

PM for utilizing loss & damage fund on merit to cope with climate change issues

DUBAI (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday stressed the need to immediately operationalize the Loss & Damage Fund, ensuring its utilization on merit to cope with the issues of climate change.

He said the utilization of Fund should not be linked with the development funds and loans from multilateral financial entities, but the funding should be additional and tangible.

The prime minister, in an interview with CNN on the sidelines of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP28, said that currently Pakistan's focus was on transformation from the coal-based power plants to renewable energy projects to contribute towards minimizing the climate change impacts in the region and beyond.

"This is the area which could attract interest of countries here in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, UAE, Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait, and the settled economies and democracies on the Western side, so it is an opportunity for all of them and all of us," he added. He said the climate change was no more a fashionable point to discuss as it hit Pakistan very hard last year.

The prime minister pointed out that Pakistan was not primarily responsible for contributing to the climate disaster in which the country's two provinces Sindh and Balochistan faced historical devastation. "Everyone knows who have been contributing in last one century so it is more of a question of an honest conversation rather than passing judgment on countries and economies," he remarked. Therefore, he said, the responsibility shown by the wealthy nations themselves would be a welcome step.

To a question whether the Fund should be operationalized through a United Nation framework, the prime minister said, "If we wait for a UN framework it will take years of years. Therefore, initially it is possible to

operationalize it under the World Bank and other multilateral entities."

PM to lead Pak delegation in COP-28: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar will lead the Pakistani delegation in the high-level segment of the 28th UN Conference of Parties (COP 28) starting here at the Expo City on Friday.

The prime minister will attend the World Climate Action Summit on December 1 and 2, a press release by the Prime Minister Office Press Wing said. Prime Minister Kaka will give a national statement at the World Climate Action Summit on December 2.

Meetings of the prime minister with various world leaders are expected on the sidelines of the conference. Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani, Caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Caretaker Minister for Climate Change Ahmed Irfan Aslam and Caretaker Energy Minister Muhammad Ali will also participate in the COP 28.

Nawaz's statement in Toshakhana case recorded F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Thursday informed the Lahore accountability court that it has recorded PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's statement in the Toshakhana reference.

According to the case filed by NAB, then-prime minister Yousaf Raza Gilani in order to extend illegal benefits to former Nawaz and president Asif Zardari allegedly allowed the retention of vehicles gifted to them by different foreign states and dignitaries by relaxing procedures related to the submission of gifts in the Toshakhana — a government department that stores gifts given to rulers, parliamentarians, bureaucrats and officials by heads of other governments, states, and foreign dignitaries.

No change in PoL prices

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: As the fortnightly review approaches, indications suggest that there will be no significant alterations in the prices of petroleum products. Notably, diesel and kerosene rates are expected to experience a slight decrease.

The government is on the brink of announcing the revised petrol prices for the upcoming week. The new petrol rates in Pakistan will come into effect from December 1, and the announcement is expected to be made before 11:59 pm on Thursday.

PPP will give a surprise in elections: Bilawal

F.P. Report

QUETTA: Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that his party will give a surprise on February 8 general elections, as the incoming Prime Minister as well as Chief Ministers of provinces will be Jiyalas of his party.

He announced that the PPP government formed as a result of the success in the upcoming general elections, to solve the problems faced by the unemployed youth and provide financial support to the working classes will introduce, on the pattern of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), the Youth Card, Kissan Card and the Mazdoor Card. "Youths should come forward and bury the politics of division, hate, and revenge in the country as Pakistan needs a new way of approach and politics," he urged.

Addressing a mammoth public gathering held on the occasion of the party's 56th foundation day in Quetta, the PPP Chairman said that Qauid-e-Azam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto introduced a new style of politics in the country, as he took politics out of the drawing room and brought it to the masses. "Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto also adopted a new style of politics by burying the politics of hatred, division and revenge, and continued to do politics under the slogan "Democracy is our revenge," he said, adding that she used to say that she had to serve her poor people of the country. "Shaheed



Bibi also set an example and showed how the country is run by uniting the entire nation," he recalled.

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| Chairman Bilawal | Chairman Pakistan |
| Bhutto Zardari said that President Asif Ali Zardari also created a new history by burying the politics of hatred, ego, division and revenge after assuming the office of the presidency, adding that President Zardari did not take revenge on any of them, who attempted to cut out his tongues (during imprisonment) or kept him imprisoned for 12 years. "President Zardari has shown restraint on his media trial. | People's Party said that the solution to all the problems faced by the country is in the ideology of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and manifesto of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, adding that other parties protect the interests of the elite, while PPP always takes care of the poor people of the country. He said that the PPP government formed after winning the general elections on February 8 will further |

Sometimes in Memogate someone would go to court wearing a black coat and someone would appear as the (so-called) representative of the youth, but he (didn't mess with them, instead) united the whole country with him and served the people," he added. He furthered that earlier the country had to import wheat, rice and sugar, but within a year of President Zardari becoming

I am young myself, so I can understand their problems and thinking. 70pc of Pakistan's population consists of youth, no "Khilarri" (player) represents them, I will." He said that youth centers will be established in every district, where all necessary facilities for training and employment of youth will be provided.

Imran asks CJP Isa to ensure level-playing field for PTI ahead of February 8 elections

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Incarcerated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Thursday raised several concerns regarding the "discrimination" his party is facing, in a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa seeking equal opportunities for his party to lead its political campaign.

The letter, calls on the top judge to direct the federal and provincial governments as well as the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to allow PTI, like all other political parties, to hold political meetings and gatherings without "discrimination".

The deposed prime minister, who has been removed from power via a no-trust motion in April last year, stated in the statement that the PTI leaders and activists are being targeted through the registration of multiple and successive criminal cases to keep them behind bars. He termed this a "tactic of abuse and oppression", which he said is being used all over the country. "Those nailed by the courts in one or more cases are immediately booked in further cases that purport to pertain to events several months in the past. Often several FIRs are registered against persons affiliated with the PTI with respect to the same event. The same persons are also impli-

cated in successive FIRs with respect to different and unrelated events all across the country," the letter read.

The former premier, who is incarcerated in Adiala jail in cipher and corruption case, said that several women arrested in the light of the May 9 events have remained imprisoned for nearly six months. The letter drew the CJP's attention towards the PTI's petitions that moved the provincial high courts against such arrests and registration of cases in "undisclosed" FIRs but "the unfavourable observations of a bench of the apex court" disabled the high courts from preserving the PTI leaders and activists' right to liberty.



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ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf chairs the Command & Staff Conference held at Naval Headquarters.

118 new cases of dengue reported in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): As many as 118 new cases were reported on Thursday in the province. According to the latest health department data, a total of 14,171 confirmed cases have been reported in Punjab.

Lahore takes the lead in this count with 6,450 cases followed by Rawalpindi with 2,624, Gujranwala with 1,492, Multan with 1,360 and Faisalabad with 829 cases. The situation continues with Lahore reporting an additional 75 new cases, Rawalpindi with five, Gujranwala with 13, Multan with six, Faisalabad with 11, Sheikhupura with three, Okara with two new cases. Meanwhile, Sialkot, Khanewal and Rahimyar Khan each reported one case of dengue within 24 hours. Currently, 91 patients are undergoing treatment in various hospitals across Punjab, with 48 of them in Lahore district hospitals.

Secretary of Health Punjab Ali Jaan Khan issued a plea to citizens, urging them to maintain clean and dry sur-

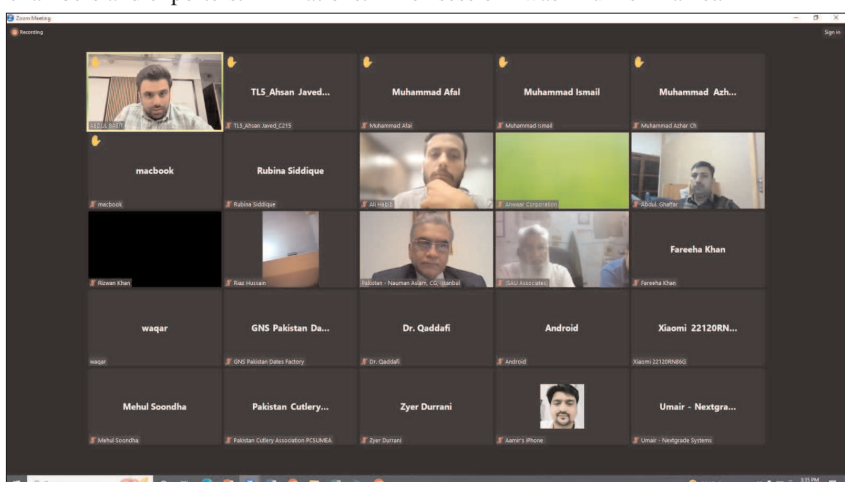
Webinar on exploration of trade opportunities between Pakistan and Türkiye

F.P. Report

KARACHI: The Directorate General Punjab hosted a webinar centered around the exploration of trade opportunities between Pakistan and Türkiye for chambers and exporters.

The keynote speaker for this session was Mr. Nauman Aslam, the Consul General of Türkiye. He delivered an extensive presentation, covering a wide range of aspects aimed at bolstering trade relations between the two nations. The session was

attended by almost ninety to one hundred participants. The speaker highlighted that Agriculture, Textile, food processing and autos & electronics are the main sectors where there is a potential for Pakistan to capture the Turkish market.



CM, WB regional chief agree to speed up progress of projects

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (R) Maqbool Baqar and World Bank's South Asia Regional Vice President Martin Raizer in their meeting discussed the \$2.2 billion World Bank portfolio and decided to accelerate work on the ongoing projects by the provincial government and the World Bank would start releasing the funds so that project could be completed in time.

The meeting was held at the CM House and was attended by World Bank Country Director Najy Benhassine, Draugelis Operation Manager Gilius and others.

Chief Secretary Dr Fakhre Alam and Chairman P&D Shakil Mangnejo were part of the meeting.

The World Bank's "Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition" in Sindh is aimed at achieving a goal of reducing stunting from 30 per cent to 15 per cent by 2026.

The CM and the visiting World Bank regional chief discussed other factors to reduce stunting. They agreed to adopt a revised theory of change that includes all the critical drivers of stunting from 'nutrition-specific' to include the critical environmental factors that drive a large part of the biological process

underlying stunting. These include, in particular, access to safe water and sanitation and the safe management of animal and solid waste.

The chief minister said that UNICEF was supporting the Sindh government through Rolling Workplan for two years 2023-2024 with a grant of \$50.573 million in the sectors of Health, Nutrition, Education, and Water Sanitation, and hygiene.

The European Union has recently initiated a project for "Strengthen Local Civil Society and Community-based Organizations and their Capacity in Nutrition Sector in Sindh" with a grant of Euro 6.1 million in six districts - Sukkur, Ghotiki, Naushero Feroz, Kashmore and

The CM urged the World Bank to support Sindh in the reduction of stunting so that the province may have healthy children and productive human capital.

The World Bank team pointed out that some of their projects have been facing slow progress. At this, the CM said that due to the induction of the caretaker government, a large number of officers were transferred which might have affected the speed of the projects.

Chairman P&D Shakil Mangnejo pointed out the delay in the release of funds by the World Bank which was the main cause

of the slow progress of the project. It was agreed that the P&D and the World Bank team would remove all snags and speed up the progress of the ongoing projects.

Sindh CM approves scholarships for palestinian students: Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (r) Maqbool Baqar has approved scholarships

for Palestinian students enrolled in public universities in the province. Justice (R) Maqbool Baqar said in a statement that the amount of scholarship will be transferred to the accounts of students by Dec 1.

Earlier, the provincial government had waived tuition fees and hostel charges for Palestinian students.



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3. Qazi Safi Ud Din (Brother)
4. Razia Begum (Sister)
5. Qazi Taskin Ud Din (Sister)
On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.
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Wafaqi Mohtasib for developing effective mechanism to protect children against growing cybercrimes menace

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Wafaqi Mohtasib (Federal Ombudsman) Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi has invited all stakeholders to work together for developing effective mechanism to protect children against the growing menace of cyber-crimes and other vulnerabilities rampant in various societies.

In this regard, he assured the international ombuds community of Pakistan's readiness to share its knowledge, expe-

riences and best practices in this field in terms of its commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the objectives of Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA).

He was addressing a seminar on "Threats of Cybercrime: Growing Vulnerabilities of Societies" organized here by Wafaqi Mohtasib in collaboration with FIA and COMSAT University. Besides, participation by the representatives of Federal ministries and the relevant agencies, spe-

cial arrangements were made for online participation by the members of Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA), the OIC Ombudsman Association (OICOA) and the Forum of Pakistan Ombudsman (FPO).

Qureshi stated that the Seminar was being held in the backdrop of the Universal Children's Day which was observed last week and provided an opportunity to renew commitment towards promoting and protecting child rights.



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Special children rights stressed

LAHORE (APP): Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood said on Thursday every member of society should play an active role in protecting rights of children with special abilities.

He was addressing an event to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Al Raazi Hall, organised by the Punjab University Child Welfare Centre, here on Thursday. Principal Child Welfare Centre Dr Ayesha Wajihullah, Director Institute of Special Education Prof Dr. Humera Bano, faculty members and special children along with their parents were present.

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IN ADVERTISEMENT NO. INF (P) 2801/2023 FOR SELECTION & RATE CONTRACTING OF LEFTOVER MEDICINES/ DRUGS/ MEDICAL DEVICES/ SURGICAL DISPOSABLES/ COTTON RELATED GOODS & NON-DRUG ITEMS FOR THE YEAR 2023-24, OF GOVT. MCC DIRECTORATE GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.

Reference to the advertisement No. INF(P): 2801/2023 for selection & rate contracting of leftover medicines/ drugs/ medical devices/ surgical disposables/ cotton related goods & non-drug items for the year 2023-24, of Govt. MCC Directorate General Health Services Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the timeline for submission of bids is extended till (15th December 2023) Friday at 11:00 am and shall be opened on the same day i.e. 15th December 2023, at 11:30 am. Moreover, the BSD of leftover items / corrigendum can be downloaded from the official websites of Health Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and KP-PPRA.

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Info Minister highlights role of journalism

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Caretaker Information and Public Relations Minister, Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel here Thursday highlighted pivotal role of journalism in mitigating adverse effects of social media emphasizing the importance of ethical reporting during addressing a gathering of journalists at a Press Club function.

The successful completion of the Peshawar Press Club solarization project marked a crucial achievement for journalists in the province, he said. Initiated

during the caretaker government, the project garnered special attention from the late Muhammad Azam Khan, the former caretaker chief minister.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice (R) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah, the project was swiftly concluded, which will help save expenditures for the Press Club, he said.

He affirmed the indispensable relationship between Department of Information and Public Relations of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Press Club, likening them to the essential

components of a vehicle.

He said that efforts are underway to further strengthen press clubs and support unemployed journalists through the Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund.

Expressing concern over the negative impact of social media, Minister Kakakhel urged the tightening of regulations to curb irresponsible use.

Referring to incidents such as the Kohistan incident, he stressed the need for responsible journalism as a crucial antidote to the harmful effects of social media on societal values.

During the visit to the Press Club, Minister Kakakhel inspected the embellishments made in the facility, underscoring the commitment to providing journalists with a conducive and efficient working environment.

He was accompanied by Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, Secretary Information Syed Abdul Jabbar Shah, DG Information and Public Relations Muhammad Imran Khan, Press Club President Arshad Aziz Malik, senior journalist M Riaz, and other dignitaries.



PESHAWAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice (R) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah chairing a meeting to review progress on computerization of land records.

City Police launches mobile app

PESHAWAR (APP): For prevention of the incidents of mobile phone snatching, purchase and sale of stolen mobile phones the Capital City Police Peshawar launched a new mobile app named FMC (Find My Cell Phone) here on Thursday.

In this connection, a special form has also been introduced for the registration of mobile dealers' form after verification of the Presidents of the Mobile Dealers Association and the Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned police station.

A procedure for the purpose has also been laid down initially in Peshawar, which later will be extended to the whole province.

The mobile app was formally launched by the Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Peshawar, (Syed Ashfaq AG) IT, Irfan Khan and SSP Operations, Kashif Aftab Abbasi in a special ceremony held at Malik Saad Shaheed Police Line Peshawar.

The facility will now be available with all police stations of the district and registered mobile phone dealers.

Under the procedure, bio-data including the name of the phone set seller, father's name, mobile number, national identity card number and photo of the seller will be preserved along with EMEI and the case of snatching the data of the stolen mobile phones will automatically transferred to the registered dealers, which will also reached to police authorities, police control and concerned police stations in shape of an alert.

Cold weather predicted

PESHAWAR (APP): The Provincial Meteorological Center Peshawar on Thursday predicted that mainly cold and partly cloudy weather is expected in most districts of the province.

However, it said that isolated rain-wind/thunderstorm (with snowfall over the hills) is likely to occur over Chitral, Lower & Upper Dir, Malakand, Buner, Swat, Shangla, Kohistan, Torghar, Battagram, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Bajaur and Khyber districts.

It said that foggy conditions are expected over Charsadda, Nowshera, Mardan, Peshawar, Swabi and D.I. Khan districts, as well as, over Motorway (M1) / Highways in late night & morning hours. The center advised the travelers on Motorway and highways to take precautionary measures.

During the last 24 hours, partly cloudy weather occurred over most districts of the province, while cold in hilly areas. However, isolated light rain occurred in Chitral, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad and Peshawar districts.

Temperatures recorded in centigrade at different stations of KP were Peshawar 24/11, Chitral 17/05, Timergara 22/05, Dir 20/04, Mirkhani 17/04, Kalam 14/01, Droshe 16/06, Saidu Sharif 19/04, Pattan 20/10, Malam Jabba 13/03, Takht Bhai 22/08, Kakul 20/08, Balakot 20/07, Parachinar 18/03, Bannu 27/10, Cherat 18/07, DI Khan 28/11.

Power suspension notified

PESHAWAR (APP): PESCO on Thursday notified that due to maintenance work power supply will remain suspended from Bannu Grid Station on 1st December from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. resultantly, consumers of 66 KV Kurram Ghar and Power House grid connected feeders will face inconvenience. Likewise, it said power supply will remain suspended from Mansehra Grid Station on 2nd and 5th December from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. resultantly, consumers of Murad Pur, Khaki, Bafa, Shankari, Balakot feeders will face inconvenience. The power supply will also remain suspended from Hattar-Saadi Cement Factory Transmission Line on 2nd December from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. resultantly consumers of 132 KV Saadi Cement Factory grid Connected feeders will face inconvenience.

RTS orders DG for departmental action

— imposed Rs20 fines on SHO Shalmal

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Right to Public Service Commission (RTPSC/RTS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ordered Director General Prosecution Department for departmental actions against District Public Prosecutor (DPP) Battagram Shahid-ur-Rehman and imposed Rs20 thousand fine on Station House Officer (SHO) Mir Afzal Khan for concealment of facts in registration of FIR.

The commission annoyed role of SHO Mir Afzal Khan for ignoring his DPO orders and imposed Rs20 thousand fine while ordered registration of FIR within three days. RTS also placed liability on DPP Shahid-ur-Rehman for suffering of citizen and ordered DG Prosecution for departmental actions.

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next hearing before the commission. The complainant stated that local Patwari has demanded bribe for provision of Fard (Land record) as well as humiliated his aged father, however, the concerned Patwari provided documents and apologized to senior citizen.

Deputy Commissioner Bajaur has been directed for action under section 145 of Criminal Procedure Code on complaint of disabled citizen named Syed Mand against his cousin for grabbing his land by force.

RTS is committed for delivery of public services in stipulated timeframe to ensure good governance for creating sense of accountability among public's servant.

Air quality jumps to hazardous level

PESHAWAR (INP): After Lahore and Karachi, the air pollution in Peshawar was recorded as unhealthy and alarming as the Air Quality Index (AQI) of the city reached 296 on Thursday.

Anwar Khan, Director General Environmental Protection Agency, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said AQI in Peshawar touched the record dangerous level of 290.

He added an AQI above 151 was considered unhealthy, while above 301 was hazardous for breathing.

He said there were many reasons for increasing air pollution, including the release of fumes and smoke from marble factories and other industries, brick kilns, smoke-emitting vehicles, especially outdated school buses, public transport, rickshaws and taxis.

Anwar said about 400,000 vehicles ran on roads of Peshawar daily, adding citizens should take precautionary measures, including avoiding outdoor exercise, keeping windows closed at homes and offices, wearing masks outdoors and using air purifiers in rooms.

Meanwhile, different areas of Lahore received light rain earlier on Thursday morning, bringing down the mercury level further and clearing the atmosphere of thick smog.

For the past few months, the Punjab capital had been engulfed with clouds of smog that worsened the air quality of the city, prompting widespread health concerns among all age groups and placing the city at the top of the world's most polluted cities.

Adulterated milk discarded

PESHAWAR (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority on Thursday discarded 340 litres of adulterated milk and 200 cartons having 1300 litres of harmful milk during raids in Peshawar Charsadda and Nowshera.

The spokesman of KP Food Authority said that inspection teams got milk samples tested from mobile testing labs at Warsak Road and University Town here and found adulteration of water in more than 340 litres of milk.

The teams confiscated the milk and discarded it on the spot.

Another team of the Food Authority conducted a raid on a warehouse of a renowned Milkpack distributor in Sherpao Bazar in district Charsadda and recovered 200 cartons filled with 1300 litres of harmful milk packs.

Session regarding participation of minority women in polls held



F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: An awareness session was held in the office of Provincial Election Commissioner Khyber Pakhtunkhwa organized by Blue Vans regarding the participation of

minority women as voters and candidates in the general elections, Director Elections Asif Ali Yasin, Deputy Director Media Coordination Sohail Ahmed Deputy Director Monitoring and Training Muhammad Imran, Assistant Director

Gender and Social Inclusion Arooba Ali and Aliza Mahfouz of Blue Vans participated in the voter awareness session.

