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Tribute to Naik Saif Ali Janjua Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider

The Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Services Chiefs, and Armed Forces of Pakistan pay heartfelt tribute to Naik aif Ali Janjua Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider, on his 76th martyrdom anniversary. Naik Saif Ali Janjua Shaheed displayed unwavering valour in defending Pir Kaleva Ridge against relentless Indian assaults in 1948. His selfless heroism serves as an enduring inspiration to those safeguarding the nation's sovereignty. Today's commemoration honours the extraordinary sacrifices of Pakistan's Armed Forces, exemplifying their unyielding dedication to defending the motherland.

India lose Test series at home to New Zealand for first time in 12 years

ndia collapsed to a humiliating series defeat at home, their first for 12 years, when they were bowled out for 245 by New Zealand in their chase of 359 on the third day of the second test on Saturday as Mitchell Santner took six wickets. Santner ended with 6-104 for a match haul of 13 to set up the historic win and it was his senior pin partner Ajaz Patel who picked up the last two Indian wickets including Ravindra Jadeja for a defiant 42, to settle the contest

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President urges int'l community to take action on human

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rights abuses in

HOJK

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has called upon the international community to exert pressure on India to halt its ongoing human rights abuses

in the Indian Illegally Occupied

Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK),

alleviate the suffering of Kash-

miris, and implement UN Secu-

"Pakistan will stand shoulder-

to-shoulder with its Kashmiri

brothers and sisters until they

achieve their inalienable right to self-determination," the pres-

ident said in a message on the

occasion of "Kashmir Black

The president said October

27, 1947, marked a dark chapter

in South Asian history when

India sent troops to occupy

Jammu and Kashmir. For

decades, the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and

Kashmir (IIOJK) have endured

brutal repression by Indian

Over the years, he said India had transformed IIOJK into

one of the most militarised Movement."

Condemnation

of Israeli military

strikes against Iran

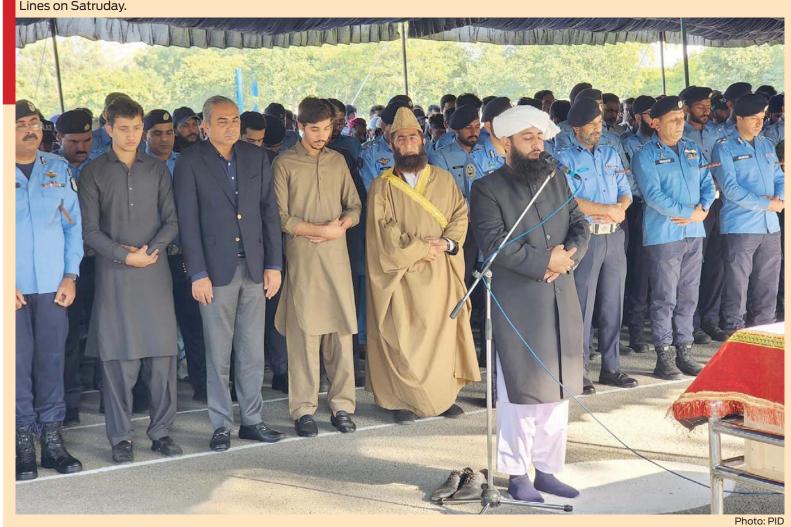
Day", 27 October 2024.

rity Council resolutions.

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Funeral Prayer

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi offering the funeral prayer of martyr Sub-Inspector Haider Ali Shah at Police



PM reiterates Pakistan's strong support for IIOJK

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said Pakistan had always expressed its unwavering solidarity with Kashmiri brothers and sisters and it will continue to extend its full moral, diplomatic and political support to them until the final resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

In his message on the occasion of 'Kashmir Black Day' -27 October 2024, the prime minister said on this day 77 years ago, Indian forces landed in Srinagar. India has since stifled the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people to determine Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK)



to fulfill its obligations under the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

He said the people of the Indian Illegally Occupied

their own destiny. It has failed had suffered countless hardships during the last seventy-seven years. However, their resolve to realize their inalienable right to self-determination remains as

firm as it was in 1947. "This day, I pay my heartfelt thousands and the Indian occu-

tribute to the sacrifices made by the Kashmiri people in their continued struggle for the right to self-determination. Undoubtedly, their sacrifices will not go in vain", he said.

The prime minister said India had been taking successive steps to tighten its grip over IIOJK since 5 August 2019. India's nefarious designs are aimed at undermining the disputed status of IIOJK and denying the Kashmiri people their democratic

right to decide their own future. Today, he said the Kashmiri people were enduring the most egregious and painful curbs on

their daily lives and livelihoods. He said the number of political prisoners remains in the

pation forces act with impunity under draconian counterterrorism laws. However, he said these oppressive measures cannot dampen the Kashmiri people's yearning for self-determination.

"As I recently reaffirmed in my address to the United Nations General Assembly, Pakistan has consistently maintained that peace and stability in South Asia remain contingent upon peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiris. India must realize that it cannot suppress the genuine aspirations of the Kashmiri people by its coercive tactics," he added.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan strongly condemns Israel's strikes against Islamic Republic of Iran in the early hours on Saturday. Israeli military strikes against

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the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran are a grave violation of the UN Charter and the international law. These strikes undermine path to regional peace and stability and also constitute a dangerous escalation in an already volatile

region.

Israel bears full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation and expansion of the conflict.

regions in the world. Thousands

of innocent Kashmiris have

been killed, while their legit-

imate leaders remain impris-

oned, and local media is heavily

Furthermore, the president

emphasized that the United

Nations Security Council had $repeatedly\,affirmed\,the\,right\,of$

the Kashmiri people to self-de-

termination through a fair and

to defy these resolutions and

deny Kashmiris their funda-

mental rights. "Since August

5, 2019, India has further esca-

lated its occupation by stripping IIOJK of its special status

and implementing measures to

alter its demographic and polit-

ical landscape. These actions are part of a broader strategy to consolidate control and

suppress the Kashmiri Freedom

Yet, he said India continued

impartial plebiscite.

censored.

We call on the UN Security council to play its role for the maintenance of international peace and security, and to take immediate steps to bring an end to Israeli recklessness in the region and its criminal behaviour. The international community must also play its role for restoring regional peace and

Israeli attack on Iranian military sites 'successfully repelled' after 'limited damage'

Example 2 Correspondent

Suicide

bombing in KP's North

Waziristan

leaves eight

personnel dead

WANA: At least eight security personnel were killed and five were injured in a suicide bombing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's North Waziristan on Saturday, officials said.

According to law enforcement officials, the attack specifically targeted a police post in the Eidak area of Mir Ali.

The bomber set off the blast from the back of a motorbike rickshaw near the town, a local police officer told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Four police officers were killed alongside two members of a state paramilitary force and two civilians in the attack near the border

with Afghanistan, he said. "Among the five injured personnel, the condition of three is critical.

News Desk

TEHRAN: Iran's National Air Defense Headquarters has announced the successful interception of attacks on military sites in Tehran, Khuzestan, and Ilam provinces in the early hours of Saturday.

While acknowledging "limited damage" to certain locations, the headquarters asserted that the attacks were successfully repelled. The full extent of the damage is currently under investigation.

The announcement comes after Israel revealed early Saturday morning that it was carrying out strikes against Iranian military sites.

Israel said Saturday it conducted air strikes against Iran on Saturday that hit military bases and missile sites in retaliation for the Iranian attacks, warning it would "pay a heavy price" if it responds.

strikes hit Iran's missile manufacturing facilities, missile arrays and other systems in several regions.



Iran confirmed an Israeli attack had targeted military sites in capital Tehran and other parts of the country, but said it had caused "limited

damage". Israel had vowed to hit back at Iran for its October 1 missile strike, the second-ever direct attack by the

Islamic republic on arch-foe. The rapid escalation of violence has heightened fears across the region and beyond of a wider war, pitting Israel against Iran and the allies, the

"axis of resistance" on multiple fronts. "Based on intelligence, IAF (air The Israeli military claimed its force) aircraft struck missile manufacturing facilities used to produce the missiles that Iran fired at Israel," Israel's military said in a statement.

"Simultaneously, the IDF (military) struck surface-to-air missile arrays and additional Iranian aerial capabilities," the army said, adding that the "retaliatory strike has been completed and the mission was

Since the deadliest attack in its history on October 7, 2023, Israel launched its war on Gaza, and since late last month, it has been at war in

Iran on Saturday suspended all flights until further notice, the aviation authority announced.

Iran in April launched its first-ever direct assault on Israeli territory in retaliation for a deadly strike on Iran's consular annex in Damascus.

Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on Israel sparked the war in Gaza killed 1,206 people, according to an AFP tally of official Israeli figures.

Israel's war campaign in Gaza killed 42,847 people, majority of them civilians, according to figures from the territory's health ministry which the United Nations considers reliable.

Funeral prayer of Shaheed ŠI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines HQ

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The funeral prayer of the valiant martyr, Sub Inspector Haider Ali Shah of the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police, was held on Saturday at Police Lines Headquarters, with the

utmost respect and honor. Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines HQ Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at

Police Lines HQ A public relations officer told APP that the ceremony was attended by Federal Interior Minister Sved Mohsin Naqvi, IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, senior officers from the Islamabad and Punjab police, the Frontier Constabulary, and a multitude of police officers and officials from other law enforcement agencies.

He said the sacrifice of Continued on Page 8

Justice Yahya Afridi sworn in as CJP



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ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday administered the oath to Justice Yahya Afridi as the Chief Justice of Pakistan in an oath-taking ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Services Chiefs, Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Governors, Chief Ministers, Ministers, judges of the Supreme Court, high

courts, former chief justices law officers, office bearers of the lawyers' bodies, lawyers, and media persons. Justice Yahya Afridi was nominated by a special parliamentary committee as the next CJP among the three senior most judges of the Supreme Court under the newly adopted 26th Amendment of the Constitution, and a summary in this regard was afterwards forwarded by the prime minister to the president, who accorded approval to the appointment of Justice Afridi as the 30th CJP.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

World Polio Day observed in bordering districts; high risk for poliovirus

B Rafiullah Mandokhel

ZHOB: Like elsewhere in Balochistan, the World Polio Day is also observed in Zhob and neighboring Sherani districts, which share borders with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, South Waziristan, and Afghanistan. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the last two countries endemic for poliovirus.

UNICEF - ComNet and health department Zhob organized an event chaired by the District Health Officer, Dr Syed Muzaffar Shah. Area Coordinator World Health Organization Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, Immunization Officer WHO Dr Nayyar Loni, N-STOP Officer Dr Azizullah, Disease Surveillance Officer WHO Dr Asim Zaib and ComNet Coordinator Samad Hariphal, along with male and female frontline workers, participated in the event. ComNet Coordinator Samad Hariphal briefed the participants regarding the ongoing the crippling disease. anti-polio initiatives in the district and said that protecting the children from Polio Day, an event was also organized



by the ComNet and Health Depart-

ment Sherani, where Deputy Commis-

sioner Mah Jabeen Umrani partici-

pated as a chief guest. WHO Surveil-

lance Officer Dr Noora Khan Kakar,

Deputy DHO Dr Khair Muhammad

BLIP Coordinator Afzal Kakar, PPHI

the scourge of poliovirus remains their collective and topmost priority.

