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Federal Minister for Overseas Affairs Chaudhry Salik Hussain, talking about the Overseas Pakistani Convention, said that the aim of the event is to listen to the problems of our overseas Pakistanis and find solutions



Heatwave alert issued across Pakistan as temperatures soar The sun has begun to show its intensity as rising temperatura

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Solidarity with Palestinian people

KARACHI: Supporters of the Jamaat-e-Islami attend a demonstration against Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, to show solidarity with Palestinian people, in the Provincial Capital.



Pakistan to benefit from agricultural expertise of Belarus: PM

LONDON: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan would benefit from the expertise of Belarus in the agri-culture sector by undertaking joint ventures in the country for the agriculture machinery presently being manufactured in Belarus.

presently being manufactured in Belarus.
Talking to journalists here Sunday, he said his visit to Belarus was beneficial and successful.
He said Allah Almighty had blessed Pakistan with minerals wealth, adding in Belarus,

he visited a factory making machinery related to mines and minerals and with the grace of Allah cooperation would also be furthered in this field.

furthered in this field.

An understanding was reached with Belarus for sending 150,000 skilled Pakistani youth to Belarus and they would be sent purely on merit, he added.

He said Punjab Speed was Pakistan Speed, which had now become Super Pakistan Speed.

"We are serving the nation under the leadership of Mian Muhammad Nawaz. Sharif, God willing, Pakistan, which is progressing and rapidly moving

towards prosperity, is our desti-nation," he added.
"God willing, we will achieve this destination with collective efforts, hard work of day and night and with the prayers of the whole nation," he remarked.

The prime minister said he always called Afghanistan a brotherly neighbouring country. "We always have to live like neighbours. It depends on us whether we live as good neighbours or cause conflicts," he continued.

Shehbaz Sharif said, "Numerous times we gave message to the Afghan interim government that according to the Doha agreement, they will not allow the use of land of Afghanistan for terrorism in any way."

He said, "Today Overseas Convention has started and Alhamdullilah it will be a large

historic convention. Overseas Pakistanis are coming to their home Pakistan." Overseas Pakistanis work day

and night and shine the name of

and night and shine the name of Pakistan and send remittances of billions of dollars every year, he added.

"This year the remittances sent by overseas Pakistanis increased considerably," he said, adding convention will be a great opportunity to talk to them.

He said he would listen closely to the just demands of overseas Pakistanis and would implement them speedily as much as possible.

JI announces nationwide strike in solidarity with **Palestinians**

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami KAICACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has announced a country-wide wheel-jam strike on April 22 to express solidarity with the oppressed people of Palestine as tensions and violence continue in Gaza.

teisions and viocine committee in Gaza.
Addressing a massive rully in Karachi, J1 Ameer Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman urged Muslim leadersacross the globe to take decisive action and stand with Palestinians in the face of Israeli aggression. Thousands, including women and children, gathered on Shahrah e-Faisai for the "Million March" organized by Jamaat-e-Islami to pur tribute to the martys of Gaza and protest against ongoing

Israeli atrocities.
Speaking at the event, Hafiz
Naeem said, 'The UN Charter
has been thrown into the river.
Terrorists rule the world, and
Zionist forces will not spare
Muslim rulers either. The time
has come for the 56 Muslim
countries to unite and fulfill
their responsibility?
Jamaat-e-Islami amounces
Palestine marches in major
cities

Palestine marches in major cities

He called on Pakistan's Prime Minister and Army Chiefro play a leading role in advocating for Palestine, while urging all polit-ical parties in the country to stop aligning with Israeli interests and instead condernn Israeli aggression and support the Palestinian cause.

CM Maryam, Turkiye Vice President discuss ways to boost cooperation



Spokesman Report

ANTALYA: Punjab Chief ANTALYA: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz met Vice President of Turkiye, Cevdet Yilmaz on the sidelines of Antalya Diplomacy Forum. Both the leaders discussed bilateral issues of interest and ways to boost cooperation. They agreed to promote Pak-Turk educational projects and the joint economic ventures.

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Vice President of Turkive to visit

Punjab Farlier, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said that every child should go to school in orderto get education. In her speech at Anatolia Diplomacy Forum in Turkiye, she proposed to form a global agreement for grifs education. Mutually cooperative educational policy, teaching strategies and measures for promoting education were also suggested.

Iran condemns killings of 8 Pakistanis; contacts Pakistan for bodies handover

All the deceased workers were motor mechanics in a workshop. The five victims were identified as Dishad, Naeem, Affar, Danish and Nasir. The deceased Dishad is said to be the owner of the motor workshop that was targeted by the terror attack.

Also on Sunday, the government of Iran told Pakistanis, embasy officials in Tehran that the forensic of the bodies of eight Pakistanis, who had been killed in Balochistanis, who had been killed in Balochistanis, who their identification and it might take eight to 10 days for their return to Pakistan.

Quoting its sources, 24News TV channel reported that the officials were told that following their forensic, permission would be sought from a court for their handover to the Pakistani authorities.

They were also told that there were difficulties in accessing the area because of its remoteness. On the other hand, sources in Paki-ISIAMABAD: Iran on Sunday strongly condemned the killings of eight Pakistanis in its Balochistan-Sistan province. In its statement on the incident, the output product was simply unacceptable.

The embassy further said that such violent tendencies had taken the lives of of thousands of people in the last of the tonder. We decades. Joint efforts are needed to deal with the socurge of terrorism and extremism be eliminated. The embassy aid that terrorism and extremism be eliminated. The embassy aid that terrorism posed a threat to the entire region.

As many as eight Pakistani work. The victims were the residents of Babavalpun district in souther Punjab. The incident took place in the Village of Islasabad Payin it the Iranian district of Mehrestan. The unknown attackers who were more than a dozen managed to escape from the scene after the attack.

Thousands refuse $polio\,drops\,for\,their$ children ahead of nationwide campaign: Health minister



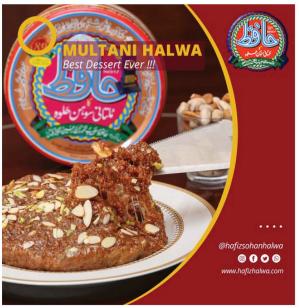
ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Health, Mustafa Kamal, revealed on Saturday that ower 44,000 parents across Pakistan have refused to administer polio drops to their children, with the highest number of refusals recorded in Kamehi. Speaking to media in Kamehi, Kamal disclosed that of the total, 33,000 refusals were reported in Karachi alone. He further highlighted that in Karachi alone.

He further highlighted that in Karachis Eastern District, 27,000 parents declined to have their children vaccinated against polio.

The minister announced that a nation-wide anti-polio campaign will commence on April 21, and urged all citizens to cooperate for the greater national good.

erate for the greater national good.

"There is an option to register cases and
make arrests for non-cooperation, but I
do not want to go down that path," Kamal
stated, emphasizing the importance of
public awareness over punitive action.



Former AJK President Sardar Masood Highlights Pakistan's Foreign Policy Challenges

LAHORE: Former President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and renowned diplomat, Sardar Masood Khan, has stated that while the threat of addi-tional tariffs imposed by the United States on countries including Paki-stan has been temporarily averted, it is imperative for Pakistan to identify new markets in Eurore the Gulf and

is imperative for Pakistan to identify new markets in Europe, the Gulf, and neighboring South Asian countries to boost its exports. He was addressing a seminar titled "Pakistan's Foreign Policy, Security Challenges, and the Way Forward," organized by World Times Institute

organized by World Times Institute in Lahore.

Speaking on regional security concerns, he pointed out that the presence of foreign weapons in Afghanistan and the use of Afghan uses a significant threat to the country's soverignty and stability. He emphasized the need for Pakistan to wisked the need for Pakistan to wide a significant therat to the country's soverignty and stability. He emphasized the need for Pakistan to wide diplomatic channels to communicate its concerns clearly to the Kabul administration.

"Attacks on civilians, the military,

administration.

