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Nobody allowed to disrupt SCO Conference in Islamabad: Tarar

Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Friday said Islamabad has been made fully safe and secure to welcome foreign delegations including 12 heads of the governments for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Conference, scheduled for October 15-16.



ECC okays export of 500,000MT of surplus sugar

The ECC of Cabinet on Friday okayed an by the 21st of next month for the next crop year.

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## Protest

Labourers gather to protest against the killings of coal miners in an overnight attack in Duki district of Balochistan on October 11, 2024.



# Balochistan's Duki coal mines attack claims 21 lives

Manullah Baluch

QUETTA: A devastating attack on coal mines in the Duki district of Balochistan has left at least 21 miners dead and several injured. The attackers reportedly used rocket launchers and hand grenades in the assault, setting fire

to machinery within the mines. The deceased and injured have been transported to local hospitals. Police confirmed that the victims hailed from various of the dead in a protest to demand regions, including Pishin, Qilla the arrest of the attackers, police

Saifullah, Zhob, Muslim Bagh, said. Musa Khel, Quetta, and Afghan- "We were receiving threats The coal mines are owned by the Punjab province.

days before Pakistan hosts a tion about the attack," said mineeration Organization grouping is also the chairman of the district the worst in weeks in the mineral-rich province of Balochistan bordering Afghanistan and Iran.

Businesses and shops were shut in Duki as hundreds of people gathered along with the bodies

According to police, the attackers gathered the miners into groups before opening fire. SHO Humayun Khan stated that all of the deceased and injured were Pashtun.

A security official, identified as in recent months but those

from the militants for some Duki District Chairman Haii This is the first ma The attack by 40 armed men time but there was no informa- Khairullah, who reported that the attackers set fire to ten coal summit of the Shanghai Coop- owner Khairullah Nasar, who is engines at the mines. He further confirmed the use of hand grenades, rocket launchers, and other heavy weaponry in the attack. Authorities are currently investigating the incident.

> Balochistan has witnessed several terrorist attacks against ordinary labourer or wage earners

against Pashtuns who form a large proportion of population in Balochistan.

Several attacks have targeted migrant workers, including some from Afghanistan, employed by smaller, privately operated mines.

The government was "determined to root out all forms of terrorism", Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said in a state-

# No country can progress without a high-quality education system: PM



#### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday emphasized that the provision of quality education and technical training was the government's top priority, as no nation can progress without a high-quality education system.

He was chairing an important review meeting on Federal Education and Technical Training Affairs.

The Prime Minister stated that, in today's education landscape, skills development, information technology, and digitization have become indispensable, stressing the urgent need to align Pakistan's education system with these modern principles.

He further highlighted that, in line with the government's commitment to ensuring no child in Pakistan is left out of school, the incumbent administration had implemented an educational emergency.

Additionally, he underscored the importance of holding a National Curriculum Summit to facilitate the introduction of a uniform educa-

tion system across the country.

The Prime Minister directed relevant authorities to expedite the construction of Daanish Schools in underprivileged areas, including Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Balochistan.

He also instructed that daycare centers in Islamabad to support the convenience of female teachers.

During the meeting, the Ministry of Education briefed the Prime Minister on the steps taken by the ministry.

It was shared that, under the Prime Minister's directive, midday meals for children in Islamabad schools had already been introduced, significantly improving enrollment

The meeting also revealed that 100 Early Childhood Education centers had been established in Islamabad. Additionally, modern information technology and digital training centers had been set up in Islamabad's colleges, offering courses in data science, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technology, all linked

to the country's top universities. In collaboration with the National Univer-

sity of Modern Languages (NUML), courses have been launched to teach Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Japanese, and German to female students.

The meeting was further informed that the be established in all educational institutions construction of Daanish Schools in Islamabad, Shigar, Gilgit, and Bhimber is in the final stages. The Planning Commission has also granted the necessary approvals for Daanish Schools in Balochistan.

Finally, the Pakistan Education Fund is being set up to benefit students from underprivileged districts in Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Balochistan, and former FATA regions, the meeting was informed.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Education Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, the Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam, the Prime Minister's Coordinator Rana Ihsan Afzal, and other senior

### PPP reveals draft for constitutionalamendment



**Naveed Ahmad Khan** 

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has released its draft proposal for constitutional amendments, including the establishment of a Constitutional Court under Article 175-A.

This follows a parliamentary committee meeting chaired by Khurshid Shah, where the government and PPP presented their drafts, with the JUI-F expected to submit theirs the following day. The meeting, attended by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Maulana Fazlur Rehman, and Barrister Gohar, failed to reach a consensus, leaving a deadlock.

The PPP's draft proposes the formation of a Constitutional Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to oversee the appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges.

The CCP would comprise the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court, two senior judges, a representative from the Supreme Court (either a retired

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# President Zardari, **Vladimir Putin** emphasise strengthening bilateral ties



跨 City Desk

ASHGABAT: President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday met his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin wherein they emphasised further strengthening of bilateral relationship.

The informal interaction was held on the sidelines of two-day international forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations- Basis for Peace and Development" here in the Turkmen capital to commemorate the 300th birth anniversary of Magtymguly Faragi, a great Turkmen thinker, poet and philosopher.

Both leaders expressed according to a President House tries.

press release.

arrived here on Thursday for a two-day visit, also addressed the Forum which was also attended by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajik President Emomali Rehmon, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and others.

Earlier, the president, who

In his address, the president lauded the Turkmen leadership and people for hosting the event which also provided him an opportunity to interact with good wishes for each other, the leaders of regional coun-

# PM Shehbaz vows to root out terrorism in all its forms

跨 City Desk

ter (PM) Shehbaz Sharif on Friday condemned the terrorist attack in Duki, Balochistan, and vowed to uproot terrorism in all its forms.

In his telephonic conver-Mir Sarfraz Bugti, the prime grief over the loss of lives and conveyed his sympathies to the

families of the slain miners.

PM Shehbaz prayed Allah ISLAMABAD: Prime Minis- Almighty to grant the fallen souls rest and the injured people quick healing. He instructed the relevant authorities to ensure their best medical treatment for

the injured persons. PM Shehbaz also sought sations with Governor a report from the authorities Balochistan Jaffar Khan concerned on the incident and Mandokhail and Chief Minister reiterated his government's resolve to purge the country of minister expressed deep terrorism. He also assured to provide all possible support to the families of the martyrs.

# Imran Khan's PTI announces protest at Islamabad's D-Chowk during SCO summit

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Imran Khan's party has announced its decision to protest at Islamabad's D-Chowk on October 15—the day the country would host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in the federal capital-to seek the incarcerated former prime minister's release.

"We announce the cancellation of the protest in the districts of Punjab in view of the preparations for the peaceful protest of D-Chowk on October 15," the PTI said in a statement on X after the party's political committee meeting on Friday.

Pakistan is set to host a two-day SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting in Islamabad on October 15 and 16, with leaders from the bloc

attending the event. Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar will also visit the country to

participate in the summit.

Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang would also arrive in Pakistan where a MoU is expected to be signed for the reprofiling of debt related to power projects amounting to \$15.4 billion under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

The SCO, which includes India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, is a significant economic and security bloc that has become one of the largest trans-regional international organizations.

The government has already deployed army troops in the federal capital to maintain order ahead of the SCO summit.

In addition to the high-profile leaders, around 900 delegations will be present in Islamabad for the event. Approximately 200 members of the international media,

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# Gomal Zam Dam Documentary Competition Awards Ceremony held

跨 Adam Khan Wazir

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN: A grand prize distribution ceremony was held on Friday at the Gomal Zam Dam Short Video Documentary Competition, organized by the Mehsud Press Club South Waziristan and Gomal Scouts Force.

The event was attended by prominent guests, including Station Commander Brigadier Amir Hayat, Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan Division Jabbar Shah, Commandant Gomal Scouts Moeen Uddin Ahmad, and Dean Gomal Medical College Dr. Naseem Sabba Mehsud, who distributed prizes to the winners.

The competition saw three winners, with Afaq Burki securing the first position, Naeem Abbas Sheikh bagging the third. Additionthe importance of such competitions



gory and Hamdan Mehsud in the children's category.

Addressing the event, Chief Guest Station Commander and Commiswinning the second, and Noman sioner Dera Ismail Khan highlighted ally, special awards were given to in promoting creative work among among the youth, essential for today's

Aleena Akhtar in the women's cate- the youth and providing opportunities for their talents to contribute to the country's development.

Dera Ismail Khan Press Club President Lala Yasin emphasized that these competitions foster research. creativity, and quality improvement

ournalism field.

Mehsud Press Club President Faroog Mehsud thanked the participants and acknowledged the support of the Gomal Scouts Force and FC Headquarter South KP in making the competition possible.

The ceremony was well-attended by civil and military authorities, regional elders, youth, and children, adding to its splendor. The event demonstrated the collective effort to promote journalism and creativity in the region.

The Gomal Zam Dam, located on the Gomal River in the northwestern part in Wana, Lower South Waziristan of Khyber Pakhtunkhowa, serves several purposes, including irrigation, flood control, and hydroelectric power generation.

The gravity dam, completed in 2011, is considered a showpiece infrastructure project in the country.

Training Programme

Group photo of Participations with Shahana Sikandar TMO Jehangira KPK on training programme jointly organized by Pakhtunkhwa 1122 Rescue Department and Rehman Institute of Medical Sciences.



# New Qasimabad principal hailed for his 'tribute to teachers'

B Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

QASIMABAD: A salute and great tribute to the teachers who are the architects of the future, nurturing students with the wealth of knowledge. Among such distinguished educators is Professor Munir Karim Burro. His appointment students, civil society, and journalists at Qasimabad Boys Degree College has led to an increase in student enrollment appointed principal and have called and has also sparked greater interest among parents.

both society and the education department. A detailed article on Professor Munir Ahmed Burro's dedication and professionalism serves as inspiration for others, leaving a positive impact on the community.

