Barkat Rice Mills (Pvt) Limited

Bilawal asks govt to impose agri emergency, launch global appeal

PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has urged the government to immediately impose agriculture emergency in flood-affected areas of the country. waiving electricity bills of the affectees, He said "I hope the prime minister will ponder over rehabilitation of the flood-stricken people on emergency basis.

Flour prices continue to surge across major cities, 20-kg bag hits Rs2,500

Flour prices in the market have witnessed a sharp increase over the past three weeks due to floods and torrential rains in the bag has surged by as much as Rs1,050 in some areas, pus retail prices to an unprecedented Rs2,500 per bag

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ligh Level Delegation

ISLAMABAD: A high level delegation of renowned companies in the mining and infrastructure sector meets Prime Minister Muham-



PM, US delegation discuss mining opportunities in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: A high level USSM (United States Strategic Metals) and Mota-Engil, renowned global companies in the mining and infrastructure sector met with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at the Prime Minister's House on Monday and discussed prospects for mining in Pakistan.

Deputy Prime Minister and Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir and Federal Ministers were also present in the meeting.

nities for expansion of mining US delegation including operations in Pakistan and assess potential for value addition in mineral resources and development of supporting infrastructure.

Delegation held high-level meetings with Prime Minister of Pakistan, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Minister of Petroleum and Minister of Commerce and were briefed on Pakistan's vast Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, mineral reserves, including copper, gold, and rare earth elements.

The visiting companies expressed readiness to invest

The delegation is visiting in establishing value-addition (MoU) with United States Stra- include forming dedicated teams Pakistan to explore opportu- facilities within the country, enhancing mineral processing capacity, and developing largescale infrastructure projects linked to the mining sector. In this context, two Memo-

randa of Understanding (MoUs) focusing in development and processing of critical minerals, including rare earth elements (REEs), and logistics services were signed between the two governments. The Frontier Works Organ-

ization (FWO) - Pakistan's largest miner of critical minerals - signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding

tegic Metals (USSM), a leading to explore the full potential of processor, recycler, and miner based in St. Louis, Missouri.

The agreement establishes a framework for collaboration across a range of critical minerals essential for the defence, aerospace, and technology industries.

This collaboration further strengthens the enduring bilateral relationship between Pakistan and the United States, while unlocking new opportunities for sustainable growth, technology transfer, and job

The next steps for the MoU

Pakistan's vast resource base, identifying critical minerals for immediate export, and building an anchor position for a longterm partnership in exploration, extraction, and processing.

Importantly, the cooperation will prioritize sustainability, profitability, and environmental responsibility to ensure benefits for the people of both nations.

The visit of the delegation and signing of the aforementioned MoUs mark a milestone in Pakistan's efforts to attract global investment in the mining and logistics sectors.

President confers Nishan-e-Imtiaz (M) upon Commander of UAE Naval Forces



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari conferred the Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) upon the Commander of the UAE Naval Forces, Major General Humaid Abdulla Alremeithi, at a special investiture ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad on Monday.

The award was conferred upon him in recognition of his illustrious services and contributions towards strengthening Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates' defence relations.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, with Pakistan, having spent four parliamentarians. Chief of the vears in the country while grad-Naval Staff Admiral Naveed uating from the Pakistan Naval Ashraf, and other high- Academy, Karachi.

ranking military authorities also attended the award investiture ceremony.

Later, during a meeting with $the \, Commander, the \, President$ said the award is in recognition of his outstanding services and contributions. He said that the Commander's visit reflects the enduring fraternal ties between Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates, which stand as a testament to the two countries' shared commitment to deepening cooperation in all fields.

Speaking on the occasion, the UAE Commander informed the Minister for Defence President that he has close ties

UAE Naval Chief meets Gen Sahir Shamshad, stresses maritime security cooperation

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Commander of the United Arab Emirates Naval Forces, Major General Humaid Mohammed Abdulla Alremeithi, called on General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) at the Joint Staff Headquarters in Rawalpindi during an official visit to Pakistan on Monday.

The two dignitaries held in-depth discussions on professional matters, reviewing the evolving global and regional geo-strategic environment. Both sides emphasized the vital role of bilateral defence and security cooperation, including in the maritime domain, for regional peace and stability.



Major General Alremeithi expressed his appreciation for the high professional standards of the Pakistan Armed Forces, acknowledging their significant achievements and sacrifices in the fight against terrorism, and their continued efforts to promote peace in the region.

Earlier, upon arrival at Joint Staff Headquarters, a smartly turned-out tri-services contingent presented Guard of Honour to the visiting digni-

Commander Naval Forces of UAE visits Air headquarters

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Major General Humaid Mohammed Abdullah UAE Naval Forces, called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed The meeting focused on evolving regional security dynamics, with both sides exploring fresh domains. avenues of engagement through

joint training initiatives and Naval Forces expressed sincere deeper military-to-military cooperation.

During the meeting, Chief Alremeithi, Commander of the of the Air Staff expounded his stan Air Force. He lauded PAF's vision to transform PAF into a modern, agile and technol-Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air ogy-driven Air Force through Staff, Pakistan Air Force at state-of-the-art upgradation Air Headquarters, Islamabad. programmes in cyber, space, ment making it an operation-Artificial Intelligence, electronic warfare and aerospace

Commander of the UAE

gratitude to the Air Chief for the warm reception and gracious hospitality extended by Pakiindigenization drive, appreciating its robust framework, homegrown capabilities and focus on technological advanceally prepared and technologically advanced Air Force of the



The meeting between Chief countries in working together tary cooperation.

of the Air Staff and Commander to address common challenges of the UAE Naval Forces signi- and the willingness to further fies the commitment between strengthen their bilateral ties in the Armed Forces of both the the realms of defence and mili-

Pakistan continues to advocate negotiations, mediation for peaceful disputes settlement



₿ City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Monday, highlighting the Kashmir and Palestine issues posing threats to regional and international peace, said that the UN Charter. Pakistan continued to advocate for greater utilization of negotiations and mediation for a peaceful settlement of

addressing the curtain-raiser Ek Nath Dhakal, and parliaceremony for the upcoming Inter-Parliamentary Speakers Conference (ISC) scheduled to be held in November, said that there was an increasing tendency toward unilateralism, bloc politics, and defiance of

Senate Chairman Yousuf Raza Gilani, National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, diplomats, Secretary General of the Inter-Parlia-The deputy prime minister, mentary Speakers Conference national peace," Dar said.

mentarians attended the event.

"Without security, there can be no peace, and without peace and security, there can be no development... Humanity faces numerous interlinked crises threatening international peace, security, economic stability, and sustainable development. Long-standing unresolved disputes, from Kashmir to Palestine, continue to pose threats to regional and inter-

Fazlur Rehman says alliance with PTI cannot be ruled out He recalled that all the parties

跨 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said that his party has not cut off contacts with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and the possibility of an alliance with it cannot be ruled out. Highlighting the flexible nature of politics, Fazlur Rehman disclosed that he recently held a "meaningful meeting" with senior PTI leader Asad Qaiser.

Citing historical precedents, Maulana argued that enmities and friendships in politics are never permanent.

that had united under the Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) to remove Zulfikar Ali Bhutto from power in 1977 were, by 1983, working together with the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on the platform of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy(MRD) to end martial law. Similarly, in recent history,

the PPP and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), once the worst of political rivals, moved past their bitter differences and joined hands for the restoration of democracy through the Charter of Democracy(COD).

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AJK celebrates Eid Miladun Nabi (SAWW) with fabulous zest, full religious fervor

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Like the rest of the world, processions and gatherings were organized in Azad Kashmir to celebrate the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions. In this regard, blessed events were organized in the capital Muzaffarabad under the auspices of the Central Seerat Committee Muzaffarabad on the occasion of 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal.

On the morning of 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal, the grand celebrations of the dawn of spring and flag hoisting were organized. The atmosphere echoed with blessings and greetings and the slogan of the Prophet (peace be upon

A large number of lovers of the Prophet (peace be upon him) from all over the city participated in the processions. All the arrangements for the meetings, gatherings and gatherings were supervised by the leaders of the Central Secrat Committee.

On this occasion, Minister for Power Development Organization Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid, Minister for Mehtab Ahmed Shah Hashmi, Qari



Social Welfare and Women's Development Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi, President of the Central Secrat Committee Atiq Ahmed Raza, Chief Minister Sahibzada Atiq Ahmed Jhagvi, Preacher of Islam Pir Syed Muhammad Farooq Shah Saifi, General Secretary Khurram Shahzad Chaudhry, Deputy Commissioner Muzaffarabad Mudassar Farooq, Mayor Municipal Corporation Sikandar Nisar Gilani, SSP Muzaffarabad Sved Riaz Haider Bukhari, DSP Muzaffarabad, Nazir Ahmed Makno, Nadeer Ahmed Sheikh, Hafiz Abdul Waheed Awan, Muhammad Danish Raza, Sahibzada

scholars, great scholars and dignitaries from different walks of life were also

The Central Anjuman Tajran Muzaffarabad, Anjuman Tajran Madina Market and other organizations and lovers of Mustafa welcomed the Miladun-Nabi procession at various places. The people of love served water and Niaz to the participants of the proces-

This year, in the joy of the 1500th birth anniversary, the suburbs of Muzaffarabad, Nausiri, Nausda, Balgran, Panjgran, Kunwar Sharif, Barian, Niazpura, Batlian, Union

Muhammad Zamiruddin, including Council Anwar Sharif Thousands of lovers of Mustafa from the suburban areas of Chandira, Kuppahat, Chadakpura, Kahori, Sarli Sacha, Khaniyan, as well as Dalai, Union Council Upper Gojra, Upper Patran, Airport, Gun Chattar and other areas participated. In a special address at the National Secrat Conference, the world preacher of Islam, Allama Maulana Syed Farooq Hussain Shah Saifi, said that the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal is a great mercy for the people of faith, because in this month the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was born, who is a source of mercy for all

OU between NLC and Mota Engil Group

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif with Field Marshal and Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir and others witness singing of an MoU between National Logistics Corporation and Mota-Engil Group on Monday.



