#### ATC grants bail to Elahi

ISLAMABAD (INP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Friday granted bail to former chief minister Punjab Parvez Elahi in the Judicial Complex vandalism case. The ATC Judge, Abul Hasnat Muhammad Zulqarnain heard the judicial complex vandalism case against Elahi who is also president of the PTI. In his remarks, the judge said that nothing was recovered from Elahi during remand and he is not even named in the FIR.

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**Court releases PTI ex-MNA** 

LAHORE (INP): The first important female political leader arrested on the charge of launching an attack on the Jinnah House has got post-arrest bail by a local court in Lahor on Friday. The anti-terror ism court issued the written order for the release of former PTI MNA. Anti-terrorism court Judge Ijaz Buttar released the written order. Ex-MNA is the first woman who has got bail in the central FIR registered under section 96/23.

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## PM warns crackdown on 'smuggling industry'

Torkham border reopens after 9 days

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday warned a consistent crackdown against illegal trade and said an effective management plan was being implemented to control cross-border smuggling. "We have zero tolerance for those involved in the 'smuggling industry' and the law will take its course," he said at a press conference held at the PM House.

The prime minister's statement came in response to a question on Pakistan's steps to control cross-border smuggling as the Torkham border with Afghanistan reopened this morning after nine days. Kakar said detailed deliberations were held on the Afghan transit trade and the reopening of Torkham border. The commerce ministry had taken a lead along with border management authorities including customs in revising the policy to allow or restrict the trade items, he said.

checking on smuggling would deny a tional setup and we are determined to source of livelihood to the locals residing along the bordering areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and government. He mentioned that the Balochistan. The people of these provinces deserve a correct and focused approach on the tactical and smuggling, he said. Asked about the involvement of Afghan refugees said the priority of the caretaker govinvolved in cross-border smuggling, ernment was to provide the inflation-Kakar said an effective policy in this hit people relief through administraregard had been agreed upon.

He categorized the Afghans living in Pakistan into three classes includ-We will push the [Afghan] aliens

and non-state actors. "Non-state beyond domestic control and was

Chance of

rain in KP

from Friday

F.P. Keport

official said.

tions instructed to be on

alert, said a release issued

by the DMA. Fear of land-

slides in the upper districts

of the province and rains

are likely to reduce the cur-

rent heat wave, the PDMA

release said. Urban flooding is likely in low-lying

areas due to rains as well

and people across the

province have been warned

to avoid visiting the hilly stations during these days.

Provincial Meteorological

Center Peshawar on Friday

predicted that hot and

over most districts of the

province. However, it said

scattered thunderstorm-

rains associated with gusty

winds is likely to occur

over Chitral, Dir (Upper &

Lower), Malakand, Swat,

Buner, Shangla, Kohistan,

Mansehra, Abbottabad and

Haripur districts during

Swabi,

Torghan

Battagram,

over

Charsadda,

Nowshera,

Mohmand,

evening and night.

humid weather is expected

Meanwhile,

## NAB law amends good legislation; awaiting law dept's guidance: Kakar

SLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday, calling the NAB law amendments made by the previous parliament and struck down by the Supreme Court a "good legislation", said the government would decide its future course of action on the basis of law departnent's recommendations.

The prime minister, in an interview with a private television channel, said n the form of accountability departments in provinces and the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) at the Centre, the country had different layers of accountability. There was a need to synchronise their functions and define FORs (terms of reference) for their powers. "In this regard, I think it was a ood legislation. Why the Supreme Court struck it down, we will see into the easons and come up with our position after getting details," he commented.

The prime minister said the accountability system was necessary for a funconal democracy to keep a vigil on public office-holders, but any accountabilty process should not paralyse the system. Asked whether the government would assist NAB if it sought custody of those whose cases were reopened after the Supreme Court verdict, including Asif Ali Zardari, Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz Sharif, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and others, the prime minister said the Federal Government had the constitutional duty to assist the department taking any

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He dismissed the impression that actors take their space under dysfunctarget them," he said, terming counterand government. He mentioned that the apex committee was working with a near future the easy installments for healthy environment of trade, not strategic angles of the newly emerg- units of electricity usage. To a quesing terror threats. The prime minister tive measures.

"We want to assure the people of the country that the caretaker governing those registered with the government, whether it stays in office either ment, aliens with no justification to for one or one-and-a-half months, will reside, and those with identity theft. prove effective in its governance," he said. He mentioned chairing a meetback to their country and no one with- ing this morning that discussed the out the visa regime will be allowed to monitoring, implementation, and live here," he said. He regretted that future strategy over the decisions the previous lenient approach in this taken a week ago on smuggling, regard resulted in various social evils. power theft, and hoarding. Asked The prime minister also pointed about the hike in petroleum prices out the risk of smuggling leading to thrice during the tenure of the caretakthe strengthening of terrorist outfits er government, he said the matter was

linked to the global increase.

He mentioned that the government was focusing on providing relief by improving the approach of governance. He hinted at announcing in the electricity consumers with up to 200 tion on the nexus of politicians and public officials involved in misappropriation, he said, "We have to break this cycle on priority to get effective results followed by stern action against the responsible ones." "We will take action on adopting a due process without fear and favour, and will take them to the court of law," he

On the political alignment of Fawad Hasan Fawad and Ahad Cheema who were included in the caretaker setup, Kakar said he considered them both "capable and integrated individuals of society with their prime identity as former civil servants". "I don't think they have ever been the members or office-holders of any political party," he said.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addressing a press conference.

#### Imran cannot be allowed to contact sons on phone

ATTOCK (INP): The jail authorities have refused to allow former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan to hold talk with his sons on telephone

or WhatsApp.
The Attock Jail superintendent on Friday filed his reply in the contempt of court notice in the special court hearing the missing cipher case registered under the Official Secrets Act against Imran Khan. The superintendent said that the jail rules did not permit them to allow the PTI chairman to hold a telephonic talk with his

The special court judge, udge Abul Hasnat Zulqarnain conducted the court proceedings. The judge sought arguments on the superintendent's reply by Sept 18 and adjourned the case till Monday. Yesterday, the special court rejected the bail applica-tions of PTI Chief Imran Khan and Vice Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi in the cipher case.

According to the FIR, a case has been registered against former prime minister Imran Khan and Oureshi under sections 5 and 9 of the Official Sec-rets Act, 1923, read with Section 34 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC). They have been accused of wrongful communication/use of official secret information and illegal retention of a cipher telegram (an official secret document) with mala fide intention, whereas the roles of former SPM Muhammad Azam Khan, former federal minister Asad Umar, and other involved associates will be ascertained during the course of the investiga-

#### PTI indebts KP with loans of Rs.900b: ANP

**Syed Waliullah Shah** 

NOWSHERA: chief minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Senior Vice President (SVP) ANP, Ameer Haider Khan Hoti has said that the PTI during its over 9 years rule government has indebted the province with the debts of

Rs.900 billion. Addressing a party convention at workers' District Nowshera on Friday, he said that the objective of the politics of ANP is imparting education to the children, provision of employment opportunities to the unemployed youth and obtaining rights over the resources of the province. Furthermore, he said that the purpose of politics

is also not only to come into power, but to establish peace and eradicate terrorcountry ism. He added that those had ruled the who province for a period of over 9 years had done nothing for the construction of Munda Dam. The construction of the dam on one hand, he said would have generated electricity and on the other hand Election would have secured various localities from the devastations of floods.

## SC annuls amends to NAB laws

#### — restores all corruption cases against public office holders

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a 2-1 majority against amendments made to the National verdict, the Supreme Court (SC) on Friday ordered to restore the corruption cases against public office holders that were withdrawn after amendments were made to the country's accountability laws.

The reserved verdict was announced by Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata eral to three years, limiting NAB's juris-Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah on PTI Chairman Imran Khan's 2022 petition challenging amendments made to the accountability

CJP Bandial and Justice Ahsan declared Imran's plea to be maintainable while Justice Shah disagreed with the majority verdict, according to which not just the corruption cases but also the inquiries and investigations were directed to be restored. The bench announced the verdict by 2-1 majority with third member of the bench, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, writing note of dissent.

ed over the issue during 53 hearings on the 19, 2022. former prime minister's petition. Justice Shah consistently questioned the maintainability of the petition, whereas CJP Bandial and Justice Ahsan remained critical of some of the amendments made to the NAB law by the Pakistan Democratic Movement government. The court also declared some amendments to the accountability laws to be contrary to the Constitution. These included one which limited the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) jurisdiction to cases involving over Rs500 million and one which allowed the accused to claim the amount of plea bargain deposited after

being acquitted. The court also declared the verdicts issued by the accountability courts in light of the amendments made to the laws were declared null and void. The court directed

Accountability Bureau (NAB) ordinance under the National Accountability (Second Amendment) Act 2022

The amendments made several changes to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999, including reducing the term a three-member bench comprising Chief of the NAB chairman and prosecutor gendiction to cases involving over Rs500 million, and transferring all pending inquiries, investigations, and trials to the relevant authorities. In his petition, the PTI chief had claimed that the amendments to the NAB law had been made to benefit influential accused persons and legitimise cor-

In recent hearings, Justice Shah had repeatedly urged for a full court to hear the case, citing the frozen Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) law. However, CJP Bandial had opposed it, noting that his retirement was near and the matter had already been pending before the court for The bench appeared to be visibly dividational a considerable time — since at least July

> The SC had reserved its verdict in the case on September 5, after 53 hearings, with the members of the three-judge bench debating the power of parliament to enact legislation with retrospective effect. Making a reference to the judgement, the bench had said something sweet" would be released soon. In his petition, Imran had claimed that the amendments to the NAB law had been made to benefit the influential accused persons and legitimise corruption.

'The amendments to the NAO is tantamount to depriving the citizens of Pakistan of having access to law to effectively question their chosen representatives in case of breach of their duty towards the people of Pakistan," the petition argued. Moreover, the word "benamidar" has been re-defined, making NAB to send the record to the relevant it difficult for the prosecution to prove courts within seven days. In June 2022, the someone as a fictitious owner of a propformer premier had moved the apex court erty, the petition argued.

#### Govt awaits SC's detailed verdict on NAB amends

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said the caretaker government was waiting for the Supreme Court to issue a detailed judgment on a case related to the amendments in Accountability National

Bureau (NAB) laws.

"Law Ministry and legal experts will review the detailed judgment and future course of action will be announce in the light of their opinion," the minister said while addressing a news conference along with Caretaker Ministers for Finance and Energy Dr. Shamshad Akhtar and Muhammad Ali. To a query, Solangi reiterated the caretaker government's commitment to assist the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in holding the general election in the

"Funds for election were allocated in the federal budget presented by the previous government and at this stage, delimitation process is underway. However, it is our commitment to fulfill all the requirements of Commission whether it is related to finance or security," minister remarked.

Federal Minister Information and

Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said that Namira Saleem's upcoming journey to space was a sign of Pakistan's growing presence in space exploration and a major achievement for the nation. This he said during a meeting with Pakistan's first female astronaut Namira Saleem who met him here. Namira Salim briefed the caretaker minister about the preparations for her space journey on October 5 this year. Namira Saleem expressed her determination to raise the Pakistani flag in space. Solangi congratulated Namira Saleem on behalf of the Government of Pakistan, Minister and the people for starting the space journey

for her success. Terming Namira Saleem a role model for all women, Murtaza Solangi said the young generation can raise the name of Pakistan in the world in various fields of life. "This effort of Namira Saleem will highlight the positive image of Pakistan as a peace-loving and progressive country," Murtaza Solangi maintained. It be noted that should Namira Saleem is the first woman of Pakistan who

and expressed good wishes

Meanwhile, Caretaker also has the honour of for reaching the poles. Namira Saleem had Pakistan's flag at the North Pole on April 21, 2007, while she would be leaving for space travel on October

#### 3 terrorists killed in **Quetta**

RAWALPINDI (INP): A east three terrorists were killed and security official martyred in exchange of ire with security forces after attack on security check post in Quetta, Inter Services Public Relations ISPR said on Friday.

According to military media wing, terrorists stormed a security check oost near Wali Tangi area of Quetta. The security forces strongly retaliated the attacked and exchange of fire took place between army personnel extremists.

In cross firing, three ter-corists were killed and Subedar Qiaser Raheem embraced martyrdon whereas one soldier was critically injured. The ISPR reiterated that security forces of Pakistan will continue to thwart efforts of the enemies of peace and pros perity in the country.



FAISALABAD: Youngsters bathing in polluted water accumulated in street, after rainfall in Citv.

## PPP CEC demands early election date and schedule

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressed a press conference after the conclusion of a two-day meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Party in Lahore. At the beginning of the press conference, he read out the resolutions passed by the CEC of the Party expressing concerns over the economic situation of the country, everincreasing prices of commodities, inflated power tariff and increased prices of petroleum products.

Isolated thunderstorm-The CEC also demanded rains associated with gusty the Election winds is likely to occur Commission of Pakistan to Mardan, immediately announce the Peshawar, date and schedule of the elections in the country Bajaur. Khyber according to Constitution. The CEC also Orakzai, Hangu, Kurram, Karak, Bunnu and Kohat demanded to declare the districts in evening/ night. flood affected areas in Dust raising/gusty winds Punjab as disaster-hit. are also expected in plain Solidarity was expressed with the minority commuareas of the province. During the last 24 hours nity in Pakistan and conhot and humid weather increasing terrorism in the

prevailed over most districts of the province. country. However, rain-thunder-Later, he responded to storms occurred in Dir, the questions by the media persons present on the Mansehra and Buner, Khyber districts. Rain occasion. He said that it is not possible here to repeat recorded in (mm): Dir Upper 22, Balakot 21, all the reservations by the Buner 02, Tirah-Khyber PPP's representatives from 01 and Pashat Bajaur all over Pakistan regarding

there is a context of every ECP should announce the opinion. We have not schedule of the elections. reached any conclusion ing elections and that is all the political parties will

formulate a strategy.

Chairman Bilawal said

importance to every all benefit from its fruit. province. No one asks Chairman PPP said t Nawaz Sharif or any other he is very interested in why they do not spend time Kashmir in Sindh, why they do not Baltistan and its people. spend night Balochistan or why they do not focus on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The PPP was ousted from it through a in politics but also in the conspiracy. The conspiracy economy. We have to give was first hatched in 2013 Justice Chaudhry Iftikhar Pakistan is under 30 years and a political party. Then of age and I am also going in 2018, General Faiz to be 35 this year, Hameed and Saqib Nisar Chairman PPP said. I have cerns were expressed over conspired to keep the PPP studied abroad and have out of Punjab and plonk a seen the world. This is my

> Punjab. said that the CEC discussed to give stake to the youth the constitutional stand and and the farmers, he said. then the stance of the

PPP was kept out of

presented these reserva- Pakistan on elections. We tions to President Zardari to were all of the opinion that address them. He said that to allay any confusion, the We think that once the elecabout our strategy regard- tion schedule is announced why we are demanding the be in election mode and date and schedule of elec-come out with their manitions in the country. Once festoes. The PPP will also the schedule of the elec- present its manifesto to the tions is announced, we will people of Pakistan.

The PPP has always tried to strengthen the parthat the PPP focuses on the liament and parliamentary entire country. We give institutions so that we can Chairman PPP said that

and Gilgit in have given hope to the people, especially the youth of Kashmir and GB, he said. We all have the duty to give formed in Punjab but was the youth a stake, not only up traditional politics. Over by General Pasha, Chief 65% of the population of certain political party. One understanding that we will political party suffered dur- have to engage the youth in ing its government because politics and economy of the country. We gave a stake to the women through the Bilawal Bhutto Zardari BISP and similarly we have

the level playing field. We Election Commission of (Continued on Back Page)



## Protest on cards, if killers of Habib not arrested: JI

Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi Ameer Engr Hafiz Naeemur Rehman has MQM, so efforts by some once again demanded of elements to resurrect the the caretaker government dead horse are bound to fail. to ensure that killers of the elected councilor from MQM has always betrayed have been planning to part of all government and stage strong protest.

these views while address- against the interests of ing a press conference held Karachi — be it a matter of at Idara Noor-e-Haq — the census, surrendering the JI Karachi headquarters, powers of the local governhere on Friday. On the occasion, he also shed light turning point. in detail on the political landscape of the mega city and the bound to fail efforts to revive a dead political horse — the Muttahida Qaumi Movement.

He also demanded of the government to take solid measures against criminals in urban and riverine areas of Sindh, as well as their facilitators.

Engr Hafiz Naeemur Rehman said that the government and its agencies couldn't arrest the nominated killers of one of the elected representative during the past more than one week and the situation is a big question mark over the performance of the caretaker government, the police and other relevant govern-mental agencies. He said that the killers have not been arrested despite assurance by the caretaker chief minister Sindh.

He further said that Habib Khan was targeted for his struggle against the electricity hook mafia and the K-Electric duo in the area. He further said that Khan's struggle against the electricity hook mafia will be continued by the JI.

Talking about the politi-

#### Bagar takes notice of forensic software

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Caretaker Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar on Friday took notice of inoperative forensic software of the forensic division. The Caretaker Chief

Minister had sought a report from IGP. He asked how bullet shells could be tested if forensic software remained operational.

He further asked whose responsibility was to update the software of the forensic machine and whether the update of the forensic machine was reported to the government or not.

Baqar directed the IGP Sindh to conduct a detailed inquiry to report the matter to him and take action against the officer's incompetence.

#### FIA registers five cases

LAHORE (APP): In a proactive move to combat electricity theft, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) initiated a series of targeted raids across various localities in city and registered five cases over finding electricity theft.

According spokesperson of the FIA, under the direct orders of Director Lahore Zone Sarfraz Virk, the Anti-Corruption Circle took action against illegal act of electricity theft and registered five cases.

The offenders were found to set up direct connections within their residences and businesses for the explicit purpose of electricity theft.

This unscrupulous practice included the utilization of residential electricity connections for commercial activities and in one case, even leveraging a farmhouse's transformer for their illegitimate gains.

#### Rangers seize hoarded sugar

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Rangers on Friday seized 140,000 bags of hoarded sugar from two godowns at Islam Nagar Baldia Town Hub river road area of Karachi. According to Rangers spokesperson, the hoarded sugar was to be smuggled to Afghanistan via Balochistan.

Meanwhile, spokesperson has appealed to people to immediately give informa-tion about such elements on Rangers helpline 1101 or at Rangers Whatsapp number 03479001111 by making a call or sending a short message.

He further said that the Surjani Town area, Habib Karachi and Karachiites Khan, warning that other- against perks and privileges wise the people in the area for its leaders. It has been a supported feudal lords and The JI leader expressed their Pakistan People Party ment setup or any other

He held the MOM

(NNI): cal landscape, he said peo-(JI) ple of Karachi and appealed the apex court to Talking about the sky-gr Hafiz Hyderabad have rejected the punish the facilitators of the rocketing inflation, he said criminals as well.

Talking about the situation in the province, he said than one and half decades.

Bilawal Bhutto should become possible for dacoits comes to handle the inflain the riverine area to obtain tion and biased tax regimes. sophisticated weapons.

The PPP has been patronizing the criminal elements in the Katcha and Paka areas of the province, the currency markets. he said, adding that without patronage by the political

that the JI will be staging a historical sit-in protest outside the Sindh Governor that the PPP has been ruling House on October 6. He over the province for more further said that the caretaker government proved itself a continuation of the have explained how came it previous regime when it

> He said that the rate of inflation in the food basket has been the same even after the positive trends in

In this backdrop, he said, the government has quarters, such type of ele- been mulling to drop responsible for the Baldia ments can't flourish in the another electricity bomb-

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shell by increasing its over Rs10 per unit. He move would not be toleraternment will have to price for Karachiites by made it clear that any such ed and the caretaker gov-the consequence.

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تمام اُمیدواران جنہوں نے ڈسٹر کٹ ہیلتھ آ فیسر کے زیرسا پیمشتہر ہونے والی مختلف کیڈر کی آسامیوں کے لیے مورخہ 2023-08-27 کو ETEA ٹیٹ دیا تھا کومطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ معزز عدالت کے مذکورہ بالا آساميوں برحكم امتناعى جارى كياہے جس كى روشنى ميں ٹميٹ اوراشتہاركوتا تھم ثانى منسوخ كيا جا تاہے۔

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بذر ایدنوٹس بذامشتہر کیا جاتا ہے کہ جائیدا دنمبر 33/25 (1/2 حصہ) سروے نمبر E-542/80 ،واقع ٹیوسلطان روری بیثاور کینے۔ جو کے کیفونمنٹ بورد کے ریکارؤ میں میسرز: سید ناظم رضا، سیده رضید با نونقوی ،سید قائم رضا نقوى ،سيرصائم رضا نقوى ،سيد قاسم رضا نقوى ،سير كاظم رضا نقوى ، برجس فاطمه ،سيد عالم رضا نقوى ،سيد عازم رضااورسیدعاصم رضاپسران و ذخر ان سید محدرضانقوی (مرحوم) کے ناموں برموجود ہے۔ یہ کے سید ناظم رضااصالاً و بحثیت مخارعا م منجانب درج بالا ما لکان نے ند کوره بالا جائیداد میں دکانات نمبرات F-01 (41)F-01 مربع فث)، 100.14)F-02 مربع فك)، 100.14)F-03 مربع فك) اور 203.50)F-04 مربع فك) (فرست فكور) ميسرز: زيدالرحمان ، مجابد گل اوررشيدالرحمان پسران سيف الرحمان پر بذر يعدر جسرٌ وُشده وستاويز نمبر 3723، بمبي نمبر 1، جلد غمبر 337مورخه 08/09/2022 كوفروخت كردي ب-اب ميسرز: زيدالرحمان ، مجابد كل اوررشيد الرحمان بسران سیف الرحمان نے مذکورہ بالا دکان کواپنے نام پر منتقل کرنے کے لئے ایک عدد درخواست بمعہ رجشری دفتر ہذا میں گزاری ہے۔ اگر کسی شخص ، بینک یا آدارے کو ندکورہ بالا دکانات کی منتقلی پر کوئی اعتراض ہوتو شتہار بذاکی اشاعت کے پندرہ (15) دن کے اندراندرا پنااعتراض بمعد ثبوت پیش کریں۔ بعدازاں منتقلی کی كاروائي مندرجه بالا درخواست گزارول كامور رحمل مين لائي جائے گي اوركوئي عذر قابل قبول ند ہوگا۔

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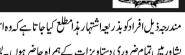
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مندرجہ ذیل افراد کو بذریعہ اشتہار بذامطلع کیاجا تا ہے کہ وہ اس اشتہار کی اشاعت کے پندرہ (15) یوم کے اندرا پیخم متعلقہ نادراز وَل آفس یا نادرار پیخل ہیڑ آفیس حیات آباد پیٹاور میں تمام ضروری دستاویزات کے ہمراہ حاضر ہوں۔بصورت دیگر نا درااتھارٹی نہ صرف آپ بلکہ آپ کے اہل وعیال کے جملہ افراد کے خلاف کیلطرفہ کاروائی عمل میں

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بوغره قوم منگل،پاره چنار، تحصیل اپر کرم، ضلع کرم ایجنسی	سردار خان	عبدالجليل	4
رشید گڑھی وزیر باغ روڈ،محلہ موسیٰ کالونی،پشاور	محمدحليم	عبدالجبار	5
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خیسورشمیری طوری خیل،میر علی، ضلع نارته وزیرستان ایجنسی	اعظم خان	عبدالله	10
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S.No.	Name of Project	Tender Documents Fee (non-refundable)	Category if any	Bid Security
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2.	Procurement of IT Equipment of			
	PEC Regional Office Quetta	Rs. 5,000/-	N/A	PKR 300,000
3.	Procurement of Furniture Items			
	of PEC Regional Office Quetta	Rs. 5,000/-	N/A	PKR 200,000

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- Valid NTN Certificate as tax payer with FBR shall also be required.
- Registration with Sales Tax Department (Valid GST).
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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICE(RESCUE -1122), GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA** Email: pmc1122kpk@gmail.com, www.rescue1122.gkp.pk

TENDER NOTICE



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Emergency Rescue Service (Rescue-1122) invites seal bids from highly reputed Manufacturers/Fabricators/Supplier having valid NTN , Sales Tax numbers and will be on active tax payer list (ATL) of FBR for supply of the following machinery/ equipment's/ Chassis & fabrication of vehicles under Project "Strengthening & Disaster Preparedness of Operational Districts of Emergency Rescue Service Rescue-1122 Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" through single stage two envelops bidding process as per the Khyber

S.#	Packa ges	Name of Item(s)	
1	Lot-1	Fabrication of Ambulance on Single Cabin Pickup 4x4 (Chassis) provided by Rescue -1122	
2	Lot-2	Single Cabin Pickup 4x4 (Chassis) for Ambulance	
3	Lot-3	Fabrication of 4x4 Fire Vehicle on Chassis provided by Rescue -1122	
4	Lot-4	Chassis of 4x4 Fire Vehicle	
5	Lot-5	Chassis of Fire Bikes (126-250CC)	
6	Lot-6	Fabrication of Fire Bikes (1 26-250CC) on Chassis provided by Rescue-1122	
7	Lot-7	Jet Boats/Jet skies with trolley	
8	8 Lot-8	Gas cutter (Oxy -acetylene) Heavy duty	
		Snow Suit with Accessories	
		Animal Harness	
9	Lot-9	Side Scan Sonar	
10	Lot-10	Surveillance Drone	
11	Lot-11	Oxygen Refilling Plant	
12	Lot-12	Combi Tool Rechargeable with extra batteries	
13	Lot-13	Hydraulic Jack with Control system 50 to 150 ton	
14	Lot-14	Hydraulic Disk Power Cutter Sets with Power Pack Capable to operate multiple cutter	
15	Lot-15	Life & Motion Tracer LM1(PanelA)	
16	Lot-16	Lifting Bags Set Heavy Duty with extra filling bottles,complete control system and houses (30ton,80ton & 150 ton lifting capacity)	
		Fork Lift	

documents/BSD'S.

