tracking attempts to collect user data in 2024

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Kaspersky's latest analysis of the 25 most prevalent web tracking services, including Google services, New Relic, Microsoft, revealed over 38 billion instances of web trackers collecting user behavior data in 2024, with an average of one million detections every day.



Web tracking involves collecting, storing, and analyzing data on users' online behavior. This data can include demographics, website visits, time spent on pages, and interactions such as clicks, scrolls, and mouse movements, which can be used for creating heatmaps and other insights. Businesses leverage this information to personalize experiences, boost user engagement, target ads more effectively, and measure the performance of their online services.

Kaspersky products feature a Do Not Track (DNT) component that blocks tracking elements designed to monitor user activity on websites. This feature enables Kaspersky to assess the current state of data harvesting by web trackers. To conduct this assessment, Kaspersky experts analyzed the 25 most prevalent tracking services. These include four from Alphabet Inc. – Google Display & Video 360, Google Analytics, Google AdSense, and YouTube Analytics – as well as services from New Relic, and Microsoft, including Bing and other Microsoft tracking platforms. Their analysis revealed that 38,725,551,855 data collection incidents were detected in a year, from July 2023 to June 2024, with users sharing their data approximately 1,060,974 times per day.

Finance 'Pact of the Future' making accessible to developing countries: Dr Abid

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute and a member of COP29 International Advisory Committee who is now in New York has called for financing the "Pact of the Future" adopted by the world leaders at the Summit of the Future making it accessible to the developing countries.

Speaking at a side event on the "Trust and Global Governance, Climate Action: Linking the UN Summit of the Future with COP29" organized by the Nizami Ganjavi International Center on the advice of COP29 President-Designate at the sideline of the Summit, Dr Abid said that there is a need to turn human security as the focus of the UN Security Council while exercising veto powers, and to reform global governance and multilateral financial institutions in the interest of common global good.

He highlighted that the mistrust and lack of confidence of the member governments is impacting the global governance so under the 'Pact of the Future' the renewed commitments work develop a culture of working together to combat the climate change. While we are heading toward Baku for the COP29, the countries should come up with realistic climate commitments in terms of their Nationally Determined Commitments (NDCs).

Mukhtar Babayev COP29 President-Designate and Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan has invited the International COP29 Committee members to deliberate upon the linkage of the COP29 with the 'UN Summit of the Future' where the world leaders have adopted a 'Pact for the Future' that includes a Global Digital Compact and a Declaration on Future Generations. This Pact is the culmination of a years-long process to adapt international cooperation to the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow. The hard work of implementation begins immediately.

Three missing children reunited with families

ISLAMABAD, SEP 26 (APP):Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police teams from Golra, Sumbal, and Aabpara, police stations have successfully reunited three missing children with their families on Thursday.

According to a police statement, the teams from Golra, Aabpara, and Sumbal, police stations received reports from citizens stating their children had been missing and could not be traced despite extensive efforts by family members.

He said upon receiving the reports, the police teams utilized both technical and human resources to trace the missing children, ensuring their safe return to their families.

He added that the families expressed their gratitude for the police team's swift actions and commended the Islamabad Police for their immediate assistance.

Citizens are urged to contact the emergency helpline "Pucar-15 or report suspicious individuals or activities via the "ICT-15 app."

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Constitutional Courts: A Step Toward Judicial Overreach?

Many countries have established both a constitutional court and a supreme court to handle different aspects of their legal systems, particularly separating constitutional matters from other judicial issues. For instance, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, South Africa, and Poland have constitutional courts dedicated to ensuring laws comply with their constitutions, while their supreme courts handle civil and criminal cases. France's Constitutional Council oversees constitutional matters, whereas the Court of Cassation deals with criminal and civil cases. Similarly, Russia, Turkey, Colombia, South Korea, Chile, and Portugal follow this model, with constitutional courts focusing on constitutional disputes and supreme courts addressing broader legal matters. This dual court system, prevalent in many European, Latin American, and African countries, allows for specialization in constitutional interpretation, unlike countries such as the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, where a single supreme court manages both constitutional and non-constitutional cases.

Though the concept of establishment of Constitutional Court is not new, but the purpose of setting up the constitutional court differs in intent and purpose. In Pakistan as against larger public good, the government is determined to neutralize the Supreme Court's powers to challenge wrongdoing by the government, parliament, the Election Commission, and their associated institutions.

The government and the forces supporting the current political system are left with no choice but to employ all means—legal or illegal, constitutional or unconstitutional—to salvage a system

whose foundations have been deeply shaken by the Supreme Court's judgment.

Having failed to coerce the judiciary through force, the government is now intent on stripping the Supreme Court of its powers. It plans to establish a parallel "constitutional court," under the pretext of expediting cases pending before the Supreme Court, despite many of these cases being of minor significance with little impact on the broader societal good.

In a desperate attempt to preserve its survival, the government has sought to introduce constitutional amendments that would not only alter the entire structure of the judiciary but also reshape the constitution and the country's democratic framework. The government appears determined to revert to a colonial system where both executive and judicial powers fall under governmental control, effectively granting the establishment absolute authority over the judiciary—authority that the judiciary had recently reclaimed by asserting its independence. This move would most likely jeopardize democratic governance and potentially lead the country toward a totalitarianism, posing serious and dangerous implications for the nation and its people.

In our constitutional scheme, the Supreme Court acts as the ultimate arbiter of constitutional matters and has the authority to check the excesses of the executive and legislative branches. By creating a parallel "constitutional court," the government could essentially sideline the Supreme Court whenever it finds its rulings inconvenient, leading to a subordination of the judiciary to the executive's

whims. For example in Poland, the government's interference with the Constitutional Tribunal led to concerns from the European Union about a lack of judicial independence, resulting in democratic backsliding.

A constitutional court would most likely be composed of judges aligned with the government's interests, allowing it to legitimize any unconstitutional actions essentially turning the judiciary into a rubber stamp for executive actions, which is characteristic of authoritarian regimes. For example in Venezuela, President Hugo Chávez packed the Supreme Tribunal of Justice with loyalists, enabling the government to override legal challenges, consolidate power, and effectively dismantle checks and balances. This allowed the executive branch to rule without constraint, moving the country toward authoritarianism.

The existence of two competing judicial authorities can create confusion, undermine the rule of law, and lead to constitutional chaos. When decisions are issued by a court that is seen as politically motivated, public trust in the judiciary and legal system diminishes, which is detrimental to democracy. For example in Turkey, the erosion of the Constitutional Court's powers, along with the establishment of specialized courts that served the interests of the ruling party, led to arbitrary arrests and a compromised rule of law, pushing the country further into authoritarian rule.