Women belonging to the minority community participated in the session. Aliza Mahfouz of Blue Vans wel-

comed the Election Commission team and informed the participants about the objectives of the session. Director Elections Asif Ali Yasin said about election process, importance of vote, candidate eligibility and procedure of submission of documents, constitutional and legal framework and measures to be taken for inclusive and credible elections including minority community and deprived classes. Detailed presentation has been given on the laws and measures for them.

The participants took keen interest in the session and asked many relevant questions which were answered by Director Elections Asif Ali Yasin. Apart from this, several women representatives shared their experience and offered some suggestions to increase the turnout in the next general elections. Asif Ali Yasin assured cooperation on behalf of the Election Commission.

Shuhada-i-APS University presents three-year performance report

PESHAWAR (APP): A three-year performance report regarding Shuhada-i-APS University of Science and Technology Nowshera was formally presented to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister for Technical Education, Industries, Commerce, and Newly Merged Districts Affairs, Dr. Aamer Abdullah.

On Thursday, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Brig. (Rtd) Professor Dr. Zafar M. Khan called on the minister at his office in Peshawar and presented him with a comprehensive report regarding the development, educational, and training activities of the university from 2020 to 2023.

During the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor told the caretaker minister that around 610 kanals of land have been acquired near Rashakai Special Economic Zone and Motorway for the country's first ever and only Technology

University, while the foundation stone has also been laid. He said that the university has received the honor that the Higher Education Commission has recognized its degree.

Similarly, the Research, Innovation, and Commercialization Office (ORIC) has been established in the University for research-activities, while the Quality Enhancement Cell has also been established for the improvement of institutional quality.

He said that in order to get exposure to working in the industry for the students and qualified graduates of this educational institution, contacts have been established with various industries, as a result of which the students of this educational institution will not only do internships in these industries, but this initiative will be made an effective and fruitful collaboration between academia and industry relations.

He said that various professional education courses have been introduced at the university with the support of NAVTTC, two batches of which have been successfully completed.

Similarly, the university has also started work on the affiliation of technical education colleges in the province with the university, which will further improve the promotion of technical education in the province.

The Vice-Chancellor said that efforts are being made to provide all possible facilities required for education and training to the students, while the university has established modern laboratories equipped with equipment worth 200 million rupees, and work is underway to receive more equipment at a cost of 250 million rupees for the university labs.

On this occasion, the caretaker minister, while appreciating the perform-

ance of the university, paid tribute to the entire administration of the institution and the unique role of the vice chancellor. He hoped that the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Technology would take the ongoing journey of development at this important university to greater heights so that the graduates of professional education, science, and technology at this institution could get the best jobs in the country and abroad.

It merits mentioning that the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Technology, Prof. Dr. Zafar M. Khan, has extensive experience in education, research, and administrative affairs. He has achieved remarkable achievements in a short period of time as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology. His family background has also been associated with high service in the field of education. His father had been the Headmaster of Govt. High School Zaida, Swabi, and had left a significant asset/legacy of educational service to the region.



PESHAWAR: Mayor Haji Zubair Ali addressing during a meeting regarding issues of traders of Andar Sher bazaar. — F.P. photo



PESHAWAR: Provincial leaders of Pakistan Peoples Party cutting a cake to celebrate of 56th party foundation day. — F.P. photo by Ghulam Murtaza

Training on health facility assessment tools concluded

PESHAWAR (APP): A two-day training session on health facility assessment tools, conducted in collaboration of World Bank's Human Capital Investment Project concluded here on Thursday.

The training was aimed at equipping the Health Foundation and the Independent Monitoring Unit's staff to outsource eight hospitals in the province.

Dr. Adnan Taj, Managing Director (MD) Health Foundation, Dr. Asmatullah Khan, Director Health Foundation, Dr. Ikramullah Khan, Project Director Human Capital Investment, Dr. Ijaz Ahmed, Director IMU, and relevant staff attended the training session.

During the two-day training, Dr. Ikramullah Khan highlighted that training provided a foundation for workforce to use estab-

lished tools to assess basic infrastructure, medications, services, human resources, machinery, and medical equipment.

This comprehensive evaluation ensures a detailed understanding of the private sector's readiness before entrusting hospitals to them.

Dr. Adnan Taj emphasized that training aims to enhance capacity of both organizations' personnel for the effective implementation of public-private partnerships.

He further explained that the training includes a baseline survey, allowing private institutions to assess the existing resources in government hospitals before taking over operational matters.

This process ensures a thorough examination of private institutions against the available government facilities.

He told that eight hospitals in the province would be handed over to private institutions under a public-private partnership in the next three months.

Tenders of These hospitals were announced three months ago through a tendering process, and in the coming three months, technical bids of eligible private institutions will undergo scrutiny.

After the financial bids are compiled, these hospitals will once again come under the administration of private institutions, he added.

It merits a mention that tenders have already been issued for six category-D hospitals in South Waziristan Upper, Lower, Mohmand, Kurram, FR D.I.KHAN, Ourakzai as well as the two Rural Health Centers in Upper and Lower Chitral for their management under private entities.



In brief

Section 144 imposed in Bannu F.P. Report

BANNU: Bannu authorities Thursday imposed Section 144 to improve the law and order situation in the city prohibiting the display of weapons, pillion riding, and tinted windows of vehicles. Section 144 will be applicable from today till December 3, 2023, amid the ongoing polio campaign. In an Intelligence-based operation (IBO) of CTD in Dumel area of Bannu, a terrorist was killed and another was arrested in an exchange of fire. The terrorists belonged to the Khafez Gul Bahadur group, the CTD spokesman said. "Weapons and mobile phones recovered from terrorists. The terrorists had fired on the police team assigned to the security of polio team last day," the spokesperson added. The terrorists were also involved in the attack on Khurram Karak police station and police post a few days ago, the spokesman added.

Protest against FIR's registration F.P. Report

TAKHTBHAI: Village Councils (VCs) chairmen led by Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PMLN) Mardan Youth Wing president Saqib Khan protested against registration of First Information Report (FIR) on VC Sari Behlol chairman Jamal Mohmand, on Thursday. According to details, Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO) Sub Divisional Officer initiated complaint against Jamal Mohmand at police station Saro Shah during operation. The protesters reached to offices of Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Takhtbhai while chanting that it is fraudulent FIR against public's representative. AC Takhtbhai called concerned SDO PESCO while DSP for today (on Friday) while both officers assured dissemination of justice on merit in the case. PMLN Youth president Saqib Khan along with Syed Kamal Shah, Majid Ali, Mahmood-ul-Hassan, Abdullah Khan, Akhtar Hussain, Dr. Iqbal, Malak Sajid, Nadeem Afridi, Jahangir Khan, Farooq Mastkhel and VCs chairmen participated in the protest.

11 drug peddlers held

FAISALABAD (INP): The district police arrested 11 drug peddlers and recovered contraband from their possession on Thursday. Police recovered 3-kg hashish, 3-kg bhikhi and 200 liter liquor from their possession. Bismillah Khan, Abbas Khan, Ahmad Hassan, Dawood Maseeh, Javed, Basharat Hussain, Ghulam Muhammad, Ahmad Ali, Shah Bahram, Munawar Hussain and Shafqat were arrested from various parts of the city.

Woman, her 'paramour' killed

JAFFARABAD (INP): Two people, including a woman, were gunned down near Dera Allah Yar in Jaafarabad for honour, police said on Thursday. Police said the assassin after committing the crime fled from the spot. Giving further details, they said that a man named Ali Dost shot dead his wife and her alleged paramour Baqa Muhammad with a shotgun in Goth Muhammad Ibrahim. The Force said that soon after learning about the incident the cops reached the crime scene and shifted the bodies to the Civil Hospital, Dera Allah Yar, which were later handed over to their families.

Seasonal diseases outbreak in Lower Dir

F.P. Report

TIMERGARA: Drought and change of weather has become an epidemic of cold, fever and chest diseases, thousands of people including children, women have fallen ill. And there has been an extraordinary increase in the number of patients suffering from chest diseases and whole families have been suffering from colds and fevers, thousands of people have fallen ill and there is a rush of patients at public and private hospitals.

Senior Children's Specialist Dr. Tajuddin confirmed to the media that due to the dry weather, there has been an increase in the number of children suffering from cold, flu, and fever, and a large number of children are being brought to them. He instructed the parents of the children to pay special attention to their children in the winter season, protect them from cold, dust, fog, give warm water to the children, and in case of illness, they should Specialist doctors should be consulted because children often get pneumonia due to colds, flu and fever in winter, children are sensitive, so they should pay attention to timely treatment.

In response to a question, Dr. Tajuddin said that

the use of malts in colds is not harmful, but malts are an important source of vitamin C and vitamin C. Use is better in cold.

Food Authority confiscates 200 kgs honey: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority Lower Dir team, on receiving a secret tip, raided Bilal Plaza in Taimargara late last night and found 200 kg of fake honey made from a mixture of sugar and stearic acid from the living rooms there. It was recovered, fake honey and all the equipment used in its preparation were confiscated, action will be taken against the accused under the Food Authority Act.

Divisional sports competition concluded: The annual divisional sports competition between government and private high and higher secondary schools has come to an end, the schools of Lower Dir in Malakand Region One have won, becoming the divisional champions in volleyball, badminton, tug-of-war and basketball.

Malakand Division was divided into two regions to hold divisional competitions after the annual sports competitions organized by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Malakand Region One consists of Upper and Lower Chitral,

Upper Dir, Bajaur and Lower Dir districts. In this regard, the divisional sports competitions of these districts have been concluded in Dir Payin district.

According to the Divisional General Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Nispal Salahuddin Khan, Danish Public School of Dir Payin district beat Gandigarh School in volleyball. In the same way, in basketball, Lower Dir defeated Bajaur district, Lower Dir defeated Dir Bala in badminton, and in tug-of-war competition, the team of Lower Dir Government High School Pakhtuno Khadzi became the winner champion of Dir district at the provincial level.

Four different teams will represent Malakand Region One, the closing ceremony of the divisional sports competitions was held at Government High School Mian Banda, in which District Education Officer Mehboob Elahi and principals of various schools of Upper and Lower Chitral, Bajaur, Dir Bala and Dirpayin were present. Headmaster, games in charge, teachers and fans participated, on this occasion DEO Mehboob Elahi and Divisional General Secretary Naspil Salahuddin distributed trophies and prizes among the players.

AKF sends 20 ambulances and essential items to Gaza

Anees Takar

MARDAN: The Al-Khidmat Foundation has announced sending a convoy to Gaza, including 20 ambulances stocked with medicines and food supplies. Upon approval, around 50-bed hospitals will be established near Gaza, and over 3,000 doctors have registered to provide medical services in the region.

The announcement was made by Professor Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman, the central president of the Al-Khidmat Foundation, during a Gaza Conference held at the Mardan Press Club, followed by a subsequent media briefing.

The conference witnessed the participation of doctors, paramedical staff, and numerous citizens. Dr. Fakhar Alam, the provincial president of Al-Khidmat Foundation, Dr. Shaquail Ahmed, President of Mardan district, Dr. Aman ul Haq, General Secretary, and female doctors from Al-Khidmat's women's department addressed the gathering.

Dr. Fakhar Alam shed light on the objectives and details of relief efforts, informing the conference attendees about the ongoing aid activities. He elaborated that Al-Khidmat Foundation and Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) have consistently provided substantial assistance to victims of natural disasters. Now, they are actively involved in the relief efforts for the oppressed

Palestinians.

President Professor Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman stated that Al-Khidmat Foundation and PIMA have been providing significant aid to those affected by natural disasters. They have now devoted their efforts to the welfare of the oppressed Palestinians. He mentioned that a shipment of 90 tons, including food items and medicines, has been dispatched to Gaza through the WHO, Turkey, and non-governmental organizations in Egypt.

Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman added that arrangements for sending 20 ambulances are in the final stages, and efforts are being made to establish a field hospital in collaboration with the relief board. More than 3,000 doctors have registered with Al-Khidmat Foundation and PIMA to offer their services in Gaza. Once permission is granted, these teams will be dispatched to provide services in the affected areas.

He highlighted that 96% of water in Gaza is unfit for consumption, and Al-Khidmat Foundation plans to install water filtration plants in collaboration with non-governmental organizations in Malaysia. Moreover, orphan centers will be established for orphaned children. Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman assured that Palestinian students residing in Pakistan will be fully supported, emphasizing that Pakistan holds complete responsibility for their sponsorship.

He concluded by stating

that the people have trusted them wholeheartedly, and they will not let any doubts tarnish that trust. Transparency has been given top priority in all relief operations for the sake of accountability and clarity.

Suspects involved in theft case arrested

JHELUM (INP): Jhelum Police on Thursday arrested two suspects involved in a recent theft case. The arrested suspects have been identified as Abdul Salam and Ghulam Dastgir.

According to DPO Jhelum Nasir Mehmood Bajwa, the accused were involved in a series of thefts that had been plaguing the city. He said that the arrests were a result of a meticulous investigation carried out by the police.

Bajwa also assured the public that the police are committed to ensuring the safety of life and property in the city. He urged the public to come forward with any information they may have about any criminal activity.

The arrest of the two suspects is a major step towards curbing crime in Jhelum. The police are confident that they will be able to bring all criminals to justice.



MUZAFFRABAD: Disable female holding placards during a protest rally against Israel's attack on Gaza.

TMA imposes conservancy charges to ensure hygiene environment F.P. Report

LANDI KOTAL: Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) Landi Kotal first ever introduced conservancy charges for delivery of batter and interrupted cleanliness service in the main bazaar, however the local traders rejected it.

Tehsil Municipal Officer (TMO) Landi Kotal Mr Samad said on Thursday that to run cleanliness activities continuously and to provide a healthy environment to shopkeepers and visitors, implementation of conservancy fee was necessary. He said the fee was put into practice under the local government Act 2013 and it had been already imposed across the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

TMA is a semi-government department and without local fund generation, it could not continue its services to the locals, he added and said since 2019 it had been extending services by installing dustbins and TMA staff on a daily base executes the cleanliness duties by collecting garbage and shifting it to the dumping ground.

TMO went on that TMA would charge daily ten rupees or three hundred rupees per shop and a little bit extra from hotels and other large business centers and in return it would clean the bazaar two times daily, supply potable water, would keep functional street lights and would provide healthy environment for the local businessmen and visitors.

He urged the shopkeepers to let impose the conservancy fee that was in the best interest of the bazaar and if someone put hurdles in front of it, he would be dealt with as per law.

When President of Anjuman-e-Tajeran, Landi Kotal bazaar, Haji Jafar was contacted on the matter he rejected the new fee and said the TMA should deliver first and then they would be ready to pay the conservancy charges. He maintained that the bazaar was the most neglected one therefore instead of putting financial burden on the shopkeepers; the government established development schemes to enhance trade opportunities in the bazaar.

Crackdown on criminals, 12 suspects arrested

LARKANA (INP): Larkana police have arrested 12 suspects in a major crackdown on drug suppliers and social crime in the district on Thursday. According to spokesperson of Larkana police, the latest actions were taken on the instructions of SSP Larkana Syed Abdul Rahim Shirazi.

In a raid conducted in the Tayyab Laro area of Ratodero police station, police arrested accused drug dealer Gulshir son of Ranjan Buzdar. During the search operation, police recovered 288 bottles of liquor and a rickshaw used for employment purposes. In another successful operation near the grid station,

Ratodero police apprehended accused drug dealer Chakar Rind. Police seized over one kilogram (1070 grams) of hashish from the accused.

In a separate incident, gamblers Saber, Abdul Rehman, and Sajjan, among others, were arrested by Allahabad police during a raid. Cash, mobile phones, and card addresses were also recovered from the accused.

Continuing their anti-drug campaign, Allahabad police arrested accused drug dealer Sajjad Korai along with 500 grams of hashish during an operation near the Christian cemetery.

Ali Goharabad police apprehended accused Zubair Jatoti and recovered gutka from him. A case has been registered against Jatoti.

In a routine patrolling operation, Guerillo police found an abandoned motorcycle parked in suspicious circumstances. The motorcycle has been taken into custody for further investigation. The Larkana police spokesperson lauded the efforts of the officers involved in these operations and reiterated the police's commitment to eradicating drug trafficking and social crimes from the district.

Dar-ul-Aman directed to improve cleanliness

F.P. Report

HAFIZABAD: Deputy Commissioner Sundas Irshad has directed the superintendent of Dar-ul-Aman Hafizabad to improve cleanliness and to ensure the provision of all facilities to women inhabitants of Dar-ul-Aman according to SOPs and directions of the Punjab government.

DC issued these directions while visiting the Dar-ul-Aman. Deputy Director Social Welfare Hafizabad Aamna Ashraf was also accompanied by her. DC Sundas Irshad checked the quality of edible items, treatment and other facilities being provided to women in the Dar-ul-Aman.

She inspected the kitchen, dining room,

library and reviewed other activities in the Dar-ul-Aman. While giving a briefing to the DC, Superintendent Dar-ul-Aman Aamna Ghani informed that a doctor was available for treatment while vocational training was also being imparted to women whereas sports facilities were also being provided to the children of women in the Dar-ul-Aman.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Sundas Irshad has directed the price control magistrates to continue visits of markets and shops to check prices, supply and demand of daily used items for providing relief to peoples and strict action would also be taken against profiteers and hoarders in the district.

While addressing a

meeting held at district complex, she also directed the officers of agriculture department to ensure provision of fertilizers to farmers at government prices and punitive action be taken against fertilizer dealers involved in selling fertilizers at arbitrary prices.

DC also reviewed steps being taken to contain spread of smog and urged the officers of Environment, agriculture departments, district council and Secretary District Road Transport Authority to take effective measures against smoke emitting bricks kilns, vehicles and industrial units as well as to create awareness among farmers about hazards of burning of residues of crops so that farmers refrain from burning residues voluntarily.

Crackdown against hoarders

F.P. Report

MULTAN: Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak said that 100% results should be achieved in the anti-polio campaign. Polio vaccine should be administered to every child under 5 years of age in the division, otherwise strict action should be taken.

These views were expressed by Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir

Khattak while presiding over the performance review meeting of the districts.

He said that all the drug inspectors should ensure their presence in the medicine markets and ensure the supply of certified medicines at fixed rates.

Engineer Aamir Khattak expressed his anger on WASA officials and said that the recovery mechanism should be outsourced.

It is inappropriate to not be able to achieve the recovery goals despite the repeated additional grants from the Punjab government to WASA and increasing the rates for WASA service. Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak expressed his indignation at WASA for the delay in advertisement of the outsourcing. Ordered to pay the expenses of Mapco by improving the collection.

Climate change issues in Mohmand Tribal District

Murad Khan

ABOUT Mohmand District: Mohmand Tribal District

Mohmand or Momand in Pashto and District Mohmand in Urdu is a district in Peshawar Division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. It was created as an agency in 1951. Before 2018, it was an agency of FATA (Federally Administered Tribal Areas), with merger of FATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, it became a district. Mohmand is bordered by Bajaur District to the north, Khyber District to the south, Malakand and Charsadda districts to the east and Peshawar district to the southeast. Population of the District as per Census- 2017 is 553933. The District Mohmand is divided into 2 subdivisions i.e Upper Subdivision (Which contains Tehsil Haleemzai, Safi, Khwaizi & Baizi) and Lower Subdivision (containing Tehsil Pindiali, Ambar, Prang Ghar & Ekkaghund).

According to a report of the

United Nations, Pakistan is the 158th country in the ranking of countries for CO2 emissions, emitting less than 1% carbon (around 0.18) per capita, but on the other hand Pakistan is amongst the list of those countries which are vulnerable to climate change, here the glaciers are melting on a very fast rate, creating golfs, increase in sea level, droughts and flooding, due to which human loss, infrastructure and Biodiversity of Pakistan is badly effecting. Like other parts of the country, Mohmand tribal district is also effecting badly from climate and environmental changes, if we study the 30 to 40 years old history, Mohmand Agency (before FATA merger in 2018) was very green, but due to global climate change, not only the beauty of this district changed, but a lot of Climate migration has been also recorded.

Ghareb Ullah, a 70 plus years old retired teacher from Shabqadar Pirqala said that in before 40 to 50 years this area was very much green, I have seen the springs of water here, the springs water was so much

clean and clear that the people used it for drinking purposes. Due to the presences of springs and more rainfall the people were cultivating crops and vegetables, that's why the whole Mohmand Agency (Before FATA merger) was looking very beautiful, especially in the spring season.

M. Phil graduate Shah Khalid from Tehsil Safi District Mohmand says that A lot of indigenous plants have been disappeared and so many birds like Skylar, Chakur and other precious birds have been migrated from this district due to scarcity of water and severe droughts as a result of climate change effect. He added that as graduate in Environmental chemistry, I am aware of the fact that in Pandialai and Ambar areas of Mohmand Tribal District there are a lot number of chromite mines and the people are extracting them, so with flood water these chemical flows into the fields of vegetables and crops of wheat and which is ultimately used by human beings, ultimately causing different diseases and some of the people are of the

view that due to the extraction of chromite, nephrite and other metals these skin, lungs and cancer diseases have been spread in the people of Mohmand District. He added that soil erosion, water scarcity Leishmaniasis, Malaria and so many other issues has been occurred due to climate change in Mohmand tribal district.

