

Pakistan for redefining climate finance to enable developing countries meet NDC goals: PM

Inspector Moroccan Air Force called on Chief of The Naval Staff at Naval Headquarters



🐞 Spokesman Report

BAKU: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday urged the world community for redefining the global climate finance to enable climate vulnerable developing countries to meet their NDC goals, half of which may take around US\$6.8 trillion by 2030.

minister, The prime addressing the high-level climate finance roundtable on the sidelines of COP29-international climate negotiations' multilateral forum held under the patronage of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) -, emphasized the urgent need to build momentum for reforming international financial architecture, "forging a path where no nation is left behind in the global

response to climate change." PM Shehbaz while elaborating the purpose of the roundtable briefed the participants that it was intended to foster new thinking on an old problem that was becoming complicated on all the international climate

forums without yielding substantial results. "We stand at a crucial climate finance. threshold where global climate finance framework must be redefined to effectively meet the needs of vulnerable nations. Despite years of promises and repeated commitments, the gaps are growing in quantum leaps leading to egregious barriers in achieving objectives of UNFCCC.

most urgent need of the hour." the prime minister said.

He said that the developing

We all agree that financing resil-

countries needed to deliver to tion of the defined need, a signiftheir masses on nationally-determined contributions (NDCs) that was why it was imperative to spur both ideas and discourse to make international climate finance more responsive, equitable and sufficient enough to address solutions at various scale enhancing effectiveness of

Prime Minister Shehbaz underscored that the donor countries should fulfill their commitment to provide 0.7 per cent of their gross national income as developing assistance and capitalize existing climate funds.

"One such commitment is the \$100 billion annual climate finance pledge made over a ience as well as ambition is the decade ago at COP-15 is now reported by OECD to reach only \$160 billion. Despite this number remaining a tiny propor-

icant part over this financing is disbursed in the form of loans, further enhancing the debt burden on developing nations and potentially pushing towards mounting debt traps. 'I call it death traps ," the prime minister said.

President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon said in order to address global threats and challenges, the world needed to take coordinated actions collectively, especially through financing climate initiatives. "Tajikistan is also among developing climate vulnerable countries bearing vagaries of climate disasters as over 4,000 climate and natural disasters hit the country in past decade incurring \$500 million losses and deaths of 400 people," he said.

President of Kyrgyzstan,

Sadyr Nurgojo uulu Japarov said Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan like many others were expressing their willingness to fulfill the agenda on the table.

"We are witnessing climate change that is posing fundamental threat to the sustainable development of regions, countries and the world as a whole," he said.

Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan, Jeyhun Bayramov extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for extending the initiative of the roundtable and lauded the team efforts for making it a success.

In this context, Pakistan's leadership including as chair of G77 in 2022 was integral in the historic arrangement of establishing the loss and damage fund in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt," he said.

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ISLAMABAD: Inspector of the Royal Moroccan Air Force, Major General Mohammed Gadih, called on the Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad. During the meeting; professional matters of mutual interest including bilateral collaboration and regional maritime security, were discussed. The Naval Chief expressed

that Pakistan and Morocco

enjoy cordial relations under-

growing economic ties, and cooperation at multilateral forums. Various avenues, including bilateral training and exchange of visits were also highlighted. The visiting dignitary

pinned by mutual respect,

appreciated and acknowledged Pakistan Navy's efforts and commitment in support of collaborative maritime security. Both leaders agreed to further strengthen and diversify the scope of the existing bilateral defence relationship.

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue meets French Ambassador

😂 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with Mr. Nocholas Galey, Ambassador of France to Pakistan, who called on the Minister at Finance Division today.

During the meeting which was also attended by Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Mr. Ali Pervaiz Malik and Chairman FBR Mr. Rashid Mahmood Langrial, issues of mutual interest, including bilateral cooperation and collaboration in trade, commerce and socio-economic sectors, were discussed.

Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb shared with the French Ambassador an update on the state of the economy and the significant improvement manifested in macroeconomic indicators during the last 14 months. He said the management of twin deficits, a stable currency, surging remittances and a steady rise in foreign reserves could provide Pakistan enough room to access the international capital market in coming months for enhanced institutional flows.

Mr. Nocholas Galey appreciated the government's reform agenda and the macroeconomic stability achieved on various economic fronts. He also appreciated the government's resolve to stay the course and ensure permanence to macroeconomic stability by meeting the structural benchmarks agreed with the IMF.

18 wedding guests killed as bus plunges into ravine in Gilgit Baltistan's Astore



😂 🛛 Saif ur rehman

GILGIT: At least 18 wedding guests were killed and six injured when a Rawalpindi-bound bus fell into a ravine in Gilgit Baltistan's Astore on Tuesday, rescue officials said.

Bodies of 12 individuals, including four women, have been recovered from the river. A young girl believed to be the bride, was found injured and has been transferred to a hospital. Efforts are under way to locate 10 missing persons

Footage from the area showed locals and rescue officials on the boat and riverbed on the search and rescue missions. The bus was carrying 25 individuals, according to initial reports.

In response to the incident, healthcare personnel at the nearest hospital and the Civil Hospital in Gilgit's Jaglot subdivision have been put on high alert.

Accidents are a common occurrence in GB and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, attributed to the challenging terrain, inadequate road conditions, overloaded vehicles, and limited traffic enforcement. The risk of accidents is heightened by narrow, winding roads, severe weather, and driver fatigue, making these regions particularly hazardous.

Sanaullah clarifies services chiefs' not given extension

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the Prime Minister on increased and they have not been given extension.

tenure of their employment," he said while appearing on Spotlight with Munizae Jahangir through a video link. The news programme was aired on Aaj News on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, the coalition government bulldozed half a dozen pieces of legislation, through both houses of parliament, despite a protest by the opposition, led by PTL

The government got all six bills - seeking to extend the tenure of the chiefs of the country's three armed forces and increase the number of judges in the superior courts - passed from the National Assembly within 24 minutes, and then from the Senate in just 16 minutes, without allowing any debate.

Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Omar Ayub claimed that the PML-N would be the victim of its action after the legislation.

Sanaullah was of the view that there could be discussions for or against it, but "you cannot call it an extension. It is an increase in the employment tenure."

To simplify the development in his logic, the premier's adviser said: "Three plus three equals six, but five seems more appropriate; it's a year less, not more.'

PTI leaders released after brief detention in Rawalpindi for violating Section 144

😂 Naveed Ahmad Khan

RAWALPINDI: Several senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) leaders were taken into custody on Tuesday outside the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi for violating Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. They were

released shortly after receiving a warning from the police. Section 144 allows district administrations to prohibit gatherings of four or more individuals in a designated area for a specified duration, typically

implemented to prevent distur-

bances and maintain public

Punjab Police spokesperson

Sajjadul Hassan confirmed that

PTI workers were detained for

breaching this regulation but

were subsequently released after

a warning. Law enforcement

would be upheld in all circum-

Earlier, the PTI condemned

the arrest of several of its leaders

stances, he added.

order.

outside the jail, where they had gathered to meet their imprisoned leader, Imran Khan. The party labelled the incident as "absolutely shameful."

In a statement posted on X, the PTI expressed outrage, stating, "Omar Ayub Khan, Shibli Faraz, Asad Qaiser, Ahmed Bhachar, and Sahibzada Hamid Raza have been arrested for simply exercising their legal right to meet with Imran Khan."

They added that such actions should "alarm anyone" who values the rule of law, alleging the erosion of basic freedoms.

Among those detained were Punjab Assembly Opposition Leader Malik Ahmed Bhachar and Sunni Ittehad Council member Sahibzad Hamid Raza.

😂 Monitoring Desk

Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah has clarified that the tenures of army, air force and naval chiefs have been

"This is not an extension; it is an increase in the

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AJK President reiterates commitment to promote Kashmir cause at international level

🐞 Bureau Report

MIRPUR: President Azad Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry has reiterated his commitment to promote Kashmir cause at international level in addition to exposing India's imperialistic designs in the region. He expressed these views while addressing a dinner hosted in his honor by Syed Qamar Raza, Chairman of Overseas Pakistani Foundation (OPF) here on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the President also lauded the overseas highlighting the plight of Kashmiri people at global level. He said that it was due to the untiring efforts of the Kashmiri diaspora community that the Kashmir issue was resonating all over the world today. "Despite Indian



Kashmiris' significant contribution in from international limelight, the dias- lands and properties for the construcpora community kept the issue alive at global level", he said, adding that besides promoting Kashmiris' just cause, the overseas Kashmiri community, especially those hailing from Mirpur, has played a key role in the attempts to keep Kashmir issue away prosperity of Pakistan by offering their

tion of Mangala Dam, which not only generates cheap electricity but is also a major source of irrigation in Punjab. Recalling the various initiatives he had taken during his previous government, Barrister Chaudhry said, "I had established Industrial Zone in Azad Kash-

mir during my previous government which took the state towards self-sufficiency. The Industrial zones, he said, could not remain active due to some reasons but we shall reactivate these zones yet again so that the overseas Kashmiris could be able to invest their capital in the state. He said that the government would take all possible measures to solve the problems being faced by the overseas community here. The function was also addressed by the OPF chairman Syed Qamar Raza, Kashmir Peace Forum International UK convener Chaudhry Majid Ismail and Kashmir Peace Forum International UK President Barrister Karamat Hussain. The speakers hailed Barrister Chaudhry's commitment to Kashmir cause and his untiring efforts to highlight the issue of Kashmir at the global level."