This move would allow the government to circumvent legal challenges, enforce controversial decisions, and even alter constitutional provisions without opposition. Over time, this paves the way for

totalitarianism, where the separation of powers is merely cosmetic. For example in Egypt, President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi's government passed constitutional amendments that expanded executive power and weakened judicial oversight. This led to a more authoritarian regime, with diminished democratic freedoms and civil liberties.

By sidelining the Supreme Court through a constitutional court, the government can operate without accountability, marginalizing the opposition, restricting media freedom, and infringing on citizens' rights without fear of judicial intervention. For example in Russia, the Kremlin has effectively neutralized independent courts, allowing the government to suppress political dissent and opposition, resulting in an authoritarian state masked as a democracy.

If the government succeeds in establishing a constitutional court, it will have a mechanism to overrule any decision made by the Supreme Court that challenges the executive or legislative actions, rendering the existing judicial oversight irrelevant. This will make it easier for the government to manipulate election outcomes, suppress opposition, and enact laws that violate constitutional rights without effective judicial resistance.

The Supreme Court's role is to protect the constitution and uphold the rights of citizens, ensuring that no branch of government exceeds its authority. Introducing a parallel constitutional court would not only dilute this authority but also set a dangerous precedent where the judiciary's power is determined by the government, which contradicts the very essence of a democratic state.

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Analysis

Qamar Bashir

Stop global warming to turn tide on sea level rise

With global sea level rising faster than at any time over the last 3,000 years, UN Member States met Wednesday to examine how best to address this existential threat.

The situation is critical, said UN General Assembly President Philomen Yang, who convened the high-level meeting which included a plenary session and panel discussions, with more than 100 speakers participating.

Yang said it is estimated that sea levels will rise by 20 centimetres between 2020 and 2050, and up to 1.2 billion people could be forcibly displaced.

"For those on the front lines, the impacts of rising seas threaten livelihoods, inflict damage to settlements and critical infrastructure, and can in its most dramatic manifestations force the displacement of entire island populations and coastal communities," he said.

The president urged countries to work together to build resilience, tackle disaster vulnerability, ensure the development and implementation of climate adaptation strategies, and improve coastal management practices.

"Above all, we must stop the global warming that is fueling sea level rise by recommitting to our goal of limiting temperature rise to no more than 1.5 degrees," he said.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stressed the need for "drastic action" – both to reduce emissions to limit sea level rise and to save lives. He said everyone, everywhere must be protected by early warning systems by 2027, in line with a UN initiative.

Meanwhile, countries must deliver new climate action plans that align with the 1.5°C goal, cover all sectors of the economy, and provide a fast track to phasing out fossil fuels. G20 nations – responsible for roughly 80 per cent of global emissions – must take the lead.

"Money is indispensable. We need a strong finance outcome at COP29 this year – including on new and innovative sources of capital," he said, referring to the UN climate change conference in Azerbaijan in November.

The Secretary-General also called for significant contributions to the new Loss and Damage Fund that assists developing nations, and for richer countries to double adaptation finance to at least \$40 billion annually by 2025. Furthermore, multilateral development banks must be reformed to deliver more affordable finance to developing countries.

Former General Assembly President Dennis Francis commended UN Member States for taking decisive action on the issue of sea level rise. He said the meeting marks the starting point towards "an ambitious declaration" by the General Assembly in September 2026.

"The declaration is an opportunity to secure prosperity, dignity and rights of all affected countries and communities," he continued. "Through the declaration, we must reaffirm that sovereignty and statehood are inalienable rights, and they are enduring and permanent, notwithstanding any circumstances of sea level rise."



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

The Impact of Proper Packaging in Pakistan's Agriculture

Fazal Rehman Khan

Proper packaging plays a crucial role in the agriculture sector, particularly in countries like Pakistan where agriculture is a significant contributor to the economy. It helps in preserving the freshness of agricultural produce such as fruits, vegetables, and grains. In Pakistan, where perishable items like fruits and vegetables are abundant, effective packaging methods can extend the shelf life of these products, reducing wastage and ensuring higher quality for consumers. It will also protect agricultural products from physical damage during transportation and handling, especially in Pakistan, where transportation infrastructure is not fully developed in all regions. This is especially relevant for a province like Balochistan. In a competitive market like Pakistan, where numerous producers compete for consumer attention, attractive packaging can make a significant difference in sales. Promoting hygiene and food safety, a lot of farmers are looking for cost effective ways of packaging. Currently small and medium enterprises, farmers, and microentrepreneurs are using cloth or jute bags for packaging their produce to transport it from farm to wholesale markets, and in some cases, to big buyers in Punjab and Sindh. The packaging not only is susceptible to damage but cannot protect the produce from heat, or external factors such as sun exposure. This decreases

the quality and shelf life of products like tomatoes, Bananas, grapes, and fresh dates.

Cartons are an eco friendly, and more durable option for storing and transporting fresh produce. However, the majority of the traders purchase them from factories or wholesalers in Punjab or Sindh, but this is not cost efficient. Khair oversees a grape farm where his primary revenue streams are derived from the sale of grapes and grape-related products. His grape farm faced challenges, especially in getting packing material from Karachi, affecting his business's productivity. His own need of carton was 70,000 units and the market price per carton was PKR 180 making his expenditure on purchase to be PKR 12,600,000. This cost was putting a huge dent in his profit margins. Through a matching grant offered by the Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress project, funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Trade Centre, Muhammad received a grant of PKR 30 million, which he invested in establishing a packaging material factory, specializing in cartons. This innovative move positions Khair Mohammad not only to cater to his own business needs but also to serve other farmers in Balochistan by providing and selling packaging material, thereby contributing to the broader economic development of the region.

The carton factory now produces 4,200 cartons per hour and 1,310,400 cartons/month exceeding his requirement of 70,000 units. The abundance benefits

not only him but also nearby farmers. By self-producing cartons, he saves PKR 80 per carton, totalling around PKR 5,600,000 in savings. Timely market transactions are possible, reaching customers across Balochistan. The machinery is imported from China and Germany, and is generating employment opportunities for the local community. To ensure the industrial yield is environmentally friendly he is using recyclable material instead of virgin paper, hence contributing towards his social responsibility and GRASP's adherence to SDG 13 on climate action. Khair's story exemplifies the transformative impact of innovative solutions in the agriculture sector, particularly in regions like Balochistan where challenges abound. By leveraging the support of initiatives like the GRASP project, Khair not only addressed his own business hurdles but also emerged as a catalyst for broader economic development in the region. His venture into establishing a packaging material factory not only saves costs and enhances productivity but also fosters employment opportunities and promotes environmental sustainability. Through initiatives like these, local entrepreneurs like Khair are driving positive change, propelling Pakistan's agriculture sector towards greater resilience, efficiency, and prosperity. As we celebrate stories of innovation and entrepreneurship, let us continue to support and amplify initiatives that pave the way for sustainable development and inclusive growth in Pakistan's agricultural landscape.