The citizens of Qasimabad, parents, have warmly welcomed the recently his appointment a great decision by the education department. There is hope His efforts in promoting education that Professor Munir Ahmed Burro



are commendable and appreciated by will continue to play a pivotal role in improving and maintaining the college's academic standards.

## Climate Change Roundtable Conference Bahawalpur held



BAHAWALPUR: In collaboration with the European Union and Concern Worldwide under the BRIDGE CSO Project, the Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP) and Local Support Organization (LSO) organized a roundtable conference in Bahawalpur to discuss the impacts of climate change and the challenges it poses for Pakistan. The event brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to engage in an important dialogue about climate resilience.

Notable attendees included Additional Deputy Commissioner of Bahawalpur, Ms. Sumaira Rabbani; Chief Executive Officer of Lodhran Pilot Project, Dr. Muhammad Abdul Saboor; District Disaster Management Coordinator Bahawalpur, Ms. Marukh; Chairman of the Social Work Department at Islamia University Bahawalpur, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha; Deputy Director of Local Government, Mr. Khurshid Ahmed; Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Dr. Muhammad Ali; and representatives from the Agriculture Department, Local Support Organization, and other civil society actors. During the conference, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ms. Sumaira Rabbani emphasized the proactive measures being taken by the Bahawalpur district administration to address the growing risks of climate change

Dr. Abdul Saboor, CEO of LPP, urged the adoption of best practices to mitigate the dangers posed by climate change. He expressed a strong desire to collaborate with Islamia University Bahawalpur.

Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha highlighted the role of universities in tackling climate challenges, stating that numerous students at Islamia University are conducting research on climate change, and these findings are openly available worldwide. He welcomed deeper cooperation with LPP to strengthen the fight against climate change.

Ms. Marukh, District Disaster Management Coordinator, provided insight into the ongoing efforts to raise public awareness about the impact of climate change. Mr. Sheikh Dilshad Qureshi, former Chairman of the District Council, discussed the effects of recent climate changes on agriculture, particularly the sharp decline in cotton production, and called for urgent action to address this issue.

Dr. Muhammad Ali delivered a presentation on climate change strategies, emphasizing the need for research and practical measures to confront these challenges. Mr. Kumail Hassan, Program Coordinator at LPP, shared the findings of focus group discussions with local farmers, stressing the importance of incorporating their experiences into future policies. Mehreen Arif, Project Manager at LPP, explained that the BRIDGE

CSO Project is working to strengthen local civil society organizations to better serve their communities. She noted that this climate change conference is a vital step toward achieving that goal.

At the conclusion of the conference, the Local Support Organization distributed symbolic kitchen gardening tools to various farmers, and honorary shields were presented to the distinguished guests.

#### Sindh Agri University stages interuniversity speech competition on Artificial Intelligence



Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam's Students-Teachers Engagement Program (STEP), in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Youth Program IEEE-SAU, hosted an intra-university speech competition at the Dr. A. M. Sheikh Auditorium. Students from various faculties delivered speeches in Sindhi, Urdu, and English on the topic, "Artificial Intelligence and the Impact of Social Media on Society in the 21st Century."

Over 35 students participated in the competition. In the Sindhi category, Kashif Hussain secured first place, Gulshan Khan came in second, and Qamber Ali took third. In the Urdu category, Muhammad Husnain achieved first place, Muhammad Faisal secured second, and Amna Baloch placed third. Similarly, in the English category, Kausar Panhwar secured first place, Amma Habiba second, and Kirti Kumari third.

Addressing the closing ceremony, Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri stated that the world is advancing through the positive influence of artificial intelligence and social media, and it is moving toward modern technologies like AI, ChatGPT, and robotics. He stressed the need for the youth to enhance their skills and capabilities to remain competitive

Dr. Aijaz Ali Khooharo, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, highlighted that since the establishment of STEP, numerous co-curricular and healthy activity programs have been held weekly at the university.

Dr. Muhammad Yaqoob Koondhar and other distinguished speakers also addressed the audience. Present at the ceremony were Dr. Munir Ahmed Mangrio, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Mahar, Dr. Irfan Ahmed Gillal, and other esteemed faculty members. Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri awarded cash prizes and certificates of appreciation to the students who secured

# The Deteriorating Law and Order Situation in Khairpur: Drugs and Social Evils on the Rise

hairpur District, once recognized as a cultural and educational hub of Sindh, is now caught in the grip of lawlessness, drug abuse, and widespread social evils. Various areas within the district, including Kingri, Gambat, Ranipur, Naro, Thari Mirwah, Faiz Ganj, Sobho Dero, Ropri, and Baharo, have become hotbeds of crime, where the local police have completely failed to maintain peace. Crime and drug addiction have escalated to such an extent that residents feel unsafe in their own neighborhoods, and the youth are on the brink of destruction.

#### Role of the Police:

The drug trade in Khairpur District is rampant. It is reported that not only are local drug dealers involved, but some members of the police force are also directly engaged in this illegal business. Allegedly, the police are providing protection to drug dealers, allowing their operations to continue unchecked.

One of the most notorious areas is Mill Colony, where social evils have taken deep root. Local sources claim that bribes (known as "monthly payments") collected from these illegal operations flow from the streets to police stations and even reach the SSP

**The Growing Drug Trade and the** office in Khairpur. This system of corruption prevents any real legal action from being taken, leaving the residents of the area at the mercy of criminals. The police, as a result, refrain from taking any effective steps, and law and order continue to dete-

### The Youth Facing Destruction:

The lawlessness and rampant drug abuse in Khairpur have had a devastating impact on the youth. Many young people are falling prey to drug addiction, ruining their lives and futures. There have also been reports of drug sales occurring within educational institutions, further jeopardizing the future



of the district's students. Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive strategy or action plan in place to protect students from these harmful influences, leaving

Police System:

parents deeply concerned.

Corruption and Failure in the

Khairpur is glaringly evident. reforms are essential. Corruption offer a brighter future to the next Not only have they been unable to curb crime and drug trafficking, but the police system itself is plagued by corruption and bribery. Officers who attempt to address these issues or take action are swiftly transferred, which undermines any genuine efforts to restore order. This has led to a complete erosion of public trust in law enforcement.

## **Possible Solutions for Khairpur's**

To address the escalating crime and social problems in Khairpur, urgent action is needed at both the district and provincial The failure of the police in levels. First and foremost, police

must be rooted out, and stringent legal measures should be put in place to end the drug trade. Independent oversight committees should be established to monitor police actions and hold corrupt officers accountable.

At the same time, efforts must be made to protect the district's youth from falling victim to drug addiction. Anti-drug campaigns should be launched in educational institutions, and positive activities should be organized to engage young people and keep them away from harmful influences. The government and civil society must work together to

generation. Conclusion:

Khairpur District, once known for its peace and cultural richness, is now marred by lawlessness, drug abuse, and social ills. The failure and corruption within the police force are the primary contributors to this crisis. The local population is calling for immediate action from the government and higher authorities to rescue Khairpur from this downward spiral. It is high time that law enforcement agencies take responsibility and implement practical measures to make Khairpur a safe and peaceful restore peace in Khairpur and place once again.





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## IT industry in Pakistan to soar sky-high

**E** Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan's exports have catapulted in IT numbers as major industry players gear up for global expansion plans. Visionaries like Umar Saif, former Federal Minister for IT, Asif Peer, Usman Asif, Salim Ghauri, and Fatima Asad have been the key drivers of growth. Greatly admired in Pakistan's IT industry, they are equally well-recognised in the global tech scene. These industry leaders are collectively positively impacting Pakistan's IT potential, which is being tapped in North America. the Middle East, Europe, and even the APAC region.

Moiz Saleem Varind, Director of Global Marketing, is set to lead Devsinc's global marketing efforts as part of its broader expansion strategy. With over 11 years of experience in branding, marketing, and B2B-led growth across various industries, Moiz brings a wealth of knowledge to the role.

Usman Asif, CEO of Devsinc, extended a warm welcome to Moiz, stating"We are excited to have Moiz on the team. His expertise and leadership will be invaluable as we scale our operations in newer markets and strive for growth in existing verticals.

# Joint Ministerial Round Table Conference with Saudi Delegates

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: During the visit of Saudi Business Delegates headed by KSA Minister for Investment Shaeikh Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh, Raund Table Ministerial Conference was held in which both the countries reviewed in details to strengthen more ties in G2G activities. Addressing this Conference Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan gave a briefing regarding the best investment opportunities and new trends in the country. He offered Saudi Investment Minister Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh along with the business delegation to come forward and invest in different public sector organizations. He said that there are many attractive and profitable projects for Saudi investment in Pakistan. We will welcome all kinds of partnership and investment in Pakistan from Saudi Arabia even in the mode of Public Private Partnership. Addressing the Conference, Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan invited Saudi investors to invest in the profitable projects like M6 and M9 motorways to develop the communication sector on modern lines. Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan and

the Saudi delegation discussed mutual cooperation in projects on the basis of "G2G" while the Saudi Business Community and Government officials expressed their great interest in various investment projects. On this occasion, Saudi Investment Minister Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh expressed special interest in the presentation of Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan and said that doing something for the people of Pakistan has always been the first priority of the KSA Government and will continue in the future as well to make more Joint ventures. Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan told the delegation that in order to reduce the distances and make the routes easier, we want to connect the Karachi Port with the existing Motorway, while the completion of the Karachi-Hyderabad and Sukkur Motorways as soon as priority of the present Government.

A reception was also hosted by Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan in honor of Saudi Investment Minister Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh and the Saudi business delegation in which a large number of businessmen including Saudi guests and Federal Ministers Attaullah Tarr, Jam Kamal Khan, Musadaq Malik and Shiza Fatima were present.



## Deserted look

ISLAMABAD: A view of deserted Quaid-e-Azam University road due to University closed 11th to 20th Oct ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), in the Federal Capital



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

# Commissioner hails women for their devotion to Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) at Milad Mustafa

Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: Under the auspices of the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Milad Mustafa (peace be upon him) was held.