IO WHO Dr Nayyar Loni on the occasion said that the government and international organizations are determined and fully committed to eradicating the fast-spreading poliovirus, so that the children could be saved from

Simultaneously, on the eve of World

ipants and appreciated the frontline workers' efforts for eradicating poliovirus and delivering vaccines to children in remote areas of the district.

ComNet Coordinator Saeedullah Lawoon gave a briefing to the partic-

The Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated the anti-polio campaign, which begins on October 28th across the district. She appealed to all the parents to get their children vaccinated and assured them of all kinds of support.

The global event World Polio Day, observed annually on October 24th, aimed at raising awareness about polio, a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of vaccination and health programs in achieving a polio-free world. The theme for World Polio Day 2024 'A Global Mission to Sherani, MS Dr Saifullah Khan Marri, Reach Every Child, focuses on the continued efforts to ensure all children representative Akbar Khitab, Bostan are vaccinated against polio, particu-Ali, administrative officers, and health larly in regions where the virus remains staff participated in a large number. a hanging sward.

LPG station in Qasimabad sealed after recent gas cylinder explosion



B Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Hyderabad, Zain-ul-Abideen Memon, has launched a crackdown against illegal LPG filling stations operating in residential areas. This action follows a recent gas cylinder explosion in the Preetabad area, prompting the DC to take strict measures against such stations.

Yesterday, on the instructions of the DC, the administration sealed an illegal LPG filling station located in the residential apartment Sachal Center of Qasimabad. The station's owner was taken into custody and warned that any future violations of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) would result in further legal action. The sealed station had been operating for a long time within a residential apartment, posing a significant risk of life and property damage.

DC Zain-ul-Abideen Memon emphasized that these measures aim to prevent future accidents and ensure safety standards in residential areas. Several illegal gas cylinder filling stations have already been sealed as part of the ongoing campaign.

Headmaster retires after 36 years of service in Takhte Bhai

跨 Traiq khan Yousafzai

TAKHTE BHAI: Renowned educationist and Headmaster Haji Fida Muhammad Khan retired after completing 36 years of service. In his honor, a dignified ceremony was held at Government High School Syedabad, Takhte Bhai, attended by a large number of local dignitaries, teachers from various schools, principals, and officials from the education department. On this occasion, Government High School Syedabad was decorated like a bride. The students, teachers, and community members presented gifts to the retiring Headmaster, Haji Fida Muhammad Khan, while students paid a remarkable tribute to his services through poems and speeches. In his address, the retiring Headmaster, Haji Fida Muhammad Khan, stated that education is a continuous process that never stops and has no age limit. He encouraged students to make hard work their guiding principle, emphasizing that no nation can progress without it. He reminded the students of the heavy responsibility they bear, as the country and nation's leadership will be in their hands in the future.

Alhaj Naseer Vohra expresses condolences over martyrdom of 10 soldiers in D I Khan

Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: Central President Cloth Board United Group Pakistan Alhaj Naseer Yousuf Vohra has expressed his grief over the martyrdom of 10 FC soldiers in the terrorist attack in Dera Ismail Khan. Naseer Yousuf Vohra condemned the terrorist attack and appreciated the spirit of patriotism and bravery of the martyred youths. Naib Subidar Muhammad Jan,



Naik Arif, Lance Naik Saeedur Rehman, Sepoy Akhunzada, Sepoy Hazrat were among those martyred in the terrorist attack. Allah, Sepoy Mushtaq, Sepoy Abdul Samad, Sepoy Imran, Sepoy Basir Mehtab are included while the injured include Naik Hamza Noor, Sepoy Hasan, Sepoy Sabir Ayub. He expressed his condolences to the families of the martyred youths and prayed for patience.

Master Changan Unveils Mass Market EV, Lumin: A Smart, Stylish EV Hatchback for All



Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Following the successful debut of the premium Deepal brand—the S07 SUV and L07 sedan—Master Changan Motors Limited (MCML), a joint venture between Master Group of Industries and Changan International, has taken another bold step with the unveil of Changan Lumin.

MCML unveiled their mass-market EV product, Lumin, on 25th October 2024 during the Pakistan Auto Show 2024 at the Expo Centre Lahore. The Lumin is a city-smart hatchback designed to make electric mobility both affordable and accessible for everyone, aiming to disrupt the A-segment market, which has long been starved of options.

Furthering MCML's mission to spearhead the EV revolution in Pakistan, Lumin is built on Changan's Pure EV platform (EPAO) and powered by a battery from CATL, the world's leading battery manufacturer, offering an impressive range of 301 km on a single

Lumin stands out with its unique, fashion-forward, and family-oriented compact design, perfect for navigating Pakistan's urban landscapes. Equipped with a 7-inch digital cluster meter, a 10.25inch infotainment screen featuring Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, and multi-function steering, Lumin ensures a modern, tech-driven driving experience.

The interior features a two-tone and sporty design, adding a stylish, contemporary touch. The car comes loaded with advanced sedan-level safety features, including hill start assist, automatic emergency braking, ABS, and vehicle stability control-features often found in higher-end vehicles.

Black Day

ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris to observe 27th October as the black day against the Indian occupation of the valley. Oct 27 is the historic day when Indian forces entered the disputed valley.



Jamaat-e-Islami Faisalabad started a membership campaign

Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: Provincial Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami, Javed Qasuri, has said that Jamaat-e-Islami has started a membership campaign to mobilize people at the grassroots level to get rid of the corrupt system and its guards. Support Jamaat-e-Islami to end the system. He expressed these views while addressing on the occasion of the inauguration of the membership camp in Akbar Chowk Gulistan Colony under Secretary Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, the auspices of Zone PP 112. On this Rana Sikandra Azam, Mian Zahid occasion, workers and citizens including district deputy Ameer Mian Tahir large numbers. Javed Qasuri said that Ayub, Amirzoon Mian Asif Islam, the people also supported PTI after



Ayub, Sajid Kumboh participated in

PML-N and People's Party. It has been a long history. Hundreds of workers tried; people will not be deceived by anyone anymore. Inflation and unemployment have robbed the people of sleep, the government has broken all the records of bad governance, the expectations and hopes that the people had from the current and former rulers have turned into disappointment.

No other government has failed as quickly as the present government has failed in the history of the country. He said that Jamaat-e-Islami has an organized organization and a sincere team, which is free from all kinds of corruption. The struggle to enforce and protect its ideological boundaries has country in the near future.

of Jamaat-e-Islami have been in the halls of power, but there is no stain of corruption, nepotism and nepotism on anyone's feet.

He said that the doors of Jamaat-e-Islami are open to every Pakistani who is interested in the rights of the people and the establishment of an Islamic system in the country. I Want to fight for it. Jamaat-e-Islami is currently representing the entire country, no other party is raising public issues, public acceptance of Jamaat-e-Islami is increasing, God willing, Jamaat-e-Islami will be the biggest party in the

Breast Cancer Awareness event-A Vital Cause

Example 2 Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: FPCCI Lahore hosted a remarkable session as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event was organized under the leadership of Sabeen Vohra, Chair of the FPCCI Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee, and brought together a diverse group of individuals committed to making a difference. The session highlighted the importance of health, awareness, and early detection for all

Guest of Honor: Heena Salman, Director and Designer, set the tone for the event with her empowering words.

Ayesha Farooqi, Chairperson of the Handicrafts Association, served as the Chief Guest. Sana Naseer Sheikh, Social Activist, Educator, Entrepreneur, and Event Coordinator from FPCCI,

ensured the event ran smoothly. This session stressed the critical need for health awareness and precau-



tions, reminding everyone that life can change in an instant. A healthy body nurtures a healthy mind, leading to a brighter future.





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Inauguration of Kapra *Center in* Bahria Town Phase 4, Islamabad by Kapra Group

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Kapra Group has inaugurated the Kapra Center in Bahria Town Phase 4, Islamabad. The event was attended by the country's renowned scholars, who also recited some beautiful verses. The scholars praised the business model of the Kapra Center.

The Kapra Center is set to provide new investment opportunities in the business sector. The inaugural ceremony was attended by distinguished scholars, members of the Chamber of Commerce, lawyers, and other esteemed guests. The Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and senior management of the Kapra Center also graced the occasion, enhancing the significance of the event.

Chief Operating Officer of the Kapra Group, Tahseen Bangash expressed heartfelt gratitude to the guests and promised that the project will be completed by September 2025 through dedicated efforts.

He further stated that Kapra Group, which has established itself as a reputable name in the business empire, will soon inaugurate its new project, KG Villas, Kapra Center

Foundation University Islamabad holds

Convocation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Foundation University Islamabad proudly celebrated its 2024 Convocation at the Jinnah Auditorium, Foundation University School of Health Sciences. The convocation was graced with the presence of Maj Gen Muhammad Kaleem Asif, HI(M) (Retd), Rector FUI, serving as the Chief Guest. Joining him were distinguished guests including Maj Gen Imran Fazal HI (M) (R), Director of the Foundation Universitv School of Health Sciences; Maj Gen Waseem Ahmed, HI (M) (Retd), Dean & Principal of the Foundation University College of Dentistry, a visionary leader in dental education; and Capt. Yasmeen Saggu (R), Dean & Principal of the Foundation University College of Nursing, renowned for her dedication to advancing nursing education and promoting healthcare excellence.

of 116 degrees, honouring academic bril-

liance with 7 gold medals for first positions, 5 silver medals, and 7 certificates of distinction, alongside 26 merit certificates for BDS graduates, and 4 gold medals, 2 silver medals, 3 distinctions, and 16 merit certificates for BSN/PRN. BSN graduates.

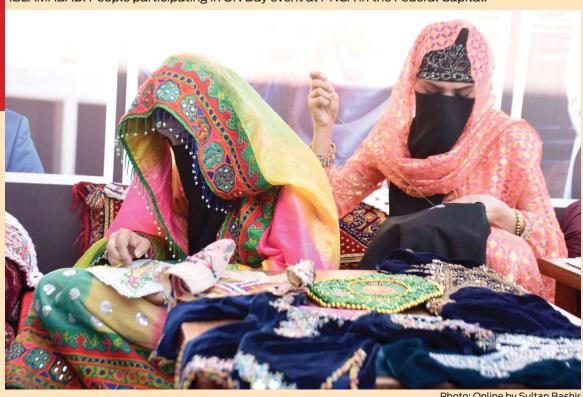
In his address, Chief Guest Maj Gen Muhammad Kaleem Asif uplifted the spirits of graduates, underscoring their transformative roles as they embark on

Dentistry graduates will enhance oral health and inspire smiles, while nursing graduates will become the epitome of compassion and care.

