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### PM Shehbaz felicitates UAE on 53rd National Day

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has extended heartiest felicitations to the leadership and people of UAE on their 53rd National Day.In a post on his X handle, he appreciated the vision, wisdom and sagacity of the UAE leadership to achieve excellence through innovation and modernization.



**BISP Kafaalat: Quarterly payment** increased

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### Cabinet Meeting



# Cabinet approves National Prevention of Violent **Extremism Policy 2024**

### **B** Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Cabinet, on the recommendation of the Interior Ministry, approved the National Prevention of Violent Extremism Policy 2024 on Monday.

The cabinet also approved in principle the proposal of the interior ministry with respect to The committee was comprised the establishment of Islamabad Central Business District Development Authority.

The meeting, on the recomreview petition against the decision of lifting ban on the Safety and Research, Pakistan

export of Monosodium glutamate (Ajinomoto).

The decision was taken in the light of the report of the expert's special committee that was formed to monitor the impacts of Monosodium glutamate on human health. The report had termed the Monosodium glutamate safe for human health. of representatives from Pakistan Scientific and Industrial Research, National Agriculture Research Center, National mendation of commerce University of Sciences and Techministry, authorized to file nology, Institute of Food and Nutritional Sciences, Federal Supreme Court of Pakistan's Ministry of National Food

Standards and Quality Control the recommendation of ministry Authority and Board of Invest-

The meeting of the federal cabinet was held here under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

The cabinet, on the proposal of ministry of education and professional training also gave a go ahead to the renewal of the Memoranda of Understands with respect to University of Cambridge, Saint Antony's College University of Oxford. University of Jordan, Pecking University China, University of Hydal Berg, and Pakistan Chairs

in Germany. Furthermore, the cabinet, on

of education and professional training approved nomination of Dr Habib ur Rehman and Dr Kamran Ansari as subject experts in the Board of Governors of University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore and the nomination of Dr Mumtaz Muhammad Shah and Dr Muhammad Ahmed Farooqui as subject experts in Board of Governors of Center of Excellence in Mineralogy, University

of Balochistan Quetta. The federal cabinet, on the proposal of ministry of law and justice and in line with Sindh High Court orders approved the

of special courts.

On the recommendation of ministry of law and justice and in line with Balochistan High Court orders, the cabinet also approved amendments in the jurisdiction of special courts (customs, taxation and anti smuggling) Quetta and Khuzdar.

Similarly, on proposals of ministry of law and justice and in line with orders of Peshawar High Court, Lahore High Court, Islamabad High Court, Sindh High Court, and Balochistan High Court, the cabinet authorized the additional session judges and other relevant courts to hear the cases under lawyers welfare amendment in the jurisdiction and protection act 2023.

# Spotlight of Aaj News reveals number of PTI supporters killed in firing

#### anti-state propaganda **Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Under the leadership of Director Imran Mehmood, the FIA Cybercrime Wing Balochistan Zone has launched vigorous operations against elements involved in anti-state propaganda on social media. Director Cybercrime Wing West, Imran Mahmood, was appointed three months ago to lead the efforts in combating cybercrimes and state adversaries

FIA Cybercrime Wing Balochistan launched

crackdown against

A specialized team has been formed to monitor and analyze social media accounts for suspicious activities. This team utilizes advanced technology to keep track of activities on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and other platforms that may be involved in anti-state propaganda.

Over the past three months, the FIA Cybercrime Wing Balochistan has identified 924 social media accounts involved in sharing antistate content on Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and others. The reported accounts include 487 on Facebook, 190 on TikTok, 147 on Twitter, 88 on Instagram, and 12 on other applications.

Additionally, 14 inquiries have been registered, and investigations have begun against the antistate elements.

Out of 924 accounts, 312 Social Media accounts have been marked as blocked by the PTA, whereas 607 social media accounts are in process for blocking by PTA. Besides, FIA Cybercrime Wing, Balochistan has reported a total of 28 different Social Media Applications that have a high potential for facilitating anonymous communication and misuse by anti-state

### Monitoring Desk

workers martyred? Aaj News investigation reveals shocking details! | Aaj News Amid conflicting reports over the death toll in the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Islamabad protest, Aaj News' programme Spotlight with Munizae

ISLAMABAD: PTI protest: How many

Jahangir conducted its investigation and found that at least six supporters of former prime minister Imran Khan's party were killed in the firing. Another was killed when a

speedy car hit him. According to the former ruling party, 12 of their followers were killed in firing on the last day of the protest. PTI's information secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram

November 29. "This is our verified data from our

own data collection centre," Akram said and named the people who were allegedly killed. He also claimed that the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences hospital, where casualties were brought, was not handing over bodies to the families of the deceased. The PTI leader warned that the Islamabad firing would have repercussions.

Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly Omar Ayub, who accompanied him at the presser, claimed that American weapons were used in the

firing against the PTI supporters at the children. His eldest daughter studies in

Munizae Jahangir shared the details on her news programme which was aired on Aai News on Monday.

According to her team's investigation, Anees Shahzad Satti, 20, was killed after shot in bullet in the stomach. He was shot around 6pm on November



shared details in a press conference on 26 near Kulsum Hospital in Blue Area. three Rangers personnel in the federal Sadar Ali, 40, from Mardan was shot in the head around 8pm November 26, his brother Abdul Wali told Spot-

light. His body was shifted to the PIMS Moreover, Tajuddin, 35, from

Charssada, died around 7pm on November 26 in Blue Area after being shot. His brother, Shahzad Imran, stated that Tajuddin was shot two bullets: one in the head and another in the chest. Tajuddin's body was shifted

Imran said that Tajuddin was a labourer in Islamabad and he had six any family member of them

ninth standard and the youngest boy is

The fourth PTI supporter was Muhammad Ali, 28, from Charsadda. He was killed near D-Chowk on November 26 after being shot in his Muhammad Shafiq, 35, from

Punjab's Dera Ghazi Khan also died on November 26. His cousin Adnan refrained from speaking about the cause of death. Shafiq is a landlord and has two children.

Tariq Khan, 27, from Shangla, was also killed in protest on November 25 night after a speedy car hit him, according to his brother Muhammad Zada. It was the same incident which also killed

The seventh person was Abdul Qadir

capital.

from Abbottabad after shot in the back near 10pm at 26 Number Chungi on November 25, his cousin Sajjad Khan said. The bullet wound was his cause of death, Khan added.

Qadir worked at a tandoor and has seven children.

Apart from this, PTI has claimed five more were killed including Abdul Rashid, Mubeen, Aurangzeb, Ilvas, Ahmed Wali, and Imran Abbas. But Spotlight was not been able to contact

## **DPM Dar arrives** in Mashhad, Iran to attend ECO ministerial meeting



Spokesman Report

MASHHAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday arrived in Mashhad. Iran to attend the 28th meeting of the Council Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

He was warmly received at the airport by Vice Governor General of Razavi Khorasan province Mohammad Ali Nabipoor and Pakistan's Ambassador to Iran, Mudassir Tipu, according to a press release issued by the Deputy PM Office.

In his address at the minis- ministerial meeting.

terial meeting, DPM Dar will reiterate Pakistan's commitment to the ECO Charter and highlight the potential of greater connectivity in the ECO region, through the development of road and rail networks; liberalization of visa regimes and simplification of border procedures; and to attain sustainable growth and enhance the geo-economic potential of the ECO region.

The deputy prime minister will sign the 'Charter for ECO Clean Energy Center' and hold bilateral meetings with participating ministers and dignitaries on the sidelines of the

### Prime Minister's visit to Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to attend 'One Water Summit'

### 👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will visit Rivadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 3-4 December 2024 to participate in the "One Water Summit".

A joint initiative of Saudi Arabia, France, Kazakhstan, and the World Bank, the Summit aims to promote global cooperation and a coherent international approach towards water resource management through high-level political commitments.

At the Summit, the Prime Minister will deliver a kevnote address at a Roundtable focusing on restoration,

resources and wetlands. He will also highlight steps being taken by Pakistan to promote water conservation, strengthen climate resilience, improve water quality, create livelihoods, and conserve biodi-

The Prime Minister will underline the importance of international cooperation to tackle the impact of climate-induced floods, erratic and extreme weather patterns, and heat stress on water resources and ecosystems. He will also call for meaningful international collaboration for sustainable water resource management.

On the sidelines of the Summit, the Prime Minister preservation, and adaptation is expected to hold bilateral in the context of fresh water meetings and engagements.

### PTI founder sent on 14-day remand in seven cases

### 跨 City Desk

RAWALPINDI: anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Monday sent Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder, Imran Khan, on a 14-day iudicial remand in a New Town police station case.

Imran Khan is currently in Adiala Jail as police arrested him in the New Town PS case after getting bail in

Toshakhana case. The ATC judge Amjad Ali Shah heard the plea and approved his judicial remand in New Town police station

and seven other cases. The development came

The after the former prime minister was arrested in seven more cases related to vandalism.

Earlier, the ATC handed over Imran Khan, to police on a five-day physical remand in a New Town police station case.

The prosecution team sought 15-day physical remand of the former prime minister, but the ATC judge granted five-day physical remand to the police and ordered them to continue the investigation inside the jail

# **Presidential Ordinance** 'black law' in Azad Kashmir: Sardar Attique

#### **Bureau Report**

RAWALPINDI/GHAZIABAD: All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference President and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that the Presidential Ordinance is a black law. The Muslim Conference rejects both the frivolous and unwise measures such as non-state and non-local recruitment in the police department for the anti-terrorism force in Azad Kashmir under the Presidential Ordinance. The state government of Azad Kashmir should withdraw it immediately because it is completely against human rights and democratic values.

This will not only spoil the peaceful atmosphere of Azad Kashmir but will also give an opportunity to anti-Paan attempt is made to provide legal justification or approve the Presidential Ordinance, the Muslim Conference will separate itself from the government banches. Sardar Attique expressed these views while addressing ence large numbers of peopleattended



senior leader Abdul Rashid Chughtai,

Advocate Major R. Nasrullah Khan,

Maulana Usman Abbasi, Sardar Abdul

Raziq, Advocate Sardar Majid, Officer,

President Mission Kashmir Task Force.