'Attacks on civilians, the military, and the sovereignty of Pakistan are absolutely unacceptable," he added. Elaborating on both internal and external challenges to Pakistan's foreign policy, Sardar Masood Khan

sented several strategic recompresented several strategic recom-mendations. Commenting on former U. S. President Donald Trump's tariff policies, he urged Pakistan to seek out new trade opportunities not only under the EU's GSP Plus status but also by enhancing partnerships with

friendly nations like Bangladesh, and engaging more actively with countries in the Middle East and the Far East. Other speakers at the seminar included Shahid Malik, Shahid Saeed, DG PEMRA Harm Barkat, Nadeem Bhatti, the Vice Chancellor of Lead

University, among others.
Later, in a separate session, students and faculty of the institute engaged in a Q&A with the guest of honor, Sardar Masood Khan, discussing various challenges pertaining to Pakistaris foreign policy, to which he responded in detail.



Called on

ISLAMABAD: Speaker Legislative Assembly Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Latif Akbar called on president Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry here today.



28th day of Israeli aggression on Gaza Strip, massacre continues

FAISALABAD: The special PAISALABAD: The special guest of the "One Night in the Name of Bahu" ceremony held in Mohalla Aslam Ganj welcomed the Central Presi-dent of Cloth Board Ittehad

Abid Khalifa Sultani and Yasir Sultani presented flower petals, garlands and bouquets. On this occasion, Haji Nasir Yousuf Vohra presented a bouquet and a gift to Haji Pir Shahzad Quamar Sultan Bahu, the spirit of the "Ek Sham Bahu Ke Naam" program. While the participants started

shouting "Allah Ho Allah Ho" (God bless you). In his address, Hajl Nasir Yousuf Vohra said that Pakistan should state its position for the Palestinian people and that the Pakistani forces should also play their role. He stressed on careful monitoring of the unprecedented Zionist aggression in



the Gaza Strip and pointed out that the aim of the occupying enemy is to massacre in Gaza and continue its efforts to displace the Palestinian people. The Zionist enemy tries to present a filmsy justification for targeting the resistance for the massacre of Palesand capabilities.

FAO's GRASP Project brings sustainable development to rural balochistan

ZHOB: In order to modernize farm ZHOB: In order to modernize tarming practices and enhance crop yield in rural Balochistan, farmers associated both with horticulture and poultry farming, received modern agricultural and poultry farming equipment here in Zhob.

here in Zhob.
With the financial support of the
European Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United
Nations (FAO) and the International
Trade Centre (TIC) have provided
hundreds of agricultural and poultry

farming kits to male and female farmiers under the GRASP project (Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress), which aims at providing facilities to small and medium-sized farmers and poulty breeders at their doorsteps. The distribution was done under the Farmers Climate Business School (FCBS) approach. The distribution ceremony held at the FAO office was attended by Deputy Director of Zuestock and Dairy Development Dr Alla ud Din Kilzai, Deputy Director of Zugriculture (Extension) Island and Mandokhel, Research Janual Khan Mandokhel, Research was also and farmers from small- and medium-scale farmers from small- and medium-scale farmers from small- and medium-scale farmers from

various union councils of the district, including Meena Bazaar, Takel, Garda Babar, Appozai, and Badinzai, so that the farmers could benefit from these modern pieces of equipment and put the agriculture and poultry farming sectors on modern lines.

"The FAO-GHASP project is transforming the lives of rural communities by improving their livelihoods, boosting agricultural productivity, and empowering rural women. The farmers have been trained on modern agriculture, climate-smart farming, and business skills," they added.

Azad Kashmir PPP Chief Congratulates Bilawal Ĕhutto Zardari on Chairmanship



STOKE-ON-TRENT: President of Pakisan Peoples Party Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Muhammad Yissin has congratulated Bilawal Bhutto Zardari from the bottom of his beart on being elected as the party chairman for a four-year term in the intra-party elected as the party chairman for a four-year term in the intra-party elected as the party chairman for a four-year term in the intra-party elected as the party chairman pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Pakistan Peoples Party will once again emerge as an invincible Pakistan. He has also congratulated other office bearers and expressed hope that they will utilize all their capabilities to make the PPP strong and invincible. He said that from the founding Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party and former Prime Minister Leader of the People Zulfflaar Bhutto Shaheed, to the beautiful Prime Minister of the Islamic world, Daughter of the East, Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed, to the free President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari and today to the young Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, it is a long journey of sacrifices, determination and perseverance.

Pakistan urged to ban Israeli products in solidarity with Palestine'



MUZAFFARABAD: Shaukat Nawaz Mir, the central leader of the Joint Public Action Committee Azad Kashmir and the President of the Amine and The Azad Kashmir, has demanded that the government of Pakistan officially announce the ban on Israeli products in support of the Palestinian people So that the government and products practically. He said that the people of Azad Kashmir ara fully committed to supporting their Palestinian brother as all schools of thought in Pakistan have unanimously demanded jihar people in Muzaffarabad, he said that scholars of all schools of thought in Pakistan have unanimously demanded jihar of the Palestinian people. He has announced support for the declaration of jihad by the civil society of Azad Kashmir.

Pakistan's Sajjada Nasheen urges Muslims to Unite against Israeli atrocities

RAWALPINDI: Shaykh al-Mshaykh Hazrat Khawaja Dewan Syed Aaly Habib Ali Khan Sajjada Nasheen Ajmer Sharif Said in his statement that Israel has endured oppression on the land of the Prophets of the Holy Prophet (PBUTI). Placstime is not merely a piece of land but a piece of Muslim body when there is any part of the body: The Pakistani people are ready to help their Palestinian brothers in every way, they have appealed to the people of Pakistan to boycett all Israeli products and give proof of love and feeling with their Palestinian brothers. In the end, Qibla Diwan Sahib Sajjad Nasheen Ajmer Sharif offered special prayers for the security alliance of the Muslim Ummah, especially the rights of Palestine and the Kingdom of Pakistan and the forces of Pakistan.



Azad Kashmir PM visits Gujranwala Expo, emphasizes re

Grand Jirga held for peace, unity, counter-extremism in Southern KP



DERAISMAIL KHAN: A grand Jirga was held at Chehlam Fort under the leadership of Major General Naiknam Muhammad Baig, General Officer Commanding 40 Division (A.-Burq).

The gathering was attended by a large number of prominent religious scholars, spiritual leaders, and tribal elders from Dera Ismail Khan, Lakik Marwat, and Pank. Addressing the Jirga, the OCQ spoke in detail about the regional security situation, the sacrifices of law enforcement agencies in maintaining peace and stability, and the importance of promoting the national narrative.

He emphasized that it is essential for the public, religious leadership, civil institutions, and armed forces to unite and work in harmony in order to overcome the challenges facing the country.

He urged the religious leaders to guide the people in a positive direction and take a firm stand against extremism on the intellectual front. He made it clear that no ideology, movement, or personal interst should be placed above national security and collective progress. The participating scholars and elders appreciated the efforts of the law enforcement agencies and pelegde their full support. The various proposals were also presented during the session. The participants expressed their commitment to spreading the message of peace, unity, and harmony within their respective spheres of influence.

In conclusion, it was unanimously decided that every possible effort would be made at the local level to cradicate extremism, restore trust in state institutions, and ensure sustainable peace in the society. At the end, the GOC presented opies of the Holy Quran to all participants as a goodwill gesture.



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Women empowerment: A pathway to economic prosperity

PESHAWAR: With the wedding season in full swing across Klyber Palvatunkhua, beauty parlors are experiencing a boom, generating significant income for their families. Among those benefiting is 40-year-old Saiqa Bibl from Pabbi, Nowshera, who is thrilled by the surge in business at her beauty parlor.

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Busy like a homeybee preparing brides for their big day, Saiga earns around Rs. 20,000 per bridal makeower—substantially contributing to her family's financial well-being.

"I started this beauty parlor in 2015 after failing to secure a suitable government job despite completting my education, applying and I have never looked back," Ms. Saiqa tolid APP on Sunday.

Calling the beauty parlor industry a proriable variety and industry a profitable venture, she encouraged aspiring women to learn proper techniques from certified parlors or technical institutions before entering the field, especially given the rising competition.

"Without my husband's

given the Hollo tion. "Without my husband's "would've been support, it would've been impossible to continue this demanding work," she said, adding that each bridal makeover typically takes akeover typically takes to to three hours.

Mushaal lambasts Modi fascist regime for genocidal acts, erasing Muslim identity

ISLAMABAD: Mushaal Hussein Mullick, Chairperson of the Peace and Culture Organisation, lambasted the Narendra Modi-led fascist regime for crossing all limits of barbarism and releutless genocidal acts in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (HOJK) and weaponization of the so-called Waqf Amendment Act designed to erase Muslim identity and loot religious endowments.