The ceremony also celebrated the unwavering support of families and the essential contribution of faculty members, shaping the graduates into future leaders. The event concluded with a touching moment as the Director of FUSH presented a plaque of appreci-The ceremony witnessed the conferral ation to the Chief Guest, marking a day of achievement and inspiration.



ISLAMABAD: People participating in UN Day event at PNCA in the Federal Capital.



Route 47 and Walton Road upgrades proceed as planned, says Imran

LAHORE: Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab) continues to make substantial progress on its transformative CBD Route 47 and Walton Road Upgradation projects, as highlighted in a recent progress review meeting chaired by CEO CBD Punjab, Imran Amin. The session was attended by key officials, including Executive Director Technical Riaz Hussain, Director Construction Asif Babar, Director Engineering Umar Hayyat, and representatives from NESPAK and the National Logistics Cell (NLC).

During the briefing, CEO CBD Punjab, Imran Amin, was updated on the project milestones, including the recent initiation of asphalt layering on the Walton Road Railway Crossing flyover, which is expected to be completed within the next one to two days. The asphalt work from Qainchi to Defence Morr is also progressing efficiently. Additionally, safety grills and be made fully operational for the ongoing work, CEO CBD improvements in Punjab."



streetlights are being installed traffic following the compleon the Major Ishaq Shaheed Flyover to enhance public flyover is anticipated to ease safety and improve visibility traffic congestion in the area for commuters.

Flyover, a key component of daily commuters. the upgradation project, will

tion of finishing touches. This significantly, making the route The Major Ishaq Shaheed safer and more efficient for

Expressing satisfaction with

Punjab, Imran Amin, stated "Projects will be completed as per the directives of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. The progress on both projects is satisfactory, reflecting our commitment to delivering infrastructure

A moment of Shame

跨 Tajdar Munir

hese days, I am concentrating on Indo-Pak history on the demands of exams, unfortunately not for enlightened or awaring myself about the facts and struggles of our forefathers. Meantime, I was remorseful and degraded for understanding concepts at the wrong time. I would be well known about the history of my homeland in grade eight. Simultaneously, I considered myself blind about the history of our sovereign state. However, such subjects must be taught at an elementary level. Here, both the students and teachers should be criticized. At times teachers hold responsibility and irregularly fault is not in our stars but in ourselves. Apologetically, my current stage is banning me from looking through and understanding the very basics of history but this time I should have advanced in such subjects that could be constructive to my future.

Surprisingly, only a few are not facing it but the majority of the students are nail-biting. So, It would be of great importance if teachers teach such subjects effectively but also at the right time and students should be concentrated.

In addition to the engagement of students, it is equally important for teachers to amend their teaching methods that are out-dated, not accepted in this cut-throat competition era. Reading a chapter line by line has become a time pass activity in the classrooms. Sadly, students hailing from rural areas are unable to engage themselves in subject related discussions and even face difficulties while reading a line clearly. If he talks, sweat dances on nose or hands vibrate. If mortification goes alike, where youth will witness his position, obviously nowhere. The world has changed. Every individual has to adopt change in order to

Significantly, teachers should enter into the classroom with updated minds, essential plannings, and productive modules. Sometimes, students should be forced by teachers to do research and should have critical lenses. Also, collaborative and communication based classes can play leading role. Keep remember, change always comes within.

Speaker of Russian Federation Council to arrive in Pakistan on Sunday

ISLAMABAD:

Valentina Matvienko, the Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, is set to arrive in Pakistan on Sunday for an official visit.



According to a news release, the visit, scheduled from October 27 to 29, was extended by Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani. This visit is expected to mark a pivotal moment in the growing diplomatic and parliamentary ties between the two nations.

Ms Matvienko's presence is anticipated to further strengthen Pakistan-Russia relations, with engagements planned at the highest levels of leadership.

During her stay, Ms Matvienko is scheduled to meet with Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, the President, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, and the Speaker of the National Assembly. Additionally, she will address a special session of the Senate on Monday, October 28.

The high-profile meetings are expected to focus on enhancing cooperation in parliamentary diplomacy, cultural exchange, and other key areas of bilateral interest.

This visit, featuring significant discussions and strategic engagements, underscores the commitment of both nations to fostering stronger relations. The importance of Ms Matvienko's visit represents a key step forward in strengthening diplomatic channels between the Russian Federation and Pakistan. APP

Devcom hosts "Leaders in Sustainability Awards" for sustainable development champions

Example 2 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Devcom-Pakistan (Development Communications Network) organized the prestigious "Leaders in Sustainability Awards" ceremony here Saturday to honor individuals, organizations, and institutions demonstrating exceptional commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The ceremony celebrated the achievements of those who tion Agency (Pak-EPA) was the technical partner and cohost of the event.

Company Limited and National Bank of Pakistan won community wellbeing awards. The Capital Smart City won an award for promoting sustainable housing in the climate action category while Best Western Premier won conservation achievements awards in the climate action category. The Centre for Climate Diplomacy was awarded for promoting Pakistan's stance over the climate crisis. Riffat Ara Baig was have made significant contributions to conferred upon the award for engaging advancing sustainable practices in Paki- youth in creative arts to raise awarestan, addressing climate change, and ness about climate change and mounfostering resilience across sectors, and tain resource conservation over the appreciating the corporates for putting years. The Comprehensive Health up efforts for the community's wellbe- and Education Forum (CHEF) Intering. Pakistan Environmental Protec- national won an award in the category of sustainable community health initiatives after the donor-support

The event was graced by Deputy Head of Mission of the Malaysian High Commission in Islamabad, Mohammad Sayafik Firdaus as the Chief Guest. He commended the award recipients for their dedication to sustainable development, acknowledging that their work aligns with both local and global goals for climate action and environmental sustainability. In his address, Mr. Sayafik underscored the importance of cross-border collaborations to tackle environmental challenges, emphasizing that sustainability is a shared responsibility and requires concerted global efforts. Pakistan has achieved many milestones in combating climate change and promoting sustainable practices, including the milestones of nongovernmental organisations and the corporate sector that have many environmental sustainability and community wellbeing initiatives.

Devcom-Pakistan Director and founder of the Leaders in Sustainability Awards, Munir Ahmed highlighted the significance of celebrating sustainability champions whose work inspires a shift towards environmentally responsible practices in Pakistan. "Today, we honor leaders who are setting a new standard for sustainability across Pakistan.

The Leaders in Sustainability Awards recognize contributions in various categories, including renewable energy, water conservation, sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, waste management, and biodiversity protection. Recipients of this year's



tutions, and government bodies that development goals.

awards included local and international have implemented innovative projects NGOs, businesses, educational insti- contributing to Pakistan's sustainable Group Chairman/Chief Editor: Almass Ayoub Sabir

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Kashmir Black Day

ashmir Black Day is commemorated annually on October 27 to mark the day in 1947 when India, without any legal justification, forcibly took control of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Participating in the event were students from the premier universities of New York, media persons as well as officers of the

Ambassador Munir Akram, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, and Prof. Abdelhamid Siyam, an academic and senior journalist, in their lectures explained the concept of self-determination in the context of Jammu and Kashmir and

In his remarks, Ambassador Akram gave historical background to the different phases of the just and legitimate struggle of Kashmiris for their right to self-determination and paid tributes to their resilience, steadfastness and commitment in the face of Indian brutalities.

While the right to self-determination formed part of the UN Charter and has led to de-colonization after the World War II, he said this right has not been implemented in an equitable manner whereby people in Jammu and Kashmir and Palestine still continue to be held in bondage.

Ambassador Akram said that India, which brought the Kashmir dispute to the United Nations, has continue to occupy the disputed state by both fraud and force in contravention of the UN Security resolutions that are binding in nature.

This denial of rights only intensified the Kashmiri people's struggle, especially following India's unilateral and unlawful actions of August 5, 2019, that saw unprecedented lockdowns, systematic human rights violations, and severe restrictions on their freedom. He reminded the audience that countless reports by international human rights organizations and independent observers have documented instances of excessive use of force, extra-judicial killing enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions and collective punishment. He further said that the imposition of media blackouts, restrictions on freedom of expression, and curfews have sought to isolate the people of Kashmir from the world and curtail their ability to seek their right to self-de-

Ambassador Akram called on the international community and the United Nations to hold those responsible for such violations accountable and to ensure that the voices of the Kashmiri people are heard. The UN, he said, was obligated to uphold its own resolutions and promote a just and peaceful settlement in line with the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Pakistani envoy said that sustainable peace in South Asia could not be established without providing the right to self-determination to Kashmiris adding that reversal of actions of August 5 could be a starting point for the resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan. He said that massive arms buildup by India and its touting of so-called Cold Start doctrine and a limited war under a nuclear hang were dangerous concepts having the potential to destabilize the region and the world at large.

On his part, Dr Abdelhamid Siyam discussed the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, arguing that Palestinians, as the indigenous population of the land, were entitled to independence and self-determination in their ancestral homeland.

Republic Day of Kazakhstan

celebrates the 34th anniversarv of the adoption of the Declaration of Sovereignty by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Republic Day is of immense importance in the history of Kazakhstan, symbolizing the beginning of our journey toward state sovereignty and the consolidation of our independence.

Over the past three decades, the country has developed dynamically, with a strong focus on socio-economic and foreign policy development.

There are some key achievements in Kazakhstan's development.

In 2023, Kazakhstan's foreign trade volume amounted to \$139.8 billion contributing to global (exports of 78.7 billion, imports of 61.1 billion) marking a 3.2% increase yearon-vear.

Since 1993, Kazakhstan has attracted a total of 441 billion dollars in foreign direct investments (FDI). Top 10 investors since 2005 are the Netherlands, the USA, Switzerland, China, Russia, France, the UK, Belgium, the Republic of Korea, and Japan.

According to the FDI Intelligence ranking of the best markets for investment in emerging markets in 2024, Kazakhstan took 6th place in terms of the dynamics of attracting foreign direct investment.

Additionally, the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) plays a crucial role in establishing Kazakhstan as a regional business hub. In 2024, more than 3000 companies from 82 countries registered at AIFC. Since 2018, more than \$12 billion of investments have been raised through the AIFC platform.

Kazakhstan is ranked 67th out of 193 countries in the Human Development Index 2023/2024 and has been classified under the "very high level" of human devel-

opment category for the last several years. In the 2024 IMD World Competitiveness Ranking, Kazakhstan ranked 35th

such as Economic Performance, Government Efficiency, Business Efficiency, and Infrastructure.

In the Social Progress Index, Kazakhstan ranked 63rd out of 170 countries.

In the 2024 Global Soft Power Index. Kazakhstan was ranked 80th out of 193 countries, leading among Central Asian states. According to the international ranking in the field of sustainable develop-

ment ESG Index 2023, Kazakhstan ranked 52nd out of 183 countries.