Commissioner Silwat Saeed attended as a special guest. President of the Women's Chamber Shahida Aftab and other members were present. In the Milad, Naat Khwan women recited before the Prophet.

The commissioner said that the followers of the Sunnah should follow the Sunnah with sincerity, because only be enlightened. He said that



we learn respect for humanity, the Quran and Sunnah which patience, peace and love from is Love of the Prophet (peace the blessed character and by be upon him) is the third most developing such feelings we by following the Sunnah can can overcome our problems. our worldly and hereafter life He said that we should make deep love for the Prophet of the a firm commitment to follow Apocalypse is our faith and we

The Commissioner said that

important requirement.

should make the character of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) cover our lives. Love for the Prophet (peace be upon him) is a part of our faith and we have an ideal unity and agreement through the passing of Prophet Muhammad (peace

be upon him). Expressing deep devotion to. The Commissioner appreciated the organization of the soulful gathering of Milad Mustafa. At the end of the celebration, prayers were prayed for the development and prosperity of the beloved country, peace and security and for the implementation of the good deeds of the Holy

# RCCI President calls on Dr. Maen Khreasat, Ambassador of Jordan in Pakistan

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) led by President Usman Shaukat visited the Embassy of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan-Islamabad and called on H. E. Dr. Maen Khreasat, Ambassador of Jordan in

Vice President Fahad Barlas, and EC member Ms. Falak Anjum were also present on the occasion.

Matters related to bilateral trade, investment opportunities, networking & chamber to chamber connectivity & visit of trade delegation from both sides to enhance trade relations and to explore the potential cooperation between both

countries came under discussion. During the meeting a wide range of areas for further enhancing bilateral



Jordan and Pakistan were also discussed.

trade and economic relations between said that Jordan valued its historical and friendly relations with Pakistan and was Ambassador Maen A. M. Khreasat keen to further enhance its trade ties

with it for mutual benefit.

He said that his country was keen to expand its trade ties with Pakistan through enhanced bilateral cooperation across various sectors including tourism, Agricultural, hospitality and health services.

RCCI President Usman Shaukat in his remarks emphasized RCCI's commitment to facilitating joint ventures, promoting bilateral trade, and enhancing investment opportunities. He also highlighted the chamber's readiness to assist in organizing business forums, trade delegations, and cultural exchange programs to strengthen the ties between the two nations.

He reiterated that RCCI would work tirelessly to support initiatives aimed at mutual growth and development, ensuring a prosperous partnership between Pakistan and Jordan.

## Asma Butt assures support for end of dengue in Punjab



RAWALPINDI: Chairperson of Dolphin Communication Asma Butt assured Senator Nasir Mehmood Butt and WASA administration of full cooperation in the ongoing awareness campaign to end dengue on behalf of Chief Minister Punjab Ms. Maryam Nawaz. And said that until the end of dengue, full practical services will be done from the platform  $\,$ of Dolphin Communication. Door-to-door campaign will be started.

Yesterday, an important meeting regarding anti-dengue campaign was held under the chairmanship of Pakistan Muslim League-N leader and Senator Nasir Mehmood Butt at Haji House Rata Amaral in Rawalpindi. In which the Chairperson of Dolphin Communication Ms. Asma Butt specially participated. On this occasion, President Youth Wing Rawalpindi Division Naeem Pasha, MD Wasa Muhammad Salim Ashraf, Deputy MD WASA Zeeshan Shaukat Gondal, Assistant Director Muhammad Haseeb, WASA Deputy Director Muhammad Tauseef, WASA Deputy Director Shamsur Rahman, WASA Hafiz Abdullah Butt, Shoaib Butt, Mrs. Mumtaz Malik and others were present. Senator Nasir Mehmood Butt appreciated Dolphin Communication Chairperson Asma Butt's previous services in the anti-dengue campaign. And said that as Ms. Asma Butt has performed prominently in the dengue awareness campaign in 2014 with the federal government. We want more benefit from her experiences, so that according to the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Ms. Maryam Nawaz, we can help to get rid of dengue and create a healthy society. He said that Government needs sincere and experienced people. On this, Asma Butt said that Dolphin Communication is ready for all kinds of support. Together we will make the dengue eradication campaign successful under the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Ms. Maryam Nawaz. Important information about dengue will be provided to the public at their doorstep. I have always preferred to serve the people of my country. She further said that under the supervision of Senator Nasir Mehmood Butt and WASA administration, a vigorous campaign against dengue will be conducted. Without further delay in the dengue campaign, people's lives will be saved.

### Chairman Drug Court Rejected the Application of all the Accused involved in Fake Medicine Case



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Chairman Drug Court Multan Muhammad Salimullah rejected the application of all the accused involved in fake medicine case FIR No. 262/24 dated 29.03.2024 before arrest. Only the owner of the medical store and accused Fahadullah Ould Ashiq's bail application was approved because he submitted all the cell purchase records in the investigation. Which was also confirmed by the owner of SA Pharma and accused Amanullah. Accused Amanullah said in his statement that he bought these medicines from Denim Pharma, but the main accused and owner of Denim Pharma Muhammad Sajjad is deviating from the warranty of his company.

After this case, when a team of 4 drug inspectors from Multan raided Denim Pharma, a large number of the same fake drugs were recovered from there, on which the name of Incepta Pharmaceuticals Karachi is listed, the name of the drug is Tab Caryon. which DTL Multan's report dated 27.02.2024 has declared as fake while there is no drug manufacturing company in the name of this company in Pakistan.

This was a unique case of its kind in which the company did not exist and medicines were being made in its name.

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# Pakistan pushes for bolstering int'l cooperation to save under-threat children

ighlighting the multiple threats facing Children — armed conflict, child labor, human trafficking — Pakistan Thursday called for strengthened international cooperation to protect them from these heinous violations.

"The international community must not only address the root causes of such violence but also ensure stronger enforcement of legal frameworks that criminalize all forms of child abuse and exploitation," Ambassador Usman Iqbal Jadoon, deputy permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the UN General Assembly's Third Committee, which deals with social, humanitarian and cultural issues.

Speaking in a debate on Children's rights, he pointed out that in the Pact for the Future, which the world leaders adopted at UN Headquarters in New York last month, they made a collective commitment to safeguard and protect children from varied threats

"This requires collaborative efforts in strengthening child protection systems, creating safer online and offline spaces, and fostering a culture of peace and tolerance," the Pakistani envoy said.

Underscoring the importance of children's education, Ambassador Jadoon said the Pact also contains a commitment for universal access to quality education, especially in digital and remote learning

Pakistan, he said, had prioritized policies that focus on inclusive education, particularly for girls and marginalized children.

"In Pakistan, we have prioritized policies that focus on inclusive education, particularly for girls and marginalized children," he said.

"However," the Pakistani envoy said, "due to debt and liquidity distress, we are unable to invest sufficient resources to send every child to school."

Ambassador Jadoon urged the international community to enable the developing countries to mobilize sufficient resources to invest in children's education and to secure the future of the current generation of children. Also, he said, children are among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including rising temperatures, food insecurity, and displacement due to natural disasters.

Pakistan, he said, continues to face the brunt of climate-induced disasters and remain steadfast in advocating for greater global action to address climate change.

"Protecting the rights of children necessitates urgent climate action, greater investments in green technologies, and the promotion of climate-resilient communities," the Pakistani envoy said.

"The international community must place children's well-being at the center of climate adaptation and mitigation strategies and invest in developing climate resilient infrastructure for children.'

As regards the need for better health systems, he said that Pakistan had made strides in expanding immunization programs, combating malnutrition, and improving access to maternal and child healthcare.

In this regard, Ambassador Jadoon underscored the need for global cooperation and financial resources to address the systemic barriers that prevent millions of children the world over from receiving adequate healthcare

"It is our collective duty to safeguard their rights, empower them with opportunities, and build a world where every child can thrive with hope and dignity," he added.

# Military and Constitutional Courts-A comparative analysis - II

**Abdul Basit Alvi** 

and effective, there would have been visible justice for past arrests, but instead, the public often complains about the release of terrorists and target killers. The military courts are currently under a "stay order" from the higher judiciary, causing further delays. Ending this "stay order" is crucial for expediting trials and delivering strict punishments based on solid evidence to combat terrorism effectively.

Political interference in the judiciary remains a significant concern in Pakistan, with politicians pressuring judges and influencing judicial processes, potentially compromising judicial independence. The fear of repercussions or the lure of political patronage can affect judicial decisions, creating an environment where justice is vulnerable to outside influences. According to Transparency International Pakistan's Corruption Perceptions Survey 2023, the judiciary ranks among the three most corrupt institutions in the

The widespread corruption, particularly within the lower judiciary and police systems-critical components of any civilized society-poses a serious threat to the community's overall well-being. Unfortunately, the civilian judicial system in Pakistan has struggled to deliver timely and transparent justice. A major issue is the prolonged resolution of legal cases, some of which can span generations without resolution. The burden on the courts is substantial, with both the superior and backlog of 2.144 million cases. In 2021 alone, 4.102 million cases were resolved,

resulting in a pending caseload of 2.16 million at the beginning of the following year. Statistics from the Supreme Court, Federal Shariat Court, and five high courts indicate that in 2020, 229,822 cases were disposed of, while 241,250 new cases were initiated. By the end of the year, the pending cases in superior courts

totaled 389,549, slightly above the previous year's count of 378,216. Similarly, the district judiciary faced 1,783,826 pending cases at the start of its preceding year. Throughout the year, 3,872,686 cases were resolved, while 3,822,881 new cases

were filed, resulting in a total pending caseload of 1,754,947 by the end of 2021. Military courts serve a distinct func-

tion in many countries, often dealing with cases involving military personnel, national security, and terrorism. For instance, in the U.S., military courts operate under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and handle serious offenses like desertion and espionage, including terrorism-related cases tried in Guantanamo Bay after 9/11. Egypt uses military courts to try civilians accused of crimes against the military government, while Turkey expanded its military court system after the 2016 coup attempt to prosecute numerous individuals, including civilians. Brazil's lower judiciaries facing an overwhelming military justice system deals with military personnel and crimes against military institutions, and in Nigeria, mili-

f the judiciary were truly strong while 4.06 million new cases were filed, tary courts address offenses by military decisions are binding, carrying substaninsurgencies like Boko Haram. These examples demonstrate that countries are committed to effectively addressing terrorism and anti-state elements through specialized and efficient justice systems.