Essential thing for mental health!

Aman Rahi

It is not possible to know the behavior of anyone without talking to that person, although some behaviors are common in our society, but those behaviors are toxic.

"Sense of Entitlement" which is found in many of us here. Some people in our home, family, office, friends, and powerful class think that they don't need to care about anyone's feelings or time, so they go on trampling your rights but you have a voice on their actions. No right to raise, you have no authority to criticize them, if any of our brothers/sisters, or fathers/mothers in our house suffer from a sense of entitlement, everyone has to follow them, and they speak frankly. If there is someone in your life who doesn't value your time, emotions and feelings, set boundaries with them, don't let them take advantage of you (but this (All of course, easy to say and equally difficult to do).

Tell them that if they don't understand your likes and dislikes, time, feelings, then don't expect anything from you, and remember not to say such things while fighting, but act to make others feel, and if someone asks you to explain your new behavior, refrain from saying "you're toxic, narcissistic, etc."

Of course, rejection hurts us all. None of us say, "I'm so happy to be rejected." But a normal person mourns a bit after rejection, gets depressed and then moves on.

However, those who have a sense of entitlement are more painful to be rejected, because they feel that everything they do should only be appreciated. In such a situation, when someone criticizes their work, they do not tolerate it, and their uncomfortable emotions come to the surface, which they cannot handle, and this is the reason why they are very angry

about it. They react bitterly, often spreading rumors or arguing, or making accusations or going personal and expressing their uncomfortable feelings, because they don't know how to sit down and process it. They are not ready to accept that their work can be bad. This is toxic behavior.

These attitudes are the tendencies of bitterness and narcissism. (Narcissism) Narcissism often develops when too much pampering is mistreated and empathy is seen as a sign of weakness, or when parents are narcissistic, or when some children experience narcissistic trauma. Creates space. But that doesn't mean we should ignore the toxic behaviors of others just because they've been through trauma, you're not responsible for bearing the trauma of others.

Many times people take the criticism of a work on themselves, it is very likely that this is the case, so one should keep his work separate from himself. We will not feel that someone has rejected our "self".

We often associate our self-esteem and self-worth with our work, and then when someone rejects our work, we feel as if they have betrayed us. We are humiliated and then our reaction is very bitter and we feel very bad about ourselves.

Emotional intelligence is when someone dislikes or rejects you, you accept it and move on, not by going to other people's inboxes or calling them, or going to their houses and start shouting. Why did you do that, etc.

Accept that rejection or criticism is a part of life and blaming others or being more bitter will only hurt them further.

Life is full of rejection and criticism, who will you fight against? So quietly step away and accept that your "work" may be rejected and has nothing to do with your self-worth. It will be better for your mental health.

ISSI hosts International Conference on Climate Change in run-up to COP29 in Azerbaijan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Strategic Perspective (CSP) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), convened a highly anticipated international conference today, titled "Navigating Pakistan's Climate Action Path: Adaptation, Finance, and Technology." The conference, organized ahead of the COP29 summit, brought together leading experts from Pakistan and abroad to deliberate on the country's climate strategy, focusing on key areas like adaptation, climate finance, and technological advancements. At the Inaugural Session, Senator Sherry Rehman was the Chief Guest.

H. E. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, emphasized the urgent need for global unity in tackling climate change during his keynote address. He highlighted Azerbaijan's commitment to promoting peace, climate finance, and adaptation efforts at COP29, stressing that international cooperation is essential for achieving a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Senator Sherry Rehman, speaking as the Chief Guest, emphasized the urgency of bold climate action at the upcoming COP, referencing the encouraging statements made by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan on renewable energy and financing. She highlighted Pakistan's unique climate challenges, which are both local and global, emphasizing that no country can face these crises in isolation.

Senator Rehman pointed out that while global discussions, such as the Summit of the Future, aimed to set ambitious climate goals, they often fell short of the necessary commitments. Pakistan, having led the G77 during COP27, continues to advocate for developing countries to unite on a common agenda. However, she warned that the clock is ticking faster for vulnerable nations like Pakistan, with this decade being crucial for achieving climate targets—not the distant 2050.

In his remarks on the occasion, DG ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, welcomed the participants and highlighted the critical importance of these dialogues in shaping Pakistan's climate strategies. He expressed



gratitude to HSF for its partnership and acknowledged the distinguished speakers, including government officials, civil society representatives, and international experts, for their contributions. He recognized Senator Sherry Rehman for her relentless advocacy for climate justice and her leadership role in securing a global outcome on the creation of the Loss and Damage Fund at COP27 at

Sharm-el-Sheikh in 2022.

Dr. Neelum Nigar, Director CSP, in her introductory remarks emphasized Pakistan's urgent climate challenges, highlighting the need for investment in green technologies, climate finance, and adaptation measures to build resilience and promote sustainable development.

Mr. Stefan Burkhardt, Head of Division HSF Asia, highlighted the

global climate crisis, emphasizing the need for accelerated action following COP27 and COP28. He praised the establishment of the Loss and Damage Fund at COP27 but stressed the importance of effective implementation, particularly for vulnerable countries like Pakistan.

Dr. Fariz Ismailzade, Vice Rector at ADA University in Baku and member of the Azerbaijan Parliam-

ment praised ISSI for fostering Pakistan-Azerbaijan relations and highlighted ADA's leadership in uniting experts for COP29 climate change discussions in Baku.

The Inaugural Session concluded with Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman Board of Governors ISSI, presenting shields to the Chief Guest and Keynote speaker, followed by a group photograph.

Pakistan Muslim League-N is a popular political party of the people: Asma Butt

City Desk

RAWALPINDI: Famous director and writer Asma Butt said that Pakistan Muslim League-N is a popular political party of the people. The public and the artist community are extremely grateful to plmn who always took practical steps for the welfare of the public and artists. The center of hopes of the artists is the senior leadership of the PML-N and the young leader, Member of the National Assembly and Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry. The artists' hopes to

The top leadership and young leader of the PML-N Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry, that they will provide with decent employment opportunities without discrimination, and their access to the relevant institutions will be made easy.