Oxford Climate Journalism Network fellow & environmental journalist Muhammad Daud Khan says that Mohmand District is situated in Hindu Kush mountains bordering Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the quantity of rain has been decreased very much, due to which the water table of these areas has been effected very much. Due to lowering of water table and scarcity of water the yield of normal crops has been reduced to negligible amount, because the cultivation of staple crops and vegetable of majority areas of the Mohmand district depends upon the quantity of rain, so the crops are produced in only those areas of Mohmand district, where there is high water table, or those areas which

have kanal water system (areas near Charsadda & Pranghar).

Mohammad Daud added that due to extreme weather events the Biodiversity and ecosystem, because the survival of birds and animals is very difficult in dry area like Mohmand, so majority of the indigenous birds has also been migrated from these areas and this migration of insects and birds put bad impacts on climate, as they take active part in pollination of plants, crops & vegetables. Mr. Daud Khan said that natural based solutions, rain water storage, making of small dams and plantation of eco-friendly plants are the possible solutions of the climate and environmental change issues.

The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar said that climate change was a national security issue for a country like Pakistan. He reiterated that Pakistan was among the lowest carbon-producing countries in the world. Yet, it is among the top-most affected countries. Mr. Kakar said that Pakistan is playing a positive role in the global climate debate through climate diplomacy. He directed the relevant institutions to complete their groundwork for presentations on Pakistan in the context of climate finance and other related issues at COP-28.

Not only Mohmand District but majority of the other districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Baluchistan and Gilgit Baltistan have also been badly affected from climate change, so It will be noted that how Pakistan will present its case in the UNFCCC annual meeting of COP 28 (conference of Parties) in front of UN and international community.

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Russia is preparing a ‘loyalty agreement’ requirement for foreigners

MOSCOW (Reuters): Russia's interior ministry has prepared draft legislation that would force foreigners to sign a "loyalty agreement" forbidding them from criticising official policy, discrediting Soviet military history, or contravening traditional family values. Since President Vladimir Putin ordered troops into Ukraine in February 2022, Russia has introduced a slew of tough laws that outlaw discrediting the military, and courts have handed down long jail sentences to opposition activists.

As the 2024 presidential election approaches, Putin has cast the war as part of an existential battle with the West, saying he will defend Russia's "sacred" civilisation from what he portrays as the West's decadence. The TASS state news agency reported that the draft legislation had been prepared by the interior ministry and would force all foreigners entering Russia to sign an agreement that essentially restricts what they can say in public. A foreigner entering Russia would be prohibited from "interfering with the activities of public authorities of the Russian Federation, discrediting in any form the foreign and domestic state policy of the Russian Federation, public authorities and

their officials", TASS said. The proposed agreement would include clauses about morality, family, "propaganda about non-traditional sexual relations" and history. In particular, foreigners would be barred from "distorting the historical truth about the feat of the Soviet people in the defence of the Fatherland and its contribution to the victory over fascism".

The Soviet Union is estimated to have lost at least 27 million people in World War Two and eventually pushed Nazi forces back to Berlin. Governments loyal to Moscow then took power across swathes of eastern Europe. It was not clear from Russian media reports which foreigners the draft legislation - if it becomes law - would apply to or what the punishment would be for not adhering to the "agreement" which foreigners would have to sign upon entry to Russia. The Kremlin declined to comment on the initiative. Opposition activists and foreign diplomats in Moscow have for months been warning that the authorities are toughening their stance on any dissent ahead of the presidential election. The Kremlin said earlier this month that some measure of censorship was needed as Russian troops were fight-

ing in Ukraine, and cautioned those who wanted to criticise the military to think carefully before they did. For the draft to become law, it has to be introduced to the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, and to go through committee review and several readings before being submitted to Putin for signing. The chairman of the Duma's CIS Affairs Committee said that the draft law was well advanced and was being worked on by the interior ministry, the government, the presidential administration as well as his committee.

"The draft law on the so-called 'loyalty agreement' with migrants entering the Russian Federation is in a high degree of readiness," Leonid Kalashnikov told Interfax. Kalashnikov said some details of the proposed law were still to be worked out. The interior ministry did not immediately respond to requests for a comment. The law has not yet been introduced formally in parliament, according to Reuters searches of the Duma's database. Since the start of its war in Ukraine, Russia has imposed a number of restrictions on foreigners from what it calls "unfriendly countries" - meaning those that have imposed sanctions on it over its war in Ukraine.

Jourova says no talks about Kyiv without Ukraine

BRUSSELS (Reuters): A deputy head of the European Union executive said she would find "unacceptable" any talks about the war in Ukraine that would not include Kyiv or envisage the country giving up territory. The European Commission's vice-president Vera Jourova also said she would be "disappointed" if a Dec.14-15 summit of EU leaders refused to endorse proposals for more financial aid to Kyiv and a recommendation to launch accession talks with Ukraine.

The Czech EU Commissioner who worked on her own country's EU entry nearly 20 years ago offered Kyiv a sympathetic ear recalling how difficult it was to meet European accession requirements. She said that, under President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, Ukraine was finally ready to overcome endemic corruption. But she refused to speculate on whether Hungary would lift its veto in December on money for Kyiv and starting membership talks, saying a "very intense" diplomatic push was taking place to convince Prime Minister Viktor Orban. She said the Commission would adopt this year a draft EU law on using for Ukraine's benefit the proceeds on some 200 billion euros of frozen Russian assets. She said that unanimous backing of all the 27 EU countries would be needed to enact it.

Chechen leader's son named to post in rifle battalion

MOSCOW (Reuters): Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov's teenage son, who was shown beating a prisoner in custody this year, has been named as an observer in a new battalion that is part of Russia's defence ministry forces, a senior Chechen official said. Adam Kadyrov, who turned 16 last week and who recently was appointed as his father's top bodyguard, was shown in a social media video posted by Ramzan Kadyrov in September punching and kicking a prisoner accused of burning the Koran.

The video drew broad condemnation, including from some pro-Kremlin hardliners. Ramzan Kadyrov, a staunch ally of President Vladimir Putin, said at the time he was proud of his son and respected Adam for acquiring "adult ideals of honour, dignity and defence of his religion". Adam Delimkhanov, who heads the Chechen division of the Russian national guard and is also a member of Russia's parliament, said the young Kadyrov was named a curator, or observer, of a rifle battalion. "This appointment was a natural result of Adam's significant services in upholding the religious, family and cultural values of our people," Delimkhanov, who is seen as Chechnya's second most senior official behind Kadyrov, said on the Telegram messaging app. Kadyrov's press service did not immediately respond to a Reuters' request to comment.

Freed Israeli hostages tell families of ordeal in Gaza captivity

GAZA: Israeli women and children on their return from captivity in Gaza have spoken of being beaten and threatened, moved from place to place and forced to whisper during weeks spent with little to do, their families say. Most captives released during a six-day-old truce have been rushed to hospitals in a country still reeling from the shock of their abduction during a Hamas attack on southern Israel on October 7 in which Israel says 1,200 people were killed.

Since the latest round of releases began on Friday, with Israel releasing some jailed Palestinians in exchange, the freed captives have been kept away from the media. Their stories have come out through the filter of family members, without independent verification, offering a hint of their ordeal. Most of the 240 captives that Israel says were seized on October 7 are still in captivity. Deborah Cohen told France's BFM TV she had been told her 12-year-old nephew Eitan Yahalomi and others were beaten by Palestinian residents on arrival in Gaza during the Hamas attack. She said his captors made him watch footage of the Hamas violence.

"Every time a child cried there, they threatened them with a weapon to make them be quiet. Once they got to Gaza, all the civilians, everyone was hitting them ... We're talking about a child, 12 years old," she said. Hamas, the Palestinian armed group which governs Gaza, says it has treated the captives in accordance with Islamic teachings to preserve their lives and wellbeing. It says some captives were killed by Israeli air raids during a military offensive that was launched in response to the October 7 attacks. More than 15,000 people have been killed in the Israeli air and ground assault, including more than 6,000 children, according to Palestinian officials in Gaza.

Some details are slowly surfacing from medical professionals treating them and relatives of the freed captives. Ronit Zaidenstein, head of the medical team at Shamir Medical



Center where 17 released Thai nationals were treated, said they had been fed "very unnutritious food" in captivity. "The people who came to us lost a significant amount of their body weight in such a short time - 10 percent or more." In an interview that has since been taken offline, Margarita Mashavi, a doctor at Wolfson Medical Centre - one of the main facilities caring for freed captives - said those she spoke to described being kept several stories underground. "They didn't give them light. They gave it to them for only two hours," she was quoted as saying by the Ynet news site.

The families of two girls who were held together found it hard to hear their children on their return home because they spoke only in whispers. "I had to put my ear close to her mouth to hear. In captivity, she was told not to make any noise. You can see the terror in her eyes," Thomas Hand, the father of nine-year-old Emily Hand, told CNN. Yair Rotem said his niece Hila Rotem Shoshani, 13, was held with Emily Hand, and was also now speaking in whispers. She spoke of hugging her mother Raaya, still in Gaza, who cried when the girls were taken from her before their return to Israel.

Merav Mor Raviv said captors of her cousin Keren Munder, Keren's nine-year-old son Ohad and mother Ruth, spoke Hebrew and at times, would motion with a finger across their throats as if to warn of death if they did not do as told. She told Israel's Channel 12 they were moved from place to place, both underground and above ground. They lost weight as food was scarce at times, and ate mostly rice and bread.

Adva Adar said her grandmother Yaffa Adar, 85, had shown toughness by constantly contemplating reuniting with family. "She said that she was thinking about the family a lot and that it helped her survive and that she could hear the voices of the great-grandchildren calling her and that it gave her a lot of power," the granddaughter told Reuters. One Israeli mother, Daniel Aloni, wrote to thank Hamas's armed Qassam Brigades before her release with daughter Emilia. Their story went viral in Arabic media. Daniel wrote to thank them for giving Emilia sweets and fruit and treating her daughter like a queen. "I will forever be thankful that she doesn't leave here with trauma," she wrote. "If only in this world we could truly be good friends." — Aljazeera

Taiwan president: China too ‘overwhelmed’ to consider invasion

TAIPEI (Reuters): China's leadership is too "overwhelmed" with its internal problems to consider an invasion of Taiwan, President Tsai Ing-wen said in an interview with the New York Times. China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, has ramped up military pressure against the island over the past four years, leading to concerns of a conflict that would have global repercussions.

But Tsai, in a transcript of the interview her office published on Thursday, said China had too many issues at the moment. "Well, I think the Chinese leadership at this juncture is overwhelmed by its internal

challenges. And my thought is that perhaps this is not a time for them to consider a major invasion of Taiwan," she said. "Largely because the internal economic and financial as well as political challenges, but also, the international community has made it loud and clear that war is not an option, and peace and stability serves everybody's interests." Tsai and her government have repeatedly called for talks with China but been rebuffed, as Beijing views Tsai and the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) as separatists. Tsai says only Taiwan's people can decide their future. Taiwan is in the

middle of campaigning for presidential and parliamentary elections to be held on Jan. 13. The DPP's Lai Ching-te, currently vice president, is the frontrunner to be Taiwan's next president according to opinion polls. Tsai said it was "no secret" that China was trying to interfere in Taiwan's elections.

"But I think they're probably not particularly successful in their effort of trying to influence the election here. Primarily, because this is a democracy and people know that they have made their best decisions as to who is going to be the next leader of Taiwan," she added. China's Taiwan Affairs Office stepped up

its attacks on Lai and his running mate Hsiao Bi-khim, formerly Taiwan's envoy to the United States. "Taiwan independence means war. The DPP pushing this dangerous independence double act will only poison the interests and well being of compatriots on the island," spokesperson Chen Binhua told a news conference. Speaking to reporters in Taipei on Thursday, top China-policy maker Chiu Tai-san dismissed Beijing's criticisms. "Honestly speaking, those comments show they don't even know what democratic politics and elections are," said Chiu, who heads Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council.

Kremlin warns of tensions with Poland

MOSCOW/HELSINKI (Reuters): Any decision by Finland to allow a "concentration" of troops on its border with Russia would be viewed by Moscow as a threat, the Kremlin said, after Poland offered to send military advisers to help Helsinki police the frontier.

The head of the Polish National Security Bureau, Jacek Siewiera, said in a post on social media X late that Poland would send military advisers to its NATO ally Finland, in response to "an official request for allied support in the face of a hybrid attack on the Finnish border". "A team of military advisers will provide on-site knowledge on border security, also in operational terms," he said. Finland said it was

unaware of the Polish offer. It has closed its entire 1,340 km (833 mile) border with Russia for two weeks in a bid to halt an unusually large flow of asylum seekers to Finland's eastern border. The Finnish foreign and defence ministries and its defence forces did not immediately reply to requests for comment. Finnish President Sauli Niinisto held talks with his Polish counterpart Andrzej Duda in Warsaw last week but they did not discuss military cooperation on the Finnish border with Russia. Niinisto's office said in a statement to Reuters. Finland infuriated Russia earlier this year when it joined NATO, ending decades of military non-alignment, due to the war in Ukraine.

unprovoked and unjustified, said Peskov. Finland's Border Guard and the interior ministry both said they were unaware of any plan to bring Polish military advisers to Finland's eastern border. The Finnish foreign and defence ministries and its defence forces did not immediately reply to requests for comment.

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US Navy plane went into a Hawaii bay

KANEHOE BAY, Hawaii (AP): Tires from a large airplane that's been stuck in a Hawaii bay for more than a week are resting on parts of a reef, according to video the US Navy released as it figures out a plan to remove the aircraft. There were no injuries to the nine people who were on board when the plane landed Nov. 20 in shallow water just offshore of Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay. The base is about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from Honolulu. The Navy is investigating what caused the plane to overshoot a runway.

The underwater footage

shows the "two points of contact the aircraft has with the coral and the remainder of the aircraft floating above," the Navy said. The video shows tires on the coral as tiny fish swim through rock crevices. A Navy team removed nearly all of the estimated 2,000 gallons (7,500 liters) of fuel on the plane, Rear Adm. Kevin Lenox said. Cmdr. Mark Anderson, who is leading the Navy's mobile diving and salvage unit working at the site, said the plane was sitting on a mixture of coral and sand. The left engine is resting on coral. The plane rises a little with

the tide, so the full weight of the plane is not on the coral, he said.

Kaneohe Bay is home to coral reefs, an ancient Hawaiian fishpond and a breeding ground for hammerhead sharks. Sierra Club of Hawaii Executive Director Wayne Tanaka said the video underscores potential damage to the reef. "It confirms what we've known: We have a jet plane sitting on coral reef," he said. "We don't know how much it moved, how much it could move." State environmental officials expect to conduct a damage assessment once the plane is removed.

Ukraine strains to bolster its army as war fatigue weighs

KYIV (Reuters): When Antonina Danylevych's husband enlisted in the Ukrainian army in March 2022, he had to line up at the draft office alongside crowds of patriotic countrymen. There are no crowds now, she says. Danylevych, a 43-year-old HR manager, gave her blessing when Oleksandr joined up with tens of thousands of other Ukrainian citizens to defy the Russian invasion.

Now she's finding it hard to cope, with no end in sight. Her husband has only had about 25 days' home leave since he enlisted and their two children are growing up without a father. "We want Ukraine to win, but not through the efforts of the same people," she said in an interview at her home in Kyiv. "I can see they need to be replaced and that they also need to rest, but for some reason other people don't understand." Women on the home front have also had to become stronger, she added: "But at what cost did we become stronger?" Her husband - a university lecturer with no prior combat experience who's now a platoon commander - watched his son get married this year on his phone by video call from the ruined city of Bakhmut. His 14-year-old daughter

misses her dad. Almost two years into the grinding war, this family and others around the country are coming to terms with the prospect of a much longer and costlier conflict than they had hoped for, and one that some now acknowledge they're not guaranteed to win.

This autumn, Danylevych was one of 25,000 people to sign a petition to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy saying that military service cannot remain open-ended and calling for troops to be given a clear timeline for when they will be discharged. The campaign, which has included two protests by 50 to 100 people in Kyiv's main square in recent weeks, illustrates a growing level of exhaustion among Ukrainian troops and the mounting toll that is taking on families back home. Ukraine's vaunted summer counteroffensive has so far failed to deliver a decisive breakthrough, both sides are dug in along largely static front lines and questions are being asked over whether foreign military aid will be as forthcoming as it was. The country has relied on tens of billions of dollars in arms from the United States and other allies to sustain its war effort, but stockpiles of artillery shells are empty-

ing and governments are cooler on sustaining previous levels of support. Such protests would have been unthinkable a year ago when national morale soared as Ukraine beat Russian forces back from Kyiv and retook swathes of the northeast and south. Martial law, declared at the war's start, prohibits public demonstrations.

Danylevych's campaign points to difficult choices war planners face as they try to maintain the flow of recruits to defeat a much larger army amid steady losses, while retaining a big enough workforce to sustain the shattered economy. Only Ukrainian men aged between 27 and 60 can be mobilised by draft officers. Men aged between 18 and 26 can't be drafted, though they can enlist voluntarily. Ukraine, which has said it has about 1 million people under arms, has barred military-age men from going abroad. Its constantly running mobilisation programme, which was declared at the start of the war, is a state secret. So are battlefield losses, which US estimates put in the tens of thousands.

The Ukrainian defence ministry referred questions for this article to the military, which declined to comment, citing wartime secrecy. This month,

Ukraine's military chief said one of his priorities was to build up the army's reserves as he laid out a plan to prevent the war settling into a stalemate of attritional warfare that he warned would suit Russia. The plan focuses on boosting Ukraine's aerial, electronic warfare, drone, anti-artillery and mine-clearance capabilities. He added that Ukraine, like Russia, had limited capacity to train troops and alluded to gaps in legislation that he said allowed citizens to shirk mobilisation.

"We are trying to fix these problems. We are introducing a unified register of draftees, and we must expand the category of citizens who can be called up for training or mobilisation," he wrote in rare comments published as an article by The Economist. The recruitment process largely takes place out of the public eye. Draft officers stop men in the street, at the metro or at checkpoints and hand out call-up papers to them, instructing to report to recruitment centres. Over the last year, social media videos occasionally surface showing draft officers dragging away or threatening men they want to mobilise causing public outcry. Many Ukrainians have also been angered by a string of corruption cases at draft

offices that have allowed people to avoid the call-up, prompting Zelenskiy to sack all the heads of the regional recruitment offices this summer.

Seldom does a week go by without a law enforcement agency announcing criminal cases against people including draft officials accused of taking between \$500 and \$10,000 to provide fake documents for people to shirk mobilisation or travel abroad. At the River Tisa, which acts as the border from southwestern Ukraine to Romania, guard patrols used to focus on catching tobacco smugglers but now collar fleeing draft dodgers. About 6,000 people have been detained trying to leave across that stretch, the border guards told Reuters. One of them, Dyma Cherevychenko, said at least 19 people had drowned trying to flee the country during the conflict. "They died for nothing, died in the river when they could have contributed to the war effort," the 29-year-old added.

The Ukrainian parliament has meanwhile been debating legislation that would stop people over the age of 30 using higher education as a legal way around mobilisation. The number of men aged over 25 who booked

places at universities in the first year of the invasion shot up by 55,000 compared with the year before, Education Minister Oksen Lisovskyi wrote on Facebook in September. Some voices in the West have suggested that Kyiv step up the scale of its recruitment by drawing on younger men. Ben Wallace, Britain's defence minister until the end of August, said the average age of Ukrainian soldiers at the front was over 40 and suggested it was time to "reassess the scale of Ukraine's mobilisation".

"I understand President Zelenskiy's desire to preserve the young for the future, but the fact is that Russia is mobilising the whole country by stealth," he wrote in the Telegraph newspaper. David Arakhamia, a senior lawmaker and Zelenskiy ally, said on Thursday that parliament planned to draw up legislation to improve the mobilisation and demobilisation procedure by the year's end. The bill, he said on TV, would cover what to do with people who have been fighting for two years without rotation, how to demobilise soldiers who have returned after being prisoners of war, and also address "issues related to the conscription age".

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Honour killing, a grave social menace

HONOUR killing has become a grave social issue in Pakistani society with recurrent incidents of murders/extra-judicial killings under the vague system of traditional tribal Jirga or Panchayat to give apparent validity to that heinous crime. Recently, the KP Police has arrested four people, including a man who killed his teenage daughter, on instructions from family elders because she had appeared in a picture on social media. According to the Police, an 18-year-old woman was shot dead by her father last week in the Kolai-Palas district, while her boyfriend who appeared with her in the picture was rescued by the police team.

Honour killings, where individuals, predominantly women, are murdered for allegedly bringing dishonour to their families, is a global phenomenon that remains a significant social and human rights issue in Pakistan. This practice is often rooted in cultural, social, and patriarchal norms rather than religious teachings. Despite legal reforms and increased awareness, honour killings continue to occur due to deeply entrenched beliefs, orthodox behaviours, and social attitudes. The government of Pakistan in collaboration with human rights activists, NGOs, and civil society has been endeavouring hard to address this grave challenge and eradicate this tragic phenomenon, but progress remains slow rather those efforts met failure largely due to weak implementation of the law, faulty investigation, and prosecution. Historically, Islamic teachings strongly condemned the killing of any living organism including human beings, and animals, in the strongest possible terms as the Arabs in the pre-Islam era had been killing their daughters in defence of their self-respect and fulfilment of dark era tradition, which unfortunately exists in the modern society in one or the other way. Islam termed the killing of a person as the murder of entire humanity and set stern punishment for this heinous crime. However, the curse of honour killings or Karo Kari still continuing in our society and hundreds of women become victims of honour killings in rural areas every year. Public images of women are considered taboo in tribal and conservative communities. According to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, over 470 cases of honour killings were reported in 2021, while 384 cases were registered in the previous year.