AJK University pay tribute to martyrs of Pakistan Army on Pakistan Defence Day

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: An impressive ceremony was organized by the Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir to pay tribute to the martyrs of the Pakistan Army on the occasion of Pakistan Defence Day. This program was organized in collaboration with Hope Foundation and Al-Hadir Foundation, Muzaffarabad. The ceremony highlighted the eternal sacrifices and mir Studies Dr. Samaira Shafiq, Dr. The speakers said that Defence Day is security and integrity of the country in the context of Defence Day. On this occasion, Director Institute of Kash- of the institute expressed their views. the homeland can never be forgotten. lutions of the United Nations.



bravery of the Pakistan Army for the Anbrin Khawaja, CEO Muqadd- a renewal of the resolve that the sacrias Seemab and Ijaz Mughal of Hope Foundation along with the students sacrificed their lives for the defense of

fices of the martyrs and ghazis who

He said that the Pakistan Army has always made the defense, stability and service of the country its top priority, and the entire nation is proud of their sacrifices. Despite India's oppression and oppression, the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir are continuing their struggle bravely to achieve the right to self-determination in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. He said that the world should take notice of the Indian atrocities on the Kashmiris of occupied Kashmir, and that the Kashmiris should get the right to self-determination in accordance with the reso-

Cervical cancer vaccination campaign to start in Mirpur

👺 Bureau Report

MIRPUR: Like the rest of the country, the national vaccination campaign for the prevention of cervical cancer has been launched in Mirpur district

In this regard, a walk was organized at the district level from the District Health Office to the Divisional Headquarters Hospital under the auspices of ACT International, which was led by District Health Officer Dr. Fida Hussain Raja. DHO Dr. Fida Hussain Raja, while informing about the campaign, said that girls aged 9 to 14 years will be provided with HPV vaccine free of cost, which will help protect them from a life-threatening disease like cervical cancer in the future.

He urged parents to take their



that they should participate fully in this daughters to vaccination centers and national campaign as it is a guarantee of

This message will also be dissemi-

platforms. Doctors, public, media persons, and representatives of ACT schools. APMO Dr. Fatima Yaqoob said protecting our daughters from diseases nated through media and social media International participated in the walk.

Dr. Shaista Ali makes history with PhD in Zoology

MUZAFFARABAD, AJK: Dr. Shaista Ali, a distinguished officer of the Wildlife Department, has made history by becoming the first PhD scholar from AJK University to complete her research on wildlife. She has successfully defended her PhD in Zoology from AJK University, $\label{thm:multiple} Muzaffarabad, marking a significant milestone in her illustrious career.$

Dr. Ali's groundbreaking research, titled "Conservation Ecology of Common Leopard in AJK," is a pioneering study that sheds new light on the ecology and conservation of this majestic species. Notably, this is the first-ever study in Pakistan to focus on the ecology of common leopards, making Dr. Ali's work a landmark contribution to the field.

The wildlife department and the academic community have extended their warmest congratulations to Dr. Shaista Ali on this groundbreaking achievement. Her continued success and impactful contributions to the field of zoological research are eagerly anticipated.

All Parties Hurriyat Conference strongly condemns installation of Ashoka symbol at shrine Hazrat Bal

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The All Parties Hurrivat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan Branch has strongly rejected the Indian occupation administration's move to install the symbol of Ashoka, the last emperor of the Mauryan dynasty, in the premises of the famous and holy shrine of Hazrat Bal in Srinagar, saying that this act is actually an open interference in the religion of Islam and an evil conspiracy to hurt the religious sentiments of Kashmiri Muslims.

Secretary Information of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Mushtaq Ahmed Butt said that the shrine of Hazrat Bal is the great spiritual center where the sacred hair of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is preserved and this place holds extraordinary sanctity in the hearts of the entire Muslim Ummah in terms of devotion and respect. Installing a symbol of idolatry at such a place is tantamount to blasphemy and an attack on the funda $mental\ belief of\ Muslims,\ Monotheism.\ Islam\ has\ strictly\ prohibited\ all$ forms of idolatry and the foundation of our faith is based on "La ilaha illallah Muhammad Rasoolullah", which has no room for any non-Islamic symbol or statue.

The life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), great example for all: Sardar Attique

Spokesman Report



RAWALPINDI/MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that the life of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) is a great example for all of us, we have to move forward towards action.

Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him) brought such a great revolution in the world that its impact will remain until the Day of Judgment. He said that societies based on social principles as well as moral principles progress.

In his message, President of the Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet are guidance and guidance for those who come until the Day of Judgment. Allah Almighty has also imposed on us responsibilities such as establishing prayers, obtaining sustenance, giving Zakat and charity.

Prophet (peace be upon him) came with the mess Allah Almighty that Allah is one and do not associate others with Allah. He (peace be upon him) established a system of justice and listened to

From the biography of the Prophet (peace be upon him) we know that he (peace be upon him) also formed a team despite the aristocracy, oppression and oppression and brought a revolution that swept the whole world. He said that even today we need similar passion, motivation and sacrifice.

He said that in Islamic society, the poor and helpless have always been taken care of and justice has been ensured. He (PBUH) always advised that rulers should always keep their doors open, adjust their standard of living to the needs of the people there and take care of the poor.

He said that without knowledge, competition in the world cannot be achieved, we have to work on it at every level, even at this time 20 million children are out of school, we all have to play our role together, only then will we move forward in the right direction.

He said that anti-national elements are looking for heinous acts to sabotage the peace of the country and are targeting innocent citizens. Terrorists target innocent citizens cannot save themselves from the wrath and punishment of Allah Almighty he remarked.

Govt planning to provide health facilities in remote areas of Balochistan: CM

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Monday said that the incumbent provincial government is planning to provide basic health facilities even in remote areas of Balochistan so that no citizen is deprived of treatment facilities.

He expressed these view while visiting the Mir Ghulam Qadir Bugti Hospital in Bekar in collaboration with Indus Hospital and took a detailed review of the medical facilities available there.

On this occasion, he inspected various departments, wards and pharmacy of the hospital, while the hospital administration informed him about the health facilities provided to the patients. The Chief Minister Balochistan said that Balochistan is the largest prov-

ince of Pakistan, which covers 43 percent of the country in terms of area. Providing basic facilities including health to a scattered population spread over a vast area and living in remote areas is a difficult and big challenge. However, the provincial government is accepting this challenge and is committed to providing quality medical facilities to the people at the local level, he said.

He said that by equipping basic health centers with modern facilities, not only could treatment facilities be provided to a large number of people, but also the burden on tertiary care hospitals would be reduced and the quality of specialized treatment to be further improved.

The Chief Minister said that this step would not only provide quality treatment facilities within the province but could also save the people from the difficulties and heavy expenses being faced by them for treat-

He noted that the Balochistan government is bringing reforms on modern lines to improve the public health system and public-private partnership is also being promoted to improve quality.

In this regard, the support of Indus Hospital is commendable, through which significant positive results are being achieved, he maintained.

The inclusion of Indus Hospital in Mir Ghulam Qadir Bugti Hospital has provided modern medical facilities to the public, which is a practical manifestation of the government's vision, he maintained.



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PFA seals ketchup unit, discards 2,000kg ketchup ಟೆ 620kg meat

LAHORE: Punjab Food Authority (PFA) enforcement teams carried out grand operations in Lahore, discarding 2,000 kilograms of adulterated ketchup and mayonnaise as well as 620 kilograms of substandard meat.

Acting on the directions of Director General Muhammad Asim Javaid. a ketchup production unit on Multan Road was sealed and an FIR was lodged against the food business operator. The teams inspected over 60,000 kilograms of meat during operations at Tollinton Market, Johar Town, and Multan Road. At Tollinton Market, 26 vehicles and 20 shops were checked, while in Johar Town 29 food outlets were inspected.

DG PFA Muhammad Asim Javaid said that on-the-spot testing at the sealed unit confirmed the use of hazardous chemicals and artificial dyes in the preparation of ketchup and mayonnaise, leading to the disposal of 2,000kg of unsafe products. He added that the team observed highly unhygienic conditions, including spider webs on walls, insect infestation, and raw materials stored directly on the floor. Furthermore, workers were found without proper medical records, training certifications, or required

documentation. Highlighting the dangers, the DG stated that consumption of substandard and adulterated food could cause severe damage to the stomach. liver, and intestines. He reiterated that PFA has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against food adulteration and those involved in such hazardous practices.

Pakistan Navy observes navy day with homage to 'shuhada' and display of operational readiness

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy observed Navy Day to commemorate its historic role in the 1965 War. President Asif Ali Zardari in his message on Navy Day honoured the sacrifices of martyrs and the resilience of Ghazis, expressed confidence in the Navy's continued role in ensuring maritime security and regional peace. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also commended Pakistan Navy's recent success in Operation Marka-e-Haq and emphasized its growing role beyond defence including boosting the blue economy, port development, and humanitarian aid.

Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, in his message on Navy Day, said that 8 September stands as a testament to the courage of naval warriors, whose steadfast resolve at



sea shines like a beacon, guiding future generations. He further said that anchored in the honour and sacrifice of the glorious past, Pakistan Navy, during Marka-e-Haq, demonstrated resilience and combat readiness that radiated deterrence and a firm resolve to ensure impregnable defence of our sea frontiers.

The day dawned with Quran Khawani and special prayers for Shuhada. Activities included speech and national song competitions, marathon, boat rally and gathering of Shuhada families.

Additionally, Pakistan Navy staged an impressive maritime counter-terrorism demonstration at PNS QASIM, Manora, Karachi. The event, showcasing a high level of preparedness and professionalism across multiple operational domains.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of civil and military dignitaries, families of Shuhada, and war veterans.