- Detailed Bidding documents /Specifications of items can be downloaded from publication of this tender advertisement from Rescue-1122 official website: www.rescuekp.gov.pk.
- Proposal of bidders not fulfilling the mandatory required criteria will be considered non responsive& will be rejected straightaway
- The Technical & Financial bid shall be sealed in separate envelops with clear write up of Technical Bid and Financial Bid in
- bold eligible writin Bid security @ 2 % of the total bid value (Separate for each lot/package) in shape of CDR(only) in favor of Director
- General Emergency Rescue Services (ERS) Peshawar shall be submitted with the financial proposal The bids shall reach in the Office of Additional Secretary Relief Rehabilitation & Settlement Department Civil Secretaria Peshawar, through registered Dak or Courier Services and by hand submission on or before 03<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023 at 11:00 AM. The bids shall be opened on the same day by the Procurement Committee in the presence of Repre bidders who chose to attend at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room of RR&SD Civil Secretariat Peshawar
- Only technical bids will be opened on date of tender opening in the presence of interested bidders, while financial bids of technically qualified bidders will be opened on a date to be intimated later to qualified firms/bidders
- The bidders may apply for single lot/package or more lot/packages. The bidders are not allowed to submit a bid for single
- The procuring entity may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal as per the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, works and Services Rules -2014, sub rule-47(i). The rate quoted in the financial bid shall be inclusive of all government applicable taxes The tender documents which are unsigned, unstamped / sealed, incomplete, tempered, over written will be considered non
- $The Competent Authority \ reserves \ the \ right to increase \ or \ decrease \ the \ quantity \ of \ items \ subject \ to \ availability \ of \ funds.$
- All the prospective bidders are welcomed to attend pre-bid meeting on dated: 22" September, 2023 at 11:00 AM in the office

Incharge Procurement Cell 🔪 Relief Rehabilitation & Settlement Department KP

## **Peshawar City**

## Malaria-a silent killer take six lakh lives worldwide

a 70-year old woman has lost battle fora life at Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar after she was diagnosed with the killer malaria disease on August 27 last. Fighting for life for over 12 days at the province's biggest hospital, Husan Zadgai, a resident of tehsil Pabbi Nowshera could not survived even on ventilator after the killer disease had severely affected

was admitted for nearly 12 days and finally lost her fight against Malaria," said Misal Khan, the husband of the 2020. victim while talking to APP on Friday. He said malaria had badly affected her vital organs including chest airways, lungs and heart, he said, adding that before two days of ventilator and left forever on

Hussan Zadgai was brought to AMU negative impact on its socio-economagainst malaria.

PESHAWAR (APP): Hussan Zadgai, ward, she had severe temperature, ic growth and productivity as the his body," he said, adding these complications proved fatal for her.

According to the World Health Organization, around 217 million people in Pakistan are at moderate risk of malaria, and 63 million at high her lungs and body's other vital risk. Approximately, 0.47 million organs and left the mortal world formalaria cases and 800 deaths have been reported in 2020 in Pakistan. "My wife was complaining about Nearly half of the world's population high temperature with body's chill was at risk of malaria and there were since morning and was rushed to an estimated 247 million cases of Lady Reading Hospital where she malaria worldwide with 619,000 death in 2021 compared to 245 million cases and 625,000 deaths in

Dr Malik Riaz, senior children specialist Govt hospital Pabbi Nowshera district told APP that malaria was a life-threatening disease that spread to humans after the bite of his untimely death, she was put on a some types of mosquitoes and can ures also focuses on health promoaffect people of all ages including tion, advocacy and awareness September 6 morning. children and senior citizens. In among communities. The experts
Abdul Rehman Khan, Associate Pakistan, he said the disease was typ-said the media and civil society role Professor LRH told APP that Malaria ically unstable, and its major transwas killer disease and its early diag- mission period was post-monsoon, against the disease and sensitize nosis can save a patient's life. "When i.e. from August to November with a people imperative to win the fight

breath problems and was diagnosed main transmission season was spiwith malaria positive and chronic raled with the harvesting and sowing obstructive pulmonary disease of the main crops including wheat, besides heart problems that weaken rice, sugarcane besides population movement from one place to other.

> He said malaria was a preventable and curable disease but weaker people with low immunity were highly vulnerable to become its victims. Dr Riaz said the disease does not spread from person to person, and that persons with symptoms such as fever, chills and headache besides fatigue, confusion, seizures, and difficulty breathing should immediately contact their doctors.

He said a malaria control program was underway in Khyber Pakthunkhwa to provide free treatment to patients besides ensuring early diagnosis and prompt treatment services to the vulnerable groups at high risk districts. Besides increasing community awareness he said the malaria prevention measwas important to create awareness



PESHAWAR: Businessman of UAE Sohail Muhammad Alzroni called on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

#### **Commissioner** directed to address arms license issue F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Right to Public Services Commission ordered District Police Officer (DPO) Battagram to register First Information Report on complaint of Muĥammad Jan while found that the DPO report regarding mental health was fake and fabricate.

According to details, Muhammad Jan has filed complaint seeking FIR while stated that his sons had expelled him from home while now selling 105 Kanal land as well as declared him

as insane. However, Battagram submitted before RTS that applicant Muhammad Jan is insane as per inquiry report and local witnesses. But the commission investigated the matter as well as interviewed local senior citizens regarding mental health of applicant and it is concluded that Muhammad Jan is mentally

Chief Commissioner RTS Muhammad Salim Khan along with commissioners Muhammad Asim Imam and the global South. To main-Battagram to registered FIR. RTS ordered Tehsil Municipal Officer (TMO) Tangi for cleanliness and disposing of municipal wastes one time in a month the pressone time in the pressone time ence of five members committee of village council Hari Chand on the complaint of

Asfandyar. Moreover, Tehsildar Chitral directed to provided attested Fard to Asadullah during his appearance on video link before the commission. RTS ordered Commissioner Malakand to resolve Shafiullah grievance of obtaining arms license within 15 days. The press statement said that RTS will not tolerate delay in delivery of services because it is fundamental right of citizen while added that the commission will protect the rights to ensure good governance.

#### PESCO removes 900 illegal connections F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The PESCO in the ongoing drive against the power theft across the province on Friday removed 900 illegal connections, hooks and imposed a fine of Rs 27 million on pilferers.

In a statement issued here, the PESCO spokesman said that applications were also submitted with the relevant police stations for registration of FIR against more than 700 people involved in electricity theft.

## G-20 Summit and Pakistan's isolation

Gul.i.Ayesha Bhatti

HE 18th summit of the Group of Twenty Sunday, September 10th in New Delhi. The summit's main focus was to prioritize inclusive development, address climate change, and find solutions for issues impacting the global South.

The summit's declaration reflected a consensus, particularly with regards to Ukraine, which received praise from Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. Despite the absence of President, Xi Chinese and Russian President, Vladimir Putin, their positions were filled by the Chinese Prime Minister Russian Foreign

Jinping, and Minister. The summit was attended by numerous world leaders, including the U.S President. The 2023 presidency of both SCO and G20 in New Delhi marks a pivotal moment for Indian diploma-

cy, offering a prime opportunity for India to showcase itself as a representative of however. India must strive Family, One Future," aims to promote unity in diversity, address global issues, and encourage international cooperation. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's innovative ideas were lauded during the summit, including inviting the African Union (AU) to join the G20 and signing a Memorandum Understanding (MoU) with Saudi Arabia, the United

Arab Emirates, the United States, and the European Union to establish a trade and communication corridor connecting India and Europe via the Middle East.

The European-Middle Eastern and Indian corridor is a proposed plan that offers an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative. Its aim is to provide economic and technological benefits to India, the Middle East, and The African Europe. Union's recent inclusion in the G20's membership has increased it to 21 nations, and with the addition of the EU's 27 member states and the AU's 55 members, the G20 will soon encompass roughly 100 nations. Brazil will take over the G20 presidency from India in

Egypt, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain, (G20) concluded on and UAE were invited to attend the Summit, India's neighbor and the world's fifth most populous state was not in attendance.

> from the Christian Science important announcement. Monitor, the 2023 summit The project is viewed as a will commemorate India's competitor to China's Belt remarkable achievement in and Road Initiative, which emerging as a global leader entails and promoting the interests of non-G20 nations. India data links. Joe Biden organized the Voice of the Global South Summit in deal". Even though a few January of this year. This two-day virtual conference provided developing countries a platform to articulate their perspectives on economic expansion, development objectives, and their aspirations for India's presidency as the G20's head.

G20 Summit, it's crucial to take into account three essential elements. Firstly, the African Union, which consists of 55 member states and is the world's largest regional organization, was expanded membership. This which account for 85 perits performance. However, the Delhi Summit faced obstacles in agreeing on critical issues such as the climate crisis and Ukraine. India utilized its persuasive skills to create the impression of a unified voice in the Delhi Declaration. At one point, the French president threatened not to sign any G20 declaration unless Russia's invasion of Ukraine was condemned. However, he had to accept a compromise formula regarding Ukraine, in which members pledged to safeguard the territorial integrity of a state and follow a non-interven-

tion policy. The decision to exclude Russia from the Delhi declaration regarding Ukraine was appreciated by the Russian foreign minister, but criticized by Kiev. The BRICS aimed to create an alternative to the US-dominated world order, while the G20 summit aimed to address the concerns of developing nations through compromise. The Indian Prime Minister and other world leaders, including Brazil's President who will lead the group from December, deserve credit for ensuring that the G20 sum-December, ensuring continued leadership by the global South. While non-G20 countries such as towards improving humani
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Secondly, Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, a massive project characterized as a modern "Spice Route' designed to connect India to Europe via the Arabian According to a report Peninsula, was also an transcontinental transportation, energy, and referred to it as a "real big voices have questioned the economic viability of the proposed route, its geopolitical significance cannot be refuted.

The corridor will have regional and international consequences. According to the majority of experts, it is As we analyze the recent an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and, therefore, a significant success for the US and India. Nevertheless, given the complexity of the new international geopolitics, it cannot be ruled out that the new welcomed into the group's economic corridor will converge with the BRI rather Zakir Afridi heard four com- tain and expand its influence results in the G20 represent- than supplant it. Currently, it plaints while ordered DPO in international relations, ing around 100 nations, appears that India has been ile to keep both Russia and the United States satisfied, while also limiting China's influence. The process has minimized the significance of Chinese President Xi Jinping's decision not to attend the meeting.

Thirdly, the G-20 summit has further strengthened India's credibility in global affairs. In Pakistan's non-participation in the event was not unexpected, given its absence from the list of non-G20 nations invited. Earlier this year, India voiced strong opposition to Pakistan's participation in Additionally, virtual meetings of SCO leaders have seemingly been utilized as a means for India to distance Pakistan from international events. India's current efforts to isolate Pakistan from significant international events are noteworthy. However, Pakistan's undeniable significance cannot be disregarded, as it holds a crucial geostrategic location in the region and ranks among the world's most populous countries. Pakistani decisionmakers must reflect on why Pakistan remains marginalized and isolated in the global arena. While Pakistan's frail economic, political, and social circumstances may impede its ability to counter India's strategy, we must not overlook our foreign policy shortcomings.

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#### FIR against DG PHSA and drug inspectors filed F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: In a recent development that has sent shockwaves through the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors Peshawar, an FIR has been lodged against four individuals, two of whom were allegedly masquerading as drug inspec-tors. The FIR was filed following their suspected involvement in illicit activities while inspecting pharmacies in the region.

The incident unfolded when the four individuals, posing as drug inspectors, embarked on an inspection tour of local pharmacies to verify their licenses. However, their actions took a dubious turn as they reportedly demanded money from pharmacy owners during the course of their inspections. Swift action was taken by concerned pharmacy owners who wasted no time in reporting the incident, leading to the registration promptly arrested the individuals, accused bringing them to justice for their alleged miscon-

However, the plot thickened as allegations that emerged the Director General of the Provincial Health Academy Services attempted to exert undue influence on the police to secure the release of the arrested individuals and

have the FIR canceled. These allegations raise serious questions about the integrity of the investigation and the potential involvement of higherups in the pharmaceutical regulatory hierarchy. In an earlier development, Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary had already issued a charge sheet against one of the accused, Rangeen Shah, who holds the position of Pharmacy Technician. He was given in chargesheet for issuing fake licenses which is a professional misconduct.

Which indicates that the culprits of this incident are habitual offenders. Two of the four culprits are already in police custody. Measures should be taken by the authorities to hold accountable those responsible for any wrongdoing, regardless of their positions or affilia-

## Physical rehabilitation part of modern medical science



F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Paraplegic Center Peshawar launched unique hybrid interdisciplinary training in the field of medical education in collaboration with the international online educational organization PhysioPedia, whereby renowned trainers of physical disabilities will provide online training to physical rehabilitation professionals from across the country.

The start of this training program has been made immediately while at the Center Peshawar and the end of this online training patients there. the participants will also be Trainers of Paraplegic forward despite traditional given practical training at Center Peshawar Dr. Gohar obstacles. Paraplegic Center of the FIR. Authorities Peshawar. The participants graduating from the training will not only be aware of modern clinical and research activities, but they will also have opportunities to implement theory, practical and research work at Paraplegic Center Peshawar.

In the first part of this series, a three-day training workshop was organized for nominated physiotherapists, occupational therapists, orthotists and psychologists from Sindh and Pakhtunkhwa, wherein the international

USAID also provided support. The training turned all respects which was well pants. Rehab professionals of of Karachi, Hyderabad and Peshawar not only came to improve their academic and he comes to the paraplegic practical skills, but they center, something new is also got impressed of the definitely happening here. outstanding performance of

Rehman, Dr. Nazish Faiz. Mukhlis Razzaq, Sameera arranging such training and Muzaffar and Shafiq Dawar inculcating renewal miscaptivated the hearts of the medical professionals by is infact Harculian task and imparting practical training we have to come out of the with the utmost missionary shell of limited thinking spirit who hailed from the and move forward in this remote areas of Sindh and modern era of medical sci-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The ences for the development fact in the closing ceremo-

The head of the institution, Dr. Syed Muhammad Center Peshawar is truly an Ilyas, while addressing the exemplary medical and participants at the end of educational institution and this unique training, clari- she came here to see the fied that physical rehabilitation is also a part of mod-

organization "Relab HS" ern medical sciences like medicine and surgery, but unfortunately, no attention out to be a standard interna- has been paid to its promotional training workshop in tion in the past. On this Senior occasion, received by the partici- Physiotherapist and Dean Rahman from all fields of prominent Institute and Allied Health educational institutions, Sciences Muhammad Bin hospitals and rehab centers Afsar Jan remarked that as compared to other government hospitals, whenever

He said that it is very the staff of the Paraplegic gratifying that there are institutions in the public sector which are moving

sionary spirit and traditions participants confessed this of this sector. The participant from Sindh Mrs Neelam Zahra exclaimed in her address that Paraplegic practical example of interdisciplinary approach.



PESHAWAR: Caretaker Adviser to CM on Transport and Housing Zafarullah Khan presenting shield to outgoing Secretary Irrigation Mutahir Zeb.

## Mustung explosion necessitates strong action against terrorists, abbeters

at Mastung Balochistan, has necessiinvolved in terrorism, abbetters and their facilitators.

11 people including Hamadullah sustained injuries has exposed the barbaric mindsets of attackers and their abbeters magnifying that enemy of peace has no regard for any political and religious party and humanity," said Ikhtair Wali, PMLN

KP spokesman while talking to APP. 'Attack on JUI-F leader was highly condemnable and culprits should be brought to justice soon," said ikhtair Wali Khan said. He said that time has come to decisive action against elements supporting terror-

bomb blast that apparently targeted abbetters. The national action plan the JUI-F leader Hafiz Hamadullah that had been formulated in 2014 by the Nawaz Sharif Govt after APS tated strong action against elements massacre should be implemented in letter and spirit, he added. He said implementation of the Apex commit-trum. The Mastung explosion in which tee decisions in letter and spirit would help curb illegal activities including terrorism in KP.

Menwhile, the Provincial Apex Committee with caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in the chair and attended by Caretaker provincial minister for finance, Ahmed Rasool Commander Bangash, Corps Peshawar Lieutenant General Hassan Azhar Hayat and Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry here

umbrella of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa the concerned quarters to take steps with special focus on illegal spec-

It was decided in the meeting to take concrete measures for the effective prevention of illegal activities that are helpful in promoting terrorism including illegal mobile SIMs, explosives, extortion, Hundi-hawala, illegal arms, smuggling, fake documents, drugs trafficking etc. The relevant federal and provincial entities and intelligence agencies were directed to make joint and coordinated efforts to effectively deal with the issue of illegal spectrums.

It was also decided to take stern Thursday took important decisions actions against those civil servants

PESHAWAR (APP): The powerfull ism and their facilitators as well as related to the implementation of found involved in facilitating such briefed about the progress so far actions more easier so that people province besides mapping their properties/businesses. Matters relatnon custom paid vehicles came under discussion.

The committee termed the use of social media for defaming the state institutions as an intolerable act deciding that strict action would be Committee and the district level taken against those involved in such committees for effective implemenactivities. Reiterating the commitment to effectively deal with the eleforum decided to set up a special unit under the Counter Terrorism

Participants of the forum were stringent, and making banking trans-

National Action Plan under the illegal activities. The forum directed made by Provincial Security Secretariat with regard to the imple-Integrated Security Architecture for collecting data of Afghan mentation of the National Action hawala. (KPISA) came under discussion refugees illegally living in the Plan. The forum expressed it's satisfaction over the progress and underlined the need to have integrated ed to the registration of Madaris and efforts by the relevant federal and provincial agencies for further nprovement.

The forum also urged upon the need of effective and close coordination between the Provincial Apex tation of the decision taken by the Apex committee. The forum appre-

would prefer banking transactions instead of illegal means of Hundi

Issues related to the federal agencies to curb the menace of illegal spectrums would be taken up with the caretaker Prime Minister, and the PM would be requested for a special meeting to this effect, the forum decided. It was further decided to establish joint check posts and improve the boarder management system in order to effectively control smuggling of various items. The forum also decided to have a vigilant eye on the supply of narcotics in ments involved in extortion, the ciated the actions being taken educational institutions further forum decided to set up a special against the elements involved in deciding that crack down would be Hundi Hawala and urged upon the carried out against the big fishes Department (CTD) for the purpose. need to make the relevant laws more involved in drugs manufacturing and

#### In brief

#### Gas supply suspended

SUI (INP): The gas supply to various cities including Karachi was suspended due to an explosion in the pipeline near Kandhkot. The explosion took place in the pipeline from Sui to Karachi, said the officials. The police said that the explosion was reported in the Ghulam Rasool village of Kandhkot. An investigation has been started as police and other law enforcement agencies reached the spot soon after the explosion. The prelimiinvestigation showed that the explosion took place due to the gas pressure in the pipeline. Further investigation is also underway by the police and other law enforcement agencies.

#### Man guns down teenage sister

D I KHAN (INP): A man gunned down his sister teenage Bilalabad area of Dera Ismail Khan and fled the scene, police said on Friday. According to details. accused Niazullah shot dead his 15-year-old sister (N Bibi) over unknown reasons. The culprit fled the scene of crime. Police reached the crime scene and collected evidences. The body was shifted to DHQ hospital for postmortem. The police registered a case into the incident and started raids to arrest the cul-

#### Brick kiln fined in Sargodha

SARGODHA (INP); A brick kiln was fined for violation of anti-smog rules in Sillanwali, here on Friday. According to official sources, the Assistant Commissioner Sillanwali Rehman along with her team checked various brick kilns located at Jhamara road and imposed a fine of Rs 45,000 on an owner of a brick-kiln for not implenology at his kiln. Meanwhile, the AC Shahpur Anum Babar also imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on a petrol pump located Shahpur-Sahiwal road over faulty gauge.

#### **Road safety** awareness seminar

SARGODHA (INP): An awareness seminar on road safety and traffic education was organized by mobile education unit of the Punjab Highways Patrol Police Sargodha on Friday at Punjab College for boys. Incharge mobile education Sub-Inspector Muhammad Nawaz raised awareness among students and college staff about traffic rules and safety measures. He also briefed the importance and benefits of helmet wearing and following traffic rules He especially instructed the students to not drive the motorcycle fast and stay away from dangerous activities like onewheeling. PHP helpline 1124 was functional round-the-clock for citizens in any trouble, emergency or accident, he added.

#### **Robbers loot** cash, jewelry

BAHAWALNAGAR (INP): Armed robbers looted cash, jewelry and other valuables from house of landlord and injured him upon resistance. Citizens held one robber. According to details, a gang of robbers barged into house of Muhammad landlord Ashraf in Minchanabad area of Bahawalnagar and tied the residents with ropes. The robbers injured the landlord upon resistance and took away hundreds of thousands rupees cash, jewelry, cell phones and other valuables. The local residents upon getting information chased the fleeing robbers and held one of them who was handed over to police after sound

## **QWP** demand holding of election as soon as possible

F.P. Report

CHARSADDA: Calling for the holding of the general election as soon as possible, Qaumi Watan Party (QWP) Chairman Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao on Friday said that an enabling environment should be creparties could reach out to the voters.

attended workers convenlevel playing field should polls. be provided to all the politparties and whoever won should be allowed to form the government. Aftab Sherpao said uncertainty prevailed in the country after the president wrote a letter to the Election suggesting the election date. "The president's letter has added to the confusion surrounding the election,' he remarked.

Pakhtunkhwa, the QWP leader said the government cized the caretaker KP gov- give relief to the paying unfulfilled.

F.P. Report

Government school teachers

came together in a series of

protests, organized by the

teachers' alliance, to advo-

cate for their rights. A peace-

ful demonstration took place

in front of the Mardan Press

Club on Shamsi Road, led by

the Government Teacher

was spearheaded by Niaz Ali

Khattak, the Provincial

General Secretary of the

Alliance, along with Hafiz

Inamur Rehman, the district

chairman of the organiza-

tion, K Usman, an associate

teacher, Hafiz Zubair Ikram

Bacha, and many other

teachers who joined in soli-

Teachers held placards

bearing slogans in support of

their demands, and they

chanted slogans that echoed

their concerns. Niaz Ali

Khattak, the Provincial

General Secretary of the Government Teacher's

Alliance, highlighted a criti-

cal issue: the delay in imple-

the

approved upgradation of

teachers. He stressed the

urgency of issuing the notifi-

cation for this upgrade by the

Khattak also called for the

provincial government.

cabinet-

During these protests,

Alliance.

Government

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menting

Pakhtunkhwa

inet and reshuffling the bureaucracy.

made in the federal caretakthe with the caretaker setup, was no concept of installing tion at the residence of the caretaker setup. He said

> He said that whichever political party formed the general election should abolish the role of the careregional countries, where National there was no role of the caretakers. He said that KP was not

Commenting on the He added that rising infla- present. fresh wave of terrorism par- tion had made life difficult ticularly in Khyber for the people. He demanded that the agreements with the the independent power pro- made by Imran Khan's should take steps to provide ducers should be reviewed government. He said the a level playing field and an and an audit should be con- merged districts were enabling environment to all ducted into their affairs. He also facing the shortage the political parties so that maintained that the govern- of funds and the promises they would reach out to the ment should address the made with the local peoelectorate. He also criti- issue of the line losses to ple largely remained

Teachers alliance hold

protest in favour of demands

to as the "cruel move" relat-

removal of what he referred port of

advocated for the regulariza- teachers

decision, aligning it with the Shah

teachers' preferences.

traffic. The demonstration ate a boycott of classes in

Teacher

Tuesday

garded,

teachers' temporarily left the teachers' issues, stating rest of steps to announced

their classrooms and blocked that if their demands were during a press conference at

roads, causing disruptions to not met, teachers would initi- press press club on 5th

government schools every

he warned that if their con-

cerns continued to be disre-

they

announce the closure of gov-

conference

schools' teachers leaders of

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class VI and others brothers

organizations leaders joined

Daggar to BPC. The protes-

The protestors were start-

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to express solidarity.

Peshawar on October 3.

ed to pension terms and Upgradation notification,

tion of ad hoc teachers. He besides No to ending prn-

expressed concern over sion. No to tax on salary, No

forced promotions within the to tax on CP fund and big No

education department and to forced promotion of teach-

called for the reversal of this ers. APTA KP GS Miraj Ali

Niaz Ali Khattak issued a as per token strike from

starting from at Peshawar would be

strong ultimatum to the care- today in all schools by wear-

taker provincial government. ing black ribbon, classes

He urged swift resolution of boycott every Thursday and

September 20. Furthermore, announced in that press con-

ernment schools across the Peshawar till accepting

entire province through a demands. He asked care tak-

Meanwhile, Government as to satisfy worrying teach-

Teachers Alliance (GTA) on ers community otherwise

Friday staged protest demon-teachers and students to

stration in front of Buner come on roads and govern-

Press Club in favor of their ment would be held respon-

different organizations work- Iftikhar Nadim, Class VI

ed protest march from Ghani, Syed Zaren Shah,

tors were carried banners Iqbal. Abdur Rashed, Bakht

with demand and also chant- Afsar and many more

The

APTA

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demands. The government sible for the consequences.

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ernment for frequently consumers instead of putmaking changes in the cab-ting more burden on them.

Aftab Sherpao said the people had lost faith in the Aftab Sherpao said that political setup due to the changes were also being prevailing uncertainty and inflation. He said the gover cabinet. "Our party had ernment was mulling raissuggested at the time of ing the prices of the petro-18th leum products, which ated so that the political Amendment to do away would bring a new wave of inflation. He believed the e voters. adding that under the origi- outgoing chief justice Addressing a well- nal 1973 Constitution, there Supreme Court sided with a certain political party and formed benches of his own Arshad Khan Agra in that the ECP should be liking. He maintained that Charsadda, he said that strengthened to conduct the all state institutions should work within the ambit of the constitution.

The QWP leader said next government after the that KP's population was undercounted in the last amend the constitution and digital census and this would hurt the interest of takers in future. He cited the province in terms of the example of India, allocation in the federal Commission of Pakistan, Bangladesh and other divisible pool and the Finance Commission award. He held the previous PTI government responsible for the being given its due rights. crises facing the country at

He said that the people were bearing the brunt of wrong decisions

demand were included

in his

announced protest schedule

He claimed date for set in

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ty to strictly follow the strike

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president Nosherwan, Apta

founder Akbar Ali Bacha,

Mulk, Ûmer Syab, Raz

Inam, Mufti Salih, Qasom

clerks president

president Afsarul

Mehmood

regularization

CHARSADDA: Chairman Qaumi Watan Party Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao addressing party workers convention.