Mushaal, who is the wife of unlaw-

fully incarcerated Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik, in a strongly-worded statement on Sunday, blasted the world's crim-inal silence over the fascist Modi regime accelerated genocidal campaign against Kashmiri and India's Muslim popu-

Kashimir and indias saushim propa-lation. She asserted that the blood-soaked streets of Kashimir and the consistent controversial legislations were a grim reminder that India's so-called democ-racy was a graveyard for minorities. Mushaal stated that the Warf Act was not about transparency rather it was a

RSS blueprint for cultural annihilation. The chairperson stated that by forcibly inserting non-Muslim administrators into Islamic trusts, banning property rights, and digitizing records for future confiscation, the Modi government was replicating the settler-colonial tactics of Israel in the occupied Kashmir. She said that Modi-led Indian regime' aggressive pursuit of RSS agenda of saffronizing India has started taking lives across the country with three persons dead in the latest spate of violence in West Bengal against the



recently passed Waqf Act.
Mushaal lamented that the notorious authorities were subjecting Kashmiri people and muslims of India to
unlawful crackdown and killing and uniawful crackdown and killing and silence the dissenting voices through coercive and oppressive measures but the ironically the international commu-nity and the so-called champion of human rights organisations remained tightlipped due to their commercial and business interests

business interests. She exposed the world's duplicity and

double-standard, adding that the world powers actually disconcerted about war crimes and human rights abuses, as they often used them for advancing their own interests otherwise Kashmir dispute would have been resolved long

ago.

Mushaal revealed that the Public Safety Act—a law more draconian than British colonial statutes—was being used to disappear young people for their crime of demanding dignity and liberation under the UN-agreed formula.

Palm Sunday

LAHORE: Christian devotees holding palm leaves attend a service to mark Palm Sunday as part of the traditional Lenten devotion at a Church in the Provincial Capital.



Railway Prem Union, Jamaat-e-Islami join hands for Palestine



Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: A convoy of Railway Prem Union and Jamaat-e-Islami Zone PP-112 participated in the Gaza March led by Hafiz Nacem-ur-Rehman on Mall Road Lahore, led by Jamaat-e-Islami PP Zone

Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, Zonal President Prem Union Zaheeruddin Babar, Babar Nawaz, Malik Manzoor Zaheeruddin Babar, Babar Nawaz, Malik Manzoor Ahmed, Rai Shahbaz Ahmed, Abdul Sami and others. Prem Union Central President Sheikh Muhammad Anwar, Deputy Secretary Lahore Division Junaid Khurram welcomed the convoy on Mall Road. Addressing the partic-

ipants of the convoy on this occasion, Sheibh Muhammad Anwar and Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry said that Eid-ul-Fitr was being celebrated throughout the Islamic world and lively Palestinian children in Gaza were playing on a pile of rubble when the Israeii forces bombed the children. This trond is continuine.

martyrs are being killed every day. Women, children, UN workers, doctors, paramedics, journalists and everyone is being targeted and this is a

serious issue.

There is a grave-like silence in the whole world in the whole situation. Jamaat-e-Islami has been working on the Palestine issue with full unity in the past too.

AIOU to hold 'Education Expo 2025' on April 16

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ISIAMABAD: Allama Iqbal
Open University(AIOU) has
always remained committed
to promotion of education
and the guidance of students.
Continuing this mission, the
university's Viec Chancellor,
Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood has
approved organization of the
"Education Expo 2025", which
will be held on April 16 at the
university's main campaus in
Islamabad.
The event is being organized by the Office of Research,
Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC). The purpose of
the expo is not only to provide
students with information on
the viech responsibility to present their ideas
and projects.
The event will also feature
a variety of food stalls and a



Mahmood stated:

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"We are pleased to be organizing the Education Expo once again. In the previous expo, a large number of students, teachers, researchers, and parents participated, and this time we expect an even greater turnout. This expo will provide youth with an opportunity to refine their ideas, learn directly from researchers and innovators, and engage in valuable networking."

Entry to the expo will be completely free, and students from schools, colleges, and universities, along with their parents and families from the twin cities, are warmly invited to attend.

Kamalia Tajers Itrhad held Al-Aqsa March rally to express solidarity with Palestine



TOBA TEK SINGH: Kamalia Tajers Itrhad held an Al-Aqsa March rally to express solidarity with Palestine. This rally was taken out under the leadership of Patron-in-Chief Kamalia Tajer Itehad Chaudhry Kamran Ahmad Nusrat. The rally started from Mukhtar Palace and ended at Kalma Chowk. The protesters were carrying placards saying "Death to Israel" and "Support for Palestine". The silence of the United Nations on the massacre of Palestinians is unbearable. The world should play its role in immediately stopping the Israeli aggression.

Glory of God Foundation Hosts Joyful Palm Sunday Procession in Islamabad



ISLAMABAD: The Christian festival of Palm Sunday (Palm Sunday procession) was celebrated with devotion and respect at the Glory of God Foundation, Islamabad, in which a large number of men, vomen and children of the Christian notin participated, Christian words and prayers were offered. Prayers were also offered for the development, prosperity and peace and security of the institutions of Pakistan. Best wishes, Chairman Naveed Gill Glory of God Foundation.

Palestinian Muslims! Palestinian Muslims!

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Social Security Database Used to Force Immigrants Out of the Country

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ivil rights advocates and lawmakers have denounced a reported Trump administration move to classify thousands of immigrants living in the United States adead in a Social Security database in an effort to force them out of the country.

By entering the names and Social Security's "death masterilie," the administration has revoked their ability to legally work in the U. S. and receive benefits in a bid to get them to "self-deport," several news outles reported.

A social security number is a unique nine-digit number is-sued by the federal government to US citates, permanent residents and temporary working residents and used for various official and identification purposes including tracking earnings. The move will also make it impossible for those affected to use banks or other basic services where social security number is a necessity. It is part of Trump's effort to crackdown on immigrants who entered the United States under programmes instituted by the US president's predecessor Joe Biden.

"This is an outrageous abuse of power," Nancy Altman, president of the advocacy group Social Security Works, said in a statement. "It will not only create extreme hardship, but till people. Imagine, in one Trump administration keystroke, losing your income, your health insurance, access to your bank account, your credit cards, your home, and more."

"If they get away with this, it would be no surprise if they then move on to marking their perceived enemies as dead-citzens and non-citizens alike," Ms. Altman added. "This is a total misuse of the dedicated revenue that workers contribute to Social Security, with every paycheck. Though Trump claimed he wouldn't cut benefits, he essentially is by diverting dedicated monies from their intended purpose of paying Social Security benefits to the immoral purpose of maliciously ruining lives."

ing lives."

"The Trump administration's weaponization of Social Se-curity is shocking and unconscionable, and we expect House Republicans will remain silent."
the former Social Security Administration (SSA) Commis-sioner, Martin O'Malley, who serve under former President Joe

sioner, Martin O'Malley, who serve under former President Joe Biden Joined in the criticism "If they can, contrary to the law and every regulation and without any due process, mark people inside SSA's database dead who legally entered the country and were legally required to be issued as work SSA number, then they can do that to anybody." O'Malley told CNN.

The Washington Post reported that the classification of thousands of immigrants as "dead" came at the request of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, who—in tandem with other administration officials—is trampling basic rights as she moves to carry out Trump's mass deportation agenda.

A Fenceless Border & Need to Unite **Under Pakistan for Kashmir Cause**

hile both India and Pakistan hold opposing views on the Kashmir conflict,

and Palastan hold opposing views on the Kashmir conflict, their respective approaches have differed dramatically over time. India's handling of the issue has been marked by a series of actions and policies that have not only contravened international norms and human rights conventions but have also intensified the suffering of the Kashmir has deepened the relief and prolonged the conflict. India's reluctance to address the legitimate grivances of Kashmiris has deepened the crisis and prolonged the conflict. IIIOaK has become one of the most militarized regions in the world, which hundreds of housands of troops depided since 1947. This overwhelming military presence has led to numerous reports of human rights violations; inchuling extrapolicial killings, enforced dispoparamoes, torture, and excessive use of force against civilians and peaceful demonstrators. A particularly controversial element of lindia's security policy is the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AISPA), which grants excepting powers to the military, including the authority to arrest or fall with next and impunity. Enacted in the early 1990s, AISPA has enabled systemic abuses, often without contrability or recourse for videous contrability or recour

ment to diplomacy and peaceful occisi-ence.