Ethiopian New Year

ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani along with Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan Jemal Beker Abdula and others cut cake during an event regarding the celebrations of Ethiopian New Year "ENKUTATASH" at local hotel in Federal Capital.



Flour available on Government fixed Price in T T Singh: DFC Shumaila Bano

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Provided daily necessities to the people across the district is the top priority of the Punjab government. Especially flour, which is a basic need of every household, the food department is working day and night to ensure its availability and supply.

District Food Controller Madam Shumaila Bano talking in this regard, said that in accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif and on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Toba Tek Singh Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, special steps are being taken to provide flour to the public so that everyone can easily and at reasonable rates.

Shumaila Bano said that flour is available in shops across the district at govern-



ment rates and the public will not face any

problem in this regard. She said that with the cooperation of the Flour Mills Association, the supply of flour has been made more efficient and transparent so that there is no shortage anywhere. Shumaila Babo further said that any negligence or negligence on this important public issue will not be tolerated and monitoring is being continued on a daily basis.

The Punjab government, especially Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, is taking practical steps keeping in mind the public convenience and relief. The timely supply of flour is not only providing relief to the common man but also thwarting the ambitions of profiteers and hoarders. Of course, such steps will further strengthen the relationship of trust between the public and the government.

Dr Banuri calls for shifting policy formulation from clientelism to national needs

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Renowned global scholar on sustainable development, former Chairman HEC and former founding Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr. Tariq Banuri, on Monday called for shifting policy formulation from clientelism to national needs.

In his distinguished lecture on Natural Disasters, Climate Change and Policy Response organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), the scholar identified the erosion of institutional capacity and human resource quality, along with corruption and weak accountability, as the key reasons behind poor implementation.

He added that unconscious initiatives such as the NDMA system, the



response, but without integration into a robust national framework.

Comparing Pakistan's trajectory with China, Dr. Banuri emphasized the need for an "objective-driven" policy approach alongwith strengthening of relevant institutions, capacity buildup Billion Tree Tsunami, mass transit of relevant expert and skilled human projects, renewable energy adoption, resource and allocation of required

Chief Coordinator to the Prime

Minister for Government Performance and Innovation, Mosharraf Zaidi, contributing to the discussion, underscored that policymaking should be rooted in securing people's lives, livelihoods, and dignity. He argued that Pakistan's challenge is not the absence of frameworks but the failure to create perity," Dr. Banuri said.

at the grassroots level.

He concluded with a strong call for building strong, independent institutions, investing in education and research, and shifting from short-term transactionalism to long-term resilience planning. "We must move from policies as decoration pieces to policies as instruments of survival and pros-

Palestine welcomes Spain's call for immediate Gaza ceasefire

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine welcomes the advanced Spanish position announced by Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez regarding maximizing efforts to achieve an immediate ceasefire, protect and provide relief to civilians, increase support to them through UNRWA, halt the crimes of genocide, displacement, and annexation, and support European and international efforts to achieve peace, implement the two-state solution, and protect it from the risks of annexation and settlement.

While the Ministry once again commends the positions of the friendly Kingdom of Spain-its king, government, and people-it calls on countries, especially European countries, to follow Spain's example and efforts to stop the war, achieve peace, and protect the two-state solution.

Large-Scale Embezzlement Alleged in Food and Oxygen Gas Procurement at Sindh Government Hospital Saudabad

👺 Imran Zakir

KARACHI: Serious allegations of large-scale financial irregularities have surfaced at Sindh Government Hospital Saudabad the newly appointed Medical Superintendent (MS), Dr. Ali Murtaza Shah, is accused of violating Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SEPRA) rules by making payments exceeding Rs. 10 million to contractors within just 15 days of assuming charge

According to official documents obtained from sources, Dr. Shah assumed charge as Medical Superintendent on July 24, 2025. Shortly after, he allegedly approved payments to contractors for food supplies, oxygen gas, and fuel for hospital generators without inviting tenders, raising serious concerns about transparency and misuse of public funds. The documents reveal that:

Know Rs. 5,000,2398 was allocated for patient food. Rs. 1,258,047 was withdrawn for generator fuel during load-shedding.

Rs. 2,766,075 was spent on oxygen gas procurement. Over Rs. 200,000 was spent on petrol for officers and ambulances within just eight days.

Sources alleged that these expenditures were processed and released in violation of procurement regulations. When contacted, the office of the Accountant General (AG) Sindh confirmed that the funds were indeed released on August 8, 2025.

The alleged irregularities have raised questions about the misuse of health department funds at a time when public hospitals in Sindh are already facing critical shortages of resources.

Condolence Visits for Syed Manzar Naqvi on Brother's **Demise**



Bureau Report

KARACHI: A steady stream of condolence messages and visits continue to reach Syed Manzar Naqvi, Secretary General of the Karachi Editors Club (KEC) and Editor of The Financial Daily International, following the sad demise of his brother, Syed Manwar Hussain Naqvi.

Delegations from various organizations and notable personalities visited to offer their sympathies and prayers for the departed soul. Among those who extended condolences were members of the Azadari Coordination Committee Hyderabad and the Zaireen Khidmat Committee Masooma-e-Sindh Agham Kot. The delegations included Zawar Niaz Hussain Laghari, Syed Abdul Sattar Shah Kazmi, Zawar Mehdi Laghari, Zawar Abdul Sattar Dars, Aun-ul-Hasan Dars, Aribul-Hasan, Ghazanfar Abbas, and others.

In addition, Mubasher Mir, Editor of Daily Pakistan, Mukhtiar Hussain Soomro, former Provincial Secretary, and Advocate Ibad-ul-Hasnain, Supreme Court lawyer, also personally met with Syed Manzar Naqvi to express their condolences. They acknowledged the late Syed Manwar Hussain Naqvi's values and prayed for his eternal peace.

On this solemn occasion, Fateha was offered for the departed soul, and prayers were made for strength and patience for the bereaved

The ongoing visits reflect the high regard in which Syed Manzar Naqvi is held across media, legal, and social circles, as colleagues, friends, and community representatives continue to share in his grief and extend their heartfelt support.

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UNICEF warns Gaza City becoming a 'place where childhood cannot survive'

UNICEF official has warned that Gaza City, the last refuge for families in the northern Gaza Strip, is becoming a place "where childhood cannot survive" following two years of Israeli war. Family games

Tess Ingram, Communication Manager for UNICEF's Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, who recently spent nine days in Gaza, described it as "a city of fear, flight and funerals."

On Thursday, she called for the international community to do everything possible to prevent catastrophe in Gaza City as Israel ramps up military operations ahead of a planned full takeover.

"The last refuge for families in the northern Gaza Strip is fast becoming a place where childhood cannot survive," the UNICEF official said, speaking from the enclave to reporters in New York.

"The unthinkable is not looming; it is already here," Ms. Ingram said, warning: "The escalation is underway." Nearly a million people remain in Gaza City, where the col-

lapse of essential services is leaving its youngest and most vulnerable residents "fighting for survival" as famine spreads and aid barely trickles in. Family games Only 44 out of 92 UNICEF-supported outpatient nutrition

treatment centres are still functional, which means thousands of malnourished children lack access to these critical lifelines. UNICEF said it continues to respond to the crisis and, in the

past two weeks, provided partners on the ground with enough ready-to-use therapeutic food to support more than 3,000 acutely malnourished children over the six-week course of treatment.

The agency also provided complimentary food to support more than 1,400 infants as well as high-energy biscuits for more than 4,600 pregnant and breastfeeding women, among other assistance such as safe drinking water and construction of temporary learn-

'Our team is doing everything in their power to help children, but we could do far more, reach every child here, if our operations on the ground were enabled at scale and we were well funded,"

UNICEF is seeking \$716 million this year for its response in Gaza, where needs are immense and childhood malnutrition continues to rise. In February, just over 2,000 youngsters were admitted for treatment. In July, the number climbed to 13,000 and by mid-August had already reached 7,200. The agency continues to call on Israel to review its rules of

engagement to ensure that children are protected, and for Hamas and other armed groups to release all remaining hostages, Ms In-

She underlined the need for Israel to allow sufficient aid to enter, while humanitarians must be able to safely reach families where they are. Family games

Her final plea was for the international community, especially States and stakeholders with influence, to use their leverage to end the war now: "because the cost of inaction will be measured in the lives of children buried in the rubble, wasted by hunger and silenced before they even had a chance to speak."

When China Becomes 1

question a great country. Its intelligent, innovative, creative, and generous. From breakthroughs in medicine to technological revolutions in Silicon Valley, America has shaped the modern world in ways unmatched by any other nation. It remains a land where people from every nationality, race, and background are welcomed with open arms and provided with the opportunity to realize their dreams. Millions of immigrants, including myself, have experienced this spirit of hospitality and freedom, and this openness has helped make America a beacon of hope and aspiration for the entire world.

Yet today, the global balance of power is shifting rapidly, and the next two decades may define humanity's political, economic, and technological future. At the heart of this transformation lies China, a country whose breathtaking rise over the last thirty years is unmatched in modern history and whose trajectory now threatens to challenge America's position as the world's leading power.