#### Crackdown against power theft directed F.P. Report

BANNU: A high level meeting chaired by divisional commissioner Parweiz Sabatkhel at his office in Bannu discussed matters pertaining to curb electricity theft and launch across the board action against power

Commissioner Deputy Bannu Manzoor Ahmad Afridi, North Waziristan ADC Bashir Ahmad, Lakki Marwat subdivision Bitanni AC Najam Dawar, AC development Gul Nawaz Khan, PESCO superintending engineer Nadir Zaman Kundi and other officials were in attendance

The strategies formulated by the district administrations in Lakki Marwat, Bannu and North Waziristan to tighten noose around power thieves and defaulters came under discussion at the meeting. It also discussed with detail the effective role of anti-power theft task force in elimination of electricity pilferages and improving from power recoveries

defaulters. Speaking at the meeting, the divisional commissioner revealed that more than sixty percent electricity was being stolen in Bannu division and prevent power theft and bring the power supply system in accordance with the demands and requirements of modern times. He directed the deputy commissioners to implement the comprehensive and coordinated plan chalked out by their administrations in letter and spirit so that the anti-power pilferage operation could be made result-oriented.

Commissioner said that power theft had become a national tragedy therefore the power supply company with support of other stakeholders and people should take practical steps to take electricity thieves to task and provide relief to honest consumers. He asked the PESCO authorities to identify domestic. commercial, industrial and other electricity thieves on all power feeders so as to enable the task force to make its actions a success.

## Technology empowered educational transformation

**Ansa Javed Khan** 

**TOHN** Dewey's Statement that "Education is not preparaation is not prepara-tion for life; education is life itself" perfectly sums up the importance of technology in the education system. In this digital age, calls, playing games, and so the Industrial Revolution 4.0 is rapidly reshaping the digital economy and transforming the dynamics of **Education System alto-**

gether. The dissemination, reception, and experience of education in the modern world have undergone a paradigm shift as a result of technological innovation and the predictions that IR 4.0 technologies will have a huge impact

on learning potentials. According to the World Economic Forum, IR 4.0 calls for rethinking the future of work and education in order to diversify abilities and skills. Therefore, institutions and organizations must move to rapidly integrate innovative IR 4.0 products/technology such as big data, blockchain technology, and artificial instead of maintaining outin the context of education and technology must do much more than merely introduce digital learning platforms and implement Learning Management System in its educational

institutions. It is also a fact that since the beginning of learning and development, technology has actually played a significant role at the forefront of education, right from carving symbols and figures on walls, to the traditional teaching techniques that ultimately emerged into modern modes by incorporating the latest available technology until this most recent innovation in Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence.

The twenty-first century has ushered in beginning new challenges from technological development, for

acquainted with cell phones at the age of one year, progressing to the ability of pressing/clicking to play songs, choosing videos from a list by the age of two, and then to the ability of using smart-phones for making on, by the age of three. In the context of such

acceptance and familiarity, the field of education is no exception; rather, it is embracing its own direct and indirect contributions from its current role in the classroom to future trends in enabling Personalized Learning experiences, which lie at the heart of technologyempowered educational

transformation. The role of technology in education has not only flip the notion of basic direction from the Old Pedagogy of Teachers (Teacher-Centered Approach) to a New Pedagogy of Students (Student-Centered Learning) but it has expanded to include the use of new, highly effective tools from the ability to access information (the Internet) on an individdated practices. No doubt, with people around the Augmented here was the dire need to and a country like Pakistan ing the essence, integrity, and relevance of course presentation, all of which arise from the Integration of technology that in turn is using digital

> Assessment. Therefore, the role of technology in education is attainting new heights because education has gone from passive to active, to interactive as well as aggressive. Therefore, there is an urgent need to adapt to new ways of developing, communicating and interacting and the education system should focus on developing a set of skills including advanced critical thinking and problem-solving.

tools and media to enhance

Learning, Teaching, and

Along with empowerment and transformation, there are obstacles and concerns, such as the digital gap and accessibility, as well as training and profestechnology has become such sional development for eduan integral part of our lives, cators, to name just a few. I Charsadda.

with babies becoming observed this digital divide firsthand at an online course for Master Trainers in 2021, when there was a noticeable disparity in the quality of delivery by the faculty, a lack of digital literacy abilities, and disruptions during the online sessions. This clearly hampered the majority, with the exception of a few, from being elevated to Master Trainers for the next phase of the Project.

Despite such challenges and concerns, transformations are taking place, and technology is providing advances in education. As a result of the Covid Pandemic, which not only expedited the adoption of these technologies, but also called conventional teaching techniques into question and forced educational institutions to adhere to distance learning as a standard norm. Enrollment in Massive Open Online Classes has increased dramatically, not only in terms of the number of students, but also in terms of the percentage of courses created, in comparison to the decade in which MOOCs burst onto the education scene. Moreover, intelligence in education ual basis to networking and technologies such as gamificollaboration (social media) cation, Virtual Reality and these are future possibilities world, without compromisand a country like Pakistan ing the essence, integrity, and Intelligence are continuously revolutionizing education and encouraging collaboration and innovation in the field.

In conclusion, Dewey's statement still rings true with respect to the vitality of technology in the context of education. Technology enhances students' access to information, facilitates collaborative and personalized enables new teaching methods, bridges the gap between classroom learning and realworld applications, and creates a culture of life-long learning. By embracing technology, we can ensure that education becomes more than merely a preparation for life; it becomes a vital part of life itself.

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## The flawed system of VC's appointments and its impact on higher education in Pakistan

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other sectors.

Unfortunately, this leads to a wherein Chancellors (VCs) are manipulated by politicians or groups of ministers to facilitate the establishment of new campuses or universities, with VCs being appointed through a superficial process to achieve these objectives. Regrettably, the true essence of "Higher Education" takes a back seat, as this political cians and citizens alike.

under the dual charge of a VC necessary to be admitted to the

**THE surge in the number** and how they are "encouraged" puses in Pakistan with- employees, the public, and the education raises concerns not in Islamabad, along with its Khyber Chairman and complete man-Pakhtunkhwa but across the agement, also supports this corentire nation. It seems that rupt practice at the national universities are being estab- level, thereby depriving employlished merely as a means of ees of their rightful entitlements **providing employment to indi-** according to the ordinance. The viduals with connections, as HEC/HED should be responsijob opportunities are scarce in ble for curbing these misconducts.

VCs are typically selected Vice through a nominal advertisement published in newspapers by a VC search committee. If the committee does not align with the government's or Members of Provincial Assembly's (MPAs) and Members of the National Assembly's (MNAs) desires, it is often changed. Unfortunately, merit is never the basis for appointments made by game is well-known to politi- the committee, despite the concept being desirable. Many VCs On occasion, due to conflicts are appointed based on the preand inflexibility, a university is text of merit, even though they left without a VC or is placed do not possess the qualifications

employed without adhering to abused. The government, partic-proper regulations/E&D rules abused. The government, partic-proper regulations/E&D rules abused. The government, partic-proper regulations/E&D rules abused. The government, partic-proper regulations in the appointment to hold these individuals with the unbridled horses bound without following proper regula-

> newspaper advertisements titled "positions of VCs for public sector universities." This clearly indicates that it is not a deputation. Applications are submitted along with No Objection Certificates (NOCs). Tests and interviews are conducted with this unregulated hierarchy. the candidates, and appointments are made based on a socalled merit list. Eventually, the professors to be part of this unrechosen candidates are allowed to assume their positions as VCs, fulfilling the intentions of the concerned MNAs/MPAs. The process is seldom challenged, and any challenges that do arise they assume the roles of kings or are generally dismissed by the queens, free from any internal or accountable and limit their powsearch committee, who verbally external regulations, as there are disown the selected candidates by placing them at the bottom of the list.

with the chancellor's approval let's delve into the matter of how committee's purpose is comVCs are "protected" when mendable, it is frequently four years, with no restrictions in Pakistan lacks the existence of ment of those in scale 3-16 can

Ministry of Education, as well as process become apparent once accountable. This has created a of universities and cam- and empowered" to mistreat the Governor House and the appointment letter is issued. Secretariat, must be called upon The very next day, a professor, ees and students, as even their out a proportional enhance- students. Regrettably, the Higher to explain how VCs are appoint- often an associate professor, is ment in the quality of higher Education Commission (HEC) ed to public sector universities transformed into a figure of authority, presiding over a university like a king or queen, with The recruitment of VCs is complete power and financial carried out through extensive autonomy. This issue was highlighted recently in the National Assembly by the Ex-Federal Defense Minister, Mr. Khawaja Asif. The allure of this newfound power has led to a situation where every senior and junior professor aspires to be part of

Additionally, the rampant desire among senior and junior strained power structure is evident. The vice chancellor is appointed from the governor's house through the Ministry of Education. Within the university, no efficiency or disciplinary rules in place for such positions. Their appointment letters often The appointment letter, issued overlook the aspects of efficiency and discipline. It is unfortu-

harsh environment for employmisconduct cannot be challenged in a court of law. The lack of boundaries makes it difficult to identify the rules broken by vice chancellors and determine appropriate punishments. While institutional autonomy

is important, it should not be granted to "unbridled horses". The nation can no longer comprehend this mystery. It is crucial to define the minimum age for vice chancellor appointments, as the impact factor and immaturity have negatively affected institutions. The role of a vice chancellor encompasses multiple dimensions, including leadership and representation in various bodies, which necessitate a certain age, experience, and qualifications. Implementing efficiency and disciplinary rules would hold them ers. This would elevate the standard of higher education to the desired level instead to misuse powers for harassing employees. The employment of individuals in scale 17 and above could be from another university. Now, same university. Although the the following day, designates the nate, or perhaps fortunate, that handled through a provincial

with the unbridled horses bound by efficiency and disciplinary rules to prevent mismanagement.

Illegal re-reappointments of faculty members must be immediately halted, and faculty should be provided with a service structure in accordance with HEC ordinance as per strict directives of NA standing committees and other government departments. This would restore balance to the system and ensure accountability for these horses.

In summary, the process of appointing vice chancellors in Pakistan is flawed, resulting in unbridled horses assuming leadership positions in universities without any accountability. To enhance the standard of higher education in the country, the appointment process for vice chancellors must be reformed. Not only should vice chancellors be held responsible for their actions, but members of the syndicate, senate, and other statutory bodies being widely misused should also be held accountable, as they are government servants

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and representatives of the public.

## Cambodian PM visits China on his first official trip

BEIJING (AP): Cambodian regional and international with Beijing were cultivat-Prime Minister Hun Manet forums. It helps dampen ed by Hun Manet's father, arrived in Beijing on his criticism of Beijing within Hun Sen, who stepped first official trip abroad the 10-member Association down last month as prime since taking office last of Southeast Asian Nations, month. The visit demon- several of whose members strates his country's warm are engaged in territorial relations with China, disputes with China in the Cambodia's closest politi- South China Sea. China has cal and economic ally. Hun gained important influence cratic rule and adroit politi Manet was expected to in Cambodian politics and meet Chinese President Xi its economy, as seen in the Jinping and other officials numerous Chinese-funded in the capital and to attend a projects, hotels and casinos weekend trade and invest- in the capital, Phnom Penh, ment expo in southern and elsewhere around the Cambodia's

Cambodia-China China. strategic directions for their bilateral Beijing, Hun Manet plans relations, and regional and to attend the 20th ASEANinternational Chinese state broadcaster regional capital in southern CGTN posted images of China not far from the bor-Hun Manet and his wife, der with Vietnam, the Pich Chanmony, walking Cambodian down the stairs from a plane Ministry said. Chinese to a red carpet on an airport Premier Li Qiang also is tarmac, where they were scheduled to attend the greeted by two children, a expo, along with the prime Chinese official and others. ministers of Malaysia, Hun Manet later laid a Vietnam and Laos, and senwreath at a monument in ior government officials Beijing's Tiananmen Square from Indonesia and fighting foreign invaders Foreign Ministry said. The a key Chinese diplomatic investment and tourism. response capabilities

according to country. China's state banks Foreign have financed airports, roads and other infrastruc-A ministry statement said ture built with Chinese the two leaders would dis- loans. More than 40% of cuss tightening the nations' Cambodia's \$10 billion in ties with the building of a foreign debt is owed to

After his meetings in matters. China Expo in Nanning, a Foreign partner and supporter in Cambodia's close relations medical services.

minister after almost four decades. His Cambodia People's Party has had a stranglehold on power, fostered by Hun Sen's autocal maneuvers that crippled any effective opposition China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi had visited Cambodia to reaffirm his country's commitment to its ally shortly after Hun Sen announced his retirement plan. Hun Manet, Hun Sen's eldest son, had been army commander before succeeding his father. He was educated at the US Military Academy at West Point, but is widely expected to maintain arms-length relations with Washington. The US has shown disapproval of Hun Sen's undemocratic moves and is also uneasy over the expansion of a Gulf of Thailand naval port Cambodia and China started last year. Hun Sen consistently denied that Cambodia had granted China the right to set up its own military base at Ream Naval Base. Defense that honors those who died Thailand, the Chinese announced that the military would hold an annual joint

and in the protests and bat- expo promotes cooperation exercise in Cambodia from tles that brought China's between China and the mid- to late September to ruling Communist Party to Association of Southeast enhance their coordinated power in 1949. Cambodia is Asian Nations in trade, action and emergency

## Armenia warns of humanitarian crises

MOSCOW (Reuters): The irritation with both coun- immediately to address Kremlin expressed con- tries in recent days, the really dire humanitaricern that tensions between Karabakh is internation-Armenia and Azerbaijan ally recognised as part of over the breakaway region Azerbaijan but is over-

increasing, Armenia's prime minister support from Yerevan, the news agency Armenpress described the situation in region won de facto indethe blockaded territory as pendence "critical". Armenia has in Azerbaijan after a lengthy recent weeks repeatedly war in the early 1990s. accused Azerbaijan of Azerbaijan retook large perate. massing forces around swathes of territory in has effectively blockaded deal struck to unblock called Lachin Corridor - ated weekend has yet to take That road has been closed

In a call with reporters, causing food, fuel and spokesman medicine shortages. Dmitry Peskov said: "Of course, we are concerned Antony Blinken, who has charge that Baku has that the tension is not also tried to help broker a repeatedly denied. Twice, subsiding and in some lasting peace, expressed increase." He said Russia deteriorating conditions in come under fire from would stay in contact the territory. "(He) has Armenian units along the with Yerevan and Baku engaged with the leaders two countries' shared borand remain a reliable of both Armenia and der. Armenia's defence guarantor of security in Azerbaijan to make it ministry denied opening the South Caucasus. clear we want the Lachin fire on Azerbaijani posi-

Nagorno-Karabakh whelmingly populated by

since December 2022,

Moscow has expressed Corridor to be opened tions.

an situation in Nagorno-Karabakh,' Department Matthew Miller told a as ethnic Armenians. With briefing. Armenian state quoted Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan as saying the humanitarian situation inside Karabakh was des-

second war in 2020, leav- authorities allowed to since December 2022, ing the region dependent enter the region from causing acute hunger. A on a single road - the so- Azerbaijan had not allevithe roads to the territory last that links it to Armenia. Armenpress also quoted Pashinyan as saying that Azerbaijan was continuing to mass troops along frontlines US Secretary of State Karabakh and Armenia, a Azerbaijan's defence mineven on the concern on Sunday about istry said its forces had

#### Earth is outside its 'safe operating space for humanity'

exceeding its "safe operating space for humanity" in six of mine the fate of the planet," nine key measurements of said Rockstrom, a climate its health, and two of the scientist. The nine factors remaining three are headed have been "scientifically in the wrong direction, a well established" by numernew study said.

ent pollution and "novel" compounds like microplas- the team uses other peertics and nuclear waste) are reviewed science to create all out of whack, a group of measurable thresholds for a international scientists said safety boundary. For examin journal Science ple, they use 350 parts per Advances. Only the acidity million of carbon dioxide in of the oceans, the health of the air, instead of the Paris the air and the ozone layer climate agreement's 1.5 are within the boundaries degrees considered safe, and both Fahrenheit) of warming ocean and air pollution are since pre-industrial times. heading in the wrong direc- This year carbon in the air

tion, the study said. We are in very bad lion. shape," said study co-author Johan Rockstrom, director mingled. When the team of the Potsdam Institute for used computer simulations, Climate Impact Research in they found that making one Germany. "We show in this factor worse, like the climate analysis that the planet is or biodiversity, made other losing resilience and the Earth environmental issues patient is sick." In 2009, degrade, while fixing one Rockstrom and other helped others. Rockstrom researchers created nine dif-said this was like a simulatferent broad boundary areas ed stress test for the planet. and used scientific measurements to judge Earth's health as a whole. Paper was an ful means that humanity has update from 2015 and it at its disposal to combat cliadded a sixth factor to the mate change" is cleaning up unsafe category. Water went its land and saving forests, from barely safe to the out- the study said. Returning of-bounds category because forests to late 20th century of worsening river run-off levels would provide suband better measurements stantial natural sinks to store makes the results not worth and understanding of the carbon dioxide instead of the

NEW YORK (AP): Earth is problem, Rockstrom said. These boundaries "deterous outside studies, he said. Earth's climate, biodiver- If Earth can manage these sity, land, freshwater, nutri- nine factors, Earth could be relatively safe. But it's not, (human-made he said. In most of the cases, (2.7 degrees peaked at 424 parts per mil-

The nine factors are inter-The simulations showed "that one of the most power-

air, where it traps heat, the study said. Biodiversity - the amount and different types of species of life - is in some of the most troubling shape and it doesn't get as much attention as other issues, like climate change, Rockstrom said. "Biodiversity is fundamental to keeping the carbon cycle and the water cycle intact," Rockstrom said "The biggest headache we have today is the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis. University of Michigan environmental studies dean Jonathan Overpeck, who wasn't part of the study called the study "deeply troubling in its implications for the planet and people should be worried."

"The analysis is balanced in that it clearly sounds a flashing red alarm, but it is alarmist, not overly Overpeck "Importantly, there is hope. The fact that ozone layer is the sole improving factor shows that when the world and its leaders decide to recognize and act on a problem it can be fixed and "for the most part there are things that we know how to do" to improve the remaining prob-lems, said Carnegie Mellon chemistry and environmen professor Neil Donahue. Some biodiversity scientists. such as Duke's Stuart Pimm, long disputed have Rockstrom's methods and measurements, saving it

spokesman

He said a Russian aid over the next few years, Karabakh, which Baku and around Karabakh in a truck which Karabakh with thousands of business-Asia's to all Thais.

#### Sheinbaum leads 2024 presidential race: Poll

MEXOCO CITY (Reuters): The presidential candidate of Mexico's leftist ruling party, Claudia Sheinbaum, a close ally of the current president, is favorite to win the 2024 election, a new opinion poll showed. Sheinbaum, of the National Regeneration Movement (MORENA), had 47% support in a three-way match-up of leading contenders, according to the poll of 1,205 men and women by EnkollSurvey for Spanish newspaper El Pais, published.

The candidate of the main opposition alliance, Xochitl Galvez, garnered 30% backing in the contest that polls suggest is likely to be won by a woman for the first time. Those polled were asked to choose between Sheinbaum, Galvez, and former foreign minister Marcelo Ebrard, Sheinbaum's main rival for MORENA presidential nomination. The survey results also included those who expressed no preference. Ebrard denounced the MORENA primary process as unfair, and has left open the possibility of joining the center-left Movement, the only significant opposition party that has yet to select a presidential candidate. The poll showed Ebrard winning 15% support as MC candidate against Sheinbaum and Galvez. In a head-to-head contest between the two female front-runners, Sheinbaum got 55% support and Galvez

#### South Korea warns North Korea and Russia

International

SEOUL (Reuters): South Korea's National Security Council (NSC) said North Korea and Russia would "pay a price" if they violate UN Security Council resolutions. The council also said it was taking seriously the two countries' discussions on military cooperation, including the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM).

While urging Pyongyang and Moscow not to trade weapons, South Korea will work with the United States, Japan and the international community to deal with the situation, the council said in a statement. "The government said that with any actions that threaten our security by North Korea and Russia violating (UN) Security Council resolutions, there will be a price to pay," it said. The message comes after the NSC held a meeting to discuss the summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin. The South Korean meeting was attended by senior officials including the foreign minister as well as the unification minister, who is in charge of relations with North Korea. Earlier, Unification Minister Kim Young-ho also expressed concern over military cooperation between North Korea and

#### 'I don't agree with recreational use of cannabis'

BANGKOK (Reuters): Thailand's new Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said he did not agree with allowing recreational use of cannabis, though its medical use would remain a policy under his administration. Srettha was speaking in an interview with Thai digital news outlet, The Standard. "Cannabis policy will be medical cannabis. On recreational use, I do not agree with that," he said. The country's cannabis industry is projected to be

worth up to \$1.2 billion es springing up since last year's legalisation of the consumption and growing home in London. of the drug. Earlier this week, Srettha, who is also finance minister, unveiled a slew of economic policies aimed at boosting consumption and spending as recovery drags in Southeast second-biggest economy. "This is a targeted policy, domestic spending will increase enormous-ly," he said, referring to his signature policy of a 10,000 baht (\$282.09) giveaway via digital wallet

## China's defence minister, not seen in weeks

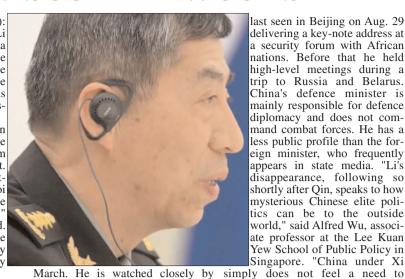
BEIJING/HANOI Chinese defence minister Li Shangfu abruptly pulled out of a meeting with Vietnamese defence leaders last week, three officials with direct knowledge of the matter said, amid questions about his more than two-weekslong absence from public view.

Li, 65, was due to attend an annual gathering on defence cooperation hosted by Vietnam on its border with China on Sept. 7-8 but the meeting was postponed after Beijing told Hanoi days before the event that the minister had a "health condition," two Vietnamese officials said. The sudden postponement of the meeting and the reasons cited by China are being reported by

Reuters for the first time. China's State Council Information Office, as well as its defence and foreign ministries did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the Vietnam event. The Vietnamese embassy in Beijing couldn't immediately be reached for comment. The abrupt cancellation of Li's trip follows China's unexplained replacement of Foreign Minister Qin Gang in July after a prolonged absence from public view and a People's Liberation Army's elite Rocket Force in recent months, moves that have raised questions about the Chinese leadership's decision-making. Qin's meteoric ascent through the ranks of the Communist Party was partly attributed to his closeness to President Xi Jinping, making his removal after just seven months on the job even more unexpected. Chinese officials initially said Qin's absence from public view

was due to health reasons.

Li was appointed to his post in



diplomats and other observers because, like Qin, he is also one of China's five State Councillors, a cabinet position that ranks higher than a regular minister. A US official, on condition of anonymity, said Washington was aware of Li's cancelled meetings with the Vietnamese. US President Joe Biden visited Hanoi last week, where the two sides inked a historic upgrade of their partnership. Li's prolonged absence from shake-up of the leadership of the public view has drawn some comment. US Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel posted on X, formerly Twitter, on Sept. 8: "First, Foreign new Strategic Support Force - an Minister Qin Gang goes missing, elite body tasked with accelerating then the Rocket Force commanders go missing, and now Defense warfare capabilities. He then headed Minister Li Shangfu hasn't been seen the military's procurement unit from in public for two weeks. Who's going to win this unemployment race? China's youth or Xi's cabinet?" Asked about Emanuel's post this bidding process and invited the pubweek, a Chinese Foreign Ministry lic to report irregularities dating back spokeswoman told reporters she was to 2017. There has been no update on "not aware of the situation." Li was possible findings.

last seen in Beijing on Aug. 29 delivering a key-note address at a security forum with African nations. Before that he held high-level meetings during a trip to Russia and Belarus. China's defence minister is mainly responsible for defence diplomacy and does not command combat forces. He has a less public profile than the foreign minister, who frequently appears in state media. "Li's disappearance, following so shortly after Qin, speaks to how mysterious Chinese elite politics can be to the outside world," said Alfred Wu, associate professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. "China under Xi

explain itself to the world." Li was sanctioned by the US in 2018 for buying weapons from Russia's arms largest Rosoboronexport. Chinese officials have repeatedly said they want those sanctions dropped to facilitate better discussions between the two sides' militaries. US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin attempted talks with Li during a defence conference in Singapore in June, but did not get

beyond a handshake.