Pakistanis choice also reflects is consistent call for dialogue and peaceful resolution of the dispute. Unlike Indias heavily millitarzed approach—which includes constructing extensive funcing and security installations along the LoC— Pakistanis approach leaves space for the potential of cross-border interaction, trade, and people-to-people exchanges. Such openness fosters trust, facilitates humanitarian cooperation, and keeps the door open for negotiations. In contrast, Indias feening of the LoC has further entrenched divisions, restricted civilian

and to pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. Pakistan believes that, given their unique historical, cultural, and demographic identity, the Kashmir pople must be granted the opportunity to exercise this right free from cocroin or external pressue.

In this context, Pakistan's decision or to creat a fine a long the Line of Control (LoC) carries symbolic and diplomatic weight. This policy aligns with its comitment to the Simla Agreement of 1972, which established the LoC as a management pending the final settlement of the Kashmir is south that the status of the region unilaterally or by force. By refraining from fortifying the LoC, Pakistan decreated in the region unilaterally or by force. By refraining from fortifying the LoC, Pakistan decreated and its broader commitment on diplomacy and peaceful coastic near the status of the region unilaterally or by force. By refraining from fortifying the LoC, Pakistan in the production on both section of the hardships these communities for the dividence of the status of the region unilaterally or by force. By refraining from fortifying the LoC, Pakistan in the production of the status of the region unilaterally or by force. By refraining from fortifying the LoC, Pakistan in the longer of the dividence of the dividence of the dividence of the dividence of the status of the region unilaterally or by force. By refraining from fortifying the LoC, Pakistan in the longer of the dividence of th areas.

From a humanitarian perspective, Pakistan's policy also seeks to minimize the impact on communities living along the LoC. Many familles reside in these border regions, and the construction of a fence would disrupt their livelihoods and social fabric. Limited yet vital cross-border movement—whether for trade, communication, of minily connections—helps to alleviate some of the hardships these communities face. Main-anime an unferced LoC

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By refusing to fortify the LoC, Pakistan sends a clear message that it does not
accept the status quo as final or legitimate.
It reaffirms its position that Jammu and
Kashmir is not an integral part of India,
and that any lasting solution must some
through a democratic process guided by
international law and UN resolutions.
Fencing the LoC, in contrast, would
suggest an acceptance of a permanent
division—something Pakistan fundamentally rejects in foot of a just and peaceful
settlement rooted in the will of the Kashmirt people. The decision not to fence the
LoC underscorss Pakistan's commitment
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India's construction of a fence along the LoC clearly reflects its intentions to move towards the integration of Indian-Occupied Lammun and Kashmir (ILOJK) into India, disregarding the will off the Kashmir people and violating UN resolutions. This difference in approach highlights the contrasting positions of India and Pakistan on the Kashmir issue. While Pakistan ot the Kashmir issue. While Pakistan ot the Kashmir issue and UN resolutions, India and reading the theory of the LoC and the Cashmir issue and UN resolutions, India's actions suggest a clear intent to solidify its control over the region. India's approach stands in stark contrast, as evidenced by the reprehensible act of constructing a fence along the LoC.

This clear divergence in the approaches of Pakistan and India should serve as a wake-up-call for those who claim to advocate for independence or harbor anti-Pakistan sensoristents. Pakistan has consistently demonstrated unwavering support for the Kashmiri people and the Kashmir cause. It is now essential to put aside political differences and work together under the

Kashmiri people and the Kashmir cause. It is now essential to put aside political differences and work together under the banner of Pakistan to resolve the Kashmir issue. The first and most critical step is to compel India to grant Kashmiris their right to self-determination. Only after this right to self-determination. Only after this fundamental step should other options be considered. Until then, all other alternatives and their promotion should be paused, and the focus should solely be on uniting under Pakistan's leadership to push india to the negotiating table and grant Kashmiris their right to choose their future. This approach is the key to resolving the Kashmir issue. All stakeholders must work together, setting aside differences, to achieve a resolution.



'Kashmir Resistance Movement — The Living Message of a Living Nation' - I

he atmosphere in Islamabad echoed with spirited unity and determination on the day when a significant national conference tide Kashmir Resistance Move ages of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Azad Jammu & Kashmir House under the ages of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Azad Jammu & Kashmir chapter. This was not just an event but a historic gathering that paid tribute to the unparalleled courage, sacrifices, and the ongoing strugge for the right to self-determination of the Kashmir people.

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"We embraced this desert of trials with smiles,

demonstration that Kashmir remains a top national priority for Pakistan. In their addresses, these leaders paid glowing tributes to the eternal sacrifices of the Kashmiri people, affirming that every child of Pakistan stands with Kashmir. They declared that Kashmir is not merely a subject of diplomatic discussion, but a legitimate right of a living nation that must be resolved in accordance with UN resolutions.

On this occasion, the Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs assured that a Special Envoy and Deputy Foreign Minister would be appointed, as demanded in the conference. Participants stressed the importance of united efforts from all stakeholders to highlight the Kashmir issue on the international stage. This conference was held at a time when Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh was visiting Srinagar. Through this event, a clear message was sent to Pakistan, Azad Kashmir, and the international community: Kashmiris

will never compromise on their right to self-de-termination. Participants reaffirmed their commitment that the Kashmiri nation will achieve this right, no matter the cost. "Kashmir Resistance Movement — The Living Messa

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False attacks on tobacco control undermine Pakistanis' health

ack in the month of January, I wrote about media stories appearing at the time which not only made through a constant trusted global health organizations working legally in Bakistan, but with also sught working legally in Bakistan, but with also sught to undermine the evidence-based to bacco control of the world. This movement could save even more lives and prevent needses suffering if fill-interioned and uninformed critics stope eviding the sugments of to bacco commanics. According to the World Health Organization, baccous kills over 163,000

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rchers, to be harmful attorists, researcher, long-time champion of public health and child rights activists, I am very worried about the impacts of tobacco and nicotine use on Pakistains future, especially our children and youth, and Tin very concerned about the tobacco industry's recent misinformation campaign.

Dr. Khalil Ahmad Dogar

industry's recent misinforma-tion campaign.
Fortunately, the solutions to Palsistant's tobacco epidemic are readily available—it just takes political Will and public support. Unfortunately, snealy interfer-ence from the world's giant tobacco companies is interfering with progress in Palsistan.
The government of Palsistan has made excel-lent progress toward passing and implementing the policies proven to save lives from tobacco and nicotine products. Even greater progress could be made if not for the global tobacco companies coming in from outside to interfere with our poli-cies with the help of institutions in Palsistan.

coming in from outside to interfere with our poli-cies with the help of institutions in Pakistan.

I call on the government, divil sockety, and the media to work together to support the policies that will improve health, and reject advances from tobacco companies that only hurt our country. (The writer is a public health advocate and working as a Program Manager at Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC)

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Great Man's Name and His **Immortality**

President Kim II Sung (1912-1994), the founding father of socialist Korea, remains alive in the hearts of mankind for his extraordinary ideological and revolutionary legacy. For the first time in human history of thought, the created the Juche idea, the idea of independence that illuminates the position and role of man and the way for him to carve out his destiny, and built a genuine people's society and indicated the path of struggle for the world people aspiring to independence against imperialism.

The Juch idea is an idea that the masses of the people are masters of the revolution and construction and they are also the motive force of them. In other words, they are the masters of their own destiny. On the basis of the idea, Kim II Sung, by organizing and mobilizing the masses of the people, led the 20-year-long anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to victory, liberated his country from the Japanese military occupation and built a socialist system whose masters are the people. He gave active support and encouragement and unspaning assistance to the struggle of those countries aspiring to independence against imperialism. That's why the world

progressives highly praised him as a paragon of genuine internationalism. It is evidenced by the fact that different establishments, organizations, streets, libraries and educations, the streets, libraries and educations of the streets of the str

his works.
In April 1993, prominent figures





in the political, social and academic circles of the world gathered in New Delhi, India, to form the Interna-tional Kim Il Sung Prize Council. The desire of the world progres-

sives to hand down his exploits held with splendour in a country, and forever remained unabated even after his demise.