Multan Rang

AMABAD: An artist at her stall during annual Lok Mela festival, at Lok Virsa, in the Federal Capital.





MUZAFFARABAD: Newly appointed AJK Secretary Information Sardar Adnan Khurshid assumed the charge of his slot while Ansar Yagoob relinguished his duties

PEIRA signs MoU with NCHD to implement EOTO in Islamabad schools

🐞 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: To top the celebration of the Polish-Pakistani friendship, Pak-Polish dosti, which has emerged from the passion for mountains, I would like to invite you to listen to beautiful, spiritual music played by talented women musicians from Hunza led by Ms. Meher Angez Hunzai.

Music like mountains speak to us in a universal and deeply humanistic way. Both invoke mystery, spirituality and freedom. Allow us to transcend our physical boundaries and remind ourselves that after all we are one and the same human kind.

The event also included a musical performance that added enchanting melodies, captivating the guests and drawing applause from the attendees.

PEIRA has signed an MoU with the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), to implement the "Each One Teaches One" (EOTO) Initiative in private educational institutions across Islamabad. This MOU, signed by PEIRA's Chairperson, Dr. Sayeda Zia Batool, and NCHD's Director General, Mr. Ali Asghar, forms part of the Prime Minister's Roshan Pakistan - National Literacy Drive, aiming to eradicate illiteracy by actively involving PEIRA-registered schools. PEIRA is playing its role, under the leadership of the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Professional Training Mr. Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, in promoting quality education and contributing to the vision of a literate and educated Pakistan.

Closure of education system due to smog, against the fundamental constitutional right



Two Drops of the Polio Vaccine Can Prevent a LifeTime of Disability: Saleem Nasir

🐞 Shahzad Anwar

MULTAN: Certificates of appreciation were awarded by Zonal Coordinator Saleem Nasir on behalf of Rotary International to the Chief Health Officer, UNICEF, WHO, DHOs, and other Rotary International members in recognition of their excellent performance in the polio campaign led by the District Health Authority, Government of Punjab.

On this occasion, Zonal Coor-



dinator Saleem Nasir stated dedication and passion deserve that individuals who work with recognition for their services.

Acknowledging and encour- Punjab, and Rotary Internaaging such individuals further tional have made extensive fuels their commitment to work. efforts in this initiative. On this Speaking at the event, occasion, certificates of appreci-Muhammad Hanif, Polio Cooration were awarded to Dr. Riaz Ahmed (CEO DHQ), Dr. Irshad dinator of Rotary Club International, said that two drops of Abbas (DHO), Dr. Yaseen Sabir the polio vaccine can prevent a (DHO), Muhammad Faheem lifetime of disability. Polio is an Shahid (DOC), Muhammad incurable disease that attacks the Waqas (CCO), Dr. Abid Hussain nervous system. Currently, 49 (Area Coordinator, WHO), Dr. cases of polio have been reported, Muhammad Hamza Akram (IO, Multan), and Muhammad which is a serious concern.

Health

District The Authority, Government of

Cancer awareness is a key to early detection of breast cancer at stage-1

腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a dedicated effort to promote breast cancer awareness and the importance of early detection, the Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan (RCIM) organized a breast cancer awareness seminar here in Islamabad in collaboration with Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad.

During her informative presentation, Dr. Saeeda Yasmin a renowned breast cancer specialist, consultant, general and breast surgeon highlighted the critical importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer. She emphasized that regular screening through methods such as mammography and ultrasound is essential, especially for women over the age of 40.

In his welcome speech, President Rotary Club of Islamabad metropolitan Shabbir Malik emphasized the importance of awareness of breast key factor to enhance the chances of



mentioned that it is not the issue of a woman only but it is a family matter and everyone in the family especially the head of family must be aware of this fatal disease. So awareness is the

cancer to catch it at early stage. He also survival of a breast cancer patient. also thanked the guests who joined At the end president Shabbir Malik thanked the guest speaker, the way she conducted this awareness seminar for the audience especially for the female members of the club who participated in large numbers. President flag to guest speakers and guests.

the seminar from other rotary clubs. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks from Rear Admiral (Retd) Shahid Saeed, Secretary of RCIM, followed by a presentation of the RCIM

Hanif (Polio Coordinator,

Rotary Club International).

RAWALPINDI: Sakina Taj, President of All Pakistan Private Schools Management Association, Women's Wing, District Rawalpindi, said that the closure of the education system across Punjab due to smog is against the fundamental constitutional right. Smog and pollution are responsible for corrupt institutions, smoky industries, fossil fuels, smoky transport. Government should impose a one-month ban on fumigation industry and Euro-to-oil.

Sakina Taj said that in terms of study, this time is very important for children. The holidays will affect the schedule of midterm exams in educational institutions and the academic session will be less than 100 days.instead of closing schools, green schools, green energy should be promoted and the government should impose a one-month ban on fumigation industry and Euro-to-oil. Online education from home is only available to 5% of the elite class children when the education system is closed across the country. SOPs and guidelines have been issued to schools for smog prevention and control. She said that Instead of closing schools when the air quality index deteriorates to dangerous levels, the government is recommended to impose compulsory masks and limit working hours.

Workshop held on guidelines for the control of brucellosis in Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, BZU

B Special Correspondent

MULTAN: A one-day workshop was held at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) Multan, to draft policy guidelines



for the control of brucellosis (abortion). This workshop was organized under a project of the Agricultural Linkages Program (Pakistan Agricultural Research Council), with Dr. Mian Muhammad Owais, Associate Professor of the Department of Pathobiology, serving as the principal investigator.

The Patron-in-Chief of the workshop was the Vice Chancellor of Bahauddin Zakariya University, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Iqbal. The special guest was Dr. Azfar Zia, Secretary of Livestock South Punjab, from the Livestock and Dairy Development Department, Government of Punjab.

The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by Dr. Raza Hamid welcoming the guests. Dr. Mian Muhammad Owais then briefed the participants on the objectives of the workshop, explaining that it was conducted under a research project of the Agricultural Linkages Program. The aim was to formulate policy guidelines under the One Health Agenda to prevent abortion in livestock, thereby mitigating its economic impact. Following this, the special guest, Mr. Azfar Zia, addressed the participants, commending the ongoing research at the university and congratulating the organizers for highlighting the crucial issue of brucellosis.

Dr. Mian Muhammad Owais, Dr. Hamid Irshad, Dr. Abdul Subhan, and Dr. Aitzaz Ahsan presented their research findings to the participants. Subsequently, a draft policy guideline document was developed with joint input from all participants.



Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Tunisia Peshawar hosted luncheon



😂 🛛 Naveed Ahmad Khan



t the beginning of winter, The Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Tunisia Peshawar Excellency Ammad Rasheed & Spouse hosted luncheon at his beautiful residence in Peshawar Cantt, Peshawar Cantt on Sunday

November 10th 2024.

On the occasion Ammad Rasheed & Spouse warmly welcome their distinguish guests. Luncheon attended by,

Honorary Consul General of Japan Peshawar Mr. Nawabzada Fazal Karim.

Consul General of U.S. Peshawar Mr. Shante Moore.

President Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry Peshawar Mr. Fazal Moqeem. President Women's Chamber of Commerce

Peshawar Mrs. Rabia Basri. Chairman Textile Association KP Mr. Sikandar

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Commerce & Industry Mr. Fahad Barlas & Spouse.

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Nuclear technology pivotal for decarbonising cotton industry

lobal leaders, policymakers, and industry experts on Tuesday at COP29 urged immediate support for farmers in resource-poor nations, emphasising technology transfers to bolster climate resilience and sustainability in cotton cultivation.