Dr. Abid Saleem Awan, Sardar Kamal

kistan forces to rise once again. If memory of the late central leader of Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, the Muslim Conference, Sardar Taimur

Leaders and workers of various political parties and the Muslim Conference participated in the condolence referthe condolence reference held in the condolence meeting. Former Prime Ali Khan, Sardar Atiq Abbasi, Raja Yasin Luqman, Syed Amjad Gardezi, Advocate Raja Munir Khan, Raja Khurshid Khan, Raja Shahbaz Abdul Quddus Abbasi and others spoke and paid tribute to the political and social services of Sardar Taimur Abbasi in a grand manner.

Abbasi, Sardar Irfan Abbasi, Sardar

Lal Khan, Sardar Tajammal Abbasi,

Sardar Shaukat Afzal, Raja Tabarak

Speaking on the occasion, former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, said that the Presidential Ordinance is a black law and the Muslim Conference cannot support any law that is against the fundamental rights of the people.

The government of Azad Kashmir should show seriousness and consult all stakeholders. Such measures are increasing chaos. The situation in Azad Kashmir is not good. The recruitment of non-state persons in the police department will create new sedition within the state. If services can be obtained from retired soldiers in Azad Kashmir, It is not necessary to recruit Khan, Raja Sheesh Khan, Sardar Tariq non-state persons.

#### **Spokesman Report** NEW YORK: The President of the Kashmir Global Council, Farooq Siddiqui, has voiced strong concerns over the ongoing arrests of political leaders in Azad Kashmir, describing the situation as deeply troubling. In a statement to the media, he criticized the Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Ordinance, asserting that such laws have no place in a

democratic society and are being

Farooq Siddiqui Expresses

Concern Over Arrests of political Leaders in Azad

Kashmir

misused to silence political dissent. However, Siddiqui emphasized that the suppression of peaceful protests and restrictions on freedom of expression are unacceptable in any democratic system. He stated, "In a democracy, authoritarian measures have no place. Laws should serve the common good and not be used for personal or political agendas. The government must not use laws to oppress its critics or suppress legitimate political expression." Meanwhile, he called upon the Azad Kashmir government to stop its efforts to crush peaceful protests and instead address the genuine grievances of the people. He added that attempts to stifle the freedom struggle would not weaken the movement but would only galvanize it further. More, Siddiqui also condemned India's ongoing aggression in occupied Kashmir, noting that thousands of Kashmiri youth remain imprisoned in Indian jails. He warned that the situation in both occupied Kashmir and Azad Kashmir could have a negative impact on the broader freedom movement. "The struggle for Kashmir's independence will not be extinguished by oppression or violence," he said.

## Sheikh Aftab MNA hails Punjab government for taking historic' steps for public welfare

ATTOCK: Member of the National Assembly and Convener of the District Coordination Committee, Attock, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, stated that the Punjab government is utilizing all resources for public welfare. He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting of the District Coordination Committee at the DC Office. The meeting was attended by Provincial Assembly members Chaudhry Sher Ali and Malik Itibar Khan, Deputy Commissioner Attock Rao Atif Raza, Assistant Commissioners, and other relevant officials.



Sheikh Aftab Ahmed emphasized that the federal and provincial governments are taking unprecedented and historic steps for public development and welfare. He appreciated the efforts of the district administration and police for effectively managing the recent protests by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.

The meeting was informed that all possible measures are being taken to reduce the prices of essential commodities, and further instructions will be issued to price magistrates in this regard. It was also highlighted that 134 development schemes are underway across the district, costing a total of 32,099.623 million rupees. These schemes include initiatives in health, education, infrastructure rehabilitation, sports, agriculture, and other sectors.

### Pakistan Peoples Party says attacks on Pakis are part of enemy's plan

### 👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: President of Pakistan Peoples Party Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin has said that attacks on Pakistan Army and security forces are a systematic conspiracy of the enemy. We strongly condemn the attacks on Pakistan Army and security forces. We pay tribute to Captain Zohaib and the martyred soldiers who are sacrificing their today for the nation's tomorrow. He expressed these views while talking to various delegations vesterday.



He said that the nation is fully aware of the sacrifices of the Pakistan Army and the entire nation is paying tribute to them. The entire nation is proud of the sacrifices of these martyrs and the entire nation stands behind them like a leaden wall. The great sacrifice of the martyrs is an expression of the unwavering determination of our brave sons who never hesitated to make sacrifices to defend our motherland. Our brave brothers, sons and friends are protecting the borders.

### JKDFP draws attention of global leaders towards Kashmir detainee's plight

### Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: The Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP) has called upon international leaders, including United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and Organization

of Islamic Cooperation Secretary-General Hissein Brahim Taha, to address the worsening conditions

of Kashmiri detainees languising in jails of India and Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

According to Kashmir Media Service, in letters sent to both organizations, JKDFP Acting Chairman Mehmood Ahmed Saghar highlighted the systematic mistreatment of Kashmiri political prisoners and human rights activists. Thousands of Kashmiris have been incarcerated under draconian laws before and after the abrogation of occupied Jammu and Kashmir's special status by India's Modi regime on August 5, 2019.

The letter pointed out severe abuses faced by the detainees, including torture, solitary confinement, denial of medical care, and sexual harassment. The health of prominent figures such as Shabir Ahmed Shah, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Asiya Indrabi, and Khurram Parvez has significantly deteriorated due to prolonged detention. The situation has been exacerbated by recent restrictions like the denial of phone and electronic meeting privileges for inmates in Tihar Jail.

### Exhibition

HYDERABAD: Provincial Minister Irrigation Jam Khan Shoro visiting the stalls during 19th Degree Show (Annual Thesis Display/Exhibition) at Shaheed Allah Buksh Soomro (SABS) University of Art, Design and Heritages Jamshoro.



Photo: Online

# Inauguration Ceremony of 3rd International Conference at Women University Multan

### 👺 Ouratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Third International Conference on Sustainable Development in Agriculture, Health and Food Security has begun at Katchery Campus the Women University Multan, in which more than a hundred domestic and foreign agricultural, health and food experts are participating. According to the spokesperson, the third international conference on agriculture, health and food security was inaugurated under the auspices of the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, the Women University, from 2-3 December 2024.

On the inauguration ceremony the special guests were Vice Chancellor Emerson University, Prof Dr. Ramzan, addressing the opening session, they Chancellor of Bacha Khan Univerof Biosciences NUST Isb. While



Prof Dr. Saqlain Naqvi (former Vice said food security is a challenge and research based planning is the need of sity) and Professor Dr. Asghar, Dean the time for sustainable agricultural practices to ensure food security.

They stressed the need for enhancing collaboration among academia, agriculture experts, farmers and industry for the development of the agriculture sector to overcome food security issues in the climate change scenario. The Women University is well aware of the daily problems. The research conducted in this regard will help our practical life.

The conference is organized in this global context, revolving around how sustainable development in agriculture, health and food security is possible.

The results of this conference will be revealed later. On the first day of the conference, technical sessions were held in Jinnah Hall and L-Shape Building, in which more than 28 research papers were read.

The chief organizer of the conference is Dr. Tahir Younis, while the initiator committee includes Dr. Maryam Zain, Dr. Raheela Jabeen, Dr. Saba Zafar, Dr. Aqsa Pervaiz, Dr. Um Habiba, Dr. Raheela Waheed, and Mehwish Batool Kazmi. All chairpersons and students attended the opening ceremony.

# 'Hyderabad's Cultural Transformation: A Tribute to Sindhi Heritage'

### 👺 Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: In a significant move to promote Sindhi culture, Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, Zainul-Abideen Memon, has initiated a district-wide beautification project. Launched in mid-November, this initiative aims to restore the city's aesthetic appeal by incorporating elements that reflect Sindh's rich cultural heritage.

According to a press release, the Heritage Monuments: project includes several key features: **Ajrak-Themed Flyovers:** 

Flyovers painted with designs inspired by Sindh's iconic Ajrak, symbolizing culture through urban infrastructure.

Sindhi Cap-Inspired Public Seating: Seating areas designed to resemble the traditional Sindhi cap, celebrating Sindhi identity and pride.

The establishment of monuments that showcase Sindh's history and legacy, fostering cultural awareness and appreciation.

**Tree Plantations and Cleanliness Drives:** Green initiatives to create a cleaner and greener environment for Hyderabad's residents

**Celebrating Sindhi Culture:** Events and activities to honor and more beautiful place to live.

promote Sindh's rich cultural heritage. Deputy Commissioner stated that this initiative is a remarkable way to highlight the city's cultural identity and instill a sense of pride in the community. By incorporating traditional Sindhi elements into urban infrastructure and promoting cleanliness and greenery, the project aims to transform Hyderabad into a cleaner, greener, and

# General meets Minister

#### 跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General of COMS-TECH (OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation), had a productive meeting during his visit to Bangladesh, aiming to enhance scientific and technological collabora-

In his engagements, Dr. Choudhary met with Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Adviser/ Minister of Science and Technology, and Finance, Government of Bangladesh, Md. Delwa Hossain, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, and other distinguished academics and officials, including Prof. Dr. Liaquat Ali, Chairman of Prothikrith Institute of Health Studies and former Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Health Science, and Prof. Dr. Hafizur Rahman, Chairman of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dhaka International

University. The meetings covered comprehensive agenda items, including COMS-TECH-Bangladesh collaboration and developmental programs, Scholarships and Education linkages, **COMSTECH Consortium** of Excellence program, establishment of COMS-TECH National Coordination Office in Bangladesh, and other developmental programs with Bangla-

# Coordinator | PPP Coordination Committee COMSTECH meeting focuses on political Bangladesh's challenges and strategy

#### Maria Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party's Coordination Committee held a crucial meeting under the chairmanship of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at Bilawal House. The main objective was to devise strategies and discuss current political challenges. Committee members from Central Punjab, South Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh, and the federal level engaged in discussions about ongoing and unresolved issues in political, policy, and developmental sectors. Key topics included the restoration of flood-affected areas, water management disputes, agriculture and digital economy challenges, and legislation in the public interest. Concerns were raised regardtimely consultation on political, polithese issues.