On the international stage, Kazakhstan plays an active role in international organizations, peacekeeping efforts, building equal and mutually beneficial rela-

adheres to the strategic course of strengthening multilateral cooperation with the Central Asian states and is committed to further contributing to regional cooperation to ensure stability. Kazakhstan follows the principle of "A successful Central Asia is a successful Kazakhstan".

In 2024, Kazakhstan has simultaneously chaired several international organizations, including SCO, CICA, the Organization of Turkic States, the Consultative Meetings of the States of Central Asia, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Islamic Organization for Food Security, and the International Fund for Saving

Kazakhstan considers its participation in UN peacekeeping missions as an essential part of its foreign policy aimed at strengthening regional and global security.

The "Born Bold" campaign in Kazakhstan was launched in 2024, initiated by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev as part of the broader efforts to modernize the country and to showcase the country's dynamic, forward-thinking approach among 67 nations, climbing 8 positions to economic growth, social progress and

strategic sectors; such as energy, logistics, education, and tourism, positioning the country as a bold and attractive destination for global businesses, investments, and cultural exchange.

It is important to mention, that from September 8 to 13, the 5th World Nomad Games took place in Astana. Throughout the week, competitions in 21 sports were held as part of the 5th WNG, along with a

daily cultural program at the Ethnoaul "Universe of Nomads." Additionally, a scientific and practical conference titled "Nomads: History, Knowledge, Lessons" was held as part of the scientific program. Approximately 2,800 participants from 89 countries

tions with all countries. Astana firmly took part in these Games. According to estimations hundreds of thousands of people attended the Games. Kazakhstan topped the medal tally, winning a total of 112 medals, including 43 gold, 32 silver, and 37 bronze medals. Pakistan secured three bronze medals. Around 1,500 media representatives covered the Games.

In line with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev's state of the nation Address from September 1, 2023, titled "The Economic Course of a Fair Kazakhstan", which emphasizes maintaining constructive and neighborly relations with all countries, including our South Asian neighbors, especially Pakistan, the Embassy has been working to develop multifaceted cooperation with your beautiful country.

Kazakhstan and Pakistan partnership has seen a positive trend during last years.

The growth in trade turnover between the countries amounted to 85%, or 186.3 million USD (100.7 million USD in the 2023 fiscal year), including imports of 2.3 million USD and exports of 184 million

Stable trade routes between our countries have been established. For instance,

October 25 Kazakhstan from 2022. This study evaluates factors innovation. It highlights Kazakhstan's NLC delivered goods from Kazakhstan to the UAE through the Karachi seaport, and in cooperation with TCS, pharmaceutical products from Karachi were delivered to Baku (Azerbaijan) through Kazakhstan's Aktau seaport.

A significant achievement in our trade relations with Pakistan — earlier this year, is that Kazakhstan imported the first batch

of the world famous Pakistani mangoes. Kazakhstan and Pakistan continue to provide mutual support at the highest level in international and regional organizations.

A vivid example of this is the successful events held in Astana and Islamabad this year - the SCO Council of Heads of State and the SCO Council of Heads of Govern-

While the Prime-Minister of Pakistan H. E. Mr. Shehbaz Sharif attended the SCO Summit in Astana, the Prime-Minister of Kazakhstan H. E. Mr. Olzhas Bektenov made the first-ever visit to Islamabad to participate in the SCO meeting. On the sidelines of this event, the Heads of Government of Kazakhstan and Pakistan held fruitful negotiations, once again confirming their mutual interest in the comprehensive development of Kazakhstan-Pakistan relations.

Several concrete agreements have been reached, and their implementation will take place in the coming months.

We must clearly understand the strategic importance of our countries in the context of developing cooperation both regionally - between Central Asia and South Asia—and on an intercontinental

Kazakhstan can provide access to the markets of Greater Eurasia, while through Pakistan's seaports, there is potential access to the markets of the Gulf States, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Achieving such ambitious goals requires us to think on a large scale and reevaluate the potential for cooperation between Kazakhstan and Pakistan.

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The First Bloodshed in Gogo Village and the Indian Military Presence in Kashmir - I

Shaikh Yaqoob

October 27, 1947, when Gogo became the site of its first organized mass killing. Shortly after Indian forces entered Kashmir, they killed ten villagers—eight men and two women—and injured many others, forcing survivors to flee. This horrific event coincided with the arrival of Indian troops in Srinagar, following Maharaja Hari Singh's purported accession request to India. Instead of safeguarding the local population, the Indian military viewed civilians as adversaries, conducting attacks aimed at subjugation, marking their presence as an occupation force from the very beginning.

As Dakotas transporting the Sikh regiment flew over Srinagar, it became clear that conflict was imminent. Gogo, a garrisoned village near Srinagar Airport, faced brutal violence during this critical historical transition; just two days earlier, Hari Singh had fled Srinagar, escaping Kashmiris' liberation drive and seeking assistance from

The aftermath of this bloodshed left Gogo devastated. Villagers returned to find their homes charred, with only three houses remaining intact. The during the 608th meeting of the UN Indian army had set fire to much of the Security Council, an Indian represent-

village to destroy evidence and looted their belongings, including livestock. This massacre has largely been overhe dark legacy of violence looked by contemporary historians, in Kashmir began on overshadowed by later events such as the killings of Sheikh Abdullah's Peace the peaceful village of Brigade members on November 5, 1947. However, Kashmiris have not forgotten this first organized atrocity.

Following the arrival of Indian forces, war erupted between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, leading to a UN-brokered ceasefire that came into effect in January 1949. In 1948, India raised the Kashmir issue in the UN Security Council, which, in Resolution 47, called for a referendum on the region's status. The resolution urged Pakistan to withdraw its troops and India to minimize its military presence effectively partitioning Kashmir.

The Security Council's resolution from April 21, 1948, imposed strict conditions on the Indian military presence in Kashmir, emphasizing three principles:

Troops must not intimidate the local population.

The smallest number possible should be stationed in forward

Any reserve troops must remain within their current base area. Initially, India committed to maintaining an irreducible minimum of 21,000 soldiers. On December 8, 1952,

ative stated that a minimum force of 28,000 was necessary. However, in pursuit of a settlement, India agreed to reduce this number by 7,000, establishing 21,000 non-arms-bearing soldiers as the minimum.

The resolution also allowed for additional forces from either India or Pakistan if local forces were found inadequate, contingent on mutual agreement. Canada, during the 235th Security Council meeting, highlighted the need for an impartial authority to ensure security for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and facilitate a plebiscite, allowing them to express their wishes for future governance. Sadly, the people of Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir currently lack credible

The Legacy of Violence in Gogo

Over the years, Gogo has endured further suffering, especially during the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971. Villagers faced army occupation of their lands and received inadequate compensation, even after lengthy legal battles. As the armed struggle began in Jammu and Kashmir in 1988, India dramatically increased its military presence, responding violently to the local population. Indian forces have been implicated in mass rape and murder, with perpetrators enjoying impunity under the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), while victims await justice for decades.

To be continued

'Government' has conquered all Pillars of the State - I

Qamar Bashir

pillar of the state under its absolute control is staggering, showcasing its resourcefulness, power, and ability to manipulate all branches of the state at will. Credit must be given to those who strategized, executed, and accomplished feats that once seemed impossible but were not only realized but achieved with flying colors. The power wielded by the 'government' has finally brought all three pillars of the state under their sway, seemingly following the principle that the end justifies the means.

First, the government used the Election Commission and expelled PTI from the election process, and imprisoned its leadership thereby crippling the party from within. Later sensing that PTI is still winning elections, a mechanism was put in place to alter the election results. The strategy was simple: stuff ballot boxes with bogus votes, manipulate Form 47 and fill the parliament with those who won the election

thanks to the 'government'. This gave the government total control of the parliament. Later the formation of election tribunals were made controversial and to date, they have not been formed to address allegations of rigging and settle election disputes. Later the 'government' ensured that only its cultivated persons from the President down to even the Ministers of State form the government.

After vanquishing the parliament and the government, the 'government' turned its focus to controlling the fourth pillar—the media—before targeting the judiciary. The traditional media was brought under control through a carrotand-stick approach. Major media houses were pacified with advertising revenue, while journalists and anchorpersons who refused to comply were forced to flee the country. Those who remained were subdued through a mix of incentives, intimidation, and threats, with the fear of losing their jobs looming over those who still resisted.

Once traditional media was subdued, the government decided it was time to bring social media under control. A nationwide firewall was implemented at a cost of millions, controlling social media traffic and gaining the capability

he way the 'government' has brought every to filter any intervention that countered the government's

Now was the time to bring the most formidable pillar under its sway that too before Justice Mansoor Ali Shah could take over as Chief Justice. The 'government' arrayed its vanquished pillars—the Parliament, the government, the Election Commission, the Office of the President, and the media to bring down the judiciary starting with weakening the judiciary from within.

First, two judges in their minority judgment, and later the

Chief Justice himself, advised the Election Commission not to implement the majority ruling and used all tactics to delay the implementation which could have restructured the entire National Assembly.

Meanwhile, the 'government' meticulously planned the 26th constitutional amendment to strip the judiciary of its independence, strength, and capacity to make decisions free from government influence.

The 'government's' grip was so powerful that the Senate passed the far-reaching constitutional amendment within hours of its introduction on the evening of Sunday, October 20. It was endorsed by the National Assembly the very next morning, Monday, October 21, President signed the amendment without blinking his eye and its was published in the official Gazette with electric speed.

The entire process was shrouded in secrecy. The draft of the amendments was kept hidden from the public, and there were no consultations or debates before the proposals were introduced and rapidly passed by Parliament.

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) sharply criticized this process, stating that it flagrantly violated core principles of the rule of law and the separation of powers. According to the ICJ, the amendment undermined the fundamental right of citizens and their freely elected representatives to participate in the legislative process, which is essential in the enactment of laws. This rushed and secretive handling of such a critical constitutional change raised serious concerns about the integrity of the democratic process and the erosion of accountability.

To be continued

Kashmir conflict needs to be resolve through peaceful dialogue: Sardar Tamur Aziz

Spokesman Report

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN: Kashmir Council Sweden organized an important event to observe the October 27th as the day of occupation, a day of grief and sorrow. The event took place at Stockholm Waterfront Congress Center. What a coincidence that it was held in Room # 27.

Describing the objective of the Council, Sardar Tamur Aziz, President of the Council and Emcee of the event said that our objective is to advocate for a peaceful resolution to the Kashmir conflict, ensuring the rights and freedoms of the people of Kashmir and promoting their right to self-determination. Council emphasizes an end to human rights abuses in the region and aims to provide Kashmiri voices a platform in international forums.