The pannel remarked during an event titled "Decarbonising and Adapting the Cotton-to-Clothing Value Chain through Multisectoral Partnerships" at the Pakistan Pavilion, to address the role of innovative technologies, including nuclear techniques, in tackling climate impacts on cotton farming. Pakistan's cuisine

Speakers noted that as climate change worsens, cotton farmers, particularly in vulnerable regions like Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Egypt, are facing unprecedented challenges such as severe floods, heatwaves, and droughts.

The event was organised by Pakistan's Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In his keynote, Parliamentary Secretary Ahmed Atteeq Anwar highlighted cotton's critical role in global textiles, stressing the urgency of climate adaptation for cotton farmers and rural economies. "Without immediate efforts to help farmers adapt, we risk severe disruptions to supply chains and rural livelihoods," he warned.

Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the IAEA, underscored nuclear technology's potential in reducing emissions and enhancing resilience across the cotton sector. Nuclear techniques, he explained, could help lower carbon emissions, improve water efficiency, enable sustainable pest control, and monitor pollution in cotton farming, presenting a powerful solution to the industry's environmental challenges.

WTO Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala added that soil mapping, a WTO initiative, is crucial for understanding soil health and selecting crops suited to climate challenges, which could improve cotton's resilience against extreme weather.

Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Sarvan Jafarov shared a successful case study in Azerbaijan, where climate-smart practices and the use of a new cotton variety have doubled crop yields in a project supported by IAEA and FAO. The event brought together a range of voices, including representatives from Burkina Faso, Burkina Faso, and the ARISE group, all reinforcing the critical role of multisectoral partnerships in creating a sustainable, climate-resilient cotton sector worldwide.

Uzbekistan on the way to a sustainable future

😂 Spokesman Report

n November 11-13, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev is taking part in the World Summit on Combating Climate Change at the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which will be held in Baku.

Delegations from almost 200 countries at the level of heads of state, government and ministers, representatives of international organizations, NGOs, expert, scientific and social circles are expected to participate in the conference. The event is part of the 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Frame-

work Convention on Climate Change (COP-29), adopted in 1992 and covering almost all countries of the world. The Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement are the documents adopted on the basis of and as a follow-up to this Convention.

Uzbekistan joined the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change on June 20, 1993, ratified the Kyoto Protocol in 1999 and the Paris Agreement in 2017, assuming a number of commitments, including the main quantitative commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per unit of GDP by 35% of the 2010 level by 2030.

As a party to the UN Framework Convention, Uzbekistan prepares and submits to the Convention Secretariat

regular climate reporting-national communications, biennial reports, and adaptation plans, develops and updates nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Speaking at the High Level Segment of COP-28 in Dubai on 1 December 2023, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev presented the country's position on climate change, information on measures on decarburization, adaptation to climate change, cooperation on ecosystem conservation and restoration of the Aral Sea ecosystem.

It is worth noting that Uzbekistan actively participates in international environmental initiatives aimed at

combating climate change and protecting Central Asian ecosystems. One of the key tasks is the restoration of the Aral Sea, the ecosystem of which has been significantly damaged. Uzbekistan initiated the establishment of the UN-sponsored Multi-Partner Trust Fund for the Aral Sea region, which aims to transform this region into a climate-resilient zone. Uzbekistan seeks to reduce CO2 emis-

sions, develops renewable energy and cooperates with UNESCO's Green Education Program to promote environmental education.

At COP-28 and other meetings, the

country presented the "One Region, environmental crisis associated with the One Voice" strategy, bringing together countries in the region to jointly address environmental challenges and create common standards for conservation.

In addition, Uzbekistan has committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly through the development of "green" energy, reducing emissions and improving water management. This includes projects to develop solar and wind energy to reduce dependence on hydrocarbons.

In 2022, the office of the Global Green

Growth Insti-

tute (GGGI), the

first represent-

ative office of

this organiza-

tion in the CIS

and Central Asia,

COP29 Baku Azerbaijan

opened in Tashkent. GGGI is an international organization founded to support countries in the transition to sustainable economic growth through the development of green" economy and climate initiatives.

The main goal of the institute's work in Uzbekistan is to promote sustainable development and environmental rehabilitation of the region, especially in the context of climate change. One of the significant projects was the green rehabilitation of Aral Sea region, funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). This project is aimed at overcoming the consequences of the

shoaling of the Aral Sea and improving living conditions in Karakalpakstan through "green" technologies and sustainable farming practices.

The climate agenda is also being actively promoted within other international formats. In particular, within the framework of the SCO, our head of state stressed the need to strengthen coordination and practical cooperation in decarburization and introduction of "clean" technologies, development of "smart" agriculture and water conservation.

At the summit of the Organization of Turkic States held in Bishkek on November 5-6, Uzbekistan's leader suggested accelerating the establishment of the Turkic Ecological Council at the ministerial level to find solutions to acute environmental problems related to climate change.

All these initiatives reflect Uzbekistan's aspiration to contribute to international efforts in the field of ecology and ensure a more sustainable future for our country, the region and the planet as a whole.

The participation of the President of Uzbekistan in the upcoming event in Baku will once again reaffirm our country's commitment to "green" growth and development, readiness to consolidate efforts to mitigate climate change and fulfill its commitments to achieve the goals of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.





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

There is no alternative to multilateral climate action

Mukhtar Babayev

ur world is at a critical juncture. The devastating effects of global warming are increasingly evident and the crisis is deepening. To mitigate it, we must urgently reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. Failing to act now will only increase the human and economic toll.

This month's COP29 climate change conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, presents a unique opportunity for effective collective action. Amid heightened geopolitical tensions and global uncertainty, COP29 will serve as a test of the multilateral system on which humanity's ability to respond to this existential threat depends.

The groundwork for coordinated action was laid in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 with the creation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which established the annual Conference of the Parties to promote consensus-based solutions. The philosophy was simple: given that climate change is a global issue, addressing it requires a collaborative approach.

The convention fosters cooperation between smaller countries and superpowers, enables civil society organizations to engage directly with governments and facilitates cross-border technology transfers. Perhaps most importantly, it provides a framework for collective action in which each country's efforts encourage others to step up their own.

While the 1997 Kyoto Protocol set binding emission-reduction targets for developed economies, it quickly became clear that more was needed. In response, developed countries pledged in 2009 to mobilize \$100 billion annually by 2020 to support developing countries' climate policies.

turning point, setting the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and ensuring that the increase stays well below 2 C. To monitor progress, the agreement established a system of nationally determined contributions, through which each country outlines its emission-reduction plans. Periodic global audits assess whether countries are on track to fulfill their climate commitments.

Regrettably, the first global audit, released ahead of last year's COP28 in Dubai, showed that we are far from meeting these climate targets. It also offered a comprehensive roadmap, calling on all countries to commit to targets aligned with the 1.5 C goal and establishing clear steps and timelines – including transitioning away from fossil fuels - that could bring the Paris agreement's objectives within reach.

COP29 represents the next step for the multilateral approach, with leaders expected to agree on a significant boost to the \$100 billion climate finance target — the so-called New Collective Quantified Goal. Moreover, each country must submit its updated nationally determined contributions by February 2025.

Transparency is essential to this process. If the Paris agreement's targets are the destination, and the nationally determined contributions are the roadmap, the New Collective Quantified Goal provides the fuel needed to get there. Building trust in countries' commitment to bold climate action and willingness to provide the necessary financing is key.

As COP29 president, Azerbaijan is urging all countries to submit goals aligned with the 1.5 C target as soon as possible. We are also doing everything we can to secure a fair and ambitious new climate finance goal that addresses developing countries' needs and matches the scale and urgency of the crisis.

Falling short would force us to confront tough The 2015 Paris climate agreement marked a questions: Are we willing to accept the failure of Resources of Azerbaijan. Courtesy of Arab News

the Paris Agreement? And what are the alternatives? One thing is clear: without a viable backup plan, we must do all we can to meet the 1.5 \hat{C} goal. Sleepwalking into climate catastrophe is not an option.

To be sure, the multilateral system has its flaws. But it remains the best framework to tackle this daunting challenge. Over three decades, it has fostered lasting international cooperation, a shared understanding of the science and a strong consensus concerning global climate goals.

The alternative to multilateralism is a fragmented response, with governments pursuing their own agendas without coordination or cooperation. This approach would mean slower progress, higher costs and less equitable outcomes. Without a unifying goal, any sense of shared purpose would all but vanish.

Consider, for example, COP29's objective of finalizing negotiations on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which aims to standardize carbon markets. By channeling resources toward the most effective mitigation projects, this framework could save \$250 billion annually by 2030 - a substantial boost in an era of limited resources.