This progress is matched by China's deep global outreach through the Belt and Road Initiative, which now connects more than 154 nations through infrastructure, trade, and investment partnerships. By building ports, highways, railways, energy grids, and digital corridors across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe, China has positioned itself at the center of emerging economic systems and established influence across continents. In doing so, it offers developing countries access to resources and opportunities while simultaneously expanding its own markets and soft power. Unlike coercive alliances built on dependence, Beijing presents this as a model of shared prosperity — one where growth is mutual and partnerships create new possibil-

he United States is without ities for all. This resonates deeply with many nations, especially those historipeople are hardworking, cally marginalized in the global economic

> In contrast, the United States stands at a crossroads. For decades, America has been the center of global power, but over time, its overreliance on financial dominance rather than industrial capability has weakened its foundations. Much of its manufacturing base has been

outsourced to China. India, Taiwan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and other nations, leaving the U. S. dependent on foreign supply chains for critical products, including advanced electronics. pharmaceuticals, and energy systems. America's global influence

order.

has long relied on the dominance of the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency, allowing it to print trillions without economic backing and finance its consumption and global strategy. Yet this advantage is eroding rapidly as BRICS nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and other blocs create new frameworks for trade that bypass the dollar entirely. As countries increasingly settle energy, technology, and agricultural trades in local currencies or the Chinese yuan, Washington's ability to shape the world economy through financial leverage diminishes year after year.

Political polarization compounds these challenges. While China moves forward with a unified vision, the United States struggles to reconcile deep divisions between Democrats and Republicans, preventing the creation of long-term strategies needed to sustain global leadership. Powerful lobbying networks and foreign influence groups, such as AIPAC, steer U. S. policy to serve external interests rather than the nation's strategic

priorities. Meanwhile, traditional allies in mutual growth. Europe and Canada, as well as partners in Latin America, are pursuing greater indewilling to follow policies they increasingly view as contrary to their own interests. For many across the globe, America is still admired for its innovation, opportunity, and generosity, but there is growing frustration with its history of military interventions and regime-change poli-

cies that have destabilized nations from Iraq to Syria, from Libya to Afghanistan. If the United States wants to sustain its role as a respected leader, it must abandon strategies rooted in coercion and start building partnerships grounded in trust,

friendship, and mutual respect.

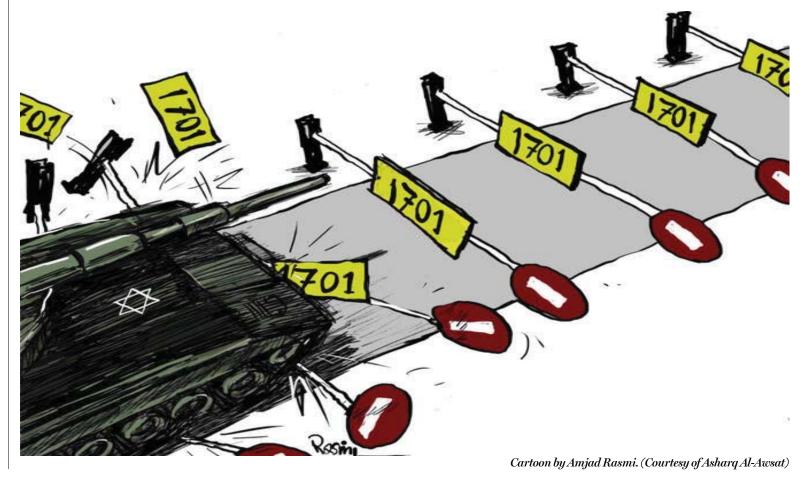
Yet the United States is not destined to fall behind. It still holds immense strengths — from its culture of innovation and world-class universities to its entrepreneurial spirit and unparalleled capacity to attract global talent. America's scientific leadership, vibrant democracy, and openness to diversity remain unmatched assets. But sustaining these advantages requires decisive action and renewed purpose.

To match China's pace and reclaim long-term competitiveness, the U.S. must invest heavily in rebuilding its domestic manufacturing base, revitalizing its infrastructure, and restoring leadership in research and development. It must reform its education system to empower a new generation of engineers, scientists, and innovators, and it must foster unity in policymaking, setting aside partisanship for strategic national goals. Most critically, America must shift from a foreign policy based on dominance to one built on equal partnerships, cooperation, and

China's rise represents a once-in-a-century transformation of the global order, pendence from Washington, no longer and whether the coming decades lead to confrontation or collaboration will depend on choices made today. If Beijing sustains its momentum and continues integrating 154 nations into its economic vision, it could emerge as the defining power of the 21st century. But China also presents itself as a nation seeking harmony, offering development opportunities rather than pursuing domination, knowing that shared prosperity fuels its own progress. Meanwhile, the United States has the ability to remain a global leader, but only if it adapts to a rapidly changing world, invests in its people, strengthens its alliances, and treats all nations with dignity, fairness, and respect.

The world stands at the threshold of a profound transformation. America's greatness lies in its creativity, diversity, and openness, qualities that have long inspired humanity. If it can harness these strengths, end destructive foreign interventions, and focus on building lasting partnerships based on trust and care, it can chart a new path where leadership is not imposed but earned. This is the moment for the United States to rediscover its founding ideals and become not just a superpower but a partner to the world. If it fails to do so, China's relentless rise will reshape the global balance irreversibly, and the 21st century may well belong to Beijing. But if America chooses wisely, there is room for both nations to thrive, for a multipolar world rooted in cooperation rather than conflict, and for humanity to achieve shared prosperity.

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The Cloudburst Era: Pakistan's Struggle with a Broken Climate

impossible to ignore. From wildfires in Europe and record heatwaves in the Gulf to hurricanes battering North America, nature is striking back with a force that feels unfamiliar in its scale and frequency. Scientists have long warned that a warming planet would bring more intense ally high summer temperatures accelerated storms, erratic weather and fragile ecosystems pushed to the brink. For Pakistan, one of the most Rivers were already swollen when the rains climate-vulnerable countries,

these warnings are no longer forecasts but lived realities.

This summer, the skies over Pakistan did not just rain, they burst open. In August, flash floods and cloudbursts swept across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, turning valleys into rivers of destruc-

tion. In Buner, more than a hundred people were killed in a single spell. In Bajaur and Battagram, families were buried under mud and debris. Ghizer in Gilgit-Baltistan reported multiple deaths after roads collapsed and bridges were washed away. More than 1,300 tourists trapped in Mansehra's Siran Valley were rescued, a rare success in a season of tragedy.

Nationwide, the toll has climbed above 550 deaths since late June. Thousands more have been injured or displaced. For many families, this monsoon has been a cycle of evacuation, loss and mourning. Pakistan has faced floods before, but what makes this year stand out is not only the scale of destruction but the speed and frequency of disasters.

The science explains why. A warmer atmosphere holds more moisture, about seven percent That means when the skies open, rainfall is

of climate change are becoming Attribution group concluded that monsoon rainfall in Pakistan was at least ten to fifteen percent more intense due to human-induced climate change. Many Pakistanis already know this truth instinctively: the country is paying the price for a crisis it did not cause.

Local factors magnify the destruction. Unusuglacial melt in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral.

> began. Glacial lakes destabilized by heat burst their ice dams and joined the torrents. Years of deforestation have stripped hillsides of cover, while unchecked construction on floodplains has left entire communities in harm's way. In cities, blocked drains meant rainwater had nowhere to go but into homes and streets.

Institutional failures added to the losses. The Meteorological Department issued warnings, but many villages never received them. A farmer in Bajaur said he realized danger was coming only when he heard the roar of water behind the hills. By then, it was too late. Families in Battagram fled with children in their arms, only to be overtaken within minutes. Every year, government response is limited to damage management, not even damage control, with little thought for long-term sustainability. Without political will to invest in resilience, the cycle of destruction and relief will continue.

The responsibility, however, cannot rest with the state alone. The private sector must channel investment into green infrastructure, renewable energy and corporate initiatives that reduce vulnerability. Society as a whole must embrace more for every one degree Celsius of warming. climate awareness, from schools teaching preparedness to communities organizing volun-

cross the world, the harsh realities heavier. A recent study by the World Weather teer rescue teams. Humanitarian organisations can provide training and equipment, but resilience has to be built into the social fabric. Behind the figures are families torn apart:

parents digging through mud for missing children, farmers watching their animals carried away, women who lost their only shelter and face the monsoon nights under open skies. For them, climate change is not an abstract theory, it is the river that swallowed their village.

The way forward requires more than relief. Early warning systems must be strengthened so alerts reach the last household in a valley. Natural defenses should be restored through reforestation and slope stabilization. Building codes and land-use laws must be enforced. and encroachments on waterways removed. Infrastructure must be redesigned for a changing climate, with elevated roads, reinforced bridges and safer homes.

Pakistan's case also highlights the demand for climate justice. The country contributes less than one percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, yet pays one of the highest prices. In 2022, floods submerged one third of the nation. Three years later, we are again counting our dead and displaced. Adaptation is urgent, but without international financial and technical support, Pakistan cannot carry this burden alone.

The 2025 monsoon is not just another season of loss, it is a warning from the future. Heavier downpours will come more often. The evidence is undeniable: our way of living is dangerously exposed. The question is whether we act now, or wait until the next cloudburst writes another headline of grief. The skies will open again, and whether the next torrent becomes another national tragedy depends entirely on the choices we make today.

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'A Nation's Debt to Its Elders'

Javed Ullah Raja

honesty, dedication, and hard work in various institutions, now find themselves in a stage of life devoid of the peace and security they rightfully deserve. Among them are the thousands of struggling for years to receive their pensions and rightful dues, wandering from door to door in pursuit of justice.

while it opened avenues for new opportuni- Rights, which is the guardian of citizens' basic

ties and profits, unfortunately, it also led to increasing hardships for the retired employees of these institutions. When Allied Bank was handed over to the private sector, the financial security and peaceful retirement of its thousands of employees became uncertain. During this process, government directives, instructions

from the Ministry of Finance, letters from and unsupported, it should be a moment of the State Bank, and decisions by the Federal Ombudsman that favored retired employees were blatantly ignored.

their lives to the bank, who improved its operations, served with trust and responsibility and now, they are burdened by age, illness, inflation, and neglect. Some of these elderly individuals have already passed away due to the lack of timely justice and financial support. Their widows and families still knock on doors with hope. It is a tragic irony that while the bank is willing to spend millions of rupees on lawyers to fight against its own pensioners, it hesitates

On the other hand, these senior citizens, in

When justice is served by the courts but not implemented, the question arises: what is the

he elderly citizens of our country, real barrier to justice for the common citizen? who served for decades with Are court verdicts merely words with no weight? Is the state unable to enforce the decisions of its own courts? And if so, where should these elderly citizens go? Whose door should they knock on?