Summer vacations, smog

President APSAMA North Rana Sikandar Hayat in the

Khan said that the current The request took the posi-

academic session in Punjab tion that the education

long summer vacations, affected by the daily closure

smog, protests, and now of educational institu-

also affected. He demanded also released the schedule

submitted by President be made that are better for

Abrar Ahmed Khan to

Punjab Education Minister

form of a written request.

system has been badly

tions in Punjab.9 educa-

tion boards of Punjab have

of matriculation examina-

tions starting from March

4 and the beginning of

Ramadan is also expected

from March 1. He said that

Keeping all these aspects in

mind, such decisions should

President APSAMA

Punjab Abrar Ahmed

was severely affected by the

due to this scenario expected

23-day winter vacations will

to Puniab Education Minister

Rana Sikandar Hayat Khan

should reconsider the deci-

sion of winter vacations,

Limit the winter vacations

This demand was

APSAMA North Punjab the students.

to January 1 to January 10.



cy, and legislative matters, particularly regarding unfulfilled promises. The rising incidents of terrorism and the challenges posed by new ground realities were also highlighted, with members expressing concern over the ing the federal government's lack of absence of a new consensus to tackle

The PPP Chairman directed committee members to engage with political parties to determine areas where political consensus could be reached. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the party's Central Executive Committee at the end of the month.

#### LMKT and researchers and protests affect current academic session in Punjab: from INSEAD Celebrate Graduation of 160 Startups

#### 跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD:- in collaboration with researchers from INSEAD Business School. proudly celebrated the Graduation Day of the XSEED Incubation Program, a firstof-its-kind transformative initiative that empowered 336 startups across Pakistan.

This milestone marks the culmination of a year-long journey where startups participated in a rigorous 3-month training program, with 160 successfully graduating after reaching significant entrepreneurial mile-

The Graduation Day event brought together key leaders, industry experts, mentors and visionary founders to honor the achievements of the graduating startups. It was a day to celebrate innovation, resilience and the remarkable contributions these entrepreneurs are making to Pakistan's startup

ecosystem. Many of the graduating startups were incubated at NIC Karachi and NIC Hyderabad centers further highlighting the role of these centers enabled by MOITT in advancing entrepreneurial

# Thar Coal: A costeffective energy source for Pakistan

#### 跨 🛮 Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

KARACHI: Sindh's Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah, has declared Thar coal as the cheapest energy source in the country, although he highlighted that transmission challenges have hindered the full delivery of this affordable electricity. Since 2019, Thar coal has generated 27,000 GWh of electricity at just 4.8 rupees per kWh, compared to the 19.5 rupees per kWh generated from imported coal. The use of Thar coal has saved the country \$130 million in foreign exchange. CM Shah made these remarks while presiding over a meeting of the Thar Coal Energy Board at the Chief Minister's House on Monday. The meeting was attended by Provincial Minister for Energy, Nisar Hussain Shah, MNA Shazia Marri, Chief Secretary Asif Haider Shah, Principal Secretary to the CM Agha Wasef, and Secretary Energy Musaddiq Malik. Key stakeholders from the federal government participated via video link.

Shah emphasized that Thar coal is a local and cost-effective energy source for Pakistan, but the country faces challenges in electricity production due to limited transmission. However, both the federal and Sindh governments are working on infrastructure projects to address these issues. Thar is now the least



ating 2,640 MW of electricity and supplying power to 6 million homes.

Additionally, a railway line from Islamkot to the Thar coalfield will significantly reduce the cost and ease the transportation of coal. A contract for this project has been awarded to Frontier Works Organization (FWO), and ground work has already commenced. The project also includes the construction of a 9 km railway line from Bin Qasim to Lakhy Power Plant for coal unloading.

Shah also stated that Chinese investors are ready to assist in increasing the capacity of Thar's Block 2 mine, which currently produces 7.6 million tons per year, to 12 million tons per year by 2025. The project's funding is being arranged locally, with an agreement with Meezan Bank to ensure necessary financial

### Sindh opposes canal projects amid water shortages, says Jam Khan Shoro

#### Sarohi Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Sindh Irrigation Minister Jam Khan Shoro stated that the Sindh government has opposed canal projects at the Council of Common Interests (CCI) and has written two letters on the matter. Speaking to journalists after attend-

at Shaheed Allah Bakhsh University of Art and Design in Jamshoro, he explained that the opposition is based on the lack of water availability in Pakistan. Without adequate water resources, new command areas for canals cannot be established, he emphasized.

Shoro mentioned that this ing the 19th Degree Show case is currently pending at the next CCI meeting.

the CCI. When it reaches ECNEC, the same arguments will be presented. He added that if a case is disputed at the CCI, it cannot be approved by ECNEC. The Sindh government had also raised this issue at the CDWP forum to prevent its approval. The Chief Minister of Sindh will present the province's case at

## Two Star International Trading Company Partnership with Leapton Solar will play significant role for the Solar Energy in Pakistan. Leapton Solar Energy (Tier1) Japanese Brand

 $The Interview of Rana \ Latif Asghar \ Khan, Managing \ Partner, \ Two \ Star \ International \\ Trading \ Company is leading the solar energy \\ transformation since 2012 \ which is empowering a sustainable future with reliable solar \\ un beneficial for us and we will provide better \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us and we will be very \\ un beneficial for us a$ 

### **Tahir Amin Malik**

wo Star Trading Corporation and CEO of Khan Star Corporation said in an interview that I started my career in business with Ningbo (China) in under the platform Khan Star Corporation in 2002, While Two Star International Trading Company was established in 2012. He said I have also worked as a Director in AE Solar. He said we deals in different items from China, South Korea, Japan, as well. He further said we have been also working in solar energy since 2012 and we have done the work with renowned Solar Sector business companies like AE Solar, Sunkite, JA, Seraphim Solar, Canadian Solar, and now we have a collaboration as a Partner with Leapton Solar Energy which is the (Tier1) Japanese Brand and this company is based in Japan as a World's Leader in Solar PV Industry, and Leapton Energy is specializing manufacturing high quality (Tier-1), Solar Modules, and the products of Leapton Energy is available in more thant 60 countries and regions, With over 10 years of development in solar energy, and Leapton Energy has built a solar module manufacture base Leapton Solar (Changshu) Co, Ltd. in Jiangsu, China.

He further talked about Leapton Solar Energy he said its headquarter located in Japan and this Company is one of the top class company in the world and its leader in Solar PV Industry, and Leapton Solar Energy





Rana Latif Asghar Khan, Managing Partner, Two Star International Trading Company, and CEO of Khan Star Corporation.

(Tier-1) Solar Module. He said the products of Leapton Energy is available in more than 65 countries and regions with over 10 years of development in Solar Energy. He expressed his views about the quality of Leapton he said the Leapton Energy produces high quality Solar Modules for 25 years products warranty and 30 years efficiency power warranty for standard module, and 30 years warranty for bifacial and N-Tye modules, and Leapton can provide the most suitable modules for each



Muhammad Imran Chaudhary, Managing Partner, Two Star International Trading Company.

solar system.

He said the Leapton Solar Energy also a project developer in Japan and its holds around 100 pieces of Land reserve for power plant development. The PV Module brand is sold to 50 countries and regions and its more than 300 distributors, 21 Japan Banks, with financing support. He said Leapton Solar Energy Head office is located in Japan, While China, Australia, USA, Germany, Brazil are also Leapton Solar Energy Offices. He said that company has achieved many certificates



Imtiaz Jellani Sahi, Managing Partner, Two Star International Trading Company.

of occupational health and safety, management system and these certificate was awarded for compliance with the standard ISO.

He said the Leapton Solar Company was established in 2012 in Kobe (Japan) and its mission to provide safe reliable and efficient energy solutions. He said Leapton Solar Panels, Lipton Lithium Batteries and Invertors are very popular in the world. Talked about Two Star International Trading Company he said this company is located in



He said we have partnership with Leapton Solar which is complete Japanese Brand known for quality and efficiency and we are delivering high quality and efficiency and we are also providing solar solutions which are registered with EDB and AEDB and our year smoke issue and our AQI of different priority is to provide the sustainable energy for our clients. He said its great honour for Two Star Trading International Company has to avoid this kinds of problems of environbecome the partner with renowned Leapton mental issues.

unn beneficial for us and we will provide better brand to our customers.

At last he said the future of Solar Energy in Pakistan is very bright and useful. He said we will to do jointly work together with Leapton Energy and will help and facilitate the Agriculture sector with solar in Pakistan in near future. He said I would like to request our Government of Pakistan to facilitate Solar Energy in Pakistan which can be very beneficial for our economy and social development sector as well. He said Pakistan is facing every cities at very high risk. So we should pay attention on green and clean energy projects









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### 3 billion people globally impacted by land degradation

I hree billion people worldwide are suffering the impact of degraded land which will "increase levels of migration, stability and insecurity among many communities," according to the newly-elected President of a UN-backed conference on desertification, drought and land restoration taking place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Abdulrahman Alfadley, the Saudi Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, was speaking as the 16th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) got underway in the Saudi capital, according to a press release issued at UN Headquarters in New York.

The meeting, according to UNCCD, represents a "moonshot moment to raise global ambition and accelerate action on land and drought resilience through a people-centered ap-

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Globally up to 40 per cent of the world's land is degraded, which means its biological or economic productivity has been

This has dire consequences for the climate, biodiversity and people's livelihoods, it was pointed out.

Droughts, which is a priority issue at COP16, are becoming more frequent and severe, increasing by 29 per cent since 2000 due to climate change and unsustainable land management.

The UN desertification convention was agreed 30 years ago and the organization's current Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw highlighted the continued importance of restoring

land lost to drought and desertification. "Land restoration is primarily about nurturing humanity itself,' he said, adding that the "way we manage our land today will directly determine the future of life on Earth."