Given the alternatives, we have no choice but to make the current system work. The COP29 presidency will leave no stone unturned to achieve an international consensus. With an agenda focused on advancing transformative climate action, Azerbaijan could help bridge geopolitical divisions. But our success hinges on countries' willingness to engage constructively and commit to the multilateral process.

The science is clear, the frameworks for coordinated action are in place and the plan has been laid out. Now, we must find the political will to put these tools to use. COP29 is our chance to prove that multilateralism can work.

Mukhtar Babayev, President-Designate of COP29, is Minister of Ecology and Natural

Balochistan Youth - Erasing imprints of deep rooted scorn

Abdul Shakoor Khan

hen violent protests erupted in 2006, many of the youth people used to perceive that government policies in the province could prove to be counter-productive, fuelling the wrath of misguided youngsters.

Unfortunately, they were kept aloof of mainstream and often swayed by perennial vested rhetoric of traditional politicians about willfully depriving them of their rights, a perception that deeply entrenched into their minds and gradually turned into hatred.

Aslam Baloch, a passionate student of Balochistan University's Mass Communication department before getting the government job, had same views about the government policies and showed no remorse on damages caused by angry youth during violent demonstration in 2006, after the death of late Nawab Akbar Bugti.

Cognizant of the situation, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti led provincial government is striving hard to engage youth in different social and economic activities and save them from falling prey to miscreants influence.

For the first time in province's history, Youth Policy 2024 is being implemented with opportunities for youth in education, sports and employment that reflects the government's intention to foster a constructive environment for youth.

The Benazir Bhutto Scholarship Program had also been launched in Balochistan to provide youth educational scholarships from primary to higher levels. Besides, the PhD students would be given full scholarships to study at top 200 universities worldwide. In a landmark development, the Oxford University has also agreed to provide scholarships to Balochistan students.

immense appreciation of Balochistan based inter-

national athletes Shahzaib Rind, Mohammad Wasim and others who were awarded handsome prize money. President Asif Ali Zardari also gave away cash prize of Rs 100 million to Shahzaib Rind in some parts of Balochistan to encourage Balochistan youth.

> Balochistan Minister for Planning and Development, Zahoor Buledi said the government by implementing its agenda, is providing resources to harness youth potential. "Efforts are on to compile data and devise youth friendly policies, bringing them to mainstream."

> Balochistan government spokesperson Shahid Rind has also mentioned to various programs to empower jobless youth including small loans valuing Rs two billion for graduated individuals on easy installments to establish livestock farms and businesses in agriculture, manufacturing and services sectors. "Launch of the Chief Minister Youth Skills Development Program is another initiative to train 30,000 young individuals in various skills," he said. "The government has so far provided scholarships to 75,000 students under its pro-education policy and increased allocation for Balochsitan Education Endowment Fund by Rs two billion in 2024-25 budget besides Rs two billion for out of school children."

> President Quetta Press Club, Abdul Khaliq Rind also pleaded to provide youth quality education as well as economic opportunities to engage them in constructive activities. "Our politicians must have to change their strategies and invest in youth to save our future generations." Recalling record sale of some 4.7 million books at festivals in Gwadar and Panjgur districts, Abdul Khaliq said, the government should also focus bibliophiles in Balochistan. "Organizing Pakistan Literature Festival was a good omen and we should continue with such activities."

He praised Balochistan government for paying attention to young people with hopes that these initiatives would bear fruit and Balochistan youth would transform themselves into a constructive society and Sports is also no more a neglected area, after play their role in building a strong, prosperous and peaceful Pakistan.

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Economy/Commerce

Wedesday, November 13, 2024

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share **Index Fluctuation**

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index					
Current	Prev. Close				
93,224.56	93,648.32				
Day's High	Day's Low				
93,871.61	92,893.11				
Index Value	Change				
20,872,940,435	-423.76				
Percentage	Time				
-0.45%	12 Nov, 2024 5:00 pm				
Europe: FTSE 100 Index					
Index Value	Change				
8,025.77	-99.42				
Percentage	Time				
-1.22%	12 Nov, 4:35 pm GMT				
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average					
Index Value	Change				
44,036.27	-256.86				
Percentage	Time				
-0.58%	12 Nov, 12:39 pm GMT-5				
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average					
Index Value	Change				
39,376.09	-157.23				
Percentage	Time				
-0.40%	12 Nov, 3:15 pm GMT+9				
Open Market Forex Rates					
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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	182.64	184.89
Bahrain Dinar	731.21	739.21
Canadian Dollar	199.70	202.10
China Yuan	38.58	38.98
Danish Krone	39.58	39.98
Euro	295.40	298.15
Hong Kong Dollar	35.37	35.72
Indian Rupee	3.34	3.45
Japanese Yen	1.92	1.98
Kuwaiti Dinar	894.99	904.49
Malaysian Ringgit	62.5	63.10
NewZealand \$	163.14	165.14
Norwegians Krone	24.78	25.08
Omani Riyal	715.66	724.16
Qatari Riyal	75.62	76.32
Saudi Riyal	73.65	74.20
Singapore Dollar	206.27	208.27
Swedish Korona	25.82	26.12
Swiss Franc	315.30	318.10
Thai Bhat	7.93	8.08
U.A.E Dirham	75.35	76.00
UK Pound Sterling	355.80	359.3

President NBP highlights path forward for Pakistan's financial sector

🐞 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie, President of NBP, emphasized the crucial role of the improving account ownership rates, nearly half financial sector in driving Pakistan's economic growth in his recent session at The Future Summit. He highlighted that the financial sector must be viewed as more than just basic banking access, as it forms the foundation for zens through financial inclusion or access to economic resilience and empowerment. He finance transforms them into active economic mentioned that integrating everyone into the contributors, strengthening local economies

economic fabric can ensure equitable participation for prosperity.

Despite initiatives like branchless banking of Pakistan's population remains unbanked. Mr. Hasnie noted the need for targeted interaddress these challenges. Empowering citi-

ventions and tailored financial solutions to and fueling sustainable growth. He also empha-facilitating access to finance in the agriculture

sized the importance of digital technology, such sector across Pakistan. He called for collaboraas mobile banking and e-wallets, in revolution- tive partnerships between banks, government izing financial access. Furthermore, sharing agencies, and fintech startups to scale innovahis view on the subject, he stated that NBP is tive solutions and ensure a long-term impact.

Visit

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid in a group photo with Ms. Waheeda Mahesar Executive Director SZABIST-ZABTech visits Benazir Income Support Programme HOs on Tuesday.



GFS Builders, **Developers inaugurated** new Orangi Town Residency

😂 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: GFS Builders and Developers organized a Haleem feast in honor of the families who booked units in the Orangi Town Residency project at Chawla Market. A large number of booking families attended the event.

On this occasion, the new Chawla Market project of GFS Builders and Developers, Orangi Town Residency, was inaugurated. HOD Syed Muhammad Anil and Sales Manager that Bilal Heights is a and business.

significant project by GFS Builders, successfully progressing in Karachi.

This project offers plots of various sizes, both residential and commercial, located in the prime area of Orangi Town, Karachi. GFS Builders has provided all essential facilities for clients, including schools, markets, parks, healthcare services, a gym, mosques, and a CCTV security system, creating an Jamal Sheikh mentioned appealing location for living

International workshop on Agri-mechanization models



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SECP Successfully Concludes Day Two of the Pakistan Start-up Summit in Karachi

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KARACHI: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) Pakistan Start-up Summit concluded today in Karachi. The second day of the Summit continued to generate immense enthusiasm and engagement. Policymakers, startup founders, international speakers, and other key stakeholders actively participated in insightful discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions. The event further solidified its position as a pivotal platform for fostering innovation and economic growth in Pakistan. The day commenced with a welcome address by SECP Executive Director Ms. Khalida Habib, who reflected on the previous day's journey to explore opportunities and challenges for Pakistani start-ups. Ms. Habib emphasized SECP's dedication to fostering a sustainable and resilient ecosystem through technology, policy, and partnerships, encouraging participants to engage fully in discussions around digital finance, regulatory sandbox initiatives, and data-driven innovation.

In his keynote address, SECP Commissioner Mr. Abdul Rehman Warraich highlighted SECP's ongoing commitment to creating a regulatory environment that encourages entrepreneurial growth. He introduced the recent establishment of SECP's Innovation Office, a ground-breaking initiative designed to provide start-ups with regulatory guidance, mentorship, and insights, thereby lowering barriers and enabling sustainable growth.

Ms. Musarat Jabeen, SECP Executive Director, also delivered an impactful presentation preceding the official launch of the SECP Innovation Office.