Writer and director Asma Butt said this during an important meeting with the leader of Pakistan Muslim League-N, Member of National Assembly and Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry. Asma Butt informed



him about the problems and concerns of artists, and said that the political life of Pakistan Muslim League-N consists of different historical periods. People and artists value the services of PML-N. Asma Butt said that like the people, the hopes of artists are related to PML-N and Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry, who

is a young leader as well as a wise and highly educated political leader. The artist community has full faith in you that Daniyal Chaudhry will not only restore the lost honor and dignity of the artists, but will also play an important role in providing dignified employment to the artists of this region.

Ambassador Emin Čohodarević Visits Islamabad Model School for Girls

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: As part of the "12 Days of Peace" campaign organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina in collaboration with the UN Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador Emin Čohodarević visited the Islamabad Model School for Girls. He was accompanied by Raja Rashid Ali, Secretary of the Ministry of Education, and Faizan Badar, Secretary of the Federal Tax Administration of Pakistan.

During the visit, Ambassador Čohodarević toured the school's classrooms and participated in an IT class, engaging warmly with students and teachers. He delivered a brief lecture highlighting the unique aspects of Bosnia and Herzegovina and emphasized the critical role of education in fostering peace and promoting humanity.

As a token of goodwill, Ambassador Čohodarević presented an LCD screen to the school's director, Ruqija Parveen. This equipment, donated by



Dr. Husein Kavazović, Reis-ul-Ulema of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will enhance the school's capacity for sharing educational video content.

The visit reinforced the commitment of both nations to the ideals of peace and education, celebrating the power of learning in bridging cultures and fostering mutual understanding.

Non-availability, black-marketing of medicines cause rapid increase in mental diseases in Pakistan

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Organizing Committee Dr Kaiser Waheed revealed that mental diseases have rapidly been surging in Pakistan and currently stood at 30 per cent.

"The main reason of surge in mental diseases is non-availability of medicines in the Pakistani market due to its black-marketing besides manufacturing

of fake and sub-standard medicines," he expressed these views in concluding session of 7th Pharma Export Summit and Award 2024 here.

Chairman Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PPMA) Mian Khalid Misbahur Rehman said 90 per cent country's medicines need was being fulfilled through local production. The pharma industry was providing quality medicines

to the people at affordable prices, he added.

Former Chairman PPMA Haroon Qasim said that medicines prices in Pakistan were lowest in the region despite host of problems being faced by the pharma industry.

Despite confronting to various issues, the pharma industry was not only continuously growing but also earned precious foreign reserves, he remarked.

CEO Hevolution Foundation Saudi Arabia, Dr Mehmood Jan stressed the need to invest more and more in the medicines research. He also highlighted problems confronted to the pharma industry.

Later, Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani distributed awards among the 50 pharmaceutical companies for showing excellence in drug production in Pakistan.



Al-Shifa Eye Cancer Centre performs 2,500 chemotherapy sessions for children with eye cancer



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Over the past three years, the Al-Shifa Eye Cancer Centre has successfully performed 2,500 sessions of chemotherapy procedures for children who have been diagnosed with eye cancer.

President Al-Shifa Trust Maj. Gen. (Retd) Rehmat Khan said every stage of the procedure—from evaluation to chemotherapy and rehabilitation—is handled under one roof, making our hospital a unique resource for treating patients suffering from eye cancer.

While speaking at a seminar titled "Story of challenges and opportunities," he expressed gratitude to kind donors for helping to defray the exorbitant expense of treating eye disease. He also complimented the medical staff, treating cancer patients with utmost care and dedication.

He said, "Our donors are transforming millions of lives and assisting suffering

humanity in rewriting their stories while becoming contributing members of society."

Maj. Gen. (Retd) Rehmat Khan stated that as protecting and restoring eyesight is a noble objective, we will continue to treat impoverished children with eye cancer at no cost despite all financial difficulties.

Al-Shifa Eye Cancer Centre performs 2,500 chemotherapy sessions for children with eye cancer. On that occasion, Prof Dr Tayyab Afghani, HOD Oculoplastics, said that the number of eye cancer patients is increasing. As compared to the regional countries, Pakistan is witnessing an increase in eye cancer cases in children at an alarming pace, he said.

Children's eye cancer in Pakistan is higher than in India and China, and genetic diagnosis can reduce children's eye cancer cases.

Dr Afghani said that 2000 children with eye cancer have been registered of whom 500 have fully recovered.

Tanzeela Farha, paediatric oncologist; Dr. Maheen Akbar, Ocular Oncologist; Ms. Maryam Ijaz, guest speaker; Prof Dr. Ayesha Babar Kawish, HOD Al-Shifa School of Public Health; Dr. Rutaba Gul, Dr. Aneesa Sultan, also spoke on the occasion and shared their experiences.

After the seminar, gifts were distributed to the eye cancer survivors while the participants were presented with shields and certificates.

It is pertinent to mention that Al-Shifa Trust has set up a chain of international-standard hospitals in Rawalpindi, Kohat, Sukkur, Muzaffarabad, and Chakwal.

Al-Shifa Rawalpindi facility is Asia's biggest children's eye hospital. These hospitals benefit millions of patients annually free of cost.

Bull & Bears
PSX 100-Share
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
81,657.96	82,247.91	
Day's High	Day's Low	
82,905.73	81,552.66	
Index Value	Change	
11,975,764,054	-589.95	
Percentage	Time	
-0.72%	26 Sept, 2024 5:00 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
8,284.91	+16.21	
Percentage	Time	
+0.20%	26 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
42,092.26	+177.51	
Percentage	Time	
+0.42%	26 Sept, 1:19 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
38,925.63	+1,055.37	
Percentage	Time	
+2.79%	26 Sept, 3:15 pm GMT+9	
Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	190.50	192.75
Bahrain Dinar	732.75	740.75
Canadian Dollar	206.60	209.00
China Yuan	39	39.40
Danish Krone	41.12	41.52
Euro	308.10	310.85
Hong Kong Dollar	35.35	35.70
Indian Rupee	3.34	3.45
Japanese Yen	1.92	1.98
Kuwaiti Dinar	899.25	908.75
Malaysian Ringgit	63.65	64.25
New Zealand \$	172.47	174.47
Norwegians Krone	26.04	26.34
Omani Riyal	717.20	725.70
Qatari Riyal	75.64	76.34
Saudi Riyal	73.76	74.35
Singapore Dollar	208.85	211.85
Swedish Korona	27.20	27.51
Swiss Franc	325.95	328.75
Thai Bhat	8.34	8.49
U.A.E Dirham	75.50	76.15
UK Pound Sterling	368.85	372.35
US Dollar	278.75	280.25

Ambassador urges stronger Egypt-Pakistan ties for mutual growth

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan-Egypt relations are built on a strong foundation of common faith, cultural affinities, and aspirations and would grow further with the passage of time. Egypt has been a cradle of civilizations and world heritage and tourists from around the world visit this country to discover its beautiful places, scenes and sites.