He spoke of his personal experience of meeting farmers, mothers, and young people affected by the loss of land. "The cost of land degradation seeps in every corner of their lives."

"They see the rising price of groceries, in unexpected energy surcharges, and in the growing strain on their communities," he said. "Land and soil loss are robbing poor families of nutritious food, and children of a safe future."

COP16 provides the opportunity for global leaders from governments, international organizations, the private sector and civil society to come together to discuss the latest research and to chart a way forward to a sustainable future of land use.

Together the world can "reverse the trends of land degradation," Thiaw said, but only if "we seize this pivotal moment."

# Bacha Khan Defying The British Empire

**Muhammad Atif** 

han Abdul Gafar Khan also known as Bacha khan or the Frontier Gandhi. He was born on 6 February 1890 in Utmanzai. Charsadda, North West Frontier Province now called Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. He was born into a family of landlord. His father Barham Khan was a landlord and he had to his entitles some eight villages and he was a Chief Khan of Utmanzai. He got early education from madrassa that was only memorizing the Holy Quran and reading the Holy Quran from his own villages. But afterward his father admitted him in missionary school which was a boarding school in Peshawar city, the legacy of Edward mission school. The intention of his father to send him abroad for higher education but his mother refuse his father intention by saying that I can not lose another son by sending him abroad as her elder son was already studying abroad. Bacha khan accepted his mother proposal.

His father advised him to join army for recruitment in the British Army. They had a special regiment which was called the Guides. Bacha khan narrates that an incident occurred and it change my whole life. There was a sikh officer but sikh you see, they are used to long hairs and the Tomy were those officials who newly arrived in India from England, so he started the beating of sikh officer without any reason and he abused him by telling him that you want imitate us, the British. This was the turning point in his lifetime and he came back and informed his father that I will not join army because this is an insulting job. Bacha Khan short Army career sold the seeds of his anti-colonial activism. In British Regiment the guides was a little group of pashtoon soldiers. However the young activist viewd the white colonizers

as arrogant, racist, and cruel man whose oppressive laws prohibited any form of

Pashtoon was still in their early stage to British resistance rule and no clear clear strategy is there for opposing the British colonialism. He joined another Pashtoon activis Haji sahib who also fought with British in late 1890s and support Bacha khanschool system. Bacha khan could have followed the Haji sahib path of armed resistence but then he had second thought. Bacha khan joned him but he is not satisfied with his way of resisting the British Colonialism and rule. He thinks that this is not an ideal way to fight with British and work for his mission of education. For this he stayed in a mosque for fourthy days and read the Holy Quran and from reading the Holy Quran he got his idea from these principles of non-violence that was practiced y Holy Prophet Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him long ago.

Bacha khan was Pashtoon leader in the North West of British colonial India, which translate from Pashtoo the king of chiefs. He led a peaceful resistance movement in the early 20th century, when people across the India challenged the British colonial rule to gain independence. He fought for change not through violence but by championing education and by refusing to accept British colonial laws. He founded a peaceful protest movement the Servant of God which put him on direct collision course with the

Education was just one platform for the servant of God movement led by Bacha khan. It's number swell to over 100000 Pashtuns. All pledged to use count disobedience to challenge British rule. He travelled across the northwest regions through towns and villages to spread the message of peaceful resistance. During his missions, going from village to village, he will choose the home of the most person the people, khan met on his travels joined the servant of God. Members swore an oath to both uphold the groups principles of Non Violence and to stand with the oppressed against the colonial oppression. Their were uniforms suggesting a form of military discipline but with the key difference the servant of God didn't carry guns.

By the early 1930, the independence began to gather momentum across the Indian subcontinent. Khan clashed with the British colonial authorities and was arrested in 1930, on his way to address his followers in rally in Peshawar. He was handed a jail sentence, that same month the Indian leader Indre Gandhi escalate his anti- British protests. Khan Servant of God whose numbered over 100,000 members shared many values with India's congress party. Their members largely followed different religions but they both supported full independence from British. The also both refused to pay taxes to the British crown. This was key period for the future of the sub-continent. British India supplied 2 and half million soldier who fought under British command against Japan and Nazi Germany. Gandhi and Bacha khan demanded for an independent. India grew louder as pacifists. Bacha khan refused to support the war, it is against the war and was jailed by the British when the war ended in 1945. The question is whether India would remain single country or be partitioned into two separate states. This inflamed existing divisions between the Hindus and Muslims. Over a million were killed and millions more were migrated from one part of India to another part. The INC accepted partition with East and West Pakistan on Indians opposite borders. Khan told congress quote"you have thrown us to wolves:

After independence, the behavior of the new government with Bacha Khan is harsher than the Britisher. He remained

who was the most poor of them. Many of in British prison for 15 years and in Pakistan prison he remained for 18 years. He was such a great leader but unfortunately people did not recognize him that is very sad. After Independence Servant of God movement was banned by the government. From 1948 to 1953 he remained in prison along with his family and his children were also taken to prison. Their property were confiscated although he was a member of the Constituent Assemblybof Pakistan and took an oath of allegiance to the new country but he was imprisoned. His followers came out in protest but in Babara, the place in Charsada from where he belonged ad a fire is opened on protests and more than 600 people were killed. In our history book, Bacha Khan is compared with the titles like traitor, Pro Hindu and Pro barat. He was a non-violent icon of international caliber but unfortunately he is not mentioned very widely in alongside Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Murtin Luther King. But even though he is too big to be suppressed, our new generation are recovering him. Now we have a university in his name, Peshawer Airport in his name.

He was not present in the official history book but people are have discovered him because his services are too big to be ignored. He spent almost all of life in jail to aware people, to educate people but unfortunately the stakeholders they did not consider him as a hero. Although he was a hero and was a real hero and he was a hero for us and he will be forever in our hearts. When he died in 1988, three States, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan lured their national flags, for a person who not remained in a power for even five minutes. Tens of thousnds of mers attended Bacha khan funeral including high level dignitaries from India, Afghan-

istan and Pakistan. Writer is student of LLB 5th semester in University of Sargodha



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

# Pakistan's Economic Revolution and Educational Renewal

Dr. Muhammad **Shahzad Ashfaq** 

n the 21st century, as the world navigates through rapid technological advancements and globalization, Pakistan has emerged as an unexpected in the world famous for his hospitality making significant strides in economic development and educational renewal. Transformative journey of Pakistan, shedding light on its economic revolution and educational resurgence that has positioned the country as a potential powerhouse in the global arena. Pakistan once plagued by economic instability and challenges has witnessed a remarkable turnaround in recent years. The country's economic revolution are attributed to a combination of strategic policies, investments and reforms.

One key driver of this revolution is the Pakistan-China Economic to learning resources. Moreover, Corridor (CPEC), a multi-billion dollar infrastructure project that aims to connect China's western region to Pakistan's Gwadar Port. The project has not only boosted Pakistan's infrastructure but has also catalyzed economic growth through job crea- contribute in the global knowledge tion, industrial development and enhanced trade opportunities. Moreinvestment that contributes significantly into its economic renewal. The educators. In an era characterized by government initiatives to improve ease rapid globalization and technological

investment and foster entrepreneurship that creates a conducive environment for economic growth.

The government of Pakistan is fully committed to reforms in educational sector by significant allocation of funds. World Bank report (2020), the government of Pakistan allocated 2.4% of its GDP to education silent superpower. The richest country demonstrating a clear prioritization of this crucial sector. This investment is crucial for building new schools, upgrading facilities and ensuring that all children have access to quality

education. Investing in education infrastructure is a strategic move that helps to collect significant benefits for Pakistan. In education sector, constructing new schools especially in underserved areas the government increase access to education for children who previously had limited or no opportunities. This expansion of education is crucial for promoting inclusivity in all the segments of society and access upgrading existing educational institutions is essential for enhancing the quality of education. Pakistan can improve and upgrade the learning experience for students that enables to attract talented educators to

Pakistan stands at a critical juncover, Pakistan's focus on enhancing ture where improving and upgrading its exports and promoting foreign the learning experience for students is essential for attracting talented

of doing business, attract foreign direct advancement, the educational landscape must evolve to meet contemporary demands. Incorporating innovative teaching methodologies, enhancing curricula, and leveraging technology, Pakistan can create an engaging learning environment that not only nurtures student potential but also draws skilled educators from around the globe.

The integration of modern pedagogical approaches, such as project-based learning and collaborative techniques, can significantly enhance student engagement. Furthermore, investing in digital infrastructure will facilitate access to online resources and global knowledge networks. This transformation is pivotal in cultivating a culture of continuous learning among students, thereby preparing them to contribute effectively to the global knowledge

economy. Moreover, fostering partnerships with international educational institutions can provide Pakistani educators with exposure to best practices in teaching and curriculum development. These improvements in education, Pakistan can significantly contribute to the global knowledge economy while empowering its youth with the skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. Such collaborations will not only elevate local standards but also position Pakistan as an attractive destination for knowledgeable professionals seeking impactful careers in education.

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## From Learning to Leadership: The Huawei ICT Competition's Path to Success

Syeda Waiga Arif

he Huawei ICT Competition is a global initiative designed to inspire young minds, cultivate technical tion. As a student at Bahria School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, I had the opportunity to attend a session where a team from Huawei introduced us to this exciting competition. Although the session was brief, it provided a fascinating glimpse of this initiative by

Since its launch in 2015, the Huawei ICT Competition has grown significantly, attracting over 170,000 students from more than 2,000 universities across 80 countries. This competition has become one of the most renowned platforms for aspiring ICT professionals. Its mission is simple yet powerful: to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry needs by offering students an opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to realworld challenges. The competition's growing impact is reflected in the National, Regional, and Global stages, where participants face various challenges, including theoretical exams and hands-on lab sessions focused on cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and

Bhag Chand's success story underscores the importance of opportunities like the Huawei ICT Competition, which help talented individuals overcome obstacles and gain recognition on a global scale. It proves that with dedi-

cation, hard work, and the right plat- approach. It is not just about winning; it form, anyone can achieve remarkable success, no matter where they start. This emphasis on inclusivity ensures that the Huawei ICT Competition attracts talent from all corners of the world, creating a diverse and vibrant community of young

The competition's structure also integrates Huawei's broader initiatives, such as Seeds for the Future, a program designed to cultivate global ICT talent through exposure to advanced technologies like 5G, artificial intelligence, and cloud computing. Seeds for the Future gives students the chance to learn about the latest technological trends and gain hands-on experience that will help them succeed in the fastevolving tech industry. In addition to the competitive aspect, participants benefit from mentorship, online courses, and exchange programs, which provide valuable knowledge and global exposure. These initiatives reflect Huawei's commitment to nurturing the next generation of innovators and leaders in

the ICT field. The inclusion of such programs shows that Huawei is not only interested in finding the most talented individuals for the competition but also in supporting their growth beyond the contest. Through mentorship and educational resources, Huawei ensures that participants continue their development and nave the tools to succeed in the technology industry. These opportunities help students build lasting skills that can shape their careers and contribute to the global tech community.