In 2016, Li was named deputy commander of the military's thenthe development of space and cyber the military's procurement unit from 2017 until he became defence minister. In a rare notice in July, the unit said it was looking to "clean-up" its

## Son of Kyi is worried about her health in detention9

Myanmar leader Aung of politics. She is serving a Sang Suu Kyi says he has prison term of 27 years. always avoided talking to The military takeover trigthe media, but this time is gered massive public resistdifferent. He's increasingly ance that was brutally supworried about his impris- pressed, triggering a bloody oned 78-year-old mother's civil war that has killed Myanmar's violent political 46, said he has tried to keep crisis, which he calls des- out of the spotlight for perate. "I'd just really like decades, seeking to avoid to have some form of con- any political activism and tact with her so that I know "just trying to keep my that she's OK, because at head down and get on with the moment she has no my family life." "I've access to her legal counalways tried to avoid speaksel," Kim Aris said in a ing to the media and (have video interview with The been) avoiding social Associated Press from his media all my life. But the

ment." Suu Kyi was arrest- reason he is speaking out, ed in 2021 when the army he said. seized power from her dozen charges for offenses ting active on social media Yangon, the country's less bloodshed.

about thousands of people. Aris, situation in Burma at the "She has no access to her moment is absolutely desallowed any visitors, as far Myanmar by its former as I'm aware. She's not even name. "The fact that I've allowed to mingle with the not been allowed to commeans she's basically under at all for over two and a a form of solitary confine- half years now" is another

"So now I'm doing all I democratically elected gov- can to try and help the situernment. She has since ation and bring awareness Democracy party. But world can rally and try and been prosecuted and con- of this situation to the wider almost all of that time was help the people in Burma so victed on more than a world," he said. He is get-

BANGKOK (AP): The her supporters say were and said he plans a cam- biggest city, and she was younger son of ousted concocted to keep her out paign to "bring awareness and funding for humanitarian purposes." Aris said he has heard that his mother has been extremely ill and has been suffering from gum problems and was unable to eat. "She was suffering from bouts of dizziness and vomiting and couldn't walk at one stage." Aris said his information comes from independent Myanmar media and social military response from them. They door to me." It's not the first other prisoners, which municate with my mother time Suu Kyi has faced nearly 15 years under house arrest under a previous military government starting in tion would be very different 1989, a year after co-founding her National League for that people around the

not completely isolated. 'At that time, it was in her own home and she was allowed visitors. At times, I was allowed to spend time with her under house arrest. And we were allowed to send her care packages and letters and have communication with her. For the last two and a half years, we have had none of those basic human rights." realize that there's so many media. Britain's Foreign natural disasters and Office and the International humanitarian crisis all over Red Cross have tried and the world now, and it's hard failed to learn more on his for everybody to be behalf, he said. He has tried exposed to that every day. reaching out to Myanmar's We all need to try and do government, our bit to try and help including its embassy in everywhere that we can. personal doctors. She's not perate," he said, referring to London, "but I don't get any And Burma is one country where we can change wouldn't even answer the things very easily," Aris said. "If only 2% of what has been given to the confinement. She spent Ukrainian forces had been given to the resistance

forces in Burma, the situa-

now," he said. "So I hope

help the people in Burma so

at her family home in that we can end this need-

## Many leave Dominican Republic ahead of Haiti border shutdown

Haiti (Reuters): Hundreds ment are set to continue.

opened the gates for people country. "We have been getting deported or fami- prepared for weeks, not lies looking to return. only for this situation but border closure will include Harold Estimable, director also for a possible peace all land, sea and air routes,

NGO/OUANAMINTHE, office in Ouanaminthe, said some 250 to 300 of Haitians returned from Haitians had been arriving the Dominican Republic daily from the Dominican after the Dominican presi- Republic in "very bad dent announced an immi- shape." United Nations nent total border shutdown experts warned earlier this amid a conflict over the week that Haitian women construction of a water seeking pregnancy and channel from a shared river. postpartum medical care in The border is set to close the Dominican Republic and will last "as long as were reportedly being necessary," Dominican arrested during check-ups authorities said, with back- and deported immediately ing from their military and without a chance to appeal. police forces, though talks The Caribbean country has with the Haitian govern- tightened border security ent are set to continue. amid the worsening gang Over a thousand people warfare in Haiti - where streamed through the bor- there are daily reports of Haiti at kidnappings and sexual Ouanaminthe, near the violence - deporting tens of canal, as authorities briefly thousands who left their

tion, could. Republic, which threatened to shut the border last week, argues construction works off the River Massacre violate a 1929 treaty. Abinader is set to being raise the issue on a visit to the United Nations next "Unfortunately, they left us no alternative but to take drastic measures, Abinader said, adding the

Dominican Republic is planning the construction of two dams that "without the treaty could significant-"We have been ly affect" Haiti.

The government said the

DOMI- of the national migration force in Haiti," said and that it deployed a fur-Dominican President Luis ther 20 armored vehicles to Abinader, adding if the a military camp on the bor-Haitian government could der. Later, Haiti's governnot control the construc- ment said that it has the Santo Domingo sovereign right to exploit The Dominican its natural resources, as does the Dominican Republic, in line with the 1929 treaty. It also said it would take all measures to irrigate the Maribahoux plain.

> The government said it "will take all necessary measures to protect the interests of the Haitian people." Local airline Sunrise Airways said it was adding a flight between both countries ahead of the closure. The US Embassy, which has called on its citizens to leave Haiti, said on its website that those planning to leave for the Dominican Republic would need to make other arrangements.

## China denounces Europe probe of EVs as 'naked protectionist' act

European electric vehicles believed to have benefited from state EV imports. subsidies will have a "negative" impact on economic investigative measures proand trade ties, China's commerce ministry warned. The investigation launched tect its own industry in the

investigation into Chinese der Leyen described as a "flood" of cheaper Chinese

posed by the European Union are in reality to protect EU producers from in a statement. "It is a tense relationship with China for the second year.

tive industry and supply chain, including the EU, impact on China-EU economic and trade relations." The probe, initiated by the

BEIJING (Reuters): A what European Commi- naked protectionist act that China partly strained by Commission ssion President Ursula von will seriously disrupt and trade and investment imbaldistort the global automo- ances. In 2022, China's exports to the EU rose 8.6% to \$562 billion, "China believes the and will have a negative according to Chinese customs data. But imports from the EU slumped 7.9% to \$285 billion due to European Commission and weaker Chinese demand will determine if punitive name of 'fair competition'," not from any industry com- and sharply widened the tariffs are warranted to pro-

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**Human rights** dispute and plight of Afghans

ECENTLY, verbal exchange of bullets and bombs and ruthless use of spears and bows have been at the peak between UN high-ups and interim Afghan authorities over the issue of human and women rights in clerics-ruled Afghanistan. Historically, the UN officials had been highlighting curbs imposed by the Taliban rulers on girls' education, and women's employment in certain sectors including media, NGOs and other offices where women work jointly with their male colleagues along with restricting women's travel without a male escort. Previously, the UN special rapporteur for Afghanistan, Richard Bennett leashed out on Afghan authorities at the UN Human Rights Council and called the Taliban to reverse their draconian, misogynist policies and allow women to work and run businesses, including delivering essential services through NGOs and the UN. The UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has recently informed the media that the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan are central to all concerns and will be one of the issues that will be very much on the agenda of the annual UN General Assembly Summit scheduled later in the current month. This shows that women's rights issues in Afghanistan will not only be discussed during the week-long session but analysts fear some kind of penalties likely to be imposed on Kabul to mould its stance regarding civil liberties in the country.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Emirate is quite determined about its policies which attracted global criticism and prompted an outcry from Afghan women and girls whose quest for higher education and flourishing businesses collapsed to the ground. The IEA was of the view that women's rights are ensured in Afghanistan within the framework of Islamic principles and the world must respect Islamic values and not interfere in the domestic affairs of Afghanistan. The interim authorities termed it a political issue instead of human rights or civil liberties. Unfortunately, the people of Afghanistan had been caught between the rivalry and antagonism of the Western bloc and interim rulers, as both sides intended to transform the Afghan nation into two conflicting ideologies. The United States and its allies invested billions of dollars in social development, education, and women empowerment during the two decades-long occupation of Afghanistan. Although the US government made concerted efforts to preserve those gains through the Doha agreement, yet all had been reversed over the past two years in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

The current day Afghanistan is marred with acute challenges relating to the economy, foreign relations, social development and national security, which merits prudent and kinetic policies by the Afghan interim authorities to steer their nation toward political and economic stability, pause in diplomatic isolation and inclusion into the global community, that will not only prosper Afghan nation but ultimately lead to the consolidation of the Islamic regime in that country. The politically motivated policies of the Taliban rulers proved to be dual-edge weapons for the Emirate both domestically as well as globally. The economic conditions became worse for poor masses due to a reduction in foreign aid while the government's ban rendered nearly 60 thousand working women jobless, which directly affected an equal number of households in the country. On the global front, the Afghan interim regime could not get a single formal recognition from the global community, instead, it lost the confidence and sympathies of several friendly nations in the past two years.

In fact, the policy of isolation and disengage proved to be counterproductive not for Afghanistan but for the rest of the world as it pushed the South Asian nation toward anarchy and terror regrouping in globally abandoned Afghanistan. It is high time that the global community and Afghan interim authority end their antagonism and engage with each other in a constructive manner that revives peace and stability in a war-torn nation and resolves the unceasing economic woes of common Afghans.

#### Capital policing and dacoits' *Raj*

CCORDING to a press release of Islamabad Police, the Capital Police Department has officially initiated the School Chalo campaign to address the issue of students who are frequently absent from their educational institutions and can often be found wandering in recreational areas and other public spaces. The statement further reads that the department initiated a proactive move under the guidance of the Capital City Police Officer (CCPO), to specifically target students who are found absent from school or college, often seen loitering in recreational areas, markets, and other public spaces identified through the city's Safe City camera network. The Police Officers started escorting those students to various police stations with the support of Dolphin squads and Safe City smart vehicles and further dropped them at their respective schools or homes

accordingly. Unfortunately, the state and institutions of Pakistan had forgotten their primary responsibility and got involved in cosmetic and flashy activities for the sake of fake advertisement and cheap publicity. Presently, the national capital has become a hub for crimes and a haven for crooks and criminals because the Police force is busy with alternative jobs and criminals roam freely on the major roads and streets in the capital. According to the reports, street criminals snatch cell phones or ladies' purses from busy markets and residential areas of Islamabad in broad days, while Police officials deal the victims with rude behaviour or unnecessary demands like submitting computerized applications, affidavits and others along with declaring theft/snatching incidents as lost items to shed off responsibility and portray least crime ratio in their respective region. During the past few months, dozens of cars and motorbikes had been stolen from the national capital while hundreds of cell phones were snatched from innocent citizens along with a few cases of

abuse of gentle ladies and killing of individuals. The law and order situation in the national capital is highly frustrating and people feel unsafe in the busy markets as well as in their homes. However, Police high-ups are busy with their self-promotion and fake populism. The senior Police leadership must focus on its primary role, along with character building and discipline of police staff that has been indicted to all malpractices which are customary in Police departments of all four provinces and adjoining territories. Police must use their resources, safe city cameras, and Dolphin squads for the prevention of robberies, and identification and arrest of robbers, and assassins instead of loitering behind wandering boys/girls. So, the residents of the capital could live a peaceful, safe and secure life.

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## How much longer can Russia's honeymoon with the Gulf States last?

**Saahil Menon** 

LLYING with the remains a hard sell Yet the Kremlin continues impending

with its neighbors. In light the Global South are of the Gulf Cooperation exploiting to help Putin Council (GCC)'s overt disreplenish his war chest. illusionment with US President Joe Biden - who UAE on the Financial they view as having a soft- Action Task Force grey list from the GCC's six conping them of Annex II stasecure gold-mining rights up luxury properties left, stituent states during the tus, which affords their in Sudan. Furthermore, right and center in narrow window left until passport holders visa-free next year's general elec- access to Europe's border-International Russia's most prestigious population. This could carrot offered to Abu Dhabi with Moscow. Furthermore, on the heels of its much- the pivotal role that flag-BRICS. Russian Foreign Emirates Minister Sergei Lavrov heralded the promising trajecnations are on. Russia's trade turnover with the UAE stands at a record- fears of another mobilizabreaking \$10 billion in just tion, draft dodgers are the first eight months of already hatching their 2023, which coincides with escape routes and heading the latter's deviation from further afield than exits traditional Western part-

Dubai has emerged as Armenia. the go-to destination for multinationals relocated

Russians, given how and retail boom, engen-incompatible Sharia- dered by the sudden capital with the sort of lifestyle Muscovites, will likely be they are accustomed to. more than offset by Western-led to pivot toward the frac- pressure tactics. According tured Arab World as rela- to The Wall Street Journal, tions with the collective high-ranking officials from West hit rock bottom and the United States, the approach a point of no European Union and The UAE's newly coined UAE into changing course 'zero problems" doctrine during a diplomatic visit to has very little to do with the federation last week. geostrategic hedging, pur- Having paid mere lip servsuing apparently contradic- ice to ending Russia's war tory policies towards other thus far, it is time the aforestates. Instead, it serves as a mentioned G7 members litmus test of its new auton- tightened the sanctions omy by building bridges loopholes fence-sitters in

> Clearly, reinstating the Qatar and the mass exodus of disaflonger be ignored by the West. Amid widespread republics like Soviet Kazakhstan, Georgia and

Regional aviation hubs -Russian oligarchs, jet-set- namely Dubai and Doha ting social media influ- have positioned themselves entrepreneurs. Blue-chip prospective conscripts to ceased operations in Russia straints and access main-

glitzy city-state. That said, where they are subject to many ordinary Dubai's fleeting real-estate fairly lax entry requirements and less at risk of iteering Gulf despots will being repatriated if called intervene in a battle **inspired local laws are** injection from wealthy up. The Emirati regime has gone from performing a autocracy. Crippling secbalancing act between East ondary sanctions could be and West to outright flaunt- the free world's weapon of ing its sympathy towards choice against malign Russia. UAE President actors like Saudi Arabia Mohammad Bin Zayed and the UAE. As a safe even stressed the need to build on this relationship hundreds upon thousands Britain press-ganged the UAE into changing course during a diplomatic visit to Dubai's iconic Burj Khalifa blowback of Putin's war, was illuminated in the there is no conceivable rea-Russian tricolor on Russia

gerprints all over Moscow's underhand commercial dealings with third-party jurisdictions. UAE-domiciled logistics firms have blood on his hands as been accused of transport-ing Iranian-made Shahed Lukashenko and Iran's UAVs and spare parts to the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Kremlin. The Emirates Khameini. He is at the foreer touch than his predeces- has not proven humiliating have also been accused of front of laying out the red sor - Moscow is determined enough to jolt its leadership wielding their influence to carpet for questionable to muster as much support into action. However, strip- help the Wagner Group Russian figures snapping they have partnered with India and Russia to further tions. Last week, the less Schengen Zone, will their de-dollarization agen-Moscow State Institute of almost certainly spark a daby building a framework about who they want to side Relations, backlash from the Emirati for using local currencies in with. cross-border transactions. university for future diplo- force the Emirati govern- However, the UAE's nefarimats, unveiled its "UAE ment to re-evaluate the ous activities, as well as trunner Donald Trump to Lecture Hall" - the latest merits of its partnership those of fellow OPEC member Saudi Arabia joining with Russia to extend vaunted admission into ship national carriers like oil production cuts and send crude prices through the omnipresent Chinese Airways play in facilitating the roof to over \$90 a bar- can supplant Washington as rel, have been met with tory bilateral ties between fected Russians can no silence. Given this, it is perplexing how sanguine Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelensky was Forces' Central Command about the recent Jeddah and Fifth Fleet, whereas peace talks bearing fruit.

The fact that this summit personnel remain stationed marked his second trip to at the Al Udeid Air Base in the Kingdom in a matter of months speaks volumes of nuclear option at its disposthe importance Zelensky al - notably the Global erroneously attaches to Saudi Arabia as an honest Maktoum's feet to the fire. broker. Rather, its crown encers, oil traders and tech as springboards for these prince Mohammed Bin could not only break the Salman is driven purely by which skirt around travel con-self-interest and consumed with inflating his own ego. tary monarchies in the following the full-scale land Europe. Similarly, a MBS saw the meeting as as region from following suit. invasion of Ukraine such as growing pool of budget- a stepping stone to mediate Google, Goldman Sachs conscious, fighting-age other high-stakes conflicts Moscow could become far and Allen & Overy have Russian emigres are transit- such as the ongoing Sino- less attractive for the their ing through the Gulf en India border dispute and in region. Moscow-based staff to the route to Southeast Asia, doing so, rehabilitate his

tarnished image without paying through the nose. Zelensky is mistaken in believing that the war-profbetween democracy and haven that brazenly harbors son why Dubai should not Day.

The Emirates has its finakin to Tehran or Minsk.

The Emirate of Dubai's probe treated as a cobelligerent The Emirate of Dubai's probusiness ruler Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum has arguably just as much

> Belarus' dictator Alexander "Dubaigrad." Making an example of him could make other rulers think twice History Finally, the potential return of Republican fronthe White House risks turning the burgeoning Russo-Gulf alliance on its head Neither the Russians nor guarantors of maritime stated objectives. security on the volatile Arabian Peninsula. Bahrain President still hosts the US Naval

10,000 American military Oatar. The West has a Magnitsky Act - to hold Al Such a draconian move, back of Russia's economy but also deter other heredi-With this, an alliance with The Moscow Times

## Sanctions remain popular but their effectiveness is debatable

**Kerry Boyd Anderson** 

ber of people and entities release an American pastor Sanctions serve as a polit- more likely to be successful

purpose?

2022. It found that "the United States added 2,275 Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN)

list" - a major increase over previous Sanctions in response to Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine were the primary Washington frequently uses cy tool, sometimes unilatersanctions tools include the sanctions based on themes, such as human rights and countering terrorism, while others are specific to a country. Sanctions can tarbanks and financial institutions, government agencies and more. Furthermore, the US can leverage its leading

sanctioned entities. The basic idea of sanctions has deep historical roots but has evolved in modern times. The US has countries, but embargoes are a blunt instrument that typically fails. More recently, sanctions have become

precise,

role in the global economy

and financial system to

impose secondary sanc-

individuals or companies

that do business with the

Washington sanctions specific individuals and entities and uses financial tools more than broad embardraw, but it is too early to offers clearer US trade embargo on Cuba has completely failed to achieve the goal of regime change. Sanctions on North Korea have failed to deter Pyongyang from continutions on Iraq that began in

1990 failed to achieve the Analysts such as Agathe Demarais and Nicholas Mulder have noted that sanctions usually fail but sometimes succeed. US financial threats helped force the UK to abandon its invasion of Egypt in 1956. Many in the US foreign policy community see the Obama administration's use of sanctions against Iran as a good example of how sanctions can work. In that case, Washington worked with foreign partners to impose acute costs on Iran's economy while also makneeded to do to lift those

AST year, the US tration successfully used significantly sanctions against Turkiye increased the num- to persuade Ankara to sanctions. from prison. Sanctions are ically popular tool that is when the country or counapplied with growing pre-cision, but do they actual-have leverage. The US has ly achieve their intended had more success when urpose? applying sanctions to a Last month, the Center country with which it has for a New American significant economic rela-Security released an analy- tions or when it works with sis of US sanctions from other countries that have important economic links with a target country. For persons (individuals and example, North Korea's entities) to the Specially isolation from the global economy and close relations with China and Russia have limited the year. impact of sanctions. Sanctions are also more

likely to achieve their

objective when the goal is driver behind the increase. clear and feasible. The Turkish government did not sanctions as a foreign poli- like giving into US pressure to release the pastor, ally and sometimes in but the cost of sanctions cooperation with other outweighed the political countries or the UN. Key cost of releasing him. With Iran, the Obama adminis-SDN list and export contration achieved the speciftrols through the Entity ic goal of pressuring Tehran List. The US applies some to reach a nuclear deal, ic goal of pressuring Tehran while sanctions intended to produce regime change or broad and fuzzy goals have failed. Governments may be willing to make difficult get individuals, companies, compromises in response to sanctions, but regimes will not give up power or take steps that they see as fundamentally threatening to their survival. Some proponents of sanctions argue that causing economic pain tions on non-American can help push a population to demand a change in lead-However, ership. Demarais has pointed out, sanctions are unlikely to work in autocracies, in which the population has little voice and faces severe used embargoes on specific consequences for speaking Sanctions are also out. more likely to be effective when they work quickly,

before a country has time to

absorb the economic cost

Even when sanctions

and adapt.

fail to achieve their objective, they sometimes have goes. The Russia-Ukraine value. They send a meswar has renewed questions sage and serve as a tool about the effectiveness of that is sharper than diplosanctions. So far, strict matic statements but less multilateral sanctions risky than military action. against Russia have not Over time, they can forced Moscow to with-degrade a country's ability to wage war or extend its fully assess their impact. influence. However, the foreign policy benefits of examples. A decades-long sanctions must be weighed against Especially when broadly applied, sanctions can cause immense human suffering that can last for decades. They allow autoing its nuclear weapons crats to blame someone program. Punishing sanc- else for their own poor governance. Sanctions also often have unintended consequences; they can backfire and end up damaging US foreign policy and economic interests. Once sanctions are imposed, it is politically difficult for Washington to lift them without receiving concessions in return. In the long term, overreliance on ineffective sanctions undermines the tool's credibility and could lead countries to seek alternatives to the USled financial system. The US is not the only country that imposes sanctions but, given its economic size and influence, it is perhaps the ing it clear what Tehran most important. Sanctions will remain a popular forsanctions, eventually leadesign policy tool for ing Iran to agree to limits Washington, but it is on its nuclear program. In unclear how far sanctions 2018, the Trump adminis- will advance US interests.

## Histrionic indignation at China makes us look weak

**THE** arrest of a theft of trade secrets and House of Commons assisting foreign intelliresearcher on espionage grounds prompted fresh concern that British Influence be vigilant and unrelentwe calmly and patiently expand the circle of partners abroad - to strength-

This Government has passed ing the enforcement action, into law fresh under the National Security Act envisages. Act 2023 to tackle the new threats we face. There are with Parliament. Local new criminal offences cov- councils are also exposed

with China.

and other states with hos- eign governments. The tile intentions. Yet such acid test will be to rigoras a surprise, and it will new powers - and demononly increase in the years strate it is being done. bespoke data on the numdomestic powers to safe- charges brought and conguard our security, while victions secured, and issue updates quarterly to The Parliament. Intelligence and Security en our hand in dealing Committee of Parliament should be given a clearer systematic role in scrutinispowers as section 93 of the 2023

These threats don't stop ering hostile state sabotage, to infiltration by foreign lic, without doing very other partners - none of tiators to get a free trade

**Dominic Raab** gence agencies. They are state actors, and there is a much about it, is the worst backed up by a Foreign concerted attempt by China of all tactical worlds. It Registration to influence the direction makes us look like a paper democratic institutions Scheme, so that we can of critical research in our tiger in Beijing, which, are vulnerable to preda- track those acting in this universities, which must be tory activity by China country on behalf of for- resisted without flinching. While there is much good work taking place across activity should not come ously enforce all of these government, it often lacks action quietly, whenever lens. There ought to be a ahead. At home, we must Ministers should collate standing sub-committee of the Chinese government National Security the ing in enforcing new ber of arrests made, Council meeting on a quardirectly to the Prime Minister.. All of this should be

> wasting energy unnecessary

given China's economic size, can always respond

disproportionately Far better to take robust an overarching strategic warranted, and telegraph clearly and consistently to the consequences of its behaviour, and terly basis, chaired by a inevitable response. Some senior Cabinet minister, to would have us go further join the dots, dissect than just "de-risking" our trends, and report back relationship with China, and "de-couple" altogether. But it isn't faintly realistic. With more than £100?bildone with calm but persist- lion in UK trade with ent focus - and without China last year, the ecofoghorn diplomacy, or nomic cost of severing all picking business links would disbattles. proportionately Calling out the Chinese Britain, and put us at a the margins of the G20 state vociferously in pub- massive disadvantage to gave a strong push to nego-

taining the prospect. It will be more effective

tion with our closest allies Nato. Beyond across transatlantic partnerships, we also need to widen the caucus of like-minded countries co-operating to withstand the Chinese threat. China's fingerprints were all over the recent G20 which communiqué, stripped out previous language condemning Putin's war in Ukraine. We have to work harder diplomatically to stiffen the resolve of nonaligned countries which privately share our concerns and interests, but shy away from standing up for them.

The Prime Minister gets all of this. His meeting with Narendra Modi,

whom are seriously enter- deal done, and expand security co-operation. Yet it is not just the biggest to continue to strengthen players that count. Prising our operational co-operasmaller neighbours away from China's uncomfortable embrace will reinforce West's influence. Vietnam has just upgraded its relations with the US covering trade, security and - critically - supply chains necessary for semiconductor production. UK engagement with Vietnam has intensified in recent years: I visited Hanoi twice as foreign secretary, but we need to follow up diplomacy with trade delegations. Robust defences at home and smart diplomacy abroad offer our best chance of moderating Chinese behaviour, rather than engaging in periodic bouts of histrionic indignahurt India's prime minister, in tion that only our very closest allies support, and achieve little in practice.

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## From Ghana to Guyana, hope mounts in fight against suicide criminalisation

Sarah Kline

ORE than 700,000 people across the world die by suicide every year. That's almost 2,000 people every single day. Anyone who has reached the point of wanting to attempting suicide is considered a criminal offence punishable with anything from a fine to years of imprisonment.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Association for Suicide Prevention mark September 10 as World Suicide Prevention Day, to help end the stigma surrounding suicide. It is a day designed to send a message to the world that suicide can be prevented. In 2023, the day brings hope: Finally, that message is being heard.

Global Mental Health has developed a network of advocates through the Global Mental Health Action Network. They have joined forces to press countries that still classify suicide as a criminal offence to change their laws. In the and Malaysia have made landmark reforms to decriminalise suicide. These ground-breaking legislative changes not only act as the first step towards ending the stigma of suicide and suicidal ideas, they also mean there is a better chance of people coming forward to ask for support before it's too late. A lot

that past is a bold step forward for end their life needs support and countries where attempting suicide compassion. Yet, in 23 countries, has been illegal for the best part of a century or longer.

that they are willing to take their lives have as much right as anyone else to seek support and treatment. The fear of punishment and potential reprisals against loved ones not only stops people from seeking help but also stops truthful reporting on suicide. This means governments lack data on the scale of the problem, making it difficult to plan effective national prevention efforts. It was with this argument that Guyana, a country with one of The organisation United for the highest suicide rates in the world, agreed to decriminalise suicide. The Suicide Prevention Bill, 2022 not only repealed the law that made suicide a criminal offence but cide in June 2023 and Pakistan's replaced it with a national suicide prevention plan. Today, Guyana is in the process of establishing suipast year, Guyana, Pakistan, Ghana cide prevention centres throughout the country and rolling out public programmes to reduce suicide attempts. Guyana's action has sparked hope in other Small Island Developing States (SIDS) where need to be committed to decrimi-Lucia, the Bahamas and Suriname.

suicide is still a crime, such as St nalise suicide." This level of Earlier this year, the SIDS the of the countries where attempting suicide is still illegal in civil law agreement to "update health legis- sations like BRAC in Bangladesh forced to suffer in silence."

are former British colonies, with lation in line with human rights laws based on outdated British norms including the decriminalisa-penal legislation. Breaking with tion of suicide". Ghana successfully decriminalised suicide in March 2023, raising hopes other African countries will do the same. Constitutional petitions in Kenya People suffering to the extent and Uganda challenging legal provisions that criminalise suicide have been launched, and the civil society groups organising these petitions are in close contact with their counterparts through the Global Mental Health Action Network. Meanwhile, in December 2022, Senator Shahadat Awan from Health, we have been working with Pakistan, a country which punished attempted suicides by up to a year's imprisonment, successfully cham-

pioned the abolition of Section 325

of the Pakistan Penal Code. The

decriminalisation of suicide in

Pakistan has opened the door for

other countries in Asia to follow

suit. Malaysia decriminalised sui-

neighbours are also taking steps

towards decriminalisation. At the Mental Health For All Webinar in August, Dr Shahid ul Islam from the Directorate General of Health Services in Bangladesh said: "We have to own the problem, it has to be addressed and we change was unthinkable even five years ago in South Asia. It has

and Taskeen in Pakistan. They have fought not only to abolish laws criminalising suicide but also to call for governments to increase the level of support for people experiencing mental ill-health. With 77 percent of suicides occurring in low- and middle-income countries, the Global South is coming together to work out how to abolish these age-old and outdated laws. But challenges remain. Policymakers in several countries still view the criminalisation of suicide as a deterrent, despite little evidence to support this idea.