This has been stated by the Ambassador of Egypt, Dr. Ihab Mohammad Abdel Hamid Hassan during his meeting with Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry here at the Chamber House which was also attended by ICCI executives and members in large number.

The Ambassador underlined the need for initiating reciprocal exchange visits between the businessmen from both the countries to identify potential areas for mutually beneficial investment and trade adding that Egypt's recent economic reforms, growth initiatives and investment incentives offer lucrative opportunities to Pakistani businessmen. He called on the business communities of the two countries to exchange delegations to strengthen bilateral economic trade and



investment ties. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari while welcoming the honorable guest pointed out similarities between the two countries, especially in tourism saying that both Egypt and Pakistan

are popular countries for tourism and the business community of both countries must play its due role in this regard.

Former President ICCI and Secretary General United Business Group (UBG) Zafar

Bakhtawari while tracing the history of close relationship between the two countries highlighted its significance, added that hearts of people of both the countries beat together, therefore there is a dire need to enhance the existing strategic partnership.

He also presented his book 'Jehan Dost' comprising of his columns dealing with business, trade as well as the diplomacy to the Ambassador.

President elected ICCI Nasir Mansoor Qureshi emphasized the need for close liaison between the ICCI and Egyptian Chambers of Commerce and Industries for having more and more understanding regarding the business dynamics of both the countries by saying that Pakistan enjoys huge business and investment opportunities and the Egyptian investors should come forward and grasp them.

Former President ICCI Mian Shaukat Masood by saying that IT is the future of the world stressed close coordination in the area between the two sides for the benefit of the people of two countries.

On the occasion, presentations comprehensively showcasing the investment potential of Egypt and Pakistan were also given.

Road Safety Masterclass

KARACHI: foodpanda recently partnered with the Sindh Police Accident Analysis and Research Center (SPAARC) and hosted a Road Safety Masterclass for its logistics team. The training, conducted by Inspector D. B. Ali Suhag, Incharge SPAARC, was designed to empower the team with critical road safety principles, ensuring the well-being of riders and the communities foodpanda serves.



Telenor Microfinance Bank and Ericsson collaborate to boost easypaisa's digital financial capabilities

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC), in partnership with Telenor Microfinance Bank (TMB), has successfully completed a major tech stack upgrade of the Ericsson Mobile Financial Services platform at TMB, upgrading it to the latest cloud-native version.

The upgraded platform will now run on a state-of-the-art solution built on an open architecture with a wide range of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and enhanced functionalities.

This strategic upgrade enables easypaisa to offer faster, more secure, personalized, and user-friendly

financial services, further solidifying its position in digital banking and financial inclusion in Pakistan. The upgraded platform enhances easypaisa's ability to innovate and deliver a broader spectrum of digital financial services, accelerating its mission to drive financial inclusion and economic empowerment nationwide.

With this successful upgrade, easypaisa is now equipped to scale its operational services, introduce new revenue streams, and drive fintech innovations that support Pakistan's growing digital economy, aligning with the bank's ongoing Digital Retail Bank (DRB) transformation (subject to SBP's approval).

Shan Foods welcomes Tahir Malik as its first Global CEO



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Shan Foods appoints Mr Tahir Malik as their first Global Chief Executive Officer, consolidating the company's global operations, spread across more than 70 countries, under a unified leadership structure.

Shan Foods is a leading global player in food industry with on ground operations in North America, Europe Africa & Middle East, Asia and Australia, and a global manufacturing footprint. It commands market leadership in key markets in the core categories the company operates in.

The incoming Global CEO, Tahir Malik, brings with him over 30 years of international experience in two blue chip consumer goods companies - Procter & Gamble and Reckitt. He has worked in global leadership roles across Europe, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Africa and has extensive knowledge of leading Developing as well as Developed Markets across the globe. In the past ten years of his career, Tahir served as Regional President of Latin America, Asia and most recently Africa Middle East.

Chairman of the Board Mr. Sikandar Sultan commented "We are delighted to welcome Tahir as our Global Chief Executive after an extensive global search process.

Commenting on his appointment, Tahir Malik remarked "I am excited to have been appointed to globally lead Shan Foods, at a time when the company is looking at major transformations to win globally in a big way.

Haji Ghulam Ali Congratulates Ilyas Bilour Group on Victory in Sarhad Chamber Elections

Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: Former Governor and Patron-in-Chief of the Sarhad Business Alliance (SBA), Haji Ghulam Ali, along with Syed Zahir Ali Shah, Muhammad Ishaq, and Syed Sirajuddin, extended their heartfelt congratulations to Group Leader Ilyas Bilour and his team on their victory in the Sarhad Chamber elections. Despite some technical challenges during the election process, the SBA reaffirmed its commitment to the progress and development of the business community, pledging to continue its support without hesitation.

In a joint statement, they emphasized that while the opposing group has had a presence for 20 years, the Sarhad Business



Alliance campaigned for only a few days yet still garnered substantial support from the business community. This overwhelming response reflects the community's desire for change and progress. They acknowl-

edged the mismanagement during the election day, with voters facing challenges due to overcrowding and heat, and the politicization of ballot papers. However, the SBA expressed its intention to move forward with a positive outlook, focused on resolving the issues of the business community rather than pursuing power.

Haji Ghulam Ali and his team expressed their gratitude to the business community for the strong show of support, despite the fact that many of SBA's candidates were relatively new. They affirmed that this is just the beginning of their efforts, noting that if such trust could be earned in a few days, the SBA would continue to strengthen its ties with the community and remain active in working for its progress.

PTCL and IFC-led syndicate come together to celebrate the historic financing deal for acquisition of Telenor

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) led consortium came together to formalize and celebrate the historic financing deal for PTCL's acquisition (subject to regulatory approvals) of Telenor Pakistan and Orion Towers (Private) Limited at a special event in Karachi.

PTCL signed a share purchase agreement with Telenor (ASA) in December 2023 for the acquisition of 100% shares in Telenor Pakistan and Orion Towers (Pvt.) Ltd at the acquisition price of PKR 108 billion (on debt free cash free basis). PTCL approached IFC for financing of the project, which was subsequently approved in April 2024, and endorsed by the IFC Board of Directors. The IFC-led consor-

tium includes the Silk Road Fund (SRF), a Chinese state-owned medium-to-long-term investment fund, and British International Investment (BII), the UK's development finance institution and impact investor.

Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Jameel Ahmad was the chief guest of the event, which was also attended by President & Group CEO, PTCL & Ufone 4G, Hatem Bamatraf; IFC's Regional Director for the Middle East, Pakistan & Afghanistan, Khawaja Aftab Ahmed; UAE Ambassador; British High Commissioner; representatives of the consortium; senior and top executives from the PTCL Group. The event marked the most significant milestone in the realization of PTCL's upcoming acquisition of Telenor Pakistan and Orion Towers, following the signing of the financing deal in June 2024 to secure up to USD



\$400 million.

Speaking at the event, chief guest, Governor SBP, Mr. Jameel Ahmad said, "IFC's financing in Pakistan's telecom sector reinvigorates confi-

dence in the sector's growth potential. Pakistan's telecom and digital sector is one of the important contributors to the national economy, and its growth and sustainability can play an impor-

tant role towards country's economic prosperity.

Hatem Bamatraf, President and Group CEO, PTCL & PTML (Ufone 4G), commented, "We are deeply appreciative of the IFC-led consortium for their pivotal role in financing this transformative deal, which marks a defining moment for Pakistan's telecom sector.

"Pakistan's telecommunication market offers significant opportunities for growth and investment," said Khawaja Aftab Ahmed, IFC's Regional Director for the Middle East, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The chief guest presented memorabilia to the worthy guests on behalf of the PTCL Group. Having sealed the financing deal, PTCL Group is awaiting the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) approval to conclude the acquisition.

Rana Sanaullah vows to revive Pakistan's hockey glory

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Political and Public Affairs, Rana Sanaullah Thursday emphasized the government's commitment to restoring Pakistan's pride in national hockey.

Speaking at the 37th Junior Hockey Championship, he stressed efforts to revamp the sport and urged departments to establish hockey teams.

Sanaullah, who also holds the portfolio of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC), met with the players on the occasion and said hockey is our national game but unfortunately, over the past few years we have not been enjoying that pride which we had gained in the past. We are trying to regain our lost glory and bring the game back on track, he said.

Sanaullah said Arshad Nadeem won



the gold medal in the Paris Olympics 2024 and was welcomed by the entire

nation.

He said Pakistan Sports Board has been asked to make a policy on how a player who can win a gold or silver medal at the international level can be felicitated with an award. Efforts are being made to develop players' interest and urge for winning medals, he said.

He said there are issues in the federations but the new Sports Policy refers to bringing new things wherever needed.

To a question regarding High Performance Centers, the adviser said he has tasked people to gather information about the best High Performance Centers in the world as to set up soon accordingly.

Soon Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will announce the establishment of High Performance Center in Islamabad, he said.

Fatima Sana aims to bring fearless approach to ICC Women's T20 World Cup

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan women's cricket team captain, Fatima Sana, aims to bring a different and fearless approach to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup this year.

"In the past, we've often struggled in the powerplay, with early wickets falling, middle-order collapses, and a slow pace of runs leading to low totals. We've also found it difficult to chase targets above 120," she was quoted as saying by ICC.

She said, "we understand how crucial it is to have positive intent, especially in the powerplay, to set the tone and post competitive scores. If we look at the top teams, they all make the most of the first six overs, which helps them score big and chase high totals."

Sana said recently, we've started playing with more attacking intent, and some young players have shown exciting potential.

The game has evolved a lot since I made my debut in 2019. Scores are much higher now, batters play with more freedom, and as a team, we're adapting to stay competitive.

This year, Gull Feroza has been in good form, with some strong innings in the Asia Cup. Muneeba Ali, well in the top of the order, also performed well in the recent series against South Africa. Both are in good form and bring valu-



able experience, she said.

We've encouraged them to aim for a strike rate of over 100, a key metric that helps us post higher totals and compete with the best. In the middle order, we have experienced players like Nida Dar, Sidra Amin, and Aliya Riaz. I too, have been working hard to bring positive energy to the team through my batting.

When it comes to bowling, Sadia Iqbal has been phenomenal in the last year. She's currently ranked #3 in the ICC T20 rankings, and Nashra Sandhu is also in the top 10, she said.

She said Nida Dar is the leading wicket-taker in T20s, and we have two talented leg spinners, Syeda Arooba

Shah, who captained Pakistan U19 at the T20 World Cup, and Tuba Hassan, who has been a key player since her debut. Both of them bring a lot of energy in the field, and our strong spin department will be crucial in the Dubai conditions.

In the fast-bowling department, Diana Baig's experience will be a great asset. I'll do my best, as always, to contribute with both bat and ball, and we also have Tasmia Rubab, a left-arm seamer, which gives us good variety, she said.

Sana said this exciting mix of youth and experience has her really looking forward to seeing how it all comes

together for Pakistan.

She said before our series against South Africa, we had a good fitness camp, and our performances in that series gave us a lot of positives and confidence to take into the World Cup.

"We put up our highest-ever T20I total of 181 runs in the second match, which showed that our new approach is starting to pay off. While we were disappointed with our Asia Cup loss to Sri Lanka, we are motivated to put that right when we face them in the first group game of the World Cup," she said.

Sana said Pakistan has won one match at each of the last six T20 World Cups. This time, we aim to win as many as possible and see where that takes us. We know we have a tough group, including reigning champions Australia, but we've beaten teams like India and New Zealand recently, and playing against top sides boosts our confidence, she said.

She said playing top teams requires giving your absolute best, and doing so brings out the best in you.

"We know we'll have strong support from back home during this World Cup. We had great crowds and public interest during the South Africa series in Multan, and we know the nation is behind us.. We're looking forward to a great T20 World Cup, insha'Allah," she said.

Pakistan make one addition to squad for first Test against England



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has added leg-spinner Zahid Mahmood to the squad for the first of the three-match Test series against England.

The first Test is set to take place in Multan from 7-11 October, while the training camp will commence from 1 October.

Zahid will join the team's training camp in Multan, however, the squad will be trimmed to 15 players at the start of the first Test on October 7.

Meanwhile, Kamran Ghulam and Mohammad Ali will be reserve players, but they will continue to play in the domestic matches.

"Kamran Ghulam and Mohammad Ali will remain on reserve but will continue playing domestic matches to stay match-ready," the PCB said in a statement.

"All three players are part of the Pakistan Test team setup, but 15 players are sufficient for the home Test series due to cricketing and logistical reasons," he added.

Following the squad announcement and based on the recommendation of head coach Jason Gillespie, the selected players have been withdrawn from the Champions One-Day Cup play-offs to allow them some rest ahead of the series.

"With a busy domestic and international cricket schedule, it makes sense to give our players some much-needed rest ahead of the Test series against England," said Gillespie.

"We are very much looking forward to the series against England here in Pakistan and cannot wait for it to begin. We are excited about playing in front of our wonderful supporters," he added.