A ceremony of naming a street after Generalissimo Kim Il Sung uswa According to data available, more to the late 1990s.

Warm-hearted Man

President Kim II Sung (1912-1994), the founding father of socialist Korea, was known as a warm-hearted man. Whenever he met foreign personages, he promised to make friends with them. If he met any of them again, he fostered personal ties with them, calling him or her one of his old friends. He always started conversation with asking about their health and wellbeing, paid much concern to their convenience during their stay in his country and asked them to visit again with their family members on fine days and have a good time.

In June 1984 when he visited the former German Democratic Republic he dropped in at the home of Frank-Peter Schroder, a worker at a machine tool factory in Berlin, to acquaint himself with the living conditions of his family with many children. Recalling the day, Schroder said: After making rounds of the living gooms, President Kim II Sung asked me and my wife how many members there were in our family, what jobs we wanted our children to take and what kinds of benefits and assistance we received from the state. As we said to him that we had triplets, he noted that we were a happy family and invited us to visit the DPRK, saying; When your triplets grow up and attend school, you will come to my country with them during their vacation and have a good time there. He asked us



to bring the triplets up to be admirable talents who would shoulder the future of the country. Then he gave shoulder readled that he was constituted by the following the triplets, wishing our family displayed by the future of the country. Then he gave should be a supplied by the future of the country. Then he gave the future of the country is the future of the country. Then he gave the future of the country is the future of the country. Then he gave the future of the country is the future of the country is the future of the country is the future of the country. Then he gave the future of the country is the country is the future of the country is the country

deeply impressed by the President as he learned in detail about his living conditions and showed meticulous



concern about the future of his chil-dren just like the head of the family

would do.

Kim Il Sung bestowed benevokim II Sung bestored a Salet-lence on the bereaved family of Takeo Takagi, former chief director of the Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange Association. After meeting Kim II

Sung, his son said about his bound-less love: He received us with that great personality, about which we had often heard from my father. We could easily feel that he is very friendly and magnanimous. Indeed, he is the benevolent father who takes warm care of us all.

President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994), the founder of socialist Korea, was probably awarded the largest number of honours in the world. He received over 370 orders, medals and honorary titles from govern-ments, political parties, organizations, institutions and businesses of scores of countries, as well as regional and international organiza-tions. President Kim Il Sung (1912

tions.

Among them are the Order of Red Flag and the Order of Red Flag and the Order of Sold Star awarded in recognition of the distinguished feats he performed by defeating the US and Japanese imperialists in his generation, and the Order of Lenin and the Order of Socialism that honour his undying exploits for the cause of global socialism and the cause of independence against imperialism. There are also the National Grand Cross Order of Independence and the National Grand Cross Order of Independence and the National Grand Cross Order of Merit, bestowed out of boundless reverence for and trust in the President who set a world example in building asscialist state and rendered material and moral support to the peoples of different countries in their struggle for building a new society. And medals, diplomas of honour, and the titles of honorary leader, honorary citizen, honorary professor and honorary doctorate were





conferred on him in praise of conferred on him in praise of the exploits he performed for global peace, friendship and solidarity, and the progress and prosperity of mankind. Great King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia,

when he visited the DPRK for the first time in October for the first time in October 1965, said at the ceremony of conferring the Grand Order of Independence and the Order of the Royal Court on President Kim Il Sung that he deemed it

that he deemed it the greatest honour to confer the highest orders of his country on the President, and his country had no higher orders.

After the demise of Kim II Sung in 1994, the Socialist Progressive Party of Lebanon, noting that the demise of the President was a great loss to the progress of mankind and its cause of indeed the Supreme Order of the Socialist Progressive Party, deficiated to the fighters who made extraordinary contributions to the fighters who made extraordinary contributions to the struggle for social progress of mankind, on him before anyone else.

Mankind's Praises for Great Man | President Kim Il Sung's Life (1)

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S. Harrson, the then sensor associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, wrote: I think it is highly respeciable that President Kim II Sung defended the national sowereignty and independence from foreign domination and added brilliance to it.

Defending Mational Sowereignty

When Kim II Sung (1912-1994) was born, his country was under the Japanese military occupation (1905-1945). He embarked on the road of revolution at the tender age of 14 with a determination to win back his country. He founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army in April 1932 and staged an anti-Japanese struggle for more than en years, even without state backing or support from a regular army. Under his leadership the Korean people waged an all-people resistance combined with the general offensive of the KPRA, liberating their country in August 1945.

In June 1950 a war broke out in Koreaby the US in an attempt to realize its ambition for world supremacy. The US enlisted huge armed forces, including its 1s attellier countries, ROK troops and the remnants of the formar plapanese army, into the Korean front to crush the nascent country. However, the US ended the sovereignty and dignite of the Korean people who turned out as one in the resistance to the aggressors, railied aragin to the slaves of the imperialists.

Kim II Sung also firmly safeguarded the sovereignty and dignity of his country and people in the fierce military confinentation with the US including the incidents of the armed spy ship Pueblo and the large spy plane EC-121.

For his part the concept of independence was not confined to the territorial defence from foreign invasion.

After the country's liberation he indicated the independent and orig-



of progres-sive democ-racy, built a its masters and solved all prob-lems from an independent standpoint. He never tolerated any foreign





Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
114,853.33	116,189.21	
Day's High	Day's Low	
115,937.38	114,639.92	
Index Value	Change	
23,543,544,154	-1335.88	
Percentage	Time	
-1.15%	11 Apr, 2025 3:30 pm	
Europe, ETCE 100 Index		

Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change		
7,964.18	+50.93		
Percentage	Time		
+0.64%	11 Apr, 4:35 pm GMT+1		

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
39,952.55	+358.89	
Percentage	Time	
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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average			
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Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	174.00	176.25
Bahrain Dinar	738.85	746.85
Canadian Dollar	199.35	201.75
China Yuan	37.59	37.99
Danish Krone	40.15	40.55
Euro	307.40	310.15
Hong Kong Dollar	35.66	36.01
Indian Rupee	3.18	3.27
Japanese Yen	1.91	1.97
Kuwaiti Dinar	898.40	907.90
Malaysian Ringgit	62.57	63.17
NewZealand \$	158.75	160.75
Norwegians Krone	26.4	26.70



LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commer LATIONE: SAARC Chamber of commerce and Industry, former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday lauded U.S. President Donald Trump's decision suspending tariffs and described as a "timely step toward fostering international

trade cooperation and easing tensions. In a statement here today Malik, a prominent advocate for South Asian economic integration, said Trump commitment highlights its significance for global trade stability and noted that the delay offers respite, enabling businesses to recalibrate strategies and sustain growth

Iftikhar Malik welcomes Trump's decision to postpone tariffs

in a challenging climate. The suspension tariffs, initially poised to impact key imports, risked exacerbating trade barriers and diplosal cooperation. He expressed hope that the post-prise deconomic uncertainties. He emphasised that such measures could have disproportionately affected SAARC nations by disrupting export sectors like textiles and agriculture.

The SAARC Chamber, representing eight South Asian nations, has long advocated for ended of pragmantic global trade leadership, he concluded.

Hard work



PM's consultative budget approach paves way for economic growth

LAHORE: Convener Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Regional Committee on Food, Shahid Imran

(FPCCI) Regional Committee on Food, Shahid Imran Sunday landed the assurance of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharfi for adopting a custolative approach with all stakeholders during the federal budget formulation. Talking here today to a delegation of modustrialists led by Mian Zahid labal former VP FPCCI hetermed the move as a critical step toward ensuring level playing fields* for truders, businesses, and industris, which he emphasized is vital for achieving sustain-

able economic growth and development.

He underscorred the importance of engaging all stakeholders, including the private sector, in budget discussions to address sector-specific challenges and align fiscal policies with ground realities.