At United for Global Mental

partners across the globe to campaign and advocate for the decriminalisation of suicide. We know that when people feel like they can ask for support without punishment or discrimination, they are much more likely to seek the treatment they need. The WHO is demonstrating its support for the decriminalisation of suicide with the launch of a new policy brief on the issue. It recommends that member states dissolve every piece of legislation that criminalises suicide, attempted suicide or suicidal ideation. From South America to South Asia, and from Africa to Southeast Asia, positive examples hold the potential to inspire others. Suicide is not a crime but a human rights and public health concern. It is now time for the punishment of Bridgetown come through the tireless efforts of ill mental health to end and for the world to provide support to those

## DeSantis-Haley ticket - a rising challenge to Biden's reign

■HE US city of Milwaukee last week hosted the opening Republican presidential primary debate, with coverage attracting more than 11 million viewers. In the dynamic anchor Tucker Carlson. Some perlandscape of American politics, ceived the former president's deci-Wisconsin has emerged as a pivotal battleground, with its status electorate, indicating a potential as a swing state adding layers of disregard for the democratic intrigue and importance. The outcome in this state can serve as tions. a linchpin for presidential aspirants, particularly in elections where margins are razor-thin. Although the state might not command a hefty electoral vote Capitol riot. cache, the value of each vote is magnified in closely contested races, with the potential to tip emerged as the standout performer, the balance toward victory or

signed

unpredictability Wisconsin's electorate further elepoint: The 2016 presidential election witnessed Donald Trump sistent pattern of Democratic triand campaign strategists. Eight candidates took their place on stage in the debate: Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, former Pence, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, former Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, former Gov. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas, and Gov. Doug Burgum of North

pate and unveiled a pre-recorded interview with former Fox News sion as a slight to the American process and the public's expecta-Various topics broached throughout the debate, ranging from foreign policy challenges to pressing climate change concerns and the Jan. 6, 2021

In a recent survey by The Washington Post, DeSantis with 29 percent of Republican viewers saying that his performof ance outshone the rest. The Florida governor projected a formidable vates its significance. A case in and unwavering stance, eager to persuade potential voters that he is the beacon of change amid the securing a narrow victory in the nation's perceived challenges. One Ramaswamy's stance on Ukraine. state, disrupting a historically con- of the primary issues that resonated powerfully was crime. When quesumphs. Such electoral outcomes tioned about the subject, DeSantis resistance to the Russian invasion, underscore the state's evolving responded assertively: "America's she emphasized the risks inherent ment of the Republican base. political dynamics, making it a current trajectory with crime is in this viewpoint. "Under your The potential pairing focal point for political analysts emblematic of its overall decline. This is significantly exacerbated by the likes of George Soros financing ultra-progressive district acumen. The former UN envoy attorneys. Once in office, these US DAs openly admit their reluctance composure, clarity and prepara-Ambassador to the UN Nikki to prosecute certain crimes, leading tion. Haley, former Vice President Mike to an anarchic situation akin to 'inmates running the asylum.'

Ramaswamy Meanwhile, emerged as an unexpected focal point, channeling the combative style of the former president, and translate to a triumph for China, engaging in confrontations with underlining the strategic impor-Notably absent was the early numerous rivals on stage. His tance of Ukraine in safeguarding ing a balanced ar favorite in the primary, Donald approach, reminiscent of Trump's America's national interests. Her Republican leadership.

Trump, who chose not to partici-signature tactics, seemed to grate on the other participants. Ramaswamy's outspokenness, frequent interruptions and a propensity to speak over others, combined with attempts at humor that often missed the mark, ensured that he was at the center of the evening's most heated exchanges. However, despite these inconsistencies, there is no denying that Ramaswamy struck a chord with staunch supporters of the former president. His bravado and rhetoric, while divisive for many, resonated with this demographic. Although the road ahead appears promising for this young politician, the debate was a testament to the experience and insight he still needs to acquire. Time will tell whether he can hone his craft and translate his initial momentum into sustained political efficacy. Haley launched

pointed critique Challenging his assertion that the US should not back Kyiv in its watch, you would make America less safe," she said, underscoring her rival's lack of foreign policy displayed a masterful blend of

Her arguments were finely honed, particularly when highlighting the intricate interplay of global geopolitics. She stressed that a victory for Russia would inherently

adept articulation of such complex ities showcased her deep understanding of international relations.

A conspicuous unity was evident among the seven GOP candidates, all of whom, with the exception of Ramaswamy, lauded Pence's actions on Jan. 6, hailing him as a stalwart defender of the American constitution, and emphasizing his commitment to upholding the nation's foundational principles at a critical moment. Meanwhile, the former vice president staunchly defended the achievements and policies of the 'Trump-Pence administration,' underscoring their collaborative efforts during their tenure. In a distinctly Trump-esque move. DeSantis said he would have fired presidential adviser Dr. Anthony Fauci, who led the White House pandemic response under the Trump administration - a statement that elicited appreciable applause from the Milwaukee audience. The gesture showcased the continuing influence of the former president's political strategies and the resonance of certain stances with a seg-

The potential pairing DeSantis and Haley could, indeed, present a formidable challenge to the Biden-Harris administration. With DeSantis exuding presidential dignity and Haley bringing her dynamic presence as a woman of deep conviction and extensive foreign policy experience, such a ticket could appeal to a broad swath of voters. The combination of DeSantis' executive leadership in Florida and Haley's global diplomatic prowess might resonate with constituents seeking a balanced and robust

## True cost of Prince Harry's year of estrangement

WEEK ago, our daughter got married. It was a glori- as senior royals. And it's a friends and family. We were all there because of shared roots: through bloodlines, friendships or community. We belonged together, and it felt good. From time immemorial, the human race has been tribal. Each family tree has roots, giving stability and context as the tribe expands. Sometimes the tree rocks in the wind, but the roots hold it steady and - most of the time - it survives. Tearing yourself away from those roots can be risky. But Prince Harry has, it seems, ripped them up once and

Almost one year on from the funeral of his grandmother, the late Queen, his estrangement from his entire UK family seems complete. He will be in London next month for a charity awards ceremony on the eve of the anniversary of her death, but it is understood he has no plans to see his father, the King, or his brother Prince William. Instead he will head straight off to Düsseldorf for the opening of the Invictus Games for wounded servicemen and women, which he founded nine years ago. I find it almost unbelievable that three men who have been through so much together cannot find a way forward. But it looks increasingly unlikely. Harry has made it clear that he wants a family "not an institution" and he now regards the United States as home. He has planted his own sapling 5,000 miles away in California. His children, Archie and Lilibet, are putting down American roots and will be the first branches of a new tree. But with their mother, Meghan, bitterly estranged from almost the whole of her own family (except for her mother and a niece) that tree looks

decidedly sparse. In an interview which kicked off the whole saga of Harry and Meghan's unhappiness in the royal fold, the Duchess said, "It's not enough to just survive. You've got to thrive." But can you easily thrive in selfimposed exile from all you have known since birth? And how much harder must it be when you are part of and mysterious tribes on earth: a royal family, of the family had got back steeped in a thousand years to the Palace. of history? Their lives and the pressures on them are a closed book to the rest of us. You would think that only Harry's own family could possibly truly understand how he feels and provide an effective support network to help him through his evident trauma. But he has cast them aside, accused them of multiple grievances and repeatedly insulted them on a global platform.

It's more than three years

Jennie Bond

together for the Queen's

Harry is attending this year tribe... on either side of the when they found themselves caught up in the drama of Queen Elizabeth's death. Harry has since said that his family's reaction to both Meghan and himself during that period of mourning was "horrible". father asked him not to take Meghan with him to Balmoral (even though Catherine wasn't going with William either). Harry was the last to arrive at the iation. Castle, having had to make his own way there, and the first to leave the next morning - again travelling alone. It seems he had little, if any, time with Charles and William as they were not staying at the castle but at nearby Birkhall. In his noholds-barred memoir, Harry confirmed that, at the funeral, he and William had "barely exchanged a word". Nevertheless, he writes that at the burial in St George's Chapel in Windsor he had thought of all the big occasions he'd experienced under that roof: the Duke of Edinburgh's farewell, his

own wedding.
"Even the times, simple Easter Sundays, felt especially poignant, the whole family, and together. Suddenly I was wiping my eyes." Evidently, then, family does matter to Harry. So how is he coping without it? An expert in the field of human Professor Karl Pillemer, from Cornell University in New York, believes the originated estrangement, or you're on the receiving end of it, people often feel betrayed, rejected, hurt, angry and Professor resentful," Pillemer says. "They feel the pain of broken attachment. We have strong biologically-based attachment responses - those don't just go away." Harry evidently felt the pull of those family attachments at Coronation. He wanted, or at least felt it was his place, to be there. But, once again, he arrived at the last one of the most exclusive moment and left for the States even before the rest

"Family ev flashpoint for estrange-ment," says Professor Professor Pillemer. "They are filled with expectations of a happy family together, and that is entirely violated with estrangement. And if you don't attend, there is a profound sense of loss." Nurturing my own grandchildren, aged four and two, and watching them play with uncles, aunts and cousins at last week's wedsince the couple decided to ding, reinforced my own sadly, that day stil "step back" from their lives belief in the importance of very long way off.

family. They may not see them very often, but my grandchildren know their ous day filled with love, year since they were here tribe. And it will help them stay grounded. How sad funeral. They were in the that little Archie and Lilibet UK for a fleeting visit to the have no prospect at present same charity event that of getting to know their Atlantic. And what a dreadful loss for King Charles. Bizarrely, Harry and Meghan have chosen to give their children their 'tribal identity" insisting they be known as Prince and Princess - and, of He was outraged that his course, Lilibet is named after her great grandmother Queen Elizabeth. Professor

believes it is the children

who may prompt a reconciliation. "Many estranged people begin to open up the relationship again, because they want their own children to have relationships with the rest of the family. And Harry and Megan's children are going to be reaching an age where they're going to begin ask-ing, 'Why don't we see our relatives? I'm certain, they [Harry and Megan] must be considering the impact on their own children." Harry has documented how mentally scarred he is as a result of his mother's shockingly sudden death, when he was just 12. His sense of loss is a tragic thread which runs through his book and his ordinary life. Professor Pillemer believes that fragile mental health can be made worse by estrangement. "There will likely be an array of emotional effects for Prince Harry and his family that include the pain of rejection, a sense of betrayal, a profound sense of loss, and development, most likely, a greater likelihood towards depression and anxiety as a result of this kind of relationship emotional impact must be trauma." The schism enormous. "Whether you between Harry and William between Harry and William looks unbridgeable. The final pages of Spare illustrate the fracture in the cornerstone of any relationship: love and trust. During a tense meeting

between Charles and his sons in the gardens of Frogmore House, William apparently forced his brother to look into his eyes. "Listen to me, Harold, listen," he said.Life moves on. The status quo becomes the norm. Prince Harry came over to London in June to take the stand in his phone hacking court case against the Mirror Group. As far as we know, he didn't see his father or brother. He'll be here again next week as the family marks what is now one of the most significant days of the year for them. But Harry won't be with them. I hope that King Charles is true to his word, and keeps the door open for his younger son - and indeed, Meghan - should they wish to take hold of an olive branch. In my view, it's always up to the parent to be the bigger person: to forgive, if not forget. But it takes two to call a truce and, sadly, that day still looks a

## Clean air zones should not be a partisan political issue

Yossi Mekelberg

HE extension of London's **Ultra Low Emission Zone** to the Greater London boundary came into effect late last month. For about one in 10 motorists in London, this means they are now subject to a £12.50 (\$15.64) daily charge for driving of those who live in or visit one of within this boundary. It is obviously a hefty increase in cost, especially for heavy users of noncompliant vehicles, and, worryingly, it hurts most those who cannot afford to replace their environmentally unfriendly automobiles, including tradesmen who rely on their vehicles to make a living. This situation has not been helped by the sharp increase in car prices, new and used, largely due to supply chain issues and rising labor costs.

Yet, all of this does not negate the fact that imposing further restrictions on highly polluting cars is a necessity. There are welldocumented benefits to excluding high-emissions cars from our streets. But this does not exonerate introducing restrictions without taking full account of their impact on certain segments of the population, especially those who are economically worse off, without adequate provision to mitigate the impact on them. As societies, we do not have a memory of life without cars, nor of the scale of the pollution that has been the result of their use. Pollution issues are especially crucial in big cities and, in a metropolis such as London, the enough for those who live in tric car that most Londoners cannot degree of pollution can make a huge difference to the quality of life, and to life expectancy itself. It unite in supporting a measure that thousand pounds, and what was is a great shame that an issue that affects the 5 million people who required was a scheme to match the should never have been turned into live within the restricted zone and a partisan political squabble has been cynically exploited by the

Labour's ranks. It should never the pause button on his city's Clean change battlefield between the two main political parties, especially not at the expense of the well-being the most attractive cities in the

London Mayor Sadiq Khan has had to defend the expanding ULEZ not only from Tory critics, but also from some members of his own party following Labour's loss in the London's Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency. Ironically, this is the constituency of former Prime Minister Boris Johnson, under whose London mayoralty ULEZ was conceived. The public can sometimes have a short memory when it comes to politics and, in this case, some politicians are taking full advantage of it instead of doing the decent thing and supporting and following the scientific evidence and advice. A report by Imperial College, one of the UK's leading universities, estimated that 4,000 lives could be saved annually by this measure alone. And the **ULEZ** in Central and Inner London is projected, according to the city's governing body, to avoid a million pollution-related hospital admissions and save the National Health Service and social care sec-

tor £5 billion by 2050. These figures are significant London and their representatives of whatever political persuasion to Înstead, the controversy has previ-Conservatives - and only because ously seen the mayor of dards. This could have reduced the mayor of London comes from Manchester, Andy Burnham, push resentment toward ULEZ, the cur-

have become another climate Air Zone program for fear of a backlash. However, London is far from the only UK city that has taken the route of low emission or clean air zones. In places such as Birmingham, Bristol, Oxford, Glasgow, Sheffield and Bradford, similar schemes have gone through with little opposition. Some of this can be attributed to the fact that a capital city always attracts more attention and is a natrecent by-election in Greater ural political battlefield, with its corresponding minefields. An additional explanation is that the scrappage scheme for motorists owning high-polluting vehicles fell short and left too many people out of pocket, which made them feel that they alone had been left to pay for improving everyone else's air qual-

This resulted in some people resorting to vandalizing or stealing the hundreds of cameras installed to enforce London's new low emission measure. Unfortunately, and not without reason, there is still a very strong sense that introducing green policies and transitioning to a green economy is still too punitive and not enough about encouragement, benefits, rewards and ensuring that the process is affordable for everyone. While the impression might be that to meet the ULEZ standards one should have invested in some fancy elecafford, in reality there are much cheaper options, at a cost of a few available second-hand vehicles promote such zones in other cities. with those who own vehicles that do not meet the emissions stan-

rent mayor of London and the Labour Party.

However, as we are at a point where the vast majority have now accepted, and even internalized, that climate change and global warming are increasingly hazardous to our well-being and very existence, there is a need to think more about integrated and clean transport systems, rather than just about cars. Cars will continue to play an important part in our lives. Some like the very idea of them, and are even obsessed with them, while others simply use them because they enable mobility. But in the grand scheme of moving people and goods from one place to another, they are far from the only answer - and this is especially so in the megacities, where we spend more time in traffic jams than moving toward our destination. Last week, a taxi driver told me very proudly that he could complete a full shift of 11 hours in his brand new electric vehicle without a single charge. On the downside, in all these hours he traveled a mere 100 miles, an average of less than 10 miles per hour, and mostly carrying a single passenger. At the same time, millions of people are carried by cleaner public transport and even cleaner cycling, which in London can often be quicker than driving

With a general election just around the corner, one can only wish, albeit with a good measure of skepticism, that the major political parties, their leaders, aspiring parcandidates liamentary activists, when it comes to environmental issues such as ULEZ, will look for common ground. At the end of the day, who does not like to breathe fresher and cleaner air and to avoid the unnecessary illnesses derived from polluted air?

## From waste to worth

OST of us - and by that I mean people who live blame. in the UK and the European Union - actually wear only 15 per cent of the clothes we possess. We have far more clothes hanging up in our wardrobe or stuffed into easily see why our habits drawers that we never are wasteful. This is not use. At this point, I'm tempted to tell my wife that most of the clothes in her extensive wardrobe never see the light of day, but I think I'll stay quiet for the moment until I hear her say those inevitable words: "But I

have nothing to wear". The reality is that much of our excess clothes end up being donated to charity shops for recycling. And according to the organisation that represents British charity organisations and their retail outlets says that 75 per cent of the clothing donated by people who actually bother to clean out their wardrobes - to make room for more clothes in every likelihood - end up being sold on to used-clothing wholesalers, who ship containers of the rags out to sub-Saharan Africa or Latin America. While it's a cheap and plentiful source of clothing in those nations, much of it too ends up simply being dumped. And at a time when we all need to be much more conscious of our carbon footprints and take personal responsibility to make the future of the planet we all share both

cleaner and green, such a

waste is shameful. And yes,

I and everyone else with too many clothes are to Mick O'Reilly

Think, if you will, of the carbons burnt making fabrics, bringing it to market, shipping, transport, and the carbon footprint of all those shopping trips, and you can some sudden transformation on my part, more of a realisation brought about by thinking about the consequences of a new law that has recently been introduced in France that will very probably be replicated across the rest of the European Union in time. French authorities have

set aside the not insignificant sum of EURO 150 million to be claimed by consumers to help with the cost of repairing shoes or clothes - giving them a longer life and to try and thwart our yearn to shop for more clothes. even Growing up, cobblers and repair shops were commonplace - for those living outside of Europe, such repair shops are available pretty handily - not so now in the

We have become a throwaway society, and that applies not only to clothes but to consumer goods and electronics. Heading back to school each September, I had a new pair of shoes. And that had to last for the whole year. And if there was a hole, the shoes were repaired, or had a little piece of metal tapped in place if the heels wore

down too quickly. Now it seems as if we back in. give children the newest

and latest brands of sneakers at any available opportunity. And if we want to get serious about the environment, then we need to get serious about changing our throwaway mindset. France is also leading the way when it comes to putting such thinking into law.

Since the spring, if you buy any consumer product, there must be options available from the manufacturer to have it repaired. And they also have to be able to take it back at the end of its lifespan. Shops that sell food products, for example, are also required to see reusable containers.

Across the EU as a whole, single-use plastics are a thing of the past. Various EU jurisdictions have introduced deposit charges on glass containers, bottles and jars, meaning that consumers have a monetary incentive to do their bit for the environment. This shift in thinking is already reaching the high streets of the UK, for example. Almost every town holds regular "repair cafés" where people are encouraged to bring their goods that need fixing and leave them with the handymen mostly retired folk who like messing around with electronics and old things. Tinkerers, they were called when I was a child. When the goods are fixed a few weeks later, you make a donation to a specific charity and off you go. If there's a lesson here, it's what old is new again, or what went out of fashion has come

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## **Traders committed** to pave way for economic growth

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MARDAN: President of against inflation is com- presidents and office bearthe Central Organization of mendable and all credit Traders Pakistan Kashif Sharafat Ali Mubarak, vis- pose of this strike was to ited Mardan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, traders, because the traders Mardan and met President are overburden of various Mardan Chamber and taxes which have ended the Secretary, Zahir Shah, and the traders are unable including presidents and to earn a daily bread. general secretaries of various organizations of Sharafat Ali Mubarak asked Mardan District, and the the participants while Traders Federation District thanking Kashif Chaudhary Charsadda President Lal for coming to Khyber Muhammad Lal and cabi- Pakhtunkhwa he paid tribnet members, Swabi district ute to Provincial General president Babu Sultan Secretary Zahir Shah for

net members of Takht Bhai. indeed a city of hospitality. and electronic media were today's event. The purpose also present on this occa- of organizing this event is sion. Provincial General to solve the problems of all Secretary Zahir Shah the businessmen together thanked the chief guest because today the business-Kashif Chaudhary, Central men are suffering from President of Trade Union many problems and since Pakistan, for his visit to that day, he has served the Mardan Chamber and said businessmen selflessly and that Kashif Chaudhary is a unselfishly, which has been dear leader who He has successfully continued till always raised his voice for today by the grace of Allah. the interests and welfare of

It was a very difficult elite Its burden is being put
the traders who have ever task to bring about, but on the poor people, it benefited the interests of because our aim was to prothe traders, that is why the vide relief to the traders for example of all the traders is the well-being of the like a clenched fist, a living traders, it met with considexample of which was the erable success, to the credit nationwide shutter down of our trading brothers. Pakistan will be prosperous strike of September 02 Addressing the program, which has proved that this Central President Kashif organization is really a true Chaudhary organization of business- Mardan Chamber President men and we will always and Provincial General respond to the voice of our Secretary Zahir Shah for Shah thanked all the guests

goes to Central President along with Kashif Chaudhary and his President team because the main purgive maximum relief to the General employment of the traders

Provincial President

Bhader and cabinet mem- organizing a grand program bers, Tariq Khan and cabi- and said that Mardan is Representatives of press The living proof of which is

thanked

wide shutter down strike and markets, as well as the ers of various districts and tehsils.

Central President Kashit

Chaudhary said that we have a strong feeling that the businessman is suffering from various problems these days due to which the economic activities have come to a standstill due to which the economy of the country is going towards decline and the value of the rupee is decreasing but despite all these conditions and difficulties, the traders have not come under pressure from anyone and they are continuing their commercial activities.

The central president said that our first priority is working for the welfare of the traders and our demands are very simple one is to give various types of tax exemptions in electricity bills to the traders to keep the economy running. End the cruel contracts that have been entered into for energy production as it is causing a loss of 2700 billion rupees and no profit 34 crore free electricity units are being given to the should be removed Economic development is impossible until the traders are given relief and when the traders are happy, then and on the path of development. At the end of the event Mardan Chamber President and Provincia General Secretary Zahin respected leader and play organizing a prestigious and reiterated that we will the role of the vanguard by event, which included the all work for the stability of

## presidents and office bear- traders Pakistan needs skilled freelancers, entrepreneurs

ISLAMABAD: In the con- offer a platter of opportunitive environment, Pakistan forging strong collabora- freelancers are not suffitions between the govern- ciently trained in digital ment and private compa-skills that meet the indusnies, Fahad Sheikh, try's requirements," said Cofounder and Director of Fahad. "We should create Association (PAFLA) told

have registered a remark-able growth in numbers and "The PAFLA was estabincome during the recent lished with the aim to boost years. Among the world's the development of freeleading nations in terms of lancers in Pakistan by ICT exports, Pakistan offering them opportunishares the spotlight with the ties, support, and a platform United States, India, and where they have access to the United Kingdom, the resources that can help expansion across the coun-strives to provide the freetry has played a major role lancers with the right tools in freelancers' develop- to overcome challenges in ment," he stated. "It is an the fields that are constantinteresting fact that 60% of ly evolving," he explained. freelancers from Pakistan people employed in ranging from seeking coleither previously unem-ployed or have little experi-ence or skills. However, the tinent issues," said the he stated.

well-developed and doesn't director.

Freelancer new opportunities for the youth and provide them "In Pakistan, freelancers benefit from the gig econo-

infrastructure them grow their careers. It "Our efforts have been

local business market is not PAFLA cofounder and

"In Pakistan, as the gig temporary global competities," he said. economy and freelancing tive environment, Pakistan "Many freelancers and gain prominence, it has needs skilled and produc- gig workers rely on digital become evident that regulative freelancers, entrepre- platforms and technology tory policies are urgently neurs and remote workers, to find work and deliver needed to safeguard the which can be achieved by services. Despite this, the rights of freelancers and provide clarity on taxation and financial obligations, he stated. "Absence of comprehensive regulations has left the freelancers vulnerable to various challenges, hindering the secwith the necessary skills to tor's potential to contribute significantly to the economic growth," he said.

Sharing concerns, he said, "the Pakistani freelancing community had fewer payment options compared to other global freelancers. Although Payoneer and MoneyGram operate in Pakistan, the ever-popular PayPal is still not available. This leaves the majority of freelancers with no option but to rely on local clients and stay away from the global cus tomers for fear of not getfall in the age bracket of 24 comprehensive and effecting paid." "The govern to 30. A large percentage of tive in numerous respects, ment has been asked to pro vide incentives to the free Pakistan's gig economy are laborative opportunities to lancers and enable them to

#### Climate change exacerbates malnutrition in Pakistan

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is intensity of natural disasa country with a unique cul-ters in Pakistan could be ture and diverse landscape. attributed to climate However, it is also one of change. She added that this, the most disaster-prone coupled with the country's countries in the world. "The conventional governance country is facing several socioeconomic challenges, dle such emergencies, preincluding food insecurity, sented a substantial chalchronic malnutrition and lenge for Pakistan. Baloch climate change," Shabnam Baloch, Country tion crisis was a ticking Director International

Committee, responds to world's worst tion. "The government and humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives.