The rights groups and civil society have expressed concerns over the country's failure to stamp out such crimes and called for strict punishment for the alleged killers. Despite tighter laws and societal outrage in Pakistan, honour killings continue, with scores of such incidents reported by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan every year. The government of Pakistan has formulated multiple pieces of legislation to protect women and girls from social injustices and threats to their lives and survival in society including the Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Act, 2020, Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act 2020, the Anti Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act 2021, and the Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace (Amendment) Act, 2022 are the sovereign legislations enacted by the Government to protect and empower women. Meanwhile, the specific legislation against honour killing or Karo Kari incidents had also been framed such as the Criminal (Amendment) Acts of 2004 and 2016 but all those endeavours failed to achieve their goals over the past decades because of loopholes in the legislation and implementation along with the troublesome conduct of the family members of the victims who always tried to elude the justice. There is a dire need for a public-private partnership in the cases of honour killings, wherein civil society/ NGOs/ human rights organizations pursue the case of the plaintiff/victim instead of her/his family to logically conclude the cases and inflict stern punishments to the murderers. Otherwise, this curse is less likely to be eradicated from our society at any time in the future.

Inclusiveness, single recipe to multiple issues

THE former Afghan President, Hamid Karzai, has recently called for immediate Intra-Afghan Dialogue and emphasized that the international community should not seek to remove the interim Afghan government by force. During an interview with foreign media, Karzai noted that the importance of the Taliban resuming girls' education could help the Taliban gain legitimacy and international recognition as a representative government of the Afghan nation. According to him, the Taliban administration acknowledges the necessity of dialogue but requires preparation and time to initiate these talks. The Afghans don't want conflict, collapse or split of the incumbent regime, as they have had enough of that in the past and currently want to build their future.

Inclusiveness in war-torn Afghanistan is crucial for fostering peace, stability, and sustainable development. It involves ensuring the representation and participation of diverse religious and ethnic groups, women, minorities, and marginalized communities in decision-making processes, governance, and societal affairs. Embracing inclusivity can help in building a more cohesive and resilient society, addressing long-held grievances/rivalries, and creating opportunities for all Afghans to contribute toward the country's progress and prosperity. It's essential for fostering trust, and unity, and ensuring that all voices are heard and valued in shaping Afghanistan's destiny through collective efforts and teamwork.

There have been wide-ranging calls for inclusiveness for the Afghan government from across the globe, while this segment was an important condition of the Doha agreement which paved the path for the Taliban rule in the country. Historically, the interim Taliban rulers completely ignored the global aspirations for nation-building in conflict-hit Afghanistan by rigorously pursuing their party's agenda which gradually worsened the economic and humanitarian crises pushing that country into isolation. No doubt a deviation from the current manifesto and restoration of girls/women's rights could not only pave the way for global recognition of the Afghan government but will open up new avenues of economic partnerships, and trade collaboration with the rest of the world. Historically, inclusiveness and democracy are the sole solutions to the Afghanistan issue and these two actions, as and when applied, will not only unlock the full potential of political and economic prospects but would lead to greater autonomy and progress in that nation. Otherwise, the unceasing political dogfight and foreign conspiracies will not allow any Afghan government to build a righteous, peaceful, and prosperous future for its nation.

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NATO needs caution in handling relations with China

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THE NATO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Brussels on Tuesday and Wednesday has attracted wide attention. As expected, NATO reiterated its determination to support Ukraine's entry into NATO. As to China, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg also addressed the so-called challenges that China presents to Euro-Atlantic security. Despite stressing that "China is not our adversary", Stoltenberg said that NATO must be cleared-eyed about the impact of China's "coercive policies on our security" and welcomed that allies are engaging in dialogue with Beijing on issues of mutual concern.

In recent years, NATO has consistently underscored the challenges posed by China, conspicuously manifesting a posture of balancing against China's influence in the "Indo-Pacific" region. This deliberate stance has evoked concerns, as it raises questions about the motivations behind and implications of NATO's persistent emphasis on countering China. The meeting presented an opportunity to scrutinize and discern the nuanced dimensions of NATO's evolving approach to China, delving into the intricacies of geopolitical dynamics that underpin the alliance's strategic recalibration. Since its inception, NATO has focused primarily on Europe, with its membership relatively confined to the areas surrounding the North Atlantic. With the conclusion of the Cold War, the raison d'être of NATO has been continually questioned, with French President Emmanuel Macron proclaiming the "brain death" of NATO. Devoid of issues, some forces have begun propagating the narrative of the China threat, seeking to portray China as an adversary of NATO.

At the 2019 London Summit, NATO acknowledged for the first time the challenges posed by China's rising power. The NATO 2022 Strategic Concept document further asserts the need to "remain open to constructive engagement" while accusing China of attempting to "subvert the rules-based international order," posing a systemic challenge to NATO's interests, security,

values, and more. Notably, NATO's accusations against China extend beyond the military realm to encompass technology, critical infrastructure, strategic materials and supply chains. The NATO 2030 agenda report described China as a "full-spectrum systemic rival", fostering an atmosphere reminiscent of a "new Cold War".

Concurrently, NATO is accelerating its "Indo-Pacific pivot", seeking partners in the Asia-Pacific region. It has invited Japan,

align closely with the strategic choices of the US, revealing a strong US influence. However, shifting toward the Asia-Pacific and confronting China does not align with the interests of many NATO member states, nor does it meet the security needs of countries in the Asia-Pacific region. European countries do not have any fundamental geopolitical conflicts with China, and their economic development has already been impacted by the Russia-Ukraine conflict

The lukewarm response from Asia-Pacific countries indirectly underscores that the strategic logic of "confronting China" does not resonate widely. China's development presents opportunities rather than challenges. Both the US and Europe have substantially benefited from China's economic growth, and China, through initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative, has shared the fruits of its development with the world. It has also played a constructive role in international security affairs, including UN peacekeeping operations, the Iran nuclear issue, and the reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

the Republic of Korea, Australia, and New Zealand - four "global partner countries" far away from the North Atlantic - to participate in foreign ministers' meetings, defense ministers' meetings, and summits. NATO aims to forge a "tailored partnership" with Japan and has invited the ROK to join the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence. These shifts in strategic thinking and practices, whether overt or covert, warrant vigilance.

Behind NATO's drumbeat of the "China challenge" lies the persistent influence of the United States. Unlike the indifference toward NATO and disdain for member states' insufficient military spending during the Trump era, the Biden administration views NATO as a tool for restraining China. NATO has revived Cold War-era ideological opposition and intensified its focus on the "Indo-Pacific", attempting to link China with the threat posed by Russia. Continuously seeking allies around China, these moves

and energy crisis. Their limited financial resources cannot be diverted to meet the ambitions of the US or NATO. This year, French President Macron opposed NATO setting up liaison offices in Japan, and Hungarian Foreign Minister Péter Szijjártó explicitly stated that "We don't want NATO to become an anti-China bloc". The European Union has repeatedly emphasized being against decoupling from China, indicating that Europe has no intention of being tied to the US agenda to contain China.

As the US sidelines NATO and seeks "minilateral" cooperation, establishing the trilateral security partnership of the US, UK, and Australia, as well as the quadrilateral cooperation of the US, Japan, India, and Australia, it only has the support of its traditional allies. The lukewarm response from Asia-Pacific countries indirectly underscores that the strategic logic of "confronting China" does not resonate widely. China's development presents opportunities

rather than challenges. Both the US and Europe have substantially benefited from China's economic growth, and China, through initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative, has shared the fruits of its development with the world. It has also played a constructive role in international security affairs, including UN peacekeeping operations, the Iran nuclear issue, and the reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Iran. The narrative of the "China threat" lacks a solid foundation. Conversely, the promotion of the China threat, adopting confrontational stances, and intervention in the Asia-Pacific region pose challenges to international security.

Examining NATO's post-Cold War history, it is evident that while waving the banner of "collective security", NATO has simultaneously interfered in security matters beyond its purview, meddling in extra-territorial affairs and national sovereignty, leading to irreversible tragedies. Historical experiences also demonstrate that prioritizing values and engaging in zero-sum Cold War thinking only perpetuates lasting security dilemmas among nations. If these security dilemmas extend into economic, technological and cultural domains, not only will international security be compromised, but mutually beneficial economic and cultural exchanges will also suffer. This runs counter to NATO's vision of constructing a world where "sovereignty, territorial integrity, human rights, and international law are respected". NATO faces a strategic choice regarding its approach to China - either strengthen "constructive engagement" or portray China as a "systemic challenge". Faced with the intricacies of the international security landscape and the growing prominence of non-traditional security issues, NATO should listen to diverse internal voices and carefully assess its own security environment. It should refrain from returning to the Cold War path, positioning itself as a vanguard against China and getting entangled in a vicious cycle of escalation. In navigating its relationship with China, NATO must proceed with thoughtful consideration.

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The generals of Israel and Gaza

Ghassan Charbel

THE date is March 9, 1973. Two generals rejoice over the news of a death that they deemed to be the "grand prize." The generals are Ariel Sharon and Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. Tales at the time said Dayan wanted to see the body himself and, when he did, he ordered that sweets be handed out to the soldiers involved. Yes, the corpse was that of the "Guevara of Gaza," who was released from prison years earlier with an increased determination to fight the occupiers.

The Guevara of Gaza, whose real name was Mohammed Al-Aswad, was born two years before the Nakba. When it happened, his family was displaced from the West Bank to Gaza. He was drawn to the ideas of the Arab nationalist movement and later joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which was led by Dr. George Habash. He admired what had happened in Vietnam, as well as Fidel Castro and the legend that was Ernesto "Che" Guevara. In the early 1970s, Sharon arrived in Gaza with an agenda to carry out assassinations. A special unit was formed to carry out the task. It was led by Meir Dagan, who would later become chief of the Mossad. Al-Aswad plotted a series of bomb attacks on Israeli patrols and took part in some of them.

Gaza was rapt by this phantom, who regularly changed his place of residence. He exhausted the occupiers to such an extent that Dayan once declared: "We control Gaza by day and Guevara controls it by night." One day, Israeli forces surrounded a house where its No. 1 most-wanted man was hiding. He exited the house all guns blazing. The Israeli forces fired back and shot him dead. The two generals rejoiced, believing that this chapter had ended. Half a century after the death of the "first general of Gaza," Israeli generals were taken by surprise when the "third general of Gaza" declared the launch of last month's Al-Aqsa Flood operation. His name is Mohammed Deif. Israeli agencies have long dreamed of assassinating him. They have targeted him five times. The first succeeded in injuring him and the second killed his wife and two of his children. The Nakba had also displaced his family to Khan Yunis. He too left an Israeli prison with a greater determination to fight the occupiers. He is like a phantom. He is always on the move and no one knows where he lives.

Guevara was not his idol. Instead, he looked up to Ezzeddine Al-Qassam and Ahmed Yassin. He joined Hamas, which was officially formed in 1987. Deif took charge of Hamas' forces after Israel's assassination of the "second general of Gaza," Salah Shehade, in July 2002.

In the mid-20th century, a man named Yasser Arafat arrived on the scene. He dreamed of going down in history as "the first bullet and first state." Israel did not derive lessons from its experience with Arafat. The rivers of blood kept flowing for decades. Has it not learned that killing the "generals" of Gaza will not break its will? I met with a man who was involved in the conflict over the past

five years. He said the horrors that have recently taken place in Gaza have returned the issue of an independent Palestinian state to the agenda of major world powers at a time when Israel and its allies had succeeded in setting it to the side. Knockout blows are impossible in this crisis. Israel tried them and it has now found itself confronted with a new generation no less determined or fierce than previous ones.

The man said the complete elimination of Hamas was impossible, just as it was impossible to eliminate Fatah and the Palestine Liberation Organization. These forces are more than just a military apparatus. They are pursuing rights above all else. The man asked if Hamas could invest the developments in Gaza to form a state? Could it reconcile with reality, as happened with the PLO? Could we ever see Hamas politburo chief Ismail Haniyeh seated with an Israeli delegation at an international conference? When you negotiate with your enemy, then you are recognizing their existence. Since you are incapable of eliminating him, then are you obligated to reach a settlement with him? In 2017, Hamas agreed to the idea of an independent Palestinian state, but it never even considered recognizing Israel because that would have led to a long-term open truce. Would Israel agree to this? Would its supporters agree to this? Would Hamas agree to the formation of a Palestinian state that is free of weapons?

Could we ever imagine Haniyeh at the White House, extending his arm to shake the hand of an Israeli prime minister like Arafat did with Yitzhak Rabin? We must remember that Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, through their suicide attacks, played a major role in scuttling the Oslo Accords. Israel is also culpable when it undermined the agreements and left nothing to implement. Are we allowed to forget the obvious Iranian touch in Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad's behavior? Ending the conflict will be difficult and complicated. It will demand strict decisions that are more dangerous than those needed to extend or escalate the fighting.

For more than half a century, Israeli and Palestinian generals have come and gone, but the river of blood has kept on flowing. The Arab world has paid a very hefty price for the Israeli oppression of Palestinians. The Israeli generals tried all options to eliminate and oppress the Palestinians, who continued to rise up with their fists, stones, bullets or explosive belts. The world was deluded into believing that the volcano would stop erupting and become dormant. The world committed several errors for a long time, particularly the "sole major power." I recall descriptions of Arafat by Mahmoud Darwish and Mohsen Ibrahim, both of whom he was close to. They said that seeking a settlement was definitely harder for him than firing the first bullet. They also said that, when he shook Rabin's hand, he was confident that the Palestinian state was a "stone's throw away." They agreed that, in this bitter conflict, "the decision to agree to a solution was more difficult than choosing war."

We must respect others' beliefs - no matter how painful

Carla Dibello

THERE are many things I am grateful for that have come from moving to the Middle East more than 10 years ago. As an American expat, one of the things that has opened my eyes the most is the kaleidoscope of experiences and perspectives that have helped expand my horizons and ways of seeing the world. Living in the diverse city of Dubai has exposed me to a multitude of different cultures and experiences, as well as offering access to a whole host of media sources from around the world.

Watching the current situation in Gaza unfold through various news sources has been an entirely new kind of eye-opener that I have never experienced before. Flipping from one channel to the next, from Egyptian to Saudi news to the UK or US and others, the topic

may be the same, but the story is entirely different - to the point where, aside from the main players, the narratives are almost unrecognizable. Bias within journalism is nothing new; it has always been there to some degree and a good journalist is one who can acknowledge their bias and work to neutralize it. But given the current state of the world and the way we communicate, it is hard to imagine this is even possible anymore.

From homogenous mainstream media coverage that operates with blinders on to doctored viral content and propaganda, the truth is nearly impossible for any of us to fully discern. But one thing should be as clear as day: the Gaza conflict is a humanitarian crisis; it is destroying everyone involved and even those who are not. Because the reality is, we are all involved in one way or

another, whether we like it or not. When it comes to human life, we are all responsible. What is done to us becomes what we know. And so, we repeat it. Those who are hurt are those who hurt again. The cycle is evident on both sides, constituting an unmistakable pattern. Unimaginable violence and imprisonment create a breeding ground for desperate acts. With Gaza, the Palestinians are growing more and more desperate, in a constant state of fight or flight. The escalating and persistent violence witnessed from Israel poses a threat to the essence of the Jewish soul.

Disapproval is being communicated by more and more world leaders, including Sheikhha Moza bint Nasser's resolute resignation as a UN ambassador. An increasing number of organizations and business-

es, including Huda Beauty, are expressing advocacy for humanity before financial profit. The collective global voice is getting louder, reinforcing that, even in war, there are rules. I grieve as a result of the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel, mourning for the hostages and innocent lives lost. At the same time, I grieve because of the attacks on Gaza and the growing thousands of innocent Palestinian lives lost. Out of more than 14,000 Palestinian deaths, 40 percent of those killed have been children.

One of the most important life skills we as a global society have lost is understanding that two things can be true. Our world has become more and more polarized, seeing only in black and white. We tend to think, "If you are not 100 percent with us, then you are 100 percent

against us." But that is just not how life works and definitely not how anything gets resolved. It is critical that we are able to continue to communicate respectfully with those who have different perspectives from our own, instead of stonewalling or vilifying anyone who goes against the narrative of a belief system built from personal histories - even when it is incredibly painful to do so. I have lost friends whom I truly love due to conversations about Palestine. And it breaks my heart because, at the end of the day, I think we hold the same principles and values. But in this new world of ours, it is too easy to categorize anyone different as the enemy.

Organizational psychologist Adam Grant argues that the difference between belief systems and values is that, while values offer a more flexible, big-picture framework from which to operate, beliefs are a nar-

row and static scope that make it difficult for us to adapt to new evidence or perspectives. Identifying how the world should be according to our beliefs, rather than intrinsic values like compassion and respect, makes it easy for us to get stuck in seeing only a small part of the whole story. Too many of us are so wed to our belief systems that we abandon our actual values, leaving ourselves blind to the critical foundation of what it means to be a human being. This is not about politics. This is not about religion. This is about human life and the way we treat one another, the way we see each other and the way we communicate with each other. This is just as much anyone else's world as it is yours or mine. And seeing it as such, even when it feels threatening to who we are and where we come from, is our only hope for a way out.

Arab News

Europe’s rising tide of immigration hysteria

Jonathan Cornall

IN the Netherlands, a formerly fringe far-right party wins more seats in the Dutch general election than any other political group. In Dublin, a knife attack outside a school triggers rioting and looting by right-wing thugs. In the UK, support for the right-wing Reform party is increasing. The common theme in each of these stories is immigration, a topic that has risen to the top of political agendas across Europe, threatening to transform liberal democracies into illiberal bastions of intolerance.

Make no mistake. This is not about "illegal" immigration. It is about racism, pure and simple. For instance, it suits the UK government to make an issue out of "stopping the boats" crossing the English Channel. But the numbers involved are tiny compared with the number of migrants coming to the UK legally to work as doctors, nurses and care home assistants, or to study as students. And even those students are coming under fire. The UK is seeing a record number of students coming from overseas to study. Worth millions of pounds to universities, which charge foreign students far higher fees than their British counterparts, they contribute significantly to the nation's gross domestic product.

Some stay on in the country after completing their course. If they do, it is because they have got a job and are paying taxes to the treasury. Regardless, right-wing politicians are now demanding that such students should not be allowed to bring family to live with them. Europe is walking, eyes tight shut, into a new dark age that makes a mockery of the 70 million-plus lives lost during the Second World War in the effort to rid the world of the cancerous, supremacist ideology of the Nazis. A fundamental misunderstanding under-

pins Europe's rising tide of immigration hysteria: Europe, with birth rates declining, needs immigration. In the UK in particular, migrants form a large part of the workforce, including doctors and nurses, but also carry out many of the low-paid jobs. But at the same time, right-wing politicians are peddling the false trope that migrants are taking "our" jobs and housing, clogging

The Conservative government, he said, had "totally betrayed" the British people because immigration to the UK was at a record high. It is, but only because, if it was not, Britain's economy would collapse. Regardless, traditional, more reasonable political parties across Europe are in a bind. If they ignore the rising tide of racist hysteria, they will be swept away, and so they are pandering to the mob. In the UK, the Conservative government is fragmenting, torn apart by the competing narratives of the beleaguered party's few remaining centrist MPs and extremists like the recently sacked Home Secretary Suella Braverman, the key cheerleader of the bizarre policy of dispatching boat people to Rwanda.

up "our" health system and - most sinister of all - "changing the shape of our country before our very eyes."

That latest incendiary quote comes from Richard Tice, a wealthy British property developer who founded the Brexit Party and is now the leader of its successor, Reform UK, which says Britain is "broken" and "needs net-zero lawful immigration." The Conservative government, he said, had "totally betrayed" the British people because immigration to the UK was at a record high. It is, but only because, if it was not, Britain's economy would collapse.

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the recently sacked Home Secretary Suella Braverman, the key cheerleader of the bizarre policy of dispatching boat people to Rwanda. In the Netherlands, a four-party coalition government collapsed in July after failing to reach agreement over measures to control the flow of migrants. Into the moral vacuum stepped radical right-winger Geert Wilders, a pre-posterous man who rants about the "tsunami of asylum and immigration" and who has pledged to "ban" the Qur'an, close the country's borders and deliver "Nexit," a Dutch version of Brexit. On one level, this growing distaste for non-

European foreigners is hilarious, given that it is a direct consequence of the colonialism that European states such as the UK and Holland imposed on the world for centuries.

But such truths cast no shadows on the fantasy landscapes occupied by the likes of Wilders. The advantages of cultural diversity are obvious, and too numerous to list, and in choosing to present multiculturalism as a threat rather than an asset, right-wing politicians expose themselves for what they are - racists. In Ireland last week, anti-migrant mobs gathered following an incident in which five people, including a five-year-old girl, were stabbed outside a primary school in Dublin. In the words of the police, "hateful assumptions" that the attacker was a foreign national spread quickly and mobs took to the streets, expressing their disdain for foreigners by, oddly, vandalizing and looting Irish shops. Ironically, the man who risked his own life to save the wounded victims was himself a migrant - a fast-food courier and a father of two originally from Brazil.

Unfortunately, Europe is increasingly under the spell of those who would highlight our differences rather than our similarities in a cynical bid to seize power. The roots of all the disruptions in the Middle East and North Africa that have, to a significant extent, contributed to Europe's migrant problems can be traced to European intervention in the region dating back to the First World War. The challenge now for Europe's moderate, mainstream politicians is to recognize and own this history, to hold the line of decency and to combat, rather than pander to, the false narratives of the extremists. So far, however, none have appeared capable of rising to this challenge and Europe is slipping inexorably into a moral dark age as a result.

A Nakba is unfolding in West Bank, too

Mariam Barghouti

October 7.

These practices have also had a devastating impact on the Palestinian economy. The Israeli army has closed major checkpoints across the occupied West Bank, paralysing transportation almost completely. Day labourers have struggled to earn a living, while food stocks are dwindling and imports are held for longer at Israeli ports.