In closing, SECP Commissioner Mr. Mujtaba Ahmad Lodhi reflected on the summit's achievements, emphasizing key themes such as the need for diverse and sustainable funding, the role of digital innovation, and long-term regulatory support for start-ups.

Standard Chartered Bank delivers bespoke solution to support IATA EASY PAY

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ISLAMABAD: Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) Pakistan recently implemented an improved IATA EASY PAY solution tailor made for the Pakistan market to streamline BSP ticketing and payment processes for IATA Agents in Pakistan. This closed-loop solution enables IATA Agents to pre-fund their IATA EASY PAY accounts which will be used to issue airline tickets and additional air travel-related services.

SCB's open APIs and virtual account / ledger capabilities drive end-to-end efficiency and transparency from Agent onboarding to Airline settlements. It reduces credit risk and offers an additional payment channel for IATA Agents. This will also significantly boost the airlines' liquidity due to faster settlement.

Shiraz Hyder, Head of Transaction Banking, Standard Chartered Bank Pakistan stated, "This bespoke IATA EASY PAY solution underscores our commitment to deliv-



cial solutions tailored to the unique needs of tional efficiency so that the air travel industry our clients. Standard Chartered is focused on can deliver on its core business with ease."

to enhance agricultural productivity

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LAHORE: National Organiza-Productivity tion (NPO), Pakistan in collaboration with Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, Japan

tional workshop on bench

marking of agri-mechani-

zation models to enhance

agricultural productivi-ty from 11-14 November,

2024. The opening ceremo-

ny was held in Lahore, at a

local hotel. The said work-

shop will be attended by 16

overseas participants from

09 APO member countries

remarks on four Day Inter-



is organizing an interna- national workshop appreciated the APO's role in the development of Asia-Pacific region.

Mr Keiichi Sugita, program officer Asian Productivity Organization, Tokyo, Japan expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of Pakistan for their sincere efforts to continue Productivity Move-(Bangladesh, Cambodia, ment.

Fiji, Mongolia, Philippines, CEO NPO Mr. Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet-Muhammad Alamgir nam and Pakistan), 10 local Chaudhry thanked the chief participants and sessions guest and APO Program officer for their presence will be delivered by the international resource speakers and time. He welcomed all from Japan and Pakistan. the participants, resource persons. He said that Vision Mr Zahid Mir, Additional Director General, Agriculof MoI&P is to "To Achieve Efficient, Sustainable and tural engineering, Lahore as Chief guest in his opening Inclusive Industrial Devel-

opment.

ering innovative and efficient digital finan- providing seamless support to drive opera-

FFC Honored with Gold Awards at SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards 2023

😂 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited (FFC) to producing high-quality, continues to lead in financial reporting and corporate governance standards across South Asia, getting recognition in the prestigious SAFA sible corporate practices. Best Presented Annual (BPA) This accolade was received Report Awards 2023. FFC received top accolades in of FFC, honoring the team's multiple categories, further cementing its position as a leader in transparency, corporate governance, and industry best practices.

FFC was awarded the Gold Category award for excel- Award for Corporate Govern-

Sector. This joint Gold Award recognizes FFC's dedication comprehensive annual reports that showcase financial accuracy, stakeholder engagement, and responby the Chief Financial Officer commitment to maintaining exemplary standards in financial reporting.

Additionally, FFC was honored with a joint Merit/ Gold SAARC Anniversary nies, setting high standards

lence in the Manufacturing ance, acknowledging the company's robust governance frameworks and commitment to ethical business operations. Sved Mustafa Haider accepted this award on behalf of FFC, underscoring the organization's proactive approach to corporate governance across the region.

These awards, hosted by the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), recognize excellence in financial reporting, corporate governance, and transparency among South Asian compaacross the industry.



Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Special Report

A celebration of FRIENDSHIP and bilateral ties

Poland's 106th Independence Day anniversary and Armed Forces Day

腾 Naveed Ahmad Khan

The vibrant celebration of Poland's 106th Independence Day and Armed Forces Day echoed through the diplomatic corridors of Islamabad.

The commemorative event, hosted by the Polish embassy, saw an illustrious gathering, including Pakistan's Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Chaudhry Salik Hussain along with civil and military ,dignitaries, diplomats, and media representatives.

Poland's Independence Day holiday (November 11) celebrates the restoration of its national sovereignty in 1918, at the end of the First World War.

In his welcome address, the Polish Ambassador extended gratitude to the distinguished guests for joining in the celebration, honoring Poland's journey toward independence and the establishment of its armed forces. He noted that these national events mark a proud history for Poland, symbolizing resilience and the triumph of sovereignty after decades of foreign rule and partitions.

The occasion served as a reminder of Poland's commitment to international cooperation and friendship, reinforcing ties between Poland and Pakistan, as well as the broader diplomatic community.

In Poland's history, independence and freedom have always been defined by their precarious nature: nevergiven nor to be taken for granted. They had to be fought for and defended.

Today is no different. The Russian aggression against Ikraine has awakened olddemons, who can only be contained by Ukraine's victory. The aggressor must be repelled not rewarded. This is key to a just and lasting peace not only in Europe but also in other corners of the world. For that to happen, we will continue to stand with Ukraine and help the Ukrainian people to defend themselves. We will continue to urge for full protection of the civilian population in Gaza and Lebanon and full application of the humanitarian law in that conflict. Poland sent humanitarian aid to those affected. Tragically, one of Polish aid workers was killed while delivering assistance to the Palestinians. Moreover, a just and lasting peace in Middle East can only be ensured when the Palestinian people realize their right to live in their own state, side by side with Israel. Such also is a lesson from the history of my country.



We have listened to three anthems today. In addition to the Polish and Pakistani anthems, we also played a exert from Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy', which is the European Union's anthem. Since Poland is going to assume the presidency in the European Union from January 1st, 2025, it gives us a special reason to highlight Europe's unity during our national celebration.

Dear Friends.

Poland and Pakistan continue to work for the development of our bilateral relation. The trade between our ountries gradually approaches 1 billion USD. Pakistan benefits from the trade preferences under the GSP plus scheme, which makes the single European market its greatest export destination. Polish investors in the gas sector have proven to be successful and resilient.Orlen-Polish Oil and Gas Company carries on gas exploration projects in Sindh and Exalo Drilling - which is also our sponsor today -provides valuable services for the Pakistani industry. Growth potential in trade and investment means very little, if we are not able to tap into it. That is why our Embassy organized a first in many years trade mission to Pakistan this year. Under the program GreenEvo, we brought in a number of young and promising entrepreneurs, who promoted green and smart technological solutions to the challenges resulting from the climate change. I am happy to note that some conversations which began during this mission are continued.

I would like to congratulate Pakistan for assuming a membership in the Security Council. Only few years ago, when Poland sat on the Security Council, we developed a very productive cooperation with Pakistan. For example, our both countries worked closely to establish the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief.

We look forward to working with Pakistan to strengthen the international order enshrined in the UN Charter. In today's fraught international environment, we need reconfirmation of universal norms such as respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, right of the the Polish Mountaineering Club. We are also blessed by nations for self-determination and the respect of human rights as cornerstones of our common future. Dear Friends, Polish - Pakistani relations are 62 years old, but our common history is much older. This year marks 100 anniversary of publishing a book by a Polish explorer, Bronisław Gr bczewski, titled "Through the Pamirs and Hindo Kush to the sources of Indus". This account tells a story of his 1888 expedition to Baltit, which is the first documented passage from Central Asia to Hunza, that time to India, and today to Pakistan. Since then, the Northern areas have kept fascinating many Polishes explores and mountaineers. They imprinted a lasting mark on Polish imagination, sports and culture. We grew up in Poland learning about achievements of our climbers. Some of them are





depicted in the exhibition presented here this evening. For example, Wanda Rutkiewicz was the first women who claimed K2. Jerzy Kukuczka was only the second climber in the world who scaledall eight-thousanders, including magnificent Pakistani summits. And this year, a team of Polish gliders – led by world champion Sebas-tían Kawa – was first to fly over K2 and surrounding mountains. You are going to see incredible footage taken during these flights.

These recent achievements followed into footsteps of Polish pilots, who contributed to the creation of the Pakistani Air Forces shortly after Pakistan was born. Interestingly, the wife of the leader of that group - Air Commodore Władysław Turowicz - Zofia Turowicz was a glider instructor herself and trained future Pakistani pilots. These extraordinary people were not only Polish but Pakistani heroes and deserve to be remember and recognized as such. Therefore, we continue to hope that a final decision about giving one of the streets in Islamabad their name will be taken soon.

This Polish passion for mountains, for the Pakistani mountains, created an enduring nexus between Polish and Pakistani people. Polish climbers could not have achieved their successes without wisdom, experience and help of their Pakistani friends.