Ultimately, the retired employees submitted retired employees of Allied Bank, who have been contempt of court petitions to the Supreme Court in February 2025, and their voice has now reached the corridors of power.

It is therefore a sincere appeal to government After the privatization of the banking sector, institutions, particularly the Ministry of Human

rights, to pay attention to this situation and earn the prayers of these elderly citizens. Their cries and pleas are fading into a silent void. We must not forget that human rights are not just words in books or speeches, they are reflected in real action.

If the people who gave the best years of their lives to an institution now feel abandoned

reflection for all of us.

A heartfelt appeal is made to state institutions, especially the Ministry of Finance, the These are the same individuals who dedicated Ministry of Human Rights, and all relevant authorities, to ensure immediate implementation of court rulings. Allied Bank's retired employees must be given the rights that not only the law has acknowledged but that ethics and humanity fully justify.

> These elderly citizens are not asking for charity or sympathy, they are demanding what is rightfully theirs, and what they earned long

If we cannot provide them peace, security, to give these retired employees their lawful dues. and financial dignity, then as a nation, we cannot claim to have honored their contributhe face of rising inflation and limited income, tions. Let us hope that those in power will listen are forced to live quietly and patiently, often to these voices and take immediate, practical, and effective steps to bring relief to their lives.

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"CURRENT SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND THE

Zionist forces aim for complete control over Palestinian land: Dr Mahmoud Al-Habbash

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chief Adviser to Palestine's President and Supreme Judge of Palestine Dr Mahmoud Al-Habbash has declared that Pakistan is a true and lasting ally of Palestinians.

Reaffirming their unwavering will never abandon their homeland.

Speaking at a press conference alongside the Imams of Al-Aqsa

eral relations between the two nations destroyed, while millions of Palesand will have long-term impacts.

Dr. Al-Habbash delivered official letters from the Palestinian President to Pakistan's President and Prime Minister. During meetings with the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, National Assembly Speaker, and stance, he stated that Palestinians other key figures, he discussed the severity of Israeli aggression and the

current situation in Palestine. He highlighted that Zionist forces Mosque and Ibrahimi Mosque, Dr. aim for complete control over Pales-

tinians have been displaced from their homes.

Despite these atrocities, he emphasised that the Palestinian people remain firm in their principles and will not retreat from their homeland.

He said he brought a message to the "great and brotherly nation" of Pakistan that the Palestinian people are not alone—they are backed by friends. He appealed to the Pakistani media to amplify the Palestinian cause.

of the world's two billion Muslims ical parties, noting their unity and donated just one dollar, \$2 billion consistent stance on Palestine despite could be raised to support Pales-

tinian children's food, education,

Dr. Al-Habbash thanked the people of Pakistan and all religious and polit-

internal differences.

He also revealed that the United and medical needs. He urged the States has barred Palestine from Pakistani government to send this attending a conference on the two-state solution, but maintained that the voice of the Palestinian tinian people remain determined and people cannot be silenced—it will

continue to rise and will never die. He concluded by expressing grat-

itude to Pakistan's President, Prime Minister, and Army Chief, appreciating that Pakistan's unwavering position on Palestine has never changed. He affirmed that the Paleswill ultimately achieve their goal.



City Desk

Further deepening its international partnerships, the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) to institutionalise and deepen academic collaboration. SIIS is one of China's leading think-tanks with a strong global reputation for policy-oriented research.

The MoU was signed on 2 September 2025 in Shanghai, on the sidelines of the "High-level Seminar on Development and Cooperation between China and South Asian Countries" that brought together scholars, experts, and policymakers to deliberate on contemporary global and regional challenges.

The signing ceremony was attended by senior officials and scholars from both institutions.

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood. Director General ISSI, and Professor Chen Dongxiao, President of SIIS, signed the MoU on behalf of their respective sides. The MoU establishes policy dialogue, academic exchanges. seminars and conferences on issues of



In his remarks on the occasion, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood higha framework for long-term cooper- lighted the importance of enhanced between Pakistan and China, particu-

sustained collaboration and knowledge-sharing between ISSI and SIIS.

ation in areas such as joint research, academic and intellectual engagement the partnership and reaffirmed SIIS's exchanges between Pakistan and commitment to deepening research co-publications, and participation in larly in the context of far-reaching collaboration with ISSI on a wide spec-meaningfully to bilateral undergeopolitical and geo-economic shifts. trum of themes, noting that closer standing and regional dialogue mutual interest at regional and global He underscored that this MoU would academic linkages would further through joint research, publications, serve as a sound foundation for enrich China-Pakistan relations.

The ISSI-SIIS partnership represents a significant step in strength-Professor Chen Dongxiao welcomed ening scholarly and policy-oriented China. It is expected to contribute and academic cooperation.

PPP Will Provide all Possible Financial Assistance to the Flood Victims: Bilawal

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Said The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Will Provide all Possible Financial Assistance to the Flood Victims and Will Not Leave Them Alone in this Difficult Time.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Future Said reaffirmed his party's solidarity with flood-affected families, stressing that the government must impose an agriculture emergency and extend immediate financial support through the Benazir Income Support Programme

Speaking at Gilani Dumrah Tent City in Multan, Bilawal said the PPP would not leave the people alone in tation were the foremost priorities. their time of crisis. He emphasized



"Rescue operations must continue, that saving lives, providing relief, relief in the form of rations and shellenge," he noted. The PPP Chairman and ensuring long-term rehabili- ters should be delivered without delay,

and the rehabilitation of displaced families remains the biggest chalsaid farmers were the hardest hit by

the disaster, and called for concrete measures to support them. "Agriculture has been devastated, and without urgent help, farmers cannot recover. The government should waive electricity bills and farmers' debts to ease their burden," he suggested.

Bilawal said he had requested Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to ensure that relief was delivered transparently through BISP, citing its proven track record during COVID-19. He urged both federal and provincial governments to replicate the postflood housing schemes introduced in Sindh and extend similar initiatives in Punjab.

On this occasion, Governor Punjab Saleem Haider, MNAs Abdul Qadir Gillani, Ali Qasim Gillani, Senior Vice Present PPP South Punjab Khawaja Rizwan Alan, Malik Manzoor and others were also present.

Commissioner and RPO Multan Lead Flood Rescue Operations in Jalalpur



👺 Zain Khan

MULTAN: Under the direct supervision of Commissioner Multan, Amir Kareem Khan, and Regional Police Officer, Captain (R) Chaudhry Muhammad Sohail, rescue operations in Jalalpur are underway with full momentum to protect flood-affected families.

Citizens have widely praised the administration after images and videos of the rescue mission surfaced, calling the efforts a symbol of courage, humanity, and responsibility.

Both senior officials have been personally present at the site, ensuring not only strict monitoring but also extending moral support to rescue personnel working in difficult conditions. Women, children, and elderly citizens are being rescued with life jackets and transported via boats to safe locations. The Multan Division administration has reaffirmed that protecting the lives and property of the public remains its top priority, and operations will continue without pause until all affected communities are safely relocated.

Beaconhouse and CDA Inaugurate Meco's Garden at F-9 Park, Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Beaconhouse Group, in collaboration with the Capital Development Authority (CDA), inaugurated Meco's Garden at F-9 Park, marking the launch of a large-scale tree plantation campaign under their recently signed MoU. The initiative aligns with Beaconhouse's 50-year strategic intent of Sustainability & Environmental

The inauguration featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Chief Guest, Muhammad Ali Randhawa, Chairman CDA & Chief Commissioner, ICT, Islamabad, and Nassir Kasuri, Executive Director, Beaconhouse. The event was also attended by the senior leadership of CDA and Beaconhouse, including Ali Kasuri, CEO of Premier Trading Services (Pvt) Ltd, as well as teachers and students.

MNA Zahra Fatima, addressed the gathering and emphasised the government's commitment to environmental preservation. Muhammad Ali Randhawa spoke about CDA's vision for sustainable urban development, the role of students in carrying the mission forward, and acknowledged Beaconhouse's role in advancing this mission.

Speaking at the event, Nassir Kasuri said, "For the past 50 years, Beaconhouse has invested in shaping future generations. Today, as we look ahead to the next 50, our vision is about nurturing environments where communities and nature thrive together. This collaboration with CDA is a step towards creating sustainable urban spaces that will benefit generations to come."

With Meco's Garden, Beaconhouse further extends its 50-year legacy beyond education to environmental responsibility and stewardship. This partnership between Beaconhouse and CDA reflects a shared vision for sustainability and the future of Pakistan's urban landscape.

Al Shifa Trust opens Pakistan's first thyroid eye clinic

跨 Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan's first Thyroid Eye Disease clinic has opened at Al Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi, offering integrated care for a condition that affects millions but remains widely misdiagnosed. The facility marks a turning point in treating conditions linked to thyroid dysfunction.

The clinic, inaugurated by Maj. Gen (Retd) Rehmat Khan, President of Al-Shifa Trust, brings together ophthalmologists and endocrinologists under one roof, an integration absent in many hospitals. This collaborative approach ensures comprehensive care.

Talking to the media men, Maj. Gen clinic targets patients suffering from thyroid-related eye complications, often

misdiagnosed or left untreated. He emphasised the critical impor-

tance of early diagnosis and regular may require surgery costing Rs 1.5 to monitoring to prevent complications 2 lakhs, while standard medications from thyroid eye disease, as timely intervention can significantly reduce the risks.

He informed that thyroid disease affects an estimated 3–5% of Pakistan's population, the majority of whom are women. Of these, roughly 25-40% may develop eye-related complications, suggesting that around 14 million Pakistanis are living with it.