The health sector is also in a state of crisis, unable to handle the spiking number of injured people alongside patients. To make matters worse, the Israeli army has also taken to besieging hospitals in the West Bank. These tactics all serve to spread fear and despair among the Palestinians, ultimately preparing them for annexation and expulsion. Today, we are witnessing a continuation of the Nakba in Gaza and the West Bank. The Israeli goal is to ultimately expel the Palestinians and attempt to assimilate the survivors, as it tried to do with the 1948 Palestinians.

Today, those survivors have Israeli citizenship, but are treated as second-class

Over the past year, the Israeli government under Benjamin Netanyahu ramped up these policies. By the time Hamas launched its October 7 offensive, the situation in the occupied West Bank had long been intolerable. The year 2023 was shaping to be the deadliest for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank since the UN began documenting fatalities in 2006. By October 7, Israeli forces and settlers had killed some 248 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, including at least 45 children. The Israeli military, in coordination with the Palestinian Authority (PA) security forces, undertook violent raids and massacres across the West Bank with a focus on the northern districts of Nablus, Jenin, and Tulkarem. The number of settler attacks on Palestinian communities also skyrocketed and grew in both scope and violence. In February, settlers carried out a pogrom in the Palestinian town of Huwara.

movement by Israeli forces and settlers. Demolitions of Palestinian homes and livelihood structures increased. More than 750 such buildings had been destroyed by October 1, displacing more than 1,100 Palestinians.

All these processes, aimed at the ultimate expulsion of Palestinians and the annexation of their land, were already going in full force before October 7. Israel then used the opportunity following Hamas's October 7 attack to accelerate them. And while until then, the "death to Arabs" chants could be heard publicly mostly at settlers' gatherings, after October 7, a majority of Israelis felt quite comfortable with voicing openly this sentiment between themselves and to the world. Over the past 50 days, Israel has killed 249 Palestinians in the West Bank, including at least 60 children. The Israeli raids on Palestinian villages, towns and refugee camps across the occupied West Bank have intensified in scope, severity and the use of lethal weapons, including automatic rifles, tanks and "Maoz" suicide drones.

We have reached record highs of Palestinians arrested and put under administrative detention - Israel's formalised version of kidnapping. At least 3,260 Palestinians have been arrested across the occupied West Bank since October 7, including many children. The 150 Palestinians released so far under the hostage exchange deal are also likely to be re-arrested. Reports and video evidence of abuse and torture in detention have multiplied. Palestinians are also routinely harassed and beaten even within their homes or in the streets.

Encouraged and armed by the Israeli authorities, the Israeli settlers have also become even more violent. They have ramped up forced expulsions of Palestinian Bedouin communities in the south near the Jordan Valley and in the central areas near Ramallah, displacing more than 1,000 people since

citizens and often exposed to discriminatory and violent practices by Jewish-Israeli citizens and the authorities. Facing this looming catastrophe, the Palestinians in the West Bank are left to fend for themselves.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) is the only Palestinian actor with access to weapons, but it has done nothing to protect Palestinians against Israeli violence. The 10,500-strong National Security Forces are trained by the United States and Jordan in policing, not in confronting another armed force. Worse still, these forces and the intelligence units, have directly assisted Israel in attacking and dismantling any pockets of armed resistance in the West Bank in recent years. Contrary to Israeli propaganda claims, the youth that have decided to take up arms - mostly concentrated in Jenin and Nablus - are not part of Hamas; some are members of Fatah or are defectors from the PA's forces, but many have no political affiliation at all. Since October 7, the Israeli army has focused on eradicating these resistance groups so that the civilian population in the West Bank would be completely defenceless in the face of violence, dispossession and expulsion.

But as Israel ramps up the violence, the Palestinian resistance is coming to the fore. The Palestinians will not stop struggling against occupation and apartheid simply because they cannot afford to. No one wants to live on the brink of survival, pushed and kept there at gunpoint by a foreign regime. The least the world can do is stop falling for Israeli propaganda and uphold the Palestinian right to resist its coloniser and oppressor in pursuit of liberation. This is the time to muster up the bravery to speak up and stop Israel's genocidal drive. This is where the history books offer us the sobering recognition that violent apartheid states built on massacres are neither legitimate, nor sustainable.

Walking to America

Belén Fernández

THE isthmus of Tehuantepec, the narrow strip of land that separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Pacific Ocean in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, is known for its spectacularly fierce winds, which have topped many a cargo truck navigating its thoroughfares. The isthmus is currently also playing host to mass human movement, as refugee seekers from Central America to Africa and beyond navigate the landscape in the hopes of eventually reaching the United States, still some 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) to the north.

And for these thousands upon thousands of humans in precarious transit, overpowering winds are but one of myriad existential obstacles. I recently spent a few days in the isthmian town of Juchitán and took a taxi out to the nearby village of Santo Domingo Ingenio, where I met up with a 10-member Venezuelan family whose acquaintance I had made in early November in the neighbouring state of Chiapas, which borders Guatemala. Driving up the highway from Juchitán, the taxi lurched in the wind as we passed staggered groups of people heading in the opposite direction, some carrying babies or pushing strollers, others shielding their faces from the punishing sun overhead.

The family had joined up with the latest northbound migrant caravan to form in Mexico - although the caravan has since largely dissolved in accordance with divide-and-conquer tactics of the Mexican government and mafia outfits, which jointly profit from the United States's criminalisation of migration. Lacking any money for food - much less to avail themselves of mafia-organised transport options or the inflated "migrant

prices" unofficially implemented by Mexican bus companies - this family belongs to the class of refugee seekers that has basically been reduced to walking to America. The extended family's youngest member is an eight-year-old boy; there are also two 13-year-olds, a boy and a girl. I brought them some cash, water, and a heap of fried chicken from Juchitán, and we sat on the sheet of plastic that was serving as their bed in Santo Domingo Ingenio's central pavilion, where the caravan was meant to camp out for the night.

They filled me in on all that had transpired since our last meeting in Chiapas, which included having various objects thrown at them by apparently xenophobic local residents and being forcibly separated by Mexican immigration officials. Thanks to this sadistic stunt by agents of the state, who bused the children and one of the women to an unspecified location hours away from the others, the family spent several sleepless nights before being able to regroup. Most of the family members could barely walk, the soles of their shoes and feet having been torn up by hours of contact with the scorching pavement. One of the women laughingly showed me her innovative solution to the gaping holes in the bottom of her pink plastic clogs, which had been to utilise sanitary napkins as inserts. Somehow, they all maintained a distinct graciousness that, had I been in their shoes, would have certainly been long gone, pulverised somewhere on the road from Venezuela to Mexico.

At our previous encounter, the family had recounted their trek through the Darién Gap, the corpse-ridden stretch of jungle between Colombia and Panama, which they

likened to "a horror movie". In one scene, they said, they had investigated a hand sticking out from a tent along the way to find that it belonged to a dead pregnant woman inside. The horrors of the jungle notwithstanding, the family reported that they would take the Darién Gap over Mexico any day. Hobbling, they escorted me back to my taxi, which was parked next to a couple of heavily armed, balacava-sporting contingents of the Mexican National Guard, valiantly guarding the nation against asylum-seeking pedestrians.

Granted, US-bound migrant caravans have long elicited expediently sensational fear-mongering. When the first caravan set out from Honduras in 2018, then-US President Donald Trump took to Twitter to warn that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in" - a matter that amounted to a veritable "National Emergency[sic]." And while Trump's successor, Joe Biden, was supposed to pursue a nicer and less sociopathic migration policy, the US remains on "National Emergency" footing as Biden unabashedly expands Trump's border fortification vision. Obviously, the US also continues to be responsible for wreaking much of the international political and economic havoc that causes people to leave their countries in the first place.

For his part, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) has dutifully enlisted Mexico in the US war on asylum seekers, and recently praised Biden for allegedly refraining from building border walls - a curious compliment, no doubt, for someone who is building up a storm. Meanwhile, back in Juchitán, collaborative state-mafia extortion is

going strong, and refugee seekers with access to money are being milked for all they are worth. When two Danish friends and I visited a certain hotel in the centre of town, for example, we found it jam-packed with citizens of the African nation of Mauritania, many of them fleeing political persecution and fear of torture back home. In the hotel lobby, two women seated at a table handled passports, stacks of one hundred dollar bills, and a credit card machine.

Out front, a man from the Mexican state of Sinaloa who was involved in coordinating the operation openly told my friends and me that the Mauritians - who had entered Mexico without visas - were being bused from Juchitán to Mexico City for "about 10,000 pesos" per person, or nearly 600 dollars. The buses would not be stopped by Mexican immigration personnel, we were told, as the obscene bus fare presumably made it possible to pay off all the proper people and still have plenty left over. The same night that I visited the Venezuelan family in Santo Domingo Ingenio, I received word from them that the caravan had been dislodged from the village and moved to one even farther away from Juchitán - meaning their trek to the US border would now be that much longer.

Two days later, they were still in the same village, where reports had begun to surface that caravan participants were being kidnapped and held for ransom. Petrified, the family was planning to separate from what remained of the caravan, and to face being blown over by the winds of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec on their own. If only winds could blow down borders and set humanity straight.

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Pressed for time

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WORLD leaders are attending the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in Dubai from Nov 30 to Dec 12 to take stock of progress toward limiting the rise in atmospheric temperatures to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels and debate what more should be done.

We already know that progress in reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that are causing global warming is inadequate. The United Nations Environment Programme Emissions Gap Report 2023 forecasts that without more effective action, the Earth is on track for 2.9 C warming this century. The consequences of that would be catastrophic, for each and every one of us. To avoid this disaster, humanity needs to do far more and far faster to cut emissions. But that's not all. Today, the level of CO2 in our atmosphere is already more than 50 percent above its pre-industrial level. This is causing more extreme, more frequent episodes of severe weather around the world.

The consequences are obvious for all to see, in China and elsewhere. Storms, floods, and droughts are causing widespread destruction, costing lives, and putting livelihoods at risk. We need to prepare for a future of climate change and unstable weather. And,

most urgently, we need to adapt the places where people are most at risk: our towns and cities. Around 60 percent of the Chinese people live in cities. China's low-lying, densely populated coastal cities are estimated to house one-fifth of its population and generate one-third of its GDP. They already experience frequent flooding, storm surges, and erosion.

But many inland cities are also vulnerable after decades of rapid construction and expansion. Lives, homes, jobs and hard-won prosperity are all in danger. Unabated, climate change could lead to estimated GDP losses of 0.5-2.3 percent as early as 2030. This means that adaptation should not be seen as a cost, but as an investment in our future well-being and economic resilience. Estimates suggest that every US dollar invested in adaptation could result in up to \$10 of economic benefits. Wisely, China is scaling up adaptation through its National Climate Adaptation Strategy. Following on from a radical 2013 plan to tackle air pollution, this seeks to improve early warning of extreme weather and put a nationwide climate impact and risk assessment system in place by 2035.

Part of this initiative is a program of 28 climate-resilient pilot cities, where strategies to adapt urban areas to more extreme weather will be developed and test-

ed. The Global Center on Adaptation is contributing to this roll-out, working with coastal cities as they seek to strengthen climate-resilience capacity by planning, designing and implementing targeted policies and programs. Our aim is to share the knowledge we have gleaned in our low-lying home city of Rotterdam in the Netherlands, and elsewhere in our work around the globe, while simultaneously making the learning accumulated in China available to the leaders and citizens of other cities wrestling with the challenge of climate resilience.

Already, there are outstanding examples of adaptation achievements by some pioneering Chinese cities. One example is Changde, in Hunan province. With a population of nearly 6 million, it bestrides a network of tributaries to the Yuanjiang River. Many had been segmented, or built over, leaving it vulnerable to flash flooding. But by reconnecting the rivers, and developing green space for public use, it has improved drainage, protected infrastructure, and created 69 hectares of recreational space. Another sponge city that has improved its capacity to absorb torrential rainfall is Jiaozhou, on the outskirts of Qingdao, Shandong province. By introducing permeable surfaces and retention ponds, it captures up to 80 percent of rain-

water runoff for use in flushing toilets and other non-potable purposes, reducing the likelihood of flooding to once in 50 years.

And finally, the city of Wuhan has dramatically reduced the dangers of flooding by the Yangtze River. It has removed levees, replacing them with a gently sloping seven-kilometer beach park that can help accommodate extreme summer rainfall. Planted with 45,000 trees, it naturally filters run-off water, while providing a vast leisure space for residents. Such efforts helped inspire the GCA to open its first international office in Beijing in 2019, to work with China on finding cost-effective ways to help areas and people most vulnerable to climate change. When I compare the efforts of Rotterdam and Shanghai to adapt, I am most of all struck by the similarities of their challenges, and the creativity of their responses.

Global leaders at COP28 must fulfill their pledge to double adaptation finance by 2025. They will no doubt wrangle over who should do what to halt global warming and when, and who should help the poorer states adapt. Those are big and important issues. But we should also recognize that our climate is changing worldwide, and we are all in this together. Sharing knowledge and lessons about how best to adapt our cities isn't just a matter of being good neighbors. It is also common sense.



Pakistan Stock Exchange gains 29 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Thursday gained 29.27 points, a slight positive change of 0.05 percent, closing at 60,531.27 points against 60,502.00 points the previous trading day.

A total of 467,159,704 shares valuing Rs 18.752 billion were traded during the day as compared to 692,220,122 shares valuing Rs 27.039 billion the last day.

Some 379 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 148 of them recorded gains and 212 sustained losses,

whereas the share prices of 19 remained unchanged.

The three top-trading companies were Fauji Foods Ltd with 34,548,158 shares at Rs9.05 per share, Fauji Fert Bin with 33,025,000 shares at Rs 24.00 per share and WorldCall Telecom with 28,095,487 shares at Rs 1.51 per share.

Unilever Foods witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 400.00 per share price, closing at Rs 22,500.00, whereas the runner-up was Ismail Ind with a Rs 86.78 rise in its per share price to Rs 1,243.78.

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a maximum decrease of Rs 191.50 per share closing at Rs 10,100.00, followed by Mari Petroleum with a Rs 42.32 decline to close at Rs 1,707.73.

Rupee gains 22 paise against Dollar: Pakistani Rupee on Thursday gained 22 paise against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 285.16 against the previous day's closing at Rs 285.38.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 285.25 and Rs 287.8 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by Rs 1.12 to close at Rs 312.37 against the last day's closing of Rs 313.49, according to the State Bank of Pakistan.

The Japanese Yen gained one paise to close at Rs 1.94; whereas a decrease of 11 paise was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 362.17 as compared to the last closing of Rs 362.28.

The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal decreased by 06 and 07 paise to close at Rs 77.65 and Rs 76.01 respectively.

Xalq Bank Azerbaijan team meets BOP's SME experts



F.P. Report

LAHORE: A high-level delegation from Xalq Bank along with representation from ADB, met with Asif Riaz (Group Head Consumer Banking - BOP) and Ahsen A. Khawaja (Head SME - BOP) to explore success stories and best practices of The Bank of Punjab, especially in the areas of financial inclusion, supporting "S" part of SMEs, use of big data analytics, scoring models, and ways to collaborate with the Government

in successful rollout of products and building a sustainable lending model to extend support to Start Ups and small businesses.

Xalq Bank, one of Azerbaijan's oldest and largest Public Sector banks, received a detailed presentation on BOP's SME Banking Business Model. The Xalq team commended BOP's comprehensive product suite for SMEs and its efforts in providing a Total Banking Solution to the SMEs in Pakistan. Team also appreciated

BOP's innovative lending techniques, proxy models, gender diverse products and its successful programs with Govt. for promoting entrepreneurship in the country. The delegation from Xalq Bank was led by Deputy Chairmen Dilshod Kutliev and Zafar Azimov.

The Bank of Punjab has been recognized as the Best Bank for Small & Medium Businesses by AsiaMoney Banking Awards 2023 and Pakistan Banking Awards by Institute of Bankers Pakistan in 2022 & 2023.

Gold rates stay static at Rs221,000

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold witnessed no change in its prices and was sold at Rs 221,000 on Thursday.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat and 10 gram 22 Karat also remained stagnant at Rs 189,472 and Rs 173,683 respectively, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten-gram silver remained unchanged at Rs 2,620 and Rs 2,246.21 respectively.

However, the price of gold in the international market increased by \$2 to \$2,064 from \$2,062, the Association reported.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Three ships, GCL Lazaro, Al-Dayyan and Ardmore Engineer carrying Caol, LNG and Gas oil, berthed at Bulk Terminal, Elengy Terminal and Oil Terminal respectively on Wednesday. Meanwhile another oil tanker Hafnia Tagus carrying 26,997 tonnes Gas oil also arrived at outer anchorage of the port during the same day.

A total of eightships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them, a container vessel MSC Eillen left the port on Thursday morning and two more ships Ardmore Engineer and African Dove are expected to sail on today afternoon.

Cargo throughput of 187,374tonnes, comprising 139,491tonnes imports cargo and 47,883tonnes export cargo, including containerized cargo carried in 2,636 Containers (391 TEUs Imports and 2,245 TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours.

There are Eleven ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them three ships, BD Pioneer, Hafnia Tagus and Seaspam Beacon & another ship Navios Lapis carrying scheduled to load/offload Rice, Gas oil and Containers are expected to take berths at MW-1, FOTCO and QICT on Thursday, while a container vessel Big Breezy is due to arrive at Port Qasim on Friday.

Tractor production increased

ISLAMABAD (APP): The production of farm tractors in the country witnessed an increase of 55.1 per cent to 17,098 units during the first four months of the financial year 2023-24, against the production of 11,027 units during the same months last year 2022-23.

During July-October, the production of trucks witnessed a decreasing trend as it went down from 1,267 units as compared to 597, showing a decline of 52.9 per cent, according to the Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association (PAMA).

Production of pickups, Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) and Jeeps also dipped by 42 per cent to 6,797 units during the months under review from 11,712 units during the fiscal year 2022-23.

The production of buses witnessed a decline of 57.7 per cent from 336 units to 142 units during the fiscal year 2024, the PAMA added.



LAHORE: CEO Nestlé Pakistan Jason Avanceña presenting corporate contribution of PKR 5 million to President SOS Children's Village Sourya Anwar.

Nestlé Pakistan contributes PKR 5 million

— to support hundreds of children at SOS Children's Village

F.P. Report

LAHORE: Committed to the welfare, upbringing, and education of orphaned children of Pakistan Nestlé Pakistan extended corporate contribution worth PKR 5 million to support SOS Children's Village in its endeavors, as part of its philosophy of Creating Shared Value (CSV).

Talking at the event, Jason Avanceña, CEO, Nestlé Pakistan said, "It's a privilege to be here today to witness the incredible work SOS Children's Villages is doing for the communities of Pakistan especially its voluntary efforts in providing a loving and nurturing environment for orphaned children.

"It is highly commendable to see how your organization is tirelessly working toward empowering these children. Your tireless

efforts have made a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities in Pakistan. And it is this passion that has always led Nestlé to partner and support your activities and projects in the past too," he said.

He added that, Nestlé Pakistan believes in the philosophy of Creating Shared Value (CSV) where we collectively work towards a clear, common goal: to be a 'force for good'. "We recognize that we have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being and development of the communities in which we operate," he said.

Thanking Nestlé for its contribution, Sourya Anwar, President SOS Children's Villages said, "We are grateful for Nestlé's support towards our cause. The concept of SOS is to provide a loving,

caring, and secure home to the parent-deprived community of children. At present, SOS has 15 Children's Villages, 4 Children's Homes, 13 Youth Homes, 22 Herman Gmeiner Schools and 4 Technical Training Centres in Pakistan."

"Nestlé Cares", the company's voluntary program provides the opportunity to engage and assist underprivileged communities through direct and indirect participation. Nestlé has been active in supporting and providing humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities where needed. Nestlé continues to actively engage in initiatives that promote sustainability, community development, and social welfare.

Nestlé Pakistan is providing clean and safe drinking water to approximately 72,000 people through its seven water filtration facilities

around its manufacturing sites in different cities. Nestlé also served 2.49 billion fortified servings of value-added nutritious products last year alone across all occasions and life stages. Meanwhile, Nestlé For Healthier Kids (N4HK), Nestlé's global nutritional awareness initiative has reached out to 360,000 students and 2200 teachers through a curriculum-based education program promoting healthy nutrition, hydration, hygiene and active lifestyle.

SOS Children's Villages of Pakistan is a non-profit organization working for the welfare, upbringing and education of orphan and abandoned children of Pakistan since 1977. The concept of SOS is to provide a loving, caring, and secure home to the parent-deprived community of children.

People demonstrate generous help for 3rd Shaukat Khanum Hospital

F.P. Report

KARACHI: At a fundraising event organised in DHA City Karachi, a large number of supporters donated generously for Pakistan's third and largest Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre being built in Karachi. The CEO of the hospital Dr Faisal Sultan and CMO Dr Asim Yusuf gave a site tour to the attendees. Brigadier (Retired) Mehmood Ali Babri, Secretary DHA City Karachi, addressed the audience and assured possible support for the cause in the future as well.

On this occasion, Dr Faisal Sultan gave an update about the project and said that after completion of the grey structure, finishing work is ongoing and it is our collective responsibility to help complete the project.

He said that the economic challenges and inflation has affected the project, taking the total project cost



to around Rs 30 billion; however, despite these issues, his team is determined to open the hospital within the next two years and bring this state-of-the-art specialist cancer hospital, with all services under one roof, closer to the people of Sindh and Balochistan.

He shared that Rs. 19 billion are still needed to complete the project, "We have faith in the support of the Pakistanis around the world who have built the two Shaukat Khanum

Hospitals in Lahore and Peshawar, and are sustaining these for the past three decades where over 75 per cent of patients are provided treatment free of charge. We know that our people will step forward to help inaugurate the third hospital as well."