Additionally, constitutional courts play a crucial role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring that legislation aligns with

a nation's constitution. These specialized courts interpret constitutional provisions, resolve disputes related to constitutional law, and protect fundamental

rights. Many countries, such as Germany, have constitutional courts; for instance, the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) ensures that laws comply with the German Basic Law and has the authority to review legislation and adjudicate disputes between federal and state authorities. The court is recognized for its influential rulings that have significantly shaped German law and society, especially in areas like human rights and freedom of expression. Italy's Constitutional Court (Corte Costituzionale), established in 1956, plays a vital role in reviewing laws and safeguarding constitutional rights. It has the authority to declare legislation unconstitutional and to resolve conflicts between

representation of legal expertise, and its

members, especially in the context of tial implications for Italian jurisprudence. Meanwhile, the Constitutional Court of South Africa, established in 1994, is the highest authority on constitutional matters, playing a crucial role in protecting human rights and upholding the values enshrined in the South African Constitution.

The court has significantly impacted issues like equality, access to justice, and the rights of marginalized groups, serving as a cornerstone of South Africa's democracy. Spain's Constitutional Court, established in 1979, upholds the Spanish Constitution, resolves constitutional disputes, and declares laws unconstitutional, thus maintaining the balance of power between the central government and autonomous communities.

Austria's Constitutional Court, founded in 1920, ensures legislation complies with the Constitution, adjudicates disputes between government levels, and hears individual complaints about constitutional rights, playing a vital role in protecting democratic principles. These examples illustrate how countries utilize their judicial systems to manage typical cases efficiently, creating specialized courts for more complex or urgent

The people of Pakistan deserve a fair and swift justice system, achievable through the prompt functioning of constitutional and military courts, which will alleviate the burden on existing regular courts. Immediate action is state and regional laws. Comprising needed to secure the fundamental right to 15 judges, the court ensures a diverse a transparent and efficient justice system for all citizens of Pakistan.



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

# Diplomatic missions and foreign companies must hire refugees

跨 Syed Fawad Ali Shah

n a world where the plight of

refugees has become increasbeacon of hope and a framework for protection. More than 140 nations have pledged their commitment to uphold the rights and dignity of those fleeing persecution. Yet, here in Malaysia, a glaring contradiction exists. Despite the presence of diplomatic missions and NGOs from countries that have ratified

the Convention, registered refugees under UNHCR are denied the most basic right of all—the opportunity to work. The streets of Kuala Lumpur are bustling with vibrant businesses owned by citizens from these very nations. Restaurants, factories, hotels, and major companies thrive, yet they paradoxically turn a blind eye to the plight of UNHCR registered refugees. Instead, these businesses often prefer hiring foreign workers, many of whom hail from Nepal, for roles that could easily be filled by those seeking refuge. This is a disheartening reality: while Malaysian citizens are reluctant to take up low-level jobs, registered refugees, who are eager to contribute and support their families, are left out in the cold. Consider this: a diplomatic mission may employ five local Malaysians, but why not extend the situation, fostering inclusivity while same opportunities to UNHCR regis-

tered refugees? Positions such as governmental stance on refugee office boys, cleaners, kitchen helpers, gardeners, or security guards could easily be filled by individuals who ingly dire, the 1951 Refugee are desperate for employment and Convention stands as a ready to work. The lack of action from coun-

have signed the Refugee Convention speaks volumes about their commitment to the

tries

very principles they champion. As citizens of these countries operate their businesses in Malaysia, they must recognize their moral obligation to provide opportunities for registered refugees. Imagine the impact if just a fraction of these businesses prioritized refugee employment. Not only would it empower the most vulnerable members of society, but it would also set a precedent for humanitarian action. Furthermore, these countries should instruct their nationals conducting business in Malaysia to give priority to UNHCR registered refugees when hiring. By submitting their manpower demands to UNHCR Malaysia and the International Organization for Migration, these companies can facilitate a channel through which refugee talent can be utilized. It is a win-win meeting labor demands. The current

employment forces many to resort to begging or, tragically, criminal activities to survive. When refugees commit crimes out of sheer desperation, the backlash they face is swift and severe. Society often overlooks the circumstances that lead them to such actions. It is crucial that we shift our perspective and recognize the human beings behind the refugee label—individuals seeking dignity, safety, and a chance to rebuild their lives. This column serves as an urgent plea to diplomatic missions, NGOs. and businesses operating in Malaysia. The time for action is now. It is not merely a question of providing jobs; it is a matter of humanity and human rights. Many Muslim refugees place their hopes in non-Muslim countries, understanding that their plight is often ignored in their own homelands. Human rights organizations must rally behind this cause, advocating for the employment of UNHCR registered refugees and restoring their dignity as human beings. Let us stand together to ensure that the rights outlined in the 1951 Refugee Convention are not just words on paper but a living reality for those who need it the most. It is time to extend a helping hand and offer the hope of a better tomorrow to those who have endured so much. Together, we can make a difference.

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# Pakistan's Renewable Energy Revolution: A Beacon of Hope Against Climate Change

As the world struggles to mitigate climate change, Pakistan has emerged as a frontrunner in renewable energy. Leveraging its natural resources and growing energy demands, Pakistan aims to increase renewable energy's share in the energy mix.

Pakistan's energy crisis is severe, with over 40% of its population lacking access to electricity. Fossil fuels dominate the energy landscape, exacerbating climate change. However, the government has set ambitious renewable energy targets.

Pakistan has made significant strides in renewable energy. The country has installed 1,500 MW of solar power, targeting 5,000 MW by 2025. Additionally, 1,200 MW of wind energy has been harnessed, aiming for 3,000 MW by 2025. Pakistan also plans to add 10,000 MW of hydroelectric power by 2030.

Despite progress, challenges persist. Pakistan needs advanced energy storage solutions to ensure a stable renewable energy supply. Upgrades in transmission infrastructure are necessary to integrate renewable energy sources. A comprehensive policy framework is essential to attract investments and ensure sustainability.

Renewable energy presents opportunities for Pakistan. It can create jobs and stimulate local economic growth. Diversifying energy sources enhances energy security and reduces dependence on imported fuels. Renewable energy also helps Pakistan adapt to climate change impacts.

International partnerships support Pakistan's renewable energy transition. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is investing in renewable energy projects. The World Bank is providing financial support for renewable energy initiatives. The European Union is collaborating on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Pakistan's renewable energy revolution offers hope against climate change. Continued investment, policy support, and international cooperation will help achieve ambitious renewable energy targets. As Pakistan transitions to a low-carbon economy, it will create jobs, stimulate growth, and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

The country's commitment to renewable energy serves as a model for other developing nations. Pakistan's progress demonstrates that with determination and cooperation, a cleaner, greener future is possible.

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## Violent Extremism

The era of social media has played a key role in bringing people worldwide. Life without mobile phones has become dull because modernity has come to a climax, in a globalized and digitalised world. So, the Internet has transformed the world into a global village.

However, there is a darker aspect to the use of the internet and social media: spreading aggressive and rough state of affairs that give way to violent extremism. Particularly, in our societies, nefarious content has overwhelmed the people

However, the state was built on the notion of a secular state, hands behind building the independent state were sung the songs of secularism, but the vision by the founding father has faded since their passing.

In the age of internet, violent extremism has menanced the society and took a new perilous turn with the advent of social media. Social media has played a double role, simultaneously empowering the individuals, and endangering communities and society as a whole. On the one hand, as an extremist only further their agenda,

on the other hand, it can halt violent extremism by spreading the messages of peace, unity, tolerance, and positive narrative. Besides, constructive and impressive content can play an indispensable role in turning aside odious extremism. Instead of an aggressive and bullying narrative, one should focus on common values and hold high estimation.

Despite the fact, social media is the most effective tool to prevent the fierce content. Big changes have taken place with the help of social media.

According to World Index 2024, Pakistan ranks among the top five countries where fake news and misinformation spread on social media like a jungle fire. Resultantly, this phenomenon can damage democracy and leave a mark of

It is of great importance for the state and parents to watchdog it in a way that does not violate the freedom of expression and doesn't hinder the future of children. This importance can break the chain of extremism and will be replaced by peace, cooperation and tolerance in

According to a digital report there are 71.70 million social media users in Pakistan, making up 29.5 percent of the population. Educated, uneducated and professionals are involved. So far, critical users can be counted on fingertips. Evaluating content critically and consuming logical information can be fruitful and will foster peace among the people.

Tajdar Munir

# Pakistani have 'deep connection with Palestinians', minister says after Gaza, Lebanon crises

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Iqbal said on Friday the people of Pakistan have a strong bond with Palestinians, as he addressed a conference focused on the humanitarian response to the situation in Gaza and Lebanon, organized by the National Disaster Muslims as early as 1934. Management Authority (NDMA).

consignments, totaling about 1,154 tons of medicines and other necessary items, to the two conflict zones in the Middle East since October last year.

The national conference, organized by NDMA officials, brought together representatives from the media and various international and local non-governmental organizations to stressing the urgent necessity to extend mobilize further support for the resi-

dents of Gaza and Lebanon.