A study in Lahore found 12–13% of the population suffers from thyroid

Maj. Gen (Retd) Rehmat Khan noted that the absence of proper public care for thyroid eye disease forces (Retd) Rehmat Khan said that the patients into costly private treatment, while many leave them untreated.

Dr. Tayyab Afghani, Head of Orbit and Oculoplastic Department, said that treatment costs are steep, as some cases

range from Rs 5,000 to 7,000.

The latest medicine, available only in the US, costs \$16,000 to \$17,000 and remains inaccessible in Pakistan. Efforts are underway to collaborate with international health organisations to introduce advanced treatments and make expensive medications locally available, he informed.

He said geographic disparities further complicate access. While Rawalpindi and Islamabad residents now benefit from specialised care, patients in Balochistan, interior Sindh, and parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remain hours away from even basic thyroid treatment.

Prof. Afghani informed that Al-Shifa will expand access through telemedicine services and deploy mobile clinics to underserved areas, providing on-the-



ground care and education. These initifor physicians and healthcare workers treatment quality.

outside major cities, will significantly atives, along with training programs improve diagnosis rates and enhance

He warned that smoking is a critical risk factor as tobacco use significantly worsens the problem, yet public awareness remains low. To address this, we will launch public health initiatives and awareness campaigns aimed at educating communities about risk factors and the importance of seeking specialist care promptly. According to statistics, Thyroid Eye

Disease affects 5 to 16 new people per 100,000 each year, depending on the country. Women are 3 to 5 times more likely to get it than men. In the US, about 250 out of every 100,000 people have it, while in Europe the number is between 90 and 155 per 100,000, and in Asia it ranges from 100 to 300 per 100,000. About 20 per cent of cases have moderate to severe symptoms, while the rest are considered mild. It mainly affects adults aged 35 to 60, while it's rare in children.

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Danish Krone	43.9	44.30
Euro	329.70	331.50
Hong Kong Dollar	36	36.35
Indian Rupee	3.13	3.22
Japanese Yen	1.8800	1.9800
Kuwaiti Dinar	913	921
Malaysian Ringgit	66.47	67.07
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Swiss Franc	350.41	353.16
Thai Bhat	8.62	8.77
U.A.E Dirham	76.85	77.05
UK Pound Sterling	380	382
US Dollar	282.2	283

CCP recovers over PKR 1 billion, wins parliamentary praise

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has achieved a historic milestone by recovering over PKR 1 billion through enforcement actions against cartels and deceptive practices, a performance that won praise from the Sub-Committee of the Public Accounts Committee

The committee, chaired by MNA Shahida Begum and attended by others, received a detailed briefing from CCP Chairman Dr. Kabir Ahmed Sidhu on the regulator's recent achievements.

Dr. Sidhu informed the committee that the CCP had resolved more than 50% of its pending court cases, reducing the backlog from 567 to 280. He noted that this was the highest number of judicial disposals in a single year, with 224 cases decided across different forums, resulting in recoveries worth PKR 1 billion. He stated that the Commission since its inception has recovered penalties of worth PKR 200 million only. However, since August 2023, the CCP has recovered approximately 1 billion rupees in recoveries.

He informed that the Commission as part of its efforts to curb cartelization, has issued 14 enforcement orders against cartels, imposing penalties of over PKR 1 billion, while completing 20 inquiries on cartelization and dominance abuse and 18 on deceptive marketing. The Market Intelligence Unit identified 200 potential cases of anti-competitive practices, further strengthening CCP's enforcement.

He further informed the committee that the Commission has recently established a dedicated Market Intelligence Unit (MIU), which has already detected more than 190 potential cases of anti-competitive practices. In addition, the Commission has set up a Centre of Excellence on Competition Law to promote research, capacity building, and policy development in this field. In addition, the Commission approved 117 mergers and acquisitions, bringing in PKR 29 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI).

The Sub-Committee appreciated the CCP's performance and assured full support for its mandate, terming its efforts vital for consumer protection, transparency, and sustainable economic growth in Pakistan.

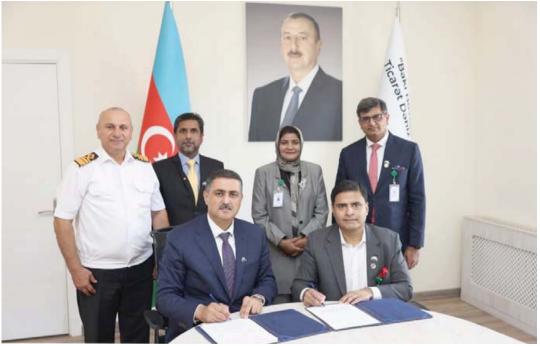
Baku Hovsan Sea Port Management signed MoU with APJCCI

Spokesman Report

BAKU: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Baku Hovsan Sea Port Management and the Azerbaijan Pakistan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (APJCCI) to promote mutual cooperation. Under this agreement, both sides agreed to explore new opportunities in trade, investment, and industrial collaboration. On the occasion, the port administration also offered warehouse space for Pakistani products and the establishment of a permanent display center.

On the proposal of APJCCI Patronin-Chief Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, both parties also agreed to jointly explore the possibility of setting up a small industrial zone near the port to facilitate Pakistani industries. Addressing the ceremony, Bakhtawari said that the modern infrastructure and facilities of Baku Hovsan Sea Port provide excellent opportunities for warehousing Pakistani products

and their re-export to other markets through



On behalf of the port, Director General Irshad and informed them that the port operates 24 stani traders so that maximum business repre-Dashdamirov warmly welcomed the delegation hours a day and is currently handling nearly 500 sentatives could benefit.

containers per month. He further said that the port is connected to the railway network, with four railway lines in operation, while further expansion projects are also underway.

Naima Ansari, Senior Vice President of APJCCI, in her remarks, emphasized the need for digitalization of port operations for real-time shipment tracking, adding that this step would serve as a gateway for Pakistani businesses, Rizwana Asif. former President of the Islamabad Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that Pakistani businesswomen are keenly interested in collaborating with Azerbaijani companies and that vast opportunities exist for cooperation between women entrepreneurs of both coun-

Similarly, Nadeem Akhtar, former President of the Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders and Industry, said that efforts would be made to widely introduce and promote the facilities of Baku Hovsan Port among Paki-

Faster Cargo Movement

ISLAMABAD: Phase-I of the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) signed today — a game-changer for Pakistan Railways' freight capacity. Faster cargo movement, reduced congestion, stronger revenues.



Saudi Strengthens Commitment to Pakistan with Launch of New MICE and Destination Experiences

S Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Saudi Tourism Authority (STA) has reinforced its commitment to the Pakistan market with the successful conclusion of a four-day B2B roadshow in Karachi and Islamabad. The initiative introduced exciting new MICE opportunities and destination experiences, further strengthening ties between the two countries' travel and business sectors.

The roadshow brought together Saudi stakeholders including leading hotels, destination management companies (DMCs), destination marketing organizations (DMOs), airlines, and transport providers with key Pakistani trade partners. Through one-on-one business meetings, B2B matchmaking, and MICE focused networking sessions, the program created new avenues for collaboration while showcasing Saudi's expanding tourism offering.

The Saudi delegation included Taiba Investments, Saudi Silk Route, Via Konnect, 88 Destinations, Kurban Tours,



sented by Via Konnect), Qiddiya, Aroya expanding metro and high-speed rail offer-Cruise (represented by JAS Travels), Saudia Airlines, FlyADeal, and the Hara-

King Abdullah Economic City (repre-main Train together with Saudi's rapidly ings, which are enhancing connectivity

IFC and PBC Announce Winners at 4th 'Employer of Choice' Gender **Diversity Awards**

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The winners of the fourth "Employer of Choice" Gender Diversity Awards were announced today at a ceremony organized jointly by the International Finance Corporation and the Pakistan Business Council (PBC). The awards honour companies that are leading the way in creating inclusive workplaces and enhancing economic opportunities for women in Pakistan.

The Gender Diversity Munir, Chairperson PBC.

Awards play a vital role in motivating private sector companies to invest in and advance opportunities for their women employees, helping to create better jobs, boost performance, strengthen competitiveness, and attract top talent," said Khawaja Aftab Ahmed, IFC Regional Director for the Middle East, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Zeelaf Munir, Chairperson of Pakistan Business Council, added: "The Gender Diversity Awards This year's top winners are both a mirror and a spotare Engro Fertilizers, Engro light — a mirror to measure Polymer & Chemicals, Paki- internal progress, and a stan Mobile Communica-spotlight to showcase what tions (Jazz), Habib Bank companies are doing well. Limited (HBL), and English At the Pakistan Business Manufacturers Council, we are committed to driving meaningful "Pakistan is a country change. Now is the time to with low women's partic- move beyond words and ipation in employment. accelerate action." Dr Zeelaf

Meet Infinix HOT 60 Pro+ the World's **Slimmest Curved Screen Smartphone**

S Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Infinix, Pakistan's leading smartphone brand, has once again set the launch of the HOT 60 Pro+, the world's slimmest curved screen smartphone. Measuring an astonishing 5.95mm, this masterpiece not only breaks a Guinness World record for slimness but also redefines how sleek design and advanced technology can come togeth-

59,999/- only the HOT 60 Pro+ is now available online through Xpark and offline

at all outlets. "A futuristic design a global benchmark in has the power to make mobile innovation with an impact, push boundaries, and represent a leap forward in technology. With HOT 60 Pro+, we set out to do exactly that: to challenge ourselves and set a new benchmark for the industry. This device reflects our testament to keep pushing the limits, not just for today, but for years er in a truly next-genera- to come," said Simon Feng, tion device. Priced at PKR CEO of Infinix.