I am honored and happy that there are great Pakistani climbers among us this evening.

Let me recognized Mr. Nazir Sabir, anative of Hunza, renowned mountaineer, who became first Pakistani to have climbed Mount Everest in addition to great summits of Pakistan. Mr. Nazir Sabir cooperated with many Polish expeditions and is a honorary member of



Ladies and gentlemen,

the presence of Mr. Sirbaz Khan, the first Pakistani who summited all 14 eight-thousender peaks in the world. Ladies and gentlemen,

To top the celebration of the Polish-Pakistani friendship, Pak-Polish dosti, which has emerged from the passion for mountains, I would like to invite you to listen to beautiful, spiritual music played by talented women musicians from Hunza led by Ms. Meher Angez Hunzai.

Music like mountains speak to us in a universal and deeply humanistic way. Both invoke mystery, spirituality and freedom. Allow us to transcend our physical boundaries and remind that after all we are one and the same human kind.

The event was also included a musical performance that added enchanting melodies, captivating the guests and drawing applause from the attendees.

IMSG I-VIII Kot Hathial

Arts and Science exhibition held to combat climate change

😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: To raise awareness among students about the pressing issue of climate change, IMSG I-VIII Kot Hathial organized a vibrant Arts and Science Exhibition here on Monday. The event encouraged students to explore solutions to contemporary issues, including climate change, while drawing insights from the teachings of the Holy Quran.

The science exhibition was graced by distinguished guests, including Dr. Ehsan Mehmood, AEO Bhara Kahu; Principals Mrs. Naureen Sarwar, Mrs. Nausheen, and Mrs. Tahira Nasreen; Mr. Nadeem Ahmad, Consultant at NIETE and Former Director FDE; Ms. Ayesha Khan, People and Culture Executive at NIETE; and SMC members Mr. Naveed Ahmed Khan, Mr. Anees Abassi, and Mr. Allah Dad.

The event showcased students' creativity through handmade jewelry and eco-friendly projects. Dr. Ehsan Mehmood commended the students' innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, while Ms. Taseer Rehman, Principal IMSG I-VIII Kot Hathial, acknowledged the dedication of the staff and teachers in making the event a success.



Sports Wedesday, November 13, 2024

Pakistan asks ICC to explain India Champions Trophy refusal

🐞 Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said Tuesday it has asked the sport's governing body to explain India's refusal to send a team to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy next year.

The International Cricket Council informed the PCB last week that India would not tour Pakistan for the eightteam tournament, leaving the fate of the event hanging in the balance.

Pakistan had previously rejected the option of a hybrid arrangement that would allow India to play their matches at neutral venues, for example in the United Arab Emirates.

"The PCB has responded to cricket series for over a decade last week's ICC letter seeking clarifications for the Indian multi-nation events. Board's decision not to travel to Pakistan for next year's Chamtold AFP.

Deteriorating political ties have meant the bitter rivals have not played a bilateral

past two years, with England

- squaring off only in ICC

The nuclear-armed neighbours have fought three wars subcontinent's partition in 1947 and that rivalry is often reflected on the cricket field.

the two is among the most watched events on the global sporting calendar.

Pakistani media reported on Tuesday that the PCB would pions Trophy," Sami-Ul-Hasan since being carved out of the be unwilling to accept security reasons for India's refusal to visit. New Zealand have toured

Any cricket match between Pakistan three times in the

venues - Lahore, Rawalpindi and Karachi - from February 19 to March 9 next year.

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But a final schedule due to be announced this week has been postponed over the stand-offwhich PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi termed disappointing.

"Almost every country wants the tournament to be played in Pakistan and it will be disappointing if they don't come," Naqvi, who is also the interior minister, said last week.

"I don't think anyone should make this a political matter. We'll give every team as many facilities as we can."

Naqvi said Pakistan would consider pulling out of events in India as a response.

'Pakistan has shown great gestures to India in the past, and we'd like to say clearly India shouldn't expect such friendly gestures from us every time".

for last year's ODI World Cup India is due to host the and the PCB had expected the women's ODI World Cup and gesture to be reciprocated for Asia Cup next year and will The Champions Trophy is co-host the Twenty20 World slated to be played across three Cup with Sri Lanka in 2026.

Holding Blind T20 WC in Pakistan a welcome sign: DGSorts



😂 Tahir Amin Malik.

LAHORE: Director General Sports Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry has said that holding Blind T20 Cricket World Cup in Pakistan is a welcome sign and major development. He said this while presiding over an important meeting at National Hockey Stadium on Tuesday.

Different significant features and preparations of Blind T20 Cricket World Cup were discussed in detail during the meeting. The smog situation in the province also came under discussion in the meeting.

Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC) Chairman Syed Sultan Shah, Secretary Ateeq Zia, Director Sports Yasmeen Akhtar, Deputy Director Zahoor Ahmed and other officials participated in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the T20 Blind Cricket World Cup is being held in Pakistan from November 23 in which as many as seven international teams will participate. He said that best arrangements are being made for the successful holding of T20 Blind Cricket World Cup.

PBCC Chairman Sved Sultan Shah on this occasion said that the matches of T20 Blind Cricket World Cup will kick off in Lahore while the last match of mega event will be organised in Multan. He also thanked all institutions including Punjab Sports Department for extending their cooperation in organizing the mega event an appropriate manner.

Shaheens stay ahead of Sri Lanka A on day two



腾 Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Shaheens gained a substantial 143-run first innings lead on day two of the first four-dayer against Sri Lanka 'A' after they were bowled out for 258 in 82.1 overs at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. Pakistan's cuisine In turn, Sri Lanka closed the day with 77-1 on the board in

their second innings and with a deficit of 66 runs. Gritty half-centuries from Hussain Talat (56, 94b), Rohail Nazir (55, 97b) and Ali Zaryab (55, 118b), which included five fours each, put Pakistan Shaheens ahead of Sri Lanka 'A' after they resumed their first innings from overnight score of 66-2. After Mohammad Suleman and Haider Ali returned to the dug out in the 32nd over with the scorecard reading 90-4, Ali (55, 118b, 5x4s) and Hussain dug deep to put on 42 runs for the fifth wicket taking 13.3 overs. Hussain then joined forces with No. 7 batter, Rohail Nazir to stitch a 72-run sixth-wicket partnership to steer the Shaheens out of trouble before the former departed in 65th over. Rohail, who brought up his 11th first-class half-century, also added valuable 29 runs for the ninth wicket with Sameen Gul (13, 30b, 2x4s) as the duo took Shaheens total from 228-8 to 258 all out. Test fast bowler Vishwa Fernando spearheaded the Sri Lanka 'A' attack with four scalps while Isitha Wijesundara and Nisala Tharaka bagged two wickets each. Khurram Shahzad, who picked up four wickets in first innings, struck in the first over to remove Oshada Fernando for a fiveball duck. Ahan Wickramasinghe (48 not out, 66b, 4x4s) and Nipun Dhananjaya (23 not out, 50b, 2x4s) did the repair work for Sri Lanka'A' as they partnered for unbeaten 76-run secondwicket stand to take their team to stumps safely. Scores in brief: Sri Lanka 'A' trail by 66 runs in second innings. Sri Lanka 'A' 115 all out, 33.1 overs (Sonal Dinusha 30, Pasindu Sooriyabandara 28; Kashif Ali 5-31, Khurram Shahzad 4-32) and 77-1, 20 overs (Ahan Wickramasinghe 48 not out, Nipun Dhananjaya 23 not out; Khurram Shahzad 1-19). Pakistan Shaheens 258 all out, 82.1 overs (Hussain Talat 56, Rohail Nazir 55, Ali Zaryab 55, Abdul Faseeh 26, Mohammad Suleman 24; Vishwa Fernando 4-44, Isitha Wijesundara 2-49, Nisala Tharaka 2-57).

President Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah 5-A-Side Hockey Tournament 2024–Day 1 Results

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KARACHI: Excitement and thrilling matches marked the first day of the President Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah 5-A-Side Hockey Tournament at the Olympian Hanif Khan Hockey Stadium. The skills and passion displayed by players from various hockey clubs made the day memorable.

Match 1: Youth HC Orange clinched a close victory over Hanif Khan with a score of 4-3, kicking off the day with high energy. Shahbaz Haider and Ali Iqbal each scored 1 goal for Youth HC Orange, while Arbaz netted 2 goals. For Hanif Khan, Babar Saadat scored 2 goals, and Huzaifa scored 1.