Sardar Tamur added that Kashmir Black day is observed on October 27. It marks the day in 1947 when Indian troops entered Jammu and Kashmir changing the regions history. Observance of Black Day is a symbol of protest by Kashmiris and supporters worldwide. It calls attention to what many view as a day of occupation and highlights the region's struggle for self-determination.

Ambassador Bilal Hayee, Ambassador of Pakistan to Sweden said that the original sin of the tragedy of Kashmir began when India occupied the State of Jammu and Kashmir by sending its army without the consent of the people of Kashmir. He said that the claim of India that Maharaja signed the 'Instrument of Accession' (IOA) is fraudulent assertion as the original copy has never been found.

Ambassador Bilal Hayee emphasized that the claim of IOA was never accepted by the United Nations when the issue was raised at the Security Council. The United Nations Security Council made it abundantly clear that the future of Kashmir shall be decided by the people of Kashmir through a Peace & Justice said that October 27th





monitored by the United Nations.

"I would like to make it clear that the international agreements, like the UN Security Council resolutions on Kashmir can never become obsolete. It remains active on the agenda of the UN SC as long as they are not implemented. The passage of time can never invalidate the solemn pledges given by the United Nations to the people of Kashmir," said Ambassador Hayee.

Speaking via zoom, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman, World Forum for plebiscite which will be supervised and is being observed as a day of occupa-

tion because it is on that fateful day in 1947 that India occupied the state of Jammu and Kashmir. More than 350,000 Kashmiris were massacred by the army of Maharaja (The ruler) in Jammu area alone because they wanted to go to Pakistan. What a strange coincidence that exactly the same time more than 700,000 Palestinian were expelled from their homeland in May of 1948 and the state of Israel was established. The United Nations discussed and debated both the issues of Palestine and Kashmir in April of 948 and agreed upon that there will be a sepa-

rate homeland for the people of Palestine and the people of Kashmir will be given the right to self-determination to decide their future. Unfortunately, until today, no referendum took place in Kashmir and no homeland was established for the people of Palestine.

Dr. Fai added that we should tell the Swedish parliamentarians that Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the Swedish Ambassador to the United Nations proved to be prophetic when he said on October 29, 1957, that "the use of force aimed at changing the status quo must be excluded.

It also implies that the parties should desist from taking internal legislative measures by which the State of Jammu and Kashmir would be considered definitely incorporated in the territory of one of the two parties and which would prejudice the Security Council's continued deliberations on this matter." Isn't it the answer to the reckless and as well. Sounder minds must prevail.

illegal action taken by Modi Administration on August 5, 2019, when it abrogated Article 370 and 35 A and then enacted Domicile Law to change the demography of Kashmir, Dr. Fai asked? Later Ambassador Gunnar jarring was appointed be the United Nations Special Representative on Kashmir.

Sardar Ishtiaq Khan, the Secretary general of the Council said that lot of sacrifices have been given by the people of Kashmir. Now the time has come that the Kashmir conflict has to be resolved through peaceful negotiations between all parties concerned: India, Pakistan and the genuine lead-

ership of people of Kashmir. Raja Bilal Mustafa, Vice President of the Council said that the peace in the region of South Asia would benefit not only those who are directly impacted by this conflict - Kashmiris-but India

More rational methods of dealing with differences must be sought.

Choudhary Zafar Iqbal, the President of the Council thanked the attendees for their participation. He added that the current situation in Kashmir remains tense with heightened security, restricted movement and increased communication blackouts, especially after political changes like the revocation of Article 370 & 35A.

A well known Swedish politician, Mr. Anders Tiger expressed his solidarity with the people of Kashmir.

At the end of the event, it was unanimously agreed that a campaign must be initiated in Sweden for the release of all political prisoners in Kashmir, including, Mohammad Yasin Mali, Shabir Ahmed Shah, Masarat Aalm, Mrs. Aaisia Andrabi, Mrs. Sofi Fehmedea, Mrs. Nahida Nasreen and globally recognized human rights activist, Khurram Parvez.

KC-EU to protest in front of Indian Embassy in Brussels on black day of 27 October

Sohail Anjum Malik

Kashmir (27th Oct) in front of Indi-self-determination. an Embassy in Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

Kashmir by India.

In a statement issued in Brussels, BRUSSELS: A protest demonstra- Chairman Kashmir Council Europe tion would be arranged on 27 October, (KC-EU) Ali Raza Syed said, we Sunday by Kashmir Council Europe demand New Delhi to free people of (KC-EU) on the occasion of day of Kashmir by ending the occupation Indian Occupation of Jammu and of Kashmir and give them right of

A large number of Kashmiris and their supporters are expected to attend Kashmiris on both sides of the Line the demonstration to be held at 2 pm of Control and based in other parts of on Sunday, 27th October 2024 in the world observe Black Day on 27th front of Indian Embassy in Brussels. October every year to protest against Some of non-governmental Kash-



the illegal occupation of Jammu and miri organizations based in Europe will also collaborate in organizing

the protest. Ali Raza Syed said, 27th India claims to be the largest democ-region. If Kashmir is witness of peace, against the will of the Kashmiri people.

Chairman KC-EU further said, by staging this protest, we want to send a message to the Indian government that Kashmiris do not accept India's illegal occupation. The Kashmiri people want to decide their future in a free environment. It is sad to say that

October 1947 was the darkest day in racy in the world but it suppresses the the whole region would be witness of history of Jammu and Kashmir when rights of Kashmiris and kills the innopeace and prosperity. India in total violation of all internacent people in the occupied valley. Our tional norms and human values ille-brothers and sisters in the Occupied Raza Sved made it clear that Kashmiri gally landed its troops in the state Kashmir have been victims of Indian nation is not ready to compromise on persecution for above seven and half their right to self-determination. decades. On a daily basis, Indian authorities are attempting to crush the Kashmiris. Indian police and security forces commit violence and create fear among the people of Kashmir.

He said, the international community should understand that peace in Kashmir is connected to the whole

Chairman Kashmir Council EU Ali

He also urged the world's major powers to help the people of Jammu and Kashmir, struggling for their right to self-determination. A peaceful resolution of issue of Kashmir, which is long lasting desire of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, should be

Lifesaving Healthcare Reaches Tharparkar: First Siehs Base Station Launched In Nagarparkar

Mews Desk

NAGARPARKAR: In a major leap forward for healthcare access in one of Sindh's most remote regions. Sindh Integrated Emergency & Health Services (SIEHS-1122) has officially launched its first emergency base station in the resilient town parkar. This new facility promislong battled with the harsh desert

Nagarparkar, a rugged and remote area near the Indian border, is known for its beautiful yet unforgiving landscape, where access to basic services has always been a challenge. The region's population, approximately 1.6 million strong, has shown remarkable resilience in of Nagarparkar, District Tharthe face of isolation and harsh living conditions. The launch of es to transform emergency medi- the emergency base station is tance of this milestone, saying, cal care for communities that have expected to significantly reduce the long-standing delays in environment and limited access accessing emergency care for This base station marks a turning

in villages far from the nearest healthcare facilities.

The new station will provide critical ambulance services, reaching some of the most remote villages in Sindh, ensuring that help now arrives faster and more reliably than ever before.

Qasim Siraj Soomro, MPA and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, underscored the impor-"Tharparkar has faced unique healthcare challenges for decades.



saving services to those who have able to offer critical care exactly long been underserved. With the where it is needed."

point, allowing us to provide life- support of SIEHS, we are now

Brig. Tarique Quadir Lakhiar (R), CEO-SIEHS, emphasized the facility: "This isn't just a service; it's a lifeline. For years, the people of Nagarparkar and its surrounding areas have waited for reliable emergency care. Today, we're making that a reality."

broader effort to improve healthcare services across Tharparkar, where residents have often faced overall quality of life for the entire perilous journeys across challenging terrain to seek medical assistance. By significantly sity are well-known.

reducing response times, the new base station ensures that emerthe transformative impact of gency aid is now available within minutes, even in the region's most isolated corners.

Local leaders, healthcare professionals, and community members have hailed the launch as a vital step toward addressing This initiative is part of a the region's long-standing healthcare challenges. There is hope that it will save lives and improve the community, whose endurance and strength in the face of adver-

Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi's 'World Culture Festival Karachi' host Award Distribution Ceremony

Example 2 City Desk

KARACHI: Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi organized a 38-day "World Culture Festival Karachi." On the 31st day of the festival, an "Award Distribution Ceremony" was held in Auditorium I. Chief guest of the ceremony was Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah. He was accompanied by the Provincial Minister of Culture, Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, the Chief Secretary of Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah the Mayor of Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab, the CCPO of Karachi Javed Odho and consuls general from Japan, Qatar, South Korea, the UAE, the USA, and Turkey, among others, including



in Pakistan and Dr. Bukhait Atiq Al-Rumaithi, the Consul General of the UAE in Karachi.

The ceremony began with the

the Consul General of Cameroon national anthem, followed by a powerful presentation show-

casing the progress of the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi throughout its history. On this

Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, stated that Ahmed Shah is the greatest politician in culture.

He highlighted that the "World Culture Festival Karachi" is the longest festival at 38 days, claimed that it will set a record. He praised Ahmed Shah for his visible efforts in promoting art and culture since 2008, noting that today the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi has delivered the results of their support.

He emphasized that they are peace-loving people with a deeprooted humanitarian spirit. He also mentioning the presence of people from 40 countries, each representing different cultures and civilizations. He commended

promise to bring international artists to Pakistan, asserting that with dedication and love, anything is possible. He congratulated the Arts Council and its team on this achievement, noting that the festival highlighted not just the culture of Sindh, but the entire heritage of Pakistan.

He expressed that today they are witnessing a blend of many beautiful cultures and pointed out that the world is changing rapidly. Festivals like this send messages of love and peace across the globe, connecting us with the world. He remarked that cultural diplomacy is a significant skill, as artists from around the world appreciate their hospitality and

occasion, the Chief Minister of Ahmed Shah for fulfilling his culture. Today, they have demon-festival next year. He asserted take an interest in such inspiring programs, while assuring that the Sindh government is always ready to provide support. President Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, Muhammad Ahmed Shah, in his welcoming address, declared their success as a collective story, attributing the Coun-Syed Murad Ali Shah's leader-

> He welcomed the Provincial Minister of Interior, Zia Lanjhar, and Mayor Murtaza Wahab, announcing plans for a larger

strated that Pakistan is a land of that no province can progress love, peace, and tolerance. He without preserving its culture, urged the federal government to emphasizing that the purpose of terrorism is to instill fear, but they can only intimidate a few, not thousands. He stressed the importance of holding hundreds of cultural programs in collaboration with different countries and stated that culture is the best weapon to combat terrorism. Provincial Minister of cil's progress to the support of Culture, Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, the Pakistan Peoples Party under commended Ahmed Shah for managing such a large festival effectively, mentioning the full support of the Sindh government in making the festival a success, which is bringing positive recognition to Pakistan globally.