"The people of Pakistan have a deep connection with Palestine, a bond that Planning and Development Ahsan dates back even before the creation of Pakistan," the minister said at the

> father, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, had voiced concerns for Palestinian

"The people of Pakistan have The NDMA has sent 11 relief consistently stood shoulder to onsignments, totaling about 1,154 shoulder with Palestinians and highlighted their rights, just as we have advocated for the cause of the people of Kashmir on the international stage,"

> Igbal emphasized the severe humanitarian needs resulting from Israel's war in Palestine and Lebanon, support to the affected populations.

He announced the establishment of the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for Gaza and Lebanon, to generate and channel aid from Pakistanis to those living in Gaza and Lebanon.

The Pakistani minister criticized the He noted that Pakistan's founding Western narrative on human rights, saving it had been exposed as Western states looked the other way while unarmed Palestinians were killed, and Israel was given the "license to carry out genocide."

The war in Gaza has lasted over a year, leading to nearly 43,000 Palestinian deaths, mostly women and chil-

More recently, Israel opened another front in Lebanon, with the stated objective of destroying Hezbollah targets, raising fears of a wider war in the region, potentially involving Iran.



# Honoring Dr. Nadeem ul Haque – A Legacy of Vision, Innovation, and Mentorship

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) proudly honors Dr. Nadeem ul Haque as he completes his transformative five-year tenure as Vice Chancellor, from 2019 to 2024. A renowned economist and former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of Pakistan, Dr. Haque has also been associated with several international organizations, including a distinguished career with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). His visionary leadership at PIDE has left a lasting impact, positioning the institute as a hub of innovative thought, groundbreaking research, and policy-driven dialogue. Under his guidance, PIDE addressed Pakistan's economic and development challenges with fresh ideas, fostering intellectual independence and creativity.

During his tenure, Dr. Haque spearheaded several impactful initiatives, such as RASTA, Islaah, and EconFest, creating a robust network of researchers, policymakers, and thought leaders. These initiatives national think tank. PIDE staff development in the country. members expressed their gratitude.



result of his visionary ideas and lead-

Minister of Planning, Ahsan Iqbal, paid tribute to Dr. Haque's legacy, recognizing his pivotal role in shaping transformed PIDE into a leading the future of economic discourse and

In addition to honoring his highlighting Dr. Haque's bold initiments, Ahsan Iqbal urged the PIDE to inspire PIDE's journey ahead. atives and tireless efforts to foster staff to carry forward Dr. Haque's PIDE's prominence today is a direct tribute to his service is to continue his entire PIDE community extends on the foundations he so skillfully laid.

work for the betterment of the institution and Pakistan. Dr. Haque's legacy as a mentor, not just a leader, is ship, mentorship, and innovation will perhaps his most lasting contribution. He nurtured talent, fostered collaboration, and created an environment makers. where innovation thrived. As he moves on, his vision and wisdom will continue

innovation. They acknowledged that vision, stating that the best way to pay chapter of his illustrious career, the will continue to guide PIDE as it builds

its deepest gratitude for his exceptional service. His legacy of leadercontinue to inspire future generations of researchers, scholars, and policy-

Dr. Nadeem ul Haque leaves behind an institution that is stronger more vibrant, and ready to lead Pakistan's As Dr. Haque embarks on the next economic transformation. His vision

# Chairperson BISP visits Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Senator Rubina Khalid visited the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry today on the invitation of President Chamber Mr. Rehan Naseem, who along with the other members welcomed the Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme. He welcomed the step of economic empowerment of the marginalized segments of the country through skill development

along with other initiatives of the BISP. Chairperson Rubina Khalid while talking to the members of the chamber said that this program started in the name of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, which was patronized by the President of Pakistan, BISP is supporting 9.3 million families today. It has given an identity to the poor woman, it makes the house-



own identity card, this is an important step towards the empowerment of women. Along with this, Benazir Kafaalat, Taleemi Wazaif and Nashowife the head of the family, she gets her numa programs are also ongoing and according to local and international

now a step ahead, skill development program is also being introduced under which different skills will be taught to deserving women and their children standards so they can improve not only their livelihood but also uplift economy of this country. She said that there is a great demand for skilled labor world-

Senator Rubina Khalid said that on the special instructions of the President of Pakistan, the payment model of 6 banks was introduced to ensure the payment of money to women in a dignified and transparent manner. Consultation with Bank of Pakistan is ongoing to further improve the system.

Senator Rubina Khalid recorded her impressions regarding her visit to the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the visitor's book.

Later, Senator Rubina Khalid along with Chairman Board Faisalabad Garments City Company Mr. Rehan Naseem also visited the Garments City where they also interacted with the female interns undergoing training

# Former APTPMA Regional Chairman Arif Lakhani meets KCCI Officials



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Arif Lakhani, former Regional Chairman of the All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) and former member of the KCCI Managing Committee, visited the Karachi Chamber yesterday. During his visit, he congratulated the newly elected President Javed Balwani, Senior Vice President Zia Al Arfeen, and Vice President Faisal Khalil on their overwhelming victory in the recent Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) elections. He expressed confidence that the newly elected officials, with their immense capabilities, would prioritize addressing the issues of traders, industrialists, shutter power, importers, exporters, and customs agents by conveying them to the government and relevant authorities to ensure resolution. Young industrialist Farhan Lakhani was also present at the meeting.

# Inter-Ministerial Consultative Workshop on Anti-Trafficking



ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency and the Ministry of Interior organized an Inter-Ministerial Consultative Workshop today to discuss Pakistan's Anti-Trafficking Action Plan for 2024-2025. The workshop brought together representatives from various government departments and international organizations to review and strategize efforts to combat human trafficking in the country.

The workshop was opened with remarks by Mr. Waqas Mehmood, Special Secretary, Ministry of Interior, and Mr. Muhammad Jaffar, Additional Director General, Law Wing, FIA HQ.

Key discussions centered on the importance of Pakistan's Tier Ranking and the consequences of the United States State Department's findings on human trafficking, highlighted by Mr. Muhammad Hamza, Assistant Director (USA) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In a technical session, presentations were made to address the concerns raised in the U.S. State Department's 2024 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report. These presentations were delivered by Rai Nasrullah, Deputy Director, FIA CBC, and Ms. Seep Jan, Section Officer (MMC), Ministry of Interior, Islamabad. The role of international organizations in combating human trafficking was discussed by Ms. Shahida Gillani of the UNODC.

During the workshop, the progress of the TiP committees with regards to the Anti-Trafficking Action Plan was reviewed and the targets for 2024-2025 were discussed. The session was moderated by Mr. Saqib Sultan Al-Mehmood, Director Anti Human Smuggling Wing, FIA.

# 'SCO: A Catalyst for Regional Integration and Connectivity'

**E** City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) hosted a roundtable discussion on "SCO: A Catalyst for Regional Integration and Connectivity". The event brought together distinguished experts, diplomats, and scholars to discuss the multifaceted role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in fostering regional cooperation, security, and economic integration.

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, emphasized the SCO's global salience, its growing organizational and substantive evolution, its significance as the largest transregional platform, and its prominence within the evolving multipolar global order. He added that while ideal outcomes

SCO are desirable, the realities and challenges must be acknowledged. Progress, even if not perfect, should be supported and strengthened. He further added that patience is crucial, as the SCO, like other organizations, evolves at its own pace. Highlighting its growing economic influence, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood noted that SCO members' trade had risen from \$667 billion in 2001 to \$6 trillion in 2022, demonstrating the organization's increasing global rele-Director General ISSI, in his remarks, vance and economic heft. Hosting the SCO-CHG meeting is a distinct honour for Pakistan and as the host country, it would ensure the summit's successful outcome.

Dr. Saif Malik, Director of the Army Institute of Military History, spoke about the critical role of SCO in coun-

from multilateral platforms like the tering terrorism and ensuring regional stability. He addressed the challenges posed by extremist groups such as ISIS and ISKP and highlighted the need for a comprehensive SCO policy to combat these threats. He also discussed the complexities of regional geopolitics, particularly the relations between Pakistan, India, China, and Russia.

Ms. Amna Masood, Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, International Islamic University Islamabad. emphasized the importance of leveraging the SCO forum to enhance Pakistan's trade and technological partnerships with Central Asian and South Asian nations.

Dr. Uzma Siraj, Head of the International Relations Department at Federal Urdu University discussed the challenges and opportunities for SCO in promoting regional connectivity.



Ambassador Babar Amin, Pakistan's delivered the keynote address, focusing First National Coordinator for SCO, on Pakistan's achievements during its

Heads of Government. Earlier in his Introductory remarks, Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director of the China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at ISSI, welcomed all participants, emphasizing the importance of the SCO as a platform representing almost half of the world's population and nearly a quarter of the global GDP.

chairmanship of the SCO Council of

In his concluding remarks, Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman of ISSI's Board of Governors, commended the timely organization of the roundtable ahead of the CHG Summit.

The event concluded with a lively Q&A session, during which participants discussed various aspects of egional cooperation, security, and the future of SCO in the evolving global landscape.

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

'``' Index Fluctuation		
Pakistan: PSX 1	00-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close	
85,483.40	85,453.22	
Day's High	Day's Low	
85,750.18	84,774.45	
Index Value	Change	
20,705,570,997	+30.18	
Percentage	Time	
+0.04%	11 Oct, 2024 5:00 pm	
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index	
Index Value	Change	
8,253.65	+15.92	
Percentage	Time	
+0.19%	11 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average	
Index Value	Change	
42,722.61	+268.49	
Percentage	Time	
+0.63%	11 Oct, 1:23 pm GMT-4	

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Index Value	Change	
39,605.80	+224.91	
Percentage	Time	
+0.57%	11 Oct, 3:15 pm GMT+9	

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	186.75	188.86
Bahrain Dinar	731.71	739.71
Canadian Dollar	202.60	205.00
China Yuan	39.6	40.00
Danish Krone	41.12	41.52
Euro	302.05	304.80
Hong Kong Dollar	35.65	36
Indian Rupee	3.34	3.45
Japanese Yen	1.92	1.98
Kuwaiti Dinar	898.00	907.50
Malaysian Ringgit	63.55	64.15
NewZealand \$	174.21	176.21
Norwegians Krone	26.26	26.56
Omani Riyal	716.67	725.17
Qatari Riyal	76.24	76.94
Saudi Riyal	73.65	74.20
Singapore Dollar	215	217
Swedish Korona	27.15	27.46
Swiss Franc	322.20	325.15
Thai Bhat	8.56	8.71
U.A.E Dirham	75.40	76.05
UK Pound Sterling	360.35	363.85
US Dollar	278.25	279.75

## RCCIPresidentcalls on Dr. Maen Khreasat, **Ambassador** of Jordan in Pakistan

#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) led by President Usman Shaukat visited the Embassy of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan-Islamabad and called on H. E. Dr. Maen Khreasat, Ambassador of Jordan in Pakistan.