Match 2: Dastagir HC put on an impressive performance, defeating PTCL HC 8-3. Saad starred for Dastagir, scoring an incredible 6 goals, with Rehman contributing 2 goals. PTCL's Farooq scored 2 goals, and Haris added 1.

Match 3: Youth HC Blue defeated Gulberg HC 5-2. Riyan displayed Flag HC scored an incredible 6 goals, Ali Abbas, and Ahmed each added 1 goal. teaming up with Nauman to lead Rabani outstanding performance with 4 goals, and Arsalan added 1 goal. For Gulberg, For Jafferi JJ HC, Alia scored 1 goal. Daniyal scored 2 goals. significant margin of 10-1. Owais of Pak scored 5 goals, while Shahzaib, Mohsin,



visiting twice and Australia

Pakistan also visited India

once in the same period.

the Champions Trophy.

Siddig added 3, and Umar scored 1 goal

Match 6: Rabani HC beat Central

HCto v while Junaid scored 1 gos

Match 5: Al Sagheer HC triumphed Match 4: In a one-sided match, Pak over Baldia with a score of 10-0, setting Fitness HC, Abdullah scored 2 goals Flag HC defeated Jafferi JJ HC with a the largest goal difference of the day. Bilal and Owais added 1.

Fitness HC 4-1, with Umair scoring 3 for Central Fitness HC. goals and Dani adding 1. For Central

Match 7: Adnan Ladu scored 2 goals, players in action.

The tournament continues with more exciting matches, providing hockey fans the opportunity to witness top regional

Farhan Khan, Akbar Babar Shine with the ball in Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament

😂 Sports Desk

KARACHI: Four 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 deadly bowling by right arm off spinner Farhan Khan captured 6 wickets for 6 runs Akbar Babar slow left arm spinner got 5 wickets for 6 runs.

The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi with the Lubricant.

Scores in Brief:

Club Colts beat Rizvia Sports by Ashraf 58 6x4 1x6, Ali Sher 38,



Colts 289 all out in 39.1 overs. Muhammad Hussain Cricket Inayat Ali 76 11x4, Rashid

collaboration of Master Oil 200 runs at Student Ground. Muhammad Yaseen 19, Ijaz Muhammad Hussain CC Ahmed 19. Muhammad Hamza (ob) 3/66, Waseem Abbas 2/43, Faizal Fayyaz 2/56. Rizvia Sports 89 all out in

Farman Khan (rob) 6/6, Bin 2/48. Yameen 2/21.

Gymkhana beat Nayab Cricket Club by 9 Wickets at Eid Gah Ground Nazimabad Navab CC 34 all out in 12.2 overs. Nadeem 13. Akbar Babar (sla) 5/6, Saad Alam 2/12

SMS Gymkhana 38/1 in 5.3 overs. Kashif Akhtar 25.

In the 3rd Match Gulzar Cricket Club beat Baldia Gymkhana by 3 Wickets at Afza Ground. Baldia Gymkhana 182 all out in 30 overs. Hassan

66 9x4 3x6, Yar Muhammad 20, Mehboob Rahimo 18. Muhammad Sami (ob) 4/34,

19 overs. Muhammad Arif 19. Abdullah 2/28, Bilal Mirza

Gulzar CC 187/7 in 34.3 In the 2nd Match SMS overs. Sved Saad Akhtar 88 7x4 3x6, Idrees Mirza 27, Muhammad Sami 21 not out. Muhammad Shakir 3/46

In the fourth Match Montgomery Gymkhana beat Al-Hamra Cricket Club by 8 wickets at Abbasi Gymkhana. Al-Hamra CC 125 all out in 36.1 overs. Amanullah 25. Syed Ali Meher (ob) 3/10 Sajjad Rasheed 2/17, Mehmood Jamshed 2/18.

Montgomery Gymkhana 126/2 in 20 overs. Sajjad Rasheed 53 9x4, Aqib Anwar 51 10x4 both not out.

Pakistan spinner Noman Ali wins ICC Men's Player of the Month



KARACHI: Pakistan spinner Noman Ali has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October 2024, edging out South African pacer Kagiso Rabada and New Zealand spinner

Mitchell Santner to claim the honour.

The 37-year-old left-arm orthodox bowler played an important role in Pakistan's thrilling 2-1 Test series over England on home soil.

Noman's outstanding performances across the series saw him take 20 wickets at an impressive average of 13.85, helping Pakistan secure their first Test series win at home since 2021.

"It is a great honour to be named the ICC Men's Player of the Month," Noman said in a statement.

"I am deeply grateful to my teammates who supported me throughout this historic home Test series victory against England. Such wins are always special for the team and the country."

Noman's heroics were highlighted by two remarkable Test performances in October.

He ended up with match figures of 11/147 and 9/130 as Pakistan bounced back from defeat in the first Test to end their threeyear drought for a Test series win at home.

In the second Test, with Pakistan defending a target of 297, he claimed his career-best figures of 8/46, dismantling England's batting lineup and securing Pakistan's victory.

Pakistan Under 19 Cricket Team Look Ahead to Tri-Series Challenge: PCB Official

腾 Imran Usmani

DUBAI: Pakistan U19 are all set to take on Afghanistan and hosts UAE in the U19 tri-series commencing from 13 November at the ICC Academy in Dubai. The 50-over tournament will be played on a double-league basis and the final will be staged on 26 November.

Saad Baig-led side, since their arrival in Dubai on Saturday afternoon, have gone through three practice sessions in order to acclimatise with the local conditions. At the conclusion of the tri-series, Pakistan will feature in an eight-team ACC U19 Asia Cup, which will take place from 29 November to 8 December in Dubai and Sharjah.

Among the 15-member squad, three players - Saad Baig, Shahzaib Khan and Tayyab Arif had the experience of playing at the ICC Academy, as they were part of

the squad which featured in ACC U19 Asia Cup held last year at the same venue.

Saad Baig talking to PCB Digital on the eve of the tournament, said the preparation for the tournament has been good, the players have had good training sessions here and now we are looking forward to tomorrow's game and the rest of the tournament.

Both Afghanistan and UAE are strong sides and playing against them will provide us a great opportu-

nity to get our combination right before going into the all-important ACC U19 Asia Cup taking place later this month."

Pakistan U19 squad for tri-series: Saad Baig (captain, wicket-keeper)



(Karachi), Abdul Subhan (Abbottabad), 13 November-Pakistan vs UAE Ali Raza (Sialkot), Faham-ul-Haq 15 November-Pakistan vs Afghanistan (Lahore), Farhan Yousuf (Lahore), Haroon Arshad (Karachi), Hassan Khan (Rawalpindi), Mohammad Ahmed 26 November - Final

(Lahore), Mohammad Huzaifa (Bahawalpur), Mohammad Riazullah (Abbottabad), Naveed Ahmed Khan (Karachi), Shahzaib Khan (Abbottabad), Tayyab Arif (Sialkot), Umar Zaib (Abbottabad) and Usman Khan (FATA)

Ahmed Hussain (Peshawar), Rizwanullah (Karachi) and Yahva bin Abdul Rehman (Lahore)

Pakistan U19's fixtures (all matches to be played at ICC Academy, Dubai and start at 10.30am PKT)

20 November-Pakistan vs Afghanistan 22 November-Pakistan vs UAE

Non-travelling reserves:



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, chaired the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) at the Finance Division on Tuesday.



Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Chairs the **Meeting of ECC**

腾 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, chaired a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet held at Finance Division, today.

The meeting was attended by Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Industries and Production; Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister for Power; Mr. Jam Kamal Khan. Minister for Commerce; Mr. Ali Pervaiz and approved a summary Malik, Minister of State submitted by the Election 1. Enhancing FBR's Oper-

senior officers from concerned

and approved a summary submitted by the Ministry of Communications (Postal Services Wing) for a Technical Supplementary Grant (TSG) amounting to Rs. 16.995 billion for clearing of verified pending liabilities of companies/agency partners of Paki-The ECC also considered

for Finance and Revenue; Commission of Pakistan for

the Governor, State Bank a TSG of Rs. 1.317 billion of Pakistan; the Chairman in connection with Local Federal FBR, Federal Secretaries, and Government (bye-elections) in Sindh, Khyber Pakhministries and departments. tunkhwa and Balochistan and The ECC considered Local Government elections in Islamabad (ICT) & Punjab

province during FY 2024-25. The ECC also took up five separate summaries submitted by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) as part of the FBR Transformation Plan earlier approved by the Prime Minister. The stan Post Office Department. subject matters covered under the summaries included the following five key areas.

Organizational Capacities. be conducted before the 2. Performance Management next financial budget, while Regime for FBR Officers. 3. Capacity Building Program

for FBR Officers. 4. Anti-Smuggling Measures under FBR Transformation Plan.