Talking to media, she the crisis and provide the said the 2022 floods had necessary food and nutriworsened the nutrition cri- tion assistance to those sis in Pakistan. "The floods affected." have displaced millions of people and destroyed crops son was one of the most and livestock, thus exacer- severe in Pakistan's history, bating the already high with Sindh and Balochistan rates of malnutrition. As of receiving up to 600-700% June 2023, a staggering more rainfall than usual. 10.5 million people in 43 The floods affected over 33 districts across Pakistan are million people across 94 facing acute food insecuri-

" displacing 20.6 million, wellspring of strength and Shabnam Baloch point- including 9.6 million chil- innovation.

ed out that the growing dren. occurrence and heightened systems ill-prepared to hansaid emphasised that the nutrithe time bomb that required Rescue comprehensive intervenwhich tions and immediate atteninternational community must work together to address the root causes of

> The 2022 monsoon sea-The floods affected over 33 districts, killing 1,739 and

The most vulnerable dis tricts were hit the hardest with many already facing deprivation. She said 'Climate change as a global crisis is amplifying the frequency and severity of natural disasters, thereby

compounding the challenges faced by Pakistan."

She added that to effec tively tackle these chal lenges, Pakistan musi embrace a comprehensive approach that integrates systems thinking, indigenous wisdom and diversity. thinking, Systems methodology acknowledg-ing the interdependence of various factors, enables a more profound grasp of intricate problems. Indigenous knowledge, comprising wisdom and practices honed by local communities over generations, holds significant potential in addressing Pakistan's pressing issues. The diverse tapestry of cultures, perspectives, and experiences with

in society can serve as a

#### Irrigation system need of hour for better yields F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Introduction of a high-efficiency irrigation system can greatly enhance the production capacity, reduce water wastage, save energy, prevent soil erosion and drive economic growth, said Zarak Khan, Chief Executive Officer of Islamabad-based Aether Pvt (Ltd) Pakistan.

Talking to media, he said, 'Pakistan often faces water shortage due to less rainfall. Our farmers resort to flood irrigation that causes wastage of huge quantities of water. A lot of water also gets wasted through evaporation, runoff, and going deep into the ground. Since water is not sufficiently available and the climate is changing, and there are more people, it's even harder to get enough water for farming.

According to a research conducted by Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), more than 60% of water is lost during conveyance and application in the fields mainly due to the poor maintenance of the irrigation system and conventionirrigation methods "High-efficiency irrigation systems like drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation help save water compared to the traditional flood irrigation. These systems feed water directly to the plant roots, so less water evaporates or flows away. This means we can use up to 50% less water while still making good use of the limited water we have," he said. "High-efficiency irriga-

tion systems give the farmers better control over how they water their crops. This helps them give each crop the exact amount of water it needs. When crops get the right amount of water, they grow better and produce more. These systems also guide the farmers to use fertilizers and pesticides right where the plants need them, so they can absorb nutrients better without polluting the Zarak added. water,' According to research by another Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), availability of water through a high-efficiency irrigation system (HEIS) has enabled farmers to increase manifold the yield of vegetables and fruits and earn hefty profits. It is estimated that the net

profit increased from 57.90% to 585% per acre annually after the introduction of drip irrigation system. If we calculate the cumulative income from both crops and vegetables in the first year of intervention, there is an increase of about 700% per acre on average as shown in the table below.

The traditional practice of flood irrigation needs a lot of energy to pump water out and distribute it, but a high-efficiency irrigation system uses less pressure and energy, saving a lot of power. This not only helps the farmers save money, but also makes farming more sustainable by reducing pollution from carbon emissions," he said. "Flood irrigation causes problems like soil erosion, waterlogging, and salinization, which make the soil unhealthy and less fertile. But a high-efficiency irrigation system helps prevent these issues. It feeds water in a controlled way and only where it's needed. This prevents soil erosion and waterlogging. This system also ensures that the soil retains enough moisture for plants [to grow well] and stays in good condition," Zarak added.

According PCRWR report titled "Salt affected soil and their reclamation", the negative impact of waterlogging and salinity on the productivity of an agricultural land is very severe.



ISLAMABAD: Kazakhstan Ambassador to Pakistan, Yerzhan Kistafin called on Federal Minister for Commerce Dr. Gohar Ejaz to discuss regional connectivity and bilateral trade.

## Dried mango export offers lucrative opportunity for Pakistan

mango producers, has an untapped opportunity that could potentially bring in billions of dollars in revenue exporting dried mangoes. This valuable insight came from a technology expert who believes that Pakistan's mango industry can significantly benefit from value-added products like dried mango slices and mango leather.

"Dried mango, a popular valueadded product among major mangogrowing countries, is yet to make its mark in Pakistan's agricultural landsaid Muhammad Arshad, CEO of Pamico Technologies, while talking to media. The process involves dehydrating mango slices, which are then supplied to both local and international markets. "This venture does not require a heavy initial investment and is feasible for medium-level farmers and contractors," he

An alternative product, known as mango leather, is also created by converting mango pulp into a dried form. This variation adds diversity to the range of products that could be derived from mangoes," Arshad said. The dry products are especially in demand when mango season is off and they are not available in the mar-

that despite being the seventh largest value-added mango products in 201 while Pakistan's value addition to its of fresh mangoes, and very few effectiveness of exporting 10,000 added.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, known as on a mission to transform Pakistan's ping 100,000 tonnes of fresh manone of the world's largest and best mango industry by promoting goes by air. Apart from dried managripreneurship and offering indigenous agri value-adding technologies. It aims to enable farmers to transit from traditional farming to producing high-value processed products.

The vision is to have numerous farmers producing processed mango products on a significant scale, thereby enabling Pakistan to accommodate large international orders," he said. According to Arshad's calculations, a company that produces 100 tonnes of dried mangoes can potentially generate a revenue of Rs60 million within a year. "Imagine if there were 100 companies, each producing 100 tonnes of processed mangoes during the mango season, Pakistan could then cater to significant international orders, potentially reaching orders in thousands of tonnes," he elaborated. However, the current capacity of Pakistan falls short of meeting such substantial orders. "Yet with global connections becoming easily accessible in the digital technology era, entrepreneurs can establish themselves in only two to three years," he

Dried mango products have numerous advantages over fresh mangoes in terms of transportation and storage. "Fresh mangoes require air shipping due to their perishable The technology expert pointed out nature and limited shelf life," Arshad said. In contrast, he said, dried manexporter of fresh mangoes globally, goes can be stored up to a year and Pakistan's farmers are not reaping the financial benefits they deserve. "The reduces transportation expenses, but remarkable \$2 billion from exporting suitable markets, thereby potentially increasing profits.

ne mentioned. "Only 150,000 tonnes tonnes of dried mangoes. The cost- original fresh-like flavours,"

processed mangoes are exported," tonnes of dried mangoes by sea is Arshad said. He said his company is more than ten-fold compared to shipgoes, Arshad identified another "hidden treasure" within mangoes: the seeds. A significant portion of the annual mango production consists of mango seeds, which contain valuable kernel oil. This oil, widely used in the cosmetic industry, can yield substantial returns in the international market. Arshad regretted that Pakistan currently only uses mango seed for either growing plants or burning it for fuel. Arshad mentioned that kernel oil holds the potential to fetch prices ranging from Rs12,000 to Rs18,000 per litre in the global market. "It's disheartening to observe that while Pakistan possesses the resources, technology, technical support, financial infrastructure, and potential clients, the farmers are currently missing out on an opportunity that could significantly enhance their earnings," he said.

He advocated for a shift towards mechanisation and value addition in the agriculture sector, citing the wastage of 30-40% of fruits and vegetables annually due to a lack of preservation methods. He said that by establishing value-added processing facilities, Pakistani industries could produce a large number of other food products of fruits and vegetables, liquid foods, and dry fruits, including gauva, strawberries, plums, dates, peaches, apricots, sherbet berries, raisins, bananas, bitter gourd, tomato, spinach, ladyfinger, onion, potato, fenugreek, mint leaves, etc. About the Philippines, for instance, earned a also provides more time for finding consumption of dried products, he explained that fruits can be enjoyed in their dried form, whereas ver Citing an example, he pointed out bles require rehydration through 1.8 million tonnes of annual mango that processing 100,000 tonnes of cooking with water. "Upon rehydra-produce remains almost negligible," fresh mangoes can yield 10,000 tion, these products will retain their

## Pakistan's tourism revenue far below its potential

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Despite the government's big claims, Pakistan's tourism industry is far from reaching its potential due to the lack of adequate services and facilities for tourists, said Mubarak Hussain, owner and CEO of Karakoram Explorers and Karakoram

Adventures, while talking to media. "Pakistan can fetch billions of dollars through quality tourism. But this sector lags behind due to some main reasons, i.e., high traveling cost, pricey lodging, and absence of other necessities at subsidized packages for both domestic and foreign tourists,' said Mubarak. He further said, "There is too much discussion about promotion of tourism, but practically there is no implementation. For example, in many countries including India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, international tourists can get visas on arrival, while in Pakistan the online visa process is too complicated and the airfare is also high. If somebody is interested in visiting the subcontinent, their preferable destination will be India because the airfare from Heathrow, London to Islamabad is higher than from the same place to Delhi.

"In addition, there is no check and balance concerning the prices of facilities, including food and even medicines. This situation must be noticed and controlled. There should be spe-

been involved in the tourism business Himalaya, the Karakoram, every inch of glaciers, and almost the entire Pakistan. I also worked as a mountain guide for 12 years. Pakistan is a very beautiful country and a world of tourism in itself. It is full of tourism products and interests ranging from beaches to adventure tourism and from culture to historical tourism. Many countries are earning handsomely through tourism per annum, i.e., America earns USD210 billion, France USD68 billion, England USD52 billion, China USD33 billion, India USD31 billion, Turkey USD29 billion. The facilities, subsidies, and ease of access that these countries are providing to tourists and the tourism industry make them strong and productive. In contrast, our tourism industry earns far below its potential," Mubarak continued. These days sustainable tourism

practices are very important to earn a handsome income. The removal of red-tape can help tourism flourish. The world's wealthiest industries are: the oil industry that sits at the top with US\$2.4 trillion, the chemical industry US\$1.7

fuel, destination permits, and many tion leader and mountaineer Abdul other operational instruments at subsidized rates," he emphasized. "I have over a decade. Now, many people are taking interest in this field. A good since 1984. I trekked the Western number of foreign visitors frequently visit Pakistan for different tourist destinations and mountaineering as well. The awareness level of tourism as an economic product has also increased. Tour operators and people involved in the hospitality sector have to face a long list of hurdles to provide quality tourism. The government must provide special permits to the licensed operators and other stakeholders to get necessary provisions at low rates so that they may provide services and other needed products, including food, at subsidized rates.

'The Government of Pakistan must provide us with ample funding to buy safety gadgets, and security systems to deal with emergency situations so that both domestic and international tourists feel safe and visit Pakistan as a regular destination for recreation," said Joshi. According to a report by Statista, revenue generation from the global travel and tourism sector is projected to reach USD3,008 million. The market volume is expected to reach US\$3,817 million by the year 2027 with a Compound Annual Growth Rate with US\$2.2 trillion, and tourism with (CAGR) of 6.14%. In 2027, the aver-US\$1.7 trillion, respectively. age revenue generation per user is Therefore, by seriously focusing on estimated to be USD133.0, while cial subsidized price offers for tourists. this sector, Pakistan's tourism econo- online sales only account for 63% of The licensed tour operators should my can get a proper head start," added the total revenue generation from the also be issued special permits to get Mubarak. Talking to media, expeditively and tourism market.

## Enhanced safety standards to help beef up Pakistan's meat exports

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs to enhance safety standards and increase its market presence and market, Dr. Mansoor Ahmad, former director general of Livestock & Dairy Development Department farm level," he said. Punjab, told media.

the world, holding immense export foot and mouth disease (FMD),

yet to be derived. In order to unlock this tremendous potential and move up the global value chain through remove competitive constraints to greater product and market diversification, this sector will need to work of the value chain, starting at the

"Our industry faces challenges Pakistan is endowed with one of concerning animal sourcing, low the largest livestock populations in carcass yields, and prevalence of

potential for meat products, but it is which restrict exports to a few geo- of traceability of livestock and incagraphical destinations. This high pacity of a number of meat procesconcentration of Pakistan's export sors to comply with quality and food basket in terms of products and mar-safety requirements, which result in kets leaves the industry exposed to restricted access to the Pakistani the product-and partner-specific meat in the most importing counexpand its share in the global meat collectively to achieve the necessary shocks. "We need to focus on tries, have to be tackled extensivestructural improvements at all stages removing the competitive con- ly," he added. He said, "We must straints such as eradication of foot stay ahead of the global challenges and mouth disease, high costs of of environmental responsibility, anisourcing animals, and low yields mal care, production technology,

> Mansoor said. 'Other concerns such as the lack around the world.

that otherwise hinder exports," Dr nurturing of our people, and our ongoing battle for market share





#### In brief

#### **Five Pakistan** players to register for SA20

(Agencies): Naseem Shah is one of the five Pakistani cricketers who have officially entered their names for the SA20 season 2 auction. He has submitted his bid with a reserve price of 850,000 South African (R850,000). Joining him in this list are four other Pakistani players: Shan Masood (R850,000), Usama Mir R 4 2 5, 0 0 0), Mohammad Nawaz (R850,000), and Usman Qadir (R425,000). The

auction,

upcoming

scheduled September Johannesburg, will feature a total of 122 overseas players from 14 different countries. After the inaugural year of the SA20 competition, each of the six participating teams has already retained some of their players, leaving 15 auction picks available across the teams. The highly anticipated second season of South Africa's premier T20 competition, SA20, is poised to commence on January 10. The inaugural match will see defending champions Sunrisers Eastern Cape facing off against Joburg Kings Gqeberha. The tournament, spanning a month, will culminate in the crowning of a champion on February 10.

#### MacGill charged with drug supply

SYDNEY Former Australian Test cricket star Stuart MacGill has been arrested and charged for his alleged role in a commercial-scale cocaine deal, police said on Friday. The retired leg-spinner came to the attention of detectives in April 2021, when he was allegedly kidnapped by a group of armed men outside his apartment in affluent northern Sydney. The 52-year-old restaurateur told Australian radio that the men "stripped me naked, beat me up, threatened me and then just dumped me" Following a lengthy investigation into the incident, police have now alleged that MacGill's abduction was linked to his part in a drug deal. Police said MacGill faced one count of "knowingly" taking part in the supply of a commercial quantity of a prohibited drug. MacGill was lauded as a talented bowler and played 44 Tests for Australia, but was unlucky that his career coincided with that of Shane Warne, ranked by many as the best spin bowler of all time.

#### Spain's women's squad continue boycott

MADRID (Agencies): The 23 members of triumphant Women's World Cupwinning squad have informed the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) of their continued refusal to play for the team. The 23 World Cup champions, along with an additional 12 players who previously declined to play while Jorge Vilda was the team coach, have made this collective decision. This comes despite Vilda's recent dismissal and the subsequent appointment of his former assistant, Montse Tome. This development also follows mere after Rubiales announced his resignation as RFEF President. His decision came in the aftermath of a controversy where he was seen kissing Spanish player Jenni Hermoso on the lips during the celebrations of Spain's 1-0 World Cup final victory over England in August. In response to that incident, the 23 World Cup victors, along with other female players, signed a communique.



COLOMBO: Tanzim Hasan Sakib of Bangladesh celebrates the wicket of Tilak Varma of India during the Asia Cup match between India and Bangladesh at R. Premadasa Stadium.

## Pacers Haris, Naseem still in World Cup contention

Pakistan captain Babar Azam said Friday that injured quicks Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah remained central to his team's World Cup plans, after their absence saw the team crash out of the Asia Cup.

to fellow co-hosts Sri Lanka will be in the World Cup." by two wickets Thursday in a last-ball thriller of a rain-

knockout game in Colombo. Both Naseem and Rauf were injured in the Super Four loss to India in the 50India starting next month. "Haris Rauf is not bad,

but will recover before the costs you and your team," "Naseem Shah has missed a couple of matches but I but didn't finish well." don't know about his recov-Azam's men went down ery. But in my opinion, he who made an impression in

42-over-a-side

(AFP): for the ODI World Cup in last two balls, bowled by debutant Zaman Khan.

"Definitely when you he has a little bit side strain lose your best bowlers, that World Cup," said Azam. Azam said after the match. "We were not short of effort Zaman, a fast bowler

the Pakistan Super League, The pace duo's absence needed to defend eight runs was felt when Pakistan and bowled the first four shortened Super Four failed to defend 252 in their for just two, including a against Sri Lanka. Charith Asalanka, who made 49, Asalanka steered his side had the home crowd rejoicover tournament, a tune-up four and a double off the to take Sri Lanka, who won into the World Cup.

the last edition of the tournament, into their 11th Asia Cup final.

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Azam said the team would learn from their mistakes to put on a better show in India next month, where they will meet the hosts in a hotly anticipated October 14 clash in Ahmedabad.

"In fielding we lacked the kind of response that we should have got. In the bowling, there is an issue match wicket. But the left-handed in the middle overs," said Azam. "We will try to learn from them and will home in that game, hitting a ing with his winning strike clear them before going

## Aisam, Aqeel determined to win Davis Cup tie against Indonesia



**ISLAMABAD** (APP): Pakistan tennis ace Aisamul-Haq Qureshi said on Friday that his side would try its best to live up to the expectations in the Davis Cup World Group II tie against Indonesia.

The two-day tie between the two countries will kick off on Saturday at Aisamul-Haq Tennis Pavilion, Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad.

Pakistan team is spearheaded by Aisam-ul-Haq and the country's top player Aqeel Khan. Pakistan numtwo Muhammad Shoaib, Muhammad Abid, and debutant Barkat Ullah

are other members of the

Pakistan team.

Former Davis Cup player Mushaf Zia is the coach Muhammad Shahid will be the team physio.

been preparing hard for the tie. We'll be trying our best to emerge victorious," Aisam told media at a news confer- the playing captain, whereence here at a local hotel.

underestimate Indonesia and Conditioning Coach), but added that his side and Suharto (Masseur) but added that his side and ould have the advantage playing at home.

The ITF Referee, Hany Aisam ul Haq Qureshi vs Aqeel Khan said that the Hamied Ali ElKhafief of Gunawan Trismuwantara. would have the advantage make up the squad. of playing at home.

ahead of the Asian Games.

of the Davis Cup, we'll be late Thursday. flying to China for the Asian Games. I think we'll

Games, taking place from both the teams for the tie. September 23 to October 8 in Hangzhou, China.

of the Pakistan team, while Cup team, comprising three players, one captain and one coach has already "Though the weather has arrived in Islamabad. The been humid here for quite team consists of David some time, our team has Agung Susanto, Ignatius Anthony Susanto and Gunawan Trismuwantara.

Wirjawan Sugiharta is as Suharyadi (Manager), He said Pakistan did not Robby Sudrajat (Strength

Davis Cup tie against Egypt will supervise the tie. Indonesia would also help Chair umpire Gianluca them to gauge their own Moscarella from Italy and strengths and weaknesses second chair umpire Ivan Yovchev from Bulgaria 'There is a big difference have also arrived in between practising and Islamabad. Chief of umpires playing against a good side. Essam Maher Mohammad Soon after the conclusion Saleh also arrived in the city

Meanwhile, the official draw ceremony for the tie be in good shape to finish at also took place, which was a respectable place in the also attended by the coveted Games," he added. President of the Pakistan
Aisam and Aqeel will Tennis Federation Senator represent Pakistan in the Salim Saifullah Khan. He tennis discipline at the Asian conveyed his best wishes to

The match schedule is as follows: The Indonesian Davis 16th September, 2023

1st Singles: 11:00 am Aisam ul Haq Qureshi v David Agung Susanto 2nd Singles: Followed Aqeel Khan

Gunawan Trismuwantara 17th September, 2023 DOUBLES: 11:00 am Muhammad Shoaib Muhammad Abid vs

Gunawan Trismuwantara / Anthony Susanto Reverse Followed By Aqeel Khan of Azerbaijan.

## India ahead of Asia Cup 2023 final

combined bowling effort, followed by Shakib Al and Towhid half-centuries powered Bangladesh to a their innings as the Indian stunning six-run victory over India ahead of the Asia Cup 2023 final on Sunday.

Set to chase 266, India could accumulate 259 before being bundled out in the final over despite Shubman Gill's century.

Gill waged a lone battle for India with a 133-ball 121 which featured eight boundaries and five sixes.

Besides him, Axar Patel, who kept India in the hunt until the penultimate, was the other notable run-getter for India with a gutsy 42run knock, laced with three boundaries and two sixes.

Mustafizur Rahman led the bowling attack for Thakur castle Bangladesh in their farewell Asia Cup 2023 fix
He remain and the state of the state ture with 3/50 while debutant Tanzim Hasan Sakib and Mahedi Hasan bagged two each.

Put into bat first, Bangladesh put on a decent

led by their skipper Shakib. Shamim Hossain

Bangladesh stun

Bangladesh, however, had a contrasting start to pacers ran through their top order to leave them reeling at 28/3 in 5.4 overs. Came out to bat at num-

ber five, skipper Shakib attempted to stabilize half-century. He scored a Bangladesh's innings as he cautious 54 off 81 balls put together a brief partnership with Mehidy Hasan aries and two sixes. Miraz, who fell after a scratchy 13-run knock.

Following the slump, Shakib Al Hasan finally found subtle support at the other end in the form of Towhid Hridoy and they soon launched an astounding recovery. The pair put together 101 runs for the fifth wicket before Shardul Thakur castled Shakib in

He remained the topscorer for Bangladesh in the last Asia Cup 2023 Super 4s match with an 85-

ball 80 which featured six oundaries and three sixes. followed by Mohammed Bangladesh were then Shami's 2/32. boundaries and three sixes.

back of a combined effort, as Ravindra Jadeja trapped trapped in his legs in the next over.

However, Hridoy stood his ground firm and kept the scoreboard ticking before finally perishing in the 42nd over, briefly after completing his with the help of five bound-

Nasum Ahmed then took the reigns of Bangladesh's batting charge after Hridoy's dismissal and frustrated the Indian bowlers at the backend.

Ahmed played a brisk 44-run knock which featured six boundaries and a six. He was also involved in a crucial 45-run partnership for the eighth wicket with Mahedi Hasan, who scored 29 not out.

Shardul Thakur led the bowling attack for India in the last Asia Cup 2023 Super 4s fixture with 3/65,



CENTURION: Heinrich Klaasen is pumped about his 57-ball ton, South Africa vs Australia, 4th ODI.

## Sports promotion is impossible without sports journalism

Azerbaijan Information Agency and Press Council Azerbaijan had a detailed discussion with Pakistani sports journalists

in their country. The delegation led by

Khan Afridi, Shahid Secretary General Sports Writers Association, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is currently on a visit to Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan, where the delegation visited Azerbaijan Information Agency and Press Council

Chairman Waqar Ali, while Council Chairman Majeed and Rasheed Executive Members and President of Azerbaijan Journalists Association Eldar Ismayilov welcomed them and dis- years and is providing cussed digital sports jour- news to hundreds of

Pakistan and Azerbaijan.

According to him, sports journalism can play an important role in the promotion of sports in any country regarding the usefulness of and at the same time can digital sports journalism attract the world to the soft and journalistic activities image of his country and the image of his country and the young generation towards healthy activities, which is commendable, he said.

He also had a detailed discussion with the delegation about the strong relationship of love and brotherhood between Pakistan and Azerbaijan and said that we should all play our role in making this relationship stronger and stronger, according to the state news of Azerbaijan

Information Agency.
The agency is sharing news in 8 different languages that has been established for over a hundred

(APP): between the two countries day, the delegation of Sports Writers Association, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also visited the Press Council where they had a meeting with the Chairman and Executive members. The Chairman while briefing the journalists said that the main purpose of the Press Council is to improve the relations between the

media and the public. After thorough investigation, a decision is given on it which is acceptable to all. The members of the Council said that the people of Azerbaijan love Pakistan and support Pakistan on every issue including Kashmir.

Finally, Secretary General of Pakistan Sports Writers Muhammad Asghar Azeem and Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Writers Association Shahid Khan Afridi thanked them nalism in the modern era national and international and presented them with and the mutual relationship organizations. On the same shields of the Federation.

## Saudi Arabia move for Salah not a worry - Klopp



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp is not concerned about the possibility of forward Mohamed Salah being targeted by Saudi Arabian clubs in January.

The Reds rejected a £150m bid for the 31-yearold before the Premier League transfer window shut on 1 September and there were no further moves before Saudi Arabia's closed six days later.

However, Saudi Pro League director of football the door is not closed on a captain Jordan Henderson move for Salah.

"You are kidding me, yeah?" said Klopp. "A week after we close the summer. the transfer window, you

transfer window?

"Obviously, you can't wait until December to ask these questions. We will leave but at no point did I because he thought he see what happens. Until then, I'm not worried in anyone to stay."

we were locking norms to we were locking norms to we were locking norms to we were locking norms the would because he thought he would be starting and I was telling him he would these questions. We will this moment. "I didn't even think about it until you opened that wound again. Ño, I'm not worried.

No bad blood with Henderson

Klopp, speaking before summer transfer window. Wolverhampton Wanderers about it. 'Hendo' said the (1230 BST) on Saturday, truth in all departments," Michael Emenalo has said also addressed former said Klopp. saying he did not feel 'Hendo' I wanted him to him to stay, I couldn't say wanted by Liverpool prior stay but I had to talk in that and that's why it is bet-

Henderson had been playing regularly.

with the Reds since signing from Sunderland in 2011 and made 492 appearances for the club, becoming cap- Absolutely fine and possi-Cup and EFL Cup.
"If one of those people

conversation,"

Henderson moved to not be. Saudi Arabia after Liverpool brought in mid-Alexis Mac fielders Allister and Dominik Szoboszlai early in the

"I read it after I heard "We had our talks. I told

to moving to Al-Ettifaq in these conversations about ter the possibility of him not

"If 'Hendo' would have performed, he would have had maybe 50 games. tain and winning seven ble. "The relationship we major titles including the had, I thought it was League, important that we speak Champions League, FA about everything, and that means 'what happens if...'. "'Hendo' is fantastic

[at Liverpool] said to me, player, I will love him forwe want you to stay', then ever and he is a super guy we wouldn't be having this but he is not great when he said is not playing. "He was my Henderson earlier this captain and I said I wanted month. "Now, that's not to to talk about it now say they forced me out of because I didn't want to the club or they were say- wake up one morning and ing they wanted me to we were locking horns

"In Hendo's ear and mind that came out as 'he doesn't want me here'.