CDC Onboards JS Global Capital Limited to RAAST Aggregator

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: The Central Depository Company of Pakistan (CDC) has successfully integrated JS Global Capital Limited into its RAAST Aggregator Platform, marking another milestone in enabling secure and instant investor fund transfers. This strategic initiative further advances CDC's mission of fostering digitalization, transparency, and operational efficiency in Pakistan's capital market.

held at CDC House on September 04, where Mr. Badiuddin Akber, Chief Executive Officer of CDC, and Mr. Muhammad Khalilullah Usmani, Chief Executive Officer of JS Global Capital Limited, signed the agreement to formally launch this collab-

Under the RAAST framework, CDC assigns each investor sub-account a unique RAAST Investment ID in IBAN format. Once registered

The formal signing ceremony was as a beneficiary in the investor's bank, funds are transferred directly into the broker's client account. The process is completed within minutes, ensuring investors have immediate access to their trading capital.

> Commenting on the development, Mr. Badiuddin Akber said, "This partnership with JS Global Capital Limited reflects CDC's ongoing commitment to digital transformation in the capital market. By making fund transfers instant, secure, and



more convenient, we are helping investors trade with greater confi-

dence and efficiency. Sharing his views, Mr. Muhammad Khalilullah Usmani stated, "Joining

forward in our strategy to provide best-in-class services to investors. This integration not only simplifies the fund transfer process but also strengthens investor trust by ensuring CDC's RAAST Aggregator is a step speed and reliability.

Shahid Afridi Leads FPCCI Flood Relief Fundraiser Drive

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A fundraising event at the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) capital office brought business leaders, media figures and former cricketer Shahid Khan Afridi together to raise support for flood victims. FPCCI President Atif Akram Sheikh announced that relief supplies collected under the Federation Flood Relief Fund will be handed over to the Shahid Afridi Foundation, while speakers urged the business community and the public to join relief and rehabilitation efforts for millions affected by recent floods.

The event was attended by national hero and former cricketer Shahid Khan Afridi, senior anchorperson Saleem Safi, FPCCI President Atif Akram Sheikh and other dignitaries. The gathering aimed to mobilize resources for flood-affected communities and to coordinate relief distribution through established charitable channels.

Atif Akram Sheikh addressed the audience, praising Shahid Afridi as one of cricket's greatest all-rounders whose contributions extend beyond sport into humanitarian service. He said the Federation Flood Relief Fund will channel aid to the Shahid Afridi Foundation for distribution to flood victims, and stressed the foundation's important role in reaching millions across Pakistan. Sheikh warned that more than 4.2 million people in Punjab alone have been affected by the recent flooding and appealed to friends across the business and civic community to

actively support the relief campaign. Senior journalist and anchor Saleem



to public service, noting that he could have led a comfortable life but instead devoted himself to helping others.

Shahid Afridi spoke about his motivation to give back to Pakistan, saying that service and charity bring the greatest peace.

He recounted severe losses in areas such as Bunair, where he said a family Afridi called on people to visit and meet affected communities, described those doing relief work as the real heroes, and supplies collected through the FPCCI outlined plans to rebuild homes in safer effort will be formally transferred to the locations so they are less vulnerable to future floods.

Shahid Afridi Foundation, described Safi commended Afridi's commitment lost 14 members, and highlighted the the foundation's ongoing projects in flood-affected populations.

widespread damage in Bunair and Dir. underserved areas, focused on health services and clean drinking water.

Organizers reiterated that relief Shahid Afridi Foundation for distribution, underscoring a coordinated Zafar Malik, a senior official at the approach between the business sector and charitable organizations to support

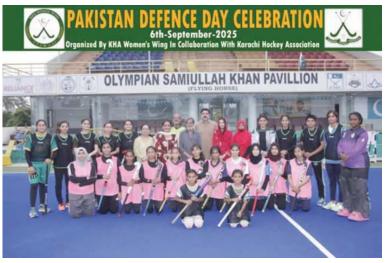
Defence Day: Three-day hockey series concludes under KHA Women's Wing

Sports Desk

KARACHI: On the occasion of Pakistan's Defence Day, a three-day hockey series was organized by Karachi Hockey Association Women's Wing. The aim of this series was not only to provide opportunities for the players to progress but also to pay tribute to Pakistan's defense heroes.

The last match of the series was played between KHA Women's Color and KHA Women's White teams, which was very thrilling and interesting. Both the teams played their best, but after a hard struggle, KHA Women's Color team emerged victorious and defeated the White team. Momal Sakina and Sundas Siddiqui scored one goal each for the winning team and led their team to victory.

District Sports Officer Hajra Nawab mony. Appreciating the hard work and than anyone in terms of talent. We will Speaking, President KHA Women's among the players.



passion of the players, he said that the not only encourage the players but also was the special guest of the closing cerefemale players of Karachi are no less provide full support to the Karachi team. team and certificates were distributed

Wing Asma Ali Shah congratulated the players on their efforts and said that the winning team achieved success through their hard work and excellent play, however, the losing team also demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

Olympian Hanif Khan said that the Karachi Hockey Association Women's Wing has played its role in the promotion of the game by providing a platform to female players, which is a good sign. He also advised the players to work harder and improve their skills.

Secretary KHA Women's Kazim handled the administrative affairs of the tournament very well and played a key role in making the event a success, while Qamar Raza handled the technical and official responsibilities in an excellent manner. At the end of the ceremony, trophies were distributed to the winning

Tri-series win confidence builder for Pakistan, says coach Hesson

➢ Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan coach Mike Hesson believes his team's victory in a tri-series tournament with Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates will serve as a "confidence builder" for the Asia Cup starting in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

Pakistan thumped Afghanistan by 75 runs on a tricky pitch in Sunday's final in Sharjah, with Mohammad Nawaz claiming a hat-trick in a career-best fivewicket haul.

"We have beaten Afghanistan in conditions that suited their spin attack, which was a real confidence builder," said Hesson, who was only appointed whiteball coach in May, on Monday.

"Heading into the Asia Cup this was also very important for us.

Since Hesson took over, Pakistan have



white-washed Bangladesh 3-0 at home and then lost to the same opponents 2-1 in an away series. Pakistan also won 2-1 against the West

Indies in Florida before losing just once, to the Afghans, in five tri-series matches.

"An eight-team Asia Cup is great for

Asian cricket and it's a true test, it expands the game in the region, and it allows us to see players we don't face often."

The 17th edition of the Asia Cup will kick off with a Group B match between Dhabi on Tuesday.

Six-time Asia Cup champions Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are the other

teams in the group.

Eight-time champions and title holders India, Pakistan, Oman and the UAE are in Group A.

India open their campaign with a match against the UAE in Dubai on Wednesday before their high-profile clash with Pakistan at the same venue

on Sunday. "Our pool is challenging with Oman, UAE and India, so we need to adapt quickly. The key is not to get distracted by external pressures," said Hesson, who coached New Zealand to the ODI World Cup final in 2015.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super Four stage, with Afghanistan and Hong Kong in Abu the final to be held on September 28 in

Secretary Sports Punjab presided over an important meeting



Sports Desk

LAHORE: Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial presided over an important meeting at the Punjab Stadium on Monday in which several important decisions were made regarding constitutional reforms in the Punjab Sports

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry, Additional Secretary Mian Usman Ali, Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Deputy Secretary Shahid Yaqoob and Law Consultant Ikram Bari Saleemi participated in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial said that the Tourism Department was also associated with the Punjab Sports and Youth Affairs Department in the past. "After the separation of Tourism and Archeology Departments, the reforms in the constitution of Punjab Sports Department are inevitable and the material is being drafted to bring the reforms in the constitution".

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial said that the fundamental obligation of Punjab Sports Department is the development of sports culture. "Punjab Sports Department conducts training, coaching programmes for the preparation of players and besides this the department is also focusing on infrastructure development, talent hunt and holding of sports competitions".

Asia Cup 2025: Afghanistan to face Hong Kong in opening match today



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The T20 Asia Cup 2025 is set to kick off tomorrow in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with eight Asian teams in action, including a high-stakes match between arch-rivals Pakistan and India

The opening match between Afghanistan and Hong Kong will be held in Abu Dhabi tomorrow(Tuesday).

The tournament will run from September 9 to 28, and all the matches will be hosted by the Dubai and Abu Dhabi cricket stadiums.

matches will be played in total including the final India will defend their title as they have won the final of the 2023 season, beating Sri Lanka in the finals by 10 wickets.

Pakistan will play their opening match against Oman on Friday in Dubai.

PM Shehbaz appoints Mansoor Qadir as PCB Election Commissioner



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Mansoor Qadir, retired PMS Officer (BS-21) has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of the Pakistan Cricket Board with immediate effect. The appointment was made by the PCB Patron and Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif in accordance with Article 29 of the PCB Constitution 2014.

After assuming charge of his office, Mansoor Qadir called on Chairman PCB Mohsin Naqvi and apprised him of his respon-

Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman expressed the hope that Mansoor Qadir would discharge his duties with commitment and integrity.

Muneeba Ali nominated for ICC Women's player of the month award

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Muneeba Ali has been named as a nominee for the ICC Women's Player of the Month award. Orla Prendergast and Iris Zwilling form the shortlist for the ICC Women's Player of the Month award, while fast bowlers Matt Henry, Jayden Seales, and Mohammed Siraj are in the running for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for August.

The women's shortlist is based

dergast is in the shortlist after helping win a home T20I series against Pakistan and continuing the form in subsequent T20Is, Muneeba makes it to the shortlist as she helped win the last match of that series with a sparkling century and the Netherlands' Zwilling is there among the three after finishing with a bagful of wickets in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier. Meanwhile, Siraj's burst on the

final day of the Test series against England that helped India win on T20I performances in Europe. at The Oval has put him in the Ireland all-rounder Orla Pren-reckoning even as Henry's clin-

ical display in a two-Test series The 23-year-old Ireland in Zimbabwe and Seale's superb performances in a memorable home ODI series against Pakistan put them in contention.