5. Mobility and Transit Accommodation Arrange-

ments for FBR Officers. The ECC had a detailed discussion on all five proposals submitted by the FBR and accorded them a principled approval with the proviso that a third-party impact evaluation of the processes and KPIs proposed

a similar impact evaluation of the outcomes in line with the KPIs to be drawn up under the proposals, would be carried out at the end of calendar year 2025 to see the merit of the entire exercise and its impact on the overall goal of enhanced revenue generation and resource mobilization. The ECC also decided that the Revenue Division and Finance Division would work out the mechanics, including allocation and release of budgets, under the five proposals, ational Expertise and under the proposals would through joint consultation.

PM interacts with world leaders at **COP29** summit; bilateral ties, climate change discussed

Wedesday, November 13, 2024



😂 Spokesman Report

BAKU: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday interacted with the global leaders as they gathered here to participate in the opening plenary "World Leaders' Climate Action Summit" of the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29).

Aliyev and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warmly received the prime minister as he arrived at the summit venue, according to a PM Office press release.

As the participating leaders gathered for a family photo, Prime Minister Shehbaz held an informal interaction with them and exchanged pleasantries besides discussing matters of mutual interest.

He interacted with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahvan and discussed matters of mutual interest including bilateral cooperation in the climate change field.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and minister.

Turkish First Lady Emine Erdogan, the two sides discussed ways to cooperate in highlighting the issues of climate change and environmental In their informal interaction, PM Shehbaz and UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer exchanged views on the promotion of Pak-UK relationship.

He also met Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Tajikistan President of Azerbaijan Ilham President Emomali Rahmon and discussed protection of glaciers and water resources in Pakistan and Central Asia as well as the strengthening connectivity with both the countries

Prime Minister Shehbaz also interacted with President of Nepal Ram Chandra Poudel and Chief Advisor of Bangladesh

Dr Muhammad Yunus discussed the issue of increasing temperature in South Asia, risks posed by rising sea level, and the conservation of forests, besides the bilateral ties.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khur-During interaction with Turkish shid Alam accompanied the prime

Constitutional Bench to reconvene on November

PM's climate aide urges South Asian countries to unite for regional climate action

腾 City Desk

rial meeting of the HKH countries titled 'High-Leve

Ministers from Bhutan, ndia, Nepal also supported

pollution at the international level.

challenges faced by the Hinduare transboundary in nature, which adversely affect infrastructure, economies and ecosystems across the national borders of the all-regional countries including Pakistan Nepal, Bhutan, India and Bangladesh, according to a press release issued from the

climate change and environmental coordination ministry.

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator Meeting of Heads of States to Prime Minister on Climate from the Hindu Kush Hima-Change, Romina Khurshid laya (HKH) Region, COP29', Alam on Tuesday said that the the PM's climate aide said.

"Boosting collaboration Kush Himalaya (HKH) region is inevitable to deal with the common but adverse impacts of climate change on biodiversity, mountain communities and their livelihoods," she highlighted at the event.

She said further that the HKH region, often referred to as the 'Water Tower of Asia' is home to over 1.3 billion lihoods, water and biodiver-Addressing a ministe- sity needs of nearly a quarter



people, supporting the live- of humanity. However, these climate change, presenting an once-stable ecosystems are unprecedented challenge for now under severe strain from all countries in the region.

the Pakistani PM's climate aide Romina Khurshid Alam's call for unified response to common regional climate risks, particularly those hitting hard the vulnerable mountain communities, their livelihoods and ecosystems

She thanked the ministers from the regional South Asian countries for agreeing to boost collaboration for tackling common environmental challenges and climate risks for the sake of protecting lives and livelihoods of the millions of vulnerable communities and infrastructures.

Ministry of IT, WB Group jointly organise workshop to advance Pakistan's **Digital Nation Vision**

😂 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of IT and Telecom (MoITT), in collaboration with the World Bank Group, organized a two-day workshop (Nov 11-12) aimed at advancing Pakistan's Digital Nation Vision through the development of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

This workshop is a significant step towards shaping the future of Pakistan's digital landscape. It aimed to accelerate Pakistan's transformation into a Digital Nation by building a robust, inclusive, and secure digital ecosystem, using DPI to enhance governance, service delivery, and economic development. The workshop was attended by

including SBP, SIFC, FBR, PSW, ment Project (DEEP), a significant and a host of other key stakeholders both from the public and private sector to focus on understanding DPI components such as Digital ID, Data Exchange Layer, and Payments, to ideate on citizen-centric use cases to be prioritized.

stakeholders across the government tions on the Digital Economy Enhance- component of Pakistan's DPI.

initiative funded by the World Bank Group and being executed by MoITT in collaboration with NADRA, BoI, NITB, Ignite, PITB and other provincial IT Boards. DEEP aims to enhance the Government's capacity for digitally enabled public service delivery for citi-The workshop had detailed delibera- zens and businesses and will be a key

and 45 meters in width, making it one

of the few 4F-grade airports in Paki-

stan equipped to handle the largest jets.

equipped with state-of-the-art tech-

nology and an architectural marvel,"

Airport Manager Khalid Kakar told

capacity of the old airport, the manager

said this newly constructed one will

encourage airlines with modern fleets

Citing the limited operational

"This is a huge airport in Pakistan,

New Gwadar airport a symbol of friendship between Pakistan and China

😂 Spokesman Report

BEIJING: New Gwadar International Airport, a flagship venture under the multibillion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project, or CPEC, will transform connectivity and open a new chapter of development for the South Asian nation, observers said.

A symbol of solid friendship between China and Pakistan and their commitment to building a better future together, the newly built airport, located in the port city of Gwadar in Pakistan's south-

western Balochistan province, has and economic growth, unlocking new runway spans 3,658 meters in length recently been handed over to Pakistani authorities to commence operations, China Daily reported.

The China-aided airport was inaugurated virtually by Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Oct 14, during Li's trip to Pakistan.

It has been welcomed by experts and people from all walks of life in Pakistan. As the airport prepares to open its doors, it promises to transform Gwadar into a major hub of regional connectivity

opportunities for development.

The construction of the airport, starting in October 2019, was one of the flagship projects of the CPEC. Upon completion, it has become a modern landmark in Gwadar, which will lay a better foundation for the future development of the port city.

According to China Railway Beijing Engineering Bureau, which was involved in the project, the airport can accommodate the largest civilian aircraft, including the Boeing 747-8. The to begin services to and from Gwadar.

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13, 2024, to hear pending cases

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ISLAMABAD:A meeting of the Committee constituted under Article 191A (4) of the Constitution was convened today on 12.11.2024 at Supreme Court, Islamabad under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan (Head of Constitutional Bench) to discuss matters related to the constitution of the Constitutional Bench. The meeting was attended by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar (attended telephonically from Karachi).

During the meeting, the Registrar's Office apprised the Committee Ali Mazhar in Islamabad for further of the pending cases that fall within deliberations.

the jurisdiction of the Constitutional Bench. After thorough consideration, the Committee resolved that priority shall be accorded to the oldest cases.

In view of the unavailability of the Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ayesha A. Malik on November 14 and 15, 2024, it was resolved that a Bench comprising all available Judges shall be constituted to proceed with cases on these dates. The Registrar's Office has been directed to list these cases accordingly for hearing before the Bench.

The Committee further resolved to reconvene on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 12:30 PM at Supreme Court, Islamabad, upon the arrival of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad

Government eyeing ex-CJP Faez Isa as the next chief election commissioner

😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Business Recorder has reported that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is seeking recommendations for the next CEC, with the list including the recently retired Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, among other similarly aligned retired officials and former judges.

It is suggested that the ex-Chief Justice is the leading contender for this sought-after role, largely due to his strong rapport with both the influential military establishment and its chosen leaders.

The end of January next year will mark the conclusion of the controversial tenure of the outgoing Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), who is widely seen as the primary architect of the February 8, 2024, general elections fiasco

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s mandate to install what former Prime Minister an unforgivable act.



Imran Khan referred to as the political "pigmies" led by the Sharifs of Raiwind

The anticipated appointment of Qazi Faez Isa is expected to provoke a strong reaction within the PTI, leading to protests against this contentious decision.

A senior PTI official, speaking anonymously, made it clear that any effort to appoint "a disgraced, biased, vengeful, and insignificant pigmy" like Qazi Faez Isa would face a fierce political backlash. The architects of this "ugly and This troubling incident involved the reprehensible scheme" would be held covert manipulation of the Pakistan accountable, as the party intends to seek retribution for what they consider