"What he said is that if I would've told him, 'Hendo, stay here, you will be the main man in midfield' and stuff like this he would have stayed. That's the truth but I couldn't say that.

Martin's Fernando Alonso. "As much as I wanted 'Hendo' moved on. "There's not a bit of bad blood or whatever.

## Sainz tops Singapore practice as Red Bulls struggle



SINGAPORE (Agencies): Carlos Sainz led Charles Leclerc to a Ferrari one-two in Friday practice at the Singapore Grand Prix

with Max Verstappen down in eighth place. Sainz was just 0.018 seconds up on his team-mate, who was on course to go top but lost time in the final sector. Mercedes driver George Russell was third, 0.235secs off the pace, ahead of Aston

Verstappen and team-mate Sergio Perez, who was seventh fastest, were both complaining of a lack of rear grip. They were behind Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes and Lando Norris' McLaren, which has a Red Bull have won every race this year.

major aerodynamic upgrade this weekend. Even on the race-simulation runs later in the session, the Red Bulls did not come into their own. They were the fourth fastest car, with Alonso setting the pace, from Mercedes, then Ferrari and then Red Bull. Runaway championship leader Verstappen said before the track action started that he expected Singapore to be one of the tracks on which Red Bull would struggle more than normal and so far that is proving an accurate assessment.

Verstappen had a rear snap at Turn 13, the exit of the Anderson Bridge, while Perez complained over the radio that he felt like he was going to crash on every corner entry. Team principal Christian Horner said between the Friday sessions: "This track is going to be one of the toughest of the season for us. The characteristics don't play naturally to the strengths of the car and we are going to have to play right at the top of our game to keep this winning run going.

"High speed has been strong for us and combined [braking and turning corner] entries, whereas 90-degree corners have been more of a challenge for us. But we can still be there." Verstappen is on a recordbreaking run of 10 consecutive victories and



#### In brief

#### Action against Sheesha

cafés continues SLAMABAD (NNI): Police Shalimar and Bhara Kahu police teams arrested eight accused during the crackdown against illegal Sheesha cafes and recovered Sheesha, hookah and flavors from their possession, a public relations officer said. He said that. Following the special

directions Islamabad Capital City Police officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan the Islamabad Capital Police had categorically started a crackdown against criminal elements in order to save the precious lives and property of citizens. Following these directions the Islamabad Capital Police intensified crackdown against the Sheesha centers in order to eliminate this menace from the city and special efforts were also taken against the accused involved in immoral activities. In this regard, the Shalimar and Bhara Kahu police stations team apprehended 08 accused during the crackdown against Sheesha cafes. Police team also recovered Sheesha, hookah and flavors from their possession. The arrested accused were also shifted to the police station for further legal proceedings. Safety of lives and property of the citizens is the prime responsibility of Íslamabad Capital Police. Citizens are also requested to report any suspicious activity

#### ANF foils bid to smuggle

to nearest police sta-

tions or at emergency helpline "Pucar-15".

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) foiled a bid to smuggle 6268 grams Ice drug, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday. He informed that 6268 grams Ice drug which was added medicine and injec tions was being sent to Lahore. The drug was recovered from a parcel booked at the cargo of Jinnah International Airport Karachi During checking with the help of sniffer dog, Ice drug was recovered from the parcel, he informed. spokesman said that ANF utilizes human resources as well as animal expertise for counter-narcotics operations, adding, the raids are being conducted to arrest the

#### Police arrest seven gamblers

accused.

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi district Police arrested seven gamblers and recovered Rs 37,300 stake money, prize bonds, five mobile phones, and other items from their possession, said a police spokesman here Friday. informed that Race Course police conducted a raid and arrested five gamblers namely Lal Khan, Tariq, Aqib, Naseer Ahmed, and Ghulam Muhammad, who were allegedly involved in betting while playing cards. Police recovered Rs 13,000, prize bonds, two mobile phones, and other items from their possession. Naseerabad police also arrested two gamblers namely Salamat Khan and Muhammad Ijaz and recovered Rs 24,300 cash stake money, three mobile phones. and other items from possession Separate cases have been registered against them while further investigations under process Superintendent Potohar Police, Muhammad Wagas

Khan said that gam-

bling is the root cause

of other evils and

those involved in such

crimes do not deserve

any concession.

## Massive crackdown against power theft yielding significant results: Minister

theft was yielding significant results.

Addressing a press con-rence along with ference with Caretaker Minister for Information Murtaza Broadcasting Solangi and Caretaker Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar, he said, the drive against power theft was not for a limited time period, but it would continue in the future as well to expedite and expand

Earlier this month, the across the country to tame multiplying technical and commercial losses being faced by the power distribution companies.

the law enforcement agen- on the best one," he added. against power theft.

(APP): cies on the district level and

government was working Sector was Rs 2900 billion. on a comprehensive plan to Governors Distribution Companies.

ity distribution companies.

Minister for Power and the pace of the process will steps were being taken to Energy, Muhammad Ali on be fastened," the minister check electricity theft and Friday said the massive added. Along with theft, the pass on the minimum burcrackdown against power minister highlighted, the den of the increased prices government was also work- of electricity bills to the ing on bringing improve- consumers. The minister ment in the management said Power Sector had a and governance of electric- total Circular Debt of Rs 2500 billion while the The minister said the Circular Debt of the Gas

**Capital** 

He said the government change the Board of was making efforts to manthe age this huge Circular Debt. He said that the gov-He said the CEOs of the ernment was taking practi-DISCOs would also be cal steps to ensure availreshuffled to improve their ability of gas in the winter governance and capacity, season. The minister said adding the government was that the government was also exploring three options expediting the efforts for interim set-up launched a to improve the performance exploration of new oil and "full force" crackdown against electricity theft companies. These included exploration of new oil and gas reserves as no significant tention was paid to working with the World this sector during the past Bank for long-term concesten years. He said the minsions and privatizing the istry had established a companies, he added. "We Central Control Room in tion companies. are looking at all three the Power Division to mon-"We are working with all options and we will work itor the ongoing campaign

## IHC directs police to return Rashid's seized vehicles

ISLAMABAD (NNI): The sion of single bench. Islamabad High Court has ordered police to return all the vehicles of Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid, gally confiscated. which were seized without any solid reason.

The Islamabad High Muhammad Tahir. Court (IHC) remarked

returned at the place where pressure on Rashid. The court allowed the they were seized, the court intra-court appeal of for- ordered. The written order wasn't followed when the

In its verdict, the court that the vehicles of ruled that the seized vehi-Sheikh Rashid were ille- cles were not used in the crime and police confiscat-The vehicles should be ed the vehicles to exert

mer federal minister and was issued by Justice vehicles of Rashid were nullified the earlier deci- Miangul Hasan Aurangzeb seized," the IHC ruled.

## Chattha reviews administrative matters of RDA, WASA & PHA

Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Liaquat Ali should be a priority. Chattha visited Rawalpindi Authority Rawalpindi on Friday and he instructed. reviewed administrative

matters. records of the staff.

Speaking on the occa- people. sions he said that improvement in performance of all the institutions would lead to positive results, adding

public grievances by the eliminate encroachments institutions concerned from Murree Road.

and Parks & Horticulture the resolution of the griev- areas, he said. (PHA) ances should be reviewed, Liaqat Ali Chattha said

the departments concerned rent strategy. The Commissioner visit- should make all-out efforts ed various departments of to resolve problems of the authorities for completing the institutions and also citizen and instructed that the renovation work of difreviewed the attendance the officers should have ferent departments. good behavior with the

> PHA should take solid steps to make Murree Road a model area, he added.

the prompt redressal of the cerned were also directed to departments.

Due to timely Nullah Lai To redress the public cleanliness operation of Development Authority grievances, monthly meet- WASA, this year despite (RDA), Water and ings should be held in all heavy rains, there was no Sanitation Agency (WASA) the respective offices and urban flooding in low lying and ings should be held in all heavy rains, there was no

Commissioner Rawalpindi directed WASA authorities to maintain cur-

He also appreciated the

Liaquat Ali Chatta directed the officers of RDA, WASA and PHA to the make sanitation arrangements more exem-The authorities con- plary in their respective

## 23 drug peddlers netted with 38 kg charras

Rawalpindi police in an another female drug Sarwar, action against suspected raids in different areas and rounded up 23 accused Zahid on recovery of 1660 sion. including two female drug grams of charras and smugglers on recovery of over 38 kg charras.

According to a police behind bars. spokesman, Saddar Wah Similarly police held Zar Shah Khan and recovered 5450 grams of charras, Ahtesham for City, having five kg charras, and a female drug smuggler namely Zubaida Bibi for possessing over 2 kg

Sadiqabad police netted Fayyaz,

Similarly, Rattaamral, Waris Naseerabad, Ghulam Muhammad

smuggler namely Sumaira Saad Riaz, Bilal and othdrug peddlers conducted Bibi and recovered 1750 ers and seized over 21 kg grams of charras while charras from their posses-

> Separate cases have Amjad for having 1450 been registered against all grams of charras were sent accused while further investigations are under-

> Dhamial, way. Chontra, City Police Officer Taxila, Mandra, Cantt, Rawalpindi had directed Khan, the police officers to Airport, accelerate ongoing opera-Gujar Khan, and Kalar tions against drug ped-Syedan police arrested dlers, bootleggers, and Rasool, other lawbreakers, he Akram, added.

## Govt to host 'National Seerat-un-Nabi Conference'

Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed, teachings. chairing a consultative on Friday, announced to organize the annual Mahfil-e-Naat and National Seerat-un-Nabi Conference in the month of Rabi' al-Awwal.

He proposed the theme of conference 'Scientific National for Strategy light of Seerat-e-Tayyaba' scheduled to be held on

12th of Rabi' al-awwal. The minister empha-

(APP): addressed by seeking Seerat-un-Nabi, ensuring guidance in the light of the Prophet's life and this subject.

> said the esteemed scholars literary awards to the best and academics would be male and female writers in invited from across the recognition of their valunation to share their able contributions, he insights on the subject and added. its subtopics.

diplomats from various for the conference were in Muslim-majority coun- full swing, and had issued Economic Stability in the tries would also be part various directives to make and parcel of this annual the event a success.

feature.

scholarly engagement, cials of the ministry, sized the belief that solu- writers from around the including Religious Affairs tions to contemporary country were encouraged Secretary Aftab Akbar societal issues could be to contribute articles on Durani, among others.

a rich literary resource for

The ministry would Minister Aneeq further offer commendations and

Minister Aneeg dis-He said distinguished closed that preparations

The meeting was attend-He said to promote ed by high-ranking offi-



ISLAMABAD Human Rights and Women Empowerment, stated that Chairman India has created an untenable situation for Kashmiris in the occupied region under the pretext of alleged false flag encounters. Mashaal Malik, in a statement on Friday, expressed that the resi-

concerned authorities. —INP Photo

Mullick voices

dences of Kashmiris are being invaded under the guise of military operations Mashaal pointed out that for the past four days, the Indian army has imposed a

blockade on various areas, such as Baramulla, Kulgam, Pulwama, Rajouri, and Poonch. Within this period, the sense of safety within homes is being violated.
She stated that Indian forces are forcefully enter-

ing homes, resulting in property damage. Moreover, a Kashmiri journalist was arrested by the Indian Army after being forcibly removed from his place of residence.

#### MDCAT exam will not be

ISLAMABAD (NNI): The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) held a meeting regarding the analysis of the National Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) exam where vice chancellors of the provincial uni-

versities were invited. The PMDC president directed the authorities concerned to re-check the question papers, analyse discrepancy in the paper and conduct an inquiry against those involved in using unfair methods in the examination.

In the meeting, President PMDC urged the authorities to resolve all examrelated issues on priority basis without any delay.

He said the universities should declare their results through their official websites as soon as possible. It was also decided in the meeting that the results would also be available on PMDC web-Jinnah sites. Sindh University will announce the results after the inquiry and the MDCAT examination will not be re-conducted.

#### Police safely recover kidnapped girl

ISLAMABAD (NNI): In a swift and commendable operation, the Islamabad Capital Police SSOIU and Industrial Area police teams successfully recovered a kidnapped 6th class girl. The police team promptly apprehended the accused and a case has been registered, further investigation is underway, a police public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city.

According to the details Islamabad Capital SSOIU Police and Industrial Area police teams received information from a citizen, reporting the abduction of her 6th class daughter.

## Sanjrani's message on World **Democracy Day**

ISLAMABAD: A view of an empty police checkpost at the Marghazar chock needs the attention of

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani has said that as the world stands in unison to celebrate the International Day of Democracy; Pakistan reiterates its resolve to nurture and strengthen democracy in accordance with Islamic tenets and the vision of the founder of the nation.

The Constitution of Pakistan is enshrined with ment that true democracy is that guarantees them.

democratic values of public making, human rights, freeuniversal suffrage are the cornerstone of democracy.

(INP): democratic principles and a the only way forward for parliamentary form of gov- inclusive decision-making ernment. He said that the and policy formulation, particularly for minorities participation in decision- and vulnerable segments of society. He said true repredom of expression and the sentation of people, fairprinciple of holding period-ness, equality, social justice ic free and fair elections by and the rule of law are at the heart of any democratic nation and Pakistan strives Sanjrani said Pakistan to garner these values stands firm on the commit-through its Constitution

## Pasban e Aman Force constituted for Parliament's security

The National Assembly Secretariat has constituted Pasban e Aman Force for security of the Parliament House. The newly constituted force has been provided antiterrorism training.

The Force has been endowed the responsibilities Aman Force resembles to of security of the Parliament that of Elite Force having Force personnel were House and the Speaker ATS sign on caps Pasban e given anti-terrorism train-National Assembly.

The security responsi- right shoulder. bilities of parking of the employees of been shifted from FC to news force.

The Pasban e Aman Force personnel appointed few months earlier were

provided anti-terrorism resemblance August 25, this year.

try's history that the a force for its security. The uniform of Pasban e Aman Force written on

the has taken over partial included 34 personnel of Parliament House has security of the regular which 30 could complete Parliament House, where earlier FC personnel were on duty, the new force has been deployed.

Owing

training and passing out of assumed that they were the 3rd batch was held on Islamabad Police personnel but upon investigation According to INP, it it was revealed that they was first time in the coun- were employees National Parliament has constituted Secretariat who have been appointed few months ear-

These Pasban e Aman ing near Simly Dam. So far, three batches complet-Pasban e Aman Force ed training. The last batch training and four couldn't, owing to various reasons.

Most of the Pasban Aman Force personnel to uniform belong to Gujar Khan

#### 128 gangsters apprehended, 71 stolen bikes recovered

ISLAMABAD teams have successfully apprehended 128 wanted members of a notorious motorcycle gang responsible for a spate of motorbike thefts throughout the year and the city. recovered 71 stolen bikes from them.

Islamabad Capital Police session of these criminals. emphasizing that there special Police Officer (ICCPO), underway to bring them to Capital Police will continue to intensify their crack-

In unwavering commit-

Islamabad Capital Police of technical expertise and of gratitude, these owners ing in the arrest of 128 efforts of the Islamabad individuals linked to the Capital snatching motorbike snatching syn- expressed their apprecia-sible for a dicate, responsible for tion for the swift and various incidents across effective action taken Alongside the arrests,

> law enforcement success- Khan has reiterated his justice.

(APP): employed a combination rightful owners. In a show human resources, result- commended the dedicated against criminals.

ICCPO Dr. Akbar Nasir

According to police, fully retrieved 71 stolen commitment to the safety the relentless efforts of motorbikes from the pos- and security of citizens, were initiated under the Cases have been regis- will be zero tolerance for direct supervision and tered against the appre- any negligence in this directives of hended suspects, and regard. Under his leader-Islamabad Capital City ongoing investigations are ship, the Islamabad Notably, the police down against criminal element to stamping out have also managed to ments, ensuring the well-crime within the city, reunite 62 recovered being of the city's resi-Islamabad police motorbikes with their dents remains paramount.

### Rivers flows, reservoirs level report issued

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Outflows 131700 cusecs, feet, live storage today position of the river Chashma: Inflows: 141100 Mangla and Tarbela,

under: Rivers: Indus Tarbela: Inflows 132100 cusecs and Outflows 120000 cusecs, Kabul at Nowshera: Inflows 21900 cusecs and Outflows 21900 cusecs, Khairabad Bridge: Inflows 114400 cusecs and Outflow 114400, Jhelum at Mangla: Inflows 14600 cusecs and Outflows 40000 cusecs, Chenab at Marala: Inflows 63500 cusecs and Outflows 32900 cusecs.

Barrages: Inflows 139700 cusecs and conservation level 1550

inflows and outflows at cusecs and Outflows 145000 cusecs, Taunsa: reservoirs levels and the Outflows 124000 cusecs, barrages on Friday is as Guddu: Inflows 131700 and Outflows cusecs cusecs Sukkur: Inflows 98200 cusecs and

Outflows 46300 cusecs Kotri: Inflows 42000 cusecs and Outflows 800 cusecs Trimmu: Inflows 20900 cusecs and Outflow 5300 cusecs Panjnad: Inflows 18100 cusecs and Outflows 800 cusecs.

Storage):

5.546 MAF. Mangla: Minimum operating level 1050 feet, present level Chashma along with the Inflows 141600 cusecs and 1236.05 feet, maximum conservation level 1242 feet, live storage today 6.887 MAF. Chashma: Minimum operating level 638.15 feet, present level 644.10 feet, maximum conservation level 649 feet, live storage today 0.102

The inflows and outflows of River Indus at Tarbela, Jinnah and Chashma, River Kabul at Reservoirs (Level and Nowshera and Tarbela: Jhelum at Mangla have Minimum operating level been reflected as mean 1402 feet, present level flows of 24 hours, whereas Jinnah: 1545.43 feet, maximum the other flows have been gauged at 6.00 a.m.

#### Taliban arrest 18 aid workers

KABUL (Khaama Press): The Taliban arrested 18 International Assistance Mission (IAM) employees in Ghor province, including an international staff member. They have since been moved to Kabul. The arrests took place in two separate incidents. On September 3rd, three individuals were detained, and in recent days, the remaining 15 were apprehended, as stated by the organization, according to the statement released

## The Frontier Post FGHANISTA Safar 29, 1445 — Saturday, September 16, 2023

Karzai, US envoy holds talks

KABUL (Agencies): Former Afghan president Hamid Karzai has held talks with Special Representative Afghanistan Thomas West via video link. According to a statement posted on Karzai's X account on Friday, in the video conference, the sides discussed the economic situation in Afghanistan, and it was considered important to help farmers in the area of irrigation and to provide alternative livelihoods

Asia is comparable to a living body composed of soil and water. The heart that beats inside the body is Afghanistan. The destruction of Afghanistan would be the destruction of Asia. And in its progress and prosperity lies the well-being of Asia. - Allama Iqbal

# Torkham, Salang closure: Fruit, veggie prices halve

Torkham crossing and Salang road, saying the neighboring country closes to farmers and traders. the Torkham gate every year during harvest season of fruits and vegeta-

construct cold storages for preserva- and tion of agricultural products in order to save farmers and traders from losses. The Torkham gate remained closed for a ninth day in a row after a lems for them. clash between Afghan and Pakistani

Kabul and Pakistan, but due to the other northern provinces. closure of Salang and Torkham roads, prices of vegetables had

judge that allowing an American

as his child risks violating interna-

tional law. Marine Major Joshua Mast

and his wife were accused of abduct-

ing the baby girl after her entire fam-

ily was killed in a US special forces

Washington DC with her cousin and

his wife from Afghanistan for med-

years after the child was first rescued

has now warned that the decision to

could be viewed around the world as

court records seen by The Associated

convinced a Virginia judge to sign off

court relied on "intentional misrepre-

The Justice Department was par-

allow the Masts to keep the child her a loving home.

The couple adopted the child after

more than halved in northern Balkh Pakistan used to close the Torkham prices of fruits had also gone down. province due to the closure of gate under different pretexts every year during harvest season of fruits sellers say. They lash out at Pakistan, and vegetables, causing huge losses

Rahman suggested the problem could be sold if the government con- had more than halved. He asked the bles in Afghanistan under one pretext structed cold storages in the province as traders would not to sell their prod-The sellers ask the government to ucts at a throw-away price to Pakistan other countries. Agha Mohammad, another trader, said the closure of Torkham gate and the edge the problems of farmers and Salang road had created many prob-

He said the government should have first repaired the Shebar route The government has closed the before closing the Salang road. He Salang highway for passenger and said vegetables would reach Kabul cargo vehicles due to reconstruction and other provinces from Balkh withwork inside the tunnel, but has in a day, but now it took three days to opened alternative routes. Syed reach there. Agha Mohammad said cold rooms were inactive due to high Rahman, a vegetable trader in transport cost had significantly price of electricity. He said the agri-Balkh, told Pajhwok they exported increased and they had to sell their agricultural products from Balkh to products at half price in Balkh and

Kabul. The price of seven kilos of some other provinces say they are He said farmers would sell seven kilos of tomatoes in their fields for afghanis to 60 afghanis. The price of Torkham gate.

US fights to stop soldier from keeping Afghan war orphan

Masts lured them to the US under

stating they had been upfront about

their intentions and only wanted what

was best for the girl. Major Mast,

who was on a short assignment as an

attorney in Afghanistan, met the baby

determined to bring her home. In ear-

lier court filings, Major Mast's attor-

wife acted in good faith and worked

fice" to protect the baby and "provide

adoption case. But the Virginia court

failed to notify the US government of

Mr Mast's custody petition, the

ticularly scathing in its assessment of Justice Department argued. At the helped arrange a Defense Department

how Marine Major Mast and his wife time, the baby was in the custody of evacuation of the Afghan family by

the US government, being treated at a

on the adoption of the girl, who has military hospital in Kabul. The nel that he was clear to bring the

Justice Department wrote that the official wrote, and found an uncle refugee resettlement camp in

who reported that the girl's father, a

The documents reveal for the first

Virginia law requires that whoever

her without their permission.

WASHINGTON (Agencies): The US suing to get her back, and alleged in

government has warned a Virginia court filings that in August 2021, the

Marine to keep an Afghan war orphan false pretenses and took custody of

the now-four-year-old arrived in in a US military hospital and became

ical treatment in August 2021, two neys wrote that the Marine and his

by US troops. But the US government at "great personal expense and sacri-

"endorsing an act of international has physical custody of a child be child abduction," according to secret given an opportunity to be heard in an

been in their custody since 2021. Afghan government was tracking

Citing a litany of "falsehoods," the down relatives, a State Department

sentations" from the Marine and farmer, had been slain in the raid,

skipped critical safeguards to protect along with his wife and five other children being brought to the United children.

have inflicted upon the Child, her actions — and the court's decisions

family, and the United States is ongo—reached the highest levels of the

wrote in the court documents, which Embassy in February 2020 was work-

included signed declarations from ing with the Afghan government to

The girl's Afghan relatives are now family was not biologically related.

"The grave harm that the Masts time that concern about Mast's

Justice Department lawyers Trump administration. When the US

Prices of fruits and vegetables have dropped to 40 afghanis. He added er Nasrullah told Pajhwok that the

He said they would transfer watermelons, melons, apples and other fruits to Kabul from Balkh and other northern provinces, but now the fruits were sold in Balkh and their prices government to construct cold storages so farmers and traders could pretheir products. Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock department officials also acknowl-

traders. An official of the department Mohammad Hussain Azimi told Pajhwok nearly a dozen cold storages existed in Mazar-i-Sharif with each having the capacity to store about 4,000 metric tons of products. However, Azimi said some of the culture department planned to construct a number of large and standard cold storages in Balkh. Besides "We can't transport our goods to Balkh, fruit and vegetable traders of okra has decreased from 120 afghanis selling their products at lower prices before they spoil due to the closure of

tried to convince them to send the

child to the United States by promis-

ing medical care. They said they

refused to go along with the planthey didn't want to be separated from

the girl, who appeared to have fully

recovered from a fractured skull, bro-

Later, in the summer of 2021

when US troops withdrew from

Afghanistan and the Taliban took

over, Mr Mast reiterated his offer of

assistance, "misleading" the couple

into believing the child would receive

specialised medical treatment, the

Justice Department wrote. Mr Mast

"falsely telling other military person

Child," the Justice Department wrote.

When the Afghans arrived at a

Virginia, the Justice Department

wrote, Mr Mast presented the adop-

tion order to federal employees, who

didn't know that the US government

employees helped Mast take custody

of the child, and she's been with him

Marine Corps Special Operations

ken leg and serious burns.



KABUL: Formers busy in cutting of apples from trees.

#### 3m educated young people in country: Yunus

KABUL (Tolo News): In a ceremony in Jawzjan, The Deputy of Youth in the Ministry of Information The Red Cross took her to the and Culture said that 108 Afghan family, who wept when they young people graduated met her, according to a State from a training course, and Department declaration attached to that there are currently the court filings. A young newlywed three million educated The Masts have denied the claims, couple, the child's cousin and his young people in the counwife, raised her for the next 18 try, and one and a half milmonths. The family told the AP that lion of them are unem-Major Mast tracked them down and ployed

According to Deputy inister Mohammad Minister Yunus Rashed, ten thousand positions are vacant in the country every year, which is very small compared to the unemployment rate. "In Afghanistan, we have nearly 3 million educated youth, half of whom are unemployed. If we dismiss the current officers from their duties and appoint other youths in their place, this is not fair either," said Mohammad Yunus Rashed.

Mohammad Yunus ashid also said that these young people will be professionally trained in the online business sector. Meanwhile, local officials of Jawzjan asked the youth to try to learn modern education and contribute to the

progress of the country. had already deemed his claim to the We need teenagers to girl to be flawed. Unwittingly, those learn, in the fields of electrical and construction engineering, Whatever kind of science that the ever since. Mr Mast is assigned to the people need," said Gul Haidar Shafiq, Jawzjan governor. In the ceremony, Command at Camp Lejeune in North some young people demanded the current govpeople ernment creates work and educational fields in the country. "Young people who can afford such programs or courses, which have a fee of five hundred Afghani, should pay for them," said Abdul Nafi, a student.