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Open Market Forex Rates

Time 25 Oct, 3:15 pm

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Percentage

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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	183.75	186.00
Bahrain Dinar	731.21	739.21
Canadian Dollar	200.60	203.00
China Yuan	38.88	39.28
Danish Krone	40.29	40.69
Euro	298.20	300.95
Hong Kong Dollar	35.3	35.65
Indian Rupee	3.34	3.45
Japanese Yen	1.92	1.98
Kuwaiti Dinar	896.87	906.37
Malaysian Ringgit	64.13	64.73
NewZealand \$	165.23	167.23
Norwegians Krone	24.96	25.26
Omani Riyal	715.20	723.70
Qatari Riyal	75.45	76.15
Saudi Riyal	73.60	74.15
Singapore Dollar	208.64	210.64
Swedish Korona	26.46	26.76
Swiss Franc	319.11	321.91
Thai Bhat	8.15	8.3
U.A.E Dirham	75.25	75.90
UK Pound Sterling	357.15	360.65
US Dollar	277.20	278.70

Pakistan's textile exporters should explore emerging markets: President *IAF*

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's garment and textile exporters should diversify export destinations by entering emerging and highend markets, including Russia, Central Asia, and Middle Eastern countries. This was stated by CEM Altan, President International Apparel Federation (IAF), at a media briefing held on Friday at a local hotel.

Instead of exporting low-cost textile made-ups, Pakistan should focus on valueadded products including garments, fast fashion, sports, and medical wear, President IAF, who represents 42 countries said.

At present, Pakistani exporters could capture export orders from Bangladesh, which is losing its exports due to political uncertainty and governance challenges, he said and added. Global fashion brands are exploring low-cost production countries that address ESG compliance and laborers' rights, and established Pakistani $brands\ could\ attract\ FDI\ from\ different$ countries. Local textile companies should adopt renewable energy to address the issue of high cost of production and eco-friendly industrial compliance.

Textile units should digitize the supply chain through tools like ERP systems, blockchain for transparency, and IoT to improve production planning and inventory management. Established brands should strengthen e-commerce platforms and encourage local manufacturers to enter global online marketplaces like Amazon, Alibaba, and Etsy to reach a broader customer base, IAF President said who was visiting Pakistan for attending an international textile conference, TEXPO.

Former Chairman Pakistan Readymade Garment Manufacturers and Exporters (PRGMEA) Ijaz Khokar Pakistan's government, in collaboration with the textile associations, should finalize a comprehensive textile policy for 5 years under the title "Textile Destination of the World". This policy should focus on exports, technological innovation, human capital, SME upliftment, and access to finance. The policy should be reviewed at the end of each quarter, and its recommendations should be implemented in true letter and spirit.

Eight member Chinese business delegation visits ICCI

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Nasir Mansoor Qureshi has said that Pakistan-China Business Forum has played a critical role in deepening economic, trade, industrial, and commercial ties between Pakistan and China and that Chinese companies should explore Pakistan's real investment potential by consecutive interactions and visits.

He said this while addressing an eight member Chinese delegation which paid a visit to the Chamber on Saturday headed by Yuejin Zhao Director, Pakistan-China Business Forum.

He said that Pakistan and China enjoy a strong and strategic partnership deepening over the years and the cornerstone of these ties is the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

President Qureshi sought the delegation's assistance in introducing major Chinese Investment companies in Pakistan by saying that regular high-level visits and cultural events demonstrate the depth of two countries' friendship with a shared vision of stability, and prosperity.

He especially mentioned the existing trade volume between the two countries by stressing



the need to explore more and more innovative ways to enhance Pakistan's exports to China.

Nasir Qureshi emphasized Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (ICCI) willingness to strengthen cooperation with multiple Chinese companies for the mutual economic benefit of both sides, urging that Chinese companies must gain from the advantages of Pakistan's low-cost economy.

Yueiin Zhao Director, Pakistan-China Business Forum by extending heartiest congratulations to Nasir Mansoor Qureshi and his entire team for its election to represent this prestigious

Chamber maintained that Pakistan has a lot of potential to grow by pledging that the Forum will positively showcase Pakistan's potential to Chinese entities for enhanced trade and busi-

He made the mention of available opportunities in both the countries by stressing that the business community of the sides should come forward and grasp it.

He and other members of the delegation said the fields of mineral and mining, IT, Fruit and large numbers.

vegetable, rice export logistics etc. by shifting the required technology to Pakistan.

The Chinese delegation included the Pakistan-China Business Forum, Deputy Director Guan Younggui, CEO Beijing Daoji Xincheng Technology Co. Ltd. Cao Xiaoming, CEO Hebei Tiankelige New material Technology Co. Ltd. Yang Le, Sales Officer Xinjiang Hongxu Haorui Industrial Co. Ltd. Chen Jiahao, CEO Hebei Shixiong Optoelectronics Technology Co. Ltd. Lyu Shixiong, General Manager Debo Medical Technology (Shijiazhuang) Co Ltd. Tong Jianwei, General Manager Pingyao Ju Guan Food Development Co. Ltd. Gao Wennqiang, CEO Shijiazhuang Mining Area Huakang Ceramics Co. Ltd. Fan Daxian, Hospital Director, Ge Roufei Plastic Surgery Hospital Han Jinyan and CEO Mining Company Zhang Zhaoyun.

Ejaz Sheikh, Co-Chairman Pakistan-China Business Forum and Naeem Siddiqui ICCI member acted as moderators.

ICCI Senior Vice President Abdur Rehman Siddiqui in his vote of thanks expressed the hope that the session will prove beneficial for both the sides.

Vice President Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry, that Chinese investors are ready to initiate joint ICCI Executive Members and business leaders ventures with the Pakistani counterparts in hailing from Islamabad attended the session in

Dry Fruit

RAWALPINDI: A roadside stall holder decorating dry fruits to attract customers at Liaquat Road.



BYD showcases Flagship Electric Vehicles at Pakistan Auto Show 2024

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: BYD, the world's leading New Energy Vehicle (NEV) manufacturer and pioneer in sustainable transportation solutions, participated in the prestigious Pakistan Auto Show 2024 through local partner Mega Motor Company (MMC). The company unveiled its highly anticipated NEVs to the local market at the event as well as officially opened bookings for two flagship models, BYD ATTO 3 and BYD SEAL, reinforcing its commitment to advancing the adoption of electric vehicles in Pakistan.

BYD ATTO 3, the company's electric crossover SUV comes equipped with BYD's innovative Blade Battery technology, offering a range of 410 km on a single charge. Its fast-charging capabilities, advanced infotainment system and safety features make it an ideal choice for eco-conscious consumers.

BYD SEAL is a high-performance electric sedan that can deliver an impressive range of 650 km on a single charge. The BYD SEAL accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 5.9 seconds, showcasing the company's engineering excellence and commitment to performance.



In addition to these all-electric vehicles, BYD also showcased the BYD SHARK, a robust plug-in hybrid pickup truck designed for versatility in both adventurous off-road driving and everyday family utility, further expanding the company's portfolio of sustainable transportation solutions.

BYD's entry into the Pakistani market reaffirms the company's long-term vision

to support the country's transition towards a greener and more sustainable transport future. The opening of bookings for both BYD ATTO 3 and BYD SEAL marks a significant step from BYD in bringing advanced NEV technologies to Pakistan, supporting the government's drive towards cleaner mobility and reducing the nation's carbon footprint.

Emirates Group and Dubai Airports Contribute AED 137 Billion to Dubai's GDP



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Emirates Group and Dubai Airports have released an economprovides insights into the sector's current and projected contributions, assessing direct, indirect, and induced economic activity as well as the catalytic impact of aviation-driven tourism.

sector, including Emirates Group, Dubai Airports (covering Dubai International and Dubai World Central-Al Maktoum airports), and other aviation entities, contributed AED 137 billion (USD 37.3 billion) to Dubai's GDP, accounting for 27% of the total. This figure includes the core impact of AED 94 billion from aviation operations and AED 43 billion from aviation-facilitated tourism. By 2030, this contribution is expected to rise to AED 196 billion, representing 32% of Dubai's GDP.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline & Group and Chairman of Dubai Airports, emphasized that aviation remains a key pillar of Dubai's economic growth strategy under the D33

Economic Agenda, which aims to further expand the city's global role in trade, tourism, and logistics. With strong air connectivity, ic impact study reaffirm- Dubai is already a promiing aviation's pivotal role in nent hub for international Dubai's economy. The study, business and leisure travel. compiled by global research Sheikh Ahmed highlighted firm Oxford Economics, that Dubai World Central-Al Maktoum International Airport, when fully completed, will significantly enhance the city's global standing. The airport, currently undergoing a AED 128 billion investment to In 2023, the aviation expand its capacity, will ultimately be five times the size of Dubai International and able to serve 260 million passengers annually.

Dubai's continued investments in aviation infrastructure, particularly the expansion of Dubai International Airport and Al Maktoum International, will play a vital role in the emirate's future growth. These developments, aligned with the D33 Economic Agenda, will strengthen Dubai's position as a global logistics and tourism hub, connecting it to 400 new destinations and making it one of the top five logistics centers globally.

The study illustrates the crucial link between aviation and Dubai's broader economic success, emphasizing the role the sector plays in maintaining Dubai's competitiveness on the world stage and its future economic prosperity.

PAAPAM Hosts Day 2 of Pakistan's Largest Auto Parts Show 2024

E Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts and Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM) continued its showcase of Pakistan's largest auto parts exhibition on the second day, marked by high-profile visits and notable events. Federal Minis-Mr. Rana Tanveer Hussain, attendexhibition halls alongside PAAPAM officials. Here, local and international exhibitors presented cutting-edge

automotive parts and advancements. The day featured exclusive industrial visits for dignitaries and of Pakistan's automotive sector.

attendees, including trips to ST Engineering and Thermos olé at Sundar Industrial Estate-two of Pakistan's premier auto parts manufacturers. These visits offered firsthand insights into the state-of-the-art technology and processes driving Pakistan's automotive sector forward.

In his address, Mr. Rana Tanveer ter for Industries and Production, Hussain praised PAAPAM's role, stating, "PAPS provides a vital plated as the chief guest, inaugurating form to advance Pakistan's automothe day's activities with a tour of the tive sector. This event exemplifies the resilience, innovation, and potential for growth within our industry."

> A specialized symposium held during the event brought together industry experts to discuss the future



Key topics included technological PAPS 2024, highlighted, "The robust advancements, localization strateparticipation from local and intergies, and opportunities for investment in automotive parts manufac-

Mr. Rehan Riaz, Convener of allow us to display innovative solu-

national exhibitors underscores the

potential within Pakistan's auto-

motive industry. Events like PAPS

global partners.'