He said that PM Sharif's inclusive strategy reflects a commitment to collaborative governance, fostering trust between the government and business communities. This approach, he argued, would help streamline tax reforms, reduce bureacentate hurdles, and incentivize investment in key sectors like agricult. in key sectors like agricul-ture, food processing, and

Pakistan ready to meet Bangladesh's growing furniture needs

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC), Sunday announced on Sunday that the council is prepared to meet Bangladesh's grow-ing furniture needs by supply-ing high-quality, internationally compliant products at competi-tive rates. Chairing a board of directors meeting here today he said this initiative aims to strengthen



enhancing economic ties between

Pakistan's expertise in crafting durable, aesthetically appealing furniture using premium mate-rials and skilled artisans. By opti-nizing production costs, PFC seeks to deliver affordable yet superior solutions, positioning Pakistana as regional leader in the furniture sector. The move aligns with PFC's strategy to diversify exports and tap into new markets. Bangladeshi buyers are expected to benefit from access to a wide range of cost-effective residential and commercial furni-

ture. Ashfaq emphasized, "Our commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction drives this venture," underscoring its potential to boost employment, foreign exchange earnings, and bilateral trade. The partnership reflects the rising global competitiveness of Pakistanis furniture industry, catering to demand for sustainable, budget-friendly options. This collaboration marks a significant step in regional economic cooperation, fostering mutual growth and innovation, he concluded.

Pakistan's food exporters eye Saudi market under Vision 2030

LAHORE: Pak food exporters delegation from South
Punjab is set to visit Saudi
Arabia last week of instant
month to explore untapped
trade opportunities under
Saudi Vision 20:30.
Talking here today to
a delegation of
exporters led by Mian
Muhammad Azhar
Shaukat, leader of
the delegation Coordinator to Minister
of State and Federal
Tax Ombudsman Saif
Ur Rehman said this

Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman said this initiative aligns with the Kingdom's strategic plan to diversify its economy, enhance food security, and expand international part-nerships. South Punjab, a key agricultural hub, produces staples like rice, citrus fruits, and processed foods including snacks positioning Pakistan as a potential supplier for Saudi Arabia's growing demand for

quality food imports.

The delegation aims to engage with Saudi officials and business leaders to identify market needs, negotiate trade agreements, and promote hala-certified products.

Strengthening bilateral ties, this visit could boost

Pakistan's food exports while supporting Saudi Vision 2030's goals of economic diversification and sustain-able development. Successful collaborations may open avenues for long-term part-nerships, benefiting both nations through enhanced trade and investment in agri-culture and food moressing.

Pakistan Achieves Major Public Health Milestone with National Standard on Trans Fats

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has achieved a significant public health milestone with the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) passing a national standard that limits industrially produced trans fats all food categories. This land-

mark decision aligns Pakistan with international best practices that limit the use of industrially produced trans fatty acids in the food supply chain. Trans fats are a harmful compound used in food including fried foods, margarine, and commercial baked goods that increases the risk of heart attack and deaths. Every day, million food repulsed for the food supply chain and deaths. Every day, million food regulatory authorities, wording in the food supply chain and deaths. Every day, million food regulatory authorities, wording meaningful change. Pakistanis commitment to eliminating

industrially produced trans fats is a testament to the effectiveness of evidence-based collaborative efforts and policy reform. As the country moves toward a comprehensive ban on PHOs, continued partnership, and monitoring are needed more than ever, that will ensure a healthier, industrially produced trans fats – free future for all Pakistanis.

US tariff threat sparks wake-up call for Pakistan's exports, says PIDE

ISLAMABAD: "Trade is not a zero-sum game. It's about shared value—about building connec-tions that make both economics value—about building connections that make both economics stronger. These proposed tariffs risk severing those ties, 'said Dr. Nadeem Javaid, Vice Chamcellor of the Pakistan Institute of Devlopment Economics (PIDE), in a strong statement accompanying a new policy note. 'At PIDE, we see this moment not just as a threat, but as a catalyst—for course correction toward a more resilient, diversified, and strategic export future for Pakistan.'
A storm may be brewing on Pakistan strade horizon, as PIDE warns that proposed reciprocal tariffs by the United States could have a devastating impact on the country's export sector. In a stark policy note released on April 13,

2025, the institute cautions that these tariffs could lead to macro-economic instability, significant job losses, and a critical reduction in foreign exchange earnings. The study—conducted by Dr. Muhammad Zeshan, Dr. Shujaat Farroot, and Dr. Usman Qadirandyzes the consequences of a proposed 29% reciprocal tariff on Palsistani exports to the US. When added to the existing 8.6% Most Favored Nation (MFN) tariff, the total duty could reach 7.6%. The result would likely be a 20–25% decline in exports to the US, translating into an annual loss of \$11.1-1.4 billion, with the textile sector bearing the brunt of the blow.

In fiscal year 2024, Pakistan exported \$5.3 billion worth of goods to the United States, making it the country's largest single-country export market.



A significant portion of these exports were textiles and apparel, which already face tariffs as high as 17%. If the proposed tariffs are implemented, Pakistan's price competitiveness would be severely eroded, possibly allowing regional competitors like India and Bang-ladesh to capture market share.

The economic consequences would extend beyond textiles. Major exporters such as Nishat Milis and Interloop may be forced to reduce production, threat-ening more than 500,000 jobs. Non-textile exports—including leather, rice, surgical instruments, and sports goods—also

face increased vulnerability.

Despite the risks, PIDE views the crisis as an opportunity for strategic transformation. The policy note encourages Pakistan to take swift and thoughtil action in response. In the short term, PIDE recommends that term, PIDE recommends that the mutual costs of the tariffs and preserve long-standing trade relations. For example, the US exported \$181 million worth of cotton to Pakistan in 2024, a trade stream that is now at risk. Pakistan might also consider reducing tariffs on select US imports—such as machinery, scrap metal, and petroleum—to create room for negotiation. Additionally, Pakistan iffrus could be encouraged to use more US-origin inputs like cotton and yarn to help maintain value chains and

seek tariff exemptions.
For the long term, PIDE emphasizes the need to diversify both export products and markets. Emerging destinations such as the EU, Chima, ASEAN nations, Africa, and the Middle East offer growth potential in sectors like IT, hadal food, processed foods, and sports goods. The report also calls for measures to reduce energy and logistics costs, streamline regulations, and promote innovation and technology adoption. Furthermore, a comprehensive US trade strategy is necessaryone that focuses on building synergies in technology, agriculture, energy, and value-added manufacturing.
On the international front, PIDE notes that the proposed US tariffs exceed the WTOs bound tariff ceiling of 3.4%, potentially

violating multilateral trade rules. While legal recourse through the WTO remains an option, Pakistan's limited fiscal resources may hinder such efforts. More importantly, the tariffs ignore the inter-connected nature of global trade. The US-Pakistan textile loop is a prime example—American cotton supplies Pakistan imills, which in turn export finished garments to the US. Disrupting this value chain benefits neither country.

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The road ahead is challenging, but it also presents a chance for Pakistan to recalibrate and strengthen its export framework. With timely diplomacy, strategic policy reforms, and bold diver-sification efforts, Pakistan can not only withstand this external shock but also emerge as a more competitive and resilient player in the global economy.

PCB hosts grand ceremony for ICC Women's Qualifier teams at Lahore Fort

Example 2. Sports Desk

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), under the leadership of Chairman Molssin Naqvi Sunday hosted a grand reception in honor of women's cricketers representing the six international teams participating in the EC Momen's Crickete World Cup Qualifier.

According to details, the event transformed the iconic fort into a scene of regal charm, paying tribute to the visting quests with an unforgettable display of Pakistan hospitality.

Women cricketers and officials from Pakistan, Bangiadesh, West Indies, Ireland, Scotland, and Thailand were treated like royalty, receiving a warm and traditional welcome at the fort's Alamgiri Gate.

Dressed in Mughal-era attire, attendants and performers lined the entrance, offering ceremonial courtesis in true royal fashion.

PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi personally welcomed the teams, expressing his admiration and best wishes for their



journey in the tournament.

He joined the players and officials for a group photograph in front of the historic gate and stated, Pakistan is a peaceful, safe, and cricket-loving country. Lahore warmly welcomes you all as our special guests, and we hope your stay in the City of Life' is both pleasant and memorable. The event was attended by match referrees, umpires, and several selino PCB officials, including COO Sameer Ahmed, CFO Javed Murtaza, Head of

sections of the Lahore Fort such as the Diwan-e-Khas, Diwan-e-Aam, Sheesh Mahal, and Barood Khana. The visitors expressed great interest in the fort's historical significance and conditionary all beautic

in the fort's historical significance and architectural beauty.
Adding a vibrant cultural touch, the event featured traditional Dhol performances and Kathak dance displays that captivated the guests.
Many international players joined in the dancing, while melodious flute music enchanted the crowd.
Guests also enjoyed a ride in the colorful "Rangila Rikshaw," adding a lighthearted, local experience to the evening.