"Such programs launched by the information and culture ministry have been very useful and dozens of young people have graduated from them," said Ishaq, a student. The Deputy Minister of Youth of the Ministry of Information and Culture reported that three million dollars will be spent in 18 centers for the development of the youths' skills in online business, computers, and English language training in Samangan, Balkh, Jawzjan, and Faryab Jawzjan, provinces

#### 3 named for **Sakharov Prize**

KABUL (Khaama Press): Hannah Neumann, European Parliament member, revealed that three Afghan education rights activists have been nominated for the esteemed

Parliament member, stated these education press conference. regime

# Afghan frozen assets make \$155m profit

KABUL (Pajhwok): The and Shah Mehrabi, a US executive order to distribboard of a Switzerlandbased trust fund says the previously frozen Afghanistan central bank's assets of 3.5 billion US dollars have made a profit of about \$150 million. The US government froze \$9.5 bilafter the fall of the previous Afghan administration.

The US Statement Department last announced moving \$3.5bn of the frozen money into a new Swiss-based trust fund to be used "for the benefit ambassador to Switzerland Scott Miller, Alexander Baumann, former chief of

the DAB Supreme Council. Anwar Ahadi told BBC Pashto that Afghanistan's

assets of \$3.5billion had

made a profit of about \$155

million in the past year. He said: "Since the money was lion in assets of Afghanistan moved to the fund it has made a profit of about \$155m, but this profit has been increasing every month." He added the Bank International Settlements (BIS) based in Switzerland where Afghan assets are maintained is of the people of currently paying five per- he should not give it to Afghanistan. The fund's cent profit per year, but them. The caretaker govboard also comprises US estimated that this level ernment of Afghanistan has profit may increase even

more in the future. The Afghanistan assets the bank, Anwar Ahadi, a have not been spent yet, former Afghan central bank Ahadi said. The US presichief and finance minister dent Joe Biden issued as DAB.

academic who remains on ute the frozen Afghanistan assets. US president Joe Biden said he wanted to release three and a half billion dollars from the frozen money to save the Afghans from hunger and would like to give 3.5 billion dollars from the money to the families of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

But some of kin of the victims of the September 11 attacks in a letter told Biden that the money was the right of the Afghans and he should not give it to not yet said anything about this, but it emphasized last year that all the frozen of Afghanistan assets should be handed over to

## Value of signed contracts in mining sector reaches \$7b

KABUL (Tolo News): The Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (MoMP) said that the value of contracts signed in the mining sector in the past two years has reached nearly seven billion dollars. The Ministry's spokesman Humayun Afghan told TOLOnews that these contracts have been signed with domestic

and foreign companies. "Investors in these seven contracts include Iranian, Chinese, Turkish, and British companies, with a total investment of about \$6.5 billion," said Afghan. The spokesperson added that during this period, local firms were also given the contract for the extraction of 200 minor mines. The lead mines in the province of Ghor as well as

Petroleum, are now ready for extraction and investors can invest in them.

"A proper policy should

be created for the extraction of mines that ensures Afghanistan's national economic interests. The same behavior should be done with neighboring countries and foreign and domestic companies," said Shaker Yaqoubi, an economist. "Mining can be useful, and valuable in terms of raising the level of employment in the country," said Abdul Zohor Mudabar, another

economist. Meanwhile, Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) said that the Ìslamic Emirate should hand over mining contracts

national According to the ACCI, the Islamic Emirate should offer the required facilities in the investment sector to draw in more foreign investment, and the international community should also lift the restrictions that have been put in place.

"The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum has a responsibility to provide easy and good conditions for both Afghan and investors, and for the national economic interests, it must prepare the conditions to increase the level of investment,' Mohammad Younis Momand, the head of ACCI.

Earlier, the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum said that all mine extraction is completely transparent and the oil and iron mines in to domestic and foreign that no mine will be extract-Panjshir, according to the companies while maintain- ed illegally in the nation.

## What China's diplomatic push in Kabul means for regional stability

State and Defense department offi- unite the child with her surviving rel- Carolina, and the agency is fully

cials. "Most troublingly, the child atives, Mr Mast tried unsuccessfully cooperating with federal law enforce-

remains with the Masts to this day." to stop them, claiming the Afghan ment investigations, according to a

KABUL (Agencies): The welcome given to China's new ambassador, Zhao Sheng, in Kabul was marked by exceptionally elaborate protocol. regional integration, and effectively Foreign Minister Amir Khan tackle various obstacles, including Muttaqi described Zhao's appointment as a "significant step with a the Taliban, China has actively significant message." Afghan officials see the arrival of this new Afghanistan, demonstrating its comenvoy as a clear signal to other mitment to supporting the country's nations to step forward and establish reconstruction and development. relations with the Taliban-led gov-

first country to formally appoint a signaling a proactive approach new ambassador to Afghanistan toward economic collaboration and since the Taliban's takeover. While stability in the region. there are other diplomats in Kabul holding the title of ambassador, all cantly from China's increased influof them assumed their roles before ence in Afghanistan. Pakistan has the Taliban's ascent to power. In also actively engaged contrast, some countries and organi- Afghanistan since the Taliban zations like Pakistan and the assumed power. Islamabad has also European Union have dispatched called on the international commusenior diplomats to lead diplomatic nity to engage with Afghanistan to missions under the title "charge d'affaires," which does not necessitate presenting ambassadorial cre- tries have also signed deals with dentials to the host nation. China's each other to enhance their connecown embassy was run by a charge tions and cooperation. These agreed'affaires until Zhao took up his

While Beijing has not explicitly indicated whether the ambassadorial appointment signifies a broader move toward officially recognizing the Taliban government, it does lay the groundwork for intensified cooperation between China and holds significant promise for the ifications region, as it strengthens China's influence and leverage in the area. Furthermore, it could potentially help resolve the diplomatic stalemate that Afghanistan has grappled with since the Taliban's ascent to power.

Afghanistan has the potential to foster increased cooperation, promote security challenges. Since the rise of engagement sought with Over the past few months, Chinese enterprises have displayed a keen Notably, China has become the interest in investing in Afghanistan,

> Pakistan stands to gain signifibring the nation out of crises. From time to time, the neighboring counments cover various aspects like border crossings, trade exchanges, and joint efforts against terrorism.

Given the close friendship between Pakistan and China, where China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) serves as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, any security threat to Afghanistan. This development Pakistan's stability would have ramfor

Simultaneously, instability in Afghanistan has far-reaching consequences, including spillover effects into Pakistan. This hints at the complex security dynamics around these

China's growing influence in call to both Afghanistan and Pakistan, urging them to collaborate in combating terrorism and safeguarding Chinese interests. China, Pakistan, and Afghanistan have interconnected interests and goals. In a joint statement released in May following a meeting of officials from the three countries in Islamabad, they reaffirmed their commitment leveraging Afghanistan's potential as a central hub for regional connectivity. The nations reiterated their dedication to furthering trilateral cooperation within the Belt and Road Initiative, with a specific focus on extending CPEC into Afghanistan. The three states also agreed to combat terror ism, a common threat.

Therefore, the deepened diplomatic engagement between China and Afghanistan assumes great importance for Pakistan and other surrounding states. China's proactive involvement in assisting Afghanistan in maintaining internal stability and managing security challenges can yield substantial benefits for the entire region. By taking an active role in promoting peace and stability in Afghanistan China not only contributes to the well-being of the Afghan people but also fosters an environment conducive to regional cooperation and prosperity.

China's proactive involvement would open up opportunities for mutual benefit and shared prosperi-China. ty. A stable Afghanistan will lead to a stable region, with increased cooperation and economic integration Ultimately, this enhanced cooperation will lead to mutual benefits for China, Pakistan, and Afghanistan as they work together to navigate the Earlier, China has also issued a complex regional landscape

2023 Sakharov Prize. Neumann, a European

activists organize underground schools, travel to remote areas, and manage remote education programs. Neumann, along with over 50 other members of the European Parliament, has decided to nominate three Afghan education activists for the 2023 Sakharov Prize.

### Rights of Afghan girls on agenda at UNGA

The rights of women and girls in Afghanistan and the current state of such rights is an issue that "will be very much on the agenda" of an upcoming meeting of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the world agency's chief Antonio Guterres said.

Leaders from across the world will meet in New York on 18-19 September for the UNGA session where the war in Ukraine, humanitarian relief for Morocco after a devastating earthquake struck the country, and floods that have killed thousands in Libya will dominate discussions. 'The rights of women and girls in Afghanistan is absolutely central to all concerns and will be one of the issues that will be very much on the agenda," the top UN official said in a

The Taliban has issued its own reaction to the meeting and the militant group's spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid said the international community

NEW YORK (Agencies): should not interfere in the ing a meeting of the UN country's internal affairs. The rights of women, girls been encroached upon ever since the militant regime took control of the country

'The issue of human rights is an excuse that is used. In reality, the people of Afghanistan have rights given to them by Sharia law. Nobody can show that someone else's rights have been violated. All individuals have rights, including men, women, children, and the elderly," the Taliban spokesperson said, reported Tolo News. This comes just days after the UN's human rights chief accused the Taliban of waging a systematic assault on the freedom of Afghanistan's population, with women and girls experiencing "immeasurably cruel" oppression.

"The shocking level of oppression of Afghan women and girls is immea-surably cruel," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said dur-

Human Rights Council in Geneva. "Afghanistan has and gendered minorities in set a devastating precedent the nation have consistently as the only country in the world where women and girls are denied access to secondary and higher education.

Human rights Afghanistan are in a state of collapse in Afghanistan under the control of the Taliban which has rolled back institutional protections at all levels, urging the UN member states to help fill the void. The Taliban had initially promised a more moderate approach after they took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, but have reinstated a very close model of their rule from the 1990s by mostly banning education for girls and women, and prohibiting them from work.

Women and girls in Afghanistan are also mostly barred from public spaces like parks, gyms, national parks and even banning their presence in public during Eid festivities in some

## Economy showing signs of recovery: Shamshad Akhtar

Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatization Dr Shamshad Akhtar said on Friday that the counview them, you can find some betterment. There are some signs of ecoaddressing a press conference.

The minister was flanked by Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi and Caretaker Minister for Energy, Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali. Deliberating upon the indicators Price Index (CPI) has shortly declined from over 38 percent in May to 27.2 percent now, adding this was an important indicator to show betterment. The minister said the caretaker setup had inherited several challenges, however it was not frightened by them and trying to deal with them one by one, adding the government's strategy was to prudently manage the chalditure and enhance revenues, which would help improve the situation

of some difficulties and the situation would improve further when 'we go productive sectors witnessed bettering growth in cement industry adding bring about positive change. as soon as the activity picked up grad-ually, the industry would also grow. Caretaker Finance Minister said that itize the system.

Talking about the services sector, the the customs duty has decreased, but minister said it was very vibrant sec- the FBR has collected more revenue ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for tor and had been linked with every

In addition, she said the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) had kept interest try's economy was showing signs of rate stagnant that would also help recovery, owing to efforts made by improve the situation by reducing the caretaker government. "The cost of borrowing by industry and macroeconomic indicators, if you help its revival. She said the government had also have talked to donors, expressing the hope that in addition nomic recovery. Even if it is just to the normal flows from them, fundstarting," the minister said while ing in some areas would be fasttracked.

She said the government was expecting around \$ 2 billion assistance on fast-track basis. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was expected to keep its funding under Revitalizing Informal Settlements showing positive development, the and their Environments (RISE) on said that all the relevant partners finance minister said the Consumer fast track, she added. She said the under the Council are working with government was focusing on reforms of those sectors which were beneficial for people and help build the confidence of investors to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). She said the government was working on different initiatives to improve the FDI and ensure self-sustaining growth. For remittance, she said Rs 80 billion had been allocated for the purpose of lenges, make efforts to control expenimproving remittances through formal channels, adding that Rs20 billion out of this amount, had been She said the country had come out released to banks for this purpose.

She said the foreign exchange reserves position was also stable, forward.' Shamshad Akhtar said the adding that Exchange Companies Reform and anti-smuggling operament, including agriculture, which tions did stabilize the rupee. "This culture, similarly, we have difficulwas expected to yield good output in stability came without any bank interwould have a positive impact on the export-import bank was also being economic growth prospects of the operationalized. She said there were

than its target in the first two months of the current financial year. She said that the problems of revenue are structural and it is necessary to increase the taxpayers and tax net, FBR is working in that regard, the goals with the IMF will be completed, and we are trying to streamline the tax system.

She said that the measures being taken for the value of the currency include strengthening the regulatory rules for exchange companies, along with the ongoing measures for smuggling and hoarding of foreign exchange because no country can allow playing with the currency. To a question about the Investment Facilitation Council, she consultation and transparency, attention is being given to various sectors including agriculture and IT, and we are also trying to provide a favourable environment for business and investment in the country.

To another question, she said that under the 18th amendment, the transfer of resources has been done to the provinces, and there is no excess in the allocation of resources with the Sindh government. Under the IMF. we have to keep government expenditure transparent and our main objective is to reduce the deficit. She said that there are inconsistencies in the tax structure in Pakistan. "Our tax base is very low, we cannot tax agrities in taxing the real estate and retail both minor and major crops that vention." The minister said the sector, apart from legislation to expand the tax base." She said FBR has to be strengthened, and docucountry. She said the industrial sector many other initiatives that showed menting the economy needs time, our was also showing improvement, cit- the government was making efforts to approach has been that we continue to tax those who already pay taxes, in



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad as Caretaker Federal Minister, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

#### Governor invites foreign businessmen to invest in KP F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali invited foreign businessmen to invest in Pakistan and utilize its High Court (PHC) has abundant natural resources that are still untapped due to modern machinery.

Arab Emirate, Suhail ordered Chief Secretary Muhammad Alzaruni here Khyber at Governor House on Friday. He said that utilizing KP potential of natural resources that would not benefit foreign investors but also generate opportunities for locals.

He said that lack of modern equipment and needed facilities are reasons behind slow pace of proper exploration and use of these hidden natural resources.

Governor and Alzaruni also discussed matters of mutual interests and bringing foreign investment in the country. Alzaruni also appreciated KP Governor for his keen interest to develop the province and invite foreign investors.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Upper Dir elders led by Paindamand Khan called on KP Governor and highlighted issues confronted by people in his area.

peaking on the and said that he is not oblivious to problems of steps have been taken to masses to collectively work for development of their area and said that available to address problems of Upper Dir.

He stressed to avoid negative thinking and changing of mind set to counter narrative being propagated by certain elements against the country. A delegation of Bajaur led by former Senator Abdul Rasheed also met with KP Governor and apprised him problems of people. A fivemember delegation led by Sheikh ul Hadees, Moulana Ata-ur-Rehman also called on Governor and discussed matters of mutual interests.

#### Quetta traders observe shutter-down

QUETTA (INP): A shutterdown strike was observed in Quetta on Friday against the Mastung blast which left Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam leader Hamdullah and several others with critical injuries.

Commercial centres were closed due to the shutter-down strike against the bomb blast. Anjuman-eand Tajiran Awami National Party (ANP) had supported the strike. It is to be noted here that Hafiz Hamdullah was injured in a bomb blast in the Mastung district of Balochistan on Thursday. The bomb explosion targeted the vehicle in which Hamdullah was travelling. He was travelling to

vehicle of Hafiz Hamdullah slowed at a speed-breaker when a motorcycle rider attempted to attach a bomb to it. They added that the bomb could not be attached to the vehicle of Hafiz Hamdullah and exploded. "Had it been attached to the vehicle, it would have caused greater damage, they stated.

## **Usage Bluetooth in MDCAT High Court stop** results till 21st

**Humayun Khan** 

PESHAWAR: Peshawar stopped issuance/uploading Medical Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) He was talking to results till 21st September famous business of United on official website while Pakhtunkhwa, Executive Director ETEA and Registrar Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) to submit reply, on Friday.

It is worthy, to mention that students and parent had filed applications at PHC's Human Right Cell against Bluetooth cheating during MDCAT test. Human Rights Cell forwarded applications to Chief Justice PHC Justice Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, however, the CJ enlisted the pleas before Justice Syed Arshad Ali for hearing.

Arshad Ali heard the appli- Justice

cation at his chamber. The Asadullah has acquitted applications stated that convicted culprit for life-Bluetooth devices had been time imprisonment from used by more 200 students murderer charges. cheating MDCAT while argued that Chief Secretary it as rigging but to no veil. The petitions argued for stern actions against culprits involved in the malpractices in academia and requested that PHC order fresh, free and fair MDCAT test for transparency.

PHC's Justice Arshad Ali issued short orders stopping announce-ment/uploading MDCAT results on official website ETEA and Director Registrar PMDC to submit self-contradictory. derer: A divisional bench of

According to prosecution, Tariq has shot killed

Bakht Salam over oral dis-Parmoli police station, Swabi district. Police has arrested Tariq Khan after registration Information Report while he was trialed at Model Court Swabi and convicted Syed for lifetime imprisonment.

The counsel Mubashir Shah argued that allegations placed against Tariq Khan are baseless while ordering Chief because the offense was Secretary, Executive occurred at night time as well as evidences are also reply till 21st September. counsel added that it is also PHC acquits alleged mur-objectionable that how the petitioner was identified in Peshawar High Court the offense happened at earing. (PHC) comprising of night and requested for However, Justice Syed Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim and acquittal of Tariq Khan Sahibzada from trial court decision.

## 'Desert turned into a sea': Libya flood survivors recount horror

TRIPOLI (Agencies): "Have you ever seen a desert become the sea in the wall with "great difficulty", and found structure. "To this day, we have not blink of an eye?" It is the image that them on top of the cupboards fighting received any help from the governhas stayed in 22-year-old Muhammad off the water. "They spent the night on al-Awkali's mind from the day Storm top of the wardrobe, and no one was Daniel struck his village of al-Mukhaili near Libya's coastal city of village encountered the devastating of their furniture as water levels were floods that hit parts of eastern Libya last week, killing more than 11,000

After a "loud, strong storm with the scale and intensity of the floods. Minister Othman Abdulialil

'I was astonished by the horror of knew others nearby would be badly affected because of their low-lying area that is essentially a valley, he said. and could not make it to the roof seemingly the safest spot to lay in.

"I tried to move around, but the torrent took me along and violently village of al-Wardiya, some 20km (12 said. Some 27 bodies have been found tossed me across our neighbour's miles) west of Bayda, said his village so far, he added, but "so many more

able to help them," he said.

For days, people in his village lived Derna. He recalled the moments his on the roofs of their homes and on top "incredibly high". No one knew what was happening in the "outside world" after power lines were cut, he said. "Imagine an entire village waking up violent winds" passed through the and going to sleep ... without access area, there was a sense of false "calm", to food or drink." Their fate was simial-Awkali told Al Jazeera. "We went to lar to thousands of others in the coastal sleep reassured. But then, at around region. Derna has been by far the 12:30am, without any warning, water worst-hit city after dams overwhelmed started gushing into the house," he the city, unleashing a torrent of water said. Together with his family mem-bers, they made their way to the roof. on it. But the storm also killed people flict since a 2011 uprising that top-bers, they made their way to the roof. It was at that moment that he realised Razaz and Marj, according to Health Gaddafi. Experts have said corrup-

At least 10,000 people are missing what I saw. A massive flood had amid search and rescue efforts. Aid engulfed the entire area and came has also started to trickle in from the from two different directions - from internationally-recognised governthe north and west," al-Awkali said. ment in Tripoli and from international Together with his friends, al-Awkali donors. Mayor Abdel-Moneim alfelt a sense of responsibility towards Ghaithi has warned that the death toll his neighbours and community. He in Derna alone could climb to 20,000 given the number of neighbourhoods that were washed out. While most of the search and rescue efforts have been Many remained trapped in their homes concentrated in Derna, others in nearby areas say they have yet to receive assistance.

Faisal al-Darsi, who hails from the fence," he said. After several minutes, has not yet received any help due to people are still missing".

ment or from any official body. Instead, we're being helped by the people in the neighbouring areas," al-Darsi told Al Jazeera. He said it has become increasingly difficult to access the village. There is "no electricity, fuel, water, or food". "The floods wiped out everything here, including supermarkets, entire homes, electricity and phone towers as well," al-Dars

Out of 50 houses, the floods have taken away at least 20 houses in the village, he added. The storm has exposed vulnerabilities in the oil-rich country that has been mired in contion, poor maintenance of public infrastructure, and years of political infighting - with Libya divided between two rival administrations have made the country particularly vulnerable and ill-equipped to tackle Storm Daniel.

Residents in each of the affected areas are also struggling to find loved ones as entire families remain missing. "We do not know who died and who is still alive," al-Darsi said, "Entire families were lost in our village, some of them are still buried under the mud, and others were thrown into the sea by the torrent," he

#### PAF's simultaneous participation in two international air exercises

F.P. Report

Force is carrying out two sion, Governor assured large scale flying exercises cooperation to delegation from two different locations across the globe, marking a significant milestone in its people living in KP and commitment to enhancing its aerial prowess and strengthresolve them. He also urged ening international cooperation. The participation includes PAF's J-10 C and JF-17 lead fighter aircraft, resources would be utilized | Combat Pilots, Air Defence Controllers, and technical ground crew, who are actively engaged in the Shaheen-X bilateral Air Exercise hosted by the People's Liberation Army Air Force in China, as well as the Bright Star Air

Exercise held in Egypt. The successful induction and operationalization of the J-10C fighter jets in PAF's fighter fleet and their participation in an international exercise in an unprecedented short span of time is a remarkable achievement.

The feat has been achieved in of the Pakistan Air Force, lines with modernization demonstrating its commit-ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Air plan of Air Chief Marshal ment to fostering mutual Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, premised on smart inductions and focused indegenization. The participation of these fighter jets in Exercise Shaheen-X marks a significant milestone in PAF's journey towards a technologically advanced and formidable air force. The rapid acquisition and operationalization of advanced aircraft showcases PAF's dedication to maintaining a cutting-edge force, challenges and defending Pakistan's airspace with utmost proficiency.

As the Sino-Pak Joint Annual Air Exercise Shaheen-X is in full swing in in the Jiuquan and Yinchuan cities of Northwest China, the exceptional event highlights the dedication and capabilities challenges.

Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, learning and collaboration with allied countries. The Shaheen-X China and the Bright Star Air Exercise in Egypt provide invaluable opportunities for PAF to build upon its operational experience and exchange knowledge with esteemed counterparts from around the world. During his visit at the

Shaheen-X exercise, Air Marshal Abdul Moeed Khan, Deputy Chief of Air Staff Air Defence, Pakistan Air Force, capable of meeting evolving expressed his admiration for the enthusiasm and dedication exhibited by the PAF contingent participating in the air exercise. He emphasized the significance of these exercises in achieving common objectives while addressing the evolving dynamics of air warfare in the face of shared security

#### KP DG Info assume charge F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: The newly appointed Directorate General (DG) Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Muhammad has officially assumes charge of his the position here on Friday.

The Election Commission of Pakistan has granted approval of his appointment said an official statement issued here. Muhammad Imran Khan, an officer of Grade 19 has extensive experience and expertise to meet requirement of new position.

#### Haleem Adil gets bail

KARACHI (PPI): A local court in Karachi Friday granted bail to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Haleem Adil Sheikh in fraud case. A fraud case was lodged against the PTI leader Haleem Adil Sheikh and his three brothers at the Memon Goth police station over a citizen's complaint. The court approved Haleem Adil's bail plea against surety bonds worth Rs100,000.

Haleem's brother Aleem had promised to give the ownership of a plot in a housing society after receiving Rs60 million on November 26, 2019. He added that he then found out that the original documents of the land did not exist. The citizen alleged that he had been threatened at gunpoint in a farmhouse for raising his voice over the financial fraud.

#### NAB law amends good legislation

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legal action and it was out of question not to extend any such support. Commenting about his

public. About the crackdown on power theft and of government approach was adopted with the to ensure that the electrici- body, in positive outcomes.

To a question about any crackdown on corrupt eleaddressing prevailing issues of misgovernance. The prime minister said besides acting against the power theft, the issues of non-payment and late pay-

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the PPP is not in difficulty or

witnessed a level playing

field in elections but I am

hopeful. I have trust in my

team. There is only one

political party which is not

afraid of going to the people

and that is the PPP. I can tell

the people about my per-

Responding to a question,

power sector.

To a question, the prime

the power consumers as way. well. He said the governafter next few months. whether the Commenting

Nawaz

fear or favour.

Discussing the timeline smuggling, he said a whole ment was in the process to of the general elections, he rationalise the power sector said being a mandated Election provinces' collaboration ty bills were not unbear- Commission would come and the policy was bringing able for the consumers up with a final date. Asked Pakistan about Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Pakistan Peoples Party sought any deal, the prime ments, he said the long Chairman Bilawal Bhutto's minister ruled out any such term accountability was reservations, he said the development saying that under the purview of caretaker government was such speculations were part accountability departments, toeing a policy of provid- of politics. About any as the caretaker govern- ing a level playing field to intention to start a national ment had a limited role of all parties and complete the dialogue, Prime Minister election process without Kakar said such a process should be organic and The prime minister rub- indigenous to be initiated bished the notion of any by the political parties, Pakistan Muslim League- intelligentsia, media, aca-

ment of electricity dues appointees in his cabinet, society and other stake-would also be addressed and defended Privatisation holders.

Chairman Bilawal said that tell the people about our per- benefit to the country of the

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Chairman Bilawal said.

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In response to a question to have a dialogue with

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that Justice Bandial was the House, GHQ and other army

under the ongoing drive. Minister Fawad Hassan The government entities Fawad saying that he knew would also have to recon- him since he was deputy cile their payables with the commissioner in Quetta and that he also served the state in various capacities. NAB case, the prime minister said the currency that ter requested the relevant was getting stable and tax. He told the interviewer that Fawad was his own choice department to conclude it collection was on the rise and it was unfair to tarnish and make all of its findings to have positive impact for someone's image in that

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