What makes the Huawei ICT Competition truly stand out is its holistic

is about learning, growing, and contributing to a global network of ICT leaders. The competition cultivates not only technical expertise but also problem-solving, critical thinking, leadership, and teamwork skills. These qualities are important both during the competition and in the professional world. The competition prepares students for successful careers in the tech industry, equipping them with the tools to tackle the chal-

lenges of the future. One of the highlights of the Huawei ICT Competition is the Tech4Good initiative, an entrepreneurship program that challenges young adults to use digital technologies to solve real-world social issues. This initiative empowers participants to create viable tech-based solutions that promote sustainable development through intensive training, workshops, and a global competition and encourages students to think about how technology can be leveraged for social good.

In the end, the Huawei ICT Competition is much more than just a contest—it is a valuable opportunity for students to push their limits, explore new ideas, and develop the skills that will shape their futures. The competition's continued success and growing reach underscore its ability to inspire and empower students, helping them contribute to the ever-evolving world of technology. The platform is a stepping-stone for the leaders of tomorrow, and it is exciting to see how it will continue to foster innovation and talent across the globe.

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# **NUML** hosts International Conference on Prioritizing Economic Agenda in Pakistan

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Faculty of Social Sciences at the National University of Modern Languages, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission under the National Research Program for Universities (NRPU), inaugurated a two-day international conference titled "Prioritizing Economic Agenda in Pakistan's Foreign Policy Towards the United States, China, and the European Union."

The conference brought together policymakers, academicians, and thought leaders to address the critical role of economic diplomacy in reshaping Pakistan's foreign policy priorities.

Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, graced the occa-Chairman of Pakistan's Board of Invest-human capital."

ment, delivered the keynote address.

remarks were delivered by Brig. Shahzad Munir, DG NUML, emphasized Pakistan's transformative potential, stating, "Pakistan is at a defining moment in its history. By setting clear priorities and implementing sound economic policies, we can unlock a brighter future," he said.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz Shad, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Jean Monnet Chair, outlined the conference objectives, highlighting the challenges and opportunities for Pakistan in the global economic landscape.

Mr. Haroon Sharif underscored the importance of redefining economic diplomacy. He called for a pragmatic approach to trade and investment, stating, "Selling geo-location and cheap labour is no longer viable. Pakistan sion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Haroon must focus on value addition, creating Sharif, Former Minister of State and competitive exports, and leveraging its

The first session of the conference In the Inaugural session, welcoming focused on "Prioritizing Economic Agenda in Pakistan-US Relations." Experts discussed challenges, opportunities, and policy lessons to strengthen economic ties. Dr Saira Aquil from QAU, Dr Noor Fatima from IIUI, Dr Ahmed Ijaz Malik from QAU, and Dr Usman W. Chohan from the Center for Aerospace & Security Studies were among the distinguished speakers.

The second session, titled "Prioritizing Economic Agenda in Pakistan-China Relations," featured insightful discussions on challenges and opportunities within the context of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Speakers included Dr Khalid Waleed (SDPI), Muhammad Ali Kemal (Ministry of Planning), Dr Mahmood Khalid (PIDE), Dr Muhammad Fahim Khan (Bahria University), and Dr Hassan Daud Butt (former CEO



# Le Perfumist celebrates its grand opening in Sharjah

**Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Le Perfumist proudly celebrated its grand opening with an exclusive event attended by distinguished guests from various fields, including prominent businessmen, social personalities, and influencers. Among the notable attendees were Syed Saleem (Vice Chairman, Sharjah Business Council), Fahad Asad (Influencer, Director, and Entrepreneur), Muhammad Shoib (Owner of Cakes and Bakes), Faraz Chaudhry (Director of Pakistan Social Center Sharjah), Asim Shehzad (Businessman), Veena Uttamchandani (Influencer), Mian Matloob, Sardar Ashiq Nawaz, Abid Hussain, and other respected guests who graced the event with their pres-

In a message to the public, Mr. Waqas Awan stated, "Le Perfumist is more than a brand; it is an embodiment of sophistication and individuality. Our mission is to offer scents that not only captivate the senses but also leave a lasting impression. We thank everyone who joined us today for making this event truly special."



by PS Events & PR Agency, ensuring every detail was executed to perfection. Media representatives were also present to capture the essence of the of Le Perfumist's finest scents.

The event was seamlessly managed launch, adding to the buzz surrounding the brand's entry into the market.

All guests were gifted exclusive fragrance goodie bags featuring some

Le Perfumist is now open at Shop 14, Toufiq 5 Building, Ind Area 17, Maliha Road, Sharjah. Explore the world of luxurious fragrances and redefine your signature scent

## Young Parliamentarians Forum Delegation Visits Sindh Assembly

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: A delegation of the Young Parliamentarians Forum (YPF) from the National Assembly, led by its President Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar, visited the Sindh Assembly on Monday and met with Speaker Sindh Assembly, Syed Awais Qadir Shah.

The delegation included Pakistan's youngest parliamentarian Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry, Barrister Aqeel Malik, Mir Jamal Khan Raisani (General Secretary YPF), Muhammad Iqbal Khan (Information Secretary YPF), Raja Usama Sarwar, Saad Rafiq, Waseem Sheikh, Kiran Imran Dar, Akhtar Bibi, Shaista Khan, Syed Ali Qasim Gilani, Ali Jan Mazari, Salahuddin Junejo, Pir Amir Ali Shah Jeelani, Zulfiqar Sattar Bachani, Muhammad Maqdad Ali Khan, and other young parliamentarians.

Speaker Awais Qadir Shah warmly welcomed the delegation and appreciated the initiative of YPF. Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar and Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry thanked the Speaker for the hospitality. Members of the Sindh Assembly also participated in the

Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar emphasized that YPF aims to empower young parliamentarians and promote their role in social and legis-

She highlighted the forum's commitment to tackling fake news, reducing polarization, and addressing youth issues across the

The delegation also visited the historic Sindh Assembly building, where they were briefed on its rich history and significance.

This visit underscored YPF's dedication to fostering collaboration among young lawmakers from all provinces for the betterment of the nation.

## Worship

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, offered prayers at the Holy Shrine of Imam Reza in Mashhad, Iran on Monday.



# Daraz 11.11: Unlocking consumer trends and transforming shopping habits across Pakistan

Commerce Desk

[ISLAMABAD: Daraz, Pakistan's leading e-commerce platform, successfully concluded its highly anticipated 11.11 Biggest Sale of the Year on November 21. This event featured discounts up to PKR 50 crores, exclusive promotions, and the lowest prices of the year, captivating millions of customers nation-

This 11.11 highlighted the rapid growth of online shopping in Pakistan and showcased the strong trust and engagement of customers, sellers, and brands. Reinforcing Daraz's position as the market leader, the event delivered exceptional deals, innovative shopping experiences, and significant growth opportunities for sellers across the country.

Daraz's customers revealed their preferences with Makeup, Women's Fashion, Men's Fashion, Audio, and Skin Care topping the list as the most popular categories, which demonstrates

a growing consumer shift in Pakistan  $\;\;$  ance categories. Brands such as Mezan with younger, digital-first shoppers and Meclay London stood out in the opting for e-commerce to find more variety within their budgets.

Additionally, categories with the highest growth this year included Home & Living, which saw an uplift of seven times in terms of GMV, along-



side Fashion and Health & Beauty. The surge in Home & Living indicates a new trend of customers opting to buy items such as furniture and décor online for convenience and easy price compar-

The most-loved brands during 11.11 on Daraz included renowned names like Dawlance, Haier, and TCL, which accessible, inclusive, and transformadominated the electronics and appli-

personal care and Groceries category. This highlights customers' preference for high-quality, trusted brands when shopping for big-ticket purchases.

Ehsan Saya, Managing Director of Daraz Pakistan shared his thoughts on the success of 11.11: "The success of this year's 11.11 Sale is a testament to the growing trust our customers, sellers, and brand partners place in Daraz as Pakistan's leading e-commerce platform. The incredible engagement reflects the accelerating adoption of online shopping and the evolving needs of a dynamic, tech-savvy consumer base. At Daraz, we remain committed to driving innovation, offering unmatched value, supporting sellers and brands across the country as they scale their businesses and connect with millions of customers. Our goal is to make e-commerce in Pakistan more

# FAO Workshop Aims to Bridge Gaps and Boost Climate Resilience in Sindh's Agriculture and Water Sectors

B Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Government of Sindh, has today launched a two-day workshop focused on enhancing climate resilience in the agriculture and the Coordination Gap in the Against Climate Change, Sindh. Representatives from the Agri-On-Farm Water Management, Women Development Department, Labor Department, Live-

participated in the workshop. The workshop is part of FAO's Transforming the Indus Basin with Climate Resilient Agriculture and Water Management project, which is funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and co-financed by the Government of Sindh. The goal water sectors. Titled "Bridging" of the workshop is to improve coordination among stakehold-Agriculture & Water Sector: ers, integrate climate resilience Fostering Coherent Efforts into policy, and strengthen the capacity of government departments to respond effectively to

culture Extension, Agriculture the impact of climate change. DG Agriculture Extension Sindh, Munir Ahmed Jumani, who was representing the agri-

stock, and other departments culture department, was of across sectors and ensuring that the view that the project is a collaboration to bolster the Sindh's agriculture sector, and we need to save our production despite the rapid changes in climate. We need to promote data driven solutions ensuring real time climate advisories to farmers within the coming five years', he emphasized.