He said that this year, the hospital also achieved QOPI certification, which demonstrates the hospital's commitment to quality treatment for all.

People were encouraged to support the new hospital

by becoming a Founding Donor, dedicating a room in honour or memory of a loved one, or by giving any amount of their choice. In the end, millions of rupees were donated by the generous people of Karachi who played their role towards building hope, step by step, for cancer patients of Sindh and Southern Balochistan. In the end, Dr Faisal thanked all the generous supporters and especially, the management of the DHA City Karachi for making it a successful event.

Speakers pay tribute to S.M.Munir for his services

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) held a condolence reference for the Late S.M.Munir, renowned industrialist, former President FPCCI, former Chief Executive TDAP and former Patron-in-Chief of United Business Group on the occasion of his first anniversary.

A large number of businessmen and industrialists of the city attended the condolence reference and paid tribute to SM Munir for his great services to the business community of the country, said a press release issued here on Thursday.

In his telephonic address, SM Tanveer, son of late S.M. Munir and Punjab Minister for Industries and Commerce, thanked Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari President ICCI and his team for holding the condolence refer-

ence for his father.

He said that late SM Munir had dedicated his life to serve the business community of the entire country and always struggled for the promotion of their business interests. He said that the life of late SM Munir is a beacon of light for the business community and hoped that they would always remember his services. He vowed to continue serving the business community of the country through the platform of United Business Group in pursuance of the mission of late SM Munir.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that late SM Munir was a role model for the business community and in recognition of his services, the auditorium of ICCI will be named after him. He said that he learnt a

lot from late SM Munir who always worked for the welfare of the business community.

He said that late SM Munir always played on the front foot for resolving the issues of the business community. Late SM Munir has set good precedents for the business community through his hard work and honesty and we have to adopt his principles to excel in the business field to make the country's economy stronger.

Engr. Azharul Islam Zafar, Vice President ICCI paid tribute to SM Munir's great personality and services to the business community. He resolved that we all together should play a role to advance the mission of late SM Munir for the welfare of the business community.

Zafar Bakhtawari, former President ICCI and

Secretary General UBG Pakistan said that late SM Munir Bhaijaan was a towering business leader whose services to the business community will always be written in golden words. The void created in the leadership of the business community by the death of the late SM Munir will never be filled. He said that heroes like the late SM Munir should be made role models for the society. His greatest achievement is that instead of creating followers, he created business leaders for this country.

Former President ICCI and FPCCI, Zubair Ahmad Malik highlighted the services of late SM Munir to the business community and hoped that the UBG would achieve a landslide victory in the forthcoming elections of FPCCI to continue the mission of late S.M.Munir.

CPEC's focused on high quality development



F.P. Report

KARACHI: The Chinese Consul General in Karachi H.E Yang Yundong highlighted the promising future of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He emphasized that the CPEC's focused on high quality development, will elevate the China-Pakistan strategic partnership to greater heights, contributing to regional peace and prosperity.

The Chinese Consul General, while visiting Export Processing Zones Authority Head Office along with high powered delegation. The Chinese envoy said that Industrial cooperation with EPZA has encouraged and increasing number of Chinese enterprises to come to EPZ and engaged multi-field industrial cooperation.

Chairman EPZA Dr. Saifuddin Junejo in his introducing remarks extend to warm welcome to the visiting EPZA. He underscored the importance of Pakistan-China relations in the contemporary world and strategic significance of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for Pakistan's economic transformation and regional prosperity, Pakistan and China are interlinked on friendship front sharing areas of mutual interest on many economic and cultural fronts. Due to our eternal friendship spread over many decades Pakistan and EPZA offers excellent investment opportunities to Chinese businesses. From EPZA front,

We will make all out efforts to facilitate Chinese investment in EPZ's. Chairman EPZA while addressing a delegation &

group of investors from China, said that EPZA is considered and already providing excellent facilities to the investors which can be compared with other industrial zones in the world.

EPZA planning to establish multi product EPZ in an area of 1500 acres on the land of Pakistan Steel Mills. This location will help in facilitating easy and cost effective import and export besides skilled labour will also be easily available in the area. Plan was recently discussed at SIFC executive Committee meeting.

Further he said that ancient social and economic relations with China are strengthening with every passing day. EPZA and Pakistan will provide friendly environment to Chinese industrialist and investors.



In brief

Lancashire sign Lyon

SYDNEY (BBC): Lancashire have signed Australia Test off-spinner Nathan Lyon for 2024. The 35-year-old made his return to first-class cricket last month after tearing his calf against England in the second Ashes Test in June. Lyon, who will be available for all formats, took six wickets in four games during a brief spell in county cricket with Worcestershire in 2017. Lancashire are still without a head coach after Glen Chapple's exit at the end of last season. "This is an exciting opportunity for me, and I am really looking forward to heading over to England for a full season of county cricket with Lancashire," Lyon told the club website. "I love playing cricket in England. I'm keen to keep learning, keep improving my game and hopefully I can contribute to winning matches for the Red Rose and pass on some of the experiences that I have gained over the years." Lyon also signed to play for Hampshire in 2020 but the move was curtailed amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to suffering his calf injury which ruled him out for the final three Ashes Tests in the summer, Lyon had appeared in 100 consecutive Tests, making him just the seventh player in men's international cricket to achieve that feat.

'T20 World Cup qualification'

LONDON (BBC): Uganda's qualification for the men's T20 World Cup in 2024 is a "dream come true", says their captain Brian Masaba. Uganda have reached the tournament for the first time after a nine-wicket victory over Rwanda. The win means Masaba's side finish second in the African qualifiers in Windhoek, Namibia. "We're still trying to process all the emotions," Masaba, 32, told the BBC World Service's Sportsworld. "It's been a long process, a long journey. This is the culmination of a lot of sweat, blood and tears." "As a team it was a very, very special moment for us," Uganda will join Namibia, who qualified on Tuesday with a game to spare, at the tournament in the United States and the West Indies. Uganda's run to qualifying included beating Zimbabwe by five wickets in their first T20 International against a full ICC member, which Masaba describes as "the turning point".

Galatasaray fightback

I S T A N B U L (AFP/AP): Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag insisted his side are going in the right direction despite a 3-3 draw at Galatasaray on Wednesday that leaves the Red Devils on the brink of Champions League elimination. United twice let a two-goal lead slip in Istanbul as costly errors from goalkeeper Andre Onana and poor finishing left them still bottom of Group A. Ten Hag's side need to beat Bayern Munich in their final match at Old Trafford to have any chance of qualifying. But even victory over the German champions will not be enough if Galatasaray beat FC Copenhagen in two weeks' time or the Danish champions take at least four points from their final two matches. "We are going in the right direction so I know we will be successful in the long-term but if you want to stay in the Champions League you need to win these games," said Ten Hag.

Super Eight stage of National T20 Cup 2023-24 to commence

KARACHI (PPF): The Super Eight stage of National T20 Cup 2023-24 is scheduled to be played from 1 to 8 December 2023 at three venues across Karachi – National Bank Stadium, UBL Sports Complex and NBP Sports Complex.

According to PCB information on Thursday, the eight teams progressing from the group stage will be facing each other in a round-robin format, playing seven games each. The top four teams will then play the semi-finals, scheduled for 9 December at National Bank Stadium. The final will also be played at the same venue on 10 December.

Pakistan Cricket Board has also announced free entry for spectators for the matches scheduled at National Bank Stadium. Three enclosures – Hanif Mohammad, Javed Miandad and Fazal Mahmood – will be accessible to the spectators.

The teams that have qualified for the Super Eight include: Peshawar and Lahore Whites from Group A, Lahore Blues and Karachi Whites from Group B, Rawalpindi and Abbottabad from Group C, and Sialkot and FATA from Group D.

Lahore Whites' right-handed batter Ahmed Shehzad has been the leading run-scorer in the tournament thus far. The 32-year-old produced three consecutive half-centuries

and accumulated 213 runs from three matches. Rawalpindi's Zeeshan Malik and Peshawar's Sahibzada Farhan are the two centurions of the tournament so far.

Umar Afridi, Islamabad's left-arm pacer, has the most wickets in the tournament so far. In four matches, the 26-year-old has taken 12 wickets. However, Islamabad failed to qualify for the Super Eight stage. Amongst the teams that have progressed ahead, Karachi Whites' leg spinner Arif Yaqoob has the most wickets with a tally of nine scalps at 10.44, including a four-wicket haul. His fellow teammate, right-arm pacer Sohail Khan has the best bowling figures of the tournament so far with 5-10, which came against Hyderabad.

Hyderabad's Akbar Khan has been the most successful wicket-keeper in the tournament till now, bagging a total of seven dismissals including four catches and three stumpings. Karachi Whites' Asad Shafiq has been the most successful fielder with six catches in four matches.

Four matches have been scheduled for each day of the Super Eight stage, while there will be no play on 5 December. All games played at National Bank Stadium will be broadcast on PTV Sports and ARY ZAP in Pakistan and live-streamed on PCB's YouTube channel and

Facebook page in overseas territories. The afternoon games that are being broadcast will start at 1500 PKT, with toss conducted at 1430 PKT. Toss for evening games will take place at 1930 PKT and the first ball will be bowled at 2000 PKT.

The first set of fixtures, to be played on 1 December, are as follows: 1300 PKT - Rawalpindi v Abbottabad at UBL Sports Complex

1300 PKT - Sialkot v FATA at NBP Sports Complex

1500 PKT - Peshawar v Lahore Whites at National Bank Stadium

2000 PKT - Lahore Blues v Karachi Whites at National Bank Stadium

Director - Domestic Cricket Operations, Nadeem Khan: "The National T20 Cup has seen multiple close games so far which reflects the competitive cricket on display in our revised domestic structure. We hope that the quality of cricket will only improve as we head into the Super Eight stage."

"All eight teams that have qualified ahead are exciting to watch. We are looking forward to seeing how the rest of the tournament pans out, with the title at stake, which all eight captains must be eyeing. The fight for the trophy will be very interesting as each team has a solid chance at getting to and winning the final."

PM Youth Talent Hunt Table Tennis trials to start from Dec 4

PESHAWAR (APP): In connection with the Prime Minister's Youth Talent Hunt program, the table tennis trials will start from December 4 in Peshawar, Vice Chancellor Islamia College University Professor Dr. Gul Majeed told during a press conference here at his historical Islamia College premises on Thursday.

Accompanied by Director Sports Islamia College University Ali Hoti, Professor Dr. Gul Majeed Khan said that it was decided to start the trials of the table tennis event from the first week of December in connection with the Prime Minister's Youth Talent Hunt program. Trials will be held in this regard.

Ali Hoti said that Vice Chancellor Islamia College University Peshawar Professor Dr. Gul Majeed would formally inaugurate the Championship on December 4 at 11.00 a.m.

Director of Sports Islamia College University and Organizing Secretary Ali Hoti and Basketball coach Firdous Afridi disclosed that all arrangements in this connection have been completed well in time.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Gul Majeed said that trials will be conducted in phases by dividing the province into five regions, according to which Peshawar trials will be held on December 5th and 6th, while on December 6th, 7th and 8th trials would be organized at Mardan. The trials at Hazara region will be held on December 13 to 15, 2023 while the trials at Swat Region would be organized on December 18, 19 and 20.

He disclosed that the trials would be organized at Bannu on December 27-29. He said during the trials merits would be followed and genuine players would be given chances to come up from various regions to

the provincial league and later on a team out of the provincial league would be constituted to represent KP in the National League part of the Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Boys and Girls Table Tennis League.

He thanked HEC for trusting Islamia College for organizing the event and said that Islamia College has played a key role in raising the name of our country, especially Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in addition to curricular activities as well as in extra-curricular activities.

The students of this historic school have shown their strength in the field of sports, he said. Prof. Dr. Gul Majeed said that four members of the selection committee has been constituted wherein Maqsood and Nadeem are from Punjab while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa members of the selection committee including Amina Mehmood, Kifayatullah Khan, Khawaja Haseeb and Iqra Rehman.

PSL 9 trade window Iftikhar Ahmed becomes part of Multan Sultan

MULTAN (APP): In what is the most surprising move of the HBL Pakistan Super League 9 trade window, Multan Sultans, the franchise with the best win percentage (55.22) in the history of the tournament, have snapped Iftikhar Ahmed. The trade deal with Quetta Gladiators also sees Multan Sultans get the first pick in the platinum round one in exchange for Rilee Rossouw and the first Silver category pick.

Iftikhar has evolved into a formidable all-rounder for his power-hitting and foxy off-spin. He brings an experience of 229 T20 matches in which he has scored 4,476 runs. He also has a century in the format to go with 30 half-centuries.

Since the start of his career in October 2010, the muscular batter has been smashing a boundary every 6.75 balls.

He recently reached the 50-wicket landmark and his economy stands at 7.31.

Iftikhar Ahmed stated "I am delighted to become a Sultan. It is an honour for me to represent the people of Multan as their passion for this game was second to none. Multan Sultans have evolved into a strong team and their record in the last three seasons speaks for itself. Now, it is my ambition to help them bag the

prestigious HBL PSL trophy. Captain Muhammad Rizwan said "I am very excited to welcome Iftikhar Ahmed. He brings outstanding all-round skills, which we need to be a champion team."

"It was not only his on-field skills that made us finalize this trade, but he is also a brilliant team player who uplifts dressing rooms with his presence. We are eager to put together a set of players whose skills are in sync with our positive, bold and aggressive brand of cricket."

Head coach Abdul Rehman stated "This is definitely one of the biggest trade deals in the history of the HBL PSL, and I am delighted to welcome Iftikhar Ahmed in our camp. I have seen Iftikhar grow into a fabulous cricketer and considering the match-winner he has become, every coach wants to have him in his team."

"Our philosophy is to develop a strong domestic core of cricketers and Iftikhar fits that perfectly. He provides tremendous value to any T20 side with his power hitting in the middle-order and that is the reason why we were keen on getting him on our side. He has also turned into a useful off-spinner who you can rely on to

provide you with breakthroughs in any phase of the innings."

"We will definitely miss Rilee Rossouw who has been an outstanding team player and has had a great role in taking us to where this franchise is today."

Rilee was our Mr dependable and whenever we wanted him to deliver, he got the job done for us. We wish Rilee well for everything that is ahead of him." Chief executive Ali Khan Tareen said "Multan Sultans have always had experienced and aggressive batters in the middle order and that has been one of the keys to our success."

With our focus on developing and protecting a domestic core, Iftikhar Ahmed aka Ifumania is the best middle-order hitter in Pakistan. He adds destructive power against spin and pace and brings calmness with years of experience."

"I also want to thank Rilee Rossouw for giving us some incredible memories. While he will not be in our dressing room this season, we will definitely remember him for his services to the franchise. Wherever he will go, he will always be remembered for his time at Multan Sultans, as once you become a Sultan, you always stay a Sultan."



ISLAMABAD: Players in action as Pakistan Squash Federation in collaboration with PAF & Serena Hotels is organizing Chief of the Air Staff-Serena Hotels International Squash Championship for Men & Women at Mushaf Squash Complex.

Shan Masood promoted in PCB's central contract list

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has upgraded Pakistan Test captain Shan Masood's category in the central contract list from D to B. The decision has been made in line with the board's policy that if a centrally contracted player below A or B categories is appointed captain, their contract would be upgraded to category B for the tenure of their captaincy, said a press release.

The 34-year-old Shan was named Test captain on November 15, until the conclusion of the ICC World Test Championship 2023-25 cycle. The left-handed batter has featured in 30 Tests, amassing 1,597 runs and will lead Pakistan in his first assignment as captain in the upcoming three-match series against Australia, commencing from December 14.

Full schedule: 1st Test-Perth, December 14-18; 2nd Test- Melbourne, December 26-30; 3rd Test-Sydney, January 3-7, 2024.

Warner's Test retirement could lead to batting order reshuffle

SYDNEY (INP): Australia head coach Andrew McDonald has hinted that replacing David Warner may not come down to a straight like-for-like opening batter with a suggestion the order could be reshuffled to accommodate Cameron Green.

Green lost his place for the final Ashes Test at The Oval and is expected to remain outside the XI when the Pakistan series starts next month, but McDonald reinforced that he remains a "generational" talent and there is a belief he won't be out of the side for long.

Providing injuries don't crop up during the Pakistan series -- and there remain some question marks over the workload on Mitchell Marsh's body -- the first vacancy could arrive following Warner's Test retirement which he has earmarked for the SCG Test in early January. It has been widely assumed that his replacement would come from one of Cameron Bancroft, Marcus Harris or Matt Renshaw, but McDonald referenced previous occasions when an Australia top order has been reshaped with players taking on new roles.

18-member Pakistan cricket team leave for Australia tour

LAHORE (INP): An 18-member Pakistan cricket team has departed for Australia from Lahore to play a tough three-match Test series starting on December 18. The team will travel to Australian city of Sydney via Dubai.

The Pakistani team will play a four-day match against the Prime Minister's XI from December 6 before the start of the Test series against Australia. The first Test of the national team will start from December 14 in Perth. The second test match will be played in Melbourne from December 26, while the third

Test will be played in Sydney from January 03.

The Pakistani team is led by Shan Masood, who has played 30 Tests and has been entrusted with the responsibility of captaincy

for the first time. With Pakistan facing a group-stage elimination from the 2023 World Cup, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) made wholesale changes to their coaching staff with captain. Babar Azam stepped down voluntarily as the Pakistan skipper across all formats, while Umar Gul and Saeed Ajmal have been roped in as fast-bowling and spin-bowling coaches ahead of the tour Down Under.

Pakistan's newly-appointed Test skipper Shan Masood spoke in a press conference prior to his departure, stating that they are a settled unit. Underlining Babar Azam's importance in the line-up, Masood claimed: "Our Test team has been a settled unit. The opening combination of Imam ul Haq and Abdullah Shafique has

been representing Pakistan for more than a year now. They have given a lot of performances. After the retirement of Azhar Ali, I have mostly played at number three spot in domestic and international cricket. This is the top three in our plans. Babar Azam is our best batsman. No one would disturb his batting position, which is number four spot. You make your team around the team's best batsman."

Test Squad
Shan Masood (c), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Khuram Shahzad, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Noman Ali, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed (wk), Saud Shakeel and Shaheen Shah Afridi.

Pak women's team to depart for Dunedin on Friday to feature in white-ball series

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan women's team would depart for Dunedin from Christchurch on Friday to feature in the white-ball series against New Zealand.

The three-match T20I series was scheduled to take place from December 3 to 9 in Dunedin and Queenstown, while the three ODIs -- part of ICC Women's Championship -- will be held in Queenstown and Christchurch from 12 to 18 December, said a press release. Since arriving in Christchurch, the 17-member squad led by Nida Dar took part in two practice sessions and played two practice games against New Zealand XI. In the 50-over practice match played at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval in Lincoln University, the Pakistan women's team defeated the New Zealand XI by 57 runs on the back of four wickets from captain Nida and a crucial 38 runs in the lower-order from wicketkeeper-batter Najiba Alvi. In today's T20 match held at the same venue, New Zealand XI secured a 28-run over the

Pakistan women's team.

New Zealand XI posted a score of 168 for seven in 20 overs after being put into bat first, with Georgia Plimmer contributing 52 runs. Pakistan's spinners Nida and Nashra Sundhu bagged two wickets apiece, while fast bowler Waheeda Akhtar also grabbed two wickets. In turn, opening batter Muneeba Ali top-scored for the touring side with a 31-ball 32, hitting four boundaries, as the Pakistan women's team managed to score 140 for eight in 20 overs. For the New Zealand XI, Kayley Knight and Nensi Patel took three wickets apiece.

Following the match, both teams played a super over to provide additional practice and adapt to different T20 match situations. The super over was tied on both occasions, with both sides failing to achieve the required target set by the opposing side batting first.

Talking to PCB Digital, interim head coach

Mauhtashim Rashid said, "We had good practice sessions and practice games here in Christchurch before

the start of the series. The conditions here are different, the players are trying to adapt to the conditions and these back-to-back matches are going to help the players to achieve that goal."

"We have tried our young players today in the T20 match as we are preparing for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup next year. We have young players coming forward, some are in Pakistan, and we plan to give more chances and exposure to those who are here, hoping they will gain valuable experience from it."

Pakistan squad: Nida Dar (captain), Aliya Riaz, Bismah Maroof, Diana Baig, Fatima Sana, Ghulam Fatima, Muneeba Ali (wk), Najiba Alvi (wk), Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Omaira Sohail, Sadaf Shamas, Sadia Iqbal, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sidra Amin, Umm-e-Hani and Waheeda Akhtar.

The three twenty20s will be played on December 3, 5 and 9 while ODIs will be played on December 12, 15 and 18.

Najmul puts Bangladesh in control against New Zealand

SYLHET (AFP/APP): Skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto hit his third Test century in four innings to put Bangladesh on course for a strong total in the second innings of the first Test against New Zealand in Sylhet on Thursday.

The hosts reached 212-3 at stumps on the third day, leading New Zealand by 205 runs, with Najmul unbeaten on 104.

Former captain Mushfiqur Rahim made an unbeaten 43 and put on 96 runs in the unbroken fourth-wicket stand with Najmul.

Najmul, who scored a century in both innings of Bangladesh's previous Test against Afghanistan in June, also shared 90 runs with Mominul Haque for the third wicket. The left-hander has now become the first Bangladeshi cricketer to score a hundred on his debut as Test captain. He took his hundred,

his fourth in Tests, with a single off Ajaz Patel in 191 balls before signing off the day in style with a boundary in the last ball.

The 25-year-old has struck 10 fours so far in his innings.