Vice President Fahad Barlas, and EC member Ms. Falak Anjum were also present on the occasion.

Matters related to bilateral trade, investment opportunities, networking & chamber to chamber connectivity & visit of trade delegation from both sides to enhance trade relations and to explore the potential cooperation between both countries came under discussion.

During the meeting a wide range of areas for further enhancing bilateral trade and economic relations between Jordan and Pakistan were also discussed.

Ambassador Maen A. M. Khreasat said that Jordan valued its historical and friendly relations with Pakistan and was keen to further enhance its trade ties with it for mutual benefit.

He said that his country was keen to expand its trade ties with Pakistan through enhanced bilateral cooperation across various sectors including tourism, Agricultural, hospitality and health

RCCI President Usman Shaukat in his remarks emphasized RCCI's commitment to facilitating joint ventures, promoting bilateral trade, and enhancing investment opportunities. He also highlighted the chamber's readiness to assist in organizing business forums, trade delegations, and cultural exchange programs to strengthen

the ties between the two nations. He reiterated that RCCI would work tirelessly to support initiatives aimed at mutual growth and development, ensuring a prosperous partnership between Pakistan and Jordan.

# FPCCI leaders deserve recognition for their successful drive: Mian Zahid Hussain

ISLAMABAD: The Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, as well as former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain, said on Sunday that the termination of agreements with five Independent Power Producers (IPPs) is projected to yield savings of Rs 400 billion.

It is important for other independent power producers to engage collaboratively and contribute to the nation's advancement, as our survival hinges on it, he said.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the leadership of FPCCI merits commendation for the efficacy big achievement.

veteran business leader congratulated the a very successful awareness campaign.



of their campaign, which will soon become a FPCCI Group Leader Dr. Gohar Ijaz, President Atif Ikram Shaikh, Patron Chief SM Tanveer, Speaking to the business community, the and the entire leadership team on the launch of

government because excessive profit is not only hurting people and economy but it will also harm power production business.

The business leader noted that IPP owners should understand that electricity is a necessity, and its exorbitant prices are holding hostage Pakistan, its industries, and its people.

According to Mian Zahid Hussain, the government will save 411 billion rupees as a result of the termination of these contracts, bringing the capacity payment down from 2000 billion to 1600 billion rupees.

This is the beginning of a move in the right direction, the results of which will start showing soon. The government has initiated negotiations with other IPPs to review the agreements, anticipating positive outcomes.

Realizing the improved situation, a delega-

He advised other IPPs to work with the ment Minister, and they have signed 27 MoUs. As a result, there is a possibility of a two billion dollar investment from Saudi Arabia,

which will restore the confidence of foreign investors, he observed. According to Mian Zahid Hussain, the central and provincial governments have

reached an agreement that will reduce costs and enhance tax collection in the provinces. Many local and foreign experts have expressed concerns since the passage of the 18th Amendment, citing an increase in provincial revenue and irresponsible expenditures,

financial strain. This amendment was not properly implemented, and the federal government now performs many province-based duties.

while the federal government has been facing

Mian Zahid Hussain said that now the tion of Saudi investors is also present in Paki- government has no option but to control the stan under the leadership of the Saudi Invest-rising expenditures and accept the IMF's words.

## Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Ahsan Iqbal had a meeting with the visiting Saudi Minister of Investment, Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh on Friday.



# JS Bank launches instant debit card service

#### Commerce Desk

KARACHI: JS Bank, one of the fastest-growing banks in Pakistan, has launched a game-changing service that allows customers to walk out with an instant debit card when they open a bank account. This new service enables customers to get their debit card instantly, providing immediate access to their funds and banking services without delay.

Currently available in selected JS Bank branches, the instant debit card issuinnovative solutions that holders can immediately great!"



enjoy the convenience of seamless transactions, without the traditional waiting time for card issuance.

Sharing his thoughts, Waqas Anis, Chief Digital Officer at JS Bank, said, "At JS Bank, we continually strive to enhance the customer experience ance aligns with JS Bank's through industry-leading commitment to delivering services. The instant debit card demonstrates our focus meet the evolving needs of on efficiency and conveniits customers in today's fast- ence, helping customers paced world. The service manage their finances ensures that new account seamlessly. No wait, sounds

# Ahsan Bakhtawari inducted into the Central Core Committee of UBG

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Bakhtawari, former President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), has been inducted into the Central Core Committee of the United Business Group (UBG). UBG Patron-in-Chief, S. M. Tanveer, made the announcement after the Federal Core Committee's approval. Tariq Mahmood from Lahore has also been approved to join the committee.

Bakhtawari Ahsan expressed gratitude to UBG's leadership, saying, "UBG is the largest representative platform for Pakistan's business community, and being part of its Central Core Committee is an honor." He pledged to contribute positively to resolving business community issues and promoting entrepreneurship, particularly among youth and women.

He siad Youth Empowerment,, Entrepreneurship



Promotion, Enhancing business opportunities and inno-Empowerment are Key prior-

He commended UBG's nity's strength and influence stakeholders.

in economic decision-making. efforts in tackling key business He emphasized the need for vation, Women's Economic issues, such as the IPP issue, unity and collective decidemonstrating the commusion-making among business

# MoU between AlBaik Food Systems and Gas & Oil Pakistan (GO) to Explore **Opportunities**

#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Saudi Ministry of Investment Supports AlBaik's Expansion Efforts in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In a pioneering step that reflects the Kingdom's Vision 2030 to enhance national exports and knowledge and open new horizons for Saudi commercial expansion globally, under the patronage of the Saudi Ministry of Investment, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Saudi company AlBaik and This MoU aims to explore the possibility of establishing a strategic partner-AlBaik restaurants in the

Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as part of the company's expansion strategy in

Pakistan. The signing ceremony took place under the patronage of His Excellency, the Minister of Investment, Engineer Khalid Al-Falih, and in the presence of Mr. Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan as well as General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan and a high-level delegation from both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. This event is the result of the dedicated efforts of the Pakistani company GO. the Ministry of Investment to enable Saudi brands to expand internationally and to enhance the Kingship to set up and operate dom's position in the global economic arena.

# FPCCI is facing the worst crisis ever

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Trade leader and founder president of the Attock Chamber of Commerce, Mirza Abdul Rehman, said on Thursday that the largest trade organization in Pakistan, the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), is going through the worst crisis, which has posed a serious challenge to its integrity.

Many employees have been appointed based on hefty packages, disregarding their merit, while life has become mismanagement and lavish difficult for those who lack

connections, he said. Mirza Abdul Rehman said that some employees are being stressed that leaders of the

forced to work on reduced salaries and in a very humiliating environment.

He said that commission agents are roaming in all the offices of FPCCI, while those elected by the voters are expressing the least interest in the affairs of the apex chamber.

He added that the arrogance of those who matter leads to a total disregard for the issues of the business community.

Mirza Abdul Rehman said that the FPCCI's staff has been bearing the brunt of the crisis, which has stemmed from expenditures by the leaders of the UBG.

Mirza Abdul Rehman



UBG and FPCCI are plun- the ruling group have privately dering the FPCCI's resources, which has pushed the business community into depression.

"They have always preferred personal interests over the interests of the community, and families of the leaders continue to enjoy luxuries at the cost of voters," he said.

Different standing committees are being distributed like sweets among those who have nothing on their credit.

He emphasized that the current leaders of UBG and FPCCI pose the greatest business community, which is

unfavorable for Pakistan. Mirza Abdul Rehman said that prominent figures within

expressed their dismay over favoritism, nepotism, and the neglect of merit by those who

They have pointed out that a significant number of representatives from various trade bodies lack a voice within FPCCI, and the apex body is failing to fulfill its role in enhancing businesses, exports, and its dwindling image.

They have further highlighted that important decisions are being made without any consultation, which has obstacle to the growth of the completely silenced their voices in shaping economic policies, causing significant harm to their respective

# Govt. committed to promote departmental sports, says Rana Sanaullah

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Political and Public Affairs, Rana Sanaullah, has emphasized the government's commitment to promoting departmental sports, citing it as a top priority for Prime Minister Shehbaz

While presiding over the review meeting on the revival of departmental sports here on Friday, Sanaullah, who also holds the portfolio of Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) stressed that maintaining departmental sports is a national responsibility for every institution. "We must work together to create a sports-friendly environment that attracts youth and everyone towards games," he



sports in engaging and positively influorganized crime. "The future of our gener-

He highlighted the importance of of negative social media impacts and

promotion," he said.

On revival of departmental sports, Sanaullah directed departments to create their own sports policies for athlete job

He said steps are being taken to allocate sports quota for recruitment in departments. The formation of a healthy society is connected with sports and the government, under the Prime Minister's leadership, is determined to take all necessary steps to promote sports nationwide,

Attendees included Federal Secretary for Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) Nadeem Irshad Kayani, representatives from Wapda, Ministry of Railways, Police, NAB, FIA, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Army, Rangers. encing the youth, particularly in the face ations is linked to sports development and Pakistan Navy, and other departments.