"The need for coordinated action to address the impacts of climate change has never been more pressing and our collaborative efforts can make a difference," said Belal Omer, FAO's consultant on the project. "This workshop is a critical step toward improving collaboration tion.

climate resilience is integrated into the policies that govern agriculture and water management in Sindh."

The project is focused on building the capacity of local communities to adapt to climate change, particularly by improving agricultural practices and enhancing water management. The workshop marks an important milestone in the effort to strengthen Sindh's climate resilience, and it is expected that the discussions will lead to actionable strategies for policy integration and inter-departmental collabora-



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

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Bahrain Dinar	733.50	741.50
Canadian Dollar	198.60	201.00
China Yuan	37.97	38.37
Danish Krone	39.01	39.41
Euro	290.05	292.80
Hong Kong Dollar	35.36	35.71
Indian Rupee	3.19	3.28
Japanese Yen	1.85	1.91
Kuwaiti Dinar	895.70	905.20
Malaysian Ringgit	61.93	62.53
NewZealand \$	162.27	164.27
Norwegians Krone	24.88	25.18
Omani Riyal	717.90	726.40
Qatari Riyal	75.65	76.35
Saudi Riyal	73.65	74.20
Singapore Dollar	207	209.00
Swedish Korona	25.2	25.50
Swiss Franc	312.71	315.46
Thai Bhat	7.95	8.10
U.A.E Dirham	75.35	76.00
UK Pound Sterling	349.75	353.25
US Dollar	277.60	279.00

# MCB Bank partners with BPC to strengthen digital security

**E** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: MCB Bank Limited (MCB), one of Pakistan's leading banks, has selected BPC, a global leader in payment solutions, to strengthen the security of its digital channels by implementing the BPC SmartVista Fraud Risk Management Solution.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Waqas Mahmood, Chief Compliance Officer MCB, and Mr. Furrukh Ali Baig, Managing Director Pakistan at BPC in the presence of senior leadership from both organizations.

Mr. Shoaib Mumtaz, President & CEO at MCB Bank, said: "At MCB Bank, the security of our customers and their financial data has always been and will remain our highest priority. With the adoption of the SmartVista Fraud Management solution, we are further strengthening the digital safety of our valued customers while proactively enhancing our digital banking infrastructure. This state-of-the-art technology will enable us to detect and prevent fraud in real time, ensuring that our customers continue to enjoy a secure and seamless banking experience as we drive innovation in the financial sector."

Mr. Furrukh Ali Baig, Managing Director Pakistan at BPC, added: "We are honored to onboard MCB in their mission to strengthen fraud prevention measures. Our SmartVista Enterprise Fraud Management solution is designed to meet the evolving challenges of digital fraud.

# Gold prices in Pakistan today

Gold rate in Pakistan today on December 2, 2024 is Rs274,500 per tola for 24 carat of the precious metal, while the price for 10 gram gold is Rs235,340 in the local bullion

On Monday, the price of 1 tola gold decreased by Rs1,700 and 10 gram gold declined by Rs1,457.

The rates of gold in Pakistan closely follow trajectory of the US dollar and international rates of the commodity as the country remains a net importer of the precious metal.

# FPCCI chief demands special attention of government on industrialization in Balochistan

KARACHI: Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, Presithat Balochistan needs special attention of the government vis-à-vis industrialization; waivers operationalization of special economic zones (SEZs); establishing Bank of Balochistan on of law & order - which is an absolute necessity for economic activities to flourish and attract

FPCCI Chief explained that like Bank of Punjab (BoP); Bank of Khyber (BoK) and dent FPCCI, has apprised of FPCCI's stance Sindh Bank, the federal and provincial governments should facilitate the establishment of the Bank of Balochistan (BoB) to make access to in taxes & duties; setting up, incentivization & finance for setting up industries in Balochistan possible and viable.

 ${\it Mr.\,Nasir\,Khan, VP\,FPCCI\,from\,Balochistan,}$ the lines of other provinces and maintenance maintained that the situation is grave and employment opportunities are shrinking fast for the youth as SMEs are the most



affected business entities – and, SMEs are the real engine of growth for a developing country like Pakistan and generate the most employment in the country.

Mr. Nasir Khan, highlighted the need for a major marketing and PR campaign for Balochistan to attract domestic and foreign direct investment (FDI) into Balochistan through assuring the investors and entrepreneurs full safety and security. FPCCI will be fully supporting the armed forces and the government in all such endeavors, he added.

### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja chairing 45th R & D Fund Policy Committee meeting on Monday.



# PTCL Partners with Mumtaz City to Empower 2,000 Homes with its Flagship High-Speed Internet



**Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Country's leading ICT services provider, Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has signed a strategic agreement with Mumtaz City to revolutionize connectivity for its residents and businesses through its premium and flagship internet service, Flash Fiber.

This collaboration highlights the shared vision of PTCL and Mumtaz City to deliver a modern connectivity infrastructure that fosters seamless digital experiences and accelerates technolog-

ical progress in one of Pakistan's rapidly growing urban hubs.

Under the terms of the agreement, PTCL will take on the comprehensive design, development, and deployment of a state-of-the-art optical fiber network across Mumtaz City.

This advanced infrastructure will provide high-speed internet access to 2,500 plus homes and high-rise structures, delivering unmatched connectivity and high-capacity networks that cater to the demands of modern living.

This deployment is a key step towards empowering the Mumtaz City commu-

nity with high-speed internet solutions. The signing ceremony was attended by

Nauman Durrani, VP Business Operations North, Salman Ali Bajwa, VP Sales PTCL, and Aqil Jamal Butt, Chief Executive, Mumtaz City, along with senior officials from both sides. This partnership is a testament to PTCL's commitment in providing advanced digital solutions that enhance the quality of life for the

With state-of-the-art infrastructure, the company aims to set new standards in connectivity and contribute to the technological advancement of Pakistan.

### Bank Alfalah honored at the Pakistan Banking Awards 2024

**Commerce Desk** 

KARACHI: Bank Alfalah has been honored by Pakistan Banking Awards (PBA) with two prestigious accolades: the 'Best Bank for Digital Excellence' award for the third (3rd) consecutive year and 'Best Bank for Customer Engagement' award for the sixth (6th) year.

Speaking on this auspicious occasion, Atif Bajwa, President and CEO of two distinguished awards customer-centricity.

at the Pakistan Banking Awards 2024. Being named the 'Best Bank Digital in Excellence' award winner for the third consecutive year highlights our relentless pursuit of empowering customers with secure, seamless, and technology-driven solutions that redefine financial convenience in Pakistan's rapidly evolving digital banking ecosystem.

At the same time, receiving our 'Best Bank for Customer Bank Alfalah, said, "We are Engagement' award demonhonoured to receive these strates our dedication to

### **World Bank Mission Visits Flood Detention** Dam at Mole River in Kohistan



😂 Zainab Hvder

KARACHI: A World Bank (WB) mission, led by Task Kesete and Co-Task Team sustainable 150 feet. Leader Bilal Khalid, visited the Mole 5 Flood Detention Dam at Mole River in Bachal Shehino village, Thana Bula Khan, Jamshoro district. The mission, which also included members Avalew Kebede Bel, Shahid Sohail, Shoaib Siddiqui, Shams Jarfani, and Hibah Tipu Sheikh, was briefed on the ongoing impact of the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) in the region.

During the visit, the WB team received a comprehensive briefing from Zahid Hussain Shaikh, the Irrigation Component Leader of SFERP. Shoaib Siddiqui, one of the WB mission members, highlighted the positive changes observed after the construction of 11 flood detention dams in Kohistan. which have led to increased agricultural and economic Abbas Ali.

activities. He shared that water levels in the regic previously dropping to 450 feet during droughts, have Team Leader Yohannes now recharged to a more

The Mole River, a major tributary of the Malir River, frequently causes urban flooding in Karachi. Siddiqui emphasized that the flood detention dams were strategically built to control this urban flooding, with the potential to significantly reduce flood risks for Karachi.

Bilal Khalid, Co-Task Team Leader of the WB mission, Shams Jafrani, Zahid Hussain Shaikh, Senior Water Resource Specialist of SFERP, Shahnawaz Hamlani, Nasir Panhwar, SFERP's Environment and Social Specialist were also spoke cand highlight the issues.

The visit also included discussions with SFERP officials Naeem Arif, Aqeel Memon. Mohammad Ibrahim Daudpoto, and Dr.

# Second investment conference will be an important milestone in Pak-Saudi relations: CG Khalid Majeed

**№** Muhammad Adeel

JEDDAH: The second investment summit and expo organized by Pakistan Association of Exhibition of Industry Industry was held yesterday at Jeddah Hilton Hotel. Of Exhibition of Industry Founder Khurshid Barlas, Chairman Fahad Barlas, Sadia Khan, Consul General Trade and Investment, Jeddah

Ibrahim Baksh Director Jeddah Vision for Expo and Conference was also present. Addressing the event, PAEI Chairman Fahad Barlas thanked the guests and said that he is deeply grateful to Saudi Arabia and Consul General Khalid Majeed for the success of the successful Investment Summit and Smart Expo. Cooperated fully. have lasting effects on the

belongs to him.

Khurshid Barlas while addressing the ceremony said that with the support of the current government, there has been a positive change in the cooperation and trade policy with Saudi Arabia and there has been a significant increase between the two countries. In his speech, Consul General Khalid Majid said that the second investment conference in Pakistan will be an important milestone in Saudi rela-

tions, it is very important to have such conferences between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. This will help in enhancing mutual cooperation between the two countries at commercial, diplomatic and business level. This conference will

And the credit of this success Pakistani economy. Investment will increase. Other speakers including Syed H. Kazmi, Naeem Waraich, Sardar Tahir Mahmood, Atiqur Rahman and other speakers related to tourism, education, real estate, civil aviation, power and energy, minerals addressed.