In the evening, PAAPAM hosted a distinguished dinner at Nishat Hotel, attended by Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan as the guest of honor. The evening included an awards ceremony acknowledging the organizers and sponsors for their contributions, followed by a Gala Night with vibrant musical performances.

tions while strengthening ties with

The second day of PAPS 2024 set an optimistic tone for the future, with both industry leaders and international exhibitors expressing enthusiasm for the continued growth and success of Pakistan's automotive

President, PM congratulate Pakistan Cricket Team on test series win

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Aisf Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday felicitated Pakistan Cricket Team on sweeping the home test series against England by 2-1. The president said the national team displayed marvelous game in the test series and expressed



the hope that such a manifestation of excellent performance would continue in future. He also congratulated the nation on the historic win, President a press release.

The prime minister, on his \boldsymbol{X} handle, conveyed his heartiest congratulations to the incredible cricketers of the national team on the historic home Test

series victory against England. "Their passion and teamwork have made the nation proud. Remarkable turnaround!" he further posted while also Secretariat Press Wing said in acknowledging the performance of guest team.

The prime minister said the triumph of the team had made the entire nation proud and such like victories would continue in

Pakistan Cricket Team Great Victory Against England Win By 9 wickets in the Rawalpindi Test Match and Winning the Series 2-1



Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan won a Test series on home ground after 3.5 years and defeated England in a Test series after 9 years. delivering a complete defeat to the English team. The Pakistan cricket team buried England's hopes in just 90 minutes of play on the third day of the five-day Test match, with half an hour left before the lunch break on the Rawalpindi Stadium pitch, and won the Test series against England for the first time in 19 years. With this $\bar{9}\text{-wicket}$ victory against England, Pakistan won its first home Test series against any team in 3.5 years. After five series against England over the past 9 years, this is the first series victory. Shan Masood became a winning captain for the first time in his third series, and several new records were set

At the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Pakistan claimed victory on the third day of the Test match, winning by 9 wickets in the final moments of the first session. Chasing a target of 36 runs, Pakistan scored 37 runs for the loss of one wicket. Saim Ayub was dismissed after scoring 8 runs, while captain Shan Masood played aggressively, scoring 23 runs off just 6 balls, hitting the winning stroke, and securing the Rawalpindi Test match and the threematch series 2-1. This victory brought joy to Pakistani cricket fans.

President Asif Ali Zardari congratulated the Pakistan cricket team and the entire Pakistani nation on the team's outstanding victory against England in the Rawalpindi Test match. He said that the Pakistan cricket team played exceptionally well to win the three-match Test series. The President added that the players demonstrated remarkable performances in both batting and bowling.

The Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif congratulated the PCB Chairman and PCB management on winning the Test series against England. He said the Pakistan cricket team played brilliantly, defeating the England cricket team. Today, every Pakistani is filled with joy over the cricket team's victory. With this victory against the England cricket team, Pakistan will continue to perform well in future cricket matches.

Meanwhile, England's High Commissioner, Jane Marriott, congratulated the





Pakistan cricket team on winning the series against the England cricket team and said that both teams played exceptionally well.

Earlier, England's team was bowled out for just 112 runs in 37.2 overs in their second innings. Today, they lost 7 wickets for just 88 runs. Joe Root scored 33, and Harry Brook scored 26. After their partnership was broken, England lost 7 wickets for 46 runs. For Pakistan, Nauman Ali took 6 wickets for 42 runs, and Sajid Khan took 4 wickets for 69 runs. In the match, Sajid

Khan claimed 10 wickets for 207 runs, and Nauman Ali took 9 wickets.

England's 267 runs on the spin-friendly pitch of the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium were not insufficient, and Pakistan's first innings proved that they too are one of the world's best cricket teams.

Previously, England scored 267 runs in their first innings, with Jamie Smith and Bangladesh, has now won his first scoring 89. Sajid Khan took 4 wickets for 128 runs, Nauman Ali took 3, and Zahid Mahmood took one. In response, Pakistan

scored 344 runs, thanks to Saud Shakeel's brilliant innings of 134 runs. Rehan and Shoaib Bashir took 3 wickets each for England.

Saud Shakeel's Power: England cricket team in big trouble two days after the

How many years later did Pakistan win a series?

A total of 31 wickets fell in the Rawalpindi Test match, of which 29 were taken by spinners. Pakistan took all 20 of England's wickets with the help of spin-

Saiid Khan became the first spinner at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium to take 10 wickets in a Test match. He took 10 wickets and hit 4 sixes in the match, making him only the third player in Test history to achieve this feat. This honor previously also belonged to Pakistan, as Imran Khan and Abdul Qadir had accomplished it

Overall, Pakistan has won its 9th Test series against England, but this was the first series victory in 9 years since 2015. The last win was in October-November 2015, when Pakistan won a three-match series 2-0 in the UAE, and now they've won it 2-1. Pakistan won a home Test series after 3.5 years. Shan Masood, who lost two series as captain against Australia Test series. Pakistan's next match-up will be against Australia in Australia in

Islamabad hosts 17th Korean Ambassador Cadet & Senior National Taekwondo Championship with cultural flair

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Korean Ambassador Cadet and Senior National Taekwondo Championship, presented by Combaxx and organized by the Pakistan Taekwondo Federation (PTF), kicked off in Islamabad and will continue through October 29.

The event opened with a vibrant ceremony featuring a cultural program and a taekwondo demonstration by Pakistan's national team, delighting attendees and guests, including the Korean Ambassador HE Park Ki Jun, who served as the chief guest.

Lt Col Raja Wasim Ahmed Janjua (Retd), President of PTF, alongside CEO Omar Saeed and Secretary General Murtaza Hasan Bangash, led the organizing efforts, ensuring seamless arrangements for the championship. Distinguished guests included Shahid ul Islam, Deputy DG of PSB, and Muhammad Abbas Khan, CEO of Chakoor Ventures, who applauded the impressive performances and organizational efforts.

The championship features intense competition among top teams from Pakistan Army, WAPDA, Punjab, HEC, Air Force, Railways, Police, Islamabad, Azad Kashmir, KPK, and Sindh. In a display of national pride, provincial presidents and secretaries congratulated Raja Wasim Janjua on Pakistan's recent success at the 6th Asian Taekwondo Championship, where the team clinched the title of Asian Champion.

The first day of competition saw Pakistan Army take the lead in the Senior Poomsae category, followed by WAPDA in second place and HEC in third. In Senior Poomsae (Male & Female), Pakistan Army finished first, followed by WAPDA Team and HEC Team. The championship continues, with more exciting matchups expected as teams vie for national titles.

Three Matches Conclude in Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament.

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Three More Matches were decided in the Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament at various Grounds of the City. The highlights of the days play was brilliant Century by Ali

The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi with the collaboration of Master Oil Lubricant. Scores in Brief:

Asifabad Sports beat Ghulam Rasool Cricket Club by 18 runs at Afza Ground. Asifabad Sports 233 all out in 33.1 overs. Ali Rehman 115 13x4 4x6, Umair Mubarak 51 3x4 4x4.

Maiz Hanif 3/39, Hammad Ramzan 3/40, Ahmed Raza 2/41. Ghulam Rasool CC 215 all out in 31.3 overs. Muhammad Fahad 44, Waqas Amin 40, Hammad Ramzan 32, Shahzeb Abha 19, Fazal Ramzan 19. Alib Ramzan 4/55, Abdul Hameed 3/45, Suleman Shah 2/21.

In the 2nd Match Sports Science Cricket Club beat Malir Muslim Cricket Club by 6 Wickets at Young Fighter Ground. Malir Muslim CC 103 all out in 23 overs. Ahsan ullah 41, Muhammad Bilal 20. Muhammad Sajan 3/8, Jahanzeb Khan

Sports Science CC 104/4 in 20.2 overs. Abdullah Tousif 47, Muhammad Sajan 21. Ahsan ullah 3/42.

In the 3rd Match Hyderi Gymkhana beat Comrade Sports by 149 runs at Pak Star Ground. Hyderi Gymkhana 229 all out in 29.1 overs. Abdullah Arif 46, Saeed ur Rehman 34, Raheez ul Haq 27, Badar uz Zama 25, Asad Meo 20. Huzaifa Muhammad 4/46. Ezan Zahid 3/42.

Comrade Sports 80 all out in 18 overs Hasnain Muhammad 21. Sumair uz Zama 3/19.

Pak Army team secures first place in senior poomsae



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army emerged victorious in the senior poomsae category, taking first place at the National Taekwondo Championship at Liaquat Gymnasium on Saturday.

Competing fiercely, the team outperformed contenders from various sectors to claim the top spot.

The WAPDA, known for its strong presence in national sporting events, secured second place, while the Higher Education Commission (HEC) team finished third, demonstrating significant skill and determination.

The championship witnessed a high level of competition among the teams, showcasing the athletes' commitment to taekwondo and the growing popularity of martial arts across Pakistan.

Pakistan Army wins National Men's Softball C'ship title

Sports Desk

secured the KPT 7th National Men's Softball Championship title defeating Wapda by 12-3 in a one-sided final at the KPT Football Ground.

Khyber triumphed over Balochistan with a score of 16-1, claiming the bronze medal in the tournament, said a press release.

Pakistan Army scored 12 runs ident Shahid Khan Shinwari. in seven innings. Wasim hit a home run, while Nazir Ahmed and Aftab Alam contribresponse, Wapda managed to score only 3 runs in their seven innings.

In the match for third outclassed

winning by 16-1.

The closing ceremony ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army featured Brig Tariq Bashir, General Manager admin of KPT, as the chief guest, who distributed trophies, shields, and certificates to players and officials alongside President Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan Softball Federation, Asif Azeem, Chairman Organizing Committee Professor Dr Farhan Eesa, Chairperson Yasmin Hyder, and Vice Pres-

On this occasion, Maj (R) Mahmood Riaz, Sports Manager of KPT, Wasim uted with three runs each. In Hashmi, Aisha Lena, Zeeshan Merchant, and others were also present. Watch live sports online

Tariq Bashir praised all place, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa participating teams for their Balochistan, exemplary discipline, congrat-

ulating all players and officials. He noted that the championship not only provided players with ample opportunities to showcase their skills but also fostered mutual harmony, brotherhood, and affection among them.

Asif Azeem and his team were commended for their tireless efforts in making the championship successful while the KPT management assured of full support in providing continuous support to the Softball Federation of Pakistan.

Dr. Farhan Eesa expressed appreciation for the active participation of the teams, indicating that the championship would serve as a platform for preparing the national team for international events.

He expressed confidence that team in the future. the standout performers in the event could become part

ship, extending gratitude to Organic Meat Company, and Chairperson Yasmin Hyder KPT, the Sports Department Comeback Sports for their emphasized that no sport can of the Government of Sindh, significant support in successof Pakistan's national softball flourish without sponsor- EFU Insurance, Dr Eesa Lab, fully organizing the event.

The Spokesman

Assistance ISLAMABAD: On instructions of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Pak NDMA dispatched 13th Consignment of 100 tons for people of Gaza from Islamabad International Airport to Amman, Jordan on Saturday.