Pakistan Squad for first England Test:

Shan Masood (captain), Saud Shakeel (vice-captain), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Huraire, Mohammad Rizwan (wicket-keeper), Naseem Shah, Noman Ali, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed (wicket-keeper), and Shaheen Shah Afridi, Zahid Mahmood.

Shaheen Afridi speaks out on workload debate

Sports Desk



Pakistan ace pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi has opened up on the workload management of fast bowlers in modern-day cricket.

Shaheen in an interview with a local news channel, coined the example of legendary pacers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis when probed about his workload.

"First of all, if you are saying that I have bowled the most in the world (among bowlers in Test cricket)... but if you look in the past, all our legends bowlers Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, at that time there was no workload issue," Afridi said.

The left-arm pacer down hyped the idea of workload management before emphasizing the need for mental fitness and also the ability to react accordingly in different situations.

"I don't know why we have made it a big topic over the last one year that there is workload, players are getting injured. We are considering it more important. It depends individually on the players, how they play in particular formats. You need to be mentally fit and strong on how to react in different circumstances," Shaheen Afridi added.

He backed his stance by stating that a pacer needs to develop new techniques to release the pressure whenever he feels that his body is reacting differently.

"It's a small period where you need support from the management and close ones, who need to give you positive messages. I don't know about the workload, it isn't that much but I feel that everyone should enjoy regardless of the format," Shaheen said.

It is worth mentioning here that the concern regarding Shaheen Afridi's workload intensified when Pakistan's white-ball head coach Gary Kirsten mentioned the number of overs the left-arm pacer bowled.

Kirsten, while commenting on Monday's Champions One-Day Cup, shared an alarming insight regarding ace pacer Afridi, who according to him, bowled three times more than any other pacer in the world.

"Fast bowlers are always under immense pressure to deliver and win games. When we look at our key resources, Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah have carried the bulk of the workload for Pakistan across all formats," said Gary Kirsten.

"Shaheen has bowled three times more overs than any other fast bowler in the world over the last 18 months. That's alarming—you're bound to wear him down eventually," he added.

Sirbaz, Shehroze embark on Shishapangma summit to make history

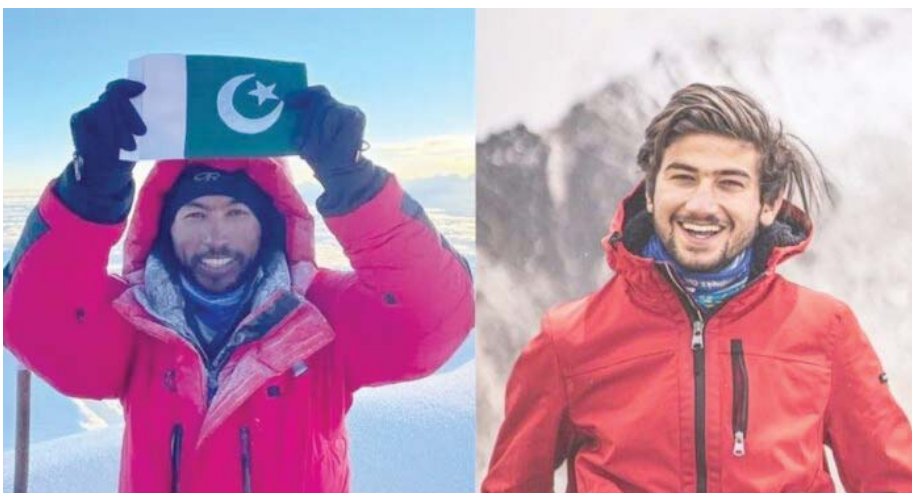
Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's renowned mountaineers, Sirbaz Khan and Shehroze Kashif are set to make history as they having proceeded on their final climb to summit Shishapangma (8,027 m) in Tibet, Alpine Club of Pakistan said on Wednesday.

"This is the last peak in their quest to conquer all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks," Secretary Alpine Club of Pakistan Karrar Haidri said in a statement.

Sirbaz Khan, who has already summited 13 of the 14 highest peaks in the world, is currently en route to the base camp of Shishapangma, situated in the southern region of Tibet.

Presently in Tingri, a quaint town known for its stunning landscapes and views of the



Himalayas, Sirbaz is gearing up for the final ascent of his climbing career. His tenacity and skill have inspired countless climbers, exemplifying the

spirit of adventure that defines mountaineering.

Similarly, Shehroze Kashif, also having scaled 13 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks, is

at the Nepal-Tibet border. He is set to cross into Tibet today (Wednesday), marking a significant step toward his attempt to conquer Shishapangma.

Shehroze's impressive track record at such a young age has made him a notable figure in the climbing community, and his ambition to complete the 14x8000 challenge has captured the hearts of many.

Both climbers are on the brink of making history as they strive to become the first Pakistanis to successfully summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks.

"As they embark on this final ascent, we eagerly await the outcome, hoping for their safe passage and triumphant achievement.

"Best wishes to both Sirbaz Khan and Shehroze Kashif on this monumental expedition. Your dedication and courage serve as a beacon of inspiration to aspiring mountaineers across Pakistan and beyond," Karrar added.



Top-ranked Sinner fights back to launch China Open title defence

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: World number one Jannik Sinner fought back to launch the defence of his China Open title with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over 28th-ranked Chilean Nicolas Jarry on Thursday.

The US Open champion next faces veteran three-time Grand Slam winner Stan Wawrinka, who is a wildcard entry in Beijing, or Russia's Roman Safullin.

The 23-year-old Sinner arrived in the Chinese capital fresh from winning in New York for his second major title, having triumphed at the Australian Open at the start of the year.

With victory also at the Cincinnati Masters before the US Open, Sinner faced Jarry in red-hot form and on an 11-match winning streak.

Jannik Sinner made that 12, but not before suffering a scare.

"In the first set I was struggling to return his serve and he broke me," Sinner said.

"I just tried to stay there mentally. The first round at any tournament is never easy and playing against him is very tough.

"But I am happy about the performance and how I ended the match."

The two went toe-to-toe in the first set but it was the Chilean who got in front when he broke for a 4-3 lead when the world number one fired long.

The 28-year-old Jarry consolidated without losing a point in the eighth game and, after double-faulting on his first set point, sealed the set with his fifth ace of the match. Going behind seemed to sting a re-energised Sinner into action.

The top seed raced to a 3-0 lead in the second set, eventually wrapping the set up after briefly threatening to blow his advantage.

Sinner tamed Jarry's big serve to start the deciding set and grab an early break, winning the game with a terrific crosscourt backhand.

Sinner broke again for 4-1 and was well on the way to an ultimately comfortable win.