During her special conversation, Sadia Khan, Consul General Trade and Investment, Jeddah, also expressed her views on the proposals to be made regarding tourism, education, medical, civil aviation, power energy, natural resources and other indus-

In the closing ceremony of the conference, the Pakistan Association of Exhibition and Industry distributed awards to Pakistani high performers.



# Pakistan Army Won the 52nd National Athletics Championship Got By 17 Gold Medals

Pakistan Wapad Second Position and Pakistan Navy got Third Position

Shahid Saeed Mirza

MULTAN PAKISTAN: The 52nd Four-Day Athletics Championship has concluded. The Army team topped the list with 17 gold medals.

The exciting competitions of the 52nd Four-Day Athletics Championship have concluded. A closing ceremony was organized in this regard at Ayub Stadium, Multan. The teams and players who secured positions were awarded medals and prizes in the ceremony. In the men's competitions, the Pak Army team topped the list by winning the most medals, 17 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 10 bronze medals. While the WAPDA team came second with 6 gold and 7 silver medals. HEC managed to win two silver medals. The women's WAPDA team stood out with 8 gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze medals. While the HEC team managed to secure the second position by securing 5 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze medals. The Army team managed to secure 8 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals. Earlier, various sports, pole vault, race, hammer throw, triple jump, high jump and separate relay races men's 4x100 meter relay race. While Uzma of the Army, Malika Shahzad



for men and women were held. The HEC won the women's 4x100 relay of HEC in the 400 meter women's Army won the first position in the race. In the women's pole vault, race, Maleeha Saleem of HEC in the triple jump, Shahbaz Majeed of the Akhtar of the Army also took first National Athletics Championship.



women's hammer throw and Maira Army and Ahmed Faraz of the Army Bibi of WAPDA won the first position won the field in the high jump. In the in the 5000 meter race. In the men's hammer throw, Shakeel Ahmed of 200 meter race, Shafiq Shahid of the the Army took first position and in the athletes and teams who secured Army won the first position. In the the 5000 meter race, Muhammad prominent positions in the 52nd

The chief guest of the function distributed medals and trophies to

### Saia Cup Under 19 Cricket Championship

# Shahzaib Khan. Riazullah hit j in Pakistan U19 win over UAE

DUBAI: Opener Shahzaib Khan continued his purple patch with the bat, recording his second successive century to guide Pakistan U19 to a comfortable 69-run victory over the United Arab Emirates U19 in a Group-A match of the ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium

The UAE were also punished by No.3 batter Muhammad Riazullah, as Pakistan U19 amassed 314 for three in the allotted 50 overs after being sent into bat. Later in the afternoon, fast bowler Abdul Subhan delivered a player of the match performance, decimating the middle-order with exceptional figures of 10-0-57-6. His spell saw the home side collapse from 170 for three to finish

Shahzaib, who had scored 159 against India on Saturday, smashed 11 fours and six sixes in a 136-ball 132. Riazullah was equally impressive, hitting nine fours and three sixes in a well-crafted 91-ball

Shahzaib and Riazullah put on 183 Faham-ul-Haq (20 not out).



runs for the second wicket in just over 27 overs. Their partnership followed a stumbled to 57 for three before Ethan strong 94-run opening stand between Shahzaib and Usman Khan (41). After Shahzaib was dismissed on the final delivery of the 46th over, Riazullah added 37 runs in the last four overs with

Chasing a stiff target, the UAE stitched together a 113-run partnership for the fourth wicket. However, 24; Abdul Subhan 6-57, Mohammad Rayan's departure at 170 marked the end of UAE's resistance, as they eventually finished at 245 for eight.

D'Souza, the seventh batter to be dismissed, scored a 102-ball 84 with 11 fours, while Rayan contributed 50 off 66 balls, including three sixes and one four.

The victory places Pakistan atop Group-A, followed by the UAE, India and Japan. In Group-B, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have won two matches each, while Afghanistan and Nepal remain winless. The top two sides from each group will progress to the semifinals.

Pakistan will face Japan in their final league match on Wednesday at the Dubai International Sports Stadium. **Scores in Brief** 

Pakistan U19 beat UAE U19 by 69 runs, Dubai International Cricket

Pakistan U19 314-3, 50 overs Shahzaib Khan 139. Muhammad Riazullah 106, Usman Khan 41; Noor-

ullah Ayobi 2-68 UAE U19 245-8, 50 overs (Ethan D'Souza and Muhammad Rayan D'Souza 84, Muhammad Rayan 50, Uddish Suri 29 not out, Aryan Saxena

> Ahmed 2-45) Player of the match: Abdul Subhan (Pakistan U-19)

# GSL 2024: Shan Masood's blitz in vain as Guyana edge past Hampshire

**Sports Desk** 

GUYANA: Shan Masood struck a quick-fire half-century however his heroics went in vain as Hampshire Hawks suffered a four-wicket loss at the hands of Guvana Amazon Warriors in the Global Super League (GSL) here at Providence Stadium on Sunday.

With this victory, the Guyana Amazon Warriors solidified their stronghold for a spot in the finals, currently sitting in second the struggling Rangpur Riders last group stage match against for advancement.



place in the standings. With one ahead, they are well-positioned

Warriors' captain, Imran Tahir, had a stellar evening.

toss and opting to field first, he relentless attack, swiftly taking made a significant impact on the game, earning the Player of the Match accolade with impressive bowling figures of 3-18.

Hampshire Hawks' Shan Masood showcased his batting prowess with a 79-run knock from 53 balls, which featured eight boundaries and two sixes.

Masood's entertaining innings was curtailed when he was stumped off Imran Tahir's bowling, but not before laying a solid foundation for his team.

Following Masood's depar-After successfully winning the ture, Tahir maintained his

out both Howell and Liam Dawson in succession to restrict Hampshire Hawks to 146-6 in their allotted 20 overs.

However, this score fell short of what was needed to challenge the confident batting lineup of

the Warriors. Shimron Hetmyer contributed with 24 runs and Roston Chase added 33 runs to the total before Hassan Khan hit a quickfire 27 runs off just 18 balls to steer Guyana Amazon Warriors to a four-wicket victory with ten

# Lahore Gymkhana have lured to this bridge playing arena

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The bridge tables of Lahore Gymkhana have lured to this bridge playing arena the elite bridge players from Karachi, Islamabad, Rawalpindi and other cities. As for the Lahori excellent ones, virtually every one who is adept at the game of bridge is either watching premier quality bridge moves or intent on getting selected as a national team member. Right now action is making headway as Pakistan Bridge Federation is holding trials to select National Bridge Teams in 4 categories, the relevant ones being Open, Women, Mixed and Seniors to represent Pakistan in the Bridge Federation of Middle East Championship scheduled to be held in Dubai in April 2025. These teams will later be contestants in the Bermuda Bowl in Denmark in August 2025.

After some fierce tussle and spell binding play the teams that have reached the finals are the Bilal Team and the Tehseen Team. Members of the Bilal Team are Gulzar Ahmed Bilal, Sarfraz Ahmed Khan, Mohsin Chandna, Arsalan Mansoor, Imran Abedi and Mirza Shauq Hussain. And worthy members of the Tehsin Team are Tehsin Gheewala, Khaled Mohiuddin, Muhammed Mubasher, Junaid Puri and Anwar Mumtaz Kizilbash. All these players represent the pick of the country. As for the flow of the Championship play, the Tehseen Team beat the Baghi Tv Team and moved into the prestigious final of the National Trials.

The other finalists Team Bilal had the honor of upstaging the illustrious Elementary Team

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Team}}$  Bilal will face  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Team}}$  Tehsin in the final on Tuesday at the Lahore Gymkhana Bridge Hall.

## Morrisville Samp Army defeat Delhi Bulls to reach Abu Dhabi T10 League final

**Sports Desk** 

ABU DHABI: Jack Taylor held on to his nerves and played a quick 23-run cameo to steer Morrisville Samp Army to victory in Qualifier 2 of the Abu Dhabi T10 League against Delhi Bulls here on Monday. With this victory, Morrisville Samp Army qualified for the final of the Abu Dhabi T10 League against Deccan Gladiators, scheduled to be played later today.

Morrisville Samp Army invited Delhi Bulls to bat first and restricted them to 89-7, courtesy of a dominant bowling perfor-

Tim David top-scored for Delhi Bulls with 24 runs from 14 balls, while Nikhil Chaudhary (16) and captain Rovman Powell (13) were the other two notable contributors. Notably, all three of them fell prey to Isuru Udana, who returned with figures of 3-17.

Amir Hamza also bagged two wickets, while Imad Wasim and Karim Janat managed one wicket each.

In response, Morrisville Samp Army achieved the target in 9.1 overs despite a disciplined bowling performance by Delhi Bulls' bowlers. Andries Gous top-scored with a 38-run knock from 23 balls with the help of five boundaries and one six, meanwhile, Jack Taylor played an unbeaten cameo of 23 runs from 11 balls.

Salman Irshad was the major wicket-taker for Delhi Bulls with two wickets on one over, while Fazalhaq Farooqi, Muhammad Rohid and Shadab Khan picked one wicket each.

# Kohler-Cadmore's blitz helps Deccan Gladiators clinch third Abu Dhabi T10 League title

**Sports Desk** 

ABU DHABI: Tom Kohler-Cadmore played an unbeaten 56-run knock to power Deccan Gladiators to thump Morrisville Samp Army by eight wickets and clinch their third Abu Dhabi T10 League title here on Monday.

Notably, Deccan Gladiators became League trophy thrice, having previously won the tournament in 2021 and 2022.

While batting first Morrisville Samp Army posted 104-7 courtesy of quick cameos of Faf du Plessis, Andries Gous

and Karim Janat. Faf du Plessis, who came into bat as an

opener, top-scored with a 34-run knock from 23 balls, which featured five boundaries and one six before falling prey to Richard Gleeson in the eighth over.