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The highlight of the evening was a grand Mughal-style banquet held in honor of the guests.
Many of the international players described the event as unforgettable, thanking the PCB for organizing such a unique and memorable occasion.
"It was a first-of-its-kind experience," said one official. We are taking beautiful memories from Lahore with us."

Karachi to host Sindh Hockey Team trials for 35th National Games

Hawkins was uso productions in the international guests were given a guided tour of Lahore's rich heritage, including the Badshahi Mosque, Iqbal's Mausoleum, Hazuri Bagh, and key

KARACHI: Trials for the 35th National Games hockey event in Karachi were held at the Olympian Hanff Khan and Dr. Juniad All Shah Hockey Staddum at the KHA Sports Complex, Gulshan-e-Ichal. SHA Selection Committee Member Olympian Wasim Feror said that more than 70 players from across the province have participated for the men's team. We have given each player a full opportunity to express their talents. This process will also be done with the women's team. Under the supervision of Chairman Selection Committee Sindh Hockey Association Olympian I filikhar Syed, 35 best players were selected for the first phase from among the players who participated in the trials, while Sindh Olympia Association Representative Muhammand Asghar Baloch observed Aghar Baloch expressed his satisfaction with the participation of a Rafay, Abdullah Shelkh



large number of players and the stages of the trials.

A training camp for the Sind team consisting of selected players with the led at the Kill A Mosports Complex. The names of the selected players are as follows.

Goalkeepers: All Abdull Rafiay, Abdullah Shelkh Mosin Nawaz, Waris Naseer

(Karachi), Zohaib (Sukkur), Zaman Ali (SBA), Forwards: Shalzeb Khan, Hammad Ayaz, Haris Naseer, Zain, Ghulam Ali, Rashid Ali, Shalzeb Arbab, Mujtaba (Karachi) Maisam Abbas (KHR) Rehan Khan, Hammad Rizwan, M Faizan, M Israr, Munawa, (Hyderabad)Farrukh Ali and

Kamran Ali Sukkur.

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On this occasion, Olympian Hilblars Syed said that Sindh Hockey Association President and Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahah bas a hockey family background. His father, Mr. Wahah Siddleyiu, was a hockey player. We have participated in many competitions together. Hilblars Syed said that Mayor Karachi should establish a high-quality hockey academy for Sindh players in the city with his own resources. We will provide free services in the eacdemy to revive the Olympian national game. There is excellent hockey lalent in the province. There is a need to provide them with training and opportunities. I am sure that the Sindh team will perform well in the 35th National Games. At the end of the trials, Fatech was offered for Wasim Feroz's mother, Major Retired Mahmood Riaz Leghari. Coordinators Khalid Munir, Muzamil Hussain and Hassan Askari were also present on this occasion.

Rishad Hossain stars as Lahore rout Quetta in

Labore Qalandars exhibited a brilliant performance in all fields and grabbed a convincing victory over Quetta Cladistors by 79 runs in the fourth match of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) Season 10 played at Rawalpind Cickett Sadiumon Sunday. Chasing a daunting target of 220, Quetta crumbled under pressure and were bowled out for just 140 runs, thanks to a clinical bowling display by the Qalandars. Labore captin Shabeen Afridi set the tone early, dismissing Saud Shakeef for just one run in the opening over. The Gladistors soon found themselves in deeper trouble as Asif Afridi removed Hassan Nawar for one, and Slubneen struck again to send Finn Allen back for a duck, leaving Quetta recling at 9-3 in 32 overs.

2 overs. Rilee Rossouw and Kusal Mendis Rilee Rossouw and Kusal Mendis provided a brie fraststance with a 45-run partnership. Mendis looked threatening with aquickfore 36 ff 14 balls before Haris Rauf broke the stand, reducing Quetta to 54-4 in the sixth over. Rossouw, in fine touch, smashed 44 off 19 balls, featuring four boundaries and as many sixes. However, his counterattack was cut short by Rishad Hossain, who chimed his madien PSL wicket. The collapse continued as Sikandar Raza dismissed Shoaib Malik for 14 and then removed Akeal Hosein in the same over.

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Mohammad Amir, and later Abrar Ahmed, sealing his third wicket of the match. Asif Afridi then cleaned up the

match. Asit Arndt then cleaned up the tail, securing a massive 110-11m win for the defending champions. Batting first, Lahore stiffered an early blow as Mohammad Nacem was bowled for 10 by Abrar. Fakhar Zaman and Abdullah Shadque stabilised the innings with a 56-run partnership. Shafique

ored a brisk 37 before falling to Akeal scored a brisk 37 before falling to Alead.
Fakhar continued to dominate with
the bat, reaching his 20th PSI, fifty, He
was well-supported by Daryl Mitchell,
who added a composed unbeaten 37 in
an 80-run stand.
Abrar struck again to remove Mitchell,
followed shortly by Fakhar's dismissal
after a brilliant 67 of 379 deliveries.
Sam Billings then provided a blistering

finish, hammering an unbeaten 50 off just 19 balls, propelling Lahore past the 200-rum mart. Despite losing Raza and Shaheen cheaply, Billings' explosive knock helped the Qalandars post a commanding total of 220. For Quetta, Akeal and Abrar claimed tow wickets each, while Falaem Ashraf and Usman Tariq chipped in with one appiece.





Nadir Magsi wins Thar Desert Challenge Jeep Race



Punjab's Boxing Trials Underway as Sports Board Selects Best Athletes



Sports Board Punjab's election committee, on the 4th day of trials, has conducted boxing trials at Nishtar Park Sports Complex Contact Body Center on Saturday.

More than 100 male and female boxers from all divisions of the province participated in the boxing trials. The boys' trials were conducted in 10 weight categories while female athletes appeared in trials in eight weight categories.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaid Chaudhry, on this occasion said that Sports Board Punjab's selection committees are conducting trials of Punjab's all teams in a transparent manner and selecting the best athletes purely on merit.

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on merit.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the training camps will be set up for National Cames from April 1-4. All the arrangements for Punjab's 2-week training camps have been completed?

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry further said that best facilities will be provided to players during the training camps. "Sports Board Punjab' coaches will teach modern techniques to players during the camp training. The Punjab contingent will offer excellent performance in the 36th National Games?"

ICC creates fund for displaced Afghan women players

ISLAMBAD: Afghanistan's exiled women cricketers received a major boost on Sunday with the game's governing body announcing a find and task force to support them.

Afghanistan had 25c ontracted women cricketers in 2020, most of whom have resettled in Australia with humanitarian visas due to restrictions at home under the Taliban government.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) said after its board meeting in Harare that it had joined with the cricket boards of India, England and Australia to sustain their careers.

"As part of the initiative, the ICC will establish a declicated hot provide direct monetary assistance, ensuring these [Afghan women] cricketers have the resources they need to continue pursuing the game they love," it said in a statement, without giving any financial details.

Australia and England have ruled out bilateral cricket with Afghanistan over the women's rights issue and play them only in ICC events like the World Cups and Champions Trophy.

"We are deeply committed to fistering inclusivity and ensuring every cricketer has the opportunity to shine, regardless of their circumstances," ICC chairman Jay Shah said.

"In collaboration with our valued partners, we are proud to launch this task force and support fund, complemented by a comprehensive high-performance programme, to ensure displaced Afghan women cricketers can continue their journey in the sport."

Mohammad Rizwan acknowledges social media criticism over his Englishspeaking skills

Sports Desk



ISLAMABAD: Pakistani cricketer Mohammad Rizwan has admitted to the criticism he often receives on social media due to his English-speaking skills. In a recent press conference, Rizwan openly acknowledged that he struggles with the English language due to limited education, but he feels no shame about it. "I don't care Ejabott social media trolling; J. I am proud of one thing and that is whatever I say, I say from my heart. I don't know English."