# Series Defeats of Pakistan Cricket Continues

England defeated Pakistan by an innings and 47 runs in the First Cricket Test Match



#### S Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: First Cricket Test Match Graveyard for Pakistan Cricket, the first infamous defeat in history, the latest cricket news is that Pakistan has recorded a new shameful tradition in the 147-year history of Test Cricket. The series of defeats in the home grounds also got longer, 11 Tests passed without winning a match. The England cricket team won the Multan Test on the fifth and last day by an innings and 47 runs half an hour before the lunch break.

Pakistan became the first team the history of Test cricket to score 500 in 54.5 overs. Aamir Jamal returned before being dismissed. Brooke is the innings. or more and lose by an innings. This honor also went to Pakistan. The match was decided in 4 days and an incomplete session. The match was decided in 4 days and an incomplete session. After 90 minutes on the 5th day, the Test became the date.

When Pakistan started the 5th day, Amir Jamal and Salman Ali Agha appeared to face the English pacers very confidently. Both of them not only spent the opening overs but also scored runs together. The interesting coincidence is that 6 batsmen of Pakistan's top order were bowled out for a total of 82 runs after playing 24.2 overs and Salman Ali Agha and Aamir Jamal also batted for 24.2 overs. And then the partnership was broken in the form of the wicket of Salman Ali Agha, when he was bowled lbw by veteran English spinner Jack

Leach. Agha was dismissed for 63 runs off 84 balls.

He scored the 8th half-century of his career. Dangers were increasing for Pakistan. When Shaheen Afridi came in to bat at number 9, he had to score 76 runs to avoid the defeat of the innings. At the score of 214, Shaheen Shah Afridi also became a victim of Jack Leach after scoring 10 runs. Aamir Jamal scored 55 runs and watched helplessly. Pharnseem Shah was stumped on Leach's ball after scoring 6 runs. Thus, 9 Pakistan players were bowled out for 220. Abrar Ahmed did not come. Thus the innings ended unbeaten with 55 runs off 104 balls. This was his second half-century.

From England, Jack Leach took 4 wickets for just 30 runs in 6.5 overs. Pakistan spinner Abrar Ahmed was out of the field. Joy Root scored a double century. Career best scored 262 runs.

Together with Harry Brooke, he made a record partnership of 454 runs for the fourth wicket. Brooke scored the first triple century of his career, the first triple century for England after 34 years. 6 bowlers of Pakistan hit a hundred plus.

This was the first scene for Pakistan. the second for the world. The England team declared the innings with a record 823 runs for 7 wickets. They got a lead of 267 runs against Pakistan and gave Pakistan enough time to attack it, they succeeded. And by the end of the game, Pakistan reached 152 runs for 6 wickets.



11 and Babar Azam 5. Saud Shakeel 29 and Rizwan 10.

There was only one maiden over in the entire 150-over innings, making it the longest innings on record in which a bowler bowled fewer maidens. Joe Root and Harry Brooke's career-best efforts gave England a commanding lead in the record standings in Multan. In the 147-year history of Test cricket, Pakifirst Englishman to score a triple century 1990, and is only the sixth Englishman

His extraordinary innings came off just 322 balls, and he completed his triple century off just 310 of them, making him the second-fastest on record. Brooke is now the only batsman to have scored a century in each of his four Tests in Pakiscored four centuries in consecutive Tests against Pakistan in any conditions, Brooke joins an elite list that also includes Brian Lara, Jack Kells, David Warner and Kane Williamson.

Pakistan. Joe Root and Harry Brooke's and Sachin Tendulkar.

Abdullah Safar, Saim 25, Shan Masood partnership is now England's highest in Test cricket.

Multan becomes the new title of Test record book, more than 18 new records,

More than 454 of Root and Brook in Multan. It is now the highest stand by a visiting pair, surpassing Don Bradman and Bill Ponsford's 451-run partnership for the second wicket against England at The Oval in 1934.

Root's 262 is the highest score of his stan is in danger of a defeat that has not illustrious Test career, and overtook happened to any team. Harry Brooke was Alastair Cook to become England's England's top scorer, scoring 317 runs all-time leading run-scorer during his

Root and Brooke are the second since Graham Gooch against India in England pair to score a double century in the same innings since Graeme Fowler and Mike Gatting against India in Chennai in 1985. Brooke now holds the highest score for England against Pakistan, beating Dennis Compton's 278

It was Root's 35th Test century and his sixth double century. His tally of 35 stan. Only four other batsmen have means he has moved into sixth place on the all-time list of centuries in Test history, ahead of Brian Lara, Mahila Javawardene, Younis Khan and Sunil Gavaskar. Root is the only non-Asian player to have scored three double centu-Brook scored 454 runs for the fourth ries on the continent. Only four players wicket with Root. This is England's are above Root in the list of highest biggest ever stand in Test cricket and run-scorers in Test history: Rahul the biggest stand by any pair against Dravid, Jacques Kallis, Ricky Ponting

# Ronaldo allegedly sent fiery message to ex-Real Madrid star after 'disrespect'



Portuguese football legend Cristiano Ronaldo has been accused of sending a list of all his trophies and achievements, along with a fiery voice note, to Italian footballer Antonio Cassano.

Cassano, 42, accused Ronaldo, 39, of sending him a text listing all of the trophies he has won, the goals he has scored, and the statistics from his career, after the Italian left him out of his top 10 list of the greatest players of all time, Goal reported.

He mentioned the likes of Lionel Messi, Pele, and Diego Maradona in his list but left out Ronaldo.

The claims, made by Cassano, came as he recently appeared on The BSMT Podcast, hosted by Italian radio host Gianluca

During the podcast, former Real Madrid star told Gazzoli that he believed that "Ronaldo is number one".

Then, he clarified that he was referring to the former Brazilian football legend who is the third-highest goal scorer for his national team and goes by the same name as the five-time Ballon d'Or award winner.

"I said Ronaldo is number one, the Brazilian. Cristiano Ronaldo doesn't make my top five, or even top ten, because for me the quality of a player is another thing," Cassano told Gazzoli, during the podcast.

The former Roma, AC Milan and Inter Milan star alleged that after his remarks, he got a text message from a number originating from Spain, listing all the trophies, goals and statistics Ronaldo has under his name.

Then he (Ronaldo) sends me a voice note, telling me, 'You disrespected me, don't do anything like that again. You only scored 150 goals, you only won four trophies.' Perfect.

"So I answer him. I say, 'Dear Cristiano, listen to me. You think I disrespected you, I just don't like you as a player. What's the problem?' He went to the trouble of messaging me, imagine."

## PCB adds Aleem Dar, Azhar Ali, others to national selection committee



LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday announced changes to the national selection committee, adding some former Pakistani cricketers to the body.

In its announcement, the governing body of cricket confirmed that the new additions to the committee include, former cricketer Aqib Javed, ex-captain Azhar Ali and former International Cricket Council (ICC) umpire and first-class cricketer Aleem Dar.

Additionally, Hassan Cheema was also confirmed by the board as the new addition to the committee. Meanwhile, right-handed batter Asad Shafiq retained his membership of the committee. According to sources, Javed will oversee other key matters

of committee while top-order batter Ali has been tasked with youth development chores. Furthermore, Cheema will serve as the data analyst for the selection team. The previous selection committee consisted of members such

as the captain, head coach, Shafiq, and five non-voting members. The latest development comes two weeks after former cricketer Muhammad Yousuf resigned from his position.

In a statement on X, Yousuf said: "I announce my resignation as a selector for the Pakistan cricket team for 'personal reasons'. Serving this incredible team has been a profound privilege, and I am proud to have contributed to the growth and success of Pakistan Cricket".

In regard to this, the new roles of the captain, head coach, and the non-voting five members in the new selection team is yet to be announced by the national board in the forthcoming week.

# Pakistan bowlers must be more effective to win tests, says Shan Masood

MULTAN: Pakistan captain Shan Masood said his bowlers had to learn how to take 20 wickets in a test match and their opponents England had shown them the way after sealing an innings victory in the series opener on Friday.

After putting up 556 on the board in their first innings, Masood's side squandered the advantage and allowed the tourists to post a colossal 823-7 declared and complete an innings and 47-run win on day five.

Despite no help from a flat pitch in Multan, the tourists bagged 19 wickets to prevail as Abrar Ahmed did not bat on the final

The trick for us is that we should learn, obviously, from England as well. They found ways to get those 20 wickets. You can't win tests without picking up 20 wickets," Masood said.

"As a team, we have that second innings of batting to improve but the most important thing is we must also learn how to pick

"So that's the challenge the side has going forward." Defeat was Pakistan's sixth on the trot and they have now gone 11 matches without victory on home soil since beating South Africa in 2021.

Masood, who replaced Babar Azam as test skipper in November and has lost all six of his matches at the helm, said he would not shy away from responsibility in the wake of the

What hurts is that we're not getting the results that Pakistan deserves. We're all trying hard. We're going to give it our all, and we're going to try and turn this around," he said.

"We have to get this right as a squad and as a cricket playing

Pakistan will have a chance to set the record straight when the teams meet in the second of three games starting on Tuesday and Masood welcomed the quick turnaround.

The beauty of the game is it always gives you another chance. Life gives you another chance," he added.

The quick turnaround might be quite beneficial for us and we're all looking forward to it."

# Gardner takes four as Australia crush Pakistan by nine wickets



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DUBAI: Ashleigh Gardner's four-wicket haul remained the cornerstone of Australia's nine-wicket thrashing of Pakistan in the 14th match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 here on Friday.

Chasing a modest 83-run target, Australia comfortably knocked the five fours. winning runs for the loss of just one wicket and 54 balls to spare.

Openers Alyssa Healy and Beth Mooney (15) gave Australia a flying start to the pursuit with a rampant 36-run partnership, which lasted with the latter's

dismissal in the fifth over.