He was however involved in two runouts on the day, with the last being Mominul, who made 40.

Najmul and Mominul helped Bangladesh recover from 26-2 after New Zealand made 317 in their first innings to take a slender seven-run lead. Patel, the only New Zealand bowler with some success on the day, trapped opener Zakir Hasan leg-before for 17.

Tim Southee directed a straight drive by Najmul onto the stumps at the non-striking end to run out Mahmudul Hasan for eight next over.

Mominul, who joined Najmul in the rescue act, was also the hero for

Bangladesh with the ball, having taken the last two New Zealand wickets in the morning.

The tourists, replying to Bangladesh's first-innings 310, resumed on 266-8, still 44 runs behind.

Southee and Kyle Jamieson frustrated Bangladesh for more than an hour to share 52 runs for the ninth wicket, until left-arm spinner Mominul removed them both in the same over.

Mominul trapped Jamieson leg-before for 23 to leave New Zealand 316-9, and then bowled Southee four balls later for 35 to finish with career-best figures of 3-4.

Southee hit three boundaries in his 62-ball stay.

The two-match series is the beginning of a new cycle in the World Test Championship for both teams.



In brief

IRSA releases 91,400 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Thursday released 91,400 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 44,100 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1497.94 feet and was 97.94 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 22,100 cusecs and 45,000 cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1176.20 feet, which was 126.20 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 5,600 cusecs and 30,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 52,600, 45,000, 38,200 and 11,600 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 7,300 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 3,300 cusecs released from River Chenab at Marala.

ANF busts drug trafficking gang

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting a major operation managed to bust an inter-provincial drug-trafficking gang and arrested its seven members including the ring-leader, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Thursday. He informed that ANF arrested an accused namely Allah Noor who was the ring-leader of a drug smuggling gang which was involved in inter-provincial drug trafficking through the motorway. He said that the operation was launched after comprehensive planning. Earlier, six members of the gang were also arrested. ANF also recovered 419 kg of drugs including charas and opium from their possession. He informed that ANF during an operation conducted a raid on November 18 and succeeded in arresting the leader of the group, Allah Noor. Another 12 kg charras was also recovered from the possession of Allah Noor.

Six held for running illegal petrol agencies

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi District Police under an ongoing operation against illegal Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and petrol agencies conducted raids and arrested six accused. According to the police spokesman, Bani, New Town, Sadiqabad, Civil Lines and Saddar Wah police arrested six namely Amin, Umar, Hidayat, Imran, Haris and Adeel for operating illegal LPG and petrol agencies. Police confiscated LPG cylinders, refilling gadgets and petrol from their possession and registered separate cases against the accused, he added.

11 drug peddlers, bootleggers netted

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi police in an action against suspected drug peddlers and bootleggers here on Thursday arrested 11 accused besides recovering over four kg charras, 130 grams of Ice, 20 litres of liquor and 22 bottles of liquor from their possession. A police spokesperson said that Mandra police arrested Fakhar Abbas for having 1350 grams of charras and Atta Shah with 510 grams of charas. Dhamial police rounded up Shahid for possessing 1100 grams of charras and Amir with 35 grams of charas. Airport police in their raid netted an accused namely Hamza for having 560 grams charras and Chontra police nabbed Mudasir for having 560 grams charras.



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Mushaal Hussein Mullick, speaking at a seminar "Repression of Minorities in India and Atrocities in Kashmir" organized by Friends of Kashmir International and Kashmir Media Service.

Pak, Kuwait relations getting stronger with each passing year: Ambassador

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ambassador to Kuwait Malik Muhammad Farooq Thursday underlined the importance of the strategic relationship between Pakistan and Kuwait that both countries' leadership was keen to strengthen bilateral relationship in different domains such as food security, trade, investments and people-to-people engagement. In an exclusive talk with PTV news channel, he elaborated that Pakistan and Kuwait had share a cherished relationship that only grew stronger with each passing year.

"We are seeing greater interest from Kuwaiti to invest," he added.

He also expressed his satisfaction at close cooperation between the two countries at multilateral fora. Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was on a two-day official visit to Kuwait with the primary objective of signing of MoUs in multiple areas geared to transforming the

six decades' long bilateral relations into mutually beneficial economic ties, he said. The two country leadership had a good follow-up conversation where they discussed the prospect of greater investments from Kuwait amid the growing Pakistan' economy, he added. "Both countries enjoying friendly relations, which are rooted in history," he said. "Pakistan and Kuwait are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries," he added.

"Both nations have also maintained regular high-level contacts in future," he mentioned. He further highlighted, "Kuwait leadership has serious concern over redressal of the dire humanitarian situation in Kashmir and Gaza." "Kuwait has called on the international community to prevent the use of starvation as a military and political weapon against Palestinians in the Gaza." He said two nation leads

also witnessed the signing of seven agreements concluded to attract multi-billion dollars investment from the State of Kuwait in various sectors of Pakistan including Food Security/ Agriculture, Hydel Power, Water Supplies (safe drinking water and supporting mining activities), establishment of Mining Fund to support mineral industry, Technology Zones Development and Mangrove Preservation.

He added, "Upcoming Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP) would also be a 'great opportunity' for Pakistan and Kuwait to discuss ideas on how to support countries most affected by climate change and Kuwait is being focused on the issue of climate change." In concluding remarks, Ambassador stressed that the two nations' mutual commitment to building up bilateral trade and economic cooperation and regular interaction on regional and international issues were need of hour.

DC Islamabad urges parents to cooperate with polio vaccination teams

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon on Thursday urged parents to cooperate with the polio vaccination teams and ensure that their children receive the necessary two doses of polio drops.

Addressing a review meeting on the fourth day of the campaign, Memon emphasized the importance of achieving the target of vaccinating all children under the age of five in Islamabad. He expressed concern that some children were not present for vaccination on the third day and instructed officials to prioritize them for the remaining days of the campaign.

The meeting was also attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner General, DHOs, Assistant Commissioners, representatives from the Health Department, and other stakeholders. The participants discussed the performance of the campaign so far and identified areas for improvement.

Memon reiterated the government's commitment to eradicating polio from Pakistan and called upon parents to play their part by ensuring that their children are vaccinated. He also commended the efforts of polio workers and other stakeholders involved in the campaign. The ongoing polio vaccination campaign in Islamabad is part of a nationwide effort to eliminate the crippling disease.

Int'l mountain day to be observed on Dec 11

ISLAMABAD (APP): International Mountain Day, themed "Restoring mountain ecosystems", will be observed on December 11 across the world to highlight the significance of the mountains and their peoples' lifestyles.

According to details, the United Nations General Assembly nominated December 11 as "International Mountain Day" in 2002. However, beyond their aesthetics, mountains play a crucial role in our planet's well-being, impacting global ecosystems, climate, and communities. This theme was selected to fully include mountains in the UN decade on ecosystem restoration 2021-2030, co-led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and the UN Environment Programme.

'PPP: ever-loving, ever-living political party in each Pakistani's heart'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan Raja Pervaiz Ashraf has said that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) is the only political party which has strong roots in common people's hearts and minds. In a message on the 56th Foundation day of PPP, "It is PPP which reflects the true aspirations of the poor, farmers, farm workers and the middle class living across Pakistan and imparts them the confidence to raise their voices for their rights, he added.

The Speaker also underscored that PPP continued its struggle under the leadership of Ms. Nusrat Bhutto and Ms. Benazir Bhutto after the martyrdom of Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (ZAB).

"Benazir Bhutto Shaheed's sacrifices for the restoration of democracy in Pakistan will always be written in golden words in history," he said.

He said that PPP is the most popular party from Karachi to Kashmir and there are a large number of workers of the party who are working hard to achieve the mission of Quaid-e-Awam and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto.

"PPP always leads the country on the path of development and raises the standard of living of the downtrodden sections of the society whenever it forms governance," he added. Raja Pervaiz also paid tribute to the unforgettable sacrifices of the leaders and workers of PPP for the restoration of democracy and the promotion of democratic values in the country.

He said that the PPP conferred this nation and country with a unanimous constitution and laid the foundations of the nuclear program, besides establishing a network of universities, educational institutions, and hospitals.

The Speaker said that the PPP believes in expediency and the power of the people and the party also remained successful in enactment of the 18th Amendment with the support of other political parties.

He also emphasized that it proved that PPP believes in people, democracy and the strength of federal units. The Speaker urged the workers of the PPP to disseminate the ideology and message of the people's leader Shaheed ZAB known in every house under the leadership of Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

'Indian military involved in genocide of Kashmiris'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Human Rights Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Thursday said Indian military was involved in the genocide of Muslims in Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Addressing a seminar titled "Repression on minorities in India and atrocities in Kashmir," she expressed deep concerns over the human rights violations in the held territory.

She said people of the occupied valley could never be defeated through oppression and negative tactics like jailing the political leadership.

The seminar, was jointly organized by Kashmir International and Kashmir Media Service (KMS).

Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights, Khalil George deplored that India had adopted the same policy in the occupied territory which Israel was following in the Palestine.

He said that the main objective of the Bharatiya Janata Party government was to turn the majority of Muslims in IIOJK into a minority but the people of the occupied territory would foil all such nefarious designs of the Modi regime.

The minister said that India was a so-called democracy where minorities were being mistreated and victimized by the majoritarian Hindu hardliners.

He said after the unfortunate Jaranwala incident, the government of Pakistan expressed solidarity with the victims, but the Government of India never supported the victims of the atrocities of Hindutva brigade. Other speakers, Including former Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Sardar Hussain Syed, President of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Party Hasan Ibrahim, All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir chapter Senior

Leaders Muhammad Farooq Rahmani, Syed Faiz Naqshbandi, Chairperson of Friends of Kashmir International Ghazala Habib, Chairman of Kashmir Institute of International Relations Altaf Hussain Wani, former Federal Minister J. Salik, Vice Chairman of Friends of Kashmir International Abdul Hameed Lone, Pakistani-American entrepreneur Abdul Hafeez Khan, Senator Danish Kumar, Anchor, Harmeet Singh and Analyst Waqar Hassan.

They said the Modi regime had usurped the rights of the minorities, especially the Muslims in the country.

Member Kashmir Council Senator Denash Kumar also said that India had emerged as an extremist state where the existing minorities were facing prejudice, violence and oppression on a large scale.

He said the Modi government was making discriminatory policies against all minorities and India had now become a very dangerous country for the people disagreeing with its views.

He said it was written in the Indian Constitution that the state would treat all religions equally and tolerantly, but in reality, the land was being narrowed in every way for the minorities living there and they were being forced to leave their religion and become Hindus.

"How can Sikhs, living in India, forget Operation Blue Star when thousands of Sikhs were killed as a result of state terrorism," he added.

President of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Party, Hasan Ibrahim and senior Leader of Kashmir, Farooq Rehmani said after 5th August 2019, the Modi government had accelerated the repression and tyranny in the occupied territory and at this time the Kashmiris were being completely pushed towards the wall.

PTDC to organise 'Salam Pakistan' photography competition on Dec 11

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) will organise Salam Pakistan photography and short tourism documentary film competitions on December 11 in connection with International Mountain Day.

Talking to APP, the PTDC official said that "Salam Pakistan" is the official tourism brand of the country that was recently launched by the Prime Minister.

He urged filmmakers and storytellers to capture the essence of our diverse and stunning landscapes as Pakistan was amazing and rich with tourism potential.

He said that four to five-minute documentaries and photography competitions on the topic of culture and mountain her-

itage, mountain people and their lifestyle, fascinating mountain scenery, mountain adventure and sports will be part of the event. The winners of these competitions will be awarded with cash prizes and awards at the sustainable tourism conference, the official added.

He said more information can be obtained from PTDC's official website <https://tourism.gov.pk> while photography and short tourism documentary films can be submitted till December 4 at <https://bit.ly/47Lhuvq>.

The selected images will also be displayed on the banner at Pakistan National Council of Arts Islamabad on the occasion of World Mountain Day, he concluded.

Pakistan's first "Seerah Digital Resource Centre" established at AIOU

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal OPEN University (AIOU) has established Pakistan's first "Seerah Digital Resource Center" in its central library.

The center aims to provide educational support to students conducting research on the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAWW). The resource center was inaugurated by Dean, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Prof. Dr. Shah Mohyuddin Hashmi. He expressed hope that this center will be an important milestone in the field of teaching and research.

Prof. Dr. Shah Mohyuddin Hashmi further added that digitizing Seerat would be a great advantage for the institution. In today's day and age, younger generations are more inclined towards digital devices than books.

Therefore, it is essential to digitize the work of Seerat to attract young people to this field. Prof. Dr. Shah Mohyuddin Hashmi congratulated the Chief Librarian, Dr. Sahibzada Shah Farrukh, on establish-

ing the resource center.

Dr. Sahibzada Shah Farrukh announced that this is Pakistan's first Seerah Digital Resource Center.

This center offers a vast collection of digital resources, including images, audios, videos, PDFs, maps, and recently 1342 books on Seerat were purchased for this center. The library team, with the support and consultation of the Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies and the Department of Seerat Studies, searched for materials, books, audio, videos, etc. from various sites, revised them, and added them to the database. Shah Farrukh expressed his gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, for his full support for this initiative and stated that the establishment of this resource center is a distinction of the institution. At the end, Chairman of the Department of Seerat Studies, Dr. Shah Moynuddin Hashmi, prayed for the success of the Seerah Digital Resource Center and the overall development of the university.



ISLAMABAD: Workers busy in making different designs on the wall of underpass for beautification at 6th Avenue.

Appointments announced

KABUL (BNA): The Supreme Leader of IEA has decreed new appointments within the Ministry of Finance. The announcement was made by Zabiullah Mujahid, the spokesperson of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, in a post on the social media platform X. According to the announcement, Eng. Sultan Mohammad Zubir has been appointed as the Deputy Finance Minister in Policy, Mufti Abdul Samad has been appointed as Deputy Administrative Finance Minister.

Detergent factory opens in Nimroz province
ZARANJ CITY, Nimroz (Ariana News): The Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Thursday that a detergent factory worth \$150,000 was opened in Zaranj city, the center of Nimroz province this week.
Speaking at a ceremony to officially open the company, Fazel Mohammad Fazli, head of industry and trade in Nimroz province, said: "Domestic companies are important in the country's economy and self-sufficiency,

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

IEA strives to ensure food, medicine safety



KABUL (BNA): Deputy Prime Minister Mawlawi Abdul Salam Hanafi said that the Islamic Emirate is working to guarantee food and medicine safety for the Afghan people, and warned against the import and production of substandard and harmful medicine and foodstuffs.
He made these remarks at the launch of the digitalization process of the National Food and Drug Administration in Kabul, which aims to standardize domestic and imported products according to national and international criteria.

Deputy Prime Minister stressed that food and medicine safety is a primary need and a priority of the Islamic Emirate and that without it, people's health would be endangered.
He added that in the past, chemical and harmful substances were sold as medicine and food without any control.
He urged the traders and producers of food and medicine not to bring in or make products that harm

people's health and said that the National Food and Drug Administration is responsible for identifying and prosecuting the offenders, who are considered national traitors for harming the children and the people of Afghanistan.
Dr. Abdul Bari Omar, the acting head of the National Food and Drug Administration, said that 50% of the administration's system has been digitized and that they will continue this work due to its economic and vital importance.

Iranian forces arrest armed drug smugglers from Afghanistan

TEHRAN (Khaama Press): Iranian media has revealed the arrest of a group of armed drug smugglers who crossed into Iran from Afghanistan. The arrest operation also led to the confiscation of weapons.
The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported on Wednesday that these individuals were apprehended as part of a military operation.
During the operation, authorities uncovered a property used to store both drugs and weapons near Kerman.
The seized contraband included a significant quantity of drugs, comprising 461 kilograms of opium, 106 kilograms of cannabis, and 57 kilograms of Shesha.
Additionally, the security forces seized a cache of weaponry, which included a 14.5mm cannon, an RPG (Rocket-Propelled Grenade), two RPG rockets, and a total of 936 shells.
The Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan has raised concerns about security and regional stability in the area. Despite having diplomatic relations between Iran and the Taliban administration, there have been border clashes and water rights issues.
While Iran maintains diplomatic ties with the Taliban administration, tensions have surfaced along the border, leading to clashes with their border police and disputes over water rights.

Immigrants lacking permits to be deported

TEHRAN (TOLONews): The Iranian Minister of Interior Ahmad Wahidi claimed that the Islamic Emirate has asked Iran for an opportunity to provide the conditions for the return of "Afghan immigrants with permits."
According to Iranian media reports, Wahidi said that there are currently 5 million Afghan refugees living in Iran.
The Minister of Interior of Iran asked the Islamic Emirate to provide conditions for the return of Afghan immigrants, and Afghan immigrants who do not have legal documents for residence will be deported.
"Based on our figures, there are currently around five million people. There are two parts that have been fully explained before, a part of them do not have permits which should be deported," Wahidi said.
Meanwhile, the 2nd Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Salam Hanafi asked the citizens of the country and aid institutions to help the immigrants who have returned to the country.
According to Hanafi, so far more than 400,000 Afghan immigrants have returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan.
"The immigrants who were forcibly

expelled from our neighboring countries against all national and international norms, have returned to their homeland, and the Islamic Emirate has provided them services with all the possible means it had," Hanafi said.
Some refugee rights activists expressed concerns regarding the situation of Afghan immigrants in Iran.
"The Afghan immigrants in Iran are facing challenges due to not having legal living permits," said Mohammad Khan Talibi, immigrants' rights activist.
Raffaella Iodice, the EU Charg   d'Affaires to Afghanistan pledged 142 million euros in aid to returnees in a meeting with Khalil Rahman Haqqani, the acting Minister of Refugees and Repatriation.
The Ministry of Refugees wrote in a statement that the situation of immigrants who return from Pakistan, Turkey, and Iran -- both voluntarily and by force -- was discussed in the meeting.
In the meeting, Haqqani asked Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan not to persecute Afghan immigrants and to respect the human rights of immigrants.

Kabul residents want coal prices reduced in winter

KABUL (Pajhwok): Some residents of capital Kabul are complaining about high coal prices and have expressed their inability to buy it due to economic hardships. The Kabul municipality started distributing coal against what it called a reasonable price of 9,000 afghanis per ton in 22 police district of Kabul.
However, some residents of Kabul claim the price is still high and ask the government to reduce its price.
Wahidullah, a resident of Khwaja Bughra area of Kabul city, told Pajhwok Afghan News the municipality was selling one tonne for 9,000 afs, but they could not afford to purchase the coal on this price.
He added he was yet to buy coal because he did not have money. He asked the

government to reduce the price of coal so that poor people could buy it.
Meanwhile, Mohammad Naeem, a resident of 15th police district of Kabul city, told Pajhwok that his economic condition was not good and he could not afford to buy coal. He said due unemployment, people's economic situation was not good and the government should reduce coal prices.
Mohammad Ibrahim, a resident of Shahid Ahangara area, told Pajhwok: "My economic situation is not good, that's way I have not yet bought coal and wooden items."
He said he would need two tons of coal in winter, but due to its high prices, he could not afford to buy it. He also asked the government to reduce the price of

coal.
Meanwhile, Qutratullah, a coal seller in Shaheed Square area of Kabul City, told Pajhwok: "We sell one ton high-quality of coal for 13,000 afghanis and any coal that comes in a sack is sold at 12,000 afghanis."
However, Hamayum Afghan, spokesman for the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (MoMP), the price could not be reduced from 9,000 afghanis per ton because MoMP had waived off royalties on it. Each ton of common coal is charged 2,200 afghanis that is brought to Kabul."
He added the Salang highway has been closed for repair works this year and the cost of transport has increased compared to the past, so an appropriate rate has been set.

Reconstruction work of Kharwar Dam started

LOGAR (Ariana News): The reconstruction of the first phase of the Kharwar Dam project in Logar province started and will cost an estimated 31 million afghanis to complete.
The project was inaugurated in the presence of the acting minister of energy and water, Abdul Latif Mansoor; the governor of Logar, Zia-ul-Rahman Madani; senior officials of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA), and the tribal elders of Logar Province, the ministry said.
During the opening of the project, Mansoor said that now is the time for economic development and progress.
He also said the ministry is genuinely striving to fulfill their responsibilities in



this regard.
Madani meanwhile stated during the inauguration that the IEA is committed to providing tangible services to the people of Afghanistan and will work day and night to achieve this.
According to the ministry, work on Kharwar Dam originally started during the reign of Dawood

Khan, but was never completed.
The Kharwar Dam is 36 meters high and 140 meters long, with the capacity to store 17 million cubic meters of water.
After completion, it will irrigate about 6,000 hectares of agricultural land, benefiting approximately 13,000 families, said the ministry.

Qatar provides relief to victims

KABUL (Khaama Press): The "Qatar Charity Foundation" and "Qatar Red Crescent" extended their assistance to the victims of Herat province of Afghanistan on Thursday.
The Embassy of Qatar in Kabul is actively coordinating relief efforts as Qatar extends its hand of support to the earthquake-affected regions of Herat province.
In addition to the ongoing assistance, Qatar is planning two additional flights to Afghanistan on December 3rd and 4th, demonstrating its commitment to aiding those in need during this challenging time.
In a recent relief effort, six well-equipped camps and 1000 food packages were delivered to Herat province on a domestic flight.
Each food package contains 24 kilograms of essential supplies, ensuring aid reaches those in need within the Herat province.
It's important to note that this initiative is part of the ongoing support from the Qatar Charity Foundation (2000 food packages) and the Qatar Red Crescent (6000 food packages), dedicated to providing transparent and vital assistance to Afghan households during these challenging times.
Earlier, Qatar provided humanitarian cargo, including 60 tons of instructional materials for the education sector and vital food relief supplies.
This delivery underscores Qatar's commitment to providing essential support to the people of Afghanistan during these hard times.
The humanitarian aid delivered to Afghanistan reflects Qatar's unwavering commitment to supporting the Afghan people in meeting their urgent essential needs.
Over the past few years, Qatar has consistently provided hundreds of tons of vital humanitarian goods, including food supplies, through an air bridge connecting Qatar to Kabul.