Meanwhile, Andries Gous struck 21 runs from nine balls with the help of two sixes and one four followed by Karim Janat's unbeaten 16 off eight balls.

Richard Gleeson took two wickets the first team to lift the Abu Dhabi T10 for Deccan Gladiators, while Maheesh Theekshana, Anrich Nortje, Usman Tariq and Ibrar Ahmad chipped in with one wicket each.

While chasing a target of 105, Tom Kohler-Cadmore and captain Nicholas Pooran gave Deccan Gladiators a flying start with a 51-run opening stand in 3.2

Pooran smashed three sixes and one four on his way to a 10-ball knock of 28 runs before he fell victim to Isuru Udana, who took three wickets in Qualifier 2against Delhi Bulls.

Kohler-Cadmore continued his onslaught during a one-sided partnership of 44 runs with Rilee Rossouw (12) to take his team within touching distance of victory.

Amir Hamza dismissed Rossouw, bringing Jos Buttler to bat. Buttler scored 12 runs off five balls, guiding his team to ctory with 19 balls remaining.

Kohler-Cadmore's 21-ball 56 was laced with five boundaries and four sixes.



### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with Ms. Melinda Bohannaon, Director General for Humanitarian and Development at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development



# President urges society's role to create a more inclusive Pakistan for PWDs

#### **E** City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari reiterating Pakistan's commitment to full participation of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in all aspects of life, urged the society to help create an environment for their dignified treatment and provide them resources to thrive.

"Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to a more inclusive Pakistan, where every individual, regardless of their ability, has the opportunity to reach their full potential," the president said in his message on International Day of Persons with Disabilities annually observed on December 3.



He said that the Day was observed to promote the rights, well-being and inclusion of PWDs in all spheres of society and acknowledge the resilience, strength, and invaluable contributions of PWDs and their families towards

Pakistan had made significant strides in empowering and uplifting them through various legal and institutional frameworks.

The president said that the promulgation of the ICT Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2020 stood as a landmark achievement, guaranteeing improved accessibility, vocational training, job opportunities, and an inclusive environment for PWDs in all walks of life

The establishment of the ICT Council on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under this Act represents another critical step toward ensuring He said that to ensure the full partic- a comprehensive, coordinated, and

ipation of PWDs in all aspects of life, inclusive approach to addressing the challenges faced by PWDs. This Council will serve as a central body for policy formulation, implementation, and advocacy for the rights and welfare of PWDs" he added.

President Zardari said that Pakistan recognised the importance of special education and training for PWDs.

He said that for this purpose, the country had developed a nationwide network of Special Education Centres and Vocational Training Institutes, catering to the diverse needs of PWDs. These centres are designed to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to become self-reliant and contributing members of society.

# CJP agrees to many requests of SCBAP for efficient dispensation of justice

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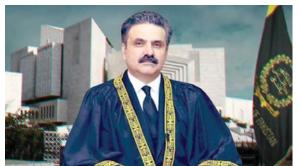
ISLAMABAD: The Chief acceded to many genuine Justice of Pakistan Mr Justice requests of the Bar. He agreed Yahya Afridi has agreed to early fixation of all types of bail applications soon after the filing, restoration of the chamber hearing to interim applications and many other steps requested by the Supreme Court matters. Bar Association of Pakistan (SCBAP). Pakistan's cuisine

The President SCBAP, Mian Muhammad Rauf Atta, accompanied by the General Secrewith the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, efficient dispensation of justice at the Supreme Court of Paki-

The Chief Justice was to early fixation of all types of bail applications soon after the filing and to allow the request of restoration of the chamber hearing of the cases with regard to interim applications and stay

CJP indicated that throughout the week, judges Court would be hearing the cases in chamber. Following

request of the SCBAP that all in distant regions.



nominated by the Supreme applications requesting a video link would be entertained on the same day of the hearing of tary, Mr. Salman Mansoor, met the SCBA leadership's request, cases in the respective Registhe Chief Justice agreed to tries. This initiative is aimed increase the number of judges at facilitating lawyers, minito discuss challenges faced by assigned to chamber appeals mizing delays, and reducing the legal fraternity in ensuring to further expedite the process. the need for adjournments, He also acceded to the particularly for those practicing to concerns about file tracking

Regarding the timely provision of certified copies, the Chief Justice outlined that the system is being revamped in the digitization initiative underway to streamline operations and improve service delivery. In response and accessibility, particu-

larly for lawyers from remote areas, the Chief Justice desired that all the Advocates of the Supreme Court should provide their designated emails and WhatsApp No's in the office so that the provisions of filing petitions directly online and issuance of certified copies and notices etc, be expedited.

The SCBAP leadership expressed appreciation for these proactive measures and reaffirmed their support for initiatives that enhance the efficiency and accessibility of the justice system. The Chief Justice reiterated his commitment to addressing the challenges faced by the legal community and ensuring the smooth administration of

# 'Uzbek Envoy, Jam Kamal Khan Chart New Course for Trade, Tourism Growth'

### Maveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, Alisher Tukhtayev, met with Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan to explore avenues for enhancing business opportunities and bilateral relations. The meeting emphasized trade, tourism, and cultural exchanges between the two countries.

During the discussion, Minister Jam Kamal Khan shared highlights from his recent visit to Uzbekistan, expressing admiration for the country's infrastructure and rapid development. "The progress in Uzbekistan is remarkable, and I was particularly impressed by its railway system," the minister said, underscoring the importance of learning from Uzbekistan's advancements.

The minister highlighted the newly launched flights between Pakistan and Uzbekistan, noting their high occupotential for collaboration. He identified religious tourism and other sectors Stressing the need for a streamlined



pancy rates as a sign of significant as areas ripe for growth and called visa process, he advocated measures for further efforts to facilitate travel.

to ensure genuine visitors while maintaining rigorous scrutiny.

Ambassador Tukhtayev agreed on the untapped potential of bilateral trade, emphasizing sectors like agriculture, food, pharmaceuticals, and tourism. He reassured the minister of the Uzbek Embassy's round-the-clock availability to facilitate coordination and promote business ties. The ambassador also stressed the importance of sustained hard work and collaboration to achieve mutual goals.

Minister Jam Kamal Khan proposed partnerships with local airlines to boost trade and travel connectivity and suggested organizing business-to-business (B2B) interactions during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's expected visit to Uzbekistan. The idea of holding a business forum during the visit also featured prominently in their discus-

Concluding the meeting, the minister conveyed greetings to Uzbekistan's President and other officials, emphasizing the deepening ties between the two nations. Both sides agreed to work closely to unlock the full potential of their relationship.

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# **Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Holds Meeting with FCDO Delegation**

#### Commerce Desk

for Finance and Revenue chaired a  $\;\;$  He highlighted that the quarter 1 tax meeting with Ms. Melinda Bohannaon, Director General for Humanitarian and Development at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). Ms. Bohannaon was accompanied by Ms. Jo Moir, Development Director, and Mr. Louie Dane, Senior Economist. Senior officers from Finance Division also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Federal Minister apprised the delegation of the government's stabilization and structural reforms program.

He outlined key initiatives, including the privatization agenda, economic and social development.

rightsizing of the federal government, pension reforms, and reforms ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister in state-owned enterprises (SOEs). revenues (YOY) increased by 25.6% in FY 25.

Ms. Bohannaon appreciated the government's comprehensive reforms program and assured the full support to FCDO.

Both the Minister and Ms. Bohannaon agreed on the importance of adopting a responsive and proactive approach to reforms. In the end, the minister also emphasized the need to stay the course to ensure that the reform initiatives achieve lasting impact and contribute to Pakistan's long-term



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf exchanging views with RSNF Western Fleet Commander Rear Admiral Mansour Bin Saud Al-Juaid at Naval Headquarters

# AIOU opens its Matric to Ph. D admissions from January 1

University (AIOU) will open its Matric to Ph. D admissions for the Semester Spring 2025 simultaneously across the country from January 1.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nasir students to complete their studies phase starting January 1, 2025.

It is to mention here that previ-ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open ously, the university used to offer admissions in two phases in each semester. In the first phase, programs such as Matriculation, FA, BS (faceto-face), MS, MPhil, and PhD were To save precious time of students, offered, while in the second phase admissions were offered in BS (ODL), Mahmood instructed all faculties, Associate Degree Programs, Teachers' academic departments and director Training Programs, and Postgradadmissions to offer all admissions in uate Programs. However, under the a single phase to reduce the admisnew policy, admissions for all these sion processing time and enable the programs will now begin in a single

### Woman dies while making video for social media

### 👺 Abdul Majid

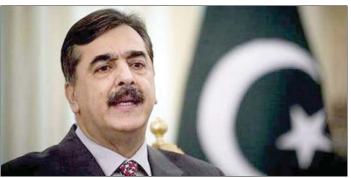
gunshot while filming a TikTok from an unidentified direction. video.

have issued conflicting statements regarding the death of 22-year-old of the same village.

According to the initial police report, Fatima accidentally fired JARANWALA: In a tragic inci- the gun while recording a TikTok dent, a bride lost her life in Jaran- video. However, sources suggest wala, Punjab, reportedly due to a that the fatal bullet may have come

The police have transferred the According to reports, the police body to the hospital and collected evidence from the crime scene. SHO of the Saddar police station Fatima Bibi, who was married just stated that the true circumstances two days ago to Azmat, a resident will only be revealed after a thorough investigation.

# **Collective responsibility** of all to ensure equal opportunities, rights for Persons with Disabilities: **Chairman Senate Gilani**



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate them to lead dignified and inde-Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, on pendent lives. Monday, underscored the collective responsibility to ensure equal opportunities and rights for Persons

with Disabilities. On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Yousuf Raza Gilani said that comprehensive policies have been developed

He said that recognizing the capabilities of persons with disabilities, encouraging their participation, and providing them with necessary resources and opportunities are hallmarks of a strong and progressive nation.

"I pray that Allah Almighty grants and are being implemented in us the ability to fulfil this responsi-Pakistan to support the welfare of bility in the best possible manner," persons with disabilities, enabling he concluded.