Ali (Pakistan): Muneeba struck only the second century in a WT20I by a Pakistan batter, her 100 not out off 68 deliveries helping her team win the third match of the series against Ireland by eight wickets.

team won 2-1. Women's Shortlist- Muneeba

The left-handed opener wickets.

scored a total of 132 runs in three matches at an average of 66.00 Orla Prendergast (Ireland):

all-rounder was named the Player of the Series in a home T20I series against Pakistan that her

She aggregated 144 runs and took four wickets in the series and continued her fine run in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier. Her aggregate over the month was 244 runs at an average of 48.80 and a strike rate of 127.08, and a total of seven

Iris Zwilling (Netherlands): Zwilling grabbed 10 wickets in six T20Is during the period, which saw her finish as the joint leading wicket-taker in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier.

She averaged 10.70 per wicket at an economy of 4.65 and had returns that included threewicket hauls against Germany and Italy.

Men's Shortlist- Matt Henry (New Zealand): Henry finished as the Player of the Series against Zimbabwe as New Zealand blanked the home side 2-0. The 33-year-old had match hauls of nine for 90 and seven for 56 as his team won the two Tests in Bulawayo by massive margins.

Jayden Seales (West Indies): Seales grabbed 10 wickets to be named the Player of the Series in the three ODIs at home against Pakistan.

He finished as the leading wicket-taker, and the highlight for him was a career-best haul of six for 18 in the final match that his team won by a huge 202-run England 2-2 was sensational. margin to claim their first series win over the opposition since

Mohammed Siraj (India): Siraj's match-winning performance at The Oval that helped draw the five-match series against average of 21.11.



He grabbed three wickets on the morning of the final day as India won the match by six runs. He had hauls of four for 86 and five for 104 in the two innings, finishing with nine wickets at an

The Spokesman

Calls on ISLAMABAD: Commander of UAE Naval Forces Major General Staff Humaid Mohammed Abdullah Alremeithi calls on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf at Naval Headquarters on Monday

PM directs NDMA to expedite relief operations, ensure preparedness as river levels surge

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to flooding in rivers, the status expedite ongoing relief oper- of rising water level in rivers, ations and ensure complete and the relief operations for preparedness for potential flood-affected people across flood situations due to rising water levels in the rivers.

chairing a meeting to review ongoing rescue and relief operations in flood-hit areas, instructed to ensure early ment Authorities warnings and timely evacu-

ation measures for populations near rivers and areas at risk.

The NDMA chairman briefed the prime minister on the current situation of the country. Prime Minister Shehbaz

The prime minister, directed the NDMA to maintain full coordination with provincial governments and Provincial Disaster Manage-



He also instructed to intensify the search for missing persons in the flood-hit areas flood-affected areas.

The prime minister was also briefed on the displacement of people due to floods and the ongoing rescue operations.

The participants of the meeting were apprised of the severe flooding conditions in the Chenab, Ravi, and Sutlej rivers at Trimmu Barrage, Panjnad Barrage, Head Balloki, Head Sidhnai, Ganda Singh Wala, Head Sulemanki, and Head Islam.

It was told that the convoys of relief goods were being continuously sent to the

KSrelief delivers five aid trucks for Pakistan flood victims

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Saudi Arabia's King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) has delivered five trucks of humanitarian assistance for the victims of deadly floods in Punjab. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz met Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki on Monday, during which the Saudi envoy expressed condolences over the loss of lives due to the floods.

"Five trucks carrying relief goods for flood victims in seven districts of Puniab from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center have arrived," the PML-N said, adding that Malki handed over the trucks to the Provin-Authority (PDMA) Punjab.

The relief items included



10,000 shelter kits and 10,000 coolers, and antibacterial food packages. It said the soaps. KSrelief shelter kits contain durable kitchen sets, water oil, the PML-N said.

Meanwhile, each 95kg food cial Disaster Management tents, solar panels, LED lights, package contains flour, sugar, thermal blankets, plastic mats, chickpea lentils and cooking

Floods in Punjab, exacerbated by heavy monsoon rains and excess water released by Indian rivers, have killed 60 and affected over 4.1 million

people since late August.

More than 4,330 areas have been affected by the deluges, as authorities evacuate thousands from high-risk areas in Punjab close to the swelling

The relief items will be distributed among flood victims in Punjab's Kasur, Jhang, Khanewal, Hafizabad, Chiniot, Multan and Toba Tek Singh areas. The distribution will be carried out through the joint efforts of the PDMA, KSrelief and Hayat Founda-

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz paid tribute to Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

We are grateful to Saudi Arabia for providing 10,000 food baskets and 10,000 shelter/camp kits," Nawaz was quoted as saying by her party.

Commander UAE Naval Forces meets Chief of the Naval Staff at Naval headquarters

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Commander UAE Naval Forces, Major General Staff Humaid Mohammed Abdullah Alremeithi visited Naval Headquarof the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf. Upon arrival at the Naval Headquarters, Commander UAE contingent of Pakistan Navy present-

During the meeting, professional to the visiting dignitary.

matters, bilateral naval collaboration, various avenues of cooperation including training, exchange of visits and conduct of bilateral naval exercises between the two Navies were discussed. Admiral Naveed Ashraf ters, Islamabad and called on Chief highlighted Pakistan Navy's commitment towards promoting maritime stability through Regional Maritime Security Patrols (RMSP). Moreover, Naval Forces was received by Chief of Commander UAE Naval Forces the Naval Staff. A smartly turned out acknowledged and appreciated Pakistan Navy's efforts in ensuring maried him Guard of Honour. The visit- time security and fostering regional ing dignitary was then introduced to and global maritime cooperation. A the Principal Staff Officers at NHQ. comprehensive brief was also given

Supreme Court unanimously approves Rules 2025, declares them a 'living document'



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has unanimously approved the Supreme Court Rules 2025 during a full court meeting held Monday, declaring them a "living document" that will evolve with time and judicial requirements.

According to an official announcement, the meeting was attended by 21 judges, including Chief Justice

During the session, the implemen-

implemented after the committee's decision.

Justice Shahid Waheed briefed the full court on the draft rules, which were deliberated upon in detail before being adopted with consensus. Chief Justice Afrifi praised the efforts of the Rules Making Committee, paying tribute to its work in preparing the new framework.

The court emphasised that the rules have been designed to meet of Pakistan Yahaya Afridi. Four modern requirements and will judges. Four judges including Justice remain adaptable to changing times. Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Muneeb "Amendments in the Rules will Akhtar, Justice Ayesha Malik, and strengthen the institutional frame-Justice Athar Minallah did not work of the judiciary," the announcement stated

The Supreme Court Rules 2025 tation of court fee and security rules will continue to be reviewed and was halted, with the matter referred amended as needed to ensure to the judges' committee for further their relevance and effectiveness in review. The new rules will be formally strengthening judicial procedures.

Balochistan paralysed by strike; several political activists arrested

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QUETTA: In reaction to the December 2 suicide bombing at the Quetta rally, nationalist political parties organised a complete wheel-jam and shutter-down strike across Balochistan, including the provincial capital, on Monday.

According to the details, the protest brought life to a standstill in many areas, disrupting transport, trade, and routine life in the province.

Quetta police detained several political activists for blocking roads and disturbing public order during the protests. In addition, one political worker was also arrested in Jaffarabad, where tensions briefly escalated during demonstrations.

Due to the strike, Balochistan's connection to other provinces was

completely cut off, with key national highways blocked at several points. This caused significant delays for patients and travellers heading to other cities, leading to widespread inconvenience.

Authorities had placed stringent security measures across the province to prevent any untoward incident. Fortunately, the day passed without major unrest.

The strike was jointly called by multiple political parties, including the Balochistan National Party (Mengal group), Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, National Party, Awami National Party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and Majlis Wahdat-ul-Muslimeen.

The protest aimed to condemn the deadly attack in Quetta and demand greater accountability and security

Long-term planning imperative to avert future crises: Minister

S Commerce Desk

FAISALABAD/CHINIOT: Federal Minister for the Investment Board, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, described the recent investment conference in China as one of the most successful events in Pakistan's history.

Speaking to media in Chiniot, he revealed that the conference resulted in joint ventures worth \$2 billion and the signing of MoUs valued at \$7 billion. He noted that the event was attended by 300 Pakistani businessmen and 500 Chinese entrepreneurs and was conducted entirely on a business-to-business basis without any financial burden on the Government of Pakistan. The success was credited to the tireless efforts of the Board of



Facilitation Council (SIFC), and releof Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Investment, the Special Investment vant ministries under the leadership Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal growth and employment in Pakistan. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

was also commended for his role in ensuring the conference's achieve-Highlighting Pakistan's urgent

need for foreign direct investment and advanced technology, Qaiser Sheikh called the conference a milestone for creating job opportunities and boosting trade and industry. He pointed out that the mineral resources sector attracted special attention from foreign investors and assured that the government would provide full support and security to investors across all sectors.

He further said that Chinese investors showed strong interest in longterm partnerships based on mutual friendship and trust. However, timely follow-up on these projects is essential to usher in a new era of industrial

968 clinics-on-wheels & medical relief camps operational to serve flood-affected families

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister nant women are receiving regular Maryam Nawaz Sharif has initiated an unprecedented health relief oper- medics, while multivitamins, sanitary ation in flood-affected areas, deploying 968 "Clinic-on-Wheels" units and medical relief camps to serve victims across the province.

comprehensive medical care during the country's worst flood crisis.

launched under her directions. Preg- is underway.

check-ups from doctors and parakits, and essential supplies are being provided in every relief camp. To ensure timely care, a round-the-clock Rural Ambulance Service has also The drive prioritises women, been deployed to transport expectant children, and newborns, ensuring mothers to Maryam Nawaz Health Clinics and hospitals.

Specialist doctors are visiting A dedicated maternal and child camps daily for children's treatment, healthcare programme has been and routine vaccination of newborns