But Healy continued smashing the Pakistan bowlers and had brought Australia in touching distance but severe cramps forced her to retire hurt in the

She remained the top-scorer for Australia with a 23-ball 37, laced up with

Experienced all-rounder Ellyse Perry was then joined by Ashleigh Gardner in the middle and the duo made sure to steer Australia to an important victory without

further damage. Perry scored an unbeaten 22 off 23



balls, while Gardner made seven not out. For Pakistan, Sadia Iqbal picked up the

solitary wicket. Put into bat first, Pakistan only managed 82 before getting bundled out on the penultimate delivery of the

The Green Shirts started their innings cautiously with stand-in skipper Muneeba Ali and Sidra Amin batting defensively.

To cope with the slow start, Muneeba looked to accelerate and target Sophie Molineux in the fourth over but ended up handing a simple catch to Phoebe Litchfield after scoring seven off 12 deliveries.

Pakistan then lost three more wickets in quick succession and had been reduced to 29/4 in eight overs. Australia's bowlers extended their

dominance over Pakistan with regular strikes but Aliya Riaz offered a notable fightback and made sure to keep the scoreboard ticking until her dismissal in the final over. She remained the top-scorer for Paki-

stan with a 32-ball 26 with the help of three boundaries. Besides her, only Sidra Amin and Iram

Javed, 12 each, and Nida Dar (10) made it to the double figures.

# The Spokesman



# President for enhanced focus on regional connectivity, cultural cooperation

#### **Spokesman Report**

ASHGABAT: Asif Ali Zardari on Friday addressed an international forum held here in the Turkmen capital, where he emphasized an enhanced focus on the promotion of regional connectivity as well as cultural and economic collaboration in the region. The president, addressing

the forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations-Basis for Peace and Development" said that Pakistan and Turkmenistan shared a deeprooted bond of brotherhood which was built on mutual cultural cooperation respect and commonalities of faith and a shared vision for arrived here on Thursday

a better and peaceful future.

the 300th birth annivergreat Turkmen thinker, poet and philosopher, was also leaders including Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. Putin, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajik President Emomali Rehmon, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and

President for enhanced focus on regional connectivity,

on a two-day visit, called The event, held to mark Magtymguly Faragi a "towering figure" of Turkmen sary of Magtymguly Faragi, a literature and a "beacon of spiritual enlightenment."

The great Turkmen poet attended by several regional and Pakistan's national poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal shared several commonalities Russian President Vladimir in their poetry and thoughts on Sufism and nationalism, he added.

He lauded the Turkmen government and people for organizing the event to promote understanding of peace and dialogue among different cultures which also provided him an opportunity to interact with leaders

his participation in the Forum reflected his country's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties.

He said Magtymguly Faragi was not only a poet but also an aspiration and symbol of the Turkmen people's love for their homeland.

President for enhanced focus on regional connectivity, cultural cooperation

"His works continue to resonate with us today providing guidance, inspiration and sense of unity," he said.

Magtymguly Faragi was born in the times of great political and social unrest when the President Zardari, who of regional countries to help the Turkmen tribe was scatstrengthen mutual friendship. tered and divided, yet despite

President Zardari said that this challenge, he dedicated his life to the dream of seeing Turkmen people united, the president added.

He expressed the hope that the discussions and deliberations in the Forum would not only honor the memories Magtymguly Faragi but also help explore new avenues for cultural collaboration.

President for enhanced focus on regional connectivity,

cultural cooperation The president also expressed his pleasure to meet Turkmen President Serdar Berdimuhamedov and recalled his several meetings with Gurbanguly Mälikgulyýewiç Berdimuhamedow, father of the incumbent president.

# Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi and Rear Admiral Abdul Munib take over as Commander Karachi and Commander Pakistan Fleet

#### 👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi took over as Commander Karachi and Rear Admiral Abdul Munib assumed the Command of Commander Pakistan Fleet during Change of Command ceremonies held at Karachi.

Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi handed over the command of PN Fleet to Rear Admiral Abdul Munib and Rear Admiral Muhammad Saleem handed over the command of Commander Karachi to Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal

Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi is a graduate of and Staffappointments. His key Imtiaz (Military). Pakistan Navy War College appointments include Deputy (Lahore), Naval Command



Defence University (Islamabad). experience of various Command Chief Of Naval Staff Opera-

College (USA) and National tions, Director General Naval War College (Lahore), Naval Intelligence and Commander The Admiral has an illustrious Pakistan Fleet. In recognition naval career comprising vast of his meritorious services, the Admiral was awarded Hilal-i-

> Rear Admiral Abdul Munib is a graduate of Pakistan Navy



Command College (USA) and National Defence University (Islamabad). The Admiral has an illustrious naval career appointments. His key appoint-

ments include Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Operations, Director General C4I and Director General Naval Intelligence. In recognition of his meritocomprising vast experience of rious services, the Admiral was various Command and Staff awarded Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Mili-

# Full court reference for outgoing CJP Isa set for October 25

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The full court reference honouring outgoing Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa is scheduled for October 25, as stated in a letter from the Supreme Court registrar.

The letter, addressed to Supreme Court Bar Association President Shahzad Shaukat, was issued by Registrar Jazeela Aslam.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah is expected to succeed CJP Isa following his retirement. Since August, there have been speculations about the government potentially extending CJP Isa's



ified that he had refused



session marking the start of the new judicial year, CJP Muhammad Isa responded to questions about his alleged willingness to accept an extension, provided it applied to all judges. He dismissed claims

his tenure under age limit Shehbaz Sharif's adviser, Rana Sanaullah, asserting that he had categorically refused any extension to his term.

In a subsequent statement, the SC expressed regret over how an off-the-record conversation between CJP Isa and journalists was reported, leading to "unwarranted sensationalism.

A press release signed by CJP's Secretary, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad, emphasised that focusing undue attention on individuals detracts from the significance of institutions, which should prioritize

Last month, CJP Isa clar- a proposed extension in made by Prime Minister serving the public. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

# PM announces pay raise for Islamabad Police



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced to immediately increase the salaries of Islamabad Police at par with Punjab Police and an Executive Allowance for the officers of ICT Police as well as the Islamabad administration, on the pattern of provinces.

The prime minister, addressing an event held at the Police Lines Headquarters here to pay tribute to the police force for their sacrifices and dutifulness, also announced to extend Shuhada Package to the families of the remaining 44 of total 64 officials of ICT Police martyred in the line of

During the visit, the contingent

of Islamabad Police gave guard of honour to the prime minister who later laid a wreath at the Martyrs Monument at the Police Lines and penned his remarks in the visitors' book. He also offered Fateha for the police martyrs and paid tribute to the sacrifices of the police personnel.

Accompanied by Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Federal Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar, IG Islamabad Police Ali Nasir Rizvi, Islamabad Chief Commissioner Muhammad Ali Randhawa and parliamentarians, he also interacted with the family of members of police Constable Abdul Hameed who embraced martyrdom in the line of duty during the protest by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf on October 6, 2024.

#### Romanian Charge de Affairs, MD APP discuss cooperation between official news agencies



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Romanian Charge de Affairs in Pakistan Eduard Robert Friday called on the Managing Director, Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) Muhammad Asim Khichi and discussed cooperation between the official news agencies of the two countries.

The Charge de Affairs was keen to enhance cooperation between the two countries on multiple fronts including education, culture, tourism and labour in several fields and also the news exchange agreement between Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) and Agerpres, the national news agency of Romania.

Eduard said its an era of information technology and both the official news agencies should cooperate on exchange of news and information. He highlighted that both the countries have much more to share with each other, especially to enhance people to people contacts.

He said communication linkages between the two countries would pave way for future contacts.

## FBR issues warning for 'under-filers' as tax deadline approaches

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has announced strict measures against individuals who under-file their taxes, urging compliance as the October 14 deadline for tax returns approaches.

FBR Chairman Rashid Mehmood Langrial emphasized that those engaging in significant financial transactions, such as purchasing property or vehicles, will face restrictions if they are identified as under-filers.

Langrial stated that after the deadline, the government plans to eliminate the category of non-filers entirely, making it difficult for them to engage in major transactions. He noted that while ordinary citizens could still buy used vehicles and plots, anyone involved in substantial purchases exceeding Rs10 million would be barred from doing so.

The FBR is also considering additional restrictions, including potential bans on air travel for non-compliant taxpayers.

Highlighting the issue of underfiling, Langrial revealed that the FBR is working to enhance its audit capabilities to address tax evasion, which he described as a significant problem within Pakistan's tax system.

### Imran Khan's PTI announces protest at Islamabad's D-Chowk ...

including representatives from Indian

media outlets, are expected to cover the conference. The decision on the pro-Khan

the party's demonstrations in Punjab were about to conclude. "On October 14, before the culmi-

probably it will be nationwide and Raoof Hassan said while appearing prime minister's security.

Continued from Page 1 on News Insight with Amir Zia which was aired on Aaj News on Tuesday.

In the social media post, the party instructed all organisational officials and wings to finalise the preparaprotest was due by October 14 when tions for the D-Chowk protest.

"Imran Khan's life, health and safety have been deprived of all his basic and human rights in order to nation of protests, we will release our deliberately expose him to serious programme for new protests. Most threats," it said and accused the government of being engaged in not just limited to cities," PTI leader conspiracies to endanger the former

## PPP reveals draft for constitutional amendment

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judge or a nominee of the Chief Justice), the Attorney General of Pakistan, a representative from the Pakistan Bar Council, and two members each from the National Assembly and the Senate.

The draft also clarifies the procedure for removing judges under Article 209.

The draft prepared by the PPP has also called for the establishment of provincial constitutional courts.

The release of the PPP's draft follows earlier statements by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari indicating that neither the JUI-F nor other opposition parties had yet submitted their proposals. Fazlur Rehman Maulana

confirmed that the JUI-F's suggestions were discussed, while Barrister Gohar criticized the lack of transparency regarding the government's draft, citing conflicting reports about the authenticity of a leaked