NDMA dispatched 13th consignment for war affected people of Gaza, Lebanon

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on the directives of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, continued to provide humanitarian aid to the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

The 13th consignment ized tents and blankets Ambassador to Pakistan, organizations and the Pakifrom Islamabad to Amman (Jordan) for people of Gaza, Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized by Pak NDMA and Armed Forces. During

In total 1,381 tons of relief

items have been dispatched to affected people of Gaza and Lebanon. The send-off ceremony was held at Islamabad International Airport on Saturday,

which was attended by the Parliamentarian Barrister representatives from NDMA, on the instruction of Prime the ceremony, the attendees

to provide relief to the war-affected populations of Palestine and Lebanon, considering the ongoing conflict and the needs of the affected communities. They reaffirmed the Government of Pakistan's commitment to supporting their brothers and sisters in distress Aqeel Malik, H. E. Mr. Zuhair and stressed the importance

> these efforts. extended the deepest grati-

stani public in strengthening

Minister, a news release said. emphasized the urgent need tude for unwavering support Gaza and Lebanon. Of these, and generous humanitarian assistance to Gaza from people of Pakistan. He remarked that solidarity during these trying times is a beacon of hope and a testament to the enduring bond between our nations. He added that the humanitarian aid from Pakistan is not just a lifeline of essential supplies but included 100 tons of winter- M. H. Darzaid, Palestinian of collaboration by welfare a powerful message of compassion and unity.

To date, Pakistan has dispatched a total of 12 1281 tons of relief items to emergencies.

10 consignments (1,151 tons) were directed to Gaza, while two aid consignments (130 tons) were sent to Lebanon in addition to safe evacuation of 71 Pakistan's nationals from war zone region.

Government of Pakistan has also established a special account called the "Prime Minister's Relief Fund for Gaza and Lebanon". This fund aims to collect public donations to support those in Gaza and Palestinian Ambassador consignments, comprised of Lebanon who are facing war

Kashmiris never accepted illegal occupation, continued their struggle for freedom: Naqash

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris never accepted illegal occupation, continued their struggle for freedom: Naqash

Terming the occupation of Jammu and Kashmir as illegal and illegitimate, All Parties Hurriyat, Conference (APHC) Senior leader and Chairman Islamic Political Party, Muhammad Yousuf Nagash said on Saturday that people of the state never accepted this

In a press statement received here on the eve of Black Day being observed on October 27 against Indian military aggression and occupation of the state on the same day in 1947, he said, October 27, 1947, marked a darkest and unfortunate chapter in the history of

He said, under the cover of night, Indian forces launched an invasion

into Kashmir, laying bare their ambitions and setting a grim precedent that continues to disturb the peace of the region to this day.

Naqash reiterated that this military aggression and subsequent occupation of Kashmir by India remains illegiti-

"People of Kashmir, from that day in 1947 until now, have never accepted India's occupation," adding they will continue their struggle till freedom of

Naqash emphasized that the countless sacrifices of Kashmiris was an irrefutable proof of the Kashmiris' enduring struggle for self-determination. He urged the people of Kashmir to remain vigilant against India's deceptive political maneuvers and so-called developmental programs, which he described as

ploys to legitimize an illegal occupation. He said, India, along with collab-



orators within Kashmir, was making relentless efforts to strengthen its grip on the region and highlighted the need for Kashmiris to fully comprehend such plans and stay resolute in their pursuit of freedom from India's rule.

He also pointed towards the growing marginalization and insecurity faced by minorities, particularly Muslims, within India itself. He questioned how the people of Kashmir could expect safety

from a regime that has failed to protect its own minority communities.

India's Hindutva policies, he stated, have underscored the motives behind its occupation of Kashmir, motives that extend beyond borders and contribute to instability across South Asia and even

With incidents affecting nations like Canada and the United States, Naqash warned that Kashmiris are far from immune to the repercussions of India's actions. He called upon all Kashmiris to ensure a successful observance of the October 27 strike, symbolizing resistance against India's occupation.

Nagash reaffirmed that Kashmir will never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs, nor the honor of its people. He expressed confidence that the dawn of freedom is near and that the spirit of Kashmir's struggle will one day be rewarded with peace and liberation.

26th Amendment positive Ex-PM Imran Khan's jail facilities step: Abdul Aleem Khan petition sparks rift in legal team of PTI

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: A petition for incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan's jail facilities divided his legal team on Saturday after the party disassociated from the application filed by one of the lawyers Faisal Chaudhry.

"I filed a petition today at the request of Barrister Gohar. What is the legal team? I am Khan Sahib's lawyer," he said while appearing on Aaj News programme Dus.

Khan has been in prison on various charges, from corruption to inciting violence, for more than one year.

The PTI has claimed that the former prime minister was not being provided adequate facilities, however, the Adiala Jail administration has rejected such claims.

Earlier in the day, Faisal filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court demanding that basic facilities be provided to PTI founder Imran Khan in jail. But the PTI rejected the

The advocate claimed that he submitted the petition on behalf of the former prime minister. The petition argues that "depriving" Khan of essential facilities in jail constitutes a violation of the jail manual.

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party Abdul Aleem Khan has said that the 26th Constitutional amendment is a positive step while in future more successes to come in the wider interest of Pakistan. He expressed these views while presiding over meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party. He added that recent participation in the Parliamentary affairs has sent a clear and correct message of the Party and IPP will get more achievements in future. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that every step is inevitable for the country's stability and being patriot it is our moral duty to support to the Pak Forces and we will continue to play a full role in this regard. He added that Members of IPP in National and Punjab Assembly playing their full role for the stability of the beloved motherland. It is mentionable that in the meeting of Central Executive Committee of



bly Ms. Munaza Hassan, Awon Chaudhry, Gul Asghar Bhagoor and Punjab Assembly Members Shoaib Siddiqui and Ghazanfar Abbas Cheena attended while some Members of the Assembly and party leaders could not attend due to being abroad. Provincial President Rana Nazir Ahmad Khan, senior party leader Ishaq Khan Khakwani, Chaudhry Zaheer Uddin, Ameer Haider Singha, Khurram Rokhri, Rafaqat Gilani, Mian Salman Shoaib, Mian Khalid Mahmood, Haroon Imran Gill, Rubina Silhari, Tabinda Waqas, Dr. Urooj Gilani, Malik Zaman Naseeb and Niaz Hussain Gashkuri also

their full confidence in the leader ship of Central President Abdul Aleem

Addressing the meeting of the Central Executive Committee of IPP, Abdul Aleem Khan directed that the party leaders should complete their preparations at the district level so that they can fully participate in the upcoming local bodies elections in every city. He said that in the current situation, the economy facing important challenges such as restoration of it and curbing terrorism. He said that we will continue to play our full role in national development and solving the problems being faced by

IPP Members of National Assem- attended the meeting and expressed the common man. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

President strongly condemns attack on mosque in Lakki Marwat

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday strongly condemned terrorist attack on a mosque in Lakki Marwat.

The president also paid tribute to the Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) Cadet Arif Ullah for

embracing martyrdom in the attack. "Our religion does not permit attacks on places of worship and mosques," the president said in a statement issued by the President

He added that attacking places of worship was an extremely cowardly and un-Islamic act.

tion of ranks of the martyr in Jannah family members.



The president prayed for the eleva- and grant of patience to the bereaved

PM pays tribute to PMA cadet for embracing martyrdom while fighting against terrorists

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday paid tribute to a Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) Kakul cadet Arif Ullah for embracing martyrdom while bravely fighting against the terrorists in Lakki Marwat.

In a statement, the prime minister said Cadet Arif Ullah Shaheed set an example of courage and bravery by thwarting the cowardly attack on innocent worshippers.

The cadet, who was on leave, could not tolerate innocent citizens becoming victims of terrorism, he said adding that the spirit of patriotism and loyalty to the homeland exhibited by the Pakistan Army was unmatched anywhere in the world.

He said terrorists should be well aware of the brave young men they are trying to confront.



The dedication and commitment of Cadet Arif Ullah Shaheed serve as a guiding light for the younger generation, he remarked.

The prime minister emphasized that Cadet Arif Ullah Shaheed and his family were a source of pride for the entire nation, including himself.

"The Pakistani nation can never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs."

Ahsan Iqbal calls for 'Unity' to achieve economic goals

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Saturday underscored the imperative need for stability, peace and continuity of policies in Pakistan, emphasizing that collective efforts from all political parties were crucial for the nation's progress.

In an Interview with a Private news channel, he criticized PTI leadership for creating instability in the country and warned against politicizing national institutions.

He emphasized, "Political stability and policy continuity are crucial for Pakistan's development."

"By promoting a positive narrative and highlighting the country's achievements, Pakistan can move forward towards a more prosperous stabilizing the country.

future," he added.

He believed, "Pakistan requires a political consensus where all parties fulfill their roles, with the foundation of this consensus deeply rooted in the principles of law and the constitution."

Ahsan Iqbal responding a query stressed, "The 26th Constitutional Amendment is crucial for strengthening Pakistan's democracy, highlighting the need for broad consensus among all political parties to drive the country's development through vital judiciary reforms.

"This collective effort aims to introduce significant changes to the judicial system, ensuring a more representative and inclusive appointment process," he added.

He emphasized that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has consistently played a positive role in

Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines H\vec{9}.

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Haider Ali Shah, who lost his life, was commemorated with somber reverence. A vast gathering of police officers and law enforcement officials, along with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, offered their final respects during a touching funeral prayer, he said.

Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines

The attendees expressed their deep condolences and offered Fatiha for the elevation of the martyr's rank.

Yesterday, Haider Ali Shah was seriously injured by unidentified assailants who opened fire on him, and he succumbed to his injuries, meeting his Creator. The martyred Sub Inspector served in various divisions and units of the Islamabad Police and fought against criminal

Haider Ali had recently been posted to the investigation department and was performing his official duties. He joined the Islamabad Police in 1990 as a constable.

IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, while paying tribute, reaffirmed the

emphasized that every member of the force is committed to upholding the values of martyrdom and stands united against any threat to the community. The funeral procession concluded

to defend and protect citizens. He

with a heartfelt salute from the squad, while IGPs and senior police officers laid floral wreaths on the martyr's body. The body of the martyred personnel was then transported to his hometown with full official honors, symbolizing the nation's gratitude for his sacrifice. IG Rizvi said the sacrifice of Sub

Inspector Haider Ali Shah joins the list of 64 other brave police officers from the Islamabad Police who have laid down their lives while serving the nation. Each of these courageous individuals exemplifies the unwavering commitment of the police force to safeguard the lives and property of the nation, a commitment that remains resolute regardless of the challenges faced, IG added.

IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi stated that the spirit of valor and sacrifice demonstrated by Constable Abdul Hameed continues to inspire and remind us of the sacrifices made by indomitable spirit of the police force all those who protect and serve.