The Pakistan skipper expressed regret over not completing his education, noting that his current priority is playing cricket, which aligns with the demands of his profession. He stated that the expectation from him is cricket, not English, and acknowledged that his hack of education contributes to his struggles with the language.

The cricketer stated that if Pakistan were demanding English from him, he would consider leaving cricket to become a professor, but he emphasized that he does not have that much time.

After a challenging tour in New Zealand, Rizwan has requently faced criticism on social media for his English, particularly in viral clips from team meetings and het sessions. Since taking on the role of Pakistan captain, the scruttiny has intensified. However, he emphasized that such criticism does not impact him.

Group Photo

RAWALPINDI: A US Congressional delegation, led by Jack Bergman and including Thomas Suozzi and Jonathan Jackson, met Pakistan's Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir.



US delegation meets COAS Gen Asim Munir, vows to strengthen bilateral ties

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During the meeting, both

sides discussed matters of mutual interest, regional security, and defense cooper-ation. They agreed to main-tain relations based on mutual respect, shared values, and strategic interests. The US lawmakers praised Pakistan's armed forces for their role in the fight against terrorism and acknowledged

the determination and stra-tegic capabilities of Pakistan and its people. The delegation reaffirmed respect for Pakistan's sover-eignty and expressed strong commitment to expanding bilateral cooperation in secu-rity, trade, investment, and economic development. Gen Asim Munir thanked

the delegation for visiting Pakistan and expressed the desire to further deepen and broaden the longstanding US-Pakistan partnership. Earlier, the US and Paki-stan delegations had a detailed discussion on bilat-eral relations and matters of mutual interest. There

advancing cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, and investment, as well as discus-sions on security, counter-ter-rorism, and border security. The Pakistanti delegation included Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry, Acting US ambassador Natalie Baker, and Interior Science as Economic States and Contractive States (States and Contractive States).

Naqvi seeks global cooperation in counterterrorism operations

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi says terrorism is a global challenge and urged the international community to urgent yeoperate with Pakistan in fight against the global scourge.

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scourge. He expressed these views while talking to a US Congressional delegation on Sunday. The delegation, led by Representative Jack Bergman (R-MI), along



with representatives Thomas
Richard Suozzi, Jonathan L.
Jackson, and other senior
The minister said that

Pakistan was a wall between terrorism and the world. He stressed on the importance of intelligence and technology sharing in counter-terrorism

sharing in counter-terrorism operations.

The interior minister said that sustainable rela-tions with the United States have been a key in Pakistan's foreign policy. He welcomed the upcoming Pakistan Caucus event in the US on April 30 is a positive devel-opment.

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PTI not seeking any deal, says Raoof Hasan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Raoof Hasan stat-et that the party is still not looking for any kind of deal. Speaking on the program Tonight with Samar Abbas, Raoof Hasan addressed the recent efforts by PTI senior leader Azam Swati, saying that



while he remain part of the party, any actions should remain within the

party's domain and should not become part of public controversy.

Racof reiterated that PTI was not in search of any backdoor arrangement and wished to engage with the state noully through constitutional and lead, he wouldn't have spent two years i dail,' he said.

He also revealed that the Imran party sdomain and should not become part of public controversy. Raoof reiterated that PTI was not in search of any backdoor arrangement and wished to engage with the state only through constitutional and legal means. "If Imran Khan wanted a deal, he wouldn't have spent two years in iail" ho said.

Top Diplomats, Experts to Convene in Peshawar for Landmark CPEC Phase-II Seminar of Iran in Peshawar, Zahid Latif Khan, Chairman of ZLK Islamic Financial Services, and the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, will also deliver keynote speeches during the event.

PESHAWAR: A high-profile international seminar on the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is set to be held tomorrow in Rshawar, Organized by China-Window in collaboration with the Institute of Management Scienes (IMSciences) and the Higher Education Commission, the seminar is designed to promote peace, strengthen regional ecooperation, and raise public awareness about the strategic importance of CPEC.

The second phase of CPEC is considered a cornerstone for Pakistan's economic revival, industrialization, and connectivity. The seminar will provide a platform for intellectual cachange, policy dialogue, and collaboration among national and international stakeholders, while also highlighting the project's long-term potential to reshape the region's economic landscape and global perception.

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The three-day seminar will open tomorrow, with the first day featuring insightful addresses from prominent



national and international figures.
These include former Foreign Secretary of Pulskian Anabassador Sohail Mahmood, former Ambessador to China Naghamaa Hashuni, Chairman Tehreek Jawanan Pakistan Abdullah Hameed Gul, and former KP Inspector General of Police Syed Akhtar Ali Shah, Veteran journalists with vast experience in CPEC and Pak China relations—

Svel Zamir Asadi and Tahir Farxon—will also be among the speakers. Additional prominent names include Dr. Talan Shabbir, Javid I Joha Khattak (former CEO, KP Economic Zones Management Company), Prof. Dr. Usman Ghani (Director, IMSciences), and Prof. Dr. Gulzar Jalal (Director, Pakistan Academy of Letters). All Banishekhlwa, Consul General Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir fi

of the Center for Pakistan Culture and Communication Studies—will also address the audience virtually. Professor Li is also a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Public Diplomacy Consultative Committee. On the second day, sessions will host provincial ministers, officials, industry experts, and stakeholders who will review the progress of CPEC over the past decade and propose innovative strategies for its future success. from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

Pakistan will not retaliate against Trump tariffs, says Aurangzeb



ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has started that Pakistan has no intention of retallating against the tariffs imposed by the Donald Tump administration. In an interview with the BBC, the finance minister acknowledged that Pakistan is indeed concerned about the Tumpnent ratiffs as they have created an atmosphere of uncertainty. We all need to think about how to move forward in this new world order, and I believe it is essential to engage in dialogue on this matter, he said.

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he said.

Responding to a question, Muhammad Aurangzeb clarified that if the question is whether Pakistan plans to respond with countermeasures, the answer is no.

Addressing concerns over Pakistan potentially suffering amid the ongoing US-China trade tensions,

the finance minister noted that the United States has long been a strategic partner in trade and other sectors, but relations with China are equally important for Pakistan. Read more: US excludes smartphones, computers from Trumps reciprocal tariffs
It is worth noting that last week, former US Pessident Donald Trump announced the imposition of new tariffs on several countries, initially including a 29% tariff on Pakistani exports.

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However, following a recent amouncement, the implementation of these tariffs has been postponed for 90 days, although all countries will still face a minimum tariff of 10%.
Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recently stated that Pakistan will send a high-level delegation to Washington to engage in discussions on tariffs and trade matters.

Network involved in attacks on Haggania, Bannu Cantt traced: IGP Hameed



EBRHAWAR: Inspector-General of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Zulfiqar Hameed said on Sunday that the network involved in the attacks on Darul Uloom Haqqania in Akora Khattak and Bannu Cantt has been traced. The Grodd the media that investigators have found concrete evidence in both cases.

He did not reveal any details of the network involved in the attacks saying the gang members would be alerted and go into hiding. However, several people have been taken into custody for investigation in both the incidents, he added.

IG Hameed stated that details would be shared after completion of investigations. He said that through proactive policing, the number of terrorist incidents has decreased in the past 15 days. Police teams have been conducting house-to-house mapping, and illegal residents are being sent to Torkham, the IG continued.

continued.

JUI-S leader Maulana Hamid
ul-Haq and five others were
martyred in the suicide attack at
Darul Uloom Haqqania in Akora
Khattak, Nowshera. Security forces
killed 16 terrorists who attacked
Bannu Cantt. Six security personnel
martyred in the operation.

Three terrorists killed in Lakki Marwat gunfight



PESHAWAR: Lakki Marwat police shot dead three terrorists in a search and strike operation, while several others escaped with injuries. Acting on intelligence in the Tajor forest area, police, CTD, and the Quick Response Force engaged 20 to 25 militants in a fierce two-hour gunfight.

gunfight.
The operation, led by DPO Jawad
Ishaq, was launched under the direc-

tives of IGP Zulfiqar Hameed as part of efforts to eliminate terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Remarkably, the police sustained

no casualties.

IGP Zulfiqar Hameed praised the bravery of Lakki Marwat police, announcing cash rewards and commendation certificates. He also lauded the unwavering patriotism of the people of Lakki Marwat. A follow-up operation is underway to track down the fleeing terrorists.