World Maritime Day

LAHORE: Commandant Pakistan Navy War College Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood addressing a Seminar held on World Maritime Day under auspices of Pakistan Navy.



Ambassador of Saudi Arabia calls on the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan, Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy Thursday called on the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

A wide range of bilateral, regional, and global issues of mutual interest were discussed during the meeting.

The deputy PM underlined the importance of deep-rooted and brotherly ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

He extended warm wishes on the occasion of the 94th National Day of the



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. DPM Dar appreciated the Kingdom's unwavering support to Pakistan on various international platforms.

The Saudi ambassador reiterated the Kingdom's commitment to further strengthening the strategic partnership between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Pakistan Navy Celebrates World Maritime Day 2024

Khurram Jaffrani

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy celebrated World Maritime Day (WMD) 2024, with this year's theme 'Navigating the Future: Safety First'. The year 2024 marks 50 years since the adoption of the 1974 International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, the key IMO treaty regulating maritime safety.

This day is observed annually to highlight the maritime sector's contribution to economic development and to raise awareness about the importance of shipping safety, maritime security, and marine environmental protection. The theme is closely linked with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG-7,

which focuses on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy by facilitating access to clean energy research.

Safety has always been a core value for the Pakistan Navy. PN has instituted measures to uphold the "safety first" principle onboard all seagoing platforms as well as ashore. In his message on World Maritime Day, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf emphasized the need to align national objectives with the ongoing global shift towards sustainable and green maritime practices, demonstrating determination, commitment, and resolve. He underscored PN's efforts toward maritime safety, which remain a testament to its unwavering dedication, and reiterated Pakistan Navy's commitment

to ensuring maritime safety and upholding environmental mandates.

On this occasion, Pakistan Navy organized a series of activities to emphasize the significance of maritime sector. Major events included seminars at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore, under the auspices of the Maritime Centre of Excellence (MCE) and the National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA). Other activities across PN units included Maritime Gala at Pakistan Maritime Museum, awareness walks, showcasing banners/panaflexes, maritime awareness lectures at Bahria Colleges/Universities, and essay competitions at Field Commands. These events play an important role in enhancing maritime awareness among the public.

PTI, Fazlur Rehman discuss proposed constitutional amendments

Waseem Khokhar

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) called on Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and discussed proposed constitutional amendments, ARY News reported.

The PTI delegation comprising Salman Akram Raja and Akhunzada Hussain while Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) chief Sahibzada Hamid Raza also reached Maulana Fazlur Rehman's residence in Islamabad.

The PTI delegation discussed the constitutional amendment, the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act as well as the overall political situation.

Speaking to media before the meeting, Sahibzada Hamid Raza said that a meeting between them and Maulana Fazlur Rehman is scheduled.

CM Punjab Maryam Nawaz inaugurated Shrimp Farming

Asim Tanveer

MUZAFFARGARH: The largest shrimp farming pilot project in the history of Pakistan Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's announcement of incentives for shrimp farming Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has set a target of 100,000 acres of shrimp farming in Punjab.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif visited the Shrimp Farming Pilot Project in Jhalari North, a suburb of Muzaaffargarh.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif inspected the Shrimp Farming Pilot Project, also inspected the shrimp in the pond and added feed. Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif also paid an aerial visit to the Shrimp Farming Project and inaugurated the Pilot Project for Adaptive Research on Shrimp Farming.

There is a huge demand for shrimp worldwide. We should take advantage. Maryam Nawaz Sharif said One billion dollars in foreign exchange can be earned from shrimp farming on one lakh acres. Shrimp farming can have a profit rate of up to 40 percent. In South Punjab, waste and barren land will be made usable for



shrimp farming. For shrimp farming, farmers and investors will be given land and incentives at least on lease. They will also provide seeds, feed and required equipment for shrimp farming.

Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb and her team deserve congratulations on the Shrimp Farming Project.

Briefing about Shrimp Farming Pilot Project to Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif. In the shrimp farming project, internship and job market opportunities will be provided to the youth. The Shrimp Farming Pilot Project organized by Punjab Fisheries Department was completed in a record period of two months. The first production from the Jhalari Northern Shrimp Farming Pilot Project will be ready in October. For the first time, shrimp farming is being done on 50% local and 50% foreign feed.

The Interview of Yasir Awan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Muhayil Travel & Tours



Tahir Amin Malik

The well known businessman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Muhayil Travel & Tours Yasir Awan said that Muhayil Travel & Tours is providing the services Internationally and Nationally and we are also giving the services for Tourists. He said our office is located at PIA Housing Society, Lahore.

He further said we also deal Packages at very cheap rates with



all facilities according to customers budget while tour packages are also available like, Hotel, food, Tickets, Visa. Talked about LCCI Election, 2024-2026 he said that PIAF PBG Progressive Alliance run an excellent campaign and all the group of PIAF was united while Mian Anjum Nisar Chairman Alliance also played vital role in this historic victory of LCCI election, 2024-2026.

He said under the Leadership of Mian Anjum Nisar their 3 group were quite united and I think



Mr. Yasir Awan with PPA Alliance Chairman Mian Anjum Nisar

that the main reason of the victory was their excellent campaign in the election, While the Trader brothers and business community completely supported PIAF PBG Progressive Alliance and this was the main reason they got the historic victory and clean sweep they really deserve this.

He said the business community also trusted unconditionally in the PIAF PBG Progressive Alliance and they also patronize the 3 groups. He said LCCI has been running so many years for solving the problem of Businessman



and Traders and I hope that the time has come that right person Mian Anjum Nisar and his team

has come in the field in shape of Mian Anjum Nisar and his team and they will solve the problems of Business Communities and Traders.

Yasir Awan said I congratulate to Mian Anjum Nisar, Chairman PPA Alliance, Faheem-Ur-Rehman, Chairman, PIAF, Ali



Hussam Asghar, Chairman PBG, Engineer Khalid Usman, President Progressive Group along with Associate Class Team (Progressive Group), Mian Abuzar Shad, Khurram Lodhi, Rana Muhammad Nisar, Shahid Nazir, Imran Asif, Muhammad Imran Saleemi, Amir Ali, Muhammad Sajjad, Omar Sarfraz, Karamat Ali Awan, Ahsan Shahid who made a clean sweep in the election. He said the main problems which are

facing our business community and traders are electricity, rises of prices and tax issues and I request to Mian Anjum Nisar Chairman PPP Alliance that in these 2 years please focussed on these issues and solve the problems of our business community.

At last Yasir Awan admired the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry for holding transparent elections and they made excellent arrangements of Security.



Yasir Awan with Mian Anjum Nisar, Chairman PPP Alliance



At Bangkok Airport on way to Malaysia

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