Kabul delegation in Turkmenistan to discuss railways

KABUL (TOLONews): The head of the Afghanistan Railway Authority, Bakhtur-Rahman Sharafat, has traveled to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan at the head of a delegation, and plans to discuss cooperation in the railway sector, bilateral cooperation, and increasing transit, with Turkmenistan officials.
Abdul Sami Durani, spokesman for the authority on the trip, said the head of the railway administration is trying to increase trade with Central Asian countries through railways.
"During the trip, the increase of bilateral cooperation transfers and other issues will be discussed with the officials of Turkmenistan," said Durani.
"The head of the railways is on a trip to Central Asia... so we can develop our business via railway--they are having a conversation about this," said Zabiullah Mujahid, spokesman for Islamic Emirate.
Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce and



Investment considers the provision of facilities in the railway sector in the country to be important in developing trade and increasing exports.
"Loading and unloading are easier for many people, and we are trying to extend this railway line inside Afghanistan, and the railway lines promised by the neighbors, such as

Chaman- Spin Boldak and Chaman- Kandahar, should be started soon," said Mohammad Yonis Mohmand, deputy of the Chamber.
Meanwhile, some businessmen said more investment in railway projects is needed to boost trade.
"The completion of the Turkmenistan-Mazar-e-Sharif railway project, if

the project is completed, will help Afghanistan a lot in terms of trade and transit, and we will be freed from being dependent on one country," said Khan Aqa Gulzar, a trader.
Earlier, the head of the railway department asked all the financial institutions and others to invest in the railway projects in Afghanistan.

Nearly two thousand Afghan migrants return home from Iran

KABUL (Khaama Press): The Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations of Afghanistan has announced that more than a thousand Afghan migrants have returned to their homeland from Iran.
On Thursday, the Ministry said on its social media platform X that a total of 1,764 Afghan migrants have returned home from Iran.
The ministry added that this number of migrants returned to the country from Iran on Thursday through both forced and voluntary means.
The Border Directorate of Islam Qala has stated that there are both families and individuals among the returnees.
The Ministry has clarified that some of these returnees have been referred to the offices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and



the International Organization for Migration (IOM) after being registered with the Migrants Department for assistance.
It's worth noting that just Tuesday 28th of November, the Ministry of Migrants Affairs also announced that approximately 2,455 Afghan migrants had returned to the country from Iran.
It should be mentioned that recently, thousands of Afghan migrants have been deported daily by the Iranian government.

In the wake of the Taliban's return to power, many migrants have opted to leave Afghanistan for neighbouring countries. This exodus is primarily driven by factors such as the scarcity of job opportunities, economic hardships, persecution, and security threats within the country.
Conversely, a significant portion of returnees have been either deported from or voluntarily returned to Afghanistan.

Their decision is often prompted by the mistreatment they face in host countries, including harassment and deteriorating economic conditions in those countries.
The complex dynamics of migration in Afghanistan reflect a challenging landscape where people are forced to weigh the risks and benefits of leaving or returning, all in the context of the country's evolving political and economic situation.

Education, work ban in Afghanistan drives female to migration

KABUL (Khaama Press): Women's lives in Afghanistan have been severely restricted due to the imposed limitations. They are not allowed to work or pursue education in their own country. According to conducted research, they have not only become victims of crimes against humanity but have also been deprived of access to justice within the Taliban administration's judicial system. This has led to widespread migration of women from the country. In this report, you will read the story of a girl who left Afghanistan after being prohibited from studying and working.
Khalida is now 23 years old. She left Afghanistan after the return of the

Taliban, a place she described as having taken away her dearest loved ones, and now she grapples with an uncertain future in Pakistan. Khalida says, "I left Afghanistan, perhaps for a few years or forever."
She was studying at a university and also working at a telecommunications company in Afghanistan before the rise of the Taliban rule in the country. Through her job and education, she was able to support herself financially. However, following the political changes in Afghanistan, she joined the thousands of girls who had to leave their homes, families, friends, and universities behind.
Khalida lost both her parents in a devastating

explosion in Kabul about 8 years ago when she was just 16 years old. She says, "I lost my mother and father on the same day, at the same moment, when I was 16."
What compelled Khalida to leave her homeland and face an uncertain and unknown future? She says, "I lost the dearest people in my life in Afghanistan, and I never thought of leaving, but the prohibition on studying and working didn't allow me to stay in Afghanistan."
The ban on women working and studying, often enforced through coercion and force in Afghanistan, has affected various aspects of women's lives in the country. They have been deprived of any

financial and educational independence. According to the Khaama Press public poll, after the rise of the Taliban, the status and influence of women within families have also been significantly impacted, leading to a noticeable reduction in women's agency within the family structure.
Khalida believes strong individuals always emerge from a sea of difficulties and hardships.
After losing her parents, she tried to become self-sufficient and considered herself responsible for her dreams with each passing day. She made every effort to achieve what she wanted, but the arrival of the Taliban administration rendered all her efforts in vain. She says, "I tried to stay

strong in the face of challenges, but in an Afghanistan ruled by the Taliban, even the smallest movement was denied to me, and I had to escape."
Ultimately, she left behind half of her family members and went to Pakistan with her younger sister, who was already married.
The challenges of migration: Khalida's story
Khalida says, "When leaving Afghanistan, I felt like I was carrying half of my existence, which made the journey burdensome. All migrants understand that they must travel light, leaving behind half of themselves, including their homes, families, friends, and universities."
Reports from Pakistan

suggest that cases of abortion among migrants with immigration cases have significantly increased, as the birth of an unplanned child can complicate immigration proceedings.
Khalida's younger sister had an immigration case for the United States, but she was forced to leave her newborn child with Khalida, a standard narrative among migrants.
Taking care of a six-month-old child is not difficult for a girl who has experienced the bitterness of motherlessness in her childhood. However, for Khalida, who values work and education, assuming responsibility for the six-month-old child has created a series of challenges in continuing her life.

Khalida summarises migration and its hardships in one sentence: "Migration is a punishment."
She not only fears deportation but also had an encounter with thieves who took everything she had when returning home from work one day.
She was transferred to a hospital with the help of local people.
In response to the recent decision by the interim government of Pakistan to expel Afghan migrants, Khalida expresses her fear and spends most of her time in a room with a window, along with other migrant girls.
Khalida has access to all the necessary financial resources in Pakistan. Still, the uncertainty, forced

deportation, and the feeling of being a foreigner in another country have subjected her to severe mental challenges.
We attempted to speak with Khalida in the room they shared in Pakistan. She said, "Khalida had long hair, and nothing is more important for a girl than her hair. However, amid worsening mental struggles, one day she picked up the scissors unusually and cut her hair shorter than usual with her own hands."
Khaama Press's findings, conducted through conversations with migrant girls, reveal that the prohibition on women working and pursuing education in Afghanistan serves as the primary catalyst for families' decision to migrate.

PHC halts work on development projects until general elections

Humayun Khan

PESHAWAR: A divisional bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) comprised of Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice SM Attique Shah has stopped developmental works till general elections and ordered respondents for submission of reply in this regard, on Thursday.

The counsel Mian Zakir Hussain advocate argued that caretaker government has no jurisdiction to carry out developmental projects while works are continued after announcement of general election by Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

Justice Ijaz Anwar remarked that caretaker government has jurisdiction over day-to-day matter as well as ensure free and fair election. He added that general election is scheduled on 8th February 2024 and inquired that how can developmental works are continued after announce-

ment of polls.

Justice Ijaz Anwar inquired that is election to be held from ECP's lawyer while Mohsin Kamran advocate assured that polls must be held on scheduled date. Additional Advocate General informed that these developmental projects are initiated at Bannu, Waziristan and other areas before caretaker setup. Justice Ijaz Anwar observed that blue-eyed people take credit in times of elections.

In the meantime, Additional Advocate General argued that the developmental projects were started earlier and added that it will benefit public at large. However, Justice Ijaz Anwar remarked that 8th February is at the head then restart the development works. Justice SM Attique Shah inquired that why both federal and provincial caretaker governments are taking so much interest in devel-

opment projects while AAG argued the projects were started before caretaker government. He added that everyone is aware about ground realities.

PHC has stopped developmental projects till general election scheduled on 8th February 2024 while ordered respondents for submission of reply in this regard. Meanwhile, PHC ordered submission of reply in writ plea of former KP Minister Shaukat Yousafzai for offloading from airplane while going to Saudi Arabia for performing Umrah at Bacha Khan International Airport Peshawar and adjourned further hearing till 5th December.

The counsel Syed Sikandar Hayat Shah appeared before PHC's divisional bench comprised of Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice SM Attique Shah while argued that former minister was stop from aboard without any case or named in Exit Control List.

Henry Kissinger, dead at 100



WASHINGTON (Reuters): Henry Kissinger, a diplomatic powerhouse whose roles as a national security adviser and secretary of state under two presidents left an indelible mark on US foreign policy and earned him a controversial Nobel Peace Prize, died on Wednesday at age 100.

Kissinger died at his home in Connecticut, according to a statement from his geopolitical consulting firm, Kissinger Associates Inc. No mention was made of the circumstances. It said he would be interred at a private family service, to be followed at a later date by a public memorial service in New York City. Kissinger had been active past his centenary, attending meetings in the White House, publishing a book on leadership styles, and testifying before a Senate committee about the nuclear threat posed by North Korea. In July 2023 he made a surprise visit to Beijing to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping.

During the 1970s in the midst of the Cold War, he had a hand in many of the epoch-changing global events of the decade while serving as national security adviser and secretary of state under Republican President Richard Nixon. The German-born Jewish refugee's efforts led to the U.S. diplomatic opening with China, landmark US-Soviet arms control talks, expanded ties between Israel and its Arab neighbours, and the Paris Peace Accords with North Vietnam.

Kissinger's reign as the prime architect of US foreign policy waned with Nixon's resignation in 1974 amid the Watergate scandal. Still, he continued to be a diplomatic force as secretary of state under Nixon's successor, President Gerald Ford, and to offer strong opinions throughout the rest of his life.

While many hailed Kissinger for his brilliance and broad experience, others branded him a war criminal for his support for anti-communist dictatorships, especially in Latin America. In his latter years, his travels were circumscribed by efforts by other nations to arrest or question him about past US foreign policy.

Naval Chief heads moot

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Command & Staff Conference of Pakistan Navy concluded at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad. The Conference was chaired by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf.

During the conference, matters related to national security, geo strategic affairs, combat readiness and training of troops were discussed. The conference assessed the evolving maritime situation in the region due to ongoing conflict in Middle East. Under the prevailing maritime situation in the Middle East, deployment of PN Ship for the protection of Pakistan's merchant ships was discussed. Progress on PN projects including future plans was also reviewed and way forward was deliberated.

The Naval Chief emphasized on maintaining perpetual combat readiness to effectively thwart any aggression against Pakistan. The Naval Chief lauded the initiatives undertaken towards capability development through acquisition of state of the art platforms and emerging technologies. The Admiral expressed full confidence over high state of operational preparedness of Pakistan Navy to meet maritime challenges while safeguarding the maritime frontiers of Pakistan.

Command & Staff Conference is the apex decision making body of Pakistan Navy in which Chief of the Naval Staff along with all Principal Staff Officers and Field Commanders review the policies and plans of Pakistan Navy.



ISLAMABAD: Outgoing Country Director of World Health Organization, Dr. Palitha Mahipala, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Solangi underlines need of state media reforms

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Thursday urged the Senate's Standing Committee to discuss and work out the plan for reforms in the state media institutions.

Addressing the Senate Committee on Information and Broadcasting, the minister underlined the need to carry out reforms in the state broadcasters to bring them at par with modern standards. Senator Fawzia Arshad presided over the meeting which was attended by members of the committee including Senator Maula Bakhsh Chandio, Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui and Senator Naseema Ehsan as well as Federal Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Shaheera Shahid, MD Pakistan Television (PTV), Director General Radio Pakistan, and Managing Director Associated Press of Pakistan (APP).

During the session at Committee Room No. 1 of the Parliament House, the panel discussed the implementation of the recommendations, worked out in its meeting on October 9, 2023. The committee also took up the recommendations related to the appointment of 53 daily-wage employees during the meeting.

The information minister said the caretaker government could not make permanent appointments or decide about the closure of any institution. He said services of different people were hired sometime back to mitigate the shortage of staff and run essential programmes, but hiring of daily wagers through advertisement, seemed to be a time-consuming process.

Murtaza Solangi said the committee's recommendations in this regard would be implemented in letter and spirit. The committee's guidance on advertising for daily-

wage recruitment or any kind of hiring would also be followed, accordingly. He said the committee might also direct the ministry to conduct an investigation into any department for probing into the recruitment of daily-wage employees.

He emphasized the importance of clear guidance to avoid recurrence of such issue in the future. The Information Minister highlighted the need for reforms in all state broadcasters, including PTV, and urged the committee to discuss a programme on reforms of the state media institutions. He pointed out that 76 per cent of Radio Pakistan's overall budget was currently allocated to salaries and pensions, and there were still pending dues for numerous employees.

The minister said that Radio Pakistan was the oldest institution of the state and emphasized the need for reforms in the institution that had more numbers of pensioners than the existing workforce. Solangi expressed gratitude to the committee members who showed confidence in him and said he would continue to seek their guidance in future as well.

The committee also discussed the issue of new recruitments, especially in PTV and Radio Pakistan, from August 9, 2023, until now. Both the federal minister and secretary briefed the committee on the issue. The federal secretary explained that election cells were established in broadcasting institutions of the Ministry of Information, and the services of some individuals had been obtained for the purpose. Solangi informed the committee that those individuals, rendering the services, had extensive experience in broadcasting. He assured that efforts were afoot to ensure that no anchor in any program showed bias towards any political party. The committee expressed satisfaction over the briefing given by MD APP Muhammad Asim Khichi.

KP CM directs completion of computerization of land records

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: A progress review meeting of the Board of Revenue (BoR) was held with the caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice (R) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah in the chair.

The meeting took stock of implementation status on the Chief Minister's directives issued in the previous meeting and reviewed the progress so far made on the project regarding computerization and digitization of land records in the province. Caretaker provincial minister for Revenue and Finance Ahmed Rasool Bangash,

Caretaker Minister for ST&IT Dr. Najeem Ullah, Senior Member Board of Revenue Ikramullah Khan and other relevant authorities attended the meeting.

Briefing the participants, it was informed that after the Chief Minister's notice on slow implementation of the land record computerization project, significant improvement has been made in the process of land records computerization, adding that during the last one week, 30 more Mauzas have been operationalized in different districts of the province, and thus, total number of operational Mauzas has increased from 2356 to 2386.

Similarly, the number of manual Mauzas has reduced from 813 to 474 within one week. It was further told that during the last 11 days, a total of 31 Mauzas have been made live which include; 10 Mauzas in Bannu, six Mauzas in Abbottabad,

seven in Charsadda, three in Peshawar, three in Kohat and one Mauza each in Swat and Shangla.

Whereas, during the same period, a total of 261 Mauzas have been notified for stoppage of manual mutations which include; 15 Mauzas in Haripur, 10 in Swat, 11 in Shangla, 44 in Bannu, 15 in Peshawar, 159 in DI Khan and seven Mauzas in Battagram. In order to complete the process of land records computerization within the minimum possible time, realistic targets have also been set for the Deputy Commissioners of all districts, whereas "Land Records Computerization Tracking System" has been put in place on the portal of PMRU in order to monitor the progress on daily basis.

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Litigants prime focus of Justice System: CJ PHC

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Chief Justice Peshawar High Court (PHC) Justice Mohammad Ibrahim Khan chaired the 12th Provincial Justice Committee meeting at the PJC Secretariat, in which Advocate General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Registrar-PHC, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), P & D, ACS-Home, Senior Member Board of Revenue (SMBR), Secretaries, Finance, Administration, Excise & Taxation, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Departments and Joint Secretary Law and Justice Commission.

At the outset, the Chief Justice remarked that litigant public was the prime focus of the justice system, and it was thus imperative for all the stakeholders to make concerted efforts to minimize their plight associated with protracted litigation, through timely and effective dispensation of justice.

After an update by the ACS, Home, IGP and Secretary, Finance, regarding progress on projects of establishment of the

Forensic Science Laboratory, Observation Homes and Juvenile Rehabilitation Centers and Integration of Software of the Justice System components, the Chief Justice desired prompt follow up for timely completion of the projects.

The directives issued by the NJPMC about expeditious disposal of cases of Under Trial Prisoners (UTP) came up for discussion. While directing the Prosecution to produce the police witnesses before trial courts without delay, the Chief Justice also urged the AG and ACS-Home, to actively pursue the matter simplified mechanism of inter-provincial transfer of accused, with the Ministry of Interior in order to expedite the UTP cases to alleviate their sufferings. Likewise, the jail issues were thoroughly discussed. The ACS, Home assured the Chair that issues of concern, wherever exist, shall be resolved shortly.

Showing serious concern over the delay in acquisition of land and release of funds for Judicial Complexes in Newly Merged Districts (NMDs),

the Chief Justice desired the SMBR to resolve all the administrative issues within one month to entail release of funds by the Finance Department for early construction of complexes.

Regarding the issue of security, particularly in NMDs, the IGP informed that adequate security has been provided generally throughout the Province. As far as shifting of Courts in NMDs, the Chief Justice directed to take immediate measures for transfer of Courts, where pending, to their respective territorial jurisdictions in order to make justice easily accessible to the local at their doorsteps for their inclusion in the mainstream, which was the objective of merger of the erstwhile FATA.

The misuse of seized vehicle/case property received a critical consideration and the Chief Justice directed the relevant quarters to share all such data with the District & Sessions Judges concerned for prompt disposal of the cases and consequent open auction of the relevant confiscated case properties in accordance with law.

Justice Mazahar Naqvi moves SC against SJC notice

F.P. Report

ISLAMABAD: Justice Sayyed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi Thursday approached the Supreme Court challenging the revised show cause notices issued to him by the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC), which he contends, are "politically motivated complaints".

The judge, through his legal team, has filed a petition against the revised show cause notice and the SJC proceedings being pursued against him. In the plea, he has also responded to the 10 allegations put forward against him.

In the petition, Justice Naqvi contends that the complaints against him are politically motivated due to the verdict on the Punjab elections taken after the suo motu proceedings initiated by former chief justice Umar Ata Bandial during the hearing of the Ghulam Mehmood Dogar case.

The judge further contends that the Shehbaz Sharif-led federal government wanted to delay the polls and his cabinet later started a "malicious campaign" against him. He also contended that the Pakistan Bar Council and other organisations or lawyers met with then-PM and after that, they started "targeting" him.

"It is evident that the so-called complaints filed against the Petitioner before the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) are politically motivated. These were filed simply because the Petitioner in performance of his solemn duty to protect and safeguard the Constitution highlighted the constitutional violation in delaying general election to the Punjab Provincial Assembly," said the plea.

In the petition, the SC judge has contended that the revised notice was sent to him by the SJC "without first determining the veracity of the so-called com-

plaints and/or bona fide of the so-called complainants" contrary to the rules. Justice Naqvi, further contends, that by issuing the revised notice the SJC admitted that the first show cause was neither "valid nor proper".

He also contends that before issuing the notice, the SJC did not consider his request for the reconstitution of the forum as he had appealed in an earlier petition. "The Revised show-cause notice is also contrary to the consistent practice followed by the SJC. When proceedings of the SJC are challenged before the Supreme Court of Pakistan, the SJC has not proceeded with the matter further till the matter is decided by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. This procedure was followed in the case of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa, now Chief Justice of Pakistan. In view of this practice, the Petitioner sought stay of the proceedings of SJC vide application dated 22.11.2023. No order has been passed on this application," said the petition.

The judge has appealed to the apex court to quash the initial show cause notice, hearing notice and the revised notice. He also contends that he was not informed of the procedure that was followed against him in SJC. The judge has also challenged the power of the SJC secretary to issue the notice, contending that as per Article 210 of the Constitution, the council has the authority, "to issue directions or orders for securing the attendance of any person or the discovery or production of any document".

"No such power is vested in the Secretary, SJC," said the judge. He also stated that the allegations stated in the revised notice are "false and baseless" and neither are they backed by evidence

therefore they are not sustainable. In the plea, the judge has also asked the apex court to consider the grounds raised in the earlier petition as an "integral part of this petition".

The judge has prayed to the court: "Declare that the initiation of proceedings by the SJC are coram non iudice, without lawful authority and of no legal effect and quash the same; (ii) Declare that the purported Revised SCN dated 24.11.2023 is without lawful authority and of no legal effect and quash the same; (iii) Grant any other relief that this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper." Last week, after days of deliberations on misconduct complaints against Justice Naqvi, the SJC issued another show-cause notice to the top court judge.

The notice, issued with a majority of four to one, sought clarification from Justice Naqvi on 10 points within 14 days, according to sources within the SJC. The SJC meeting on the third consecutive day was held under the chairmanship of Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Qazi Faez Isa. Justice Sardar Tariq Masood, Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan, Chief Justice of Lahore High Court Justice Amir Bhatti, and Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court Justice Naeem Afghan attended the meeting as members of the top judicial body.

During the lengthy sessions, complaints were thoroughly examined, and after assessing the content of the complaints, the council decided to proceed with the complaints, the source added. Following the deliberations, it was resolved, with a majority of four to one, to issue a show-cause notice to Justice Mazhar Naqvi and to further enhance the proceedings